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“What magnificence!” – new gym official opening

There was plenty to cheer about at Cowes Primary this week.

Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale (front left) had just declared the school's brand new \$5.5 million gymnasium officially open, in front of hundreds of excited young students, teachers, and community members who joined in the celebrations.

Ms Crugnale described the facil-

ity as one of the best gymnasiums she has ever seen, and said she was thrilled to have been part of the journey over the last three years which saw the school's vision for the facility become a reality.

“What magnificence ... this competition grade shared community gym is awe inspiring and an absolute asset for the students, staff, the school community and for

Phillip Island,” Ms Crugnale said.

“What an honour to join in official celebrations, and be welcomed by principal Rod McKenzie and school captains Lily Carville and Brydon Marshall.”

Ms Crugnale expressed “a massive heartfelt thank you” to everyone involved and made special mention of past School Council president Brendan Cashman, who

started this journey with Rod McKenzie back in 2018, and school council president Carly O'Brien.

“This school deserves the best facilities and learning environments to match the dedication, care and energy of the teaching and support staff,” she commented.

Principal Rod McKenzie said that the gym was certainly worth the wait, and makes Cowes Prima-

ry one of the best resourced primary schools in Victoria, with the old gymnasium now transformed into a brand new arts centre, and a dedicated STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) facility.

Full coverage of the opening of this important new facility which took place on our deadline, will appear in next week's edition.

Storm over PICAL move for community hospital

A storm is brewing between PICAL, council and the state government health services over when the vital community service needs to vacate its current home in Church Street.

The site will be the home of the new Community Hospital, which is due to open in 2024.

However, the timeline for the project has hit a road block which could potentially leave PICAL without a proper home for almost three months.

With their new premises now not available until November, last week PICAL said they were told they had to be out of their current site by August.

In a strongly worded statement, PICAL president Jeff Floyd said

PICAL “simply cannot countenance a temporary and highly disruptive move for a 10-12 week period into some scattered offices”.

He stated that “out of the blue” PICAL had been invited to meet with Bass Coast Health, the Council and the Victorian Health Building Authority (VHBA) last week.

“The two health bodies indicated that, while they do not want to see PICAL's services disrupted, they want PICAL to leave its current site into temporary premises by August-September.”

Originally, PICAL was due to move to new premises in Warley Avenue by December 2021, which would have allowed a smooth tran-

sition of services, with the current PICAL community garden and some other PICAL facilities due to be relocated to Blue Gum Reserve.

However last month, Bass Coast Shire Council announced the Warley Avenue site would not be completed until November 2022, with a similar timeframe proposed for the community garden move.

Jeff said PICAL was disappointed with the delay.

“PICAL has promptly responded to every request from Council for information or comment on these move plans over the last two years,” Jeff said.

“Despite frequent requests of Council over more than a year, it

was not until April 8 that Council advised PICAL it is on track to deliver the PICAL building at Warley Avenue by November 2022.”

Jeff said PICAL still did not have a clear timetable for either the Warley Avenue or Blue Gum Reserve move.

But he said the sale contract gave Council until November at the latest to move PICAL from the current site.

“PICAL will ensure that it executes its November move over a few days so that the VHBA can immediately access the site to commence the demolition.

“In the interim PICAL will work with BCH to explore all options to streamline our November move.”

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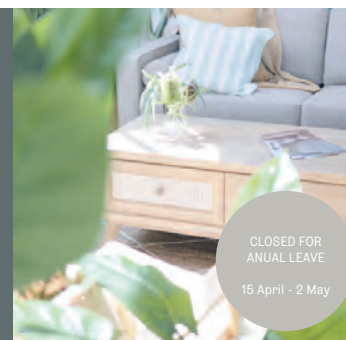
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Colonnades couch caper

Two large couches were dumped near the entrance to the Colonnades in Cape Woolamai early last week.

The couches were just metres from a Bass Coast Shire sign warning that dumping rubbish was illegal and the area was monitored by cameras.

When mattresses were dumped in the Back Beach Road service lane in January this year, the council said if offenders are identified, they will be prosecuted.

“Illegal rubbish and green waste dumping is a criminal offence with significant penalties, and it is a cost to the community to clean up,” a council spokesperson said.

Evidence is key to catching offenders, so council asks anyone who finds or witnesses illegal dumping to remember to get as much information as possible. This includes photographic evidence (if safe to do so) and vehicle registration details, locations and times of illegal dumping if this can be done safely as this will support the investigation.

“All instances of illegal dumping reported to Council that can be linked back to an individual are investigated by Council’s Community Safety Team, with a view to fining or prosecuting identified offenders,” the spokesperson said.

Areas around Bass Coast Shire are monitored for illegal dumping and members of the community are encouraged to report illegal dumping to Council or the EPA on 1300 EPA VIC (372 842).



Two large couches were dumped near the entrance to the Colonnades in Cape Woolamai early last week, just metres from a sign warning of fines for illegal dumping and stating there was video surveillance in the area.

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EDITORIAL

Pick your own preferences

The election is less than two weeks away, so this week, we’re running an election feature (see page 10).

We invited every candidate to take part. Each was offered equal space to let you, the voter, know what their vision for Monash is.

This is a chance for the candidates to talk directly to you.

If you’re unsure who to vote for, read what they have to say.

Decide if their values align with yours and if they represent what you hope to see happen here in the next three years.

As well as deciding who is your preferred candidate, you need to decide your preferences.

Every election you will hear predictions of “back-room deals” for preferences, or people warning that a vote for one candidate, is really a vote for someone else.

This is not true.

Political parties hand out “how to vote” cards at an election, directing voters on how to number their preferences.

And that is because parties want voters to number their preferences in a way that gives them the most advantage on polling day.

You don’t have to follow the “how to vote” cards. Every voter can choose the order in which they number candidates.

Some political operatives make out that selecting preferences is part of a complex and specialised system that is best left to the experts to decide.

But that’s not true either.

However, it is true that preference flows can affect the final outcome.

When you choose your local member (in the House of Representatives) your preferences should reflect who you believe will best represent you in the parliament, and not be based on a political numbers game.

In Monash, there are eight candidates running in this election.

You need to number each box on the smaller green ballot paper when you vote.

Put a number one next to the candidate you think best represents your hopes and needs.

Then decide who would be the next best option, who would be your second choice as a local member ... and so on through to number eight.

If your first choice is not one of the two highest polling candidates, then your vote will be redistributed, according to your preferences.

The future direction of this country really is in our hands – yours and mine.

We all like to complain about politicians, but the election is a time when you truly have the power to decide who best represents you.

If you’re still unsure how preferential voting works, the Australian Electoral Commission has information, including a short video, that explains how preferences work and how your vote will count, even if your first choice doesn’t get the most votes on polling day. www.aec.gov.au/learn/preferential-voting.htm.

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Candidates under fire for insensitive signage

A local resident has blasted the One Nation candidate for Monash for screwing election signage to trees across the island.

They contacted the candidate to complain, and reported the issue to Bass Coast Shire Council. The signage was promptly removed by council staff.

Candidate Allan Hicken said as soon as he was contacted by the resident, he tried to contact the council.

“I’m financing my campaign on a family household budget and I am very reliant on volunteers that want to help out,” Allan explained.

“When placing signs they are instructed to obey all guidelines set by that shire/council.

“From the feedback I’ve been able to get from a resident, some signs were incorrectly mounted with screws to live trees.

“When I make contact with the shire, I will follow it up further and if incorrectly mounted or placed I myself will sort them out,” he said.

The Advertiser contacted Bass Coast Shire Council asking for confirmation on when and why the signs were removed as well as clarification of the rules around electoral signage.

“Council’s Community Safety Team has contacted all eight Monash candidates and advised them of the laws and their responsibilities in relation to political signage in the municipality,” a council spokesperson said.

“From this point forward, if illegal signage is reported, Council will be impounding the signage with an impound fee applied upon collection of the asset. Non-compliance can also result in an infringement.”

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Outrage at mine expansion approval

Grantville residents and conservationists have condemned the Victorian Planning Minister's approval of a sand mine expansion, saying it ignores the needs of tourism and the community.

Residents say the decision to approve the Dandy Premix mine expansion will impact their health and will also see the Bass Highway around Grantville heavily congested, with 240 trucks a day on the highway and a new set of traffic lights.

In 2020 Minister Richard Wynne used his powers to override Bass Coast Shire and call in the Dandy Premix plans, with councillors speaking against the mine expansion.

Last March Mr Wynne convened a planning panel to advise on the application to expand the mine.

Mr Wynne last week announced approval of the mine expansion, not only permitting an increase in truck movements from 120 to 240 a day, but also increasing operating hours, with trucks to run 6am to 2am on weekdays and 6am to 10pm on Saturdays.

