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We had a whale of a time!

This year's Island Whale Festival was the biggest in its six-year history – not even the cold or rain could keep whale enthusiasts from enjoying it to the full. Xavier Mutukura (Coves) and Billie Barclay (Wimbledon Heights) got into the spirit of the festival, making their own cardboard whales, one of dozens of fantastic craft sessions available over the weekend. For more festival fun, turn to page 10.

Developers hint at new Isle of Wight plans

New plans for a “world class” pub, hotel, conference and wellness centre on the old Isle of Wight site will be completed in coming months, ahead of a proposed opening in 2025.

In an exclusive interview with the Advertiser, the team behind the Isle of Wight development, Moda, say plans will be lodged with Bass Coast Shire later in the year.

Moda head of development Tim

Richardson said since purchasing the property in January 2021 the company had been going through a “rigorous pre-planning process”, undertaking economic and tourism analysis, as well as feasibility scenarios before any design work could be undertaken.

“We want to thank everyone for their patience with us,” Tim said.

“We’re responsible for the delivery

of a world-class asset on arguably Coves’ most important site – geographically and historically – that will serve the community and be a major employer for generations, so we need to tread meticulously and carefully.”

He said developers often jumped straight to design planning, without ensuring commercial viability.

“In the current economic conditions delivering a project of this size

in a metropolitan area is hard, but in a regional centre at this scale it’s pretty much without precedence in Victoria, even Australia,” Tim said.

“We have got to get this right before communicating detailed design work, otherwise we risk fatiguing stakeholders and frustrating the community.”

“We want to make sure we can deliver on our promises.”

Details

While he could not give specific planning details or the cost of the development, Tim said it would be a “major mixed-use development” of a “world class standard”.

Moda is working with NSW design agency Alexander and Co on the reference design.

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Newhaven is one of 11 accredited Visitor Information Centre locations to host the new Pause Stops, as part of a new partnership between the TAC and the Victoria Tourism Industry Council to tackle fatigue-related road trauma.

Why not Pause and stop at Newhaven?

The Visitor Information Centre at Newhaven will soon host a TAC Pause Stop, as part of a new partnership between the Transport Accident Commission (TAC) and the Victoria Tourism Industry Council (VTIC).

The partnership aims to tackle fatigue-related road trauma.

Newhaven is one of 11 accredited Visitor Information Centre locations to host the new Pause Stops, which will have a range of resources for visitors to help them plan a safe onward journey, as well as activities for the kids.

Bass Coast CEO Ali Wastie said the Pause Spot will start on July 15 and is part of a six-month pilot program.

“Our Phillip Island Visitor Information Centre is ready to encourage visitors to take a break when travelling and use the time to enlighten them about the places to see and visit while on a Pause Stop break.”

The state government is urging Victorians to

plan ahead and drive safely these school holidays and beyond, as the number of lives lost on the state’s roads reaches 125, an increase from 104 at the same time last year.

Fatigue is a major cause of death and injuries on Victorian roads, with TAC research showing that driving while tired is a factor in around 20 per cent of road crashes.

“Fatigue remains a major factor in road trauma and partnering with VTIC to expand our popular Pause Stop campaign gives us the platform to help make millions of Victorian road trips safer every year,” said Transport Accident Commission Acting CEO Damian Poel.

The partnership will provide a unique platform for the TAC and VTIC to engage with the millions of people who stop at Visitor Information Centres each year on key road safety issues, such as drowsy driving.

The pilot Visitor Information Centres will also include Benalla, Bendigo, Dunkeld and Grampians, Echuca/Moama, Frankston, Geelong and Bellarine, Hamilton and Grampians, Heathcote, Melbourne Visitor Hub at Town Hall and Prom Country in Foster.

The pilot campaign will run until December and there will be a feasibility assessment into extending the partnership and including the entire network of 62 Visitor Information Centres across the state.

Travellers will be directed to the Pause Stop locations using the highly recognisable yellow i signage depicting Accredited Visitor Centres along key regional travel routes or online at www.tac.vic.gov.au/pausestop.

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A snapshot of our shire

There's more of us, and we're getting older. That's the key takeaway from the 2021 census figures released last week by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

The Bass Coast Shire population has risen by almost 8000 since 2016 and is now 40,789. Of those, 14,504 call Phillip Island and San Remo home.

Data from the census shows there are more families and more houses in the area, and we're getting older.

Since 2016, the percentage of the population aged under 14 years has dropped 1.1 per cent, while the percentage of people aged 65 and over has risen to 29.6 per cent (from 27.8).

In every age category from 55 up, our percentage of the population is above the state average, and between 65-74 year olds, we're almost double the average.

We've also been studying more, with 13.9 per cent of the population now having tertiary education (TAFE, training, university), compared to 10.2 per cent in 2016.

But we're spending less time in church, with 49.5 per cent of the population describing themselves as having "no religion".

While the number of family households, houses owned outright or with a mortgage has remained relatively stable, changes in the

rental market have been profound.

People living in rentals has dropped by five per cent while the median rent has risen \$50.

More alarmingly, people paying more than 30 per cent of their weekly income in rent had jumped from 10.9 per cent in 2016 to 40.2 per cent in 2021.

Health and heritage

The 2021 Census also collected health information showing that over eight million Australians have a long-term health condition.

In Bass Coast, while the majority of people did not register a long-term health complaint (55.1 per cent), 22.5 per cent said they had at least one condition, with 13.3 per cent listing two or more.

The two most common conditions were arthritis and a mental health issue.

The census found that almost half of Australians have a parent born overseas, although that figure is much lower for Bass Coast. Sixty per cent of people said both parents were born in Australia and English and Australian were the two top ancestry responses, accounting for close to 82 per cent of our population.

More at www.abs.gov.au/census/find-census-data/quickstats/2021/LGA20740

Census snapshot		
	2016	2021
Population	32,804	40,789
Number of families	8567	11,074
Number of private dwellings	25,775	28,938
Median age	50	51
% of children under 14	16.3	15.1
% people aged 65 and over	27.8	29.6
% of Tertiary education (Tafe, uni)	10.2	13.9
% selecting no religion	39.5	49.5
% of Family households	64.3	65.5
% who owned their home outright	42.9	46.7
% of houses with mortgage	28.1	28.7
% Renting	25.2	20.6
Median Rent	\$250	\$300
Rent payments less than or equal to 30% of household income	89.1%	49.8%
Rent payments greater than 30% of household income	10.9%	40.2%
Median household income	\$922	\$1163
Average number of vehicles per household	1.7	1.8

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At the announcement of a \$350,000 commitment to the PIFNC, from left to right: Jodie Ross (PIFNC treasurer) Stephen Fullarton (designer), Cathrine Burnett-Wake MLC, Aaron Brown (Liberal candidate for Bass), Matthew Guy MP, Brett Tessari (Nationals candidate for Bass) Chris Ross (PIFNC president) Melina Bath MLC, Phil Bourke and Tony Moxey (PIFNC).

Election promise for footy club upgrade

The Liberals and Nationals have promised \$350,000 to upgrade the Phillip Island Football Netball Club if they win the state election in November.

State Opposition leader Matthew Guy visited Cowes on Wednesday morning to announce the funding, flanked by Liberal candidate for Bass, Aaron Brown and Nationals candidate Brett Tessari.

If elected in November, Mr Guy said the Liberals and Nationals would provide the funding to extend the existing club house.

Club President Chris Ross said the proposed extension would expand the social facilities in the club.

"It will allow us to fit all our members and players in after a game and to have functions here. The extended veranda will also give us a bit more undercover space."

Assembled in the chilly club rooms, Mr Guy joked that the first thing they would do was buy the club some more heaters, before saying local community sports clubs needed support to recover and rebuild after the years of disruption due to Covid.

"This investment will mean the Phillip Island Football Netball Club will have a home for many years to come."

Plans

Club President Chris Ross said the extension would add 15 square metres to the existing building and in-



Aaron Brown (Liberal candidate for Bass), Matthew Guy (Opposition leader), Brett Tessari (Nationals candidate for Bass) and Chris Ross (President PIFNC). Mr Guy announced a \$350,000 commitment towards the football club rooms upgrade, if elected in November.

cluded a new entry.

The extended space would allow the club to have functions on site, as well as fit the existing members and players in after a game.

Despite being the biggest football club in Gippsland, Chris said the facilities were well below those of other clubs in the League and needed to be updated.

"It was built by volunteers in the 1960s. We see what the other clubs in

the competitions have and our facilities are way out of date.

"We don't have away rooms for netball, we have to hire rooms from the cricket club," he said.

"We'd love to be able to get something for our netballers. Trying to juggle everything is a nightmare."

The club also hoped to upgrade some of the existing facilities in a further stage of the project, including rebuilding the kitchen and bar.

"We've got over 1000 members and 800-odd players and basically we've outgrown the place."

Chris thanked Brett Tessari (a current Bass Coast councillor and former mayor) for his support for the project over the years and said the club estimated the first stage of the expansion would cost \$350,000 – \$400,000, if they manage the build themselves.

"But as volunteers, it is hard to raise the money to replace things."

Although the club will eventually relocate to the proposed Recreation precinct on the corner of Phillip Island and Ventnor roads, Bass Coast Shire Council currently estimates that project could take 10-20 years to complete, and in the meantime the club's membership continues to climb.

The proposed upgrade to the current rooms could help relieve the current squeeze on club facilities.

Support

Mr Guy agreed the club needed the expansion and said if his party won the election in November, there would be the money for stage one.

"Then come back and see us and we might do something else for you guys. It's about time we did something to help you out."

Mr Guy said since Covid people know they can work from home and coastal holiday areas were experiencing an influx of new residents.

"I think we all know how big the

growth is on Phillip Island. It's getting bigger and bigger and so is our club," Chris agreed.

Liberal candidate Aaron Brown said there was a physical and mental benefit for the community if people were actively engaged in sporting clubs.

"Investment in grassroots sport encourages locals to stay active by providing the very best facilities," Mr Brown said.

Mr Tessari, former president of the Wonthaggi football club said he was proud to have worked closely with the Phillip Island club over the past three years on priority projects. He applauded the efforts of Chris Ross and the club volunteers on pursuing the project.

"Community sport is at the heart of strong regional communities. This investment in modern comfortable facilities that are fit-for-purpose is just one practical way we can support local clubs to attract and retain members," he said.

Mr Guy then jumped in the car and headed for Inverloch, where he announced a \$6 million commitment to address erosion on the Inverloch foreshore, if the Liberals and Nationals win the upcoming election.

"This is a serious issue right along the Bass Coast, and we must preserve our fragile coastlines so they can be enjoyed for generations to come," Mr Guy said.

Guy still in the shadow of Ventnor

The ghost of decisions past was in the room when Opposition Leader Matthew Guy visited Cowes last week.

Speaking with the Advertiser about the lack of housing, social housing and rental accommodation in the area, Mr Guy said there was a "crisis in housing supply", criticising the current government for not doing enough to get more homes in the market.

