

PHILLIP ISLAND & SAN REMO

ADVERTISER

YOUR COMMUNITY VOICE!

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

\$1.80 Incl. GST



There's magic in the air

Local schools celebrated Book Week with colourful costumes and plenty of fun. This year's theme, Reading is Magic, inspired some magical outfits, including these two cute little Loraxes - Emily Hardy and Venus Herath Mudiyansele. Enjoy more Book Week photos on page 9.

Erosion community meeting this Friday

SILVERLEAVES

A long-awaited report expected to recommend solutions to Silverleaves' erosion will be released this Friday, in parallel to a community meeting about the "emergency situation".

The Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) is holding the drop-in session to share the findings from the Silverleaves Coastal Processes Study on Friday (August 30), 10am to 12pm at Berninnet.

Consultants who completed the study, and staff from DEECA and Bass Coast Shire Council, will be at the meeting to answer questions about the next steps for coastal adaptation in Silverleaves.

As previously reported, residents say Silverleaves' foreshore needs "emergency protection" following a winter of accelerated erosion, with the "sea very close to spilling" into properties.

In July last year, following weeks of pressure and anger by anxious residents, the shire, Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale, and DEECA staff met to discuss actions to stop accelerating erosion.

At that time the government said they would undertake a coastal processes study over the next few months, to examine options to stop erosion.

The study was delayed until the beginning of this year but, with erosion accelerating, the Gippsland West Coastal Processes Study - Observation Point to Silverleaves will now be released.

Homeowners earlier this month met with Federal MP for Monash Russell Broadbent, showing him the impact of inundation, and requesting \$5 million in federal funding for environmental protection for the foreshore.

Mr Broadbent agreed it was "an emergency situation that

needs to be rectified urgently" and said he would be "quite happy" to apply for environmental funding on residents' behalf.

"I am surprised at the extent of the erosion and remain very concerned about the impacts and likelihood of future erosion, which has the potential to cause significant damage to the properties in Silverleaves," he said.

In one week this month strong northerly winds and a high tide saw two metres of erosion between Ellen Court and Sanders Road, the worst impacted area, while the entire length of Silverleaves beach is also losing foreshore, as evidenced by new high cliffs.

Emergency

Cowes East Foreshore Preventative Action Group (CEFPAG) chair Ken Hailey described the erosion as a "disaster" and said impacted residents were "in a bind".

"They are being told nothing, and have been refused permission to protect their properties themselves," Ken said.

He said historical aerial photos showed wooden groynes ran the length of Silverleaves beach and DEECA had allowed them to deteriorate and "on the whole disappear", "breaching their responsibilities to maintain their assets".

"Action really needs to happen very soon, otherwise the consequences are going to be frightening."

Resident Steve Lapin last week wrote to DEECA urging "emergency protection", explaining trees were "now falling onto the beach on a daily basis" and adding "the sea is very close to spilling over into my neighbour's property".

"We need protection now," Steve wrote.

The draft study outlines the current state of the Silverleaves coastline, identifies areas at

risk from coastal processes and explores potential responses - including natural solutions to mitigate the risk of erosion and protect natural habitats.

The project has developed detailed modelling, analysis and hazard maps to offer a regional perspective on coastal processes and the potential exposure of locations, values, and assets to coastal hazards.

Residents can review the draft study and share their thoughts on the study from Thursday August 29 to Friday September 27.

Details: marineandcoasts.vic.gov.au/coastal-programs/gippsland-projects

Any questions ahead of the session can be sent to: gippsland.coastalprojects@deeca.vic.gov.au

Education Choices

Page 10-17

FIRST NATIONAL PHILLIP ISLAND

SALES | RENTALS
HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

**CALL US TODAY FOR A
FREE MARKET APPRAISAL**

PH: 03 5952 3922 | WWW.PHILLIPISLANDFN.COM.AU

**SOUTH COAST
FLOORING XTRA**

A FABULOUS FLOORING EXPERIENCE

155 Thompson Avenue, Cowes | 03 5952 1488

COWES SELF STORAGE

**COWES BOAT
CARAVAN RV STORAGE**

FULLY SECURED - FULL SURVEILLANCE

Ray White Phillip Island
41 Thompson Avenue, Cowes
5952 2799

PHILLIP ISLAND 7 DAY WEATHER FORECAST	Wed/Aug28 SHOWERS/WINDY 11 15	Thu/Aug29 SHOWER OR TWO 9 16	Fri/Aug30 SHOWERS 12 16	Sat/Aug31 SHOWER OR TWO 10 16	Sun/Sep1 SHOWERS/WINDY 12 17	Mon/Sep2 SHOWERS/WINDY 9 14	Tue/Sep3 SUNNY 9 17
---	---	--	-----------------------------------	---	--	---------------------------------------	-------------------------------

Reserve prices released

THE BLOCK

The listings for The Block's five renovated holiday homes in Phillip Island have been announced, with the price guides set below \$2 million for the first time in eight years.

The four-bedroom homes on 113-119 Justice Road, Cowes, all have price guides between \$1.7 million to \$1.85 million, which is in contrast to the reserve prices on the show in recent years in the \$3 million to \$4 million bracket.

Cowes has a median house price of \$762,500.

Island Cove Villas – bought by the previous owners in 2017 for more than \$2 million – was on the market last year for \$9.5 million, with The Block producers gaining a permit for the \$3.3 million construction of five dwellings.

There has been no House Decider challenge this year on The Block Island.

Instead, the five couples chose a penguin sculpture at random that correlated to a particular home.

The couples have been given a budget of \$250,000 to renovate and design the site.

Reserves

The house reserves are:

- House 1: Jesse and Paige (\$1.7 million to \$1.85 million). Carpenter Jesse and Paige, a claims specialist, have described their aesthetic as a "coastal grandma vibe mixed in with a bit of modern colonial".
- House 2: Courtney and Grant (\$1.7 million to \$1.85 million). The NSW couple, events account director and furniture designer Courtney and landscape business development manager Grant, coined the phrase "Mediterranean" for their overall aesthetic.
- House 3: Haydn and Ricky (\$1.7 million to \$1.85 million). Victorian IT worker Haydn and plumber Ricky have mini-



The reserve price for the five homes on The Block Island have been released. All have price guides between \$1.7 million to \$1.85 million, which is well below the reserve prices on the show in recent years in the \$3 million to \$4 million bracket.

mal experience in home decoration, with the listing describing the house as "modern coastal luxury resort style living".

- House 4: Kylie and Brad (\$1.7 million to \$1.85 million). Queensland husband-and-wife beauty therapist Kylie and Brad, a plumber and electrician have produced a home described as "glamorous family escape".
- House 5: Kristian and Mimi (\$1.7 million to \$1.85 million). Electrician Kristian and restaurant manager Mimi are the only couple with a double-storey house, described as "calming, contemporary and coastal".

In June the TV show's executive producer and creator Julian Cress told the Advertiser they would be quoting a reserve of high \$1 million, with local real estate agents chosen by the contestants: Ray White (two homes), Stockdale and Leggo, O'Brien and Alex Scott, (working with Melbourne agent McGrath).

"We are not going to make a profit

selling the houses," Julian said.

"We have over-capitalised. We always do. We are not here to make a profit. Channel 9 doesn't make money selling houses, but selling advertising."

He said a large portion of the building materials were sponsored, including Truecore Steel, James Hardie cement sheet and Colorbond rooves.

"Someone might buy one of the houses for \$2 million, which actually costs more than \$4 million. It's a win-win."

Julian said the houses were among the best stock on Phillip Island and from an investor's perspective could be bought and rented on Airbnb for about \$1800/night.

"They will certainly appeal to investors, a cashed-up Melbourne family who can't afford to buy in Red Hill or Flinders. This will be an attractive option two hours from Melbourne at half the price of the Bellarine or Mornington Peninsula; a better product in a better location."



Major projects like the Isle of Wight development are not coming into Bass Coast Shire Council's planning department, but housing growth – especially in Wonthaggi North East – is strong.

Major development growth now in Wonthaggi

PLANNING

There are fewer applications for major building projects in Bass Coast compared to recent years, according to the head of planning for the shire.

However, planning permit applications for new builds remain steady.

Planning manager Donna Taylor provided an update on planning in response to a question from Cr Rochelle Halstead asking "how our planning department is going with applications" in light of high construction costs and economic headwinds.

"Is there still interest in commercial and industrial sites as well as residential," Cr Halstead asked. Ms Taylor replied application numbers remained "strong and consistent with previous years".

"We have seen the average value reduce over the last 12 months. We're not seeing the larger proposals we have seen in the previous years and through Covid," Ms Taylor said.

"There is a slight coming away of building permit activity and we have seen quite a significant reduction in the number of building permits issued in the shire in recent months.

"We still have lots of interest from the development community especially in Wonthaggi North East and we're working with eight or 10 developers who are looking to submit planning permit applications in our growth front."

Melina BATH MP
 THE NATIONALS MEMBER FOR EASTERN VICTORIA REGION

2/181 Franklin St, Traralgon VIC 3844
 melina.bath@parliament.vic.gov.au
 5174 7066
 MelinaBathMLC

RUSSELL BROADBENT
 TRUST | REASON | COMMONSENSE

FOLLOW ME ON:
 f i X v

TO KEEP UPDATED ON THE LATEST ISSUES

(03) 5623 2064
 46C Albert St Warragul VIC 3820
 russell.broadbent.mp@aph.gov.au
 Authorised by Russell Broadbent MP, Independent Federal Member for Monash, Warragul

VOTE 1 Ron Bauer
 for the Island ward

Ronnie Bauer for the now expanded Island Ward, Bass Coast Shire

PO Box 996 Cowes 3922
 Tel: 0439 535 282
 email: Ron.Bauer@basscoast.vic.gov.au
 Authorised by Ronnie Bauer, PO Box 996, Cowes 3922

Vote **1** Tracey Bell
 Island Ward Candidate
 Bass Coast Shire Council

Come and have a cuppa with your local candidate
 Saturday 14th September
 9.30-12
 behind St Philip's, cnr Thomson Ave & Church St, Cowes

- Building community
- Youth engagement
- Sustainable development
- Responsible tourism

Authorised by T. Bell, PO Box 1106, Cowes, Vic 3922

COASTAL
 REFRIGERATION & AIR-CONDITIONING
 Refrigerant Trade Auth No: AU 51426 - PI 48651

• Service Agent for Daikin
 • Commercial & Domestic Refrigeration & Air Conditioning
 • Licensed Split System Installer • Sales, Installation and Service

DAIKIN

AH'S COMMERCIAL BREAKDOWN EXPERT AFTER SALES SERVICE
Rick North – Servicing Phillip Island & Surrounding Areas
 Phone: 5678 5190 – Factory 1, 60 Genista St, San Remo
 www.coastalrefrigandaircon.com.au

coastal_refrig_and_aircon Coastal Refrigeration & Airconditioning

Water bills the latest to hit the back pocket

WESTERNPORT WATER

Westernport Water has responded to resident concerns about the latest “shocking” water bills.

Meanwhile a billing error has impacted some customers, with a credit to be issued.

Last week the Advertiser reported on resident concerns for shire rates bills.

But now residents have again taken to social media to highlight the water bill price hike.

Jodie said she was “totally shocked” by her Westernport Water bill, that totalled \$1149.

Scott said his \$500 bill included \$67 in usage and Matthew said his usage cost was \$112 and the total bill was \$552.

Lisa was so surprised by her bill she called Westernport Water.

“They said it’s up because of the extra annual rate which happens on your first period account,” she explained.

Leslie commented it was “not cheap living on this island”.

A Westernport Water spokesperson explained July-September bills were typically higher than normal due to the annual \$67 waterways and drainage charge, which the water authority collects on behalf of Melbourne Water for some flood protection services.

He said due to the amount of holiday houses locally, the average household water use was about half the state average.

“This means that if Westernport Water was to rely more on water usage to raise the revenue it needs, the price would need to be much higher than other comparable water corporations,” the spokesperson said.

“The average household consumption in 2022-23 for Westernport Water customers was 86kL compared to 165kL, which was the state average.

“When we have modelled this for customers, the feedback has been in support of the current pricing approach.”

The spokesperson said from July last year, the water authority reduced the fixed water access charge by two per cent, offset by an adjustment in the variable water charge.

“Due to the continued low use, the balance of fixed and



Due to the amount of holiday houses locally, the average household water use is about half the state average. “This means that if Westernport Water was to rely more on water usage to raise the revenue it needs, the price would need to be much higher than other comparable water corporations,” a spokesperson said.

variable charges will remain for the foreseeable future.”

On social media Rod said if Westernport Water charged on usage like Melbourne water retailers, “in the past there would not have been enough money to make it viable”.

“I think we have the permanent residents now to review that structure of charging.”

Error

In parallel to price hike concerns, Marion said she had been informed by Westernport Water she had been overcharged by \$75 and a new bill would be sent to her.

Several people agreed, including Mary.

“We were told they made a mistake/over charged and to wait for another revised bill,” she said.

The spokesperson said recycled water customers had received an incorrect charge on their August bill and they had been notified of the error, with an adjusted bill to be resent.

“The small number of impacted customers for whom we do not have a mobile phone number contact will have received an email or a letter,” the spokesperson explained.

“An amended bill is being

provided with a \$75.16 credit to address the error.

“For customers that have already paid, their balance will be in credit. Refunds can be provided on request.”

Hardship

In 2023-24, Westernport Water gave \$105,000 worth of utility relief grant scheme payments and more than \$15,000 worth of grants for customers in need.

“In addition, customers can request flexible payment plans or payment extensions if they need them.”

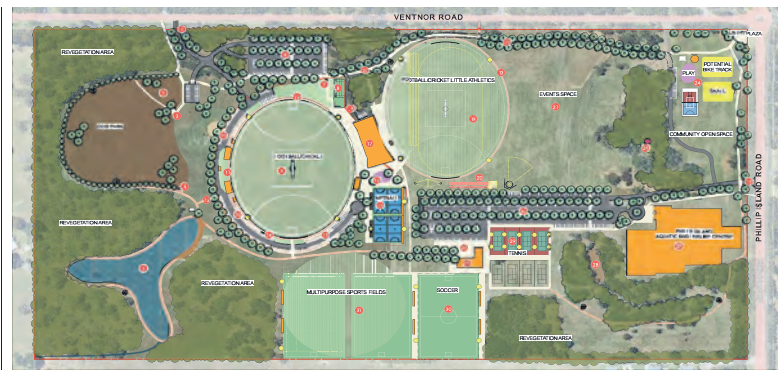
Anyone facing financial hardship can request support.

As previously reported, water bills will rise by an average \$90 in 2023-24, with bills set to increase in coming years in line with inflation.

A typical annual owner-occupier water and sewerage bill for 2023-24 will be \$1317 (including inflation), a 7.3 per cent increase from \$1227 in 2022-23 (when prices increased \$49 because of inflation).

For 24-25 average bills will be \$1366, a 3.7 per cent increase.

The Essential Services Commission said in the remaining four years to 2028, Westernport Water bills will increase with inflation.



Council adopted the Phillip Island Recreation Reserve Master Plan in 2023 with more than 35 projects in short, medium and long-term priorities across the next several decades.

Shire stalls on sports hub progress

COUNCIL

Don’t hold your breath on the construction of a proposed new sports hub in Cowes any time soon.

The old carnival site – bought by Bass Coast Shire Council to house the future hub – will not be rezoned to make way for construction for at least 10 to 20 years.

At the August council meeting a petition with 38 signatures called for the shire to rezone the land, on the corner of Phillip Island and Ventnor roads, from farming to public park and recreation zone.

The petition states the rezoning would lead to the redevelopment of the land for the proposed sports precinct.

In September last year the shire adopted the Phillip Island Recreation Reserve Master Plan, which recommended more than 35 projects prioritised in the short term (one to 10 years), medium (11 to 20 years) and long-term (21+ years), including a pool, football oval and a series of multipurpose courts.

The master plan recommends the change of reservation from farming to public park and recreation zone.

However, shire officers last week said in the short term, while the land is zoned farming, “this zone does not prohibit its use of leisure and recreation facilities”.

“So there is no need to change the reservation,” officers said.

“As funding becomes available to realise the master plan council will work through the action items.”

In 2021 the shire paid about \$2.7 million to purchase land on the old carnival site, which will be combined with the adjoining Hilton Chadwick Reserve to the west to create the sports hub land.

“Begging”

Cr Ronnie Bauer last week asked shire officers the timeline for the “tipping point” to rezone, with an officer replying it would be at the medium-term priority in between 11 to 20 years.

Cr Bauer said the community was “begging” for the sports hub and proposed the upcoming Cowes streetscape masterplan should be delayed in preference to the hub.

“As an example the football club has increased in membership from 2020 to 2024 by 30-40 per cent according to the club’s president Chris Ross,” Cr Bauer said.

“The Bulldogs have done remarkably well this year considering they are playing in a mudpit. We don’t even have a basketball facility on the island. The closest facility is San Remo.”

“I acknowledge that some of the infrastructure will take a long time to be built but other parts of the puzzle could begin quickly.”

“It would be a shame if the zoning requirements, which I have been told will take at least a year, would either delay or stifle any of the projects, especially the aquatic complex.”

Cr Bauer argued council should redirect state and federal advocacy to the recreation masterplan and away from the Cowes streetscape master plan.

