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Tyler Drager and Finn Munro burst through the rainbow water slide at the San Remo Primary School Colour Run, which raised over \$15,000 for a new playground. Photo: Regina Magner, Magner Media. More details and photos on page 28.

Millions lost on local pokies

GAMBLING

In the last financial year, over \$19 million dollars was lost in poker machines across Bass Coast Shire.

Of that, \$6.7 million was lost at the Phillip Island RSL.

With 58 licenced gaming machines, the club has the dubious honour of the highest player loss per machine of any venue in the shire (approximately \$115,500 per machine).

The RSL recorded the highest loss in the shire, equal to the Wonthaggi Club, which has 68 machines, and an annual loss per machine of \$98,500.

To receive gambling tax concessions, clubs are required to

spend at least 8.33 per cent of the proceeds of gambling on community purposes, known as the Community Benefits Scheme.

Figures from the Victorian Gambling and Casino Control Commission show that in the past few years, despite Phillip Island RSL claiming a community benefit of between 35 and 42 per cent of its poker machine revenue, the bulk of the revenue is being allocated to operational costs.

Phillip Island is one of many (but not all) clubs in Victoria that claim operating costs as part of their community benefit. This is legal under the scheme, but is strongly criticised by anti-gambling crusaders like Tim Costello.

In a recent interview with The Guardian Australia, CEO of Wesley Mission, Stu Cameron echoed the sentiments, saying the scheme had never worked.

"It was a cynical attempt by the clubs gambling industry to create the perception they were giving something back to the community, but it was all smoke and mirrors," Cameron says.

Figures released by the VGCCC earlier this year showed while RSLs in Victoria made more than \$163 million from gambling in the previous financial year, just \$8.4 million was given back to the community through donations, gifts and sponsorship.

The venues were also criti-

cised for claiming a community benefit for programs (such as meal subsidies) that encouraged people back into the venue and to the poker machines.

In recent months, a group of 18 Victorian councils called for the state government to overhaul the tax minimisation scheme for poker machine venues, joining the Alliance for Gambling Reform to campaign for legislative changes to reduce gambling harm.

In October, every Victorian council supported a motion requesting the government review the scheme, so that revenue raised from poker machines was invested back into the community.

A Victorian Parliamentary

enquiry released last week has asked the government to review the "purpose of the community benefits arrangements and what percentage of gaming revenue is being redirected into the community, as opposed to being spent on operational expenses".

It has also recommended the government consider replacing the existing community benefits arrangements with a "publicly managed fund targeted towards reducing and preventing gambling harm".

Local impact

While calls for change are growing louder at a state level, in Bass

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Block permit approved

REALITY TV

Bass Coast Shire planners have approved the planning permit for Channel 9's *The Block* in record time.

The permit was lodged on October 17 and approved on November 27, which is just under half the required 60 statutory planning days, and considerably less than some other delayed permits.

The rapid response was noted by some wags on social media, with Matthew remarking he wanted a veggie garden on his nature strip and it "took longer for the council to turn up and have a look than this mob's permit".

The permit is for the \$3.3 million construction of five dwellings and removal of vegetation on the property at 113-119 Justice Road, which has a vegetation protection overlay.

As previously reported a shire planning spokesperson told the Advertiser in 2010 the property was the subject of a development plan overlay (DPO), which sits above the planning permit.

They said a DPO meant the permit was exempt from public advertising, with about 25 DPOs applying to land

across Bass Coast including the proposed Grantville supermarket and the Seagrove Estate in Cowes.

Shire mayor Clare Le Serve said they were "proud" to have been chosen by the producers.

"We are looking forward to hosting *The Block* and showcasing the desirability of Bass Coast to live in, holiday and do business," she said.

"It's also great news for local businesses providing materials, local workers looking for work and food and accommodation providers who will look after the large production crew that work on the show for many months."

Reaction

While residents have questioned whether local trades would be used, according to *The Block* builders are typically not able to work on consecutive seasons and the show's producers say they "love giving local trades a leg up".

Contestants must hire their own trades, the only time trades are brought in by someone else is when a sponsor is involved.

Channel 9 confirmed the 20th season



Work on *The Block* has begun. A shire planning spokeswoman told the Advertiser in 2010 the property was the subject of a development plan overlay, which meant the permit was exempt from public advertising.

of the reality TV show in 2024 would be on Phillip Island.

The property is home to the former Island Cove Villas, which could accommodate 56 guests on 2.5 acres with a pool, tennis court, and barbecue pavilion.

Island Cove Villas – bought by the previous owners in 2017 for more than \$2 million – was on the market this year for \$9.5 million. *The Block* producers recently abandoned the show's production

at Daylesford after locals looked to take the planning application to VCAT.

Locals have hotly debated the benefits and disadvantages of having the TV show filmed on the island, with many last week declaring "meh: who cares?".

Fan Amanda, though, last week said she "can't wait".

"Someone should start up a Phillip Island *The Block* Group so those of us that are keen don't annoy everyone else."

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

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POLICE BRIEFS

Police presence
 Local police reported a quiet weekend on Phillip Island and across Bass Coast. Extra police have been rostered on to deal with the Schoolies celebrations and upcoming holidays. Police believe an increased visible presence in the area contributed to the good behaviour.

Schoolies
 Police said behaviour of schoolies over the second week of the end of school celebrations has been good. Estimated numbers were around 500 and there were no major issues reported. Senior Sergeant Brent Muir said it was "business as usual from a policing perspective".

Number plates
 Two number plates were stolen from a black Hyundai parked outside a house in Barramundi Avenue, Smiths Beach, between 5pm on November 29 and 7.30am on November 30.

Helicopter
 A police helicopter was deployed across Cape

Woolamai on Monday night, assisting in a search for a missing person. An elderly male with dementia had wandered off a walking track in bushland and was safely located.

Graffiti
 A man is back in police custody after graffitiing a building in Cowes. The 37-year-old was previously arrested and charged with eight counts of criminal damage and other offences, including displaying a Nazi symbol.

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Change for Sam launches family violence safety alarms

FUNDRAISER

The Phillip Island group formed following the death of Sam Fraser has partnered with one of Australia's biggest charities to roll out free personal security alarms to family violence victims and survivors.

And an online fundraising campaign has been launched with a goal of raising \$10,000 to create a loan library of the 24/7 security monitored alarms.

The alarm plan comes after convicted murderer Adrian Basham was earlier this year given a life sentence, with 30 years non-parole, for staging the suicide of the mother of their three children, Sam Fraser, at her Cowes garage on July 23, 2018.

Change for Sam – which works to prevent deaths from family violence – has used funds so far raised by the community to purchase the personal alarms, but plans to buy more through a GoFundMe campaign.

Change for Sam director and Sam's friend Lija Matthews said they would be working with The Salvation Army, who will hand out the alarms to family violence victim/survivors.

"We have put together a loan library of alarms and have partnered with The Salvation Army who will be distributing the alarms to their clients," Lija said, adding areas serviced included Bass Coast, the LaTrobe Valley, and Mornington Peninsula.

"We are able to fund these

alarms through all our generous donations to date, but we dream of more donations to add to the library and make a bigger difference.

"If Sam had owned one of these, things may have been different."

The alarms are similar to personal medical alarms: a small pendant that can be clipped on to a bag or worn around the neck.

When pressed an alert is sent to a security company who can then hear and record what is occurring and can notify emergency services.

"The person who presses the button only receives a vibration to know it has worked," Lija said.

"Anything that is taped can be used as admissible evidence."

She added that once used, the information on each alarm could be wiped and then re-used and re-monitored for the next person.

"The fear and anxiety of being alone and vulnerable is excruciating and by providing these alarms we hope to reduce anxiety and fear by knowing help is available 24/7 at the touch of a button.

"Leaving a toxic relationship is extremely traumatic and difficult and we hope by having access to free alarms victim survivors will feel a little safer and have an added layer of security on their healing process.

"Family violence is rife and we need to make a tangible difference to those in need."



Channel 9's journalist and camera man filming Lija Matthews following the launch of the GoFundMe campaign.

Change

Lija, who gave evidence at the Basham Supreme Court trial, said the team had been working behind the scenes during the trial to make positive change, including linking organisations to stop the disconnection in services.

"We want there to be one place people can get information, so they know where to go and get answers to questions," she said.

"We want to make sure anyone who needs help doesn't feel alone, their voice is being heard

and they know where to find help."

Lija said she has struggled each day Sam has gone.

"I miss my friend Sam beyond belief and Change for Sam is so dedicated to making a difference to try and avoid this type of tragedy happening again.

"She is one of the statistics and there's got to be something positive to come out of this."

About 60 per cent of adult female victims of homicide in Australia are killed by their current or former intimate partner, according to the Australian Institute of Criminology's

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Details: www.changeforsam.com.au/

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Change For Sam alarm fundraiser

FAMILY VIOLENCE

Paul Bruders was the Victoria Police Bass Coast commander at the time of Sam Fraser's death. Now retired, Paul is a board director of the charity that bears her name, Change for Sam.

"It's something that happened that should not have happened," Paul said of Ms Fraser's murder by her estranged husband Adrian Basham in 2018.

"I now want to make sure I do what I can to stop family violence."

Paul said the safety alarm (see separate story) was discreet and would have given Ms Fraser an opportunity to contact police.

"Police respond to these types of duress alarm notifications from the monitoring companies as a priority job."

Change for Sam director Lija Matthews said she wished Sam had had an alarm.

"She had two mobile phones with her but was not able to get to them. If she had this, she could have pressed it and the relevant authorities would be notified," Lija said.

"At least we would have known that Adrian Basham was there and what he was saying.

"The morning after Sam died I thought why did this happen? There's no reason for her death so how can we turn this into a positive. Sam wanted to make changes in the family violence area and so I hope she'd be proud."

Change for Sam is hoping to raise \$10,000 through an online fundraising GoFundMe campaign to create a loan library of the 24/7 security monitored alarms.

To donate to the fundraiser go to www.gofundme.com/ and search for Change for Sam



Former Bass Coast police inspector Paul Bruders holding one of the 24/7 personal security monitored alarms.

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CFA champions honoured

COMMUNITY

Murray Johnston has just two words to sum up his 45 years of service to the CFA.

"I survived," says Murray, who served for a chunk of that time in Beaconsfield before moving to Phillip Island about a decade ago.

"There are lots of memories: watching houses burn down in Ash Wednesday and feeling powerless to do anything about it because the fire was so intense.

"There have also been funny things: rescuing a pet parrot up a tree or a dog fallen down a giant hole."

Murray was recently awarded a 45-year life medal in the Phillip Island Fire Brigade's annual award celebrations at the Cowes Yacht Club, which saw the 57 members come together to celebrate a year that has seen 157 call outs.

Murray received his medal, alongside 16-year-old Georgia Anderson, who was given the inaugural Kipp Stratmann award, and Sue Quarrell, who was the Artie Murdoch Fire Fighter of the Year.

Murray joined in 1974 when he was 24 years of age, an era when training involved "learning by doing" and equipment was "so different than today's state of the art gear and tactics".

He says he has continued for nearly five decades in the role because of the camaraderie.

"It's like a family, we look after each other.

"I don't think I ever question it. What we do is fantastic because we help people on what is most likely the worst day of their lives."

And does he plan on hanging up his helmet any time soon?

"As long as I can pass the fitness test I'll stay, and then I'll become non-operational support.

"Being a CFA volunteer is part of my life."

Georgia

The week after Georgia Anderson turned 16 earlier this year, she applied to become a CFA volunteer.

"I want to pursue a career with Fire Rescue Victoria when I'm older," says Georgia, from Rhyll, who was given the inaugural Kipp Stratmann award for her commitment and selflessness to the job.

"I've always wanted to do something to help people. Originally I wanted to be a nurse but I find this so rewarding now."

Georgia's dad Tim and her grandfather Max Hodges are both volunteers with the Phillip Island brigade and they acted as "role models" for her career choice.

"I've grown up seeing him (dad) fight fires and I've always looked up to him."

Georgia says none of her friends in year 11 at Newhaven College volunteer and were initially "shocked" by the choice, but they are "very supportive".