But the elephant in the room was always Ventnor.

The visit was his first in an official capacity since his decision in 2011 to rezone the Cadogan farm in Ventnor, to allow for a new housing development. This resulted in a fierce campaign, with the small Ventnor community taking on the might of the state government.

Within two weeks, Mr Guy was forced to back down and the land remained in the farming zone.

But the episode continued to dog his career, and in 2013, the owner of the land sued the state government, saying they had bought the land on Mr Guy's promise that it would be rezoned.

The case was eventually settled out of court for \$2.5 million.

Returning to Phillip Island, the contentious issue of housing supply was again on the agenda.

So how did Mr Guy propose to bal-



Opposition Leader Matthew Guy made his first visit to Phillip Island last week, since his controversial decision to rezone farmland in Ventnor in 2011 sparked a fierce community campaign which eventually saw the decision overturned.

ance the housing pressures with the conservation values of the area, and residents' desire not to see the island over developed?

Working closely with council it appears.

A planning "flying squad" would be reintroduced, to help councils get

through their planning permits.

"We would stick with the council planning scheme and it would lead the process," he said.

Mr Guy also fully supported the introduction of a Distinctive Area and Landscape (DAL) proposal for Bass Coast.

"These were instigated by me as planning minister," he said.

"We began it and I would support it."

Liberal candidate Aaron Brown said he had met with local farmers to address concerns about some of the proposals in the DAL and the impact on farmers, which Mr Guy supported. "Farming zones are working zones," he stressed.

"We can't sacrifice that for housing."

The ghost of Ventnor again raised its head, as the Advertiser suggested that hadn't been the case when he'd intervened to rezone farming land in Ventnor.

There was the faintest hint of a sigh. Looking upwards, Mr Guy said he was "not interested in doing anything unless it is instigated by council".

Mr Guy was also asked if he would support the long-awaited Phillip Island pool.

He seemed unaware of the project, however the local candidate Aaron Brown quickly jumped in to say the party would be "making a lot of an-

nouncements" in the coming months.

Mr Guy stressed that good community infrastructure was vital.

As one canny local observed, funding for the pool would go a long way to restoring his popularity with the local community.

Saga

As the planning minister, in 2011 Mr Guy overrode a council decision and rezoned a 24-hectare parcel of land in Ventnor for residential development.

The land was outside the designated town boundaries and the decision caused an uproar in the largely rural community.

The residents quickly formed the Maintain our Boundaries group and worked with Bass Coast Shire Council to vigorously protest the decision.

At the time, Island Ward councillor Jane Daly, said the minister had shown "total disregard for the local planning process".

"He has overturned, with an arrogant stroke of his pen, ten years of detailed planning and consultation on Phillip Island, which specifically excluded the land in question from the Ventnor township boundary."

"This is not democracy at work," she said.

The then chair of the conservation society, Margaret Hancock described the intervention as "suspicious".

"It makes you wonder how this could happen, and what influences

were at play.

"One wonders where the pressure has come from to overturn a protracted legal process."

The case was taken up by ABC radio in Melbourne, but it was a tweet by American singer Miley Cyrus that really ignited interest in the case.

At the time Miley was the girlfriend of actor Liam Hemsworth, whose parents owned a house in Ventnor.

"Phillip Island is such a magical place, it would be a shame to see it change," she tweeted to her millions of followers.

Media interest in the issue exploded and the pressure on the government to explain the decision, which contradicted the recently adopted land use strategy, intensified.

A protest on the site was underway when the news came through that the decision had been reversed.

At the time, the Advertiser reported the decision was "met with euphoria by everyone involved in the intense and concerted community campaign that was launched against the proposal".

The article said a protest meeting underway near the site was transformed into an instant community celebration, when the then Mayor Cr Veronica Dowman announced the Minister's decision to the large crowd present.

Mr Guy was later sued by the developer, claiming \$6 million in damages and the case was settled out of court, costing the taxpayers \$2.5 million.

Desperate need for mental health services says PIMHAG

The Phillip Island Medical and Health Action Group (PIMHAG) met with Liberal candidate for Bass Aaron Brown last week to outline the island's health priorities.

Mental health and aged care topped the list, with PIMHAG saying both needed urgent attention, with current services falling well short of the community needs.

The group told Mr Brown the existing mental health issues had been escalated by the pandemic, saying suicide in men aged 30-50 years was a "huge issue".

"Mental health is a big issue on this island and if people need services, they need them here," PIMHAG president Peter Paul explained.

"People have been duded by the processes of bureaucracy not looking after them."

Committee member Gill Scrase agreed.

"There are no on the ground services that people can access straight away."

PIMHAG member Jenny Longergan said PICAL, which ran a food pantry and was the contact point for Centrelink and other services, was trying to pick up the slack from the gap in mental health support.

"But they don't have trained people," she said.

The group raised concerns over the current funding model, which saw money for services distributed from Latrobe.

Peter said the government funding first went into Latrobe and then it was meant to come back to the island, but the group described the delivery of service from Latrobe as "abysmal".

"We're not asking for extra - just the money that is allocated," Peter said, suggesting the money should go direct to Bass Coast Health.

He said both sides of government needed to look at the current structure which linked Phillip Island medical services to Gippsland.

"People on Phillip Island connect to Melbourne, they are not going across to Gippsland. The structure needs to be modified."

Aged care

PIMHAG said the group's research showed there was a huge shortfall in public aged care beds in the area.



Members of PIMHAG met with Liberal candidate for Bass Aaron Brown to update him on the island's health priorities. From left - front: Gary Simmons, John Matthews, Bruce Procter. Back: Jenny Longergan, Linda Marston, Peter Paul, Aaron Brown, Gill Scrase.

"We're about 300 beds short in Bass Coast," said committee secretary Linda Marston.

Although BCH does have a license for another 90 beds, there is no available space, and Linda said even 90 more beds fell well short of the community need.

PIMHAG said the facilities at Griffiths Point Lodge urgently needed an upgrade, and the facility could be expanded to accommodate the additional 90 beds.

"We have an ageing population and the requirements are going to increase, so we really need to look ahead," Linda said.

At the moment, older residents are either leaving the area or staying at home in unsuitable conditions, PIMHAG told Mr Brown.

For many, a place in a private aged care facility was unaffordable.

Health Hub

The group told Mr Brown the establishment of the Health Hub had been a "game changer" for the island, with the provision of round the clock care.

"Now that we have got 24/7 service, a doctor, no cost treatment - we are not going to relinquish them," said Peter Paul.

With the new community hospital not due to be operational until the end of 2024, PIMHAG said it was important to keep lobbying for the appropriate health care services, noting the high level of visitors to the area put additional strain on medical services, particularly in peak seasons.

Mr Brown's query if the community hospital would cater for the next 30 years of health

needs was met with a firm no.

The group estimated it would meet a five-year need, but the demand for local services would continue to grow.

The current model for the community hospital includes a range of day services and expanded urgent care. Anyone needing to be admitted to hospital would still have to be transferred elsewhere.

The group believe hospital beds should be part of future plans for any expansion of services on Phillip Island.

While it supported the expansion of Hospital in the Home services, PIMHAG told Mr Brown the service which has operated in metropolitan areas for a decade only became available locally in recent years.

"There was a strong demand from Phillip Island that drove the delivery of services," said Linda.

They urged Mr Brown to inspect both the Health Hub in Cowes and Wonthaggi Hospital, to ensure he was "right across the issues with health" in the local area.

"The money for the hospital can mask what the issues (in health services) really are," committee member John Matthews said.

The committee told Mr Brown the proposed pool for Phillip Island would also have health benefits for the community, saying the 30-year campaign to secure a pool was "a big issue" in the community.

Mr Brown thanked the group for their extensive information on local health needs and promised to discuss the issues with Georgie Crozier, the Shadow Health minister.

Island's community hospital not in first round

The contractor to build five community hospitals was announced last week, but Phillip Island was not one of the fortunate five.

Originally touted as being at the front of the queue for the ten new community hospitals being built in Victoria, Phillip Island is now behind Cranbourne, Craigieburn, Eltham, Point Cook and the City of Whittlesea - with all these due to start construction this year.

Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child said the contractors to build the Torquay and Phillip Island facilities will be procured separately, due to the regional locations.

"The procurement process is being managed centrally by VHBA (Victorian Health Building Authority) and as I understand, it is all on track," Ms Child said.

Although plans are well advanced for the Phillip Island community hospital, they are yet to be released to the public.

"I understand our 'first look' designs will be finalised in the coming weeks and hopefully we can take them to the Community Consultative Committee."

"We are planning to then get these out and about to the community in the following months through some information forums."

Ms Child said BCH was working with the Phillip Island Medical and Health Action Group and the Auxiliary to come up with suitable dates for the forums.

The hospital will be constructed in Church Street, next to the Urgent Care Centre, on the land currently occupied by PICAL.

PICAL will move its operations later this year, with the new site at Warley Avenue due to be completed by November.

The PICAL community garden will be relocated to a site in Blue Gum Reserve, with Boomerang Bags moving to a new home in the old CFA building in Settlement Road.

Services

The new double storey hospital has been described as a game changer when it comes to the delivery of health services for Phillip Island.

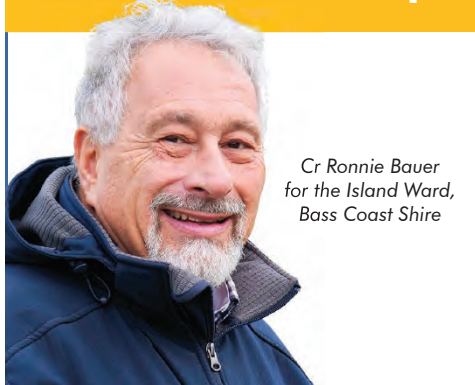
Services will include chemotherapy and renal dialysis facilities and specific dedicated areas allocated for both mental health and paediatric patients. A radiology precinct is included, enabling CT scans, Ultrasound and general X-ray services to be carried out in Cowes.

A much-expanded urgent care centre, and a pharmacy (not retail) is included in the design and the hospital will also have dedicated ambulance access and entry space. A new main reception area will be created connecting clients to public meeting rooms, which health groups can access for education and other purposes.

There will also be a public dental service in the new hospital.

It is due to be completed by late 2024.

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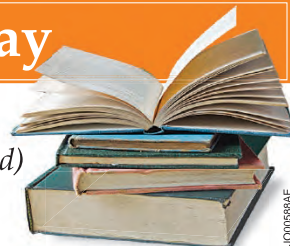
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Sayuri, Youki and Peter Innes and Miyuki Nagashima with new Youki's owners Henry Lin (second from left) and his wife Effie Wan, and Loretta and John Thompson (right).

Farewell Sayuri, hello Henry

Youki's Japanese restaurant in Cowes has sold.

Owners Sayuri and Peter Innes, who started the much-loved business 15 years ago, have passed the reins to new management, a partnership between former staff member Henry Lin and his wife Effie Wan, and their close friends Loretta and John Thompson.