“I believe the sporting facilities are far more important to our community than going one way down Thompson Avenue with reduced parking.”

Cr David Rooks said the site had “huge potential” but there was plenty of work to be done prior to rezoning including road access, funding, designs and a name for the property.

“Funeral Care, With Compassion, Respect & Dignity”

Locally owned and operated.

Professional, affordable Funeral Services available 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

Servicing all types of disposition including burial, cremation, natural burial and aquamation on the Bass Coast including Gippsland.



YOUR FUNERAL, YOUR WAY

Contact: Michelle Brown, 0448 602 005

hello@basscoastfuneralservice.com.au | www.basscoastfunerals.com.au



Visit basscoast.vic.gov.au/whichbin to find out more





Wildlife Coast Cruises won the Environmental Sustainability award at this year's Bass Coast Business Awards, and entered the Hall of Fame. Photo: Karli Michelle Photography.

Sounds like success

BUSINESS AWARDS

Phillip Island and San Remo businesses celebrated a successful night at the 2024 Business Awards.

Wildlife Coast Cruises, TerraLab, TIDAL Seafood Festival, Brinnie T Design, NRMA Phillip Island, Anchor Belle, Dead4eva Designs, Balance Health, Foodies on Phillip Island, Made. by Bronte, Hair by Karra, Cor Pilates, C&K Welding and Fabrication, and Bass Strait Direct were all on the podium at the Awards night at the RACV Resort in Inverloch on August 23.

The successful Ocean Sounds event, held on Churchill Island won the award for Event Excellence and the overall Business of the Year.

The judges commended the Ocean Sounds submission saying it stood out "with great detail and impressive statistics".

"The Hills Are Alive Group provided extensive insights into visitor profiling, demonstrated significant sustainability initiatives, and showcased a clear vision for the future. Despite having a small team, they successfully organised a large-scale event, and had a comprehensive understanding of customers and markets, and excellent supporting documentation."

After winning awards over several years, TerraLab and Wildlife Coast Cruises entered the Hall of Fame.

Awards to winners and runners-up in the six categories judged were presented, with the island and San Remo picking up 50 per cent of these.

In the People's Choice category, three quarters of the winners

or runners-up were from Phillip Island and San Remo.

The presentation night was attended by 170 business owners, operators, and supporters.

Bass Coast Shire Council said the awards highlighted the diversity and talent in the region.

There was also a record number of votes (over 3000) cast in the People's Choice.

"We are incredibly proud of the exceptional talent and innovation showcased at the 2024 Bass Coast Business Awards," said Bass Coast Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve.

"Congratulations to all the winners for their outstanding achievements. These awards highlight not only the diversity of our local businesses but also the strong sense of community that supports them."

Council received 54 applications from businesses for the judged categories across a wide range of industries, including home-based businesses, construction, health, retail, tourism, hospitality, and professional services.

Results

Business of the Year winner – Ocean Sounds 2024

Judged Awards

Access, Equity and Inclusion

- Inverloch Healthcare – Winner
- Brinnie T Design – Runner Up

Business Innovation

- TerraLab – Winner (Hall of Fame)
- Native Seed Box Pty Ltd – Runner Up

Environmental Sustainability

- Wildlife Coast Cruises – Winner (Hall of Fame)

- Native Seed Box Pty Ltd – Runner Up

Event Excellence

- Ocean Sounds 2024 – Winner
- Tidal Seafood Festival – Runner Up

Marketing and Communications

- NRMA Phillip Island Beachfront Holiday Park – Winner
- Bass Coast Boat & Caravan Storage – Runner Up

New Business

- Native Seed Box Pty Ltd – Winner
- Made. By Bronte – Runner Up

People's Choice Awards

Accommodation and Tourism Attraction

- Anchor Belle Holiday Park – Winner
- Maru Koala and Animal Park – Runner Up
- NRMA Phillip Island Beachfront Holiday Park – Runner Up

Food and Beverage

- The Muffin Lady – Winner
- Harman Wines – Runner Up

Hair and Beauty

- Hair by Karra – Winner
- Dead4eva Designs – Runner Up

Health and Lifestyle

- Cor Pilates – Winner
- Balance Health Phillip Island – Runner Up

Online, Mobile and Home-Based Business

- Made. By Bronte – Winner
- Foodies On Phillip Island – Runner Up

Retail and Services

- Bass Strait Direct – Winner
- Bass Coast Boat & Caravan Storage – Runner Up

Trade

- C&K Welding and Fabrication – Winner
- ESI Solutions Pty Ltd – Winner



Councillors say humans have "interfered to a dangerous extent with nature" and the shire's new Nature Recovery Foundation would be part of measures aimed to "reverse that".

Green fund will reverse "dangerous" damage

ENVIRONMENT

Three Bass Coast Shire councillors have voted against the creation of a charitable, non-profit conservation organisation that will protect the natural environment.

As previously reported, in June the shire branched out to create a new legal entity, an environment fund, to restore habitats and protect biodiversity.

The shire has partnered with Biodiversity Legacy to establish what is now being called the Nature Recovery Foundation – through a governing board – that will accept grants and philanthropic and tax-deductible donations and will run as a separate entity to council.

Councillors at the August meeting voted on the constitution and the next steps to establish the Foundation, but Crs Ronnie Bauer, Rochelle Halstead and Les Larke voted against accepting the Foundation's constitution.

Cr Michael Whelan said humans had "interfered to a dangerous extent with nature" and the Foundation would be part of measures aimed to "reverse that".

"It's something we need to do," Cr Whelan said.

"We know there has been over the decades clearing done in Bass Coast in the early days and across the county."

Cr David Rooks said the "mums and dads" through to philanthropic groups could invest in the environment through the Foundation.

Opposition

Cr Les Larke acknowledged while the Foundation was "an important step forward", it was

a shift away from council's priorities of roads, rates and rubbish.

Cr Ronnie Bauer said he had been involved in writing several constitutions, including the Reason Party's constitution.

"The constitution that we are being asked to adopt is not the problem. It is a straightforward document," Cr Bauer said.

"A constitution is the what we want to do. The devil is in the detail. The devil is in the bylaws. The how we want to do it.

"I am a strong believer in private public partnerships. Though independent of council, we are a partner and therefore we are still liable."

He added that council had made no commitment to fund the foundation and "I hope that commitment is honoured".

Cr Rochelle Halstead asked what the difference was between the Nature Recovery Foundation and other conservation organisations such as Trust for Nature.

A shire officer replied Trust for Nature locked up land with a covenant, with the shire's foundation "taking it to the next level" to leverage and value add conservation works while working with community groups.

Cr Halstead after the meeting told the Advertiser she voted against the resolution because she agreed with Cr Larke that council was moving away from its core responsibilities, especially providing sporting infrastructure for a growing population.

CEO Greg Box said council's 2023-24 budget included an allocation of the costs and so far costs had been met within the allocated \$50,000.

Details: biodiversitylegacy.org.au/



Locally owned and operated by

Scott & Sharon Anderson 5672 1074

Caring and personal 24 hour Service

Main office Wonthaggi
3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi
(P.O Box 35, Wonthaggi)

Cowes office (by appointment)
15 Warley Avenue, Cowes 5952 5171

Email: info@handafunerals.com.au
www.handleyandersonfunerals.com.au

A.F.D.A.



MEET THE CANDIDATES

With the upcoming Council Election this year Island Voice is holding a

Meet the Candidates meeting on Tuesday September 17th.

Where:- RSL - Anzac Room When:- 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Everyone is welcome to attend.

You will have plenty of opportunity to ask questions and hear responses, that should satisfy the most ardent community ratepayer.

This is **"your"** chance to meet the candidates face to face.



The bluestone fence at Erehwon Point continues to crumble, with no sign yet of the promised repairs for the historic wall, built in the 1950s.

No movement on wall

INFRASTRUCTURE

The bluestone fence at Erehwon Point continues to crumble, with no sign of the promised repairs. In April this year, council said it was currently investigating options to mend the fence and money had been allocated for repair work in the 2024/25 Capital Works Budget. A spokesperson for council said staff would inspect the site and undertake minor works to

mitigate any public safety risks. However sections of the fence continue to crumble. Last week, a council spokesperson said a concept design “for the wall’s rectification will be completed this year”. They also said a protection barrier would be installed later this year, to prevent vehicles from impacting the wall. The wall is well over half a century old, having been constructed in the 1950s.

Acute need for local mental health services Forum

HEALTH

The Phillip Island RSL is proudly sponsoring a major Community Mental Health Forum, organised by Phillip Island Medical and Health Action Group (PIMHAG), to be held in Cowes on September 11.

The acute need for the establishment of mental health services on Phillip Island will be the focus of the forum, with representatives from key providers across the state in attendance.

PIMHAG president Peter Paul said this week with a community hospital due to open next year in Cowes, PIMHAG’s focus is now being directed toward the establishment of vastly improved mental health services for Phillip Island.

He said data collected over the last ten years by PIMHAG, throughout its quest for the establishment of 24/7 public health care and a hospital in Cowes, had identified significant gaps in the delivery of mental health services locally.

“There is no viable seven day a week point of call for anyone seeking mental health service assistance on Phillip Island; and a lack of communication and co-ordination between individual mental health organisations that consult on a weekly or monthly basis needs to be addressed.

“Alarming, each of the three groups we spoke to, en-



Cameron Schwab, well known Australian Sports Administrator and a leading speaker in the field of mental health, is one of the guest speakers at a major Community Mental Health Forum planned on September 11.

Australian Sports Administrator and a leading speaker in this field; Jan Child, Bass Coast Health CEO; and Dr Howard McCormick, Phillip Island Medical Group.

“The purpose of the forum is to bring together those involved in any way, shape or form in the delivery of mental health programs on the island, and to identify the best way forward,” Mr Paul said.

“It is about us getting together to commence advocating for appropriate mental health services for the Phillip Island community and beyond.

“With a new hospital opening in March, in which space has been provided for this purpose, we as a community now need to lobby hard in support of Bass Coast Health to enable it to deliver the mental health services that are sorely needed here.

“There will be a follow up forum in February next year to keep the community informed on our progress on this vital issue.”

Finger food and tea and coffee will be supplied at the forum, and community members are invited to attend. (Please request an invite by emailing info@pimhag.com.au as this is an invitation only event.)

The Community Health Forum will be held at the Phillip Island RSL in Cowes on Wednesday September 11, from 5.15pm to 8.45pm.

deavouring to do their very best in this field in a very limited time frame, and with scarce resources, were unaware of the other’s presence on the island.”

A recent application to the Phillip Island RSL Grants Program for support to conduct a mental health forum was successful, and the RSL is contributing substantial funds to this project.

Guest speakers will include Cameron Schwab, well-known

FIRST NATIONAL PHILLIP ISLAND

28 HEYLEY AVENUE,
VENTNOR
\$795,000

Tucked away in a quiet court setting and only meter’s to Salt Water Creek and an easy walk through the tea-tree lined path to the beach is this fantastic property. Set on a large block this home would make the perfect beach house or permanent home. Entertain family and friends on the large deck enjoying the beach life. The property features 3 large bedrooms, 2 with built in robes, a spacious kitchen and dining and family area as well as a separate second living zone. On cold days enjoy the wood heater, as well as a bonus reverse cycle split system heating & cooling.

CONTACT KENDALL O’GAREY
0410 595 130



LOCATION BLISS

12 BRUCE AVENUE,
SURF BEACH
\$1,200,000 TO \$1,300,000

Nestled by the coastline of Surf Beach this exquisite master built home with sandstone architectural features has 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and offers a perfect blend of comfort in a nature filled setting. Breathtaking views of vegetated sand dunes whilst having boardwalk access through the dunes to a pristine surf beach for walking, swimming, surfing or fishing - dog walking is permitted at designated times. The north-facing open plan living area is bathed in natural light through a large arch feature window. A feature log fire to enjoy cooler nights and split cycle air conditioning will ensure comfort on the hottest day.

CONTACT MICHAEL MCLEOD
0412 712 034



CHARMING SURF BEACH FORESHORE PROPERTY WITH STUNNING SAND DUNE VIEWS



Mental Health Awareness Forum

Wednesday, September 11

at the Phillip Island RSL,
225 - 243 Thompson Avenue, Cowes
5.15pm arrival - concluding 8.45pm.

Featuring renowned guest speakers -
Ex CEO of Richmond Football Club Cameron Schwab,
GP Dr Howard McCormick and
Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child.
Finger food and tea and coffee supplied.

If you wish to attend, please request an invite to
info@pimhag.com.au by Friday August 30
- this is an invitation only event.

Proudly sponsored by the Phillip Island RSL

MORE STOCK URGENTLY NEEDED.

56-58 THOMPSON AVENUE, COWES
PH: 03 5952 3922

WWW.PHILLIPISLANDFN.COM.AU
INFO@PHILLIPISLANDFN.COM.AU



"They have failed to manage the environment of this area to the point where it's environmental destruction, and they've built structures outside of the lease hold area on Crown Land," Cr Michael Whelan said of the tenants at the Phillip Island Caravan Park, Newhaven.

Caravan park boundaries redrawn after "environmental destruction"

PLANNING

Ingenia, the lease holder of the Phillip Island Caravan Park at Newhaven, was slammed at last week's council meeting for mismanagement of the surrounding coastal environment during debate on a proposal to amend the lease boundary area to include encroachments on public land.

Despite this, councillors voted in support of the proposed changes to the boundaries of the lease plan area of 24 Old Bridge Road, Newhaven – the site of the BIG4 Ingenia Phillip Island Caravan Park.

While technically smaller in size than the original lease plan area, the newly drawn lease area includes modifications to the park installed by Ingenia outside the current boundaries which encroach on public land managed by Phillip Island Nature Parks (PINP), according to the council meeting minutes.

A survey undertaken by council and in consultation with PINP and the Department of Energy, Environment, and Climate Action (DEECA) identified park improvements made by Ingenia, and owners of annual caravans, located either wholly or partially outside the current area boundaries.

Several of these lease land area deviations have now been approved, in what councillors said is an attempt to "fix" the problem. While voting for the proposed changes, Cr Whelan slammed Ingenia's management of the park and surrounding environment.

"They have failed to manage the environment of this area to the point where it's environmental destruction, and they've built structures outside of the lease hold area on Crown Land," Cr Whelan said.

"So it is a hell of a mess there to be cleaned up.

"When I arrived here today, I was voting against this (proposal), but I've been persuaded that this is part of fixing the mess that's been created."

The decision will be small comfort to ousted ex-annual lease holders who, earlier this



A survey undertaken by Bass Coast Council and in consultation with PINP and DEECA identified park improvements located either wholly or partially outside the current area boundaries.

year, were denied the opportunity to sell their caravan structures due to being outside the park boundary (see separate story). That's despite the caravan sites being sold to them in purchases supervised by Ingenia.

The council decision means the park boundaries have now been amended to include sites which were also outside the original lease area boundary.

Ingenia declined to comment on multiple questions from the Advertiser including to what extent Ingenia, as land lease holders, take responsibility for illegal encroachment on coastal land, and whether Ingenia plans to restore the coastal environment which has been destroyed.

Lease boundary changes

The Advertiser understands around early 2023, a park user excavated a sand dune and cleared vegetation on Crown Land in order to make extensions on their caravan site.

Part of this encroachment will be required to be removed by Ingenia, but Cr Whelan also questioned council's ability to properly enforce against instances of coastal clearing.

"In eight years I've been on council, one of the things that I and others have banged on about is pushing back against coastal clearing," Cr Whelan said.

"And the full force of enforcement is like attacking (offenders)

with a wet lettuce leaf.

"Regrettably we do not have the real power to enforce these things.

"A \$2000 fine for massive destruction of dune habitat is not proportionate with the crime in my view.

"I'm very unhappy with the whole management of this issue, not by council, though to some extent that does apply, but really by our agent in this in terms of the lease holder (Ingenia), and they need to do better in the future.

"Because we've got a serious breach of the law here."

Councillor Tessari echoed Cr Whelan's sentiments.

"We don't seem to have the power to stop these guys; it just continues to happen time and time again," Cr Tessari said.

"And the minute fines we put out to these guys is nothing to them, so we need to get fair dinkum about it."

It is not clear whether Ingenia or park users who made unauthorised encroachments on public land were fined.

According to council meeting minutes, as part of the newly redrawn lease boundary, "consideration was also given to the income generated from the Tenant's (Ingenia's) occupation and the long-term relationship which is to be maintained with the Tenant until the Lease expiry on August 31, 2036".

Tenants ousted in boundary dispute

PLANNING

At the August Council meeting, councillors voted in support of proposed changes to the boundaries of the lease plan area of the BIG4 Ingenia Phillip Island Caravan Park in Newhaven (see separate story).

The issue of the caravan park boundaries has been a contentious one for several years.

Removal of a sand dune and illegal clearing of vegetation prompted complaints from the community and put the lease area boundary under the spotlight.

While the newly drawn lease area includes modifications to the park installed by Ingenia which were outside the original boundaries, some park tenants were not so lucky.

Patrick Lane and Colin Burson are just two of several ex-annual lease holders of the Ingenia site who were given seven weeks to vacate the park earlier this year, after being told their caravans were outside the park boundaries.

Colin and Patrick purchased their caravan structures in 2021 and 2022 respectively, as they stood, in sales overseen by Ingenia. Neither Colin nor Patrick say they made extensions which encroached on public land.