So far she has been called out to about 14 jobs, including one at midnight on a school night.

"I went to school the next day. I'm learning as I'm volunteering, because it's what I want to do when I'm older, so it's risk versus reward."

She's yet to face a big blaze, but admits the concept is a "bit scary".

"But you are not alone. The people at this brigade are great at ensuring I don't feel anxious."

Sue

It's often been said that given the number of volunteer CFA members in the family, the Quarrells could operate a fire truck single-handedly.

Sue - who volunteers alongside her husband Terry, daughter Bec, and Bec's husband Joe - says it makes a sometimes tough job that much easier.

"We always have at home support," says Sue, who was the



Sue Quarrell, Georgia Anderson, and Murray Johnston were all recognised with individual awards at the CFA's annual presentation night recently.

Artie Murdoch Fire Fighter of the Year, for displaying the values of the island's longest-serving volunteer (mateship, integrity, teamwork and commitment).

"If there's a bad job we all get together and are able to support one another."

Sue - who is a dispensary technician alongside Bec at Terry White pharmacy in Cowes - was welfare officer for six years at Phillip Island until stepping back from the role earlier this year.

While she and Terry have been here for seven years, previously they were volunteers with the Kalorama-Mt Dandenong CFA for 22 years, which included serving on Black Saturday.

"We actually decided to join because - years ago - we were evacuated from a fire. It was just something you did up there, be-

coming part of a community.

"The CFA itself is a great family, serving a vital role in

the community, but I enjoy it because our family itself is involved."

Save the date: CFA new fire station open day

The community are invited to the official opening of the new \$2.2 million Cowes fire station on Saturday, December 9.

The station, at 110 Ventnor Road, was finished mid-year, and with CFA members now settled in the station will be officially opened at 11am, with the community day running from 12.30pm to 4pm.

Captain Lino Drazzi de-

scribed the new build as a "dream", making the work of the 57 firefighting volunteers (45 operational) considerably easier.

"Everything is under one roof, members love it," Lino said.

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Correction: Last week the Advertiser incorrectly stated the open day was Sunday December 9.

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Newhaven boat ramp upgrade plans released

ANGLING

Boaties are being spoilt for choice with a new draft plan for a multi-million-dollar upgrade of the Newhaven boat ramp out for public comment – the third Phillip Island ramp upgrade in as many years. A drop-in session will be held at the Newhaven Yacht Squadron on Thursday, December 7, 4pm – 7pm, with feedback also through an online survey, which closes on January 19, 2024.

The upgrade, which is in its early stages with no budget or construction timeline as yet, will include:

- A boat ramp extension;
- A third boat ramp lane;
- Heavy duty pontoon, with gangway, as well as a fixed jetty with a lower landing;
- More car-trailer unit (CTU) parking – currently there are 48 formal and informal car-trailer parks, with the upgrade set to create a total of 56;
- Two rigging bays, a Boating Victoria camera and the existing fish cleaning tables will be relocated.

In a major upgrade there will be an extension to the seawall and rock revetment, as well as a path and beach access ramp.

Better Boating Victoria (BBV) said they had commissioned environmental assessments to inform the concept designs and “would progress the necessary approvals before any work is undertaken”.

According to BBV, the ramp upgrade includes a dredge area to create better access for boaters

at a range of tides.

BBV said the size and shape of the dredged area, and frequency of dredging, would be based on “further advice from maritime engineers taking into account user needs, environmental impacts and available funding”.

Upgrade

Currently the ramp includes a two-lane concrete boat ramp, jetty, fish cleaning facilities, and parking.

Problems boaties encounter with the current ramp include a lack of space and configuration of berthing and tie up points; limited car-trailer unit parking; tide restrictions, particularly at low tide; and the existing jetty poses access challenges.

“With upgrades at Cowes and Rhyll completed, we’re developing plans to improve the Newhaven ramp and provide boaters with another user-friendly location to get out onto Western Port or head offshore,” a BBV spokesperson said.

“Boaters use the ramp year-round with usage increasing significantly from spring through to early autumn.”

BBV said the plans had been developed with coastal engineers and a range of user groups, along with ramp manager Bass Coast Shire, to identify improvements.

The spokesperson said feedback indicated the ramp required more parking to cater for peak periods, had a deteriorating jetty with a lack of space for boats to be tied up, and on-water access at lower tides was limited.

“To address this, concept plans propose building a third ramp lane to improve capacity, extending the ramp into deeper water and replacing the existing jetty with a gangway and floating pontoon.”

Local response

In a letter to the editor in this week’s paper, resident Patricia writes Newhaven often has traffic issues involving boat trailer parking during summer and the proposal would “do little to improve the amenity of the village”.

“The proposed dredged area may well adversely affect other tidal water flows in the area, affecting other small beach areas,” she said. On social media, Vanna commented she hoped it would be “a better outcome than Cowes Anderson boat ramp outcome” (see separate story) and Matt asked BBV “will you listen?”.

Luke suggested a second cleaning table: “other than that it looks good”.

Some had grand plans. Timbo said the whole channel should be wider and deeper around the ramp.

Dean suggested rock on the south side of the jetty be dug out to “turn it into a deep section so it can be accessed at any time, instead of having a jetty that can only be accessed from both sides at high tide.”

“Dig the whole lot out and put floating pontoons all the way over to the restaurant and turn it into a something,” he added.

Details: betterboating.vic.gov.au/consultations/newhaven/



Under this new draft concept plan for an upgrade of the Newhaven boat ramp, there will be a dredge area to create better access for boaters at a range of tides, an extension to the seawall and rock revetment, alongside a third boat ramp lane, ramp extension and pontoon.

Skinner hospitalised, court hearing delayed

COURT

Criminal proceedings against former Newhaven College teacher Kirk Skinner were delayed last week after the former music director was hospitalised.

Earlier this year Mr Skinner pleaded guilty to crimes that spanned three decades and two schools, which was listed for a pre-sentence hearing last Wednesday at the County Court.

Mr Skinner faces potential jail time following the guilty plea, which relates to eight sex offences against six victims during his time as a teacher at Newhaven College in the 2010s and previously at Caulfield Grammar in the 1980s.

Young victims were expected to speak about the impact of his crimes on their lives, but were told the pre-sentence hearing had been delayed after Mr Skinner was hospitalised on November 24 with a “serious medical condition” that included “acute renal and cardiac failure”.

Judge Daniel Holding said it was “totally unsatisfactory” the defence legal team had not provided information about the seriousness of the condition and a date Mr Skinner would be “fit to attend” court, adding there had been “media interest in the case and victims were likely to be in attendance”.

“It’s not clear when those conditions will allow him to appear before the court,” Judge Holding told victims.

Defence barrister Tim McCulloch explained “getting a medical report out of a hospital” could be difficult and if required he would subpoena a doctor to appear before the court.

“My instructor ... has endeavoured to

get as much information out of the hospital as possible,” Mr McCulloch said.

Judge Holding responded “I hope that is right”, suggesting the defence write to the hospital saying the “court can only adjourn under certain conditions”.

The question of whether Mr Skinner was fit for task was also raised.

“Who cares whether he is fit for tasks,” Judge Holding said, adding it only mattered whether Mr Skinner, 63, could “sit in the back in the dock in a stable condition”.

The court heard Mr Skinner, currently in the ICU, was also in remission for non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma with complications, and the judge said other offenders in custody with serious conditions were provided “appropriate” medical services by Corrections Victoria.

“Given his background of health issues ... there are questions of life expectancy involved,” Mr McCulloch said.

The judge extended Mr Skinner’s bail. The matter will return to the County Court for a mention on December 19, when a new date would be made for the pre-sentence hearing, likely in January.

Following this, Mr Skinner will be handed a date for sentencing, where he will learn whether he will be sent to jail.

Mr Skinner was originally charged in February 2020 by the Morwell Sexual Offences and Child Abuse Investigation Team and he faced three separate trials for offences that occurred across multiple locations, including Phillip Island, Woolamai and Wonthaggi.

But from mid-2022, three separate suppression orders were in place, which prevented any media coverage. These were lifted in October.

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Sand still accumulates in large amounts on the Cowes ramp, with this photo attracting comments on social media.



Cr Ronnie Bauer with contractors last week at the Anderson Road boat ramp.

Cowes ramp continued teething problems

ANGLING

Boaties continue to voice concerns with the upgraded Cowes boat ramp, including sand accumulation bogging cars.

However, contractors last week erected end of ramp safety markers, while Bass Coast Shire confirmed sand cleaning was continuing “which was always an expectation”.

Cr Ronnie Bauer last week inspected the ramp and gave qualified approval, saying he was “proud of the ramp – almost”.

He said he was concerned there was no safety light on the end of the jetty, to avoid a night collision.

Cr Bauer said he was surprised the concrete had already cracked along the ramp, but he

was pleased contractors had rectified several problems, including end of ramp markers, and immediately removing rocks at the end of the ramp left after construction.

He agreed the upgrade had not resolved sand piling on the ramp.

“Sand will always be there because of the forces of nature. I can’t ever see that problem being solved.”

Vic commented on Better Boating Victoria’s Facebook page that “you can now see us all struggling with the sand covering the entire ramp”.

A few users said trees were obscuring the live camera view of the ramp.

Sally and several others said sand build up was expected and

the upgrade was “working a treat”.

“No one said the sand would no longer need to be cleared but the main part of the ramp is still more user friendly,” Sally said.

Response

A shire spokesperson said “so far the ramp has been performing better than expected”.

“However cleaning is still required which was always an expectation. The depth of drift and coverage has reduced since the upgrade and it is performing better than prior to the upgrade occurring,” the spokesperson said.

“Previously it was cleaned regularly and this will be required to continue. The frequency of cleaning will fluctuate with the dynamic conditions of a beach

access ramp.”

They said the ramp was inspected most days, and “no more than three days apart”.

“Since opening, sand removal has been performed as required. When sand is accumulating it has generally been in the middle to lower left portion of the ramp and of a shallow nature.

“Ramp users must check the beach ramp for condition and suitability prior to using the facility.

“Users of the facility should also factor in their towing capacity with the change in grade of the ramp.

The shire does not have a contract for the Cowes boat ramp and uses several contractors “and/or internal resources to perform sand removal works”.



Carols by the Bay on December 12 will kick off with free carnival rides and children’s entertainment, from 5pm.

Community, carols and Christmas cheer

ENTERTAINMENT

Carols by the Bay returns to the Cowes foreshore on December 12.

Organised by Island Voice, President Peter Paul said the evening is a wonderful chance for the community to come together, with free entertainment designed to provide a fantastic family night out.

“Come down to the amphitheatre on the foreshore, bring a chair, a blanket and basket and enjoy this wonderful community event,” he said.

Free carnival rides and face painting, as well as other children’s entertainment is running from 5pm.

Carols will kick off at 7.30pm. There will also be five lucky

prize draws throughout the evening.

The arrival of Santa at 6pm (until 7pm) on an old fire truck is sure to raise the excitement levels even higher, before the carols performances start at 7.30pm.

Peter said this year’s performance will include some old favourites as well as new singers.

Performers include the Sisters and Misterys choir, Peter Buitenhuis, Rock House, Natasha Crestani and school choirs from Cowes Primary and Our Lady Star of the Sea.

During the evening, volunteers will be out with collection tins, raising money to support the oncology ward of the new community hospital when it opens.

The event will culminate in spectacular fireworks at 9.30pm.

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A proposed pathway from Redwood Drive to Coghlan Road. Indicative alignment shown, with alignment to be confirmed through the feasibility and design process.

Connecting Cowes and Rhyll

TRACKS AND TRAILS

The Cowes to Rhyll Shared Path project aims to connect Rhyll to the main township of Cowes and improve pedestrian access in the community.

Bass Coast Shire Council said the work will provide a safe, off-road link between the two areas increasing health and well-being, reducing vehicle traffic and continued expansion of our tracks and trails network.

“The Trail will also create a new nature-based tourism visitor attraction, providing access to the unique experience of walking and cycling in Bass Coast,” a council spokesperson said.