The company will also be allowed to install traffic lights on the Bass Highway so their trucks can make a right-hand turn from their quarry site towards Melbourne.

Dandy's open cut mine will operate for up to 40 years and remove 13 hectares of vegetation, including digging below the water table, and will wash sand on site.

Health

As part of the approval, there is also a recommendation for an investigation to determine the potential risk of exposure to respirable crystalline silica, which mine opponents say can cause incurable lung disease.

Residents Gil Smith and Janice Hughes said the increase in truck movements was a major concern.

"We're already coping about 30 trucks an



The Bass Highway around Grantville will be more congested, with approval last week given for another sand mine to expand, which will see 240 trucks a day on the highway, and installation of a new set of traffic lights.

hour going past our place," Mr Smith said.

Ms Hughes said dust exacerbated her lung problems and made it difficult for her to breathe, adding she already wiped windowsills and other surfaces every day and had to wash her windscreen before she can drive her car.

They said dust was a major issue for objec-

tors, but the panel had accepted company assurances that dust treatment is adequate despite dust storms being a major problem for nearby residents over the past summer.

Opposition

Save Western Port Woodlands (SWPW) said

they were "dismayed" by the Planning Minister's decision to approve the "massive" expansion, despite more than 70 objections, including expert evidence that found the mine expansion could release a cocktail of toxic chemicals into Western Port bay.

SWPW spokesperson Tim O'Brien said the government talked tough on protecting the environment, but was "missing in action when it comes to putting reasonable limits on a destructive industry".

"It makes a joke of the community's wishes."

Mr O'Brien said the Dandy Premix decision was an indication of the government's determination that nothing should be permitted to obstruct sand mining, even with Bass Coast being declared a Distinctive Area and Landscape.

"It seems like this cosseted industry is more valuable than not just the environment but also Bass Coast's much more economically beneficial tourism industry and even residents themselves," he said.

"The Planning Minister is supposed to weigh up a balance for the community between development and the environment and social issues."

SWPW said the panel report states before land clearing can start Dandy Premix must survey to determine whether the threatened green striped greenhood plant was present in the woodland area.

But Mr O'Brien said the 13-hectare property was part of a crucial biolink in a rare coastal forest.

He said Dandy Premix was now required to revegetate mined areas within three months of operating the expanded pit, adding they would be vigilant to ensure the company met its obligations.

"We will be calling on Bass Coast Shire Council and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning to be a lot more vigilant this time round in ensuring the company actually meets its obligations."

Shock, dismay and disappointment at sand mine approval

The local community expressed dismay and shock at the decision by Planning Minister Richard Wynne to approve the expansion of a Grantville sand mine.

The Save Western Port Woodlands (SWPW) campaigned vigorously against the expansion and said it was dismayed by the decision, which came despite more than 70 objections (see separate story).

Bass Coast Shire Council echoed the group's concerns, saying it was shocked and disappointed that the "controversial sand mine in Grantville will go ahead".

Richard Wynne's approval this week permits Dandy Premix to clear 13 hectares of vegetation in the Western Port Woodlands for a new pit, to massively expand its current pit, including digging below the water table, and to wash sand on site.

Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan said it was devastating to see that the decision has seemingly ignored the concerns of both Council and the community around the expansion.

"This decision runs counter to the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes objective of revegetation and protecting native vegetation," Cr Whelan said.

"Dandy Premix has not met the revegetation requirements of the current permit and the wildlife corridor that was to be planted in 2013 is still not complete.

"Council made a point to refer Minister

Wynne to the Wettenhall Report, as it expressed concerns that toxic material would leach into Westernport – this also appears to have been disregarded in this decision.

"The environment is our economy in Bass Coast, however this decision by the state government shows that it does not put the same value on the environment as it does on the economy, which is incredibly concerning."

The permit conditions specifically require a Biodiversity Assessment Report and Offset Management, Biodiversity and Vegetation Management and Species Protection Management plans to be completed.

"Sand crisis"

The expansion approval comes after the United Nations issued a report last month, calling for urgent action to avert a "sand crisis".

The report described sand as the most-exploited natural resource in the world after water, saying it is being used faster than it can naturally be replaced by geological processes.

Global consumption of sand has skyrocketed over the past few decades, for use in glass, concrete and construction material.

The UN called on greater governance of sand mining.

"We now find ourselves in the position where the needs and expectations of our societies cannot be met without improved gov-

ernance of sand resources," Sheila Aggarwal-Khan, director of the Economy Division at UNEP, said in the report's foreword.

It recommended creating international

standards and reducing demand by using sand from recycled materials such as concrete, instead of using naturally occurring sand.

Council Update



Council Meeting 18 May

Council's next meeting will be held at 1.00pm, Wednesday, 18 May 2022 in the Council Chamber, Bass Coast Civic Centre, Baillieu Street East, Wonthaggi. In the interest of community health and safety, the Council Chamber will open to the public by RSVP only.

Please RSVP at c.wilson@basscoast.vic.gov.au. The meeting will also be livestreamed at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2022meetings.

The agenda will be released on Council's website on Friday, 13 May at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/meetings. There is an opportunity during the Council meeting for public questions. If you would like to ask a question please submit your questions in writing no later than 48 hours prior to the meeting.

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DAL submissions summary

Community consultation on the Distinctive Areas and Landscape project's draft Statement of Planning Policy (SPP) closed on April 29.

Numerous local groups, including an alliance of 14 community groups have made submissions, voicing concern or support for

a range of proposals including town boundaries, proposed farming planning rules and environmental protections.

Over two weeks, the Advertiser looks at the key submissions including both the issues supported by the local community and those raising concerns.

Focus on farming, not tourism: VFF

Victoria's peak farm body has criticised the state government's new planning rules for Phillip Island and Bass Coast, saying they are tourism-centric and undermine agricultural businesses.

Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) president Emma Germano has written a submission to the government's Bass Coast Distinctive Areas and Landscape project's draft Statement of Planning Policy (SPP), saying it has "unintended negative consequences on agriculture".

"The draft SPP needs to understand farms located in Bass Coast are working farms and not just there for nice landscape views," Ms Germano writes.

The submission accuses the government of giving "unfettered support to agritourism" rather than protecting existing agricultural businesses, which are largely grazing, dairy and livestock.

"Tourists do not understand that farming in these areas can be noisy, dusty and odorous at various times of the year and the management of crops and livestock can also have a big impact on the way the landscape looks," she says.

"Agricultural use should take precedence in the farming zone over other uses such as tourism, as productive agricultural land located so close to cities and ports is important to maintain now and into the future."

Frustration

Ms Germano writes the draft SPP's controls will require farmers to get planning permits for fences and farm buildings, which "will introduce unnecessary stress onto farmers who in a farming zone can generally build a shed or fence as of right".

"It also puts extra costs onto farm businesses who will have to pay for these planning permits."

Ms Germano's submission is critical of the lack of consultation undertaken by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning on the draft SPP.

"It has not listened to and understood the views and needs of the farming community."



Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) president Emma Germano has written a submission saying the Bass Coast DAL draft Statement of Planning Policy (SPP), has "unintended negative consequences on agriculture".

She says when a meeting was organised between DELWP and farmers in April, "staff from DELWP took up much of the time speaking leaving little time for residents to express their concerns and ask questions".

"When residents raised their concerns the only answer that was given was that they should submit to the consultation process."

"This was frustrating to residents who thought that at this meeting DELWP staff would listen and make note of their concerns, however, this did not occur."

Support

The Phillip Island Conservation Society (PICS) in their submission to the DAL also said planning permits for farm fences were "impractical and unnecessary", but supported permit requirements for the siting and design of farm buildings.

PICS does not support the permit requirement for the removal of exotic tree rows or exotic shelterbelts.



The PICS submission on the DAL states it "strongly supports" the proposed town boundaries for Phillip Island.

Protect what little we have left: submission

Conflicts about homes on Phillip Island's coast should be avoided by strengthening planning rules, according to a submission to the state government.

With community consultation on the Distinctive Areas and Landscape project's draft Statement of Planning Policy (SPP) closing on April 29, the Phillip Island Conservation Society (PICS) lodged a submission calling for better protection of Phillip Island's beaches from nearby development.

"Foreshore reserves and adjacent settlement zones are a frequent setting for planning conflicts regarding vegetation removal and the appropriateness, location, design, height, and placement of buildings and infrastructure," the PICS submission states.

"Conflicts often involve impacts on the seascape and views from the beach and foreshore—for example, where proposed buildings would be seen above foreshore vegetation."

The submission states given that planning policies value preservation of both seascape and landscape this should be better reflected in the draft SPP's preferred character statements for all coastal settlements and associated planning rules.

Further protection

The PICS submission calls for an expansion of the draft SPP's planning rules to be moved west of Coghlan Road in Cowes.