They were unaware the sites were already outside the lease area boundary when they were purchased two and three years ago, purchases Patrick says were "okayed" by Ingenia.

Neither were able to recuperate any money from their original purchases after being ousted from the park. Both say they lost upwards of \$40,000, and Colin's retirement has been significantly pushed back.

Ingenia declined to comment on whether the company accepted any responsibility for the monetary losses incurred by Patrick and Colin, given they supervised the sale of sites outside their area boundary.

Before they were evicted, both Colin and Patrick sought to sell their caravan sites.

However, both Colin and Patrick were told by Ingenia they would be unable to sell their caravan structures due to being in contravention of the lease area boundaries.

"Your cabin currently sits outside the surveyed boundary of the park," wrote Ingenia Tourism Operations Manager Tony Greer in an email to Patrick on December 8, 2023.

"If you would like to sell your cabin now, you would need to move your cabin to ensure it is within that boundary," continued Mr Greer.

"We have held discussions with Bass Coast Council, who are working to realign the boundaries to ensure all cabins currently in the park are within the park boundary."

However, neither Patrick nor Colin were afforded the opportunity to wait for council's decision to redraw the lease area boundary lines.

On May 6 this year, Patrick was given notice to vacate the park as his annual lease agreement was not being renewed "due to planned park upgrades".

"Should your dwelling or structure remain onsite af-



Some annual lease holders at the Ingenia park in Newhaven had to demolish their caravans, after being told they were outside the park boundaries.

ter June 30 2024 ... you will be charged the nightly published tourist rate of \$50 per night every night until the site and park is vacated or abandonment proceedings will be commenced," wrote Area Manager of Ingenia Holidays Victoria, Thekla Fuller.

"You're expendable"

Colin said while he didn't witness the excavation of the sand dune or illegal removal of surrounding vegetation on the site, he "saw the aftermath".

"I did know it was going to cause trouble, because I'm in the construction industry," Colin said of the sand dune and vegetation clearing, citing the long process of planning applications that would be necessary for such work, not to mention the fact it was on public land.

"I actually said at the time that this was going to bite the (park user), but I didn't think it would bite me as much as them. But what do you do?"

Patrick Lane alleged Ingenia would have been "totally" aware of the illegal vegetation clearing and sand dune removal.

"Staff were buzzing around all the time," Patrick said.

"If you happened to sit outside all day, you would see them multiple times a day. There's no way they didn't know what was going on."

Speaking to the illegal clearing of vegetation and the removal of the sand dune at the council meeting, Cr Michael Whelan said "as I understand, that was unauthorised, it was an agent of the company".

"It needs to be acknowledged though that I do not give the company a clearance in respect to that.

"They have failed to manage this, and that needs to be put in capital letters."

To anyone considering dealing with Ingenia in the future, Patrick warned "don't do it."

"The outcome of our experience was that you're expendable.

"When you get a multinational company buying up what has been a traditionally low-cost kind of seaside holiday park, they don't have a connection with the community or anything like that.

"They're simply there to make money."



Breath testing drivers all year round

Police are out there to keep our roads safe. If you've been drinking, don't drive. Getting caught with a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) of 0.05 and over will result in loss of licence and significant fines. Chances are you will be caught.
Anywhere. Anytime. Anyone.





PIMHAG lobbied for decades for improved health services for Phillip Island, and is now supporting CEO Jan Child's call for BCH to be part of the Bayside Local Health Service Network, not joined with Gippsland and Latrobe.

PIMHAG support for BCH future

HEALTH

The Phillip Island Medical and Health Action Group (PIMHAG) has come out strongly in support of Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child's future directions for the health service.

As part of the review of health services in Victoria, the Department of Health Expert Advisory committee (EAC) has recently submitted its Health Service Plan to the Victorian Government.

PIMHAG believes the recommendation re future networking of health services impacting upon Bass Coast Health (BCH), and subsequently on the Phillip Island Community Hospital (due to open in 2025), appear to be based more on geographical and historical data, than on the current health network situation.

The EAC report recommends Bass Coast join a Gippsland local health network, as opposed to the current more connected system.

PIMHAG describes joining the Gippsland healthcare network as more of a disconnect to Phillip Island.

It totally supports the statement made by CEO Jan Child last Wednesday, advocating for Bass Coast Health to instead be part of the Bayside Local

Health Service Network, which includes Alfred Health, Koowereup Regional Health Service, and Peninsula Health, in partnership with Calvary Health Care Bethlehem at Caulfield.

"This makes more sense," says Peter Paul, President of PIMHAG.

"The question raised by the CEO is – should we stay in Gippsland or should we try to link formally with metropolitan services?"

"PIMHAG's answer is that BCH needs to link formally with metro services."

In arguing its case, PIMHAG noted that 99 per cent of health services currently accessed by our community are travelling north along the Bass Highway, and not east across Gippsland.

"Transport is more accessible and enable a greater range of activities to utilise the journey," Mr Paul said.

"The Phillip Island RSL provides medical transport for their members, and it's a fact that for every 200 trips to metro services, there would be one to Latrobe-Traralgon.

"In terms of travel and time, Latrobe is further away than any of the above recommendations.

"We encourage all members

of the Phillip Island community, San Remo and down the Bass Highway to voice their opinion on this issue.

"It was less than a decade ago the Department of Health bureaucrats were adamant we did not need a Community Hospital because they perceived there was no need," Mr Paul continued. "PIMHAG's data clearly showed there was."

"In 2025, when the Community Hospital is opened, the increase in our permanent population and tourism reinforces the fact that the metro services will be more in demand as most of the increase comes from the metro areas.

"The advances we have made in Bass Coast health services have been substantial, and will be further improved with our own Community Hospital.

"The government has continually stated they listen to the locals. Well, they may listen, but you need to be assured that they are hearing our voice.

"The government announced on August 9 'that locals know their community's health needs best, and together with their Health Service leaders, their voices must be listened to in the delivery of health care'.

"PIMHAG agrees."



The final Mountain Bike/BMX/Pump Strategy aims to have less unauthorised bike jumps constructed that pose "unacceptable risks".

Council kicks the can on pump, BMX tracks

MOUNTAIN BIKE

The much-anticipated final Mountain Bike/BMX/Pump Strategy has been unanimously supported by Bass Coast Shire councillors, despite it failing to commit to any specific project.

Because of the "vague" strategy, Cr Rochelle Halstead moved a successful alternative amendment to create an implementation plan by June 2025 that will detail locations, costs and timeframes for delivery.

Speaking to the Advertiser after the meeting, Cr Halstead she too would have expected concrete recommendations from the strategy.

"I thought the priorities, or a plan, would be in the strategy as to how the outcomes will be rolled out. Because it didn't have that I moved the implementation plan," Cr Halstead said.

"The strategy is the basics, a blanket overview of sites of possibility and regulations of those sites.

"The implementation plan is so important to force council to progress, to get to outcomes on the ground, and not let the strategy sit on a shelf.

"It won't be vague if I have anything to say about it. I'm going to keep pushing."

The final strategy is much the same as the draft and doesn't pinpoint any one location.

Funding from government grants, developer contributions, and council resources will be required to implement it.

A shire spokesperson said it "identifies a variety of suitable sites across the shire, each with different potential based on size and how quickly they can be developed".

"The plan is to work with community partners and secure funding to bring these projects to life," the spokesperson said.

Following community consultation on the draft in May, more than 60 people provided feedback, with input from stakeholders including the Bass Coast Mountain Bike Association, Parks Victoria, Nature Parks, State Government, and a community reference group of 10 members that met on three occasions.

Some of the recurring themes that arose from the feedback included the importance of a pump track at Sunnyside Reserve in Cape Woolamai and further investigation of using Parks Victoria owned land at The Gurdies and Kilcunda foreshore for mountain bike trails.

Sites

Consultants reviewed more than 30 sites, with two days of site in-

spections.

"Bass Coast may support a network of community mountain bike facilities but is not likely to be able to find a site large enough for a regional facility," the strategy concludes, stating there will instead be smaller local and district facilities.

On Phillip Island, the short-list of sites for either dirt jumps, micro trails, mountain bike, or pump tracks include:

- The council land at 100 Gap Road
- Proposed Phillip Island Recreation Reserve on the corner of Ventnor and Phillip Island roads
- Blue Gum Reserve, 119-133 Settlement Road
- Five Ways, 29 Smiths Beach Road
- Phillip Island Road Newhaven, Cleeland Street
- Woolamai Park, Cape Woolamai
- Sunset Strip Roundabout
- Harbison Road site (adjacent to Oswin Roberts Reserve)
- Phillip Island Airfield
- Salt Water Creek, Ventnor Koala Reserve
- The Old Rhyl Tip site

Other sites include Wonthaggi State Coal Mine, West Area Road, and the Guide Park, as well as Inverloch's Thompson Reserve, and the Grantville Nature Conservation Reserve.

The strategy has several recommendations including at least one trail facility for mountain biking in each shire ward in the long term, two upgraded BMX circuits, three pump tracks and two or more dirt jump sites where there is demand.

The strategy details unauthorised jumps on public land – which have popped up in recent years – concluding these were "in unsuitable sites due to the impact they have on conservation values and public risk".

It states these will be closed by the land manager "if planning consent cannot be obtained".

Cape Woolamai pump track advocate Deb Leonard said she was glad council responded to the "strong community feedback that we need more facilities for families and young people in Cape Woolamai".

"The Sunnyside Avenue park is a perfect place for a small pump track. Hopefully it gets funded and built soon," Deb said.

"I am hopeful that other larger sites for more substantial mountain bike tracks can be brought to fruition soon."

Details: engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/bikestrategy

Who is new in the zoo?

FUNDING

A masterplan for a reptile zoo on Phillip Island is one of 29 projects funded in the latest round of the Enabling Tourism Fund.

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos announced the grants last week.

The grants will support regional tourism projects to reach investment-ready status by funding feasibility studies and designing future infrastructure.

Reptile Encounters received \$113,742 to put together a masterplan, feasibility studies, site analysis and business plan.

The group said it hopes to establish a new state-of-the-art zoo on Phillip Island, a destination already renowned for its nature and wildlife attractions.

Founder and conservationist Josh Cox said they were "super excited" to receive the grant.

The organisation runs a mobile zoo, and earlier this year won the 2024 Business Xcellence Award in Education Services.

"The reason we've chosen Phillip Island is because we can see a gap in the market for a zoo with an emphasis on the underdogs being your reptiles and marine life," said Josh.

"We see great synergy with

the other organisations that exist on the island and are keen to run conservation projects particularly focused on local species."

With family members that have lived on and run businesses on the island, Josh is well acquainted with the area and thinks "it presents a special opportunity".

He said there was no site chosen for the potential zoo and a timeline for the project would be established as part of the masterplan.

To see a complete list of the Enabling Tourism Fund projects, tourism.vic.gov.au/grants-and-support/enabling-tourism-fund

BOOK WEEK



Classroom winners of the Book Week costumes (from left): Levi - *The Lorax*, Ayla - *Morgan from Evermore*, Ruben - *Captain Underpants*, Poppy P - *Cat in the Hat*, Loxley - *Cruella Deville*, Indra - *Uno's Garden*, Maya - *Gangster Granny*.



This year the theme of magic resonated with students and staff at Newhaven Primary.



Phillip Island Early Learning Centre celebrated 'Book Week' with a special story time featuring Ali from MYLI - My Community Library. Ali read "Possum Magic" by Mem Fox to the Blossoms and Explorers children. The story perfectly captured this year's 'Book Week' theme, "Reading is Magic." From left: Jones, Myla, Simonette, Ali, Georgie, Grace, Griffin and Harley.

A magical book week

Newhaven Primary School loves Book Week. This year the theme of magic resonated with all students and staff.

"It was great to see so many of our families dancing to the playlist as our students showed off their costumes," a school spokesperson said.

Art teacher Mrs Karen Allan was the MC for the parade. Student Art Leader Jack Wilson was a great support in helping Junior School Council to select the best decorated classroom door - a competition hotly contested between all the staff.

Judges Ben Mc Kenna, School Council President and Nada Johnstone, Library assistant had the difficult task of choosing the best costume in each grade.

"Nada keeps our library up to date and chooses the most glorious books for our students to borrow and our staff to use in their classrooms," said the school spokesperson.

"Thanks Nada. We love all the choices you make."

Next year the school plans to invite all parents to dress up and join the fun.



Students and staff at Newhaven Primary embraced this year's Book Week.



Our Lady Star of the Sea (OLSS) Senior T class and teacher Jacinda Tillotson in their Book Week costumes.



It was a Star Wars theme for Year 3 Thomas Hardy, Theodore Wilson and Sonny Brebner.



Year 8 student Phoebe Helps and Year 7 student Indiana Maloney came along as Snow White and Doc.

Newhaven College Book Week!

EDUCATION

The theme for Book Week 2024 is 'Reading is Magic'.

Newhaven College acknowledges the vital role reading plays in a child's growth, boosting academic abilities while nurturing imaginative thinking. Students from the Junior and Middle Schools enjoyed their annual Book Week parade, cheered on by teachers, parents, guardians and younger siblings. Everyone embraced the spirit of the occasion with some wonderful and creative costumes on display.

Book Week provides an opportunity to cultivate a lifelong love of reading, allowing students to express their creativity and connect with literature in a fun and memorable way.



Year 1 students Avana Zonneveld and Yuri Chaseling took up the Book Week challenge.



OLSS Foundation students and teacher Rebecca Overeem celebrate Book Week.



OLSS Junior F class and teacher Karen Faulwetter take the Book Week fun to the playground.

Go to pisra.com.au/education for loads more Book Week photos.



Education Choices



Advertising Feature



Year 9 Student Leaders at GRIP Leadership Conference

College with community at heart

Bass Coast College sits at the heart of the Bass Coast community. It is a dynamic environment where learning, personal growth, and community engagement intertwine. With four campuses catering to students in Year 7 to 12 from the Bass Coast area, Bass Coast College continues to grow each year. The San Remo 7 to 9 Campus which opened in 2022, is expecting 160 new Year 7 enrolments in 2025.

At Bass Coast College we're dedicated to creating a supportive and nurturing learning environment. From the moment students walk through our doors, they are met with a culture that prioritises their well-being and academic success. We have recently restructured our learning model to ensure consistency and excellence in teaching and learning and have engaged in partnerships with The Resilience Project and Berry Street Education. These structured, evidence-based approaches are designed to improve student outcomes across all learning and personal development areas.

Bass Coast College places a strong emphasis on inclusivity and diversity. Our programs are designed to cater to a wide range of interests and learning styles, ensuring that every student has the opportunity to thrive. Whether it's through specialised support for students with learning difficulties, academic acceleration programs or programs that celebrate different cultural backgrounds, we embody the principle that education should be accessible and equitable for all.



Year 7 students Mia and Tahnee getting their hands dirty planting vegetables as a part of their SWELL program. (Social Wellbeing Enjoyment Leadership Learning)

Looking ahead, Bass Coast College aims to continue its role as a leading educational institution in our region.

For personalised tours and enrolments please contact San Remo Campus Principal Matt Rose or Wonthaggi Campus Principal Ross Bramley.



Bailey and Jack. Bass Coast College programs are designed to cater to a wide range of interests and learning styles

CUC Bass Coast making higher education more accessible

As a not-for-profit dedicated learning space CUC Bass Coast works closely with schools, tertiary partners and other educational organisations to increase access and opportunity for rural and regional students in Higher Education.

In partnership with South Gippsland and Bass Coast Local Learning Education Network, CUC has developed the 2025 Scholarship Guide to support young people in our region who may be looking at university study that year. The guide is available to download via the QR code in the ad on this page.

"With 57 per cent of our students being the first in their family to study in higher education, CUC supports students from across the region (some working part time/studying part time, or a blend of on campus and online or other combinations)," Centre Manager, Sarah Bourke said.

"Research tells us that people living in regional and rural parts of Australia are 50 per cent less likely to engage in higher education, so CUC is a community led model to increase access and opportunity to higher education pathways for regional students and in doing so building the capacity of our local community and workforce."

Cost of living pressures, family commitments and other factors have meant that more students are opting to stay close to home and work, or study part time or explore the flexible study options that universities now offer.

Currently with over 150 registered students, enrolled at 28 universities across the country, CUC Bass Coast's top areas of study are health, education, psychology,



CUC Bass Coast Education Program Team Rhett Mc Lennan and Amanda Mc Mahon join Centre Support Sibby Wilson, and Centre Manager Sarah Bourke.

social work and community services.

By registering, it means that there is local support available to regional students, with CUC working alongside university and higher education providers.

We provide a holistic approach to academic, wellbeing, motivational and social supports along with access to technology and quiet study spaces, as part of a local learning community.

The centre is open for access to registered students seven days a week, providing high speed technology, academic mentoring and network of like-minded students to create a community of learning environment.

For more information, please give the team a call on 0472 741 451 or visit www.cucbasscoast.edu.au

2025 SCHOLARSHIP GUIDE

SOUTH GIPPSLAND & BASS COAST

USE QR CODE TO DOWNLOAD

Country Universities Centre BASS COAST

SGBCLLEN Local Learning & Employment Network SOUTH GIPPSLAND & BASS COAST

BASS COAST COLLEGE

“Achieving success in a caring and creative environment”

Bass Coast College proudly continuing the 100 year tradition as the area’s government secondary school presence. We remain committed to providing outstanding support for the young people of the Bass Coast area.