This project was previously identified in Councils’ Aspirational Pathways Plan and is now

part of Council’s newly adopted Track and Trails strategy.

Stage 4 of the project is now underway, which will provide the connection from the top of Redwood Drive to Coghlan Road.

In an update on its engage-basscoast website, the council said it will now commence the feasibility and design process for this path alignment.

To determine the best alignment, Council stated it must undertake a number of tasks, including:

- Determining the land owner of the site (if not Council), and seeking approval to proceed with project
- Undertaking Cultural Heritage Due Diligence/Cultural Heritage Management Plan
- Seeking consent for coastal

projects under the Marine and Coastal Act

- Considering any planning overlays affecting the site
- Considering the best path surface for the location. It must meet requirements of the outcomes of the path planning tasks listed in the points above, as well as providing a level of service that meets the needs of users. It should also be an appropriate surface from a maintenance perspective.

Council said design work will now start.

Further updates on this project will be posted online as the feasibility and design process continues at engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/cowes-rhyll-pathway-stage-5-redwood-drive-coghlan-road

Delays to development?

CULTURAL HERITAGE

Bass Coast Shire Council has said to date there have been no delays to development projects due to the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation (BLCAC) being placed in administration.

A special administrator, Peter McQuoid was appointed on September 11 by the Office of the Registrar of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Corporations and will remain in place until March 15, 2024.

Last week The Age newspaper reported development projects across the state faced delays of up to five months, as the corporation was currently not able to produce cultural heritage management plans.

The BLCAC area covers from Melton to the Mornington Peninsula and into Gippsland, including Bass Coast.

As the registered aboriginal party BLCAC is responsible for managing cultural heritage inspections and management plans in the area.

According to The Age, neither Kingston nor Mornington Peninsula councils were aware of any delays due to the corporation being placed in administration.

The state opposition called for a Parliamentary Inquiry into the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006 in light of the potential delays.

The Leader of The Nationals and Shadow Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Peter

Walsh, moved to establish the inquiry, saying it was clear the land council’s assessment of cultural heritage management plans was at a standstill until at least April next year.

“While it is important to protect Aboriginal cultural heritage, this must be done in a timely way that doesn’t impose unreasonable time constraints or costs onto development in Victoria,” he said.

Administration

In September, announcing the appointment of Mr McQuoid, the Office of the Registrar of Indigenous Corporations (ORIC) said special administration provides “early proactive regulatory assistance when a corporation experiences financial or governance difficulties”.

At the time, a spokesperson from ORIC said it was “business as usual at the corporation”.

“The special administrator has taken on the role and responsibilities of the board; all the former board positions have been vacated.”

A corporate advisory group (CAG) has been established to contribute to the “strategy, leadership and commercial oversight of BLCAC”.

Mr McQuoid said at the end of the administration period, members of CAG would have a “vital role in shaping the new Bunurong Board”.

The CAG members are Terry Atkinson, Anthony Egan, Lisa Rea, Kerry Romney, Jillian West and Zoe Upton.

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Warley Hospital 100th birthday this week

HISTORY

Marking the 100th birthday of Warley Hospital, historic plaques which document the history of the hospital have been retrieved and restored.

The Phillip Island Hospital and Medical Group (PIMHAG) have tracked down the historic plaques which have been beautifully restored at the Phillip Island's Men's Shed by member Marcus Blake.

They are being mounted on Baltic pine timber at the Shed and will be placed on permanent display as a feature inside the new Cowes Community Hospital when it opens in late 2024.

Next to the plaques will be a brief history of Warley Hospital, documenting the important role of the hospital in the Phillip Island community from 1923 to 2008.

The project is a particular labour of love for Men's Shed co-ordinator Brian Walmsley, with two of his daughters born at Warley. Interestingly, both have gone on to work in the health industry.

Kim is the director of Pharmacy at Bass Coast Health, and Clare is 2 IC at Connect 2 in Wonthaggi, an organisation that assists people with disabilities.

Warley history

Warley Bush Nursing Hospital served the Phillip Island and San Remo communities for 85 years, providing vital health services for local residents from the day it first opened in 1923, until 2008.

Island benefactors William and Lucy Thompson had purchased the beautiful home of Robert Walpole for the community, for use as a hospital, in 1923.

It was then up to the community to equip, furnish and run it, a challenge taken on with gusto by successive generations over the next eight decades.

Community fund raising and patient fees were required to cover all operational costs ... and fundraising and working bees became a hallmark of Warley's operation, continuing through to its final years.

Sister Marron, an excellent qualified general and maternity nurse who had served in World War 1, was the first matron of the hospital, arriving on November 1, 1923, with the official opening by the president of the Victorian Bush Nurs-

ing Association (VBNA) Lady Eliza Fraser Mitchell OBE taking place five weeks later, on December 8.

Warley was in fact the first Bush Nursing Hospital to be established in Victoria.

For the next eight decades, Warley was where the island's babies were born, the sick and dying cared for, and elective surgery carried out. The island's volunteer ambulance service, run by a rostered team of volunteers, was stationed there following its formation in 1960; and radiology services were provided.

Run by the community, for the community, Warley's doors were open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, run independently under the auspices of VBNA, and without government operational funding.

The hospital was deeply valued by the community for the health care it provided; and in return, residents worked over the decades to resource, maintain and expand its services.

By 1958, the Warley committee concluded that further extensions to the hospital were no longer practical, and embarked on a huge project ... to build a new and modern hospital.

It was a day of mixed feelings when the original cottage hospital was moved from Warley Avenue and resited in Genesta Street, to make way for this new edifice.

The foundation stone was laid by Victorian Premier Sir Henry Bolte.

The new hospital building, which cost sixty thousand pounds, was officially opened by Sir Dallas Brooks four years later in 1962.

It was paid for by a government grant of forty thousand pounds, a community payment of ten thousand pounds, and a ten-thousand-pound loan from VBNA. The loan was repaid in full by the Warley committee six years ahead of schedule.

Provision was made in the new building for future extensions, as the need occurred.

A nursing home extension was added to the hospital in 1980, and the nursing home extension was further expanded in 1992.

It was a huge blow to the Philip Island community when Warley was forced to close its doors in 2008, due to financial constraints, after 85 years in operation.



Brian Walmsley, RSL Men's Shed Co-ordinator (left) Peter Paul (PIMHAG president) and Garry Thorne (Men's Shed member) with historic plaques which track the establishment of Warley Hospital as a bush nursing hospital in 1923, and its relocation and expansion in 1962 to a site in Warley Avenue, Cowes.

Missing plaque – can you help?

PIMHAG is aware of another plaque dedicated to Warley Hospital, which went missing during the demolition of Warley and is yet to be tracked down.

It has appealed to anyone who

may know of its whereabouts to contact them, so it can also be restored and included in the proposed display.

If you can help, please contact the Advertiser on 03 5952 3201.

Preserving our historic avenue

GOLDEN CYPRESS

It is 20 years since the local community formed the Friends of the Thompson Avenue Golden Cypress.

The group seeks to preserve and enhance the avenue for residents, visitors and future generations. The history of the avenue stretches back to 1912.

Back then it was felt the Cowes township had a need for some trees.

Mr WE Thompson, president of the progress association at that time, suggested a plan for central plantations in the main thoroughfare, with one-way traffic on either side. A majority decision ruled this out, and the present layout of trees on either side of the road, was approved.

Permission to plant the trees was given by the Phillip Island and Woolamai Shire Council, and a large number of people took part on planting day.

Each tree was named after the person who planted it, and it was duly recorded. Planting was continued from time to time until 1935, when both sides of the avenue were completed to the Rhyll-Ventnor Road, mainly as a result of Mr Thompson's generosity and service.

The avenue, a mile long, became recognised as one of the finest Golden Cypress avenues in Australia.

In August 1993, Phillip Island Council accepted a Main Street Development Committee's recommendation to remove four Golden Cypress between the Esplanade

and Chapel Street.

The following month a public meeting was called to express concern about the removal, which many saw as a compromise of the Cypress Avenue. Over 100 people attended.

By November 1993, the Friends of the Golden Cypress was formed at a second public meeting and in April the following year, Kevin Heinze agreed to be Patron of the Friends.

In September 1994 there was a re-planting of the Cypress Avenue, involving pioneer families and their descendants.

Then in November 1995 a Cypress Party was held in Thompson Avenue on Community Day and the avenue was re-dedicated.

In June 1994, the Bass Coast Shire Council adopted a Strategy Maintenance Plan for the Thompson Avenue Golden Cypress.

This included:

- The annual pruning and care of the existing cypress
- Appropriate protection of the tree trunks by the installation of protective surrounds
- The growing of replacement trees
- The staged replacement of the existing trees so that the avenue effect is maintained from the Esplanade to the Rhyll Road.

Over the decades, the community has gone to extraordinary lengths to ensure the protection of these magnificent trees.

However, now the Friends of the



The Friends of the Golden Cypress seek to preserve and enhance the historic avenue of Golden Cypress. They are holding their AGM on December 13 and are encouraging interested residents to get involved.

Thompson Avenue Golden Cypress Trees committee are concerned about damage caused to the trees, trunks, branches and roots of the Cypress trees by large commercial transport.

The Friends committee said it would also like to see the Thompson Avenue businesses watch out for damage caused by having seating too close to the young tree branches and consequently interfering with the horizontal growth of the branches, thus damaging them.

"The Avenue of Golden Cypress is world renown and constantly photographed,

presenting a beautifully unique pathway into Cowes," the committee said.

The current patron of the Thompson Avenue Golden Cypress trees is Jane Edmanson of 'Gardening Australia'.

On Wednesday December 13, an AGM meeting of the Friends committee will be held locally.

If you are interested and concerned about the Avenue of the Golden Cypress trees and would like to be involved in their welfare, please ring or text 0419 469 236.

"We would really appreciate your support," the committee said.

A close-up photograph of a woman with long, wavy, greyish-blonde hair. She has a pained or frustrated expression, with her eyes squinted and her mouth open as if shouting or crying. She is wearing a blue and white striped shirt. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be an office or workplace setting with a clock on the wall.

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Millions lost on local pokies

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Coast, aside from a dip during Covid lockdown, revenue from poker machines continues to rise.

According to Latrobe Community Health Service (LCHS) last year, Bass Coast's losses to poker machines rose to \$19.7 million, up from \$14.7 million the previous year.

Phillip Island RSL revenue from gambling machines rose in 2022-23 to \$6.7 million from \$4.8 million.

Phillip Island RSL's community benefit statement figures lodged with the Victorian Gambling and Casino Control Commission in 2022-23 totalled \$2.8 million, which is 42 per cent of its poker machine revenue.

In the statement, \$2.6 million was claimed as operating costs (91.6 per cent). This included staff wages and superannuation, rates and utilities, repairs and maintenance, rent, discounted meals for members and members expenses (eg reward points and promotions).

A further \$236,511 was listed as donations, gifts and sponsorship. While this is 8.3 per cent of the club's community benefit statement, it equates to just 3.5 per cent of the actual poker machine revenue.

The figure also included \$38,580 for volunteer hours (calculated at \$20 x 1929 hours) which covered transporting people to medical appointments, breakfast clubs at a local primary school, home visits and assistance with the cadet program. Without these volunteer hours, the percentage drops to 2.9 per cent of poker machine revenue.

No money was listed as being spent on responsible gambling measures and activities (outside those required by law).

Concern

The Uniting Church has been vocal about its concern over the harm from gambling machines in the community.

Reverend Jennie Gordon from the Uniting Church in Cowes said the church had made a submission to the Victorian Parliamentary inquiry into reducing the harm of gambling.

"There is well-accepted evidence that pokies can cause harm to individuals, families and communities," Rev Gordon said.

"What strikes me as the most pressing issue around pokies at the RSL is that the pokie machines threaten the wellbeing of the very people the RSL is seeking to serve – the veterans and their families.

"This has prompted the move by the Tasmanian RSL to eliminate pokies on their premises and they have called on the RSL across Australia to do the same, to reduce the potential harm to a vulnerable group of people in their care."

She said she welcomed recent government reforms which included reducing the amount that can be loaded into a machine at any given time from \$1000 to \$100, increasing the minimum spin rate to three seconds and all machines required to have the ability to set limits using a card.