Currently the draft proposes a significant landscape overlay to include Rhyll and the Phillip Island Golf Club, east of Coghlan Road.

The submission states the undeveloped land bounded by Coghlan Road, Rhyll Road, and the southern section of the golf course is prone to flooding – draining into the Rhyll Inlet – and could include acid sulphate soils.

"It is part of the vista towards Western Port

from the Cowes-Rhyll Road corridor and Oswin Roberts Reserve.

"PICS recommends the significant landscape overlay boundary is expanded slightly west to Coghlan Road to align with the proposed eastern protected settlement boundary of Cowes."

PICS also states it "strongly supports" the proposed town boundaries for Phillip Island.

"Planning zoning in areas beyond protected settlement boundaries must not be relaxed to allow subdivision or development that is incompatible with landscape and biodiversity values."

Vegetation

The PICS submission supports the draft SPP's planning controls as "an opportunity to arrest" the loss of vegetation and habitat across the shire.

"Despite existing policies and planning controls designed to conserve this rare and valuable natural resource, remnant vegetation in Bass Coast Shire is still being destroyed at an alarming rate where there is conflict with other land uses," it says.

"We wish to emphasise how little remnant vegetation is left within Bass Coast Shire. Less than 10 per cent of pre-1700 indigenous vegetation remains within Bass Coast, more than 10 ecological vegetation classes are endangered, three are vulnerable, and three are severely depleted."

"The habitat value of old-growth vegetation cannot be replaced by offsets, and economic development is simply not environmentally sustainable where it results in destruction of remnant vegetation."

The submission also calls for planning controls to limit noise and light pollution, including noise and light pollution assessments for proposed developments.

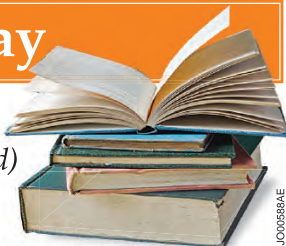
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Alliance responds to DAL

An alliance of 14 local community groups have called on the state government to amend planning policies to protect farmers and tighten Cowes' town boundaries.

The group of 14 – including Island Voice, transport and environment organisations – have written a combined submission to the government's Bass Coast Distinctive Areas and Landscape project's draft Statement of Planning Policy (SPP), calling for seven key changes.

The submission states Cowes east's town boundary should be tightened, bringing it further west from the current easterly boundary at Coghlan Road, keeping the same distance from Settlement Road (to the north).

The alliance's submission calls for a range of proposed planning rules in the draft SPP for coastal farmers to be relaxed or removed.

Currently the draft SPP proposes planning permit requirements for fencing, with the submission requesting this be removed.

Equally the submission calls for farming structures such as cattle yards, silos and water tanks to be exempt from permit requirements.

The draft SPP also states a permit will be required to remove, destroy or lop native vegetation and exotic tree rows or shelterbelts, with the alliance rejecting this and calling for no permit requirements.

The alliance calls for landscape protections to apply to public land, not just private.

The submission also calls for sand mining to be phased out of Bass Coast by 2025 and for a reduction of the Cape Paterson settlement boundary, which is currently targeted for major expansion.

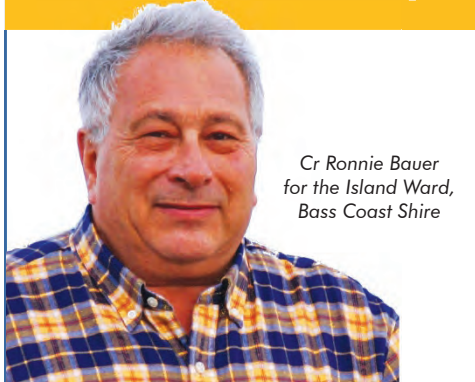
Alliance

Bass Coast Shire councillors – led by Cr David Rooks – gathered the 14 groups to create the alliance, in order to provide feedback to the state government on the draft SPP.

The groups include the Phillip Island Integrated Transport Study Reference Group, Landcare, Phillip Island Conservation Society, Totally Renewable Phillip Island and the Small Coastal Towns Alliance.

The groups had a presentation from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning in April and held a workshop in May.

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



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Building a Bushbank collection

Give or take a few metres, James Anderson has a very narrow area of expertise.

"I'm a specialist of about 1km of the coastline," says James, the nursery coordinator of the Barb Martin Bushbank.

That 1km stretches to both land and sea.

On the ocean side, the 45-year-old father-of-two is a knee-boarding surf pro.

He has won six world titles, seven Victorian titles, a junior world title and is still a keen competitor, having taken part in the recent Phillip Island Pro.

"I just love the water. I actually started knee-boarding on a school camp to Phillip Island when I was 14 and I haven't stopped."

"I'm getting old and sore but they're injuries from landscaping and skateboarding, not surfing."

For his career, James has strayed only a very short distance from the ocean's edge, specialising in coastal indigenous plant species and propagation.

"I'm a man of the ocean. Plants are what I do when I come ashore."

James started at the Barb Martin Bushbank in late 2020, not long after the native plant nursery was taken over by Phillip Island Nature Parks.

Since that time he has expanded the list of varieties from 96 to 135, especially focused on rare and threatened species.

On average James – supported by a small army of about 50 volunteers – propagates and grows out an average annual 100,000 plants, with up to 40,000 used by Nature Parks for

revegetation, up to 40,000 sold to Bass Coast Shire and Landcare and 20,000 for the public.

Expansion

This year the Bushbank is also expanding out into an 18 x 18 metre area, in order to accommodate a new sale item: large pots.

"Traditionally we have sold tube stock but there's a market for bigger, more established trees."

"So we're not trying to grow everything across a whole range of sizes."

Tube stock is still priced at \$3, but now they offer plants in 300mm pots for up to \$50.

James says as diverse as his role is, it's the seed collection that is one of the toughest parts of the job.

For four months of the year he heads out across Nature Parks' 2000 hectares, head down, bum up, sourcing seeds, which are then processed.

"To give you an idea we went out and collected garbage bags-full of spinifex and then spent 80 hours to get 2200 seeds, and the next day all those seeds were eaten by mice."

"So we face the same challenges here as domestic gardeners do."

Threatened species

Working for the Bushbank, James says he has focused on not just reproducing core plant varieties but expanding the growing list to include threatened plants.

"Part of my job is to encourage the public, government, groups to plant indigenous species for wildlife and habi-



James Anderson, nursery coordinator of the Barb Martin Bushbank, is a competitive knee boarding surfer with a swag of titles, but at the Bushbank, his focus is expanding the list of native plants in the nursery.

tat. Indigenous plants are tough and largely self-sustaining, not requiring the food and inputs like some other plants.

"In fact a lot of threatened species are the easiest ones to grow, although there are some difficult ones."

James says he works closely with Nature Parks rangers who have mapped Phillip Island's plant species and can provide him with GPS coordinates to find rare and threat-

ened plants for seed collection.

"I also have done this all my life so I know what to look for. They're like my friends."

"People always ask how I remember all the names and facts of plants, but they know what football team their uncle barracks for and what car he drives."

"For me plants are like my family members. It's easy to take notice of them."

He says rangers told him

about one rare plant, salt law-rencia, at Fishers Wetland but it soon turned out it could no longer be found on Phillip Island.

So James then hunted around and sourced seed from across the bay at Hastings, and is now propagating salt law-rencia to plant out here.

Home gardens

The top three most popular plants sold to home garden-

ers include sea lavender, grass trigger plants and olearia.

James advises novice green thumbs to come into the Bushbank, have a chat and come armed with photos of plants and gardens wanting to be replicated.

"It's good to chat because I need to customise plants to where they live. On Phillip Island it's all about the geology," says James, who currently lives in Kilcunda, but is building a home at Hamer's Haven.

"Silverleaves and Cape Woolamai, for example, are sandy, whereas Wimbledon Heights and Berrys Beach are heavy clay."

"Most come in and are happy to take advice, which means I can recommend threatened species because it's not only good for biodiversity, but they are generally great landscape plants and have good success."

James grew up in the UK, in a family of plant lovers, and moved to the Mornington Peninsula when he was 13, after school completing apprenticeships in nursery production, landscaping and also a civil construction traineeship.

He worked in large state-funded landscaping projects and then later ran his own business working in high-end domestic landscape architecture.

"The architect would design them and I would build them. Design is not my thing."

"My focus and goal then, like now, is to get indigenous plants into people's backyards."

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Mapping Phillip Island's climate impacts

Some Phillip Island properties will be effectively uninsurable by 2030, due to rising risks of extreme weather and climate change, a detailed analysis from the Climate Council has found.

The analysis, released last week, found about 16 per cent of Silverleaves properties (61 homes) would be vulnerable to coastal inundation by 2030, rising to 93 per cent (523) by 2100, under a high emission scenario.