DUDLEY CAMPUS

Years 7-9
03 5672 0900

SAN REMO CAMPUS

Years 7-9
03 5610 2020

FLOW CAMPUS

Flexible Learning
Options Years 7-10

WONTHAGGI CAMPUS

Years 10-12
03 5611 4000



BASS COAST COLLEGE

www.basscoast.vic.edu.au

Principal
Leith Cummins

The importance of play in childhood and school

Phillip Island Village School (PIVS) is a small alternative primary school on rural land, with large areas of open play space.

We place great importance on the role of play in children's lives; not only in early childhood, but throughout all of primary school. Play isn't only valuable as a break between periods of formalised learning; it can be a forum for rich educational experiences and intrinsically-motivated learning. In addition, play provides opportunities for children to process ideas and emotions, to get feedback from peers on social situations and to build relationships.

Allowing time for play and inquiry does mean that children are given choice and agency in their day, but doesn't mean that children have complete freedom. Instead, we believe that allowing children the space for self-expression and imagination facilitates a richer learning environment for all ages.

During the school day, opportunities to play are seen through an inquiry-based learning lens; with provocations set up by Mentors (teachers), or staff supporting student-led 'sparks' of play and inquiry.

Play is not always fun or free from conflict. It can bring up complex and challenging ideas or highlight social issues between children. The process of exploring these, and the negotiation and problem-solving that goes along side it helps to develop critical social skills.

Phillip Island Village School has limited vacancies in Foundation 2025. To enquire, please contact admin@pivillageschool.org.au



Ava and Olive engaged in play in the 'Hospital' Inquiry Space. Play is part of the PIVS approach to learning.



Olive, Argelia, Juni and Rory working on a large collaborative drawing life at PIVS, inspired by the wooden mini figures of everyone in the school.



Elka, Noah and Wynter; relationships strengthened through play.



River, Hunter, Arlo and Wes enjoying the play areas at Newhaven Primary School.

Newhaven Primary School - education choices

Our students continue to thrive and achieve excellent NAPLAN results in Year Three and Year Five. Staff at Newhaven Primary School (NSP) are committed to each child striving to be the best they can. With an emphasis on ensuring each student commences each day knowing they are in a caring and supportive environment. We love our kids at NPS.

Our student leadership program, Kids as Catalyst has once again connected our students to the wider community. This year the Roadkill group created artwork to be displayed around Phillip Island to make motorists aware of the wildlife that is being killed by motorists.

The school has upgraded the running track and resurfaced the play area around the outdoor basketball court, making it an inviting space to play or sit and relax.

Our students have a voice in what happens at their school through Junior School Council (JSC). Last year JSC worked with the Phillip Island Rotary Club to build a Gaga ball pit that the students enjoy each day, and the community can use on the weekend. This year's JSC has presented to School Council their plans to install a trampoline. They are now in the process of researching the cost and where to put it!



Newhaven Primary School

Your local neighbourhood School



PLAYGROUP MEETS EVERY WEDNESDAY MORNING & KINDERGARTEN ONSITE FOR 3- AND 4-YEAR-OLDS.

At Newhaven Primary School the following programs and facilities are offered:

- Dedicated and caring staff
- Modern, well maintained classrooms with the latest technology
- Excellent NAPLAN results in numeracy and Literacy
- P-6 Specialist subjects offered: Stem, Art, Japanese, PE
- Kids as Catalyst student leadership program
- Prep transition program and Buddy program
- Open space playground and new play equipment for all students to play and smile
- Breakfast Club every morning
- Individual i-pads from grade 3-6
- Swimming Program, camps and excursions
- Student Wellbeing co-ordinator
- Principal Ms Sharyne Munday



12-22 School Avenue, Newhaven
Ph: 5956 7326
newhaven.ps@education.vic.gov.au

TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR OF OUR SCHOOL

www.facebook.com/newhavenprimaryschool/videos/307483457029512

Phillip Island Village School

RESPECTFUL, EMPOWERING EDUCATION

AN ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLING PATHWAY THAT FOSTERS STUDENT EMPOWERMENT AND SUPPORTS CHILDREN TO DEVELOP THEIR SPARKS

ENQUIRIES TO:
admin@pivillageschool.org.au



Education Choices



Advertising Feature

Discover Newhaven College

When you set foot on Newhaven College's grounds, you know you've arrived somewhere special. With only 900 students from Prep to Year 12, Newhaven College creates an intimate environment where every student is known, seen and heard. A strong sense of belonging and care is a feature of their time with us. Students of all ages become the best possible versions of themselves in a happy, safe and challenging environment.

Junior School

The Junior School years are a precious time for laying the foundations for future success. From Prep to Year 4, our focus is on fostering a supportive environment where students can excel. With small class sizes and an engaged teaching approach, we create a space where children can truly thrive. Our students are encouraged to be curious, take risks and cultivate a lifelong love of learning. We personalise lessons to meet each student's individual needs, ensuring that every child receives the attention they need.

Middle School

We see the Middle School years as a crucial period in a child's life, much like tending to young saplings requiring care and nourishment. During these formative years, students build the essential skills needed for future growth. From Year 5 to Year 8, students expand their academic knowledge across various subjects. As they develop and discover their passions, a broader range of study areas become available, allowing them to explore and grow further.

Senior School

Year 9 Environmental Centre: The Year 9 program embodies our commitment to igniting students' curiosity and fostering active participation in their learning journey. Students spend their time at our purpose-built Environmental Centre, located within its own expansive area on campus, overlooking Westernport Bay. Dressed in ranger-style uniforms and hiking boots, students embrace a different pace of learning.

The Year 9 Environmental Centre was created



Music opens the mind and the soul. Year 3 student Indyana Van Damme learns violin during regular music classes provided for Junior School students.

to support an innovative, hands-on program that keeps students active and deeply engaged in their education. We've crafted a curriculum that allows for a variety of teaching styles, with a strong emphasis on experiential learning. This approach not only enhances their academic achievements but also fosters significant personal growth.

Years 10 – 12: Choosing a path for the future: Years 10 to 12 at Newhaven College are pivotal, as students begin to carve out

their future paths. Building on their prior learning, growing confidence and an expanding awareness of their place in the global community, these years are where it all comes together. Our approach is rooted in mutual respect between teachers and students, and fostering an environment where high academic and social standards are actively encouraged.

Students in Years 10 to 12 benefit from a wide range of subject options, supported by personalised

career guidance. This ensures that every student receives the support they need to make informed decisions about their future. We cater to individual differences among students and place great importance on strengthening each student's self-esteem and sense of community.

Co-curricular opportunities

Newhaven College provides a diverse array of experiences beyond the traditional classroom setting. We offer a rich blend of activities designed to expand the mind, challenge the body and nurture the soul.

Our students develop self-confidence and team spirit through a wide range of co-curricular opportunities. Every student is encouraged to embrace new challenges and fully engage in College life by participating in activities that complement their academic journey.

- Music
- Dance
- Drama
- Surfing Academy

- Equestrian Team
- Mountain Biking
- House Competitions
- Interschool Sport
- Cultural Events
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Public Speaking and Debating
- Language Studies
- International Tours – Japan and Cambodia

Scholarships 2025

Thanks to the generosity of members of the school community, Newhaven College has a limited number of bursary places for students entering Newhaven College in 2025. If you, a family member or someone you know would like to join us in 2025, but may not have the means to do so, this opportunity may be for you. Expressions of Interest for these bursaries are now open and close on Friday September 13.

For enrolment enquiries or to book in for the next Newhaven College tour on Thursday August 28, please contact our Admissions Officer, Bec Anderson on 5956 7505 or discover more at www.newhavencol.vic.edu.au



Learning for Life

At Newhaven College, we believe in Learning for Life. Our holistic approach ensures students are equipped with the skills and knowledge for lifelong learning and a successful life beyond school. Our size lets us know each student personally. We explore their interests and strengths and help them reach their full potential.

When you set foot on Newhaven College's grounds, you know you've arrived somewhere special. If you're considering Newhaven College, book a tour & come and see us in person. We'd be delighted to show you around.

To find out more contact our Admissions Officer, Bec Anderson on 03 5956 7505 or email admissions@newhavencol.vic.edu.au



NEWHAVEN COLLEGE



Limited places still AVAILABLE FOR 2025

1770 Phillip Island Road
Phillip Island, Victoria
newhavencol.vic.edu.au



Wryker and Lin in the garden area at Our Lady Star of the Sea, which has won several awards through the Victorian Schools Garden Program.

Stars are shining at Our Lady Star of the Sea

Our Lady Star of the Sea school has come such a long way in the last six years. Not only have our numbers increased, but so have our facilities. Our gardens and grounds are spectacular and offer creative spaces for students to play and learn. We have won several awards both at the regional and state level through the Victorian Schools Garden Program and also through Landcare.

The flexible general learning areas allow the children to learn both inside and outside the classroom. We are very proud of our sporting program; our soccer team won the division and district level at the interschool sports and did a superb job

coming third at the regional competition. Our Aerobics teams competed at the division level and did an amazing job at the state level. We have individual students who have also represented us at all levels. We have qualified dance instructors and a gymnastic instructor who run sessions for our students regularly.

We run a playgroup each Monday morning for preschool-aged children which is a great way to meet other parents.

At present, we are refurbishing our portable so that we can offer before and after-school care for our families from 2025.

Bullying: no way

On Wednesday August 14 Our Lady Star of the Sea Primary School in Cowes celebrated Bullying No Way Week.

Students wore a touch of purple and lessons focused on what it means to belong.

“This has been a wonderful opportunity to remind our students that everyone belongs, and each member of our community helps us to shine at Our Lady Star of the Sea,” said Principal Catherine Blackford.

“All learning at Our Lady Star of the Sea is underpinned by our school values; be kind, be safe, be respectful, be responsible, be resilient and be ready.

“During our celebration, students were encouraged to reflect on their connections within our community and were reminded that they don’t have to deal with bullying by themselves. As a community, all staff members are here to help our students feel safe and happy at school.”



Our Lady Star of the Sea students Scout, Isla and Cordelia in purple to celebrate Bullying No Way week.



All in purple. Teacher Melissa Steiner with Tasmeen, Olivia, India, Jacqueline, Savannah, Ivy, Anna and Ryan.



Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School – Cowes



Courage, Compassion & Creativity

We believe in providing a welcoming, friendly and safe environment where everyone is respected and treated fairly and justly. Taking pride in environmental sustainability, the surrounding wetlands and “green areas” on the school site will engage students in authentic studies within a natural environment.

INFORMATION EVENING Monday 2nd September 5-6PM
Please contact us for further information on 5951 1700



Education Choices



Advertising Feature



Students take part in the recent Walkathon, raising funds for the chosen charities of Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College.



Kate Dwyer, Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College's Wellbeing Leader Year 11 and Careers Leader with students.

Supportive learning environment at Mary MacKillop

By Andrew Paloczi

Leongatha's Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College is in the process of enrolling new Year 7 students for 2025, with 115 already enrolled, more than in recent years.

Positive word of mouth and tours of the school have encouraged more families to become part of its community.

Current Year 12 students are about to complete their 13 years of primary and secondary education, with the school celebrating their achievements.

"Many students have already secured employment, further

education opportunities, or placements, while the rest are diligently preparing for their upcoming VCE exams, and we wish them all the best and hope they achieve the results they are aiming for," principal John Freeman said.

"We are proud to witness our students achieve some of the best results in the area."

Mr Freeman explained that pupils are supported through a structured program that works collaboratively with them and their families, providing guidance to ensure subject choices align with each student's short and long term academic and career goals.

"Whilst we are not a large secondary school, we endeavour to offer a curriculum relevant to student aspirations that allows them to engage in a six-year learning journey at the college," Mr Freeman said.

The school also forges positive relationships with employers and other education providers, helping create career and study opportunities for its students.

Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College offers a range of options to holistically develop each young person in its charge.

That includes having an accelerated VCE program in place

for high-achieving academic students, enabling them to commence VCE subjects in Year 10.

Vocational Education and Training (VET) options are offered to students on site, in areas such as building and construction, information technology, music industry, textiles, and sport and recreation, enhancing both employment and further study opportunities.

The school offers students the chance to participate in sport through its involvement in School Sports Victoria, and also the opportunity to take part in a wide variety of academic com-

petitions, debating, Tournament of the Minds, and Rotary's youth program the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA).

In addition to its academic focus, the college places an emphasis on helping those in need, with students and staff raising awareness and funds for important causes.

The school recently held its Walkathon event, raising funds for its chosen charities, MacKillop Today, Fusion, St Vincent de Paul Society of Victoria, St Joseph's Peru, Trinity Families, and the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.



MARY MACKILLOP Catholic Regional College

**Considering Year 7 for 2026?
Come along to our Grade 5 Discovery Day!**

Monday 21 October 2024 - Star of the Sea Cowes and St Joseph's Wonthaggi
Thursday 24 October 2024 - St Joseph's Korumburra and St Laurence Leongatha
Monday 28 October 2024 - St John's Koo Wee Rup and all other primary schools



Come and See!

All Welcome!

For further information and to register download a form at www.mackillopleongatha.catholic.edu.au

Phone: 03 5662 4255 or email nrobinson@mmcrc.catholic.edu.au

Discover the difference at Cowes Primary School

Choosing the right school for your child is one of the most important decisions you'll make. Whether your little one is yet to start kinder or is currently enrolled elsewhere, it's never too late to explore your options. We invite you to visit Cowes Primary School and see firsthand how we support our students to thrive in every aspect of their education.

Our school isn't just a place for learning; it's a community. We're proud of our strong parent community, where many parents enjoy socialising in our beautiful grounds both before and after school each day. It's a welcoming environment where families connect, and children feel safe and supported.

Our recent Attitudes to School Survey results speak volumes about the care and dedication of our staff. An impressive 97 per cent of Year 4-6 students believe that our teachers have high expectations for their success, a critical factor in helping them achieve their best. Additionally, 95 per cent of our students reported feeling included and valued at school, well above the state average. This is a reflection of the



Ivy, Raegan, Margot and Piper at the school's vegetable garden, one of the many facilities on the 14 acre campus.

warm, nurturing environment we strive to maintain every day.

At Cowes Primary School and Early Learning Centre, we're all about supporting every child to reach their full potential. Our teachers and education support staff go above and beyond to ensure that each student receives the attention they need, both academically and in their overall wellbeing.

Academic success

We are committed to helping students succeed in all areas of their education.

This dedication has recently been highlighted by outstanding NAPLAN results, where 81 per cent of our Year 5 students achieved strong or exceeding outcomes in writing compared to similar schools (69 per cent). Our teachers collaborate closely to tailor learning experiences that meet the unique needs of each student, ensuring everyone has the opportunity to excel.

Building strong literacy skills

Literacy is at the heart of our curriculum. We use a

systematic synthetic phonics approach, combined with decodable readers, to help students build essential reading skills. Our full-time speech pathologist, Lesley O'Donohue, works tirelessly to support both staff and students, making sure that every child has the best possible start in literacy.

Facilities

Our school is situated on a sprawling 14-acre campus that offers everything students need to enjoy their school experience. We've recently resurfaced our



We are committed to helping students succeed in all areas of their education. This dedication has recently been highlighted by outstanding NAPLAN results.

three tennis courts, providing even better facilities for our students to enjoy.

In addition to our competition-sized gymnasium and 25m pool, our grounds include a vegetable garden, a large grass oval, a three-acre native bush sanctuary, and four purpose-built playgrounds, including a specialised

sensory play space.

We'd love to show you around our school and answer any questions you might have. School tours are always welcome. To book a tour, please contact our office at 5952 2132.

Come and see why Cowes Primary School is the right choice for your child's future.

Are you contemplating where to send your child to school in the next few years?

We invite all prospective families to join us for a...