The Innes family are renowned on the island, naming the eatery after their son, who runs Youki's Shed, an all-inclusive, all-age, all-ability music venue in Cowes.

Sayuri said Youki had one important question when he learnt the business had sold.

"He wanted to know if he could still come in here to eat and whether he had to pay," Sayuri laughs.

Loretta says the business' namesake will always be welcome.

"For years I've been a regular customer," Loretta says, adding her favourite is the schnitzel curry.

"I have a background in management so I'll focus on the business side, but I'm also going to learn about all the food, while Henry, who trained with Shin, will be responsible for the cooking."

Sayuri first started Youki's with her brother-in-law Shinichi Nagashima, who learnt the art of sushi in Japan.

However, after Shin passed away in 2020, his wife Miyuki and Sayuri ran the restaurant.

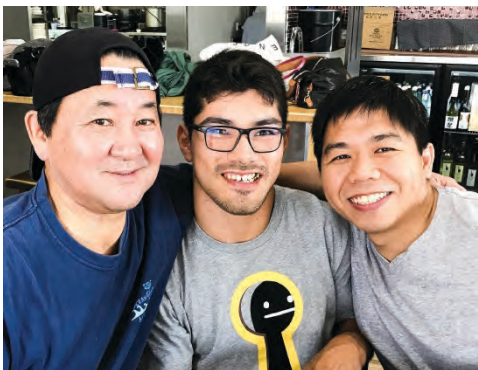
"I've been working seven days a week for a while now and with Youki being special needs I decided to put the business on the market," Sayuri says.

"Henry had worked with Shin here from 2010 until about two years ago and they were best mates. Henry learnt so much from him."

"Henry remembered Shin saying when he retired he wanted Henry to take over. He wanted to carry on his legacy. We're blessed Henry has decided to take it on. He's the best person we can think of to take over."

New beginnings

Loretta says she and John – a real estate photographer – moved to the island in 2010



New owner Henry Lin (right) worked for many years with former owner Shin, who passed away in 2020. The two men, seen here with the restaurant's namesake Youki, were firm friends.

and she worked with Henry at the Priceline pharmacy in Cowes over the past decade (where Henry worked during the day, and at Youki's on weekends).

"Henry and I have become friends through the pharmacy and we even live on the same street in Cowes," Loretta says, adding she was ready for a career change.

At the peak of the business Sayuri says there were four businesses – a Youki's in Wonthaggi, Leongatha and the restaurant at Amaro caravan park – with about 70 staff, a massive growth on the original five staff.

Now with those businesses also sold there are about 15 staff in the business, who will stay on under the new management, continuing to make fresh sushi and hot dishes, including 1200 sushi rolls a day in peak season.

Sayuri says Henry will continue running school lunch orders to all the local schools and will add new flavours and expand the menu.

She thanked everyone for their support over the years ("we live in the best community") and says in retirement she will spend more time with Youki at the music venue.

"I'm still happy to act as a consultant and come in and wash dishes."



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Eat in that view

If you want your meal with a side serve of magnificent sea views, then Beach HQ on the Esplanade in Cowes is where you need to be.

Overlooking the Cowes beach and pier, with views stretching across Western Port, this has to be the ultimate family-friendly food destination.

Although it opened its doors in late 2019, the pandemic and lockdowns mean this fabulous local restaurant has only been trading for just over a year and is still an undiscovered gem for many.

The seasonal Modern Australian menu focuses on fresh and local produce, complemented by an extensive bar stocking local and Gippsland wines and spirits and a range of local and international beers, including Asahi and Peroni on tap.

This is fuss-free dining to suit the whole family. Unsur-

prisingly, given the waterfront location, there is loads of fresh seafood, including Bass Strait flake, oysters, prawns and calamari as well as burgers, pasta and steaks.

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An artist's impression of the new Isle of Wight, with plans that include a "world class" pub, hotel, conference and wellness centre.

Developers hint at new Isle of Wight plans

From page 1

"They are specialists in delivering iconic destination pubs and entertainment venues such as the Watson's Bay Hotel," Tim said.

"They have helped us prepare a vision for the project, which has allowed us to begin a conversation with a highly experienced pub and venue operator."

An announcement on the operator of the hotel will be made in coming months.

"We will work with the operator to determine the total number of rooms in the hotel. It will be a seaside resort for families, so we want to provide opportunities for longer stays."

Tim said the heritage-listed Moreton Bay fig tree on The Esplanade would remain a "community asset", tying in the jetty triangle and cenotaph to make a "world class promenade and destination".

"We won't have walls to the boundary. It's meant to be a public asset, a hub. That frontage is public realm."

"We would cut off our nose to spite our face if we simply walled the whole precinct."

He said over the past 18 months Moda had created a plan of work, which set out in detail the project process.

Stage one – from January '21 to June '22 – has seen the creation of a business case and the project vision.

Stage two will run in July and August and include the concept design phase, with stage three the concept drawings and submission to the shire by about October.

Stage four will depend on the planning process but will hopefully be in May next year when Moda will develop detailed construction plans and contract the builder.

He added each stage was fluid and – depending on conditions – could be amended.

Planning panel

In 2019 a two-day Planning Panels Victoria hearing in Cowes detailed planning requirements for the Isle of Wight land, including seeking community consultation on designs, and requiring any future development remain seven storeys at the front half of the site along The Esplanade, increasing the rear half from four to five storeys.

The Planning Panel stated the site should have a landmark redevelopment of architectural excellence.

The panel also said any redevelopment must design around and make a feature of the significant Moreton Bay fig tree on the cor-

ner of the land, ensuring a qualified arborist "undertake any investigations necessary" to ensure the safety of the tree.

Tim said the panel's height requirements had "informed a good design brief".

"I'm confident when people see the design concepts they will see the principles (outlined by the panel) are well regarded."

"We will follow council's process and communicate with them as the design develops. It will be important to communicate to the community what we are doing but we don't want to communicate prematurely and then modify plans and cause confusion."

History

Tim said they were "reimagining" the Isle of Wight site, drawing on its history as "the front door to the island from the early stages of European settlement" but giving it a "modern contemporary fit".

"It's such an extraordinary north-facing site, facing the jetty and Western Port, in the heart of town, the kind of outlook you find in Italy or the northern hemisphere."

He highlighted the importance of the pub as the "heart of the community", which has been "absent for a long time".

The Isle of Wight was first given a planning permit for redevelopment by the former Phillip Island Shire and since 2005 has had a planning permit, which had been amended and subsequently approved by a planning panel. In 2011, the Bass Coast Shire refused to extend the permit for a third time, and it expired.

Partnership

Moda has partnered with Salta Capital, the venture capital arm of one of Australia's largest private property developers – the family-owned Salta Properties; and hotelier Mazon Tabet, to develop the site.

Salta is a multi-faceted and largely family-owned business, involved for over 50 years in residential, commercial, retail, industrial and hotel development.

Mr Tabet is a well-known hotelier with pub interests across Australia and abroad.

Moda managing director Ed Farquharson is no stranger to Phillip Island. His family have a rural property in Ventnor, and he enjoys the surf, golf and goes fishing here when he's in town.

Tim, 42, is an architect and started working for Moda in January last year, specifically on the Isle of Wight project.

Track proposal cops flack

About 900 people have signed a petition to protect the Cowes foreshore from the Bass Coast Shire's proposed bike tracks.

A new Facebook site has also been created – Protect Cowes Foreshore – calling for the island's foreshores to be defended against "tracks, trails, marinas, overbuild and any other daft ideas for this precious habitat".

The debate came as submissions closed last Friday for community feedback into the draft tracks and trails strategy, which identifies 38 new shire trails to expand the existing network.

A foreshore trail from Cowes to Ventnor is one of four high priority projects listed in the strategy.

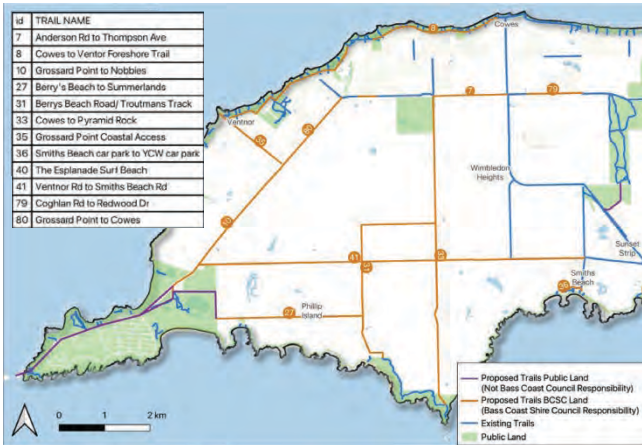
Medium priority projects for the island and surrounds include shared trails at The Esplanade in Surf Beach, Grossard Point to the Nobbies, Back Beach to Phillip Island Road in San Remo, Berrys Beach to Summerlands, joining Phillip Island Road to the George Bass Coastal Walk in San Remo, Coghlan Road to Redwood Drive in Cowes, The Colonnades to Woolamai Beach Road in Cape Woolamai, Grossard Point to Cowes, Cowes to Pyramid Rock, Anderson Road to Thompson Avenue, Smiths Beach car park to YCW, Ventnor Road to Smiths Beach Road and Pump Track.

Heather Liney, Cowes Coastcare co-ordinator, launched the petition requesting the shire remove the proposed track along the foreshore between Cowes and Ventnor.

"This fragile environment has had enough rubbish, destruction, illegal clearing and interference, it must never be carved up," the petition reads.

Those who signed agreed with comments including "do not destroy what makes us so special", and "this unique snippet of land provides a crucial reminder of and connection to an Australia prior to colonisation".

Rachel wrote: "As a bike rider I'd love to see more bike lanes on the Phillip Island



There are 12 proposed new trails along Phillip Island West.

roads, but a foreshore bike path for tourists that impacts the natural environment and reduces property privacy isn't what I support."

In May an online petition calling for a path between Cowes and Ventnor – signed by more than 400 people – was lodged with council.

Social media

On Facebook, too, debate raged.

Maisy wrote the proposed trails were a "shame".

"We've lost so much of the natural environment already. I don't understand why people are so ready to give up what makes the island special. If you want suburbia then go and live in suburbia."

Mary said the move was "completely at odds with other conservation on the island".

Trevor commented he believed construction of the proposed tracks was against the shire's vegetation policy, while Maria said removal of foreshore vegetation would increase erosion and a protest march was needed.

However there was also support.

Ian said what made Queensland beaches "awesome" was their walking paths.

Simon wrote paths and boardwalks in Rhyll, Swan Lake and Pyramid Rock were "all in beautiful settings, all accessible by everyone, not upsetting any wildlife".

And Karen said "done right it will be beautiful for everyone".

There was also debate questioning whether those opposing the trails were foreshore property owners.