"While these reforms may well contribute to harm-reduction, I would also urge the government to require venues to have a duty of care to people gambling in their venue, being required to intervene when people show signs of being harmed (offering a break or checking the person is OK and referring them to further assistance if they disclose they are suffering gambling harm)."

The Latrobe Community



Phillip Island RSL is one of five venues across the shire with poker machines. Last year \$6.7 million was lost on its machines, which have the highest player loss per machine of any local venue.

Health Service (LCHS), which runs gambling awareness campaigns and financial and therapeutic counselling for those impacted by gambling, said it also welcomed the reforms.

"We know the harm that problem gambling can cause, from financial distress to relationship breakdowns, increased

alcohol and drug use, and violence against loved ones," said Michelle Ravesi from LCHS.

"In 2021-22 (financial year) alone, people across Bass Coast lost over \$14.6 million on the pokies – worsened in 2022-23 when losses stretched north of \$18 million.

"Latrobe Community Health Service welcomes any measures

that minimise harm and keep players safe," Ms Ravesi said.

"We applaud this package of government reforms to do just that – to slow down the pace of games and limit how much a player can lose."

The Phillip Island RSL did not respond to requests for an interview.

World's biggest gamblers

GAMBLING

Last week, the Alliance for Gambling Reform called on the Victorian government to adopt all 61 recommendations from a parliamentary inquiry into gambling harm.

The report includes recommendations to set limits on gambling loss, reducing the number of poker machines in the state and imposing greater restrictions on gambling advertising.

The report also stated that Victorians lost \$7.5 billion in the last financial year to gambling.

The Alliance said figures show Australians are the world's biggest gamblers.

"It all seems at odds with the current cost of living crisis, but in another way makes sense that when people are feeling pressure they might be seeking out a quick win or a way to escape the daily reality," said CEO Carol Bennett.

"Either way, as the tagline says 'chances are you are about to lose' and these losses translate into significant and growing harm across our communities."

Figures collated for the Alliance by Monash University Gambling and Social Deter-



Figures collated for the Alliance for Gambling Reform show losses on poker machines is at an all-time high, with a 12 per cent increase in losses in Victoria. Photo: Erik McLean, Unsplash.

minants Unit at the School of Public Health and Preventive Medicine show losses on poker machines is at an all-time high.

The \$14.5 billion in losses across five states was 13.7 per cent higher than 2018-19, the last full financial year not to be impacted by Covid restrictions.

Victoria has an increase in losses of 12 per cent.

"Australians already lose more to poker machines per capita than any other country in the world. These staggering

new loss figures show an industry that is out of control. And these figures don't even count poker machine losses in our casinos," Carol Bennett said.

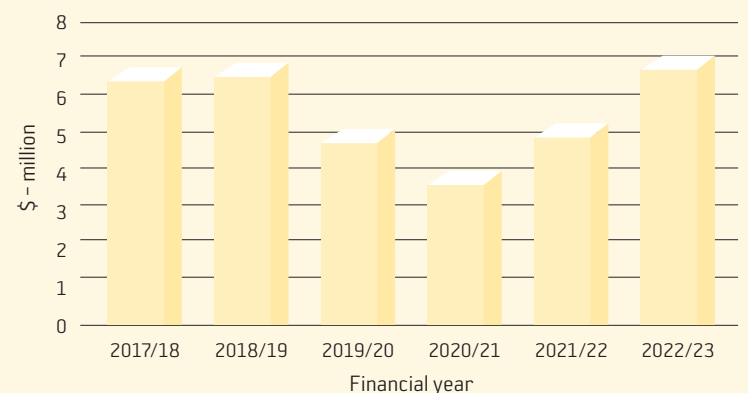
"These losses cause enormous damage in our communities, way beyond financial loss.

"They include family violence and breakdown and mental and physical health issues. Recent research shows gambling could be responsible for up to 20 per cent of suicides in Australia."

Gambling revenue snapshot 2022/23

Bass Coast poker machine revenue	\$19.8M
Phillip Island RSL poker revenue	\$6.7M
Phillip Island RSL - loss per machine	\$115,500
Community Benefits statement	\$2.8M
Operational costs (Community Benefits statement)	\$2.6M
Grants, sponsorship, donations, gifts (Community Benefits Statement)	\$236,511

Island RSL - poker machine revenue



Revenue dipped between 2019 and 2021 due to Covid closures but it now at its highest level ever at \$6.7 million in the last financial year.

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This Saturday the CWA Phillip Island Twilight Branch will be at the Cowes Craft Market with its Christmas cakes and puddings, traditional shortbread and other Christmas treats.

Christmas baking sorted

CWA
This Saturday the CWA Phillip Island Twilight Branch will be at the Cowes Craft Market with its Christmas cakes and puddings, traditional shortbread and other Christmas treats.

The market runs from 9am – 2pm at St Philip's Hall, 102 Thompson Avenue in Cowes.

The group will also be at the Carols by the Bay (December 12), with Christmas treats to share while listening to the carols.

President Sally Matthews said this year, through the community's generous support of their fundraising efforts, the group has been able to make a real difference in

the community.

"We have donated \$5000 locally to the Early Learning Centre, PICAL food pantry, and Women's Friendship Cafe and state-wide to VACRO (criminal justice reintegration), Women's Housing Ltd, the Rochester Flood Appeal and the state emergency fund.

"We have been represented at Homelessness forums, walked against family violence, packed survival bags for homeless women and assisted at a statewide CWA event in Rochester and of course we are at local fund raising events supporting our community."

She encouraged women interested in making a difference in the community to join the group.

"The CWA Phillip Is-

land Twilight Branch is a vibrant, philanthropic group of women supporting women, children and families in our community and Victoria and we'd love you to join us," Sally said.

"We fundraise, we cook, we craft, we learn, we laugh and most importantly we advocate for disadvantaged and vulnerable women, children and families.

"We appreciate the generous grants from the Bendigo Bank and Bass Coast Shire and the support of the Island Markets and Cowes Craft Market, St John's and Belinda from Marina Mouse's Dancing House."

To join or to learn more please call Sally on 0409 521 825.

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Head back to Bethlehem

CHRISTMAS

St Philip's Anglican Church's Journey to Bethlehem returns this Christmas and will be in the church grounds from December 8 for everyone to enjoy.

The beautiful display contains six scenes telling the story of the birth of Jesus.

The installations illustrate the time when the angel first told Mary she was going to have a baby, Mary and Joseph travelling to Bethlehem, where the birth of Jesus and the visits of the shepherds and the wise men took place.

The project is a team effort with Paul Woodford and Fernanda Guimaraes working on the scenes.

The public response last year to the display was wonderful, with many families coming to view the story scenes.

Unfortunately, the little donkey from the display was stolen, but a new donkey has been created, cut out by Steve Kay and painted by Fernanda.

However the church committee is hopeful the original donkey will one day be returned to its home.

This year the display has expanded to include a stable.



St Philip's Anglican Church's Journey to Bethlehem returns this Christmas and will be in the church grounds from December 8 for everyone to enjoy.

On December 9, the 9am church service is titled Journey to Bethlehem and after the service people will have the opportunity to add stars to the stable.

The display is a visual reminder of the Christmas story.

"These days, so many don't know the Christmas story, all they know is Santa, snowflakes and reindeers," said one committee member.

"We're hoping with our display people will be re-

mindful about the real story and where it all came from."

Everyone is invited to come on a "Journey to Bethlehem" – bring your friends and neighbours as well.

At night, a flood light from the church hall will illuminate the scene, which will be in place until around New Year's Eve.

You can find the Journey to Bethlehem at St Philip's Anglican Church, 102 Thompson Avenue, Cowes.



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Christmas Day meal for the community

The volunteer team at St John's Uniting Church is holding a free Christmas Day lunch for the community, promising a full festive spread.

After running the meal each Monday night at the church hall during school term, the community meal team will be combining their volunteer skills to hold the yuletide lunch at 12.30pm, Monday December 25 on the corner of Chapel Street and Warley Avenue.

To attend, reserve your place at PICAL by phoning 03 5952 1131 or call into the PICAL office at 16 Warley Avenue by December 18.

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A free Christmas Day lunch will be held at 12.30pm, Monday December 25 on the corner of Chapel Street and Warley Avenue, organised by St John's Uniting Church.



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MOVIE CLUB

The next film for the Phillip Island Movie Club's 2024 members is showing at Berninnet on December 13. *Past Lives* (2023) is an American Drama, written and directed by Celine Song.

The story is about Nora (Greta Lee) and Hae Sung (Teo Yoo), two deeply connected childhood friends, who are wrested apart after Nora's family emigrates from South Korea. Decades later, they are reunited for one week as they confront destiny, love and the choices that make a life.

Celine Song said in an interview that the idea of the film arose when she and her husband met up with her childhood sweetheart when he visited and the contradictions that arose from her relationships with both men.

That meeting is depicted in the film and shows the connections but also revealed to her that she felt less Korean than she had thought she was. Her Korean language, like many who leave their home country was still



The Phillip Island Movie Club presents "Past Lives" for the 2024 Membership, screening at Berninnet on December 13 at 7pm.

very childlike (this is not obvious to us in the film) and she chose Greta Lee partially because her Korean language was similar, having grown up and been educated in America.

The dialogues are very raw and real and show how the rest of the world disappears when the main characters are together.

Song believes when there is an absence of dialogue, the non-verbal communication forces the audience closer into the characters, showcasing their intimacy and that is why some people may feel the film is too slow a pace. However, this is a technique used to allow the

viewers the time to absorb the emotions that flow. The film is a mix of nostalgia, love, remorse and exploring the "immigrant experience".

The film screens at Berninnet and begins at 7pm.

Movie Club 2024 membership cards must be shown for entrance. It would be wise to pre book on Trybooking or the Berninnet desk (free of charge), as the general public is also able to attend.

The film is in English with some Korean with subtitles. It runs for 106 minutes and is rated PG.

The next film will be on Wednesday January 17, 2024 at 7pm.

CHRISTMAS

The second late night shopping event organised by the Phillip Island traders is happening this Friday, December 8.

Local shops across the island will keep their doors open from 5pm - 7pm, with family friendly entertainment organised in Cowes. The shopping events (the first was held on November 23), have been put together to help take the stress out of Christmas shopping.

Simonne Liberman, from the Business Network committee, said the businesses have been enthusiastic about the idea to help locals get their Christmas shopping done without having to race up to the city.

Simonne said while the late-night trading has been offered across the island, the focus of the entertainment will be in Thompson Avenue (between Chapel Street and The Esplanade).

Kids will love the face painting stand, and they can get creative themselves with some sidewalk art.

There'll be buskers and musical entertainment



Melissa Rodakis from Pollyanna clothing store in Cowes will be open on Friday, as part of the late night shopping event, with children's activities and entertainment in Cowes.

and "we've got our fingers crossed that Santa might even fly in, together with Sammy the Seal and Penny the Penguin for a visit," said Simonne.

She said many of the local cafes and restaurants

would be open as well, in support of the event.

"Hopefully people will want to stay on, have a meal with the kids, enjoy some takeaway down on the foreshore, or grab an ice-cream."

Helping local families in need this Christmas

COMMUNITY

Christmas Giving Trees are up in all of Bass Coast Shire Council's Customer Service Centres, taking donations to help local families in need this Christmas.

This annual program is coordinated by the Combined Welfare Group which includes local churches, community groups and charities such as The Salvation Army and the St Vincent De Paul Society.

This year the group is asking for donations of new, unwrapped gifts for all ages, gift cards and non-perishable food items.

Bass Coast Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve praised the program and the community's involvement.

"I'm incredibly proud of the way our community comes together each year to help ensure that Christmas is a special day for everyone," Cr Le Serve said.

"Christmas Giving



Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Clare Le Serve encourages everyone to donate to this year's Christmas Giving Tree. Donations are being accepted at the Cowes Customer Service Centre at Berninnet until December 14.

Trees help make Christmas a special occasion for everyone and knowing that your donation goes to help someone in your own community makes your donation just that little bit more special."