SCHOOL TOUR



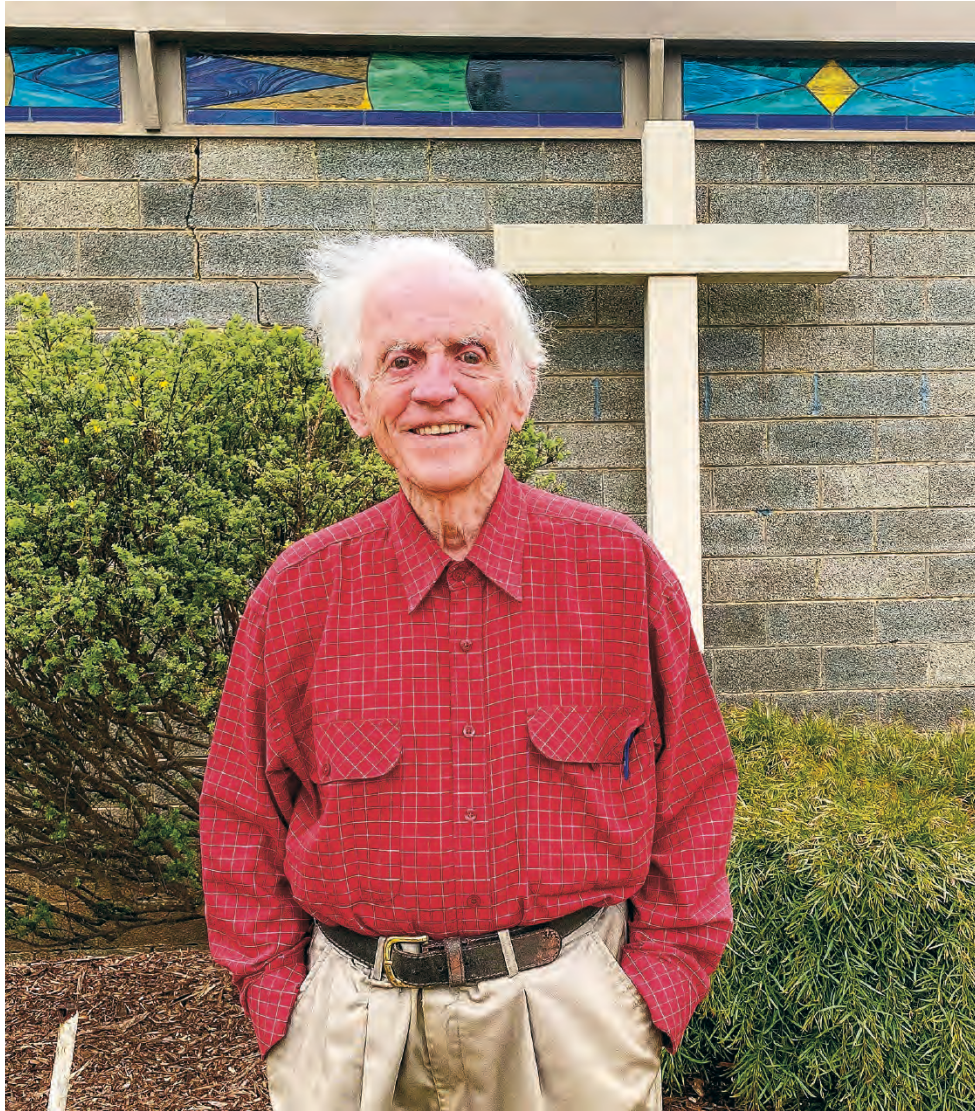
On the tour you will:

- Meet our committed staff
- Hear about our approach to literacy, numeracy and wellbeing success
- Have the opportunity to ask lots of questions
- View our well-equipped learning spaces

If you are interested in booking a school tour, please contact the office on 5952 2132.

FOR ENQUIRIES: PRINCIPAL: Rodney McKenzie PHONE: 5952 2132
 EMAIL: cowes.ps@education.vic.gov.au
 WEB: www.cowesps.vic.edu.au





John Perrin was the much-loved conductor of the Phillip Island U3A Choir and then the Island Harmony Choir.

Vale John Perrin

OBITUARY

For 70 years John Perrin dedicated his life to community singing.

John, who passed away in August, was asked to join a choir as a young teen, and was involved in choirs, including across Melbourne, even the master of the former SEC choral group.

On Phillip Island, John has led the U3A choir for 17 years – renamed during the pandemic to the Island Harmony Choir – a group that performs year-round at events, including at all local nursing homes and combined choral events in Melbourne.

In 2021 John – who in 2017 was nominated to be a Victorian senior citizen of the year for services to choirs and music – retired from the choir.

“In lots of ways it is sad to finish,” John, told the Advertiser at the time.

“It has been my life for 60 to 70 years. I don’t know what I’ll do without it. But when you get to 90 you’ve got to give up some things.”

A life of song

John said his father was a master of choirs and when he was asked to join a choir at the age of 14, it came naturally.

“I was on board a ship travelling to the UK in 1955 when I started speaking with a lady about choirs and told her I performed in them. Then when I got back to

Melbourne she had recommended me to a group.

“So at the age of 21 I led my first choir. I was leading people aged in their 70s and I apologised to them because I was so young, but the minister said to me ‘never apologise to a choir, you are in charge.’”

In those early years he met his wife Edna, who was in the front row at one of his performances.

For about three decades he worked as a clerk at the former State Electricity Commission but admits much of his time was dedicated to leading the SEC choir.

“They had a piano and an organ and we’d meet in the basement for rehearsals and have special events for singing. I did more of that than my clerk work.”

Edna and John moved to Phillip Island in 1988 and he was surprised to find no community choir on the island.

“I was missing it terribly when we moved here but then I got a call from a resident (Kath Kent) asking me if I would like to form a choir and I said I would love to and the U3A started from there. I’ve taken anyone who wants to come, and even let people in who were tone deaf, as long as they didn’t make too much noise. Quite a few members don’t read music, but they pick it up.

“It has been a great life. I just enjoy singing with people, helping and

encouraging them.”

In his conducting role he taught a variety of musical styles, from classic to folk, opera choruses to Broadway musicals, gospel, ballads to the Beatles.

“He would hand out small greying printed pieces of sheet music with the smell of age about them and the cost of threepence or sixpence or a shilling printed on the top,” choir member Terry Norquay recalled.

Terry said three years ago John retired after 17 years of conducting and commitment to the choir.

“We were so privileged and grateful to have had such a music lover leading us through the years and hope he is already arranging a new choir up there to join the heavenly chorus.”

During John’s funeral Island Harmony Choir sang one of his favourite songs “Goin’ Home”, which was followed by details of his commitment to many organisations on the island.

This included as a founding member of the interchurch council in 1986, where he remained a member for 35 years as president and secretary.

“He was passionate about what united people and created community, and for close to 40 years John visited local retirement centres participating and organising prayer services and community singalongs,” Terry said.



Council has announced a public art commission for Berninnet, to “celebrate the region’s unique cultural heritage”, with Expressions of Interest open until September 15.

Major artwork for Berninnet

PUBLIC ART

Bass Coast Shire Council is asking artists to submit their ideas for a major public artwork for the new cultural centre in Cowes.

Last week, Expressions of Interest (EOI) opened for a significant public art commission at Berninnet.

Council said the public art commission aims to “celebrate the region’s unique cultural heritage and foster community engagement by creating an integrated artwork that will become a focal point of this vibrant new venue”.

In announcing the commission, council described the project as “a dynamic and inclusive process, bringing

together local residents and communities in a collaborative effort to create a work of art that reflects the rich character of the Bass Coast region, the Island, and the cultural centre itself”.

“The commissioned artwork will enhance the cultural centre’s significance as a gathering place for all,” the council stated.

Applications close at midnight on Sunday, September 15 and shortlisted applicants will be invited for an on-site interview.

The outcome of the EOI process will be announced in November 2025.

For more information and to submit your Expression of Interest, please visit: basscoast.vic.gov.au/arts-opportunities

GIG GUIDE

31/08 LUNNY - 9PM
01/09 ANDY MCGARVIE (FATHERS DAY) - 5PM
07/09 LIVE MUSIC TBC - 9PM
08/09 ALEX BURNS - 5PM
14/09 LIVE MUSIC TBC - 9PM
15/09 PAPER JANE - 5PM

PLUS:

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
PARMA NIGHT

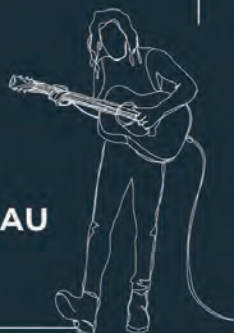
THURSDAY NIGHT
BURGER NIGHT

FRIDAY NIGHT
LOCALS NIGHT MEAT RAFFLE
HAPPY HOUR 3-5PM

SUNDAY NIGHT
SUNDAY ROAST

MONDAY - SATURDAY
\$20 EXPRESS LUNCH

WWW.THEWESTERNPORT.COM.AU





Bass Coast Shire Council has invited artists and curators to submit proposals to showcase their work at the Berninneit Gallery in 2025. EOIs will remain open for six weeks.

Want to exhibit at Berninneit?

ART

Expressions of Interest (EOI) are now open for 2025 Gallery Exhibitions at Berninneit.

Bass Coast Shire Council has invited artists and curators to submit proposals for an opportunity to showcase their work in the centre's professional visual arts space. EOIs will remain open for six weeks.

"We are proud to offer successful applicants the chance to present their exhibitions in our state-of-the-art gallery," the council stated.

Each selected exhibition will be scheduled for a six-week run between April and December 2025.

Council said its Visual Arts Officer will collaborate closely with exhibitors, providing professional support to ensure the best outcomes for each exhibition.

"From curating the space to coordinating logistics, our team is dedicated to making your artistic vision a reality," a council spokesperson said.

"Additionally, day-to-day operations and sales will be expertly managed by our customer service staff, ensuring a seamless experience for both exhibitors and visitors."

Council said as Bass Coast's first purpose-built exhibition space, Berninneit's gallery offers a curated environment where residents and visitors can engage with thought-provoking works from emerging and established artists, both from Australia and beyond.

"Our exhibition program is designed to support and develop the arts in the region, fostering a strong sense of local identity and encouraging meaningful dialogue within the community."

"We are committed to presenting well-executed and coherent exhibitions that reflect the highest quality of contemporary, regional, and First Nations art."

Download the EOI information pack at: basscoast.vic.gov.au/arts-opportunities



Volunteers Jan and Judy at the August 3 planting day at Scenic Estate.

Scenic Estate success

ENVIRONMENT

The Friends of Scenic Estate Reserve (FOSER) had another successful day in August, with 130 plants planted at two sites within the estate.

Thirty plants were planted at the first site to the right of main entrance path just inside the gate and 100 plants at the second site – a patch just north of the wetland which had been cleared a few years ago by PINP.

A large number of thistle rosettes that had sprung up since the thistle control working bee earlier in the year were also removed.

In addition to regular volunteers, FOSER were very pleased to welcome some volunteers Stuart, Gus and Joshua.

Species planted in the reserve included Boobialla, Hedge Wattle, Prickly Moses Wattle, Spiny-headed Mat-Rush, Swamp Paperbark, Sweet Bursaria, Flax Lily, Hop Goodenia and Tussock Grass.

After the planting, the team enjoyed the chance to chat over a cuppa, cake and biscuits at the picnic shelter at 'Picnic Flats'.

Next event: Sunday, September 22 – FOSER Open Day: Walk and Talk led by John Eddy.

Next working bee: Sunday, November 3 – Weeding: Thistle and gorse control.

SILVERWATER RESORT
PHILLIP ISLAND, AUSTRALIA

WATERMARK
@ SILVERWATER RESORT
RESTAURANT, CAFE & BAR

Father's Day Special

ONLY \$39

CAPE GRIM PORTERHOUSE STEAK

Grilled to your liking served with gravy, chips, salad & a schooner of BEER

SUNDAY 1ST SEPT 2024

Lunch 12pm - 3pm
Dinner 5:30pm - 8:30pm

-Bookings Essential-

25% OFF FOR LOCALS

watermark@silverwaterresort.com.au 03 5671 9300 www.silverwaterresort.com.au 17 Potters Hill Road, San Remo

SOUTH GIPPSLAND ORCHID SOCIETY INC

34th Annual Orchid Show

Friday 13th September 9.30-4.30pm
Saturday 14th September 9.30-4.00pm

Wonthaggi Workmens Club
75 Graham Street, Wonthaggi

- Plant Sales & Orchid Supplies
- Repotting Demonstrations
- Admission \$5.00

Eftpos Available

For further information please contact
John Betts: 0428 547 466 or Julie Kilgour 0409 964 476

THANKS TO BENDIGO BANK FOR THEIR SPONSORSHIP

Community Bank San Remo, Cowes and Grantville & Districts Grantville & Districts

GIFTS THAT DAD WILL LOVE

Father's Day Hamper Range Out Now! Free Delivery across Phillip Island/San Remo until 31st August.

Order now via our website

WWW.GIFTEDTHINGS.COM.AU

Berninneit

91-97 Thompson Ave
Cowes, VIC 3922

Cinema Sessions at Berninneit

Wednesday 28 Aug

10:30am **Bookworm** [PG] 95 mins
Spit the dummy – Baby Friendly session

1:00pm **Sleeping Dogs** [MA15+] 112 mins

4:00pm **Deadpool & Wolverine** [MA15+] 127 mins

7:00pm **Borderlands** [M] 102 mins

Friday 30 Aug

4:00pm **Deadpool & Wolverine** OCAP [MA15+] 127 mins

7:00pm **It Ends With Us** [M] 130 mins

Saturday 31 Aug

4:00pm **Bookworm** [PG] 95 mins

7:00pm **Borderlands** [M] 102 mins

Visit our website for more information, future sessions and Wonthaggi Cinema showtimes

Buy Tickets Online
Skip the queue!

Scan the QR Code to buy your tickets online and to browse all cinema sessions and upcoming live performances!

www.basscoastculturalvenues.com

BUSINESS GUIDE

LOCAL TRADES AND SERVICES

AIR CONDITIONING

ALWAYS COOL
AIR CONDITIONING
HEATING & COOLING SPECIALISTS
1800 931 631
www.alwayscoolair.com.au

BLINDS & CARPET

SOUTH COAST FLOORING XTRA
A FABULOUS FLOORING EXPERIENCE
155 Thompson Avenue, Cowes 03 5952 1488

CONCRETER

RAY MATTOCK CONCRETING AND EXCAVATIONS
Exposed aggregate paving
Coloured - Slate - Brick paving
House slabs - Garages
PH: 5952 3853 FAX: 5952 5103
Mob: 0418 560 202

EARTHMOVING

Bobcat/Excavator Tipper Hire
All aspects of earthmoving, driveways, draining and landscaping
Rubbish removal
0418 372 399
Servicing all Phillip Island areas
Ray's Skip Hire + Earth works

AIR CONDITIONING

BONUS GIFT CARD CAMPAIGN
CITY TO COAST AIR WONTHAGGI
SUPPLY, INSTALLATION, REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE
Shop 1/13 Inverloch Rd, Wonthaggi
0400 001 465
citytocoastair.com

BUILDER

SPECIALISING IN EXTENSIONS, RENOVATIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS OVER 35 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE
ISLAND DESIGN & BUILD
0417 503 003
ROB NORTON
INSURED & LICENSED BUILDER DB-U 61563

CONCRETER

TIM NEWMAN CONCRETING
Exposed aggregate • House slabs
Driveways • Footpaths • Sheds & garages
All concreting needs
Tel/Fax 5956 8791
RMB 2180 Ventnor 3922 E: newman@waterfront.net.au
0419 312 805

ELECTRICIAN

JACKSON ELECTRICAL & AIR CONDITIONING
Reliable & fully insured
Split system installers
Air conditioning sales and service
TV Antenna & data
All types of electrical services
Free quotes
Hot water systems
Ovens and cooktops
CALL MICHAEL 0427 633 667
CAPE WOOLAMAI REC 17893 LIC. 48834

AIR CONDITIONING

COASTAL REFRIGERATION & AIR-CONDITIONING
03 5678 5190 office@picra.com.au
Coastal Refrigeration and Airconditioning
coastal_refrig_and_aircon AU51426
COMMERCIAL & DOMESTIC SERVICE, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE AND SALES

CABINET MAKER

JOINERY SMOOTH
RECYCLED TIMBER CABINETRY
KITCHEN'S
INSTALLATION SERVICE
TRADITIONAL SAUNA'S
BESPOKE DESIGN
0457 239 600
MITCH.JOINERYSMOOTH@GMAIL.COM
WWW.JOINERYSMOOTH.COM.AU
JOINERYSMOOTH ACN 672 446 769

CONCRETER

NEW WAVE CONCRETING
0402 454 742
Luke Hinrichs
FACTORY 3, THE CONCOURSE

FURNITURE RESTORATION

The WOOD WIZARD
FURNITURE RESTORATION
BESPOKE TIMBER FURNITURE
CALL BOB, 0418 173 388
5 HARVEY DRIVE

AIR CONDITIONING

southcoast air
Air conditioning & refrigeration
Cooling & heating specialists
Split system sales & complete installation
Service, repairs Electrical contractor
0402 044 377
Dave Miller PIC. 43216
L109866 REC26099

CARAVANS

WONTHAGGI Caravans & Trailers
Servicing, Repairs, Parts, Awning Repairs & Insurance Work
Ph. 03 5678 7173
0425 821 588

DECK RESTORATION

Enjoy your outdoor space for years to come with DeckSeal!
DECK SANDING, CLEANING, OILING AND MAINTENANCE.
DeckSeal
Call Nick on 0411 988 401
basscoast@deckseal.com.au
www.deckseal.com.au

GAS SUPPLIERS

WRIGHTON GAS SUPPLIES
Agency for **ELGAS**
Servicing Phillip Island & San Remo
For all household gas supplies
Bruce Wright
Tel: 5952 3252 Mobile 0409 164 441

BLINDS/AWNINGS

Creative Blinds & Awnings
FREE MEASURE & QUOTE
Mobile Showroom
Peter: T/F: 5952 5092 M: 0417 358 650

CARPENTER

CARPENTRY Est 1982
Home Renovations
Maintenance & Repairs
Window Replacement | Decks
John 0447 975 626

DECKS & VERANDAHS

ISLAND DECKS Specialists in all types of decks and veranda's
REGISTERED Building Practitioner
John Johnston 0414 714 179

GUTTER CLEANING

GUTTER-VAC Clean, Safe...Easy
Vacuum gutter cleaning, gutter guard, solar panel cleaning, ceiling cavities cleaning.
0427 393 291
swgippsland@guttervac.com.au

ADVERTISING

To advertise in the **Business Guide**
CONTACT JANE ON 5952 3201 OR EMAIL ADS@PISRA.COM.AU