Other climate impacts on Phillip Island – under a high emission scenario – would include surface water flooding and bushfires, which would see eight per cent of Cape Woolamai properties at risk by 2100.

By the end of this century, at Newhaven seven per cent of properties will be at risk, six per cent at both Rhyll and Ventnor, while in Cowes 125 homes will be at high risk and 170 at medium risk (3.7 per cent), and at San Remo one per cent, with a shire-wide risk of 13 per cent.

Hundreds of millions of data points – or 14 million Australian addresses – were analysed by Climate Valuation, which the Climate Council transformed into an interactive Climate Risk Map, showing the physical risk extreme weather and climate change poses to homes around the country over the next decade and into the future.

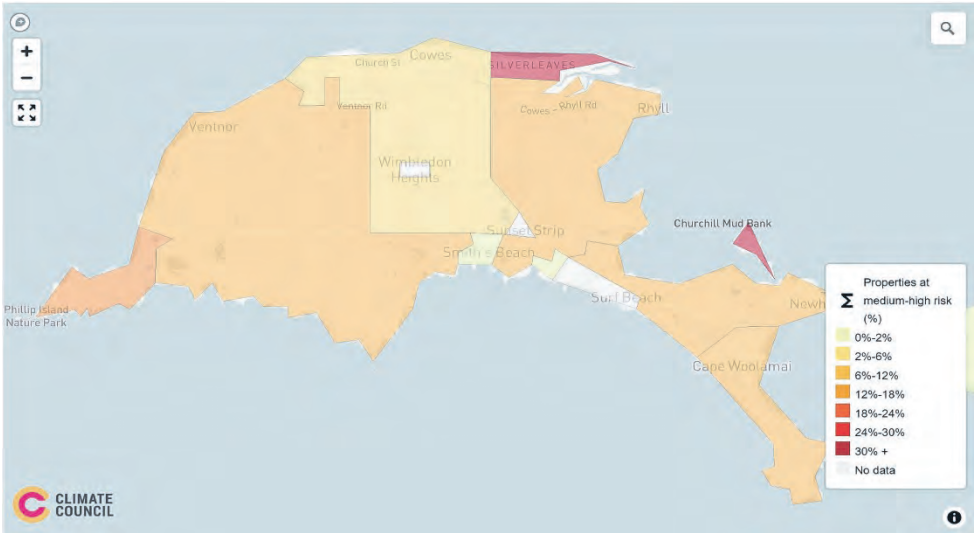
Dr Karl Mallon, CEO of Climate Valuation, said insurers and banks were already quantifying risks from climate change.

“It’s essential that Australians inform themselves about these risks to their safety and financial wellbeing, which are well known to financial institutions and governments,” Dr Mallon said.

“It’s striking how the number of affected properties grows under higher emissions scenarios. Reducing emissions would potentially save thousands of homes from worsening damage.

“I encourage all homeowners and buyers to ensure they fully understand the local hazards and get a property-specific report on their risk.”

Details: climatecouncil.org.au/resources/climate-risk-map/



An interactive map by the Climate Council shows how local areas will be impacted by the rising risk of extreme weather and climate change.

Climate strike this Friday

A Phillip Island teenager has organised a peaceful school strike this Friday, to demonstrate that the community wants climate action.

The strike will take place from 9am – 10.30am on Friday, May 13 at The Esplanade in Cowes.

Fourteen-year-old Joey Thompson said he organised the strike to make politicians in the current election aware of how important the issue is.

“I feel really passionately about preserving Australia’s natural beauty and ensuring a safe and happy future for everyone by tackling the climate crisis.

“I have organised a peaceful school strike and protest to demonstrate how our community wants climate action from politicians in the upcoming election.”

He hopes everyone in the community who shares his concern about climate change will come along and show their support.

The event has approval from Victoria Police and council and is in coordination with School Strike 4 Climate Australia.

Changes to Victorian electoral divisions for the 2022 federal election

The name or boundaries of your electoral division may have changed since the previous federal election because of the recent Victorian federal redistribution.

As a result of these changes, you may need to vote in a different division, or your usual polling place may be in a different division.

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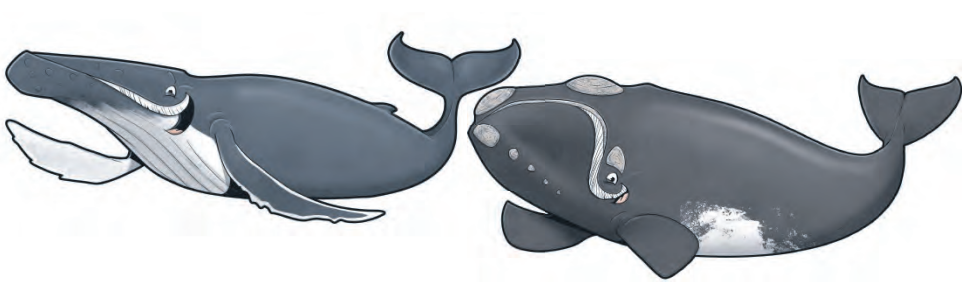
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Local artist Zev Landes has created two mascots for the Island Whale Festival and organisers are running a competition to name the mascots, with fabulous prizes on offer.

Help name the whales!

The Island Whale Festival returns on July 1 – 3 and has two new mascots in desperate need of a name.

Organisers of the festival, which is now in its sixth year, are running a competition to name its Humpback Whale and Southern Right Whale characters.

“We have engaged the very talented local artist Zev Landes to create our new mascots – a Humpback and a Southern Right Whale,” said Kim Storey from Destination Phillip Island.

“Now our new mascots need some names, and we need your help!”

The prize for each winner (one for each character) is a family ticket for a three-hour Dolphin and Whale cruise on Wildlife Coast Cruises valued at \$328 each.

Competition links are on the IslandWhales Facebook page and close on Wednesday May 25.

Festival organisers are hoping this year’s event will be the best yet.

“Destination Phillip Island is working on an exciting program with our Festival partners Phillip Island Nature Parks, the Dolphin Research Institute, Wildlife Coast Cruises, Two Bays Whale Project and Bass Coast Shire Council,” Kim said.

“There will be lots of activities for the kids, science presentations and displays. This year’s Festival Hub will be at St Philip’s Church and the Masonic Hall in Cowes. Events will also be held at The Nobbies and Woolamai Life Saving Club.

“The Whale out of Water will be back in the marquee and we are excited to present the short film Regenerating Australia by Damon Gameau, the award-winning director of 2040 and That Sugar Film.

“This film looks at what Australia would look like in 2030 if we simply listened to the needs of its people.”

As the weather cools down, people are getting excited about the return of the whales and the start of whale watching season.

Kim hopes whale-loving locals will jump at the chance to christen the festival mascots and said illustrator Zev Landes’ was an ideal choice for the whale festival.

“Zev is a published cartoonist and illustrator whose artwork celebrates the ridiculousness of life through humour.

“His playful characters bring to life issues of wildlife conservation, social commentary and even surfing. His cartoons, illustrations, animations and infographics tell the stories of creatures that will make you laugh and stir your heart.”

Stay up to date with the evolving program at islandwhales.com.au which includes information on the Phillip Island and Bass Coast Whale Discovery Trail and tips for sighting whales from the land.

Scooters

A recent article about young scooter riders (The Advertiser, April 22, page 10) has sparked an energetic debate on social media.

Many people voiced their concern about the potential for accidents, especially youngsters riding without helmets and carrying too many passengers.

The debate has also highlighted the confusion over bikes/scooters and the relevant rules.

One reader, Marina pointed out although the article referred to Vespa, the image used was a Puri e-Bike, legally classified as a pedal bike.

“A Vespa is a motorbike. Very different,” she said.

“Yes riders need to wear helmets and limit the number of passengers but they also have to comply with all the same laws pedal bikes/push bikes do.

“They are not allowed to be ridden on the footpath.”

However Marina agreed riding the bikes on the footpath was “extremely dangerous as well as stress inducing”.

Another resident said the classification was determined by the throttle speed limits on the bike.

Others chimed in to voice their concern about the danger to older residents.

“We see this every day in Cowes. They are on the footpath and come around the corner so fast that they nearly hit pedestrians. They are so dangerous,” said Robyn.

“They are outside the Woolies shopping centre every day flying down the footpaths and into traffic, no care for pedestrians or motorists. So dangerous ... no helmets either,” Janine wrote.

“With idiots on skateboards, people on e-bikes, people riding bicycles on the footpath when there is a dedicated lane in Thompson Avenue, it is only a matter of time before an innocent pedestrian is seriously injured or killed,” said Jill.

“I did write to the police some 18 months ago and I am still waiting for them to do something about it.”