This year the group is

also asking for non-perishable food donations and this includes special Christmas items and supermarket gift cards.

"We know that the cost of living has gone up significantly this year but please consider donating if you're in a position to be able to," Cr Le Serve encouraged.

"Christmas shortbread, biscuits, canned vegetables, rice and pasta are just a few examples of the small, low-cost items that may mean a family can enjoy a special Christmas meal that they might not have been able to afford otherwise."

Christmas Giving Trees are on display in Council's Customer Service Centres in Cowes, Grantville, Inverloch and Wonthaggi. Donations will be accepted up until Thursday, December 7 at all centres except Cowes which is accepting donations until Thursday, December 14.

Garden wins for local school

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Our Lady Star of the Sea is celebrating its two awards at the Victorian School Garden Association Awards.

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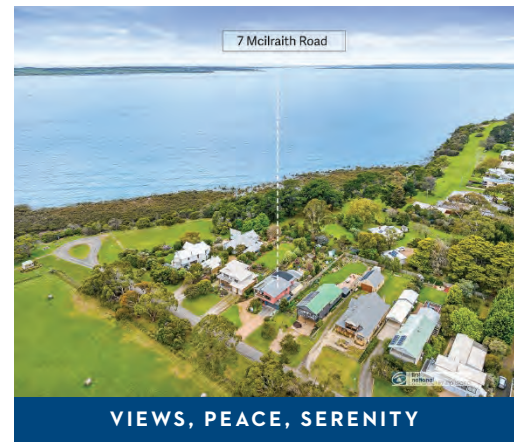


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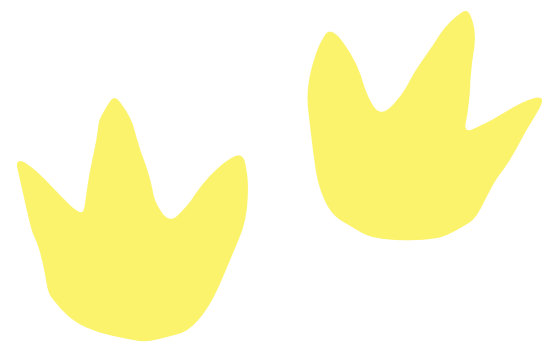
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Father to Michelle and Fiona, father-in-law to Tony.
Much loved Grandad of Eve and Mitchell.
You passed away as you would have liked reading the paper, front page headline "See You Later."
Till we meet again.
As per John's wishes, a private cremation will be held.

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Applications (cover letter & CV) to be submitted to: recruitment@newhavencol.vic.edu.au
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Additional details, please contact Leisa Lomax, Human Resources Manager on 5956 7505
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SPECIAL DELIVERY



Elsie arrives
Elsie Louise Brayley was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on November 14, weighing 3.62kg. She is a daughter for proud parents Aaron and Anna Brayley of Dalyston, and is a sister for Grace, 3.



Hello Pippa
Pippa Dulcie Sabbatucci was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on November 7, weighing 3.42kg. She is a daughter for proud parents Kristopher and Paige Sabbatucci of Pioneer Bay.



Lovely Lacey-Mae
Lacey-Mae Steel was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on November 23, weighing 4.13kg.
She is a daughter for proud parents Rob and Hayley Steel of Cape Woolamai, and a sister for Sienna (9), Ella-Rose (7), Riley (6) and Kingston (2).

TRIBUTES

LARSSON, Brenda Margaret:
Farewell Brenda
An informal gathering of Brenda's family and friends is being held this Saturday (February 9) at the Phillip Island Football Club, from 2pm to 5pm, in a tribute to her life on Phillip Island.
Everyone who would like to attend is most welcome.

PUBLIC NOTICES

BASS COAST
Animals and fireworks
Dogs and horses in particular can be frightened by fireworks, please make sure that your pets are safe and secure when there are fireworks displays in your area. Fireworks displays will be held in Cowes on:
• 12 December at 9.30pm (Cowes Carols Celebration)
• 31 December at 9.30pm (New Year's Eve Celebration)
For more information on these events visit www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/events.

SITUATIONS VACANT

Maintenance Technician - Mechanical
South Gippsland Water (SGW) are currently seeking a qualified and enthusiastic person to join us as a Maintenance Technician - Mechanical.
The key requirements of the role are:

- Demonstrated knowledge and experience operating and maintaining a variety of mechanical assets including pumps, mixers, chemical dosing pumps, blowers, compressors, pneumatic systems or equivalent, mobile plant and equipment.
- Proven ability to fault find, diagnose and problem solve mechanical faults and breakdowns within minimal support and guidance.
- Demonstrated understanding of electrical control equipment and processes particularly relating to mechanical assets
- Demonstrated computing, and general software skills and knowledge
- Permanent Full Time
- Starting Location Korumburra, Victoria
- Flexible Work Arrangements Available
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Applications Close
Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 5:00pm

SITUATIONS VACANT

Maintenance Trainee
South Gippsland Water (SGW) are currently seeking an enthusiastic person to join us as a Maintenance Trainee.
The key requirements of the role are:

- A willingness to complete Certificate III in Water Industry Operations (Network).
- The ability to work effectively in a team environment.
- An interest in working outdoors and ability to learn use of a range of tools, plant and equipment.
- Ability to learn and apply safe work practices
- An ability to work collaboratively as part of a team to achieve customer outcomes.
- Fixed Term (2 Years) Full Time
- Starting Location: Various including Wonthaggi, Leongatha, Korumburra and Toora
- Flexible Working Arrangements Available
- Trainee Wage Level A

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Tuesday 12th December 2023 at 5:00pm

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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**Improve engagement**

Now the proposal for a special charge scheme for Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach is almost finalised, it is interesting to look at some of the lessons we can all learn, in the hope of improved future engagement.

The proposal has been an unmitigated disaster.

It was Bass Coast Shire Council that initiated the proposal and spent over one million dollars of community funds, in an endeavour to get the project accepted. It was council who made numerous amendments to the initial proposal, which both confused and alarmed members of the community due the lack of clarity. It was council who chose to ignore petitions containing over 600 signatures from residents/ratepayers, confirming their objections to the proposal(s) as presented. It was council who declined to directly engage with the community, despite offers to meet and discuss concerns. It was council who demonised the actions of the vote no group with blatant lies about intimidation and harassment. None of these have been substantiated.

Need I go on? "Read the room people" could well be the title of a new community engagement guidebook.

Clearly all forms of government as well as corporate bodies (ie Qantas, Optus, Westfarmers, the AFL) need to recognise and understand the community as a whole, want to be engaged like never before and social media has delivered the ability for them to do that quickly and simply.

Any action or proposal that impacts them, directly at least, needs to be well considered, well presented and well explained. Do otherwise at your peril. Despite all of this, the community accepts they need to work with council to achieve positive new project outcomes over coming years. Perhaps a good start would be for the recently elected Bass Coast Shire Council mayor and the previous incumbent to attend one of the forthcoming vote no group get togethers to explain where council went wrong and offer an apology to disengaged members of the community.

Just maybe a new, considered, community engagement plan could be a positive outcome available for all as a result.

Rob Chandler, Surf Beach

Shame on you

It beggars belief even with the images circulating of terrible flooding and dust conditions in Surf Beach, that there are still members of our community that lack empathy and consideration for those who will have to continue living in these deplorable conditions if the Special Charge Scheme is abandoned. To continue with the vitriolic attacks on those trying to stop council from abandoning the scheme is shameful.

For them to say the community has spoken is reprehensible for the many hundreds of people affected and for the many families who will now be forced to move if they are financially able to, or able to find a rental property.

The claim that 80.7 per cent of the community voted against the scheme is typical of the misinformation peddled over the past 18 months. Whether it was indifference, or confusion with the wording on how to vote, only 692 from a total of 1041 properties voted, of which 559 were opposed ie 53.7 per cent of total property owners.

The scheme was an essential affirmative project to be voted against, of which only 53.7 per cent opposed.

Can they not understand that people's welfare is at stake. The vote was for a vital infrastructure "need" and not for an optional "want" feel-good item.

Lou Pecora, Surf Beach

At what cost?

At the Bass Coast Council Meeting in November 2023, in reply to a question, the CEO stated council had spent \$488,225 as at June 2023. It would appear that council has not updated this figure for the past five months or included other extras. The CEO states the amount spent was required to undertake extensive community engagement, develop concept plans and a cost estimate for the project. Any person involved with this "extensive community consultation" is aware council failed dismally in engaging with ratepayers, acknowledged by a fellow councillor. Council has stated numerous times only a concept plan was required for the special charge scheme voting. I question what extra amount has been spent on unwarranted premature survey work of both estates prior to the voting. Estimates being mentioned in the community and with ratepayers council is cur-

rently communicating with vary from \$1 million to \$1.4 million. So I again ask, why did council contract for survey work to be conducted at extreme cost prior to the voting results?

I have produced numerous concept plans and estimated prices for various projects over 40 years without a full survey being undertaken. From very early in the process, council knew there were a large percentage of ratepayers not in agreement with the proposed concept plans but council refused to accept other ideas. Council failed to interact with the community and continued to press on toward their ultimate goal, to urbanise a seaside hamlet at great cost to ratepayers and destroy shearwater habitat in the process. An overwhelming 80 per cent of voters have rejected the special charge scheme. As has been evident with a number of projects undertaken by this council, the cultural centre being just one of many, where council has failed dismally to maintain control over financial blowouts that ratepayers in the end are forced to pay. It is time for this council to be held accountable for failed communication and excessive cost blowouts.

Graeme Davy, Surf Beach

Newhaven boat ramp

From the drawing published on the BBV website, it appears the existing ramp is to be extended significantly. This would impact on boats exiting and entering the marina. These boats have only a small width of navigable water to manoeuvre in. This may make this area less safe for boaters.

The draft concept design shows the removal of part of the grassed area adjacent to the water's edge, including the removal of the picnic table. Less area for families to enjoy the ambience of the sandy beach play area.

Extra angled boat trailer parking to be provided along the eastern side of the roadway will increase traffic movements, as boaters wanting to launch/retrieve will need to travel along Seaview to be able to easily reverse down the boat ramp.

The existing fish cleaning table already is a health hazard, with fish offal being left to rot above the high-water line. This design proposal does not appear to improve the situation.

Extra boat and trailer activity will negatively impact on the

safety of pedestrians who walk through the Yacht Squadron parking area to the west, to access the marina wall.

Will the projected extra boat and trailer traffic using this proposed extended facility also impact those members of the public who use the Squadron boat ramp? How does BBV propose to address this?

The proposed dredged area may adversely affect other tidal water flows in the area, affecting other small beach areas which are used by families with children. It may also adversely affect the many birds who frequent the area.

Newhaven is currently a friendly, family-oriented village, with a much-used playground and BBQ area on Forrest Avenue. This carparking area currently forms part of a pleasant walking trail through and around our town.

We often have traffic issues involving boat trailer parking during the summer months. This proposal will do little to improve the amenity of the village.

There's a public consultation session at the Newhaven Yacht Squadron clubrooms, on December 7 between 4pm and 7pm. Come along and be informed.

Patricia Street, Newhaven Residents Group Inc.

Detrimental impact

The proposed development for a four-storey retail and residential block on 18 The Esplanade, Cowes, seeks another waiver of car parking spaces and a waiver to extend commercial activity of shops into a designated residential zone.

The proposed site is opposite the historic recreation area of Mussel Rocks Reserve with its barbecue and picnic facilities, grass embankment and beach access infrastructure.

The developer's four storey proposal includes three shops at ground level with direct on-street frontage and the car entrance for the ten apartments to be directly opposite the two access stairs to the child-friendly Cowes Main Beach which is Lifesaver patrolled in the summer holiday season.

On any given day or weekend or holiday time this is a popular destination for families, islanders and day trippers. There is no bus service or bicycle track.

The impact of all the waivers of

car parking spaces for already approved surrounding developments on the streetscape and availability of car spaces is yet to be felt by local residents or tourists.

This development proposal would have a detrimental effect on an iconic part of the Cowes Foreshore, Mussel Rocks, which was a bicentennial project carried out in late 1989-1990 with voluntary labour of around 400-500 hours supplied by the Lions Club of Phillip Island.