CAR REMOVAL

BASS COAST CAR REMOVALS
Unwanted cars removed free
CHEAP TOWING NOW AVAILABLE
Call Shane
5678 2002 or 0407 599 616

DRIVEWAY RESTORATION

CLEAN, PRESSURE BLAST AND RESEAL
DRIVEWAYS AND PATHS
MARK: 0418 105 262

HANDYMAN

SJC HOME MAINTENANCE
Qualified Tradesman with over 35 years experience
Call for a Free Quote
No job too small
Quality work at a great price, Fully insured
Call Mick 0424 414 495
www.sjchomemaintenance.com.au

COMPUTER REPAIRS

WATERFRONT COMPUTERS
SALES, REPAIRS & UPGRADES TO PC & MAC
PC & Mobile Accessories, Ink & Toner
Exetel NBN & Mobile Reseller partner
Modems, Routers, WiFi powerline & extenders
Web, Mail & Domain hosting services
130 Silverleaves Ave | Ph 5952 3312
Open 9 to 5 Weekdays, Sat 9 to 12

EARTHMOVING

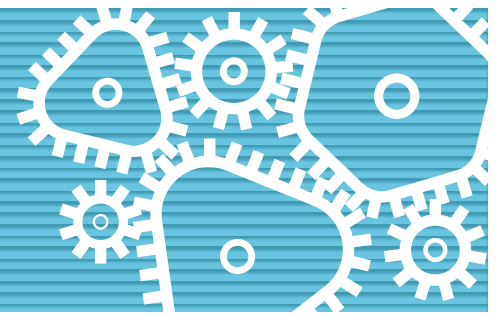
MK EARTHWORKS
BULK CARTAGE * SITE CLEAR * TRENCHES * DRILLING
Excavations
Demolitions
Drive/Pathways
Retaining walls
Spoil removal
Free quote / consultation
Experienced local business
Innovative solutions
Quality workmanship
Transparent communication
Full compliance / Insurance
Tight access specialists
* TIPPERS * EXCAVATORS * SKIDSTEER * AUGERS * ROLLER *
em: mkearthworks@gmail.com
ph: Mick - 0408 575 472

HANDYMAN

affordable quality home maintenance and repair.
Decks. Veranda's. Pergolas. Renovations and extensions.
MASTER BUILDER DB_U 8980
Peter Stasinowsky
Ph 0408149488 email. pstaza@hotmail.com

BUSINESS GUIDE

LOCAL TRADES AND SERVICES



HYDRAULIC AND MECHANICAL

ROTARET
HYDRAULIC ENGINEERING

Hydraulic, pneumatic and mechanical repairs.
Design and fabrication.
We also stock industrial supplies.

Factory 2, 3 Cyclone St, Wonthaggi
(03)5672 5924 | 0448 583 118
Email: jason.mottershead@rotaret.com.au
We are More than Just Hose and Fittings

PAINTER

JOE'S PAINTING

Internal & external.
No job too big or too small.
Will provide a friendly service with reasonable prices.

0410 621 189

PLUMBING

RELIABLE PLUMBER
Fast Response at an honest price

Tappy the Plumber
0427 776 808

- NO CALL OUT FEE
- Leaking taps & toilets
- Hot water systems replaced
- Vanities & water
- Filters installed
- Gas fitting
- General plumbing

email: tappy@waterfront.net.au
Fully Licenced & insured. All work guaranteed Lic. No. 119269C

STEEL

ISLAND STEEL

Steel fabrication • Stainless/Aluminium fabrication
Steel sales cut to order • Sheetmetal fabrication
Guillotine and folding • Gal lintels / Retaining wall posts
Truck mounted CRANE HIRE • Genie lift and generator hire

Call for a quote WE DELIVER

14-16 The Concourse, Cowes 5952 1432
Email:sales@islandsteel.com.au

LANDSCAPING AND DESIGN

THE STONE STORE

VICTORIA'S PREMIER DESTINATION FOR ALL THINGS NATURAL STONE AND PORCELAIN TILES.
OVER 500 HUNDRED PRODUCTS TO CHOOSE FROM!

0424 426 932

FACTORY 14, 71 FRANKSTON GARDENS DRIVE, CARRUM DOWNS
WWW.THESTONESTORE.COM.AU

PAINTER

THE PAINT GUY
INTERIOR / EXTERIOR
Domestic Commercial
Rentals End of lease Repaints
We will do the small jobs
CALL FRANK
0455 596 433

POOL INSPECTIONS

WATERLINE
Pool Barrier Inspections
Keeping your family safe with compliant pool fences

CALL PETER FOR AN APPOINTMENT TODAY
0427 352 972

STORAGE

Island Secure Storage

Large & Small Units
Boxes & Packaging
Security Monitoring
On Site Manager
24hr / 7 day access

Phone 0400 214 446
4 Industrial Way, Cowes 3922
Alt Ph: 5952 1432 Fax: 5952 5690
Email: storage@islandsteel.com.au
Web: www.islandstorage.com.au

PAINTER & DECORATOR

B&C Roberts Decorating Services

Brian Roberts 0417 529 042

RESTUMPING

KEANE & SON
House Restumping & Levelling

Paul Keane 0427 080 309

keanesrestumping@outlook.com
PO Box 696, Wonthaggi, Vic, 3995

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

eventops

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT BASS COAST

EOGTRAFFIC.COM.AU
5900 2932
projects@eventopsgroup.com.au

LANDSCAPING & DESIGN

FIRST FOOT FORWARD

Call Kirk 0423 054 520

Concreting
Landscaping
Retaining
Fencing
Paving
Crossovers
& more...

www.firstfootforward.com.au

PLASTERING

WONTHAGGI plaster
& Construction Supplies

T: 5672 1535 F: 5672 3786
42 INVERLOCH ROAD, WONTHAGGI
wonthaggiplaster.com.au

CENINTEL GYPROCK CSR NATIONAL MASONRY EARTHWOOL

RESTUMPING

RESTUMPING & RELEVELLING
Restumping, Levelling,
House Raising & Repacking,
all renovation works
CALL 0418 506 788
Licence DBL24625

TREE SERVICES

SL Tree Care

NO JOB TOO SMALL

- Qualified
- Tree Maintenance
- Tree Removal
- Fruit Tree Pruning
- Storm Damage
- Lawn Mowing
- Garden Maintenance

FREE QUOTES
Call Shaun **0423 910 554**

LAWN MOWING

Dave Costello

For all your lawnmowing, landscaping & rubbish removal

Call for a free quote
0411 175 957

PLUMBING

brenex 24 hours 7 days
plumbing & gasfitting

- Roofing - Gas - Water - Hot Water - Pumps
- Water Tanks - Sewers & Storm water - Blockages

Brendan Duncan 0418 342 649
PIC No. 26296
Email | brendan@brenexplumbing.com.au

SLIDING DOOR REPAIRS

SLIDING DOOR REPAIRS

Are your doors sticking, catching or just not sliding properly?

- Timber & Aluminium Sliding Doors
- Bi Fold Doors
- Cavity Doors
- Wardrobe Doors
- Security Doors
- Track & Roller Replacements
- Screen Replacements
- New Locks Fitted

And Much More

Now Servicing Phillip Island

ALL Sliding Door REPAIRS MELBOURNE

Ph 0438 538 244
info@asdrm.com.au
www.allslidingdoorrepairsmelbourne.com.au

WASTE MANAGEMENT

WHEEL-A-WASTE

Family Owned & Operated

Ph: 5672 2056

Lot 1 Skip Lane Wonthaggi 3995 www.wheelawaste.com.au
E:accounts@wheelawaste.com ABN 93 050 132 217

DOMESTIC COMMERCIAL INDUSTRIAL

LAWN MOWING

Jim's Mowing

Need it Done? Jim's the One

Call 131 546

- ✓ FREE QUOTES
- ✓ Fully insured
- ✓ Police checked
- ✓ OH&S compliant
- ✓ All work guaranteed

RISK FREE

Lawn mowing, gardening, pruning, hedging, rubbish removal, gutter cleaning, weeding, mulching, odd jobs
www.jims-mowing.com.au

PLUMBING

CHUNKS PLUMBING

All types of plumbing
24 HOUR SERVICE Lic # 48411

- Gas • Hot water units
- Sewers, storm water, blockages

A local, reliable business

Daniel Campbell - 0438 520 546
daniel@chunksplumbing.com.au

WINDOW CLEANING

We promise sparkling windows every time!

Discounts apply for Pensioners

PREMIER WINDOW CLEANING

Residential & commercial work
Call Maria 0422 258 948
Email: hansamaria39@gmail.com

MARINE MECHANIC

TOPWATER MARINE
0402 761 692

- Inboard / outboard motor servicing and repairs
- Accessory Installations and electrical work
- Trailer servicing and modifications
- Anchor winches • Boat detailing • Insurance work

www.topwatermarine.com.au | topwatermarine@yahoo.com
64 Dixon street, Inverloch

PLUMBING

Same Day Plumbing Service

Morris Brothers
Lic 43482

Free Quotes - Pensioner Discounts
0403 116 435

SOLAR

islandenergy

SOLAR - BATTERIES - OFF GRID

1300 534 110

ADVERTISING

To advertise in the Business Guide

CONTACT JANE ON 5952 3201
OR EMAIL ADS@PISRA.COM.AU

KEEP IT LOCAL

DIRECTORY

BEAUTY



Mobile Hairdresser
Over 20 years experience
Claire Sunderland 0408 566 620



A Do With A View
Hairdressing Salon
Mens and Ladies Cuts Colours and Styles
Incorporating Vanilla Hair and Beauty Mobile Stylists
By appointment 0477 113 359 6/14 The Esplanade, Cowes

HOME

FURNITURE OUTLET COWES SALE NOW ON

MATTRESSES

ALL SIZES AVAILABLE AT GREAT PRICES
Queen/double/ single/ king single/king size
PLUS Beds / tallboys /bedside chests. Etc. etc.
DELIVERY AND TAKEAWAY AVAILABLE


BEATS PRICES IN MELBOURNE
Furniture Outlet, P/L. 153 Thompson Ave. Cowes.
0402 042 576.



San Remo | 5952 5379 Shop Local
info@printitfast.com.au Support Local
www.printitfast.com.au PRINT LOCAL



PI
Phillip Island Laundromat
Eco Friendly Wash & Dry Self-Service
NEW: Linen Service Available!
pilaundromat@outlook.com
Every Tuesday Local's Day 15% OFF with the CODE: LOCAL15
4/14 The Esplanade, Cowes, 2nd Floor, above M&O Café



155 Thompson Avenue, Cowes 03 5952 1488



COWESBOAT CARAVAN STORAGE
FULLY SECURED - FULL SURVEILLANCE
Ray White Phillip Island, 56-58 Thompson Avenue, Cowes 5952 2799



Empty your containers before recycling
Visit basscoast.vic.gov.au/whichbin to find out more
BASS COAST

SUBSCRIBE ONLINE
www.pisra.com.au
PHILLIP ISLAND & SAN REMO
ADVERTISER



1300 OURCAB (687222)
SouthCoastTaxi

LEISURE



AMAZING THINGS
OPEN 7 DAYS from 10am
1805 Phillip Island Rd, Cowes
Ph: 03 5952 2283
amazethings.com.au
FUN | MAGIC | ADVENTURE



Penguin Parade, Churchill Island & Koala Conservation Reserve
Phillip Island NATURE PARKS
See more & SAVE with a 3 PARKS PASS
BOOK NOW at penguins.org.au




Barb Martin BUSHBANK NATIVE PLANT NURSERY
Choose from an array of native and endemic plants to Phillip Island (Millow).
OPEN 9am-3pm Wed, Thur, Sat & Sun
LOCATION Next to Koala Conservation Reserve, 1810 Phillip Island Rd, Phillip Island
W penguins.org.au/bushbank T 0427 897 448



Cruise the Island
four departing daily
www.wildlifecoastcruises.com.au



Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling & Entertainment Centre
91-97 Settlement Rd, Cowes 5952 3977



The Centre Cowes
Call 1800 247 669
thecentrecowes@hotmail.com
Music. Arts. Dance. Functions. Private Events.

Melaleuca Lodge Secondhand Book Sale
Open 10-12 every Saturday
BILLS BOOK SHED
1 Watchorn Road, COWES (off Settlement Road)
0437 949 029

ACCOMODATION



RANFURLIE BED & BREAKFAST
A cosy retreat that sleeps up to six people.
From \$75 per person per night including a delicious continental breakfast.
Call 0434 174 251 for more info.

FINANCE



YellowBrickRoad
Home Loans

PHILLIP ISLAND BRANCH NOW OPEN

- Home Loans
- Personal Loans
- Refinance
- Investor
- Self Employed
- Commercial Lending
- Private Lending
- SMSF

8 Vista Place Joe Reilly
Cape Woolamai 3925 M 0402 005 933
phillip.island@ybr.com.au T 03 5956 6892

Your local bank for locals
Bendigo Bank
San Remo (03) 5678 5833
Cowes (03) 5952 3383
Grantville (03) 5678 8773



LJ Hooker Home Loans Gippsland
For all your refinancing or home loan needs in Gippsland and surrounds.
Gabriel Caffieri - Franchise Owner | Lending Specialist
gcaffieri@ljhookerhomeloans.com.au | 0421 338 914



moneytalkplanners
mortgages • insurance • super • retirement
69A Chapel Street Cowes
For appointments Tel 5952 1770

FOOD & DRINK



KRISTO'S CHARCOAL ROTISSERIE
Online ordering now available
kristoscowes.com.au | 03 5952 3355
Shop 5 /15-16, The Esplanade, Cowes

"THE BEST HAMBURGERS ON THE ISLAND"
ONE WITH THE LOT ... HEAVEN! CHIPS TOO!
ORDERS 5907 6796
RHYLL GENERAL STORE AND BOTTLE SHOP

AUTOMOTIVE



Service Centre
Phillip Island Tyre Service
101 Settlement Rd, Cowes 5952 1480



PHILLIP ISLAND TYRE SERVICE CENTRE
3 HARVEY DRIVE, COWES
03 59 523 305
PHILLIPISLANDTYRESC.COM.AU
HELLO@PHILLIPISLANDTYRESC.COM.AU

COMPUTER SERVICES



Waterfront Computers
(03) 59523312 | waterfrontcomputers.com.au
fixme@waterfrontcomputers.com.au


MEDICAL

NEWHAVEN MEDICAL CLINIC
Shop 5 8-10 Forrest Ave, Newhaven
Opening hours:
8.30am-5pm Monday-Friday
Call 5926 6910
to make an appointment!



PHILLIP ISLAND DENTAL
YOUR PREMIUM LOCAL DENTIST
(03) 9120 2122

Handley & Anderson
FUNERAL DIRECTORS
Locally owned and operated by
Scott & Sharon Anderson 5672 1074



Bass Coast FUNERAL SERVICES
0448 602 005
www.basscoastfunerals.com.au

REAL ESTATE



FIRST NATIONAL PHILLIP ISLAND
LOCALLY OWNED AND OPERATED
CALL US TODAY FOR A FREE SALES APPRAISAL OR PERMANENT/HOLIDAY RENTAL APPRAISAL.
WWW.PHILLIPISLANDFN.COM.AU 5952 3922



OBrien Judith Wright San Remo (03) 5678 5885 Cowes (03) 5952 5100 Wonthaggi (03) 5672 5558
Your local experts
SPECIALISING IN REAL ESTATE SALES, COMMERCIAL/BUSINESS SALES AND LEASING, RESIDENTIAL ASSET MANAGEMENT, HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION, OWNERS CORPORATION, AND STORAGE
obrejudithwright.com



RayWhite
Selling more properties on Phillip Island than any other agency
5952 2799
raywhitephillipisland.com.au

Stockdale & Leggo PHILLIP ISLAND | SAN REMO
We see more than property.
03 8583 4701 stockdaleleggo.com.au/phillipisland



ALEX SCOTT AND STAFF Est. 1886
113a Thompson Avenue, Cowes
5952 2633 ALEXSCOTT.COM.AU



GARTH LISLE Property Consultants
Shop 3/129 Marine Parade SAN REMO
5678 5878 www.gipc.com.au
WE KNOW REAL ESTATE



CLASSIFIEDS SEEK, BUY AND SELL

DEATHS

REED, Dr. Chris:
Loving husband to Vicki.
Father to Adam, Leeton,
Jenna (dec.), Kelly,
Keegan, and Asha.
Grandfather to Xanthe,
Ava, Kaylee, Blake,
Tommy, Olivia, and Josie.
Will be sadly missed.

FUNERALS

REED:
The Funeral Service for
Dr. Chris Reed will be held at
Handley & Anderson
Chapel, 3085 Loch-
Wonthaggi Road,
Wonthaggi
on THURSDAY
(August 29, 2024)
commencing at 2:00pm.

A Private Cremation
will follow.
Handley & Anderson
FUNERAL DIRECTORS

IN MEMORIAM

CUMMING, Ann:
4th September, 2023
Beloved by Hugh,
30 special years
together.
Sadly missed,
always loved.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

SITUATIONS VACANT



**Experienced
Concreter/Labourer
required.**

Preferred applicant criteria:

- Reliable.
- Enthusiastic.
- Drivers license.
- Experience preferred but not essential.
- Available for work on Phillip island and surrounding suburbs.
- Must be able to work in a fast paced team environment.