Shire response

Shire CEO Ali Wastie said they received about 120 online contributions and more than 30 written submissions, adding these would be reviewed with the final strategy presented to council later in the year.

"An important component of the strategy is the implementation plan. This will outline the priority order of tracks and trails for investment," Ms Wastie said.

"We would like to reiterate that this is a strategy and once adopted, tracks and trails on the list will go through a design phase prior to construction. It is during the design phase the final route of individual tracks and trails will be determined based on a number of factors including cultural heritage assessments and flora and fauna assessments."

She said over the next decade they had budgeted \$10 million to design and construct the priority trails and more than \$40 million funding was also needed from the Victorian and Australian governments, with the trails set to "grow and strengthen our visitor economy and support the health and wellbeing of our community".

Surf Beach in a spin over turbine

The owner of the controversial Surf Beach wind turbine has vowed on national TV to pull it down if it's too noisy.

Rob McKittrick, a sparkie with three decades in the trade, appeared on A Current Affair last week saying the turbine – just shy of 11 metres tall – was all about green energy.

"I'll pull it down if there's a noise issue," he told the ACA reporter, who said the noise level is at the lower end of an air-conditioner.

"I don't want a house with noise."

"I have kids and I want to leave a (better) world for them. We've got to do everything we can."

The show also included surrounding local residents, who again voiced their concerns.

Chris Broadley said it was an eyesore, a danger and would create as much noise as a motor mower.

"We believe that the turbine has been completed in a desperate attempt to stave off the pending local law changes," neighbour Chris said, referring to the residential wind turbine ban set to become a Bass Coast Shire local law at the end of the year.

Neighbouring elderly pensioner Stan said he was concerned the turbine had not been erected correctly and



The erected wind turbine at Surf Beach last week is an eyesore and potential safety risk say neighbours, while others have supported it as good for the environment.

posed a safety risk, adding that he held the shire responsible for any damage or injuries.

"I'm concerned about the noise so close to our bedroom, about eight metres away, and every time I walk out I'm confronted by it. It's visually intrusive," Stan said.

Support

However there was also support for renewable energy, with locals taking to social media to voice approval.

Therese wrote "good on him (Rob) and good on him for our environment and for all the next generations to come".

Lulu said based on the negative feedback "I was expecting

some homemade monstrosity".

"But it's all above board, looks fine. I'd love to have one too. Go green."

Jarryd commented he had seen "some uglier houses to be honest".

Robert questioned whether the turbine was more about renewable energy "or more about making money".

"All those solar panels and now a wind generator. How much power is he putting back into the grid that he gets paid for" to which Deb replied either way "he's taking less from the grid anyway".

Nikki said the turbine was a "great idea as long as he's not your next-door neighbour".

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Bee vigilant!

Local beekeepers are being urged to be vigilant as concerns grow about the Varroa mite.

Restrictions are now in place to stop the movement of hives from New South Wales into Victoria.

These restrictions have been put in place to prevent and control Varroa mite, as New South Wales respond to multiple detections near the Port of Newcastle.

Victoria's Deputy Chief Plant Health Officer Stephen Dibley said the measures were necessary to keep Varroa mite out of Victoria and protect our beekeepers.

"Varroa mite is a serious threat to Australia's bee population and horticulture industries that rely on pollination," Dr Dibley said.

"The restrictions mean that no bees, hives or beekeeping equipment can be moved into Victoria from New South Wales without a permit. However, no permits will be granted while the NSW standstill is in place, to comply with NSW emergency orders."

No cases of Varroa mite have been detected in Victoria but Agriculture Victoria is calling on anyone with bee hives to remain alert.

The department has encouraged beekeepers to inspect their hives by using the "drone uncapping method" or either the "sugar shake or alcohol wash methods".

Instructions for these mite tests are available via videos and fact sheets on the beeaware.org.au website.

By completing the test as soon as possible, Agriculture Victoria said beekeepers were providing a level of confidence that the state was still Varroa free.

Any suspect detection should be reported immediately to the national Exotic Plant Pest Hotline on 1800 084 881.

Test results (positive and negative) can be logged at



Local beekeepers are being urged to be vigilant and check their hives as concerns grow about the Varroa mite.

bees.agriculture.vic.gov.au. Once logged in, submit your test results by clicking the "Enter Mite Results" button and follow prompts.

Dr Dibley said Varroa mite (Varroa destructor) is a serious, exotic parasite of adult European honeybees and their brood. It weakens and kills honeybee colonies and can also transmit honeybee viruses.

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What a Whaley big success!

Initial indications are this year's Island Whale Festival visitor numbers are significantly up on last year's program with visitors participating in presentations and activities across Phillip Island from Friday to Sunday.

The festival puts together a range of free to low-cost activities for visitors to the region in the Winter School Holidays.

This year's program was delivered at various locations including St Philip's Church Cowes, Masonic Hall Cowes, Woolamai Beach Life Saving Club and The Nobbies Centre.

Satellite events were hosted at the Phillip Island Visitor Information Centre, Penguin Parade Theatre, North Wind Studio, Studio 3922, St John's Church and San Remo and Waterline libraries and Maru Koala & Animal Park.

Destination Phillip Island (DPI) said with the whole program delivering information and hands on activities it was great to see the festival back on track and becoming a key event on the calendar for the region.

There were many new additions to the program include BoxWars with over 500 whales being created, the Millowl Dreaming presentation, SipnPaint Whales sessions, and how to draw cartoon whales workshops with Zev Landes, just to name a few.

The scientific program continues to grow with presentations on whales, dolphins, killer sperm whales, careers, photography and more.

Whale cruises with Wildlife Coast Cruises were popular with no cancellations this year, and continue to be a key experience for visitors.

Kim Storey, General Manager Destination Phillip Island said volunteers across the weekend were an essential component of the festival.

"We applaud the dedication from all those involved."

Kim also thanked the Hub activity supporters - Bunurong Land Council, Victorian Fisheries Authority, Turn the Page, Boomerang Bags, Totally Renewable Phillip Island, Myli and the Conservation Regulator Victoria.

"We look forward to the next edition of the festival in the all new Cowes Cultural Centre when we will be able to consolidate and deliver an extensive program in the new space," Kim said.

"A full wrap will be published shortly, for now, thanks to everyone who contributed and visited the 2022 Island Whale Festival."

The festival is in its sixth year and is a collaboration between Two Bays Whale Project, Dolphin Research Institute, Wildlife Coast Cruises, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Bass Coast Shire Council and managed and led by Destination Phillip Island.

It is financially supported by Destination Phillip Island, the State Government of Victoria Regional Events Fund, Bass Coast Shire Council and Westernport Water.

Islandwhales.com.au.



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Esther says there's no such thing as too much pink! Along with sister Lydia, she was at the Newhaven Visitor Information Centre making a pom-pom whale, and her family from Aintree had spent the week holiday in Cowes.



Ten-year-old twins Kaylan and Kavish from San Remo were busy making pom-pom whales at Newhaven Visitor Information Centre, as part of the Whale Festival activities.



Zara (11) and Ava (13) from Emerald were staying at their grandparent's holiday house and enjoying the different activities at the Whale Festival.

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Marita Kraft, Vi Pittorino and Cheryl Woodruff from the Phillip Island Boomerang Bag team. Their stuffed whales sold out before lunch on Saturday.

Boomerang bags have a whale of a time

The talented team at Phillip Island and San Remo Boomerang Bags turned their hand to whales in the lead up to the Whale Festival. They then loaded up an enormous batch of “whales” plus some whale themed carry bags to sell over the festival weekend. This year the ladies made more than 130 colourful whales as well as their reusable bags and footstools. The whales were made from post-consumer fabric that would otherwise go to landfill. The whales were a huge hit and the kids couldn’t get enough of these cuddly creatures, selling out before lunch on Saturday. “We could have sold double the amount of soft toys and it was lovely to see so many children running around with their colourful whales,” said Boomerang Bags’ Marita Kraft.



Colin and Jeff from the Dolphin Research Institute were full of facts and information on whales at the Whale Festival hub in Cowes.



There were plenty of whale themed books on sale at the Whale Festival hub and Brendan from Turn the Page Bookshop was thrilled to be there.



Chris Farrell, published author and wildlife photographer, shared his tips on how to help the endangered Southern Right Whale by recording sightings and taking photos.

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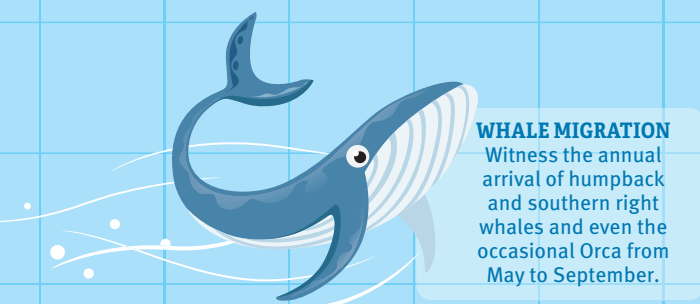
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Whales and dolphins spotted together southeast of Cape Woolamai, during a Wildlife Coast Cruise. Photo courtesy of Anna Carson, Seabrae Photos.



There was plenty of action on a whale watching cruise on June 18, with Anna Carson of Seabrae Photos capturing these magnificent creatures up close.



Sue Becker with granddaughters Ava (6) and Elle (4) at the Myli Stories and Craft activity at St John's Uniting Church in Cowes.



Environmental Officer Georgia Bisset and Bill Overton from Wildlife Coast Cruises man their stand at the Whale Festival Hub Display. Bill Overton has been with Wildlife Coast Cruises for almost 30 years and is the oldest deckie in Westernport!



Part of the Destination Phillip Island (DPI) crew Tara and Kim Storey, Serena Cabello and Arnika Martin.



Regular holiday makers to the island Zaria and Artemisia participate in some colouring in during the whale festival on the weekend.



It was a family affair at the Myli Stories and Craft activity for the Whale Festival. John, Julia and Jasmine, Jillian Thangarajah, with grandparents Janet and Dominic Ang painting tote bags with whales.



The 'Adopt-A-Whale' crew talk to visitors about their program.

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The Drover's Wife [MA15] 1h49m

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Wash My Soul in the River's Flow [PG] 1h30m

A cinematic reinvention of a legendary concert. Kura Tungar-Songs from the River was a collaboration between singer-songwriters Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter - with Paul Grabowsky and the 22-piece Australian Art Orchestra.



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THE PULSE

Events, entertainment and community news



At the Indigenous Art Exhibition opening on Sunday, Patrice Mahoney OAM and artist Safina Stewart.



The Indigenous Art Exhibition at ArtSpace Wonthaggi runs until August 14.

Indigenous art on display

Local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders artist will be showcased and celebrated at the annual Indigenous Art Exhibition at ArtSpace Wonthaggi.

"During NAIDOC, we are proud to be supporting the wonderful Indigenous Art Exhibition at ArtSpace in Wonthaggi," said Patrice Mahoney OAM, Bass Coast Shire Council Aboriginal Development Officer.