Other readers came to the defence of the young riders.

“There’s plenty of elderly on their scooters who shouldn’t be allowed to drive them,” Liane said

“One elderly grumpy man nearly ran over my granddaughter at Woolworth’s footpath.”

Damien agreed.

“Let’s be honest, there are more dangerous senior drivers on the island than kids with scooters.

“There just needs to be more education provided for the kids. You can’t punish kids for being independent.

“You’re not going to see a kid driving a scooter through the wall of a restaurant! You will a senior, and they have a licence.”

Local police have run education sessions on scooters and e-bikes through the schools alongside a state-wide campaign.

A spokesperson said local police would discuss how best to address the issue, suggesting a campaign targeting and fining offenders could be the next step.

Bumper flu season concerns

Victorians are being urged to get their flu vaccination, with health authorities concerned a big flu season could be on the way.

As the weather gets colder and COVID-19 restrictions continue to ease, people are being urged to get their flu jabs to help reduce pressure on our health system.

The vaccine is free to anyone in a high-risk category, including people aged over 65, children aged six months to five years of age, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, pregnant women, and people with medical conditions putting them at increased risk of severe flu.

Chief Health Officer Professor Brett Sutton said with international borders reopening, more social mixing occurring and other pandemic restrictions easing, ensuring your flu and Covid vaccinations are up to date will help protect you - and others - during winter.

“Victoria has seen low rates of the flu over the last two years due to closed international borders and social distancing measures to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic,” Professor Sutton said.

“That also means that this winter is a really critical time to be protected with flu vaccinations.

“Vaccination against a highly contagious viral infection like flu is key to protecting yourself and those around you and will ensure we don’t put further pressure on our health system.”

Influenza is a seasonal infection that usually occurs from April to September and can cause severe illness and life-threatening complications regardless of age. In a year of high influenza activity, it is estimated the flu can contribute to more than 3300 deaths in Australia.

Vaccinations are available from community pharmacies, GPs and council.

No interval is required between the flu and COVID-19 vaccinations as they target different viruses. That means both can be given on the same day if you are due for a COVID-19 vaccination.

“If you do get the flu the advice remains the same,” said Professor Sutton.

“Stay at home if you’re unwell and don’t go to work or school.”

Bass Coast Shire Council’s 2022 influenza vaccination program has already begun, with a session for Over 65s at St Philip’s in Cowes on May 13. Details and bookings are available at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/community-support-services/health-and-safety/immunisation

Battery project green light

The state government has decided to grant a permit for the proposed battery energy system on Phillip Island.

The Notice of Decision was issued on April 7.

A spokesperson for the Department of Environment Land Water and Planning (DELWP) said anyone objecting to the proposal had 28 days to appeal to VCAT.

This means, if no appeal is lodged, a planning permit will be issued, and the details will be the same as in the current notice, which includes conditions to address noise and safety concerns.

As we went to print, 28 days had elapsed and there was no confirmation from DELWP of any appeal.

Last year Mondo won the right to deliver the battery for AusNet through a competitive tender process and said the battery storage system will "help balance the fluctuating power demand on the island and support an increase in the uptake of renewable energy".

The proposal is supported by Bass Coast Shire Council, as well as Totally Renewable Phillip Island (TRPI) and the Energy Innovation Cooperative (EIC).

Community concerns

However not everyone in the community has embraced the project.

During community consultation earlier this year, residents raised numerous concerns about potential noise pollution from the site, with one saying the response from Mondo, that the site would be extremely quiet compared to a diesel generator, didn't fill them with confidence.

Other concerns included emergency management and the impact on native vegetation.

The current Notice of Decision requires amended development plans to be submitted and has a range of conditions that address noise, emergency

management, location of the storage container and native vegetation.

An updated noise assessment report is required before the final plans are endorsed and it must be made available to the public.

The permit contains conditions limiting the noise of the finished project, stating use must at all times comply with EPA noise limit protocols for noise from commercial venues.

It also states that within one month of battery use commencing, a post-construction acoustic report has to be prepared and submitted to authorities including the state government and council, showing compliance with EPA requirements at all times.

This report must also be made available to the public.

A second report must be done within one year of commencement.

For both reports, the permit states "If recommendations to limit the noise impacts are made, they must be implemented to the satisfaction of the responsible authority".

Environment

The Notice of Decision states an Environmental Management Plan (EMP) has to be submitted and approved before any development takes place and must ensure the installation avoids and minimises amenity and environmental impacts.

The EMP also has to address impacts on native vegetation, weed management, erosion, ways of managing dust, flooding, surface water quality and stormwater run-off, as well as develop response measures and a system for recording and reporting environmental incidents.

Similarly, a Construction Environment Management Plan and a Drainage and Stormwater Management Plan are required.

Lighting on the site must comply with Australian Standards, to control

the obtrusive effects of outdoor lighting, the notice states.

The Notice contains extensive fire and safety requirements – with over 47 listed conditions.

It also allows for 0.020 hectares of native vegetation to be removed, destroyed or lopped.

Any vegetation offsets must be located within the Port Phillip and Westernport CMA boundary or within shire.

Project must commence within two years of the permit being issued.

Proposal

The proposed Phillip Island Community Energy Storage System (PIC-ESS) will lease space on the north-east corner of a 45-hectare site, purchased by the Bass Coast Shire Council in 2019 for a new transfer station.

At the time, the council said the transfer station would not use the entire space and other uses would be determined in consultation with the community.

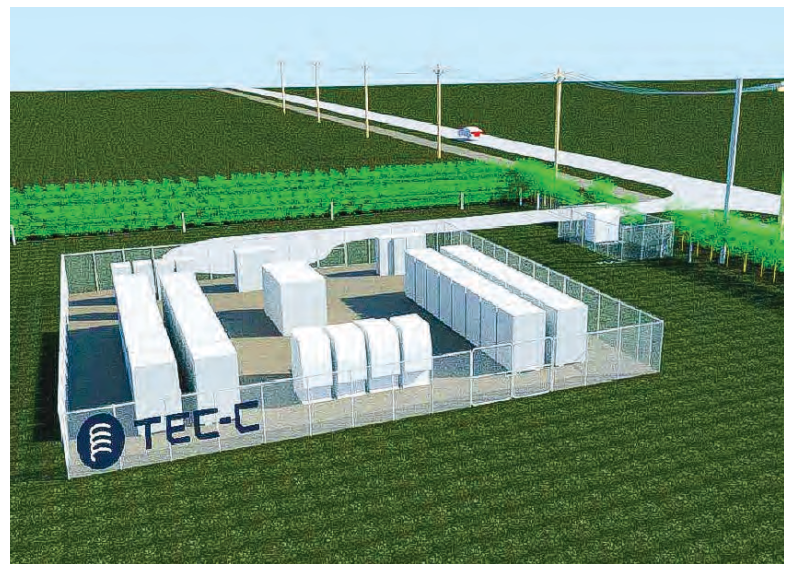
PIC-ESS would comprise of a series of units in a 38 x 34 metre fenced compound, connected to the electricity grid via underground cables, setback 20 metres from Gap Road.

No buildings are proposed on site with control units and other equipment contained in kiosks/cabinets and a storage container.

Last year, Mondo's General Manager Jodie Hallam said the battery is part of a much bigger picture, one that could potentially transform the Phillip Island energy network.

"This is a transition, a first component of an eco-system of new energy," Jodie said.

"There is a primary need on Phillip Island to make sure that during peak summertime there is enough energy, but the rest is co-designing with the community to create an energy model based on local needs."



The state government has issued a Notice of Decision, which could see a permit issued for a battery energy system on Gap Road comprising of a series of units in a 38 x 34 metre fenced compound, connected to the electricity grid via underground cables.

Candidates forum at Wonthaggi

Geoff Cole (front left) with ALP Candidate Jessica O'Donnell, and (back) Graeme Dark and Burt Blackburne at last week's Candidate's Forum in Wonthaggi. The event, chaired by Cr Clare Le Serve was held at the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre last Wednesday, with all candidates for Monash invited to take part.



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Storm over PICAL move for community hospital

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Concerns

Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child said while she was not privy to the details of the contract of sale between the council and VHBA, as far as she was aware, August had always been the date the site would be handed over.

She said she also believed the original timeline had PICAL moving to the new Warley Avenue site by the end of 2021.

"On the original timeline, we could have commenced demolishing and the early benching of the site in August," Ms Child said, but noted negotiations with PICAL were handled by the council and BCH had not been involved.

She said she called the meeting between Bass Coast Health, VHBA, PICAL and Bass Coast Shire Council after concerns were raised about the timeframes for the move.

"It was apparent at the meeting that we had different dates," she said.

"PICAL is a brilliant service, so my question was how can we work together, how do we resolve this?"