**Contact Luke Hinrichs
0402 454 742**

JD04355AA

PUBLIC NOTICES



**NOTICE OF AGM for Island Voice:
Wednesday 25th September at 5pm,
Anzac Room, RSL**

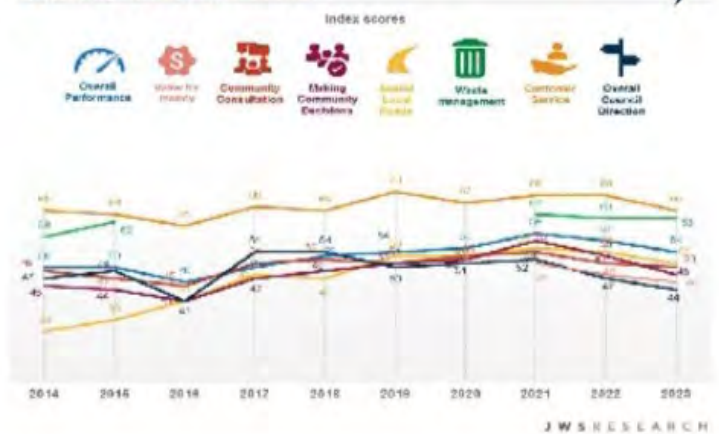
A BRIEF MEETING (5.00-5.30pm) will be followed by Guest Speakers, Dean Hurleston from Council Watch & Heather Wellington, a 16-year councillor who will retire at the end of this term from Surf Coast Shire. Their topic is: -

'WHO or WHAT makes a GOOD Community focused Councillor'.

Come along and learn how we can look at our candidates and make the best choice; someone who can turn the trend (seen in the graph below) around.



Summary of core measures



**We only get one chance every four years, so let's make this
the best opportunity to get the right Representatives.**

PUBLIC NOTICES

**1 in 5
people in
Australia will
experience
depression.**

Find out more at
www.beyondblue.org.au
or call 1300 22 4636.



MSC7939
Initiative of Phillip Island
Masonic Lodge

FOR SALE

**AFL TEAM
COACH
2024
FOOTBALL
CARDS**



Commons 4 for \$1.00

Silvers 50 cents each

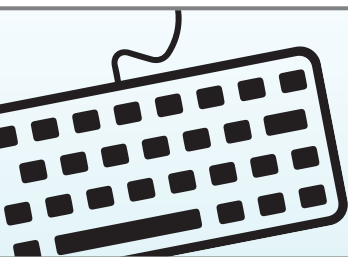
Star Powers 50 cents each

Rookie/Star/Magic Wild Cards from
\$20 each and more cards available.

1000's of swaps - buy bulk and save!

Contact Wayne 0435 959 387

JD04269AA



EMAIL YOUR CLASSIFIEDS TO

ads@pisra.com.au

PHILLIP ISLAND & SAN REMO
ADVERTISER



151 Thompson Ave, Cowes
(03) 5952 2605
theislandmarketplace@gmail.com
Open 7 days a week 10am - 4pm



the island marketplace



**COWES
ISLAND VINTAGE**

217 Settlement Rd, Cowes VIC 3922
Phone: (03) 5952 2432 or 0425 846 258
info.cowesislandvintage@gmail.com
cowesislandvintage.store

JD04099AA

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Tell us your views with a Letter to the Editor (350 word limit). Email to advertiser@pisra.com.au, or submit online at pisra.com.au

**We deserve better**

At the August council meeting, there was a petition on the rezoning of carnival land in Cowes.

Currently the land is zoned farming (FZ). The petition called for council to begin the process to rezone it Public Park and Recreation Zone (PPRZ).

Council officers recommended not rezoning the carnival site. Cr David Rooks moved the motion and Cr Ronnie Bauer seconded the motion. Cr Rooks stated this area had great potential for Phillip Island. He stated the rezoning was not necessary at this moment. Cr Rooks also stated we should not refer to the land as the carnival site. Cr Bauer asked a question of the council officers. At what time should rezoning be done? The reply was as it is a long-term project the time frame of between 11 and 20 years. Cr Bauer voiced his opinion that the Phillip Island community desperately needs some facilities outlined in the recreation master plan now. The matter was then put to a vote and all nine councillors voted to delay the application to rezone.

The history of the carnival site - the land was originally bought by the Phillip Island Shire and earmarked Public Park and Recreation Zone (PPRZ). On the amalgamation of shires in 1995/6 the shire was cash strapped and sold off the land for a song \$240,000. In 2016/17 they arranged to purchase half the block back for approx. \$1.6 million, finally placing a name plate on the land this

year "The Hilton Chadwick Reserve". In 2019 council started the process to compulsorily acquire the remaining land, which concluded in 2022 for the price of \$2.6 million making the land now owned by council worth \$4 million. The shire could have built a dog park plus at least one football oval on the Hilton Chadwick Reserve already rezoned.

Until this total block of land is rezoned Public Park and Recreation Zone (PPRZ) history may be repeated, if council officers recommend selling the land in future, as they seem to call all the shots.

I'm standing for council: We deserve better and together we can do better.

John Trigt, Surf Beach

Vendetta?

The 2024 Urban Road and Drainage Policy (URDI) is an attempt by Bass Coast Shire Council to force ratepayers who live in an estate with gravel roads, to pay for the roadworks, especially if those streets lead to a tourist or beach area. As has often been proved in previous failed special charge schemes, a majority of ratepayers prefer the lifestyle, ambience, lower traffic speeds, flora and wildlife of where they live. Council places great importance on having us believe that environmental issues are central to their aims. Having read the priority ranking score assessment for the URDI, I have some reservations of council claims. Council states if stormwater discharges directly to an ocean, there are minimal environmental issues, one point, even

if rubbish oils and pollutants are discharged. If stormwater discharges through a wetland, even a properly constructed wetland, five points. But if you live in Surf Beach there is a 15-point value, eight per cent of the total priority score. The reason stated is that in Surf Beach, there is a "Risk of downstream sewage overflows into Westernport Bay due to illegal drainage connections". At the August 2024 meeting, council was asked, "why hasn't council previously conducted smoke tests and rectified this situation by implementing council's Stormwater Policy and AS3500.3?" Council's answer: "Smoke testing for illegal drainage connections to the wastewater network is the responsibility of the local water authority." It should be noted Westernport Water has stated they have contingencies in place for this issue. This council statement is utter rubbish. Council has a stormwater policy that shows it is council's responsibility to ensure correct disposal of stormwater, not pass the buck. It appears council has a vendetta against the ratepayers of Surf Beach for thwarting the previous special charge scheme.

Philip Davy, Surf Beach

Whose business is it?

Mr Ross Bencraft and his letter to the editor entitled "Divide and Conquer" (Advertiser, August 21) just shows how much spare time he has on his hands since retirement. Can we all ask what business it is of his that some streets - neighbours (and ratepayers) - have formed

an alliance to have their own road developed under a new Special Charge Scheme? If they wish to go ahead and privately fund the development - and they have a good majority consensus - what business is it other than to themselves?

And his reference to "level of behaviour and aggression demonstrated towards someone with a different opinion" (his). This is a massive case of pot/kettle/black. Mr Bencraft's comments in reply to many posts in the local Facebook groups were extremely rude and quite incendiary. So to reference what he has supposedly experienced from others - may I suggest that you take a good hard look in the mirror Mr Bencraft.

Michelle Jean, Surf Beach

History is important

I agree with Jean Verway's letter on how important the island's history is (Advertiser, August 21). The new Cultural Centre in many ways has been poorly designed despite the millions of dollars spent on it. There is light and space in the construction but to ignore the importance of our Phillip Island history is outrageous. The museum is extremely small and I have heard from many sources that council does not want anything old in it, inside or outside.

The original Cultural Centre had a wonderful busy museum which housed among many historical items, a beautiful long table upon which were important scrap books used for research

purposes by the general public and students. Around the table existed several very expensive wooden chairs. On the wall was the magnificent Honour Board with the names of Phillip Islands Shire councillors and mayors. Where are these items? Are we not to remember these councillors who worked tirelessly for the community for very little or no pay?

Outside this complex was a garden containing a plaque honouring the volunteer ambulance drivers of the early days. What has happened to this plaque? Also, outside was a large sign explaining the total history of the iconic Thompson Avenue Golden Cypress trees dating back to 1912 which were initiated by WE Thompson. The Golden Cypress trees are photographed frequently by interstate and overseas visitors who regard the canopy of trees as beautiful and iconic. Why is it that board not outside Berninnet?

What has happened to the time capsules planted containing the history of the island's past?

Where is David Fincher's hand carved superb wooden seat, carefully crafted by him for the Town Square established in 2012? Where too is John Adam's magnificent mural showing the history and development of Phillip Island? Last we heard it was in Sale, with no home to go to.

We need to view all these historic objects and works of art, that have helped shape Phillip Island.

Bass Coast Shire Council needs to bring the past history into the present for the future, inside and outside Berninnet.

S Chadwick, Cowes

Dramatic development

No doubt Bass Coast Shire Council has positively contributed and helped establish many new projects for which we are grateful, but the island has changed dramatically.

Ad hoc housing, new housing developments are spread from San Remo to many parts of our Island. We do not have the infrastructure or the on-the-ground workforce to cope with all this growth and development. The island is very small in area, 100 kilometres squared - about 40 square miles, and we are losing the 'natural' environment that attracts people here. In the majority with submissions and letters to Bass Coast Shire Council - all people are attracted here for the beautiful beaches (90 Km's of coast), fresh air, flora and fauna, which the island is famous for. The Nature Parks covers many environmental and tourism attractions and is world renown. But now too much traffic, so many people. We cannot cope with a population of 25,000 to 50,000 living on the Island. Bass Coast Shire Council's agenda would be good if planned so the residents have the facilities they need, their problems solved and tourism limited to the number of population that the island can cope with. Traffic will always be a problem.

S Chadwick, Cowes

Get ready for council elections

ELECTION

If you're concerned about the direction of Bass Coast Shire Council, why not come and meet the potential future councillors? Island Voice is holding a Meet the Candidates night on Tuesday, September 17 at the Phillip Island RSL, starting at 5pm.

Everyone is welcome.

The meeting will include a chance for candidates to state their platform and for ratepayers to meet them face to face and ask questions.

AGM

The following week Island Voice is holding its AGM, September 25 at 5pm, at the Phillip Island RSL - Anzac Room.

A brief half hour meeting will be followed by a session titled: Who or What makes a good community-focused councillor?

Guest speakers are Dean Hurlston, Council Watch and Heather Wellington, a councillor for 16 years from Surf Coast Shire.

The session aims to help voters decide who is the best candidate to represent them in the upcoming council election.

The 2024 Victorian local council elections will be a postal vote, with ballot packs mailed out from October 7. Election details at: www.vec.vic.gov.au/voting/2024-local-council-elections/bass-coast-shire-council

Councillor nominations open soon

COUNCIL ELECTION

The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) has reminded candidates wanting to stand in the upcoming Bass Coast Shire Council election, that nominations open on September 9.

The VEC has urged candidates to use the new Candidate Helper to get their submissions ready.

Electoral Commissioner Sven Bluemmel reminded candidates that there are several important steps they must complete before nominating.

"If you want to represent your local community, make sure to confirm your eligibility and complete the mandatory online candidate training through Local Government Victoria before lodging your nomination," Mr Bluemmel said.

"This rule applies to all candidates, including those who are currently or have previously been a councillor."



The Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) has reminded potential candidates in the upcoming Bass Coast Shire Council election, that nominations open on September 9.

The VEC's online Candidate Helper at vec.vic.gov.au/council-candidate allows candidates to pre-fill their nomination forms before submitting them at their nomination appointment.

Candidates can also watch a series of videos on key topics such as the nomination process, including the rules and procedures that apply.

More information is available online at vec.vic.gov.au.

The Candidate Handbook is also available on the VEC website.

Prospective candidates are also encouraged to attend the candidate information sessions being held in each electorate before the opening of nominations.

Prospective candidates must make an appointment to submit their nomination forms and pay the \$250 fee in person during business hours.

Candidates must call the Candidate Helpline 03 8620 1316 between now and Monday September 9. From September 9 candidates can call 131 832 and they will be directed through to the relevant election office.

Nominations close at 12 noon on Tuesday September 17. Late nominations will not be accepted.

More information on nominating is available at vec.vic.gov.au

Melbourne Stars visit OLSS

CRICKET

Our Lady Star of the Sea (OLSS) level three to six students were excited to be part of the Melbourne Stars' "Road Trip of Regional Victoria" initiative recently.

Melbourne Stars' general manager Blair Crouch introduced young guns Olivia Henry and Reiley Mark to the students.

He described how at only 20 years of age Olivia is already a top order batswoman and Reiley, a spin bowler, recently played his first game in Darwin which resulted in a notable 3/21 (4). The morning was divided into skills training and a Q&A session.

Students were put through their paces developing batting and fielding skills, as well as teamwork and sportsmanship.

The Phillip Island Cricket Club has several players attending OLSS and the Sharks would have been proud as pre-season looked to be in full swing.



Our Lady Star of the Sea students and Phillip Island Sharks players recently took part in the Melbourne Stars' "Road Trip of Regional Victoria"

The students then headed inside for a chat with Olivia and Reiley.

Blair was extremely impressed with the depth of questions the students asked.

Students pondered career pathways and the mental resilience required to bowl to Australia's best.

Olivia noted that mental wellbeing is extremely important in any sport,

particularly cricket.

Meanwhile Reilly described how training hard and ensuring that he does not dwell on failures but focus on future successes keeps his love of the game alive. Finally, both Stars players provided the OLSS students with sound advice.

"Believe in yourself, be resilient, set a goal, make a plan and stick to it."



Congratulations to Our Lady Star of the Sea who have become the first mixed soccer team to make it through to regional level competition.

Stellar results from OLSS

SOCCER

Students from Our Lady Star of the Sea (OLSS) have made school history by becoming the first mixed soccer team to make it through to regional level competition. After winning both the local district and division competitions, students showed great determination, practicing each day to prepare themselves for the highest level of interschool soccer the school had ever participated in.

The regional soccer tournament was held in Sale with Gippsland's highest qualifying school teams all competing for a

place in the state final.

Captains Edie and Sebastian proudly led their teams onto the field winning their first game against Gippsland Grammar 7-1. The second game was incredibly close with OLSS marginally defeated by St Paul's Warragul 0-1.

The team showed great teamwork and resilience in their final game against St Gabriel's Primary School resulting in a 0-0 draw to conclude their competition for the day.

Our Lady Star of the Sea finished in third place. A magnificent achievement and a result to be incredibly proud of.



Level 7 team (from left): Rori, Willow, Amillia and Saoirse.

Second competition of season for Gymstar

GYMNASTICS

The Phillip Island YMCA Level 6 and 7 Gymstar teams had a much tougher second round of competition at Cheltenham Youth Club last weekend.

This highly anticipated competition was favoured by many clubs across the state, with a long waiting list of teams wishing to participate.

Gymnasts showed great courage, resilience and determination as they walked into the elite level gymnastics facility - vastly different to the tiny set up they are used to training in.

In the Level 7 Halos category, the island's team of four gymnasts performed with high levels of execution and difficulty. They were rewarded with first place in the team competition, along with first (Amillia) and fourth place (Saoirse) individual overall.

All members of the team achieved podium success on different apparatus.

In the Level 6 Halos competition, a team of five gymnasts came in an amazing second place, with Lacey placing fourth in the individual overall competition.



On the podium: Mia, Lacey, Frankie, Sommer and Kailey.

Once again, all members of the team were successful in securing awards on different apparatus with rings and floor being their strongest performances.

Strong results in OBrien 500

BOWLS

With only one week to go in the OBrien 500 competition at the Phillip Island Bowling Club, the leaderboard is tight with several bowlers in contention for the grand prize.

Saturday, August 24 results.

Third: Steve Clark and Ray Janssen.

Runners up: Wayne Barr and Michael Hack.

Congratulations to winners: Ann Allen and Terry Dawes.



Congratulations to last Saturday's winners, Ann Allen and Terry Dawes.

Competitive scores for social bowls

BOWLS

The Phillip Island Bowling Club hosted their regular hit out of social bowls on August 22. Players took to the top rink for an afternoon of competitive bowling and high scoring games.

Runners up: Rod Carey, Graeme Terlich, Tony Stewart and Steve Clarke.

Congratulations to winners: Glenda Grazules, Ash Alibone and Lindsay Meredith.



Congratulations to winners (from left): Lindsay Meredith, Glenda Grazules and Ash Alibone.

Gippsland Soccer League results and fixtures
at pisra.com.au/sport

PHILLIP ISLAND MARINE

BOAT SERVICING!! FREE PICK UP AND DELIVERY

Phillip Island and San Remo areas

Call 0359 569238 NOW to book in

HUGE STACER STOCK RUNOUT



HUGE SAVINGS on all Stacer / Mercury Packages

Runabouts, BowRiders, Tinnies and more IN STOCK NOW!

14 BEACH RD, RHYLL PHILLIP ISLAND



Congratulations to our LDNA little rippers for making it into the Grand Finals next week. More photos at pisra.com.au/sport

U13 Red make it to the LDNA Grand Final!