"The exhibition is curated and run by Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group who are Network members and is a wonderful showcase of the talent in Bass Coast."

The exhibition was of-

ficially launched on the weekend and began with a Smoking Ceremony and Welcome to Country by the Bunurong, followed by artist guest speakers.

Featured artists include Steve Parker, Samu Stewart, Adam Magennis, Christian McGee, Safina Stewart, Arieta Fergie, Letty-Brooke Stewart, Patrice Mahoney and Lisa Kennedy.

The Indigenous Art Exhibition at ArtSpace Wonthaggi runs until August 14 and is open seven days from 11am - 3pm.

Visit the virtual exhibition at www.aidoc-art.com.au.



Sonia Murray from the Bunurong Land Council at the opening of the Indigenous Art Exhibition which runs at ArtSpace until August 14.



Original artwork and photography by Felicity and Rachel Morris on sale this Saturday, July 9 from 10am - 3pm at Surf Beach. Surf Beach Fields, by Felicity Morris.

Original artwork on sale

This weekend, original watercolour artworks and art photography are showing in Surf Beach.

Felicity Morris has been an avid learner of watercolour for over five years and her daughter, Rachel Morris, has shown a great eye for photography.

It's been said that when you buy an artwork you are buying the result of many hours of intensive practice and learning. This certainly applies to Felicity and Rachel. They have both won awards for their artworks across several years.

Now, after a delightful six years living on the island they are downsizing and moving.

There are many works to choose from, small and large, framed and unframed.

If you love the idea of having original artwork in your home make your way to 157a Phillip Island Road, Surf Beach on Saturday July 9 (10am to 3pm) and find your piece of original art for that special spot in your home.

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Local artist, Felicity Morris & Award winning photographer, Rachel Morris are holding a one day Sale.

Original Art & Original Photography.

Saturday 9th July

157a Phillip Island Road, Surf Beach, 10am - 3pm

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Bass Coast Reconciliation Network invites everyone to gather for first ever Phillip Island Reconciliation Bridge Walk.

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Friday 15 July 11am-2pm

- Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony
- Walk across the bridge from San Remo to Newhaven
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Meet at San Remo Foreshore - Marine Parade San Remo

EVENT INFO: basscoast.vic.gov.au/reconciliation. Call Patrice on 0438 688 859.

NEW DATE!

Bass Coast supports reconciliation and acknowledges the Traditional Owners of the land and waters on which we live, work and learn, the Bunurong. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging and to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community members.



The shire's draft tracks and trails strategy advocates for a track running from Smiths Beach car park to YCW, crossing land owned by St Bede's College.

Smiths Beach trail clash?

On the one side is a private Melbourne school with a large landholding fronting the Smiths Beach coast. On the other side is the Bass Coast Shire who would like to transform a snippet of that school's coastal land into a public pathway.

And in between are local residents who variously support or are opposed to the coastal trail, including proponents the Smiths Beach Association.

The shire's draft tracks and trails strategy – which identifies 38 new trails across the region and closed for community comment last week – advocates for a track running from Smiths Beach car park to YCW, crossing land owned by St Bede's College.

The proposed trail is also included in the Smiths Beach Town Plan, adopted by councillors in May, and supported by the Smiths Beach Association (SBA).

SBA president Phil Dressing said the association supported the proposed trail, adding it should eventually run from Smiths Beach to the Grand Prix circuit and link with Pyramid Rock.

"Ideally the land will be donated to Nature Parks by St Bede's and in return St Bede's gets better access to the beach and council gets a trail," Phil said.

"We have spoken to St Bede's about the land years ago and nothing has come from that."

The Advertiser contacted St Bede's

College last week and they said they would provide no comment on the issue.

In May, Cr Rochelle Halstead said she had received a "significant" number of emails regarding opposition to the Smiths Beach pathway.

"I'm satisfied this is just a starting point. There will be more opportunity for the community to be engaged in the design process," Cr Halstead said, adding it was a "tough" decision given the land in front of St Bede's belonged to the private school.

Resident concerns included that the trail was unnecessary, environmental impacts, nearby resident safety concerns and some suggested a mooted fence separating the trail from St Bede's land (which runs between YCW and Smiths Beach) "will be unsightly and/or disrupt wildlife".

Shire officers said the path was proposed to ease parking pressures at Smiths Beach, to allow the use of YCW beach car park as overflow parking," officers explained.

"Car parking is one of the biggest challenges for Smiths Beach ... The plan is responding to this by identifying YCW car park for long-term car parking and reimagining Smiths Beach car park for short-term and drop off parking during peak season."

Smiths Beach plan

Phil Dressing said despite concerns around some projects in the Smiths Beach Town Plan, a reference group

could soon be formed by the shire to progress projects.

He said they would like the plan to now include a special charge scheme to bitumen dirt roads.

"But where is the social justice if the residents of Smiths pay for a street scheme and visitors park in streets? "Beaches in Melbourne have user-pays, why are we so scared?"

Phil said a town square on the vacant block opposite the Smiths Beach shops "should have been a town planning requirement in the 50s".

He said the plan should include long-term traffic management, especially for the dangerous intersection with Back Beach and Smiths Beach roads.

He said the reference group would provide advice to the shire on community sentiment and share information with the community.

Shire CEO Ali Wastie said the creation of the Smiths Beach plan last year included a community panel and technical reference group.

"Council officers met with members of the SBA in June and advised while the plan did not include the formation of another reference group, they would be open to further discussions on their proposal," Ms Wastie said.

"Implementation of the Smiths Beach Town Plan will be included in future budgets and consultation will occur where appropriate and there is significant community interest."



Team members from Kids Thrive Bass Coast Kids as Catalysts team, including BCCF, Bass Valley Primary, Powlett River Primary and Newhaven Primary at Kilcunda Community Centre. Photo: Angel Leggas 3FatesMedia.

Kids as Catalyst is back

The 2022 Bass Coast Kids as Catalysts program is back bigger and better than ever in 2022, with two new participating schools coming on board giving more local kids a chance to create positive change in our community.

A special launch and information session will be held on July 13, from 5pm at Newhaven Primary School.

Kicking the program off, teachers and educators from Bass Valley Primary, Powlett River Primary and Newhaven Primary got together for a training day last month at the Kilcunda Community Centre.

Bass Coast Community Foundation Chair Phil Friedlos said after the extreme challenges of delivering the pilot program through Covid lockdowns and restrictions at Newhaven Primary last year, the day was an important way for local teachers to connect and learn more about how the program works, and their role in delivering it.

"It was fantastic to have the teachers who delivered the pilot program at Newhaven Primary last year able to support our new schools to make sure the program this year is even stronger," he said.

The Kids as Catalysts program aims to ignite and skill young people to become catalysts for positive change in their local communities. It builds resilience, educational engagement, community connections and mental wellbeing while engaging literacy, numeracy and teamwork skills.

The program is delivered over six months and supports students in developing skills and networks to make a change for the better in their local communities.

"This program is funded by local donations to the Bass Coast Community Foundation and is part of the Foundation's work to improve local children's aspirations and community connections. We are proud to support Kids Thrive, such a forward-looking local organisation, to have such a positive impact on the lives of children's mental health and wellbeing," Phil said.

The 2022 program will also be supported by a team of new local Kids Thrive facilitators Lizzy Rich and Iris Gailliard, program coordinator Philippa Armstrong, production coordinator Margaret de Wolff and community liaison Jenny Churchill.

The program is brought to Bass Coast by Kids Thrive, Bass Coast Community Foundation, Vic Health, Sydney Myer fund and the Department of Education and Training.

Want to help?

Small teams of students will be helping local organisations and community groups with a volunteer project between August and September. If your organisation or volunteer group is keen to be involved contact jenny@kidsthive.org.au.

The Bass Coast Kids as Catalysts Community Launch and Information night is open to the public. It will be held at Newhaven Primary School on Wednesday July 13, 5pm to 6pm.

All welcome to support children to be positive changemakers and volunteers in their own community. Please come along to find out more.

Collection funding for Vietnam Vets

The National Vietnam Veterans Museum in Newhaven has received \$147,900 in funding from the state government.

The grant is part of the Regional Collections Access Program that funds capital works to enable regional museums to attract touring exhibitions, borrow and display prominent artworks and better care for their collections.

The money will allow the Veterans Museum to increase its collection storage, funding work to expand a currently under-utilised part of the building. It will also cover the cost of installing a dumbwaiter for the safe

movement of and access to collection objects.

In all, 36 museums secured funding including the Hamilton Gallery which received almost \$550,000 to upgrade its facilities, and the Mornington Peninsula Gallery, as well as the Swan Hill and Warrnambool art galleries.

Westernport Water working to keep prices down for water and wastewater services

By Westernport Water

Westernport Water continues to do everything possible to ensure our services are affordable for customers, including an extensive hardship program, but unfortunately we will have to increase our water and wastewater charges in 2022-23.

The rate of inflation is affecting the cost of delivering essential water and wastewater services for Victorian consumers and Westernport Water is experiencing higher costs for the essential materials and supplies that are required to treat our water and wastewater.

An inflation rate of 5.1 per cent for the 12 months to the March 2022 quarter has been confirmed by the Essential Services Commission, the Victorian water sector price regulator.

As a result, Westernport Water's water and wastewater charges will increase in 2022-23 by 4.2 per cent, after we were able to reduce customer prices in 2021-2, Ms Tantirimudalige said.



Westernport Water Managing Director, Dona Tantirimudalige said "the increase is because of CPI, otherwise known as inflation, it's not a price movement that Westernport Water is driving".

"The increase is because of CPI, otherwise known as inflation, it's not a price movement that Westernport Water is driving.

"We have done a lot over the past couple of years to keep prices down. We also have a range of support measures for customers facing financial difficulty, and we want

customers to know there is support available to access if they need it," Ms Tantirimudalige said.

"Westernport Water is currently developing its price proposal from 2023-24 to 2028-29 and we have affordability front of mind after extensive consultation with our customers."

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. Was this price increase planned by Westernport Water?

A. No. In accordance with our price determination from the Essential Services Commission, Westernport Water has 0% price movement planned for 2022-23 (fourth consecutive year). However, this excludes the impacts of inflation and the cost of debt.

Q. What happened to prices in the current year?

A. Westernport Water had a 0% price movement planned for the current year. However, low inflation and interest rates meant that prices actually fell in 2021-22.

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Smile Squad on the way

The Bass Coast Health dental team is rolling out the Smile Squad program across the Bass Coast area.

Smile Squad is a Victorian Government program that provides free, high-quality dental care focusing on prevention and education to all Victorian government primary and secondary school students.

The Smile Squad vans provide free examination and treatment, including teeth cleaning, fluoride application, fissure sealants, fillings and any other non-cosmetic treatments to ensure our kids have healthy teeth.

Smile Squad encourages all Victorian children and their families to keep looking after their oral health by eating well, drinking tap water and brushing twice a day with fluoride toothpaste.