"We have to work together to find a way forward, to keep both PICAL services and the hospital on track," she said.

Ms Child said BCH has offered to temporarily move some services from the Urgent Care Centre to Wonthaggi, to allow PICAL to utilise rooms at the centre.

"I understand that isn't PICAL's ideal," she said.

"But they are going to get back to me with dates when we could meet onsite and talk about what we are going to do."

Ms Child said one reason it was important to maintain the building timeline was to take advantage of cost savings that came from being one of 10 community hospital being built across the state.

"There is a value-add of going with the other sites in terms of procurement. We don't want to lose the capac-



In April last year, Minister for Health Martin Foley, with Jan Child – CEO Bass Coast Health, Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale, Don Paproth – Bass Coast Health Board Chair and Mim Kershaw – Bass Coast Health Board Member, unveiled the Community Hospital sign at the future site, currently occupied by PICAL.

ity to be part of that."

She confirmed detailed design drawings were in the works and the room layout for the hospital was well progressed and that the hospital's Community Consultative Committee had input into the design, as well as representatives from the local indigenous community.

"We hope to get the designs out for the community to see within the next month or so."

Ms Child said BCH was under considerable pressure with increased demand for services, especially around surgery and cancer treatment.

She said the expansion of the Wonthaggi Hospital would "help dramatically" with the surgery catch-up strategy.

"But if we need to keep growing our services, we need Phillip Island's Community Hospital to come on board by 2024."

Criticism

Earlier this month, Island Voice and the Phillip Island Medical and Health Action Group (PIMHAG) raised concerns about PICAL's potential move.

Peter Paul from PIMHAG

criticised the council's lack of transparency about the delay completing the Warley Avenue site and raised concerns about the proposed move of some PICAL services to Blue Gum Reserve.

"Island Voice understands that the former CFA Station at Blue Gum Reserve was to be allocated to PICAL for these training purposes."

"However, we now believe Council has instead allocated this space to other community groups, leaving PICAL without training facilities at that location."

This would leave PICAL with significantly less combined operating space than at the Church Street site, which would require an "urgent review" of PICAL's needs.

PIMHAG has also criticised consultation for the Community Hospital, including a lack of community input into the new hospital design.

"The transparency in this is unbelievably bad," Peter said in April last year.

At the time, he urged the government and BCH to work with PIMHAG to get community input.

Bass Coast Shire Council was approached for comment.



Vaccination staff had fun keeping the community safe during the Covid pandemic by conducting an extensive vaccination program at the Wonthaggi Town Hall.

Covid clinics to close

Bass Coast Health will close its Community Vaccination Clinic and its Covid Testing site in Wonthaggi next week.

The closures are in response to decreasing community demand and in line with other health services across the state, BCH said.

However in good news for Phillip Island residents, a new testing service will operate from the Urgent Care Centre in Cowes from May 16.

Monash Pathology, which is already based at the Hub, will take over the testing service confirmed Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child.

"They will start to provide Rapid Antigen Tests and PCR tests for people from Monday to Friday."

"Our staff will step out and go back into the regular hospital routine."

With staff stepping back from the Covid clinic roles, Ms Child hopes the Code Yellow imposed due to staff shortages, will soon be lifted.

Test figures

During the pandemic, Ms Child said BCH ran a comprehensive testing program, with staff conducting 68,554 Covid tests at Wonthaggi, Cowes and at various pop-up sites at Bass and San Remo.

She said there was no doubt the tests were instrumental in helping people isolate quickly and reduce the spread of the disease in the community.

"As part of one of the biggest vaccination efforts in recent history, Bass Coast reached the fifth highest vaccination levels early in the Covid race," Ms Child said.

"More than 95 per cent of the eligible population in Bass Coast Shire has been vaccinated with two doses."

"Since the Community Vaccination Clinic at the Wonthaggi Town Hall opened in June 2021, staff have administered 46,695 Covid vaccines."

The last day of the Community Vaccination Clinic at Wonthaggi Town Hall will be Monday, May 16, although BCH personnel finished staffing the clinic on May 7.

Staff from Latrobe Regional Hospital provided walk-in vaccinations on Monday May 9 from 10.30am to 3.30pm and again on May 17 from 10am to 12pm (closed all other days).

Covid testing at the former McBride Campus of Wonthaggi Secondary College will end at 1pm Saturday May 14.

Ms Child said the time is right and it is now time for the health service to focus its resources on core services.

"We are proud of the extensive testing and vaccination services we have offered the community throughout the two years of the pandemic so far," she said.

"These testing and vaccination efforts have ensured our region had high screening and vaccination rates which significantly reduced community transmission of COVID-19."

"We give credit for the extraordinary testing and vaccination effort by our magnificent staff who have worked so hard to keep our community safe."

"They have been true frontline heroes whose teamwork, along with compassion and excellence, demonstrated everything

our values represent.

"These excellent staff are our most valuable asset and we hope many of them will stay with us in other roles."

Ms Child said the pandemic response had shown that if needed, BCH has proven it can respond quickly to community needs.

"It is extremely important to acknowledge that our ability to transition both these services now, to the primary health sector, is possible because the demand for these services is low."

"Of course, if the Department of Health ever sees a need for state run clinics to bolster the primary care sector again, we will do a call to arms."

Most importantly, Ms Child said it was still critically important to get tested and to get vaccinated.

"We are not by any means out of this pandemic. We are just coming down from a peak of a significant surge, and sadly, we anticipate others."

"We will always advocate that people take the advice of the experts with regard to vaccination, and keep themselves optimally vaccinated, and we encourage people to test."

Ms Child thanks the many partners that made the testing and vaccination efforts possible including the Education Department for the use of the former McBride Campus, Shadow Security and Event Ops for their work at the sites, Gippsland Region Public Health Unit for support and guidance and Bass Coast Shire Council for the use of the Town Hall.

Vaccination and testing options

Vaccinations

- Covid vaccinations are available at GP clinics, six Gippsland Respiratory Clinics and participating pharmacies by appointment.

- The Gippsland Region Public Health Unit will continue to ensure the community has access to Covid vaccinations. The mobile Covid vaccination bus will also provide outreach vaccination opportunities throughout the region.

Testing

- Wonthaggi Medical Group continue to provide symptomatic testing and treatment at their clinic where appointments are available via their website or on 0429 036 568

- RAT tests will be available from Wonthaggi Hospital from Monday May 16 (details to be confirmed).

- RAT tests are also available at most pharmacists (free for pensioners), at schools for students, as well as select service stations and supermarkets

- RAT and PCR tests will be available from Monash Pathology at the Phillip Island Health Hub, Monday to Friday.

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I always try to consider issues through the lens of compassion and respect. Whether it’s championing for the humane treatment of refugees, advocating for a better NDIS, or helping a constituent navigate challenging service areas like aged care, child support or taxation – I feel privileged to serve my community, and am driven by the inspiration of the people I meet and talk to.

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aggi Integrated Cancer Centre to ensure that quality care can be given close to home.

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Communications infrastructure is important to small communities for safety, for business, for tourism, and for keeping people connected.

Preparing, responding, and recovering from natural disasters relies heavily on trusted and efficient telecommunication networks.

If you lose power in a small town, you lose telecommunications and water. And having been a fireman at Pakenham for 12 years, my understanding of the importance of dependable telecommunications is drawn from bitter personal experience.

I’ve always been committed to preserving our unique environment.

In 2020, I was proud to deliver \$1.1 million under the Federal government’s Environment Restoration Fund to contribute towards the completion of the Cowes East Foreshore Preventative Action Group’s restoration project.

But there is always more to do and I hope to continue working and delivering to help build a better Monash.”

Mat Morgan – The Greens

Many are describing the six-week federal election campaign as a “marathon”.

Greens Candidate for Monash Mat Morgan would tell you that’s just the final sprint for a people powered campaign like his.

“We’ve been running with an all-hands-on-deck approach since late last year. Because that’s what it takes to change a neglected, “safe” liberal seat like Monash.

The major parties can run their whole campaign over six weeks because they’re just screaming matches based on scare campaigns and gotcha moments, funded by dodgy corporate donations which do the campaigning for them now because even their volunteers have disengaged.

It’s easy to put materials in everyone’s letterboxes when you’re accepting millions in fossil fuel industry donations, you just pay for postage.

Last election the UAP were even paying people to hand out for them on election day.

It’s like we’re riding push-



bikes to the same destination as the other candidates but they’re driving trucks full of dodgy money to cover their fuel costs. To build a people powered campaign to compete with the old party machines, we had to get started early.

The Greens don’t accept corporate donations, but this election they’re proposing a \$1,000 yearly cap on all political donations. This is on top of a whole range of other integrity-based policies listed in their “Politics For People Initiative” which includes supporting, and fast tracking federal anti-corruption commission legislation through the senate by Christmas if Labor win the election.