Such an encroachment of commercial activity into this residential and recreational zone will change the character and ambience of the Cowes Main Beach foreshore and will add to traffic congestion and parking limitations.

Annie Kirby, Cowes

Disingenuous

Following the democratic rejection by ratepayers of the implementation of the SBSB special charge scheme, defeated proponents of the scheme are widely bandying about the term "third world", and demanding that council must do something to rectify the "third world" conditions they are being forced to live in.

What an ignorant and disingenuous claim, and one that is appallingly insensitive to those in other parts of the world who genuinely have to live in third world conditions.

The term "third world" is used to define countries and places that have, as a minimum, three basic characteristics. These are: 1. high poverty rates and the accompanying high mortality (especially infant mortality) rates. 2. economic and political instability and 3. a lack of basic human necessities like access to water, shelter or food for its citizens. It is difficult to see any correlation between these characteristics and life in our seaside suburbs.

Anyone who claims that Sunderland Bay and Surf Beaches experiences any of the aforementioned third world conditions, should step out into the streets and have a good look around at the relatively unspoilt conditions that we are privileged to live in, and share an abundance of beautiful fauna with.

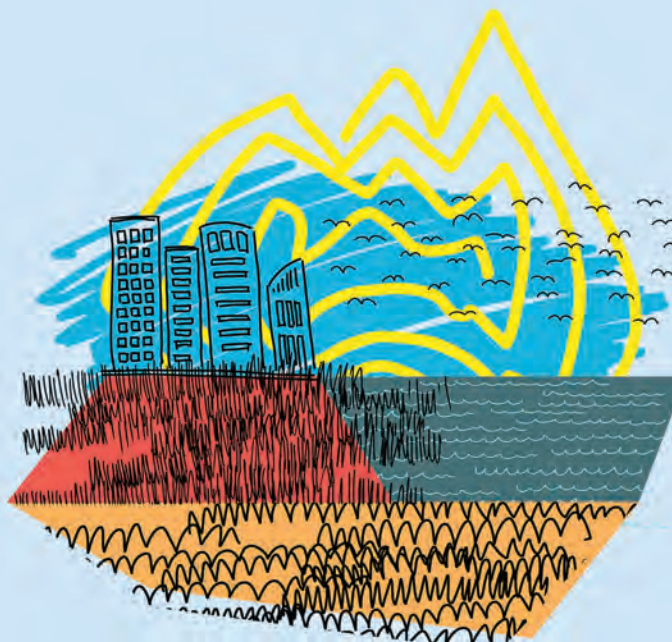
Then perhaps, they could more realistically reflect on their claim, and ask themselves why they ever chose to live here in "third world" conditions in the first place.

Ross Bencraft, Surf Beach.

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Newhaven College celebrates excellence

EDUCATION

To celebrate the conclusion of the 2023 school year, last week Newhaven College held two Presentation Evenings for the Junior School and Middle/Senior School.

Both events were held in the College's gymnasium, overflowing with teachers, staff, students and their supportive families.

The Year 5-11 Presentation Evening was hosted by the 2024 College Captains Tahlia Williams, Max Arceo, Tom Bird and Alice Mabilia, who performed their first formal captaincy duties.

The Junior School Celebration Evening hosts were 2022 Captains, Harper Perry and Alfie Russo, and Vice Captains Edith Jamieson and Flynn Wright.

Junior School

The Junior School Celebration was a fitting end to the school year as the success of all students was celebrated. Junior School students were presented with a certificate of achievement for completing a wonderful year of learning and improvement. The students demonstrated their talents with singing and music performances onstage.

Mr Ralph Arceo, reflecting on his 10 years as Head of Junior School spoke about the Junior School philosophy.

"Throughout my years in Junior School, there has been one collective obligation that has driven our every action: the commitment to positively impact the well-being and academic outcomes of the young students entrusted in our care," Mr Arceo said.

"Every student who has walked through our doors has been valued, and our expectations have consistently been reinforced. In this nurturing environment, we have fostered self-esteem, independence, empathy, and equipped our students with the skills to make informed decisions to have success in life."

Mr Arceo will be commencing as Head of Middle School in 2024. Mrs Cath Huther, who will be replacing Mr Arceo, attended the evening.

Middle and Senior School

There were songs, words and awards during an evening which celebrated the successes of students in academics, sport, values and music.

The procession of award presentations was interspersed with some

stunning musical performances. The Middle School Choir performed "Easy on Me" by Adele, Senior School band The Dropkicks pumped out "Chelsea Dagger" by The Fratellis and the final performance of the evening was from the Senior School Ensemble, "Waka Waka" by Shakira.

This year, three staff members, Chris Appleby, David Arnott and Sue Mitchell received recognition for twenty years or more of service and dedication to the school.

Six staff were recognised for fifteen or more years of service: They were Nathan Leys, Marcelle Krieg, Carmel Roberts, Stewart Bathgate, Melanie Flower and Ric Pearce.

A further 25 staff were recognised for 10 or more years of commitment to

the college.

Mr Greg Price was named a Life Governor after 20 years of dedicated participation on the College Board, including over 10 years as the Board chair, and for his many years of support of Newhaven College.

Student awards

A wide range of awards was presented to recognise outstanding achievement in Academic Studies, Music, Sport, Values, Theatre and Drama, Design, Visual Arts, Technology, and Building and Construction.

Senior School Dux Awards for Year 9 – Tilly Stecher, Year 10 – Maisie McMurray, Year 11 – Gabriel Winterson.

ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership Award – Thomas Scott (Year 10).

ADF Future Innovators Award – Isaac Savona

(Year 10).

Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program – Lara Smyth (Year 10).

Luke Bolding Memorial Scholarship – Gabriel Winterson (Year 11).

St Vincent de Paul Society Frederic Ozanam Awards - Zachariah Coldora and Bonnie McBride (Year 6).

The Bendigo Community Bank Awards – Tilly Stecher, Felix Fothergill, Jasmine Ruffin and Meyanna Christensen (Year 9).

Peter Reith AM Memorial Prize – Tilly Stecher (Year 9).

Donald Cameron OAM Award – Zoe Scott (Year 10).

Rev John Leaver Award – Jack Ryan (Year 11).

Duke of Edinburgh Award – Gold – Mackenzie Wain (Year 11).

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This year's recipient of the Reverend John Leaver Award is Jack Ryan (Year 11), with Principal Mr Tony Corr and Mr Greg Price, who was named a Life Governor for more than 20 years of service to Newhaven College.



With Life Governor Mrs Pam Cameron and Mrs Meryl Reid from the Lions Club of Phillip Island who sponsor the Donald Cameron OAM award, is this year's recipient Zoe Scott (Year 10).



The 2023 recipient of the Luke Bolding Scholarship is Gabriel Winterson (Year 11). This award is given in memory of Luke Bolding, who was a proud Bass House Captain in 2014.



Clarke House took out the honours for the House Cup this year. Principal Mr Tony Corr presented the cup to Middle School Clarke House captains: Maximilian Brocklesby, Ania Falzon and Zoe Paterson.



Winner of the ADF Future Innovators Award – Isaac Savona (Year 10) with Director of Learning Karen Milkins-Hendry.



Year 4 students presented their last performance as part of the Junior School at the Celebration evening on Wednesday night.



The winners of a new St Vincent De Paul Society Frederic Ozanam scholarship award are Zachariah Coldora and Bonnie McBride with Principal Mr Tony Corr and Chair of the Board Mr David Jobe. These two Year 6 students have displayed the qualities of quiet achievers, with compassion and thoughtfulness towards others while at school.



The Bendigo Community Bank awards recognise students in Year 9 who have displayed strong community values and includes \$1000 per year for the next three years. The award recipients were Year 9 students Tilly Stecher, Felix Fothergill, Jasmine Ruffin and Meyanna Christensen, pictured here with Mr Bruce Proctor and Mrs Bronwyn Pratt from the Bendigo Bank.



Thomas Scott was the recipient of the ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership Award. He is pictured with Vice Principal and Head of Senior School Mr Jason Scott



Colour runs riot

EDUCATION

San Remo Primary School held a colourful fundraiser last month, to raise money for the middle/senior school playground.

The Biennial Colour Run was organised by the school's events committee and students raised a stunning \$15,724 for their project. "As you can see, all the students had a wonderful time,"

said Principal Karen Bowker. "The weather was perfect and parents joined in the fun spraying students and teachers with colour.

"There was the water rainbow for students to slide under and get wet, a slide to go down, tyres to run through and water pistols to dodge," Karen said.

"There was even a cheeky principal throwing buckets of water."

At the end of the day, three staff members got slimed by the students who had raised the most money.

The lucky teachers were drawn out of a hat and there was plenty of excitement at the chance to slime the principal.

A fantastic effort and a brilliant time was had by all.

More photos at pisra.com.au/education



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Protecting hooded plover population

CONSERVATION

Residents and visitors are reminded that summer beach restrictions are now in place.

Dogs are now prohibited between 10am and 5pm on some beaches.

Phillip Island and wildlife authorities are coming together this summer to protect our native wildlife and educate people about how they can safely share the beach with animals and give them the best chance to thrive.

Phillip Island Nature Parks' Sharing Our Shores campaign, run in partnership with Bass Coast Shire Council and the Conservation Regulator aims to raise awareness about some of our most vulnerable species, including the beach-nesting hooded plover, and how beach visitors can support their survival.

Reserve Manager Ben Thomas says the joint campaign is about sharing the coast safely and helping care for these threatened shorebirds during their breeding season.

"It is a shared community responsibility that we all help safeguard the unique and won-

derful wildlife we have on Phillip Island to ensure they are protected," Mr Thomas said.

Sharing Our Shores is aligning with the Conservation Regulator's Operation Save Our Hoodies (SoHo), which is educating beachgoers and enforcing rules around hooded plover nesting sites.

Hooded plovers are a tiny, native bird that nests along the high tide line and in sand dunes during spring and summer. Their eggs and chicks are difficult to see and at risk of being trampled or disturbed by beach users and their dogs.

"We encourage all beach users to be mindful of wildlife in the area. Keep to the designated paths and have your dog on a lead, away from signed nesting areas.

"This campaign is about respecting all beach users, which is why the regulations prohibit dogs between the hours of 10am and 5pm on some beaches."

Patrols

Sharing Our Shores runs from December 1 to 31 March 31, 2024 and involves both patrols by Au-

thorised Officers along the Phillip Island coast and an educational poster competition.

Local students are encouraged to create artwork that communicates the importance of harmony between residents, visitors and the natural environment that supports local conservation efforts.

The winning artworks of threatened shorebirds and other native animals from last year's competition feature in advertising for this year's campaign.

Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor Clare Le Serve said residents and visitors had an important role to play in supporting local conservation efforts.

"Phillip Island is loved by many, and we want everyone to enjoy and respect this special part of the world together," Mayor Le Serve said.

"I urge dog owners to check local signage and take advice from the rangers and authorised officers who will be doing an important job this summer to help protect local wildlife and ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable experience."

Hooded plovers are protected



Phillip Island Nature Parks' Sharing Our Shores campaign, is run in partnership with Bass Coast Shire Council, and the Conservation Regulator, and aims to protect the hooded plover and other native wildlife.

under the Wildlife Act 1975 and it is illegal to disturb, injure, or destroy them; damage their habitat; or interfere with warning signage. Penalties range from \$96 on-the-spot fines up to a maximum penalty of \$46,154. Dog owners must also be aware of local beach regulations, particularly areas where dogs are prohibited, and always keep pets on-lead or under their control,

as they face fines up to \$4807 if their dog attacks wildlife.

The Conservation Regulator investigates reports of habitat destruction and dogs harassing hooded plovers. Reports can be made to Crime Stoppers Victoria on 1800 333 000.

More information on beach restrictions: www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/services/pets-animals/where-can-i-walk-my-dog



Jordan Crugnale MP with SES Phillip Island Crew members Dave, Dennis, Stephen, Sarah and Phil. Phillip Island SES received \$87,426.61 to upgrade their support vehicles to a Toyota Hilux.