Smile Squad Dental Therapist Lesley Dwyer and Dental Assistant Mel Murdoch with the Smile Squad van out at Newhaven Primary School.

More information about the program can be found at smilesquad.vic.gov.au.

PICAL Trivia night

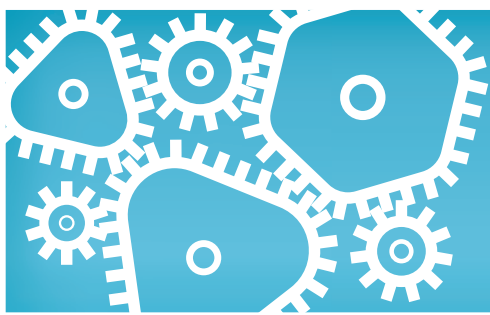
Later this year, PICAL is moving from its old-but-loved site in Church Street.

To celebrate this end of an era, there will be several events held throughout the year, and the first is a fundraiser Trivia Night at the Phillip Island Golf Club on Friday

July 29 at 6.30pm.

The night includes lucky door prizes and a light supper, so sharpen your trivia skills, get a group of friends together and book a table.

Tickets are \$20 or a table of eight for \$160, and are available at pical.org.au.



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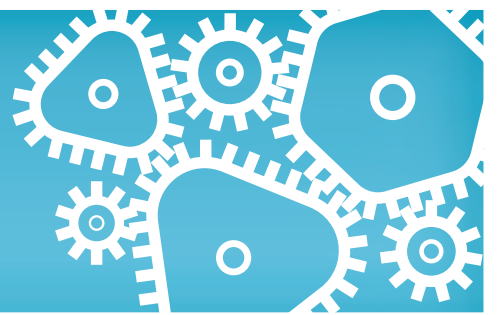
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DEATHS

CARTER, Sylvia May:
30.4.1919 – 3.7.2022
Aged 103 years
Beloved wife of Clive (dec.).
Loved mother of Shirley, Colin, Leonard (dec.), mother-in-law of Louis and Juanita.
Grandmother to 8, great grandmother to 12.
A wonderful life lived, sadly missed and cherished by all.

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FERNIE, Betty:
31/05/1925 – 04/07/2022
Passed away peacefully.
Loved wife of Archie (dec.).
Loving mother of Caroline, Douglas, Gordon and families.
"Nan to all who knew her"
A Private Cremation will be held.
No flowers by request.

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MACLELLAN, John Peter Harvey (Pete):
31 January 1929 to 27 June 2022.
Aged 93 years.
Loved father of Sue, Cate, Lisa, Nic and partner Nancy; husband to Sandra (dec); brother of Robert and James (dec); fond grandfather of Jessie and Maitland.
Thanks to staff at Grossard Court for their wonderful care over the last year.
Private family funeral.

DEATHS

WELSH, Margaret Isabel:
21.4.1934 – 1.7.2022
Passed away peacefully at home.
Loved wife of Mark.
Loving Mum and mother-in-law of Gay & Allan, Rhonda & Rick, Mark & Sam.
Adored Nan to all her grandchildren and great grandchildren.
'Irreplaceable'
As per Margaret's wishes a private cremation will be held. Margaret's ashes will be scattered at Ventnor Beach at a later date.

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CARTER:
The Funeral Service for Mrs. Sylvia May Carter will be held at St. John's Uniting Church, Chapel Street, Cowes on MONDAY (July 11, 2022) commencing at 2:00pm.
A Private family burial will follow.

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These 1 hr meetings are all about Jesus... Told freely and simply, for all.

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ACCESS AND USAGE CHARGES

Westernport Water adopted by resolution of its Board, the following charges for the period 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2023. This is in accordance with the **Water Act 1989** and the pricing decision handed down by the Essential Services Commission.

Residential Water Usage Charge (per kl)	\$
Potable (drinking water) per kl	2.1103
Class A recycled water	1.1916

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Non-residential per kilolitre	2.1103
Standpipe Variable Charge	3.5391
Class A recycled water <5ML per annum	0.5795
Class A recycled water >5ML per annum	0.4763

Water access charge (fixed)	\$
Standard residential	408.16
Vacant land - connected	408.16
Unconnected vacant land	204.06
Class A recycled water	29.77
Non-residential (price varies depending on size of service)	POA

Wastewater access charge	
Residential (standard)	633.18
Unconnected vacant land	317.14
Non-residential	633.18
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DIRECTOR PEOPLE AND CULTURE
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MANAGER COMMUNITY RELATIONS
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Petition against Cowes trail

I am now submitting a large petition to council to protect the Cowes foreshore from bike tracks. I would like to thank the many hundreds of people who signed: you represent the thousands who pass through and enjoy our precious foreshore. Many made profound petition efforts, and will continue to. I thank you wholeheartedly. The petition came about as I realised it was not protected from the whims of the entitled few, those who believe a piece of land should be devoted to their pleasure if they demand it.

I have moved here recently but holidayed here for over a decade, my husband all his life as did his father. My years in many corporates has led me to understand that often people say one thing yet do another, and that many small actions destroy a good thing altogether. And so we have this awful situation playing out here in Cowes to Ventnor where both our most environmentally active councillors support destroying the environment they claim to uphold, and if they compromise on any track type, it will remove the wildlife from this thin strip of land forever.

The key for me, as I look at my wallaby friend, is that this is their habitat, they use and live on the whole foreshore as do echidnas, lizards, butterflies and endangered birds that live and eat in the vegetation, which includes stands of tea trees, grasses and Moonas, and very manageable weeds in a few spots. I know this because I co-ordinate Cowes Coastcare, and local expertise has identified at least 15 plant species on my local beach, as we work up and down the foreshore, collecting rubbish and weeds. To allow more people access to damage the environment is simply unaligned with the DEWLP plan for the Island, and against all of Council's overlays. I have created the group Protect Cowes Foreshore on Facebook for anyone who loves the foreshore and will defend it, because we must. Not for our own selves either, but so that later generations can also experience what the Island really is; a stronghold for nature.

Heather Liney, Cowes

San Remo rock wall

Cr Halstead comments (State handballing costs to ratepayers, June 29) also apply to the rock wall path at San Remo which was constructed under DEWLP control. Now 10 years later after the local community committee was disbanded by the state government no maintenance has occurred and the majority is unsafe to walk on. Sand piled up in places, overgrown trees and shifting rock under your feet make it dangerous.

If the tide is in, this is the only beach walk in town which is why it was built.

Chris Day, San Remo

Proposed bike/walking path

I wish to express my concern about the proposed shared walk/bike path – Cowes to Ventnor – to be established along the narrow coastal strip adjoining the beach.

The cliff there protects the land from tidal surges and inundation. Such protection will be increasingly important as severity of storms is likely to increase.

A public path may impact on the stability of the cliff with users making tracks to reach the beach that way creating erosion.

A path will also require removal of numerous shrubs and trees which currently stabilise the area along the route.

The Crown land on which the path is proposed to run has a Vegetation Protection overlay which is incompatible with a public path. The area is currently home to multiple varieties of flora and fauna including echid-

nas and wallabies, encouragement of which is one of the aims of the zoning. Such habitat is important as it is shrinking in many areas due to development.

The shire is currently undertaking a revegetation program along sections through which the bike path is planned to run which would interfere with the new plantings. The purpose of the revegetation is to protect the area from erosion and to safeguard this wildlife habitat. Activity on a bike path is likely to discourage existing wildlife.

The beach is in close proximity and walkers would be safer there than they would be using a shared path. Many already use the beach and are likely to continue doing so.

While bike paths aim to be a positive health initiative this route has too many negative features. There are alternative routes which are already established which do not threaten this vulnerable coastal strip.

Judy Witney, Cowes

Trail proposal is madness

Attention Island Ward councillors. We need to urgently address this madness of having an excavator bulldoze through our island foreshore to have an unnecessary bike track running through!

We have thick vegetation that wildlife feed and live within, hundreds of beautiful wallabies, echidnas, birds etc, not to mention the foreshore needs this strong vegetation to prevent erosion. The foreshore is precious, we cannot touch it though you do not maintain it, nor put urgent action into the erosion which occurs regularly, why blast a trail for a bike/walking path now?

We, and many residents enjoy riding the existing bike paths, they are safe already, we do not need one through our existing foreshore – what you are planning is not conducive to this part of the island, many residents and groups are totally against it.

Also, the stupidity to chop beautiful trees down behind the Boat Ramp Café when the car park works beautifully already and adds to the natural habitat of our area – what are you doing?

Paper and news articles are out in the public about this, we want these trees to remain where they are, much needed shade is given for cars already in the summer months, why get rid of them?

You say you are all for climate change, wanting to plant vegetation and trees to maintain our beautiful green island, but again you are not listening and plan the opposite – you are not walking the talk.

Why spend money on taking trees and vegetation out, when our roads and existing paths need maintenance, as well as so many other positive works could be done, so many are shouting out for action?

We will fight this, along with many others. We are frustrated residents as you are not listening yet again, we who elected you and pay your wages to represent us ratepayers, we've had enough!

Trish and John Cerini, Cowes

Trail concerns

I am writing to express my concerns regarding the suggestion of constructing a bike trail across land that falls under the Bass Coast Vegetation Protection Overlay between Cowes and Grossard Point.

As understandably happens with special interest groups who come up with an idea that seems advantageous to them, they will put all their energy into fighting to achieve their goals. It is a natural thing to do when one is passionate, but passion alone does not necessarily work for the common good; unless one is passionate about the common good of course.

Our society on Phillip Island is made up of a myriad of individual people, interest groups, fauna, flora

and environmental factors that often have competing needs.

BCS Council has the unenviable task of managing these competing demands. To this end, it has developed certain policies, protective overlays, boundaries and rules based on community health and well-being, demographics, scientific research, economics and consultation to ensure that everyone in the community can live as comfortably as possible.

So I ask the following questions:

Where does building bike trails over already protected land fit in the scale of what is still required for the general good of our entire population?

What will happen to the wallabies, birds, echidnas, reptiles and other native animals for which this parkland is home?

What will happen to the many, many adults and children who walk freely but respectfully to and fro across the reserve stopping to wonder at a couple of young wallabies having a kick fight, steering clear of nesting plovers, learning to fly kites, making new friends and running freely down to the beach.

What about concentrating on developing a network of safe footpaths and good bike paths alongside existing roads with secure bike parking facilities at designated entrances to the beach and a rule that cyclists dismount and walk with their bikes across the protected foreshore reserves like everyone else now does?

Sandra Peeters, Ventnor

Unreasonable conduct?

Last week I met with BCSC CEO Ali Wastie to hear why BCRA emails are blocked to our elected representatives. More telling than the reason provided for blocking is what the CEO refused to divulge.

The CEO advised the content of emails is not unreasonable, however the executive (group) has deemed the number unreasonable. The CEO was unable to say how many emails trigger the UCC policy.