Our volunteers and I have spent countless hours door-knocking all over the electorate. The top issues that come up constantly from constituents are climate, housing and integrity in politics.

When you see a Greens volunteer at the polling booths on election day, they’re quite

likely volunteering for the first time. That’s because Greens supporters know that we have to step up this time. “It’s more important than ever that we put The Greens in the balance of power to hold the next government to account. We’ll push the next government to go further on climate by stopping new coal and gas mines, and we’ll tackle cost of living pressures by getting dental into Medicare and by addressing the housing crisis, not making it worse!

I see it like this; we need everyone to take one step forward. I was a volunteer last time, this time I’m stepping up to be the candidate. If you voted for us last time, we need you to step up and volunteer. If you voted for a major party last time, we need you to preference us first this time. If just a few hundred people in key seats changed their vote last election, The Greens would’ve been in the balance of power. We’ve tried business as usual and look where we are. We’re running the biggest Greens campaign Gippsland has ever seen. People are getting involved for the first time and we are making change happen one person at a time. No paid staff, no dodgy donations; people power.”

Jessica O’Donnell – Labor

“Hi, I’m Jessica. I put my hand up this election because I care about people, and I see the urgent need for change in our area. We need to make improvements that will better impact the day-to-day lives of everyone. Over the last decade too many people have been left behind or have had their needs ignored.

I live in Drouin and work in Warragul. I’m not a fly-in from Pakenham, I was born and raised in Gippsland. My Dad and his dad worked at Hazelwood Power Station. I was a councillor in Baw Baw Shire for four years. I now run my own consulting business which focuses on local jobs and sustainable development.

If elected, I will work hard to represent the interests and the points of view of the people of Monash.

A vote for me is a vote for a Labor Government. It is a vote for fee-free TAFE, for help for those buying their first home, for cheaper childcare and for an aged care system that recognises the needs of residents and also those who work in aged care.

There is a shortage of skilled workers in many areas. Labor will ensure thousands of people are trained

by providing 465,000 fee-free TAFE places for students studying in industries with a skills shortage. There will be an extra 20,000 university places prioritising areas that address shortages in areas like clean energy, advanced manufacturing, health and education.

A Labor Government will help first home buyers in the regional areas. First home buyers will be able to buy a home with a deposit as low as five per cent – with the government guaranteeing up to 15 per cent of the purchase price. The property price cap will be \$500,000 in our area.

Child Care is expensive. It often costs families more to have an extra day of childcare than they make in a day’s work. Labor will lift the maximum childcare subsidy rate to 90 per cent for the first child and keep higher childcare subsidies for the second and additional children in care.

The increased subsidy

will be extended to outside school hours care.

Our older community members need and deserve better than they often get now. The staff in aged care deserve better pay.

A Labor Government will ensure each Aged Care facility has a registered nurse on site 24/7, we’ll increase the number of carers so each resident gets more care time and will back a real pay rise for aged care workers. Home Care providers will have caps placed on the amount they can charge for admin and management fees – ensuring funding is spent on care for those who need it.

Labor will implement an Anti-Corruption commission in its first year in office.

Everyone should be accountable for their actions, especially politicians.

I would love to support the communities of Bass Coast, Baw Baw, South Gippsland and Moe and surrounds in Federal Parliament and will do so with energy and to the best of my abilities.”



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Island's pre-polling opening soon

Next week, from Monday May 16 through until Friday May 20, a pre-polling booth will be open at St Philip's Anglican Church Hall, 102-110 Thompson Avenue, Cowes.

It will operate from 8.30am – 5.30pm Monday to Thursday, then until 6pm on Friday.

If you need to vote this week, the nearest open pre-polling booth is at the Wonthaggi Senior Citizens Centre in Murray Street, operating 8.30am – 5.30pm week-

days, 9am – 4pm Saturday May 14.

On election day, Saturday May 21, San Remo and Phillip Island polling booths will operate at:

- San Remo Recreation Centre
- Newhaven Hall
- Rhyll Mechanics Institute
- Cowes Primary School

Full details of Monash pre-polling and polling booths available at aec.gove.au/election/

Meg Edwards – Liberal Democrats

"The people of Monash, are clever and capable people. We don't need the government telling us what to do and making all our decisions for us.

We can do that for ourselves, so much better.

I believe in transparency and accountability – what government does do in terms of both decisions and financial management of our money needs to be transparent and essential to regain the huge loss of trust in our government and institutions.

We need someone who is going to stand up for the principles of freedom, liberty, free market and individual.

My skin is in the game in Monash – I grew up on a dairy farm here, bringing up our own children here, schooled in Fish Creek, Leongatha Christian School, Leongatha Tech (back in the day) and Newhaven College before working my first job at the Penguin Reserve.

Later, I lived in Drouin and my work as an Agri and Business Banking Manager covered essentially the same



area of Monash.

My partner Carl and I run a small construction business which specialises in sustainable and unique designs, and we are progressively (as time and money allows) improving our grazing farm and its soil with regenerative practices.

I love our region, its beauty from mountains to sea, our productive and precious farmland and most of all I love our people.

We can retain all that is good while we maximise our opportunities for the future and manage the challenges together.

I see the overreach of government at all levels of all persuasions and am pushing back against that. We need small, effective government to provide core services and to get out of the way.

I commit to adhering to the values that I have come to the election with, to continuing to engage in respectful dialogue.

We are each unique in our perspectives, ambitions, and concerns and I will seek to understand this diversity

for each bill that goes through parliament.

The Liberal Democrats are a sensible alternative minor party, formed over 20 years ago. We will never increase your taxes and will never vote in parliament to restrict your freedoms or liberties.

An alternative to power-hungry politicians that continue to sell out small business and individual liberty in a naïve pursuit of perfect safety providing a sensible, principled, and solution-focused alternative that can provide real leadership towards a freer future.

Infrastructure in Monash hasn't kept up with our population growth and change in how we live, subsequently I'm hearing consistently the need to address:

- Roads, roads, roads ... I'm stating the obvious and no surprises with our geographic area
- Access to essential health services
- Internet / telecommunications reliability

Overlaid with inflation is causing pain in cost of living.

We are not going to solve today's issues with the governments who created them.

I respectfully ask for your #1 vote."

David Welsh – Australian Federation Party

"The Australian Federation Party is a new party which aims to fix our broken democracy. We want to revive representative democracy so that our representatives represent us and speak for us in Parliament. We are committed to listening to the voice of the Australian people.

We have a six-step pact that I and every candidate has signed which commits to introduce innovative processes to gain input from people in our electorates. The major parties don't do this. They think they know what is good for us and impose it on us whether we like it or not.

Australia has never suffered more devastating decisions than the disproportionate "public health" policies of the last two years. These decisions were a continuation of incompetence and corruption in our political system.

Basic freedoms were restricted or removed, many small businesses were destroyed, and extensions of the state now permeate every element of our society and every facet of our lives.

Valid scientific data and compelling evidence was ignored by a political establishment behaving more like those in unaccountable dictatorships.

We have to rebuild the country following this mess. Our institutions are now widely distrusted. The media has lost credibility.

Parliament didn't serve its purpose to hold governments to account and prevent them from over-reach. The police force was used as a tool of the government. All these things should never have happened.

Economically, we are in a perilous state. Border closures and lockdowns forced many potential immigrants to think again about coming to Australia and

many have decided to go elsewhere. Without immigration, we have no economic growth. We no longer make things. We closed down our manufacturing industry. We have the living standards of a First World country, but our economy is on a long-term trajectory towards Third World status.

Ecologically, our country is in deep trouble. Our soils are degrading. Our agricultural capacity is weakening. We need to turn to the strategies of regenerative agriculture to rebuild our farming sector.

Government services are mostly dysfunctional. Centrelink is a nightmare for anyone who has to deal with it. NDIS is a massive bureaucracy, with larger corporations buying out smaller providers, the opposite of what it was supposed to be. Mental health services are in crisis, many in urgent need of help have no transport or facilities nearby preventing serious illness and suicide, as they should have. They just pick up the pieces after we fall into a crisis. The aged care sector is a disaster. Older people want real alternatives to institutions, so we can stay at home with support for as long as possible.

While both matters were urgent, there seems to be a disparity between the unilateral decision made for support and funding for Ukraine without parliamentary debate, and the seemingly bilateral support for WHO's Pandemic Treaty which is a real threat to our sovereignty. Why?

There is a lot to do. Let's get to work together.

Vote 1 David Matthew Welsh, Australian Federation Party Candidate for the seat of Monash."

Deb Leonard – Voices for Monash Independent

"I have always had an interest in politics, but never felt like any political parties truly aligned with my values.