NETBALL

The sun was shining brightly in Leongatha on Saturday for the Island Red's in the LDNA preliminary final against Inverloch-Kongwak Red. The girls admitted to a few nerves before they took the court, but that only motivated them more as they started out strong from the first centre. With the ever-steady defence and attack line ups the team had perfected, the Island Red's went goal for goal with Inverloch-

Kongwak in the first quarter keeping the score tied as they went to the break. Then came the second and the Red's didn't hold back. With strong intercepts and great communication and encouragement of each other across the court, the ball continued to find the net, as the Island Red girls kept the score climbing. Half time saw them out in front 16-9. A quick encouraging chat over oranges with coach Trish at the break and the Island Red

girls went back on with passion and fire for the last half. Stellar intercepts and powerful passes by the defence, the turn overs saw Island Red's attack deliver time and time again with understanding conviction. As the final siren rang Phillip Island Under 13 Red had achieved what they had set out to do, secure the win and their spot in the LDNA Grand Final next weekend. Let's bring it home Reds. Phillip Island Red: 26 def IK Red: 10.



U17 netballers played an amazing game to victory against Inverloch on Saturday.

Island netballers tough it out to secure semi-finals spot

NETBALL

B Grade
Despite being underdogs and playing on Inverloch's home turf, the Phillip Island B Grade netballers showed remarkable determination.

The girls came out strong and maintained their intensity throughout the match.

It was a true team effort, with every player contributing, ending in a thrilling win over Inverloch to keep their finals dream alive.

The team is excited to head into the semi-final next Sunday, September 1, to give it another crack.

Phillip Island: 51 def Inverloch-Kongwak: 36

U17

Korumburra started strong, winning the first quarter and up by three goals.

Maya in centre delivered and Sophia and Isla strong in defence, with Jazzy playing body on against her opponent.

In the second quarter, the Island kept themselves in the game.

Tilly remained composed with the ball in attack, and Ellie came on the court and gave Maya a break in centre.

Jasira entered the game and worked hard in repelling Korumburra's attacks.

At half time Korumburra were still leading and up by four

goals. After the break the Island returned fiercely, with their signature attack.

Abby working well in the mid court, and Meika and Matilda hitting their mark on the scoreboard.

The defence stepped it up a notch, with Ruby turning her leaps into turn overs, and at three quarter time Phillip Island gained the lead by two goals.

The Island brought it home in the final quarter, gaining steady momentum throughout and ran away with the victory.

What an amazing game, the team never gave up and left nothing on the court.

Phillip Island 39 def Inverloch: 33

Under 11

In the Under 11 elimination final against Koo Wee Rup at Inverloch, the girls showcased impressive teamwork and determination, securing an 11-point victory.

With strong performances from every player, they not only had a blast but also earned a spot in the semi-finals.

The girls face Cora Lynn on Sunday at their home ground.

Let's rally behind our young stars and show them our support.

Phillip Island: 24 def Koo Wee Rup: 13.

More photos at pisra.com.au/sport

Bass Coast Thunder's purple reign

NETBALL

On August 24 the Bass Coast Thunder Netball team (BCTNC) competed in the Leongatha District Netball Associations U15s semi-final match against top of the table Leongatha Town.

The sun was shining on Saturday afternoon as the Thunder, comprising of nine girls from the Bass Coast area, fought back against rigid winds and a determined Leongatha side to chip away at a first quarter deficit of seven-goals-down to tie the opposition in regulation and then claim victory in extra time by a measure of two goals.

It was a team effort with three different players scoring 37 goals for the Thunder to Leongatha's 35 with solid defence and passing all round.

The skill and work ethic of these young players was on full display and uplifted by their accomplished Coach Barb Lumby.

Regardless of the result of next Saturday's Grand Final, the Thunder is ecstatic with the incredible results of their inaugural season thus far.

Win or lose, this season has been an enormous success due



The Bass Coast Thunder Netball Team have had a stellar inaugural premiership season. This weekend, they face off against Mt Eccles in the Grand Finals.

in no small part to their team manager Kimberley Stephens and the incredible efforts by all the players parents who have willingly volunteered their time to support the growth of BCTNC.

The Thunder's maiden premiership campaign will come to its finale this Saturday with the club facing a fierce Mt Eccles in the Grand Final at the Leongatha netball courts from 11am.

The Bass Coast Thunder would like to thank their generous sponsors: On The Go RV Accessories, Endeavour Energy Fuels, San Remo Fisherman's Co-Op and Gutter-Vac.

Last weekend's players: Keely Stephens, Macey Stubbs, Mia Caile, Pepper Burke, Rose Iverach, Scarlet Jongejan, Scarlette Hill, Tahlia Jessup and Chelsea Stephens as interchange, with Ghani Lenne being absent on the day.

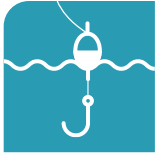


Meika White shot beautifully in the U17s match, helping her team to victory. More photos at pisra.com.au/sport



U17s netballers won in a thriller against Inverloch, securing their place in Sunday's semi-finals. Maya Huther in action.

For golf results, visit pisra.com.au/sport



AROUND THE BAY

WITH JIM'S BAIT AND TACKLE

FISHING

It feels like only a week ago we picked up the keys to our new business, Jim's Bait and Tackle, and started to build on what had been started a dozen years before by the original owner Jim.

The reality is, the shop is heading into its 19th year, we are in a much bigger premises, carrying over twice the stock we used to, and having built a relationship with almost every company that sells tackle along with a customer base across all aspects of fishing.

There have been challenges along the way – none the least Covid, which sadly saw several businesses of this type close.

Over the past 18 years the shop has built a large, loyal customer base along with a loyalty program offering special discounts and pricing.

The shop is regularly receiving new deliveries of stock, along with increasing the range

of products available.

Report

"I have caught more calamari in the last two weeks than I had caught throughout the entirety of last year's season."

That is a statement the shop has been told several times this year. Good weather has prompted people to get out and chase calamari from both land and boats. Both baited and artificial jigs (red and pink) have proved to work well.

Let the tide be your friend and cast up the current, allowing the jig to sink as it moves past, give it a small flick and let it sink again.

Don't forget to have a second rod ready to cast behind – as calamari often operate in pairs.

Snapper reports have also begun, with the odd report between Gardners Channel and Elizabeth Island.

Majority of reports have come from high up within the

bay toward the fingers typically ranging between 4kg – 4.5kg.

Additionally, gummies, salmon and draughtboards have been reported near the water's entrances.

Whiting reports however, have proved slow but fisherman have seemingly changed their focus this season, moving away from whiting.

TIDAL Festival

The TIDAL Seafood Festival is coming up, running across three days, September 20 – 22.

The event will begin with a Friday night seafood cocktail dinner on the foreshore, followed by a Saturday and Sunday of family activities.

Further information and tickets can be found at tidalseafood-fest.com.au

The event is supported by over 40 volunteers from the local community and a share of the profits is donated to local emergency services, the SES and the CFA.



Congratulations to last week's winners (from left): Gary Johnson, Dave Saric and Curtis Fanning.

Final competition of season

BOWLS

The Phillip Island Bowling Club's winter triples competition has come to an end after another successful season. Despite the rain, it did not stop the club's bowlers from competing in the final round

of the season on August 20.

Best last game: Chris Fricke, Wayne Barr and Alan Beddows.

Runners up: Barry Grazules, Michael Frost and Ash Alibone.

Congratulations to winners: Dave Saric, Gary Johnson and Curtis Fanning.



Phillip Island to host the Victorian contest in the 2024/25 Australian Boardriders Battle on October 6. Joe Van Dijk in action during last year's competition.

Boardriders island event confirmed for 2025

SURFING

Phillip Island will host the Victorian contest in the 2024/25 Australian Boardriders Battle on October 6.

The 12th season of the event kicks off on September 14 at Trigg Beach in Western Australia.

The event then moves to Coffs Harbour (September 28) before arriving on the island.

Other events will be held in Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania and New South Wales with the Grand Final scheduled for Burleigh Heads in March 2025.

In what is the biggest club

surfing series in the world, the Hyundai ABB pits the best boardrider clubs from each state against one another in an epic nine-leg surfing battle that culminates in a world-renowned Grand Final where Australia's best boardrider club is decided.

2024/25 Hyundai Australian Boardriders Battle Series 12:

- Event 1 – September 14, Trigg Beach, WA
- Event 2 – September 28, Coffs Harbour, NSW
- Event 3 – 6th October 6, Phillip Island, VIC
- Event 4 – October 12, Sunshine Coast, QLD
- Event 5 – October 19, Fleurieu Peninsula, SA
- Event 6 – October 26, Clifton Beach, TAS
- Event 7 – November 2, Wollongong, NSW
- Event 8 – November 9, North Narrabeen, NSW
- Grand Final – March 8 and 9, Burleigh Heads, QLD (entry by qualification)

There are more than 230 boardriders clubs across the country, where members gather regularly to organise grassroots competitions.

Phillip Island Boardriders Club is the oldest continuously running boardriders club in the country.

BOWLS

August 22 proved another great winter's day for 47 bowlers who headed out to San Remo for their regular midweek competition.

Players were welcomed by Pauline and John whilst Tony arranged teams.

The club would like to thank Mark for his work behind the bar, along with Robyn in the kitchen.

Congratulations to last week's winners: Wayne Stevens

(3), Shirley Corcoran (L), Sue Stansfield (S) and Neil Andreatta (2).

Runners up: Pauline McWilliams (2), Margaret McConville (L), Michael Saunders (3) and John Nicholson (S).

Best one game winners: Ken Harding (S), Raff Merante (3), Colin Scales (L) and Chris Sharpe (2).

This week the club will be meeting at Loch Bowls Club. Arrive on site by 10am to allow time for team arrangements.

Drama in finals showdown

DARTS

The Phillip Island and Districts Darts League witnessed an electrifying start to its finals series recently, with eight teams battling for supremacy at the local darts centre.

The atmosphere was charged with excitement as players and spectators alike gathered for what promised to be an unforgettable evening of precision and skill.

In the A-final, The Vikings lived up to their fearsome reputation, delivering a crushing 5-2 defeat to Storm.

This dominant performance secures The Vikings a coveted spot in the Grand Final, leaving their opponents to regroup for the upcoming semi-finals.

The night's most nail-biting encounter saw That's All clinch a narrow 4-3 victory over the Breakers.

In a thrilling turn of events, That's All snatched victory from the jaws of defeat by winning the final two doubles matches, showcasing nerves of steel under pressure.

They now advance to face Storm in what promises to be a fiercely contested Semi-Final.

The race for the coveted gumboot final saw Riverboys assert their dominance with a resounding 6-1 triumph over the Jagers.

Meanwhile, Joe's Hornets buzzed past the Dart Vaders with a comfortable 5-2 win.

The Jagers and Hornets will now face off in a do-or-die match for a chance at gumboot glory.

Treasurer Meredith, described as the heart and soul of the club, was celebrated for her tireless efforts in running the weekly raffle.

Her dedication was rewarded with a win in the San Remo Butchers meat tray raffle, a moment that brought smiles to all in attendance.

As the dust settles on this thrilling opening round, anticipation is already building for next week's semi-finals.

Four teams remain in contention for the A-Grade Grand Final, while the gumboot Grand Final spot is still up for grabs.

League organizers encourage all members, even those not competing, to come and support their fellow darts enthusiasts, promising the usual mix of raffles and music to complement the on-ocche action.

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

TIDE GUIDE

	WED 28 AUG	THU 29 AUG	FRI 30 AUG	SAT 31 AUG	SUN 1 SEP	MON 2 SEP	TUE 3 SEP
LOW	12:15 am 0.30 m	LOW 12:58 am 0.41 m	LOW 1:43 am 0.54 m	LOW 2:34 am 0.69 m	LOW 3:38 am 0.82 m	LOW 4:53 am 0.90 m	HIGH 12:02 am 2.32 m
HIGH	7:23 am 2.94 m	HIGH 8:12 am 2.81 m	HIGH 9:02 am 2.68 m	HIGH 10:00 am 2.58 m	HIGH 11:05 am 2.54 m	HIGH 12:13 pm 2.56 m	LOW 6:06 am 0.90 m
LOW	12:43 pm 1.06 m	LOW 1:27 pm 1.19 m	LOW 2:16 pm 1.31 m	LOW 3:16 pm 1.40 m	LOW 4:31 pm 1.43 m	LOW 5:51 pm 1.36 m	HIGH 1:13 pm 2.63 m
HIGH	6:48 pm 2.76 m	HIGH 7:30 pm 2.63 m	HIGH 8:19 pm 2.50 m	HIGH 9:22 pm 2.37 m	HIGH 10:40 pm 2.30 m		LOW 6:58 pm 1.22 m

All material is supplied in good faith and is believed to be correct. No responsibility or liability for errors or omissions is accepted.



PHILLIP ISLAND MARINE

NEW & USED BOAT SALES

14 Beach Road, Rhyll
OPEN 7 DAYS

PH: 5956 9238

www.phillipislandmarine.com.au



Jacob Patullo controls the game in the Reserves match against Cora-Lynn. More photos at pisra.com.au/sport

Reserves triumph over Cobras with explosive third quarter blitz

FOOTBALL

In a game that had the Phillip Island faithful on the edge of their seats, the Reserves team staged an unforgettable third-quarter blitz to defeat the Cora Lynn Cobras in what can only be described as a football masterclass.

The final score of 81 to 34 was a testament to Phillip Island's dominance, especially during a spectacular third quarter that saw them leave the Cobras in the dust.

The match started with both teams testing each other's defences, but it was Phillip Island who struck first, finishing the opening quarter with a slight edge, 21 to 13.

The Cobras, determined not to be outdone, fought back in the second quarter, managing to keep the scores close with only three points separating the sides at halftime.

But as the teams returned to the field for the third quarter, something clicked for Phillip Island Bulldogs.

What followed was nothing short of a football clinic, as the Reserves delivered an offensive onslaught that Cora Lynn simply couldn't handle.

The Islanders piled on an incredible six goals in the third quarter, stretching their lead from just three points to a commanding 40 points by the quarter's end.

Leading the charge was



Nick Anderson giving everything to help get the Reserves into the next stage of finals.

Nick Anderson, who was in unstoppable form, adding five goals to his tally and proving to be a constant thorn in Cora Lynn's side.

Anderson's precision in front of goal and ability to find space where none seemed to exist were crucial to Phillip Island's surge.

Not to be outdone, Brady Ross also put on a stellar performance, matching Anderson's goal count with five of his own.

Ross' relentless pressure and sharp shooting kept the Cobras' defenders scrambling, and his efforts were rewarded as he helped to widen

the gap between the teams.

In the midfield, Thomas Macrokanis was a standout, delivering a best-on-ground performance that saw him dominate the clearances and provide countless scoring opportunities for his forwards.

Macrokanis' work rate and decision-making under pressure were instrumental in Phillip Island's third-quarter blitz, and his efforts didn't go unnoticed by the cheering crowd.

Jack Keating and Brayden Kleverkamp also contributed to the scoreboard, each adding a goal and playing pivotal roles in maintaining the Is-

landers' momentum.

Kleverkamp's presence around the ground and Keating's ability to link up play were key factors in keeping Cora Lynn scoreless in the third quarter.

Defensively, Connor Thompson was a rock at the back, shutting down Cora Lynn's forward thrusts and ensuring the Cobras had no easy path to goal.

Thompson's efforts, combined with a disciplined defensive unit, kept Cora Lynn to just four goals by the final siren, highlighting Phillip Island's complete dominance across the field.

With this win, Phillip Island's Reserves now move onto the semi-final next Sunday against Inverloch-Kongwak at Bass Recreation Reserve.

Scores: Phillip Island: 3.3.21, 4.6.30, 10.7.67, 12.9.81
Cora Lynn: 2.1.13, 4.3.27, 4.3.27, 5.4.34

Goals: Phillip Island: Nick Anderson, Brady Ross – 5, Jack Keating, Brayden Kleverkamp – 1. Cora Lynn: Matthew Ferguson – 2, Josh Arena, Luke Foreman, Corey Smerdon – 1
Best Players: Phillip Island: Thomas Macrokanis, Nick Anderson, Brady Ross, Connor Thompson, Brayden Kleverkamp, Jack Keating
Cora Lynn: Dylan Ross, Corey Brook, Jake Boccari, Josh Arena, Sam Black.

ALEX SCOTT AND STAFF

4 PEAR TREE LANE, RHYLL



- Located in a private cul-de-sac, water views
 - 831m² (approx.) allotment with landscaped gardens
 - 4 bedrooms/ 2 living/ 2 bathrooms plus powder room / 2 car garage
- \$949,000**

23 KEAM CRESCENT, SAN REMO



- Easy walking distance from the beach, cafes & shops
 - Private courtyard, additional parking
 - 3 bedrooms/2 bathroom/single garage
- \$710,000**

8 KEMBLA ROAD, COWES



- Double storey home situated in Whitesands Estate opposite reserve
 - Upstairs open plan living leading to undercover deck
 - 4 bedrooms/2 bathrooms/2 cars
- \$895,000**

PERMANENT RENTALS URGENTLY NEEDED NOW!

CALL US TODAY FOR A FREE RENTAL APPRAISAL.

113a Thompson Ave, Cowes
www.alexscott.com.au

5952 2633

HOME DELIVERY
Call your local newsagency

ISSN 2200-100X



9 1772200 100002

PHILLIP ISLAND & SAN REMO

ADVERTISER