The CEO advised that some councillors requested emails from BCRA be blocked and not be passed onto them. The CEO refused to divulge how many made that request. Conversely some councillors requested that emails from BCRA be passed on without interference. The CEO again refused to divulge how many had requested so. Despite some councillors wishing to receive emails unfettered, it will not be permitted.

We have now at BCSC one of the clearest ever seen cases of the tail-wagging-the-dog. It is a situation whereby our elected representatives are denied free and proper communication with community members at the whim of anonymous bureaucrats.

The CEO claimed a duty of care to councillors. Given her acknowledgement that content of emails is reasonable, one must ask what is the harm presented?

The executive claims that 'triaging' emails improves efficiency at council. Such a claim is nonsense, and the process is quite the opposite of being efficient.

Take for example a simple email inviting councillors to attend an upcoming BCRA meeting. The email will be intercepted and blocked from reaching councillors. An anonymous bureaucrat will consider if the message is allowed to pass, and if so how it will be framed ('triaged') for councillors to receive.

The Unreasonable Customer Conduct policy is subjective in its application. It's a policy enforced at the whim of the executive. It's worth remembering that the UCC policy was snatched away from councillors by the executive, thereby denying our elected representatives an opportunity to debate and vote on the merits and deficiencies of the policy.

Kevin Griffin, BCRA



Coach Caz with Kyra on Ally, Ella on Snooks and Maddie on Bella.

Phillip Island pony club news

Phillip Island Pony Club had our monthly Rally on Saturday July 2 and woke to a crisp winter's morning and a bonus of no rain.

The kids and their ponies were excited to see a small handy mount games course set up in the cross-country area by our DC Amy Wooley.

There was a water crossing, gates to go through, small jumps and a game to knock over the blocks.

With Coach Caz's help all the ponies completed it.

The kids thoroughly enjoyed it and were quite competitive, trying to beat their own times.

A couple of the ponies may have been a little too competitive and really "took off" in the open area with little Snooks proving there is plenty of life in the old girl!

We were lucky to have Amy Smith teach show jumping throughout the day for all the groups. It was great to see everyone improve throughout their lesson. Thank you also to Instructor Jill Grayden who was in charge of working equitation for the day in the top arena much to the disgust of a pesky plover.

Equitana

Equitana is the biggest equine extravaganza in the Southern Hemisphere and will be held in Melbourne from November 10 to 13.

It is a jam packed four-day event



Gabe Smith with his horses Blue and Firefly.



Phillip Island Pony Club – Member of the month

Name: Ruby Carrol.

Age: 12

Horse Name: Willow and she is a Brumby.

Horse Age: 7 Height: 13.2

How old were you when you started riding?
6 years old.

How long have you had your pony?
I have had Willow for three years.

When did you start at PIPC?
Last year.

What's your favourite discipline and why?
Jumping, because Willow is good at it, and it feels like I'm flying.

What's the best thing about PIPC?
That we get to do different things with our ponies and our instructors are nice and helpful.

Midweek bowls results

Corinella certainly turned on a perfect day for our members. No wind and a clear sky with no clouds. Twenty-two of our members turned up to fight it out once again for team of the day (quite surprised a few more didn't turn up with the beautiful weather).

Some excellent bowling by some excellent bowlers, with a few wild shots from time to time.

We didn't see too many wrong bias bowls today but we are still adding to the RCH tin.

A fair amount of friendly sledging, as well as a lot of laughter could be heard across the green which makes the day so much fun for all.

It was fantastic to see such happy bowlers on such a great day.

It seems a pity that everyone can't win the day, but as always, there can only be one winning team.

This week that winning team on 35 points: Michael Dady (S), Terry Floyd (3), Pauline McWilliams (2) and David Talbot (L).

Runners up on 34 points: Tony Heppleston (S), Laurie Bell (3) and Bob Arnold (L).

Best one game: Ken Barnes (S), James Martin (3), Sue Wright (2) and Peter McWilliams/Lindsay Russell.

Once again, we thank Phil and Sue for looking after our family in the kitchen and the bar. They always do such a great job to make us feel extra welcome.

Also, we thank once again, Peter and Pauline who spend so much time arranging our weekly games as well as doing the team draws. Without them we would be lost.

Next week we will be at Koo Wee Rup at 10am for a 10.30am start so we look forward to seeing everyone there.

For more information contact Peter McWilliams on 5678 5974.

Everyone is welcome. See you on the green.



Winners were Michael Dady (S), Pauline McWilliams (2), Terry Floyd (3) and David Talbot (L).



Best one game: James Martin (3), Sue Wright (2), Peter McWilliams and Lindsay Russell (L) and Ken Barnes (S).

Phillip Island bowls

Winter triples

A beautiful winter's day here on the Island last Tuesday saw another round of the winter triples done and dusted.

The winners for the second week in a row were Martin, Rob and Brian from Inverloch with a +16.

Thursday social

An absolutely gorgeous winter's day on the Island last Thursday with plenty of sunshine and no wind. Our



Winter triples winners Martin, Rob and Brian from Inverloch.

members certainly enjoyed their afternoon.

Runners up were Clive Smith, Ray Pepper, Ruth Partridge and Eric Wild, with one win and one loss +22 shots up.

The winners were Neville Stevens, Steve Farrelly, Elaine Severino and Bruce Puncher with two game wins and 32 shots up.

A big thank you to our volunteers Ray and Judy for keeping things running smoothly.



Social winners Steve Farrelly, Elaine Severino, Bruce Puncher and Neville Stevens.

Audika 2-4-2

Well, the rain held off for another round of the Audika sponsored 2-4-2 competition on a cold winter's day last Saturday. Twenty-four members got out amongst it for a chilly game.

In third place, with a win, a loss and + 14 were Steve Farrelly and Ken Gray.

Our runners up, with a two-game win and a +8 were Serge Castel and Errol Bradford.

The winners for today, with two game wins, but with a + 11 were Alan Beddows and Paul Bean.

Well done to everyone and the volunteers for the day.



Audika 2-4-2 winners, Alan Beddows and Paul Bean.



Phillip Island will host the Victorian leg of the Australian Boardriders Battle on November 6. Boardriders' Sage Goldsbury competing in last year's grand final in Newcastle last year. Photo courtesy of PIBC.

Boardriders to battle it out at PI

Phillip Island will host the sixth event, and Victorian leg of the Australian Boardriders series on November 6.

The 2022 series will kick off on the Gold Coast in September, with events held in every state.

Surfing Australia CEO, Chris Ma-

ter said: " We are excited to launch a special tenth anniversary series of the Hyundai Australian Boardriders Battle this year and look forward to seeing the best clubs go hammer and tong as they push for a spot in the Grand Final. Good luck to all those involved!"



When the sun came out last week, local surfers Jack Clayton (left) and Josh Kado (right) still managed to find some shade! Photos: John Stapleton.

Phillip Island golf results

Tuesday June 28, Mens Stableford

Division one winner was Matthew Goss (17) with 36 points.

Division two winner was David Taylor (19) with 37 points.

NTP: 5th Paul Cashman, 7th G Manfredi, 10th G Manfredi, 17th G Watkins.

Nine Hole Stableford winner was Chris Hales (33) with 19 points.

Wednesday June 29, Ladies 4 Person Knockout Ambrose

The winners with 62.75 nett was the team of Debra Orr, Christine Riley, Ira Septiana and Lyn Dunn. Runners up: Liz Gleeson, Zoe Frost, Marilyn John and Jan Daff.

Nine Hole Stableford competition winner was Gill Scrase (45) with 15 points.

Thursday June 30, Open Stableford

Steven Sloss (28) was the winner with 37 points on countback from Gino Manfredi (12) and Rob Davison (15).

NTP: 5th Phil Cooksey, 10th Chris-

tian Zderski, 17th Dave Ablett. Nine Hole competition winner was David Gladman (18) with 19 points.

Saturday July 2, Two Mens Stroke Monthly Medal

A Grade winner was Gino Manfredi (12) with 70 Nett, A Grade runner up was Scott Fullarton (7) with 71 Nett.

B Grade winner was Stewart Hamilton (17) with 68 Nett, B Grade runner up was Anthony Johns (13) with 69 nett.

C Grade winner was Shane Palmer (23) with 70 Nett, C Grade runner up was Kristian Phillips (21) with 71 Nett.

Monthly medal winner sponsored by Ray Pobjoy was Stewart Hamilton.

Ladies Stableford winner was Megan Elbaz (34) with 35 points on countback from Janice Daff (32).

Men's NTP: 5th Ricki Jenkins, 7th B Lang, 10th Paul Cashman, 17th Ray Smith.

Ladies NTP: 5th Vicki Roff-Smith, 7th Jeanette Diss.

Nine-hole winner was Danny Hibbert, with 17 points.

Phillip Island bridge results

Results for Monday, June 27 are Greg Nicholson and Deb Anglim in first place with 67.36 per cent.

Lorrie Read and Neville Chapman tied with Trish and Don Stewart-Uden for second place on 59.72 per cent, and Molly Downing and Graham Mckergow finished third with 53.47 per cent.

Wednesday, June 29 was a quiet day at the tables as several members have escaped to warmer climes for a while.

Clare and Jim Murphy came first

on 64.58 per cent.

Once again there was a tie for second place with Graham Mckergow and Don Stewart-Uden and Moya Crowley and Paul Waylen with both pairs on 52.08 per cent.

Molly Downing and Miranda Sage were fourth on 41.67 per cent.

The best Monday players for June were Greg Nicholson and Deb Anglim on an average of 66.95 per cent, Lorrie Read and Neville Chapman on 62.52 per cent, Trish and Don Stewart-Uden on 52.60 per cent.

TIDE GUIDE

Tidal predictions for Stony Point, Cowes -0.09 Newhaven -0.31 HIGH TIDE IS MARKED IN BLACK						
WED 6 JUL	THU 7 JUL	FRI 8 JUL	SAT 9 JUL	SUN 10 JUL	MON 11 JUL	TUE 12 JUL
HIGH 5:06 am 2.58 m	HIGH 5:50 am 2.58 m	LOW 12:04 am 0.91 m	LOW 12:42 am 0.82 m	LOW 1:24 am 0.73 m	LOW 2:13 am 0.64 m	LOW 3:11 am 0.57 m
LOW 10:46 am 0.83 m	LOW 11:26 am 0.91 m	HIGH 6:37 am 2.59 m	HIGH 7:30 am 2.62 m	HIGH 8:30 am 2.66 m	HIGH 9:35 am 2.72 m	HIGH 10:45 am 2.81 m
HIGH 5:39 pm 2.93 m	HIGH 6:09 pm 2.88 m	LOW 12:08 pm 1.02 m	LOW 12:55 pm 1.14 m	LOW 1:47 pm 1.28 m	LOW 2:47 pm 1.40 m	LOW 3:58 pm 1.48 m
LOW 11:30 pm 1.00 m		HIGH 6:42 pm 2.82 m	HIGH 7:18 pm 2.76 m	HIGH 8:01 pm 2.69 m	HIGH 8:54 pm 2.62 m	HIGH 10:00 pm 2.57 m

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Jack Papas was picked for the West Gippsland team in the inter-league competition.