Funding boost for local emergency services

GRANTS

Four local emergency service organisations in the Bass electorate have received \$226,696 in funding to support their ongoing service to the local community as part of the Victorian Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP) grants.

VESEP is an annual grants program that helps Victorian emergency services volunteer groups purchase essential operational equipment, vehicles and appliances as well as undertake minor facility improvements.

Local MP, Jordan Crugnale congratulated the SES Units of Phillip Island and Wonthaggi as well as Inverloch SLSC and Cape Paterson SLSC and acknowledged their respective financial contributions.

"This is such great news as now our local SES can upgrade their vehicles and our Surf Lifesaving Clubs can purchase equipment needed for rescues like boards, outboard motors, defibrillators and lifejackets.

"THE VESEP program is so important as it provides volunteers with the equipment and facilities they need to continue their selfless work and we're grateful for all that they do to protect our community," Ms Crugnale said.

"Our emergency service volunteers work incredibly hard to keep our communities supported, informed and safe.

"We are in for a big season and I want to thank them for

being out and about in our community holding information sessions, having open days, visiting schools, having a presence at markets – all to get the message out about water safety, reminding us to do our fire preparedness plan and taking a little more care on our roads."

Phillip Island SES and Wonthaggi SES received \$87,426.61 and \$83,641.70 respectively to upgrade their support vehicles to a Toyota Hilux.

Cape Paterson Surf Lifesaving Club received \$24,290 for foam and fibreglass rescue boards, defibrillator and AED trainers, while Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club received \$30,338 to purchase a Polaris Ranger, outboard motors, rescue boards, lifejackets, AED Trainers, radios and First Aid Kits.

Waratah Beach Surf Life Saving Club and Kongwak and District CFA also received funding.

Through this round of grants, CFA brigades have received more than \$10.8 million, Victoria State Emergency Service units received more than \$2.4 million, Life Saving Victoria's surf lifesaving clubs received more than \$850,000 and Marine Search and Rescue crews received more than \$350,000.

Phillip Island SES, Wonthaggi SES, Inverloch SLSC and Cape Paterson SLSC are four of 233 applicants to receive a grant as part of the 2023/24 program.

For more information or to view the full list of grant recipients, visit emv.vic.gov.au/vesep

Bringing home the medals

TOURISM AWARDS

A swag of medals from the recent Victorian Tourism Awards have come home to Bass Coast.

Bass Coast Shire Council, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Destination Phillip Island and NRMA Phillip Island Beachfront Holiday Park were all winners at the ceremony last week at Crown Palladium.

Phillip Island Nature Parks picked up silver in the Major Tourist Attraction category, highlighting its combination of eco-tourism with successful conservation. Zoos Victoria took out the Gold.

Phillip Island Nature Parks Chief Executive Officer Catherine Basterfield said the Nature Parks' staff and volunteers had worked hard to rebuild visitation in the last two years, and this award was due recognition of their dedicated efforts.

"This award is validation of the incredible experiences Phillip Island Nature Parks work hard to deliver, and it showcases that our staff, volunteers and visitors really are the cornerstone of our success," Ms Basterfield said.

"I am so proud to work with a team that is committed to showcasing the unique wonders of Phillip Island while managing environmental and wildlife conservation."

Bass Coast Shire Council won silver in the Local Government for Tourism category, and bronze for Visitor Information Services.

"Bass Coast is synonymous with tourism, hosting more than 3.4 million visitors every year," Mayor Clare Le Serve said.

"This is a testament to the entire community who work together to support tourism in this beautiful region."

Destination Phillip Island won silver in the Tourism Marketing and Campaigns category for its "101 square kilometres of amazing" campaign.

"This is wonderful recognition for the largest campaign in the history of the organisation and the contribution and hard work of the DPI team, especially Arnika Martin – Marketing Co-Or-



Daniel Rutter and his team from NRMA Phillip Island Beachfront Holiday Park were thrilled to win Gold at the Victorian Tourism Awards.



Phillip Island Nature Parks: Melissa Cashman, Stephanie James, Mark Anderson, Debbie Buschmann and Catherine Basterfield. The Nature Parks won Silver in the Major Tourist Attraction category at the Victorian Tourism Awards.



Destination Phillip Island won Silver in the Tourism Marketing and Campaigns category for its "101 square kilometres of amazing" campaign. Serena Cabello (Staff), Catherine Basterfield (Chair), Kimberley Brown (Board), Kim Storey (GM), Jeff Webb (Board), Arnika Martin (Staff), Alisha Harding (Staff), Tina Orr (Board).

dinator and our working group members," said General Manager Kim Storey.

NRMA Phillip Island Beachfront Holiday Park won the gold in the Caravan and Holiday Parks category.

"We are all very excited and very humbled to be gold winners, said Daniel Rutter, Park Manager.

Daniel said the award means they are now entered in the Australian Tourism Awards, which will be held in Darwin in March 2024.

Other local winners included Harman Wines (Bronze – Tourism Wineries, Distilleries and Breweries), and Genesta House Bed & Breakfast (Silver – Hosted Accommodation).

A walk back through time

BOOK LAUNCH

It was a great meeting of the island's clans in the famous Otira shearing shed at Ventnor on Saturday, for the launch of the much-anticipated book "Home Paddock Stories. Phillip Island and Beyond", by Laurie Dixon.

Old friends and new came from near and far, to celebrate this special occasion. Many bore the surnames of the island's early settlers.

Highlights of the afternoon included the launch of the book by Laurie's school friend and lifelong mate Robin Goodall; oration of a poem by Michael Cleeland, written especially for the occasion; and Cameron Sanders, a descendant of the Cleeland and Sanders pioneering families, and Quinn Kellock entertaining all present on their euphoniums.

Cameron's euphonium was gifted to him by Laurie. It was the one Laurie used as a member of the old Phillip Island Brass Band.

Raconteur

Laurie Dixon was born in 1938, in the hospital gifted to the island community by his grandparents William and Lucy Thompson, after whom the Cowes main street is named ... and twenty minutes before the arrival of his best friend through life, twin brother John.

Prompted by the diaries he has meticulously kept since 1952 to the present day, his book is filled with personal anecdotes and recollections, which reflect an irrepressible spirit of adventure, strong work ethic, and a deep connection to family, friends and rural life.

A raconteur who loves to spin a yarn, in "Home Paddock Stories. Phillip Island and Beyond" Laurie has chronicled a life spanning eight decades, documenting the day to day activities and happenings of family and community life; in so doing also providing a unique insight into Phillip Island's social history and development.

Laurie's writings in his book

are laced with fun and humour, which were the hallmark of life in the small and tight knit rural community into which he was born: school days at Ventnor where the teacher occasionally failed to arrive; the island's football fields where lifelong friendships were made; dodging local Fisheries inspectors while out hunting mutton birds; and regular marches down Thompson Avenue as a member of the Phillip Island brass band.

A gun shearer in his heyday, Laurie worked in shearing sheds near and far. And at various times worked on the rebuilding of the old racetrack in time for the first Phillip Island Motorcycle GP in 1989; construction of the Nobbies Sea Life Centre; ran a hydroponics family herb farm for 11 years; and in the 1970s constructed the Cowes East beach rock wall as part of a team of three.

At one point he found himself pictured on the front page of metropolitan and local newspapers, helping his house guest, Queensland shark hunter Vic



Laurie Dixon at Saturday's book launch attended by over 100 people, with his wife Jenni, daughters Robyn, Narelle and Jane, and five of his nine grandchildren.

Hyslop, who landed a record-breaking white pointer off the Nobbies, to bring the 2.4 tonne monster onto the beach in Cowes. This is just one of the quirky tales to be found in these pages, along with travel adventures in the Australian outback and holi-

days across three continents in his later years.

"Home Paddock Stories: Phillip Island and Beyond", is 198 pages of great reading and is available for purchase at \$40 per copy. Email: homepaddockld@gmail.com



Men's A grade singles: winner David Rooks and runner-up Rafa Lobo.



Ladies' singles winner Edith Kaminsky and runner-up Fabiola Smith.

Senior club championships

TENNIS

The Phillip Island Tennis Club held its 2023 Senior Club Championships on Sunday, December 3.

Those who attended witnessed some great tennis, with the final match of the day (Mixed Singles Final) drawing much cheering and applause from everyone watching.

Many thanks to Club Coach Paul Rowbottom (Innovative Tennis Management) for looking after the

draw and trophies, to everyone who contributed to a fabulous lunch and to those who participated and came from near and far (one from Adelaide!) to watch and enjoy a great day.

Winners and runners-up were:

Men's A grade singles: winner David Rooks and runner-up Rafa Lobo.

Men's B grade singles: winner Shane Dougherty and runner-up Terry Ahern.

Ladies' singles: winner

Edith Kaminsky and runner-up Fabiola Smith.

Men's doubles: winners Rafa Lobo and Terry Ahern, runners-up Rick Fitzgerald and John Lancaster.

Ladies' doubles: winners Edith Kaminsky and Amanda Walker, runners-up Betty Malloy and Robyne Lunn.

Mixed doubles: winners Shane Dougherty and Amanda Walker, runners-up Geoff Clements and Edith Kaminsky.

Youngsters go online

SURFING

Surfing Australia has launched the 2024 Australian Junior Online Surf Championships, with an extended competition window giving surfers more time to submit waves.

Groms aged from Under 12 to Under 18 can now sign up, with the competition window set to start on January 1. Once you've entered in your age division, you can sign up in other fun categories such as Best Air, Best Barrel and Best Wipeout.

Winners across all individual divisions will earn 6500 points for first place, which will contribute to their 2024 National Junior Rankings.

This year, the event is being powered by mophie. The brand earlier this year signed Molly Picklum as an ambassador and is also giving away tons of prizes.

Brad Bricknell from mophie said: "We love what Surfing Australia does in this space, and we're thrilled to partner with them in next year's event. Being a digital event that relies on devices staying charged, it's a great fit for the mophie brand, and we're stoked to be part of powering the next generation of Australian surfers." The online surfing com-



Molly Picklum is an ambassador for mophie, which is sponsoring the Junior Online Surfing Championships. Photo: Matt Dunbar, Surfing Australia.

petition was set up during Covid to provide equal opportunities for junior surfers at their local breaks. Its success has seen the event continue with a boost in National Junior Rankings points last year. All Australian juniors in U12 - U18 divisions can enter without state qualification required.

The competition window opens on January 1, 2024 and will run over three months. Entries will remain open until midnight on March 31, 2024 and winners will be announced on April 5, 2024, after judging.

Surfing Australia and Head Olympic judge Glen

Elliott will lead a three-person panel, with surfers being judged on their best one wave via online video submission. Competitors can swap out their entries right until the close of the competition window.

Surfers can compete in a range of other categories once they enter their applicable age division including Best Air, Best Barrel and Best Wipeout. Please note, these categories will be prize-based and have no associated rankings points.

More information on rules and judging as well as how to enter at australianjunioronlinesurfchampionships.com

Days on the green

GOLF

Tuesday, November 28

Men's Stableford

Overall winner: Ray Jansson (18) with 39 points.

A grade winners: Lachlan Robinson (-3) with 38 points c/b to Rob Haydon (12).

B grade winners: Ray Jansson (18) with 39 points from Brett Saunderson (21) on 37 points.

C grade winners: Rob Wood (29) with 37 points from John Gains (24) on 33 points c/b.

BDL to 33 points.

NTP: 5th Ron Owen, 7th Stephen Mack, 10th Dave Egan and 17th Lachlan Robinson.

Men's 9-hole Stableford

Winner: Col Cordery (33) with 18 pts from Brian Baker (21) on 17 pts c/b.

BDL to 15 pts c/b.

Wednesday, November 29

Women's 18-hole Stroke

A grade winner: Vicki

Ramage (24) 67 nett.

B grade winner: Michelle Pardoe (30) 73 nett. BDL to 82 nett C/B.

NTP: 5th Emma Hall, 7th Megan Elbaz, 10th Rhonda Boyd and 17th Emma Hall.

Thursday, November 30

Open Stableford

Overall winner: Brenton O'Brien (17) with 38 pts c/b.

A grade winners: Heath Grace (15) with 36 pts c/b from Geoff Daff (13) with 36 points.

B grade winners: Brenton O'Brien (17) with 38 pts and Rickardo Meder (18) with 32 pts c/b.

C grade winners: Paul Waylen (35) with 38 points pts and Rich Robin (23) with 35 pts.

BDL to 32 pts c/b.

NTP: 5th Mike Fitzmaurice, 7th Rob Hayden, 10th Steve Sloss and 17th Syd Hadley.

Open 9-hole Stableford

Winner: Alan Tindale

(31) with 19 pts from Ian Samuel (28) with 17 points c/b.

Saturday, December 2

Men's 18-hole Stroke, round four championships was a wash out, thereby the men's final round of the championships will be held on Saturday, December 9.

Women's 18-hole Stroke, round four championships for A and B grade was also cancelled however, the championship was decided on the results at the end of round three.

Emma Hall is our ladies club champion and Lorraine Hammon our B grade club champion.

Sunday, December 3

Open 18-hole Stableford

Winners: Mark Collison (9) with 35 pts from Vincent Phelan (15) with 31 pts.

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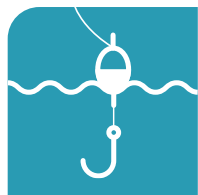
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AROUND THE BAY

WITH JIM'S BAIT AND TACKLE

FISHING

If you have been sitting around for the last couple of weeks looking out the window waiting for the weather to improve, the week coming looks to be the best in a while.

November was an improvement from the previous year, however we still missed plenty of days with easterly winds showing up.

There have been some good quality fish of varying species being reported, including some school tuna a few weeks ago.

Most are fishing in the bay due to the weather with not many venturing offshore yet, however it won't be long before we see plenty heading that way chasing tuna, sharks or just a feed of flathead.

While numbers are lower than some would expect, the quality of the fish in the bay has been exceptional and due to the slow start we could maybe get a season that continues well into the holiday period.

Newhaven boat ramp

The concept drawing produced Better Boating Victoria is now online.

The best place to have your say is on the BBV/VFA social or web pages.

Or better still - in person at a drop-in session to be held at the Newhaven Yacht Squadron on Thursday, December 7, from 4pm to 7pm.

The BBV team will be there, as well as engineers to chat through the finer details.

To see the plans and submit your feedback before January 19, 2024, head to betterboating.vic.gov.au/consultations/newhaven/.

The best thing you can do is go have a look, ask questions then give your opinion based on what can actually be done.

We all want acres of land reclaimed, huge areas dredged and a carpark to hold 200 cars and trailers, the reality unfortunately is very different.

Reclamation of large areas - especially in this area - is not easy. It has been done elsewhere, however, it is one of the hardest things to do and the process can take years.

Excessive dredging is the same, with so many

levels of approval to go through our great grandkids might benefit.

And of course, short of installing a multi-level carpark, space is a huge problem.

We will get a third ramp, we will get a new jetty and floating pontoon with some dredging, we will get an increase in carparking with some tidy up of the rock wall, we will get new cleaning facilities.

The trick is to ensure that those improvements are designed the best they can be around the restrictions of the area.

The best way to do this is constructive feedback and not feedback on things that just can't be done.

We have had some very positive comments about the concept drawing and I hope those people head over to the drop-in session.

Whilst you are there, don't forget to mention in your feedback; what you think would be the best time to do the improvements.

While I have no idea the length of time it will take, I would suggest there will be no change over the next six to eight months - however, the six months over winter would be far better than six months over summer.

Fishing report

Despite the lack of opportunity and seemingly low numbers for some with snapper, whiting and calamari, others have had no problem and lucked out pulling up in the right spot at the right time, catching as many as they wanted.

So when is the best time and spot?

If you plotted the reports on a map and timeline you would fill up both, such is the inconsistency of both.

The snapper has probably had more of a pattern with the typical deep early and shallow late.

While this narrows it down a little bit, there is a lot of deep for the early fish, with the afternoon a smaller area towards Coronet Bay and the mud.

We've had several reports from those fishing in the middle of the day across the corals and while they were kept busy with undersize fish not many bought home a feed.

My suggestion would be to look at something different.

Look around and find yourself some live bait, small mullet, salmon, yakka's and calamari.

Set up a live bait rig - you will need some weight, I prefer a longer leader than normal and keep changing your weight as the tide changes.

A 5kg snapper or decent gummy will have no trouble at all taking a live bait but the little pinkies will leave it alone.

Whiting reports have been more difficult, coming from every inch and depth of the bay, such as deep water off Rhyll, the channel off of Elizabeth Island, across the corals, along with the normal whiting spots below and above the bridge, even in the shallows above Maggi Shoal.

The only thing common to the whiting reports is the size of the first fish you catch is what the majority of the remaining fish in that spot will be.

We are still hearing about the very small ones and there does seem to be good numbers of small stock in the bay.

Most of the reports contain good quality healthy whiting where one is a meal on its own.

Calamari are not as bad as they were early season and while not what we expect, it's definitely an improvement and there are more times where a bag is possible.

Like the rest, there's not a lot of consistency in where, but when seems to have narrowed to change of light - especially off the land or jetties.

We have also had a handful of snapper and whiting reports over the last month off the jetties.

Cowes jetty is the best for snapper, with Rhyll and San Remo better for whiting.

While land based never produces dozens of fish, the quality of the ones we have reported would have been worth the effort and time spent chasing them.

Salmon are everywhere at the moment - with reports coming from the boats, beaches and jetties with the best method being metal slugs. But don't go too big, we get far more 2kg salmon reported on 25g lures than on 60g lures.



Winners: Max Williams (L), Raff Merante (2), Frank D'Unienville (3) and John Nicholson (Inset)(S).

Midweek battles it out

BOWLS

San Remo once again welcomed our 36 bowlers for another round in our weekly challenge.

The day started with some very mild weather, a slight chance of rain and a little wind to make the day more interesting.

The usual sound of friendly banter and laughter was heard across the green.

Some great bowling across the rinks, but it was mixed with a few wayward shots as always from a few of us.

As the day progressed the wind increased somewhat, making it hard to

control the bowling, along with the weather turning icy making everyone run for extra clothing - at least it didn't rain.

Peter, Pauline and John once again did all the hard work to make the game a success, as they do each week.

But as always, there are winners and the rest of us.

This week's winners on 35 points were: John Nicholson (S), Frank D'Unienville (3), Raff Merante (2) and Max Williams (L).

Runners-up on a score of 34 points were: Tony Heppleston (S), Laurie Bell (3), Gwen Jeffrey (2) and Bob Arnold (L).

Best one game winners on a score of 23 were: Craig Brown (S), Mark Hanrahan (3) and Marites (Mae) Soledad (L).

Mark was appreciated by all for his work behind the bar, along with Gwen - who as always is the quiet achiever - for her work looking after the kitchen.

Next week we will be meeting once again at Koo Wee Rup, so if everyone who is playing could be on site by 10am to allow time for Peter to work his magic getting the teams set up.

Meanwhile, have a great week and to all our pennant players, we hope you have a good weekend of playing.



Winners of Social Bowls, from left to right: Bruce Puncher, Serge Castel and Bev Emmett.

Adverse conditions for social bowls

BOWLS

Social bowls was held on November 30, with a small group of keen bowlers who made themselves available

to play testing conditions.

However, this didn't stop the standard of bowling and all bowlers should be congratulated.

Runners up for the day:

Derek MacDonald, Lance Wearne and Bev Emmett.

Congratulations to our winners: Serge Castel, Erol Bradford and Pruce Puncher.

TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 6 DEC	THU 7 DEC	FRI 8 DEC	SAT 9 DEC	SUN 10 DEC	MON 11 DEC	TUE 12 DEC
LOW 12:37 am 0.81 m	LOW 1:14 am 0.95 m	LOW 1:55 am 1.11 m	LOW 2:44 am 1.26 m	LOW 3:45 am 1.38 m	LOW 4:58 am 1.46 m	HIGH 12:43 am 2.62 m
HIGH 7:27 am 2.71 m	HIGH 7:57 am 2.62 m	HIGH 8:30 am 2.53 m	HIGH 9:11 am 2.45 m	HIGH 9:59 am 2.37 m	HIGH 10:56 am 2.32 m	LOW 6:12 am 1.46 m
LOW 1:20 pm 0.99 m	LOW 1:56 pm 0.98 m	LOW 2:35 pm 0.96 m	LOW 3:21 pm 0.92 m	LOW 4:15 pm 0.86 m	LOW 5:14 pm 0.77 m	HIGH 12:00 pm 2.31 m
HIGH 7:30 pm 2.35 m	HIGH 8:19 pm 2.31 m	HIGH 9:17 pm 2.30 m	HIGH 10:25 pm 2.34 m	HIGH 11:36 pm 2.46 m		LOW 6:14 pm 0.66 m

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Cape Woolamai's Scarlett Rennie in action at the Australian Junior Surfing Titles last week. Photo: Sam Walkerdene, Surfing Australia.

Junior titles completed

SURFING

The Woolworths Australian Junior Surfing Titles wrapped up at Cape Woolamai with high-quality surfing in all age divisions and tightly contested finals action.

While the island surfers missed out on final spots, there was plenty of great surfing on display for local fans.

U18 Men's winner, Eden Hasson (NSW), delivered an incredible perfor-

mance and a late score of 9.2 secured his victory. Willow Hardy (WA) claimed victory in the U18 Women's division.

Maverick Wilson (WA) won the U16 Men's final and Ziggy Mackenzie (QLD) secured the U16 Women's title.

Eliza Richardson posted the highest heat total of the day, a 17.88 (8.38 + 9.50), to win the U14 Girls title, while Locana Cullen (NSW) won the U14 Boys title with a perfect 10.00 score.

Contest Director, Liam Roberston

said: "It was a fantastic end to the Woolworths Australian Junior Surfing Titles at Cape Woolamai. We were greeted with playful two-foot waves, which saw some amazing surfing and great battles go down.

"A massive congratulations to all the champions and overall state champion Queensland. The future of surfing in Australia is in good hands!"

Find all the results on liveheats.com/events/142706

This week's league results

TENPIN BOWLING

Phantom League: 1st on 29pts PBA9X, 2nd on 25pts AlleyGator, 3rd on 21.5pts Dragonfly and 4th on 21pts Elizabeth.

Season high scores for men and women: 204 PBA9X and 180 Elizabeth.

2s Company - Monday league: 1st on 34pts King Pins, 2nd on 21pts Tinabe and 3rd on 28.5pts Mustang Alley.

Season high scores for men and women: 192 Tricia Niessink and 209 Raff Merante.

ABL (Almost Bowling Legends) - Wednesday league: 1st on 205.5 pts Knackers, 2nd on 199pts PinPals and 3rd on 192.5pts Just Bowl Already.

Season high scores for men and women: 237 Matt Edwards and 199 Karen Klym.

Thursday night business league and playoffs: To begin the season high scores across both business leagues. Clinton

Armour with a huge score of 243 and Stacey Bjarring on 159.

Playoffs

On Thursday, November 30, our business teams competed in a knockout round to see who would be crowned the official winners of the 2023 Spring season!

From our early league: 1st Balls Deep, 2nd Happy Hour, 3rd Woolly Rollers and 4th Old Timers.

From our late league: 1st Team Rich, 2nd Jd's, 3rd Loose Knuckles and 4th Bananas in Pyjamas.

The top team from each division received a 30-pin head start whilst the second placed teams received a 15-pin start.

For the first time in the business competition both the first and second placed teams in each division were knocked out leaving the third and fourth placed teams to battle it out



Team Knackers won the Almost Bowling Legends on 205.5 points.

for the trophies and bragging rights!

The Old Timers (Bob, Gerard, Glenn and Ray) and Woolly Rollers (Kerri, John and Troy) were left standing, with The Old Timers taking the title with a total of 677 pins total whilst Woolly roll-

ers finished on 582 pins total.

Congratulations to Bob, Gerard and Glenn on the victory (although we're sorry you missed your dinner reservation).

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