Dylan Susic making his stance and weighing up his options.

Celebrating our Under 18 footy legends

As the Bulldogs enjoyed a bye on the weekend, we look back on some of the season highlights for the Under 18s. All photos: Carol Hamilton.



Jett McMillan in the midst of a great kick.



Moments before the battle for the ball ensues.



Tully Dickie has had an outstanding season.



Lucas Chihotski manages to break away from the pack.



Zach Walker battles it out with the opposition.



Tom Niven showed elegance under significant pressure.



Tyce Kleverkamp on the run with the ball, narrowly avoiding the opposition.

THIS WEEKEND DRAWS		LADDERS															
WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION		SENIOR FOOTBALL				RESERVES FOOTBALL				THIRDS FOOTBALL				FOURTHS FOOTBALL			
Phillip Island v Cora Lynn Saturday July 9		TEAM	PTS	%	W L	TEAM	PTS	%	W L	TEAM	PTS	%	W L	TEAM	PTS	%	W L
SOUTHERN GIPPSLAND JUNIOR FOOTBALL COMPETITION		Tooradin-Dalmore	48	321.08	12 0	Tooradin-Dalmore	48	956.38	12 0	Inverloch-Kongwak	3.60	36	607.89 9	Inverloch-Kongwak	4.00	44	767.18 11
U14'S Football Sunday July 10 Phillip Island Blue v Phillip Island Red		Phillip Island	40	202.38	10 2	Phillip Island	40	283.66	10 2	Garfield	3.20	32	323.79 8	Phillip Island	3.64	40	411.73 10
YOUTH GIRLS FOOTBALL COMPETITION		Inverloch-Kongwak	40	189.42	10 2	Nar Nar Goon	40	219.63	10 2	Cora Lynn	3.20	32	172.11 8	Warragul Industrials	2.91	32	303.69 8
BYE		Nar Nar Goon	36	172.32	9 3	Bunyip	32	210.94	8 4	Tooradin-Dalmore	3.11	28	282.31 7	Korumburra-Bena	2.54	28	185.96 7
		Cora Lynn	28	126.51	7 5	Cora Lynn	32	172.58	8 4	Phillip Island	2.67	24	138.86 6	Garfield	2.54	28	106.55 7
		Warragul Industrials	28	124.97	7 5	Koo Wee Rup	28	166.67	7 5	Nar Nar Goon	1.60	16	78.07 4	Koo Wee Rup	1.82	20	61.72 5
		Bunyip	20	105.82	5 7	Inverloch-Kongwak	24	104.45	6 6	Korumburra-Bena	0.89	8	40.58 2	Bunyip	1.60	16	95.97 4
		Kilcunda Bass	20	64.29	5 7	Dalyston	16	62.15	4 8	Koo Wee Rup	0.80	8	61.86 2	Nar Nar Goon	1.09	12	42.63 3
		Koo Wee Rup	16	71.70	4 8	Warragul Industrials	12	59.68	3 9	Bunyip	0.80	8	44.67 2	Kilcunda Bass	1.09	12	38.34 3
		Dalyston	8	46.02	2 10	Garfield	8	52.57	2 10	Dalyston	0	0	8.88 0	Dalyston	0.73	8	51.76 2
		Korumburra-Bena	4	32.85	1 11	Kilcunda Bass	4	16.47	1 11	Kilcunda Bass	0	0	0 0	Tooradin-Dalmore	0	0	9.03 0
		Garfield	0	34.69	0 12	Korumburra-Bena	4	13.00	1 10	Warragul Industrials	0	0	0 0	Cora Lynn	0	0	0 0
		NETBALL															
		A-GRADE				B-GRADE				C-GRADE				17 & Under			
		Inverloch-Kongwak	44	208.78%		Tooradin-Dalmore	44	176.70%		Bunyip	48	316.17%		Dalyston	48	273.81%	
		Tooradin-Dalmore	44	140.55%		Bunyip	40	177.94%		Dalyston	40	159.42%		Korumburra Bena	44	207.42%	
		Bunyip	36	174.29%		Nar Nar Goon	40	168.75%		Nar Nar Goon	38	149.60%		Phillip Island	40	196.36%	
		Dalyston	36	134.25%		Phillip Island	40	138.89%		Garfield	36	142.21%		Inverloch-Kongwak	36	194.23%	
		Nar Nar Goon	36	120.23%		Inverloch-Kongwak	36	142.60%		Inverloch-Kongwak	34	186.69%		Bunyip	24	111.77%	
		Phillip Island	28	127.08%		Dalyston	28	111.76%		Phillip Island	24	107.19%		Cora Lynn	24	106.58%	
		Cora Lynn	20	100.45%		Kilcunda Bass	16	92.52%		Kilcunda Bass	22	92.92%		Tooradin-Dalmore	24	101.92%	
		Korumburra Bena	20	91.01%		Cora Lynn	14	67.31%		Koo Wee Rup	16	65.65%		Koo Wee Rup	20	85.80%	
		Warragul Industrials	12	62.29%		Korumburra Bena	10	75.23%		Tooradin-Dalmore	14	78.06%		Nar Nar Goon	12	73.43%	
		Garfield	8	69.83%		Koo Wee Rup	10	60.25%		Korumburra Bena	8	71.12%		Kilcunda Bass	12	61.69%	
		Koo Wee Rup	4	40.06%		Garfield	10	60.00%		Kilcunda Bass	8	50.65%		Warragul Industrials	4	36.17%	
		Kilcunda Bass	0	0.00%		Warragul Industrials	0	44.85%		Warragul Industrials	0	28.28%		Garfield	0	17.45%	
		D-GRADE															
		Inverloch-Kongwak	40	251.45%													
		Bunyip	36	241.90%													
		Dalyston	32	192.79%													
		Nar Nar Goon	28	183.00%													
		Kilcunda Bass	16	88.70%													
		Tooradin-Dalmore	16	70.43%													
		Garfield	12	71.61%													
		Koo Wee Rup	8	41.84%													
		Cora Lynn	4	56.80%													
		Phillip Island	4	40.80%													
		Korumburra Bena	0	0.00%													
		Warragul Indust	0	0.00%													



Courtney Fletcher finds some space during the Breakers win against Pearcedale.

Fine performance by the Breakers

In perfect conditions for footy the Breakers didn't disappoint with a fine performance against Pearcedale entertaining the home crowd.

Slowing the play down with controlled movement the Breakers had some nice end to end passages, setting up some great forward entries.

Despite getting a lot of attention from the opposition, Kelly O'Neill was dominant at centre half forward.

The Breakers' good ball movement allowed her to receive the ball deeper in the forward line than usual and she took full advantage

with three majors for the game.

Kate Caughey provided another tall target option, getting on the board with a nice goal on the run.

Tracey Johnson continues to establish herself as a dangerous forward with her great awareness leading to a strong mark and goal.

With a few usual faces missing out of the midfield, Ahlee Penry made the most of her opportunity getting plenty of the ball and having a big influence, along with Tess Wingfield who played her usual high-pressure role in the middle.

The half back line was again a strong point for the team with

Stacey Poke, Courtney Fletcher and Hannah Mills combining well to shut down any potential Pearcedale advances.

The level of pressure and second efforts was impressive with the forwards working hard to keep the ball in their 50 – led by Tayla Tatterson who maintained a high work rate all game, while the full back line played accountable footy which limited the visitors to two scoring shots.

Coach Bianca Hellmuth-Pask was pleased with the effort, noting that this is the standard expected now as the team looks to secure their finals spot with just

four matches to go.

Final Score: Bass Coast 8.3-51 def Pearcedale 1.1-7.

Goals: K. O'Neill 3, S. Brisbane 2, A. Penry, E. Cargill, K. Caughey, T. Johnson.

Best: K. O'Neill, S. Brisbane, S. Poke, A. Penry, C. Fletcher, H. Mills.

After a physical match, the Breakers will enjoy a week off before travelling to Coburg for their next game Sunday July 17 at 11.30am.

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Jack Papas, Ben Taylor, Tully Dickie and Tom Niven competed in the West Gippsland Best of Under 18s team last week.

Island Stars prominent in inter-league win

West Gippsland arrived in Morwell with 25 of their best Under 18 footballers last Wednesday, in the hopes of taking the carnival title from reigning champions Gippsland.

A key part of the team was four of the Island's best Under 18s, with Ben Taylor, Jack Papas, Tully Dickie and Tom Niven representing the Bulldogs.

Tully Dickie was named as Vice-Captain in a special honour.

In their first game against El-linbank and District, the locals led the charge for the West Gippy team, with Ben Taylor in particular leading the boys, and Jack Papas scoring goals almost at will.

An outstanding effort resulted in a 43-point win.

The West boys needed a win over East Gippsland in their second outing, and a win is exactly what the Wests delivered.

In emphatic fashion, putting the team from the East to the sword to the tune of 83-points, a mammoth victory in only two 20-minute halves.

Tully Dickie was outstanding.

In the final, the boys were up against the strong Gippsland league outfit.

A strong first half included Jack Papas and Ben Taylor again prominent, and Tully Dickie strong in the midfield.

The championship match got hot to begin the second, neither team able to find the goals for much of the quarter.

Tom Niven showed his class under significant pressure, helping the Wests defence counter the onslaught from the Gippsland boys.

Holding on to run out winners was just rewards for the West boys.

As well as winning the championship, the local boys proved their class.

Tully Dickie was awarded best on ground for the final, whilst Ben Taylor was adjudged player of the carnival, receiving his medal from Island champion and captain Jaymie Youle.

Ex-PIFNC assistant Wests Coach Brett Clinnick was really pleased with the outcome.

"The boys today showed there's a really good future for West Gippy footy, it was a great game."

West Gippsland will now go into the 2023 championships as the number one ranked team, with Gippsland in second.



Nathan Patch (U14s) goes up in the ruck.

Sensational efforts from All Stars

On Sunday, the three Southern Gippsland All Stars teams (with several players from Phillip Island) made the trek over to Stratford to take on Eastern Gippsland, for the final round before finals.

Great teamwork and spirit again saw all Southern teams take home the win.

U13s defeated Eastern, 57 to 10.

Best mentions to Robert Hurlick, Blake Eden, Charlie Fischer, Perry McKay, Zye Bergles-Brown and Archie Jobe.

The U14s at the end of this

round remained undefeated, winning 87 to 13.

Best mentions to Ayden Fawaz, Thomas Macmillan, Connor Macmillan, Gavin Monson, Harrison Carlon and Alby Logan.

U15s defeated Eastern, 126 to 43.

Best mentions to, Yianni Cafieri, Cooper Walton, Finn Donohue, Finn O'Brien, Lucas Allen and Riley Brinkman.

Sensational efforts Southern Gippsland, well done! Bring on the finals.

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