I have also felt that, as a safe seat, Monash has been missing out on Federal funding and services.

In January this year, Voices for Monash, an organisation I'd been following since last year, called for expressions of interest to be their supported community independent.

Inspired by the "Godmother of Independents" Cathy McGowan AO, in the electorate of Indi, and her successor, Helen Haines MO, I knew how, as Independents, these women had provided tangible benefits for their community.

I am passionate about our community, and the people within it. I want to make sure our voices are heard in parliament. I'm a lawyer, a small business owner, a mum, and an active member of the community. Now I want to give back to the community that has given me so much.

Since starting this campaign I have spoken to thousands of people that feel the same way I do – that the parties are not representing us, they are not acting in our interests, and their values do not align with ours.

I am standing as a candidate to give our community a choice of someone who will better represent us. I will be accountable to the community and the community only.

As an independent, I am not beholden to the party line – I can fight for what is best for our community.

I will also continue to engage with the community during my term – so I am always informed of the issues that are most important to them, and how best to represent them in Canberra.

I will represent our community's strong views on the need to take immediate, science-based climate action, to provide a better future for our children.

I will ensure we establish a Federal anti-corruption commission, as demanded by our community, to hold our politicians to account, and ensure public funds are spent in a fair and transparent way.

I will represent our community's values of equality and inclusivity. It is



important to our community that we value and respect every person within it.

Housing affordability, small business support, roads, infrastructure, telecommunications, and access to health services are all issues affecting our community in Monash. If elected, these are all issues I will fight to address in Canberra. I will continue to speak to people from all parts of the electorate, of all demographics, to make sure I am best representing them.

I truly hope I have the privilege to represent our electorate – to make some real and positive changes for our community. With your support, I WILL be YOUR COMMUNITY VOICE in Monash!

If you would like to give me your feedback about how I can best represent you, or what issues you think are important, please email contact@debleonard4monash.com.au. You can find out more about me and what I stand for on my website: www.debleonard4monash.com.au"

Allan Hicken – One Nation

"Hello, I'm a blue-collar worker throwing my hat in the political ring to bring back accountability/transparency and faith in our political system.

For far too long have the major parties undermined our sovereignty and prosperity to look after the top end of town or foreign interest."

They are two wings of the same bird and like many I'm tired of the majors bickering back and forth while everyday people are struggling and are having their concerns and needs overlooked. .

With myself and One Nation's sound policies we can rectify these wrongs by addressing the problems at the root cause and give relief to the people of Monash.

Throughout my working career I've worked all around Australia and overseas on various projects, in remote places and for long periods of time.

My working career has taught me



hard work does get results, communication is key and it doesn't matter how many jobs you do correctly, they will always remember that one time it wasn't done correctly (so do things correctly, first time, every time, take the time).

I'm by no means a career politician. I'm a Fitter/father/family man that wants a better future for my kids.

I want them to have the same opportunities that I had growing up but under the other parties this will be all but a pipe dream (I encourage you to look into all the parties policies).

Major parties always come out with big promises and leave out the backlash of set promise, eg: build a million houses and also shut down timber industry. Where will the timber come from? We need common sense solutions to address the issues of our community.

I urge the people of Monash to look

past the big campaign ads and ask the candidates in this election questions like: Where do they stand on full term abortion? Gender fluidity being taught in schools? Do you support mandates/ lockdowns? Do you support foreign investors buying up our agricultural land and housing? I've answered these questions and many more through Q&A on Facebook for the people to see and I will continue to do so if elected to help bring back transparency.

This election is so important for change and to finally restore the Australian values that have been eaten away over the years. One Nation has a plan to lower the cost of living, start paying off the trillion dollar budget debt and build a prosperous future for our kids.

Everyone's view matters, everyone's vote matters, everyone matters.

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And you can find or contact me via: www.facebook.com/AllanHicken.PHON"

UAP Candidate Christine McShane was approached to take part, but did not provide a statement.

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Aqua Fitness at Phillip Island Swim School is a great way to exercise and keep fit and healthy. Suitable for all fitness levels, you don't need swimming skills, just a willingness to take the plunge!

Take the plunge with Aqua Fitness

Lyn Smith said Phillip Island Swim School's Aqua Fitness classes have transformed her life.

Lyn suffers from an autoimmune disease called Ankylosing Spondylitis.

"It can make your joints fuse together, which can and does make some days hard to manage," Lyn admitted.

"But after a class I feel invigorated, joints are feeling relief and it's just a great way to start your day."

For anyone like Lyn dealing with an illness or someone recovering from injury, the classes are the ideal way to exercise in a safe and supervised environment.

"I can't say enough about how welcome I've felt from the owners and trainers. And another bonus is you feel like one big family, and I've made some lovely friends," Lyn said.

As the name suggested, Aqua Fitness is also a great way to exercise and keep fit and healthy.

Suitable for all fitness levels, you don't need swimming skills, just a willingness to take the plunge!

And with the pool temperature set at 32 degrees, it's a warm and wonderful way to get in shape.

"Classes are a great way to mix up a traditional gym workout with the benefits of water," explained Phillip Island Swim School's Lucas Piera.

"You'll see a big difference in your overall fitness after a few sessions."

"Because you're exercising in water, it's weight bearing. For older people, or someone with an injury, this means they can do exercises they can't do elsewhere."

Benefits of Aqua Fitness classes include improved lung capacity, support and relief for muscular systems, injuries and musculoskeletal conditions.

"It also builds core muscle strength, and the water pressure helps put less strain on the heart, by moving blood around the body," said Lucas.

The classes, which have been running for around two years, are open to all age groups and can fit up to 20.

"Our Monday and Wednesday classes at 7.45am are run by Libby Diprose, who has been in the fitness industry for decades," said Lucas.

"On Tuesdays and Thursdays, Kellie Talbot from Lioness Fit runs a class at 12.45pm which is a bit more dance

oriented, which a lot of the ladies' love."

"She also runs a class at 7pm on Wednesday."

"Libby and Kellie are both fully qualified instructors, so you can rest assured you're in safe hands."

Anyone wanting to give Aqua Fitness a try can call Lucas on 0414 343 104 for a special introductory discount offer.

More information about Aqua Fitness is available on the Phillip Island Swim School website, and there are single class and multi-class options.

"The majority of our regulars sign up for a 10-class package," said Lucas.

"You have 12 months to use up the 10 classes and can book in to suit your schedule."

Phillip Island Swim School also offers a range of swim lessons.

"We have taught hundreds of island kids to swim," said Lucas.

"But people might not be aware that we offer this adult exercise option as well."

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Rhyll, no longer a sleepy hamlet?

Rhyll is about to get a little bit bigger. Again.

Since 2007, Rhyll residents have been fighting over-development on the former Swan Bay caravan park site, on Lock Road.

Their battle came to an end when in 2020 VCAT approved a proposal for 9-11 Lock Road for 15 townhouses and the removal of vegetation.

Around the same time, separate plans were released for 5 Lock Road: a \$2 million development for seven units, which includes one double storey and six single storey units, as well as the removal of all existing vegetation.

Now a planning permit for 3 Lock Road is seeking to build seven single storey dwellings on a 2045 square metre site for \$1.5 million.

In 2020, residents said if 7 Lock Road - located in between 5 and 9-11 - was developed at a later stage, "then cumulatively it could be a very big development".

The 3 Lock Road proposal

states a preliminary tree assessment found the site has 16 trees, including a Gippsland red gum rated as high value.

While photos show them to be healthy and alive, the arborists' report rated all trees as in poor health or fair-poor.

"The trees on site being removed have been deemed fair to poor in health and structure," the permit states.

The permit argues because housing in the municipality had "become increasingly unaffordable", the development was needed to address "greater diversity in housing types to cater to the community's needs, including housing for older people".

Long history

Dating back to 2007, the old caravan park land has had various rejected proposals, opposed by the community including the group Rhyll RAID (Rhyll Residents Against Inappropriate Development).

In 2007, an application to

develop the former caravan park was refused by council, after strong community opposition, with objections related to its large scale, access and parking deficiencies, and poor fit within the residential area of Rhyll.

VCAT supported the council decision, on appeal.

A second application lodged in 2008 lapsed after the applicant failed to provide further information when requested.

In 2010 a third proposal for two developments was lodged, including an 84-room residential hotel, with a restaurant, meeting room, childcare facilities, café and bar, gym and swimming pool, conference centre and 33 serviced apartments, as well as a retail component, alongside 34 dwellings to be used as serviced apartments. VCAT rejected this plan.

In 2011 plans for a 32-dwelling development and the removal of vegetation was later rejected.



Since 2007, Rhyll residents have been fighting over-development on the former Swan Bay caravan park site. In 2020 VCAT approved a proposal for 9-11 Lock Road for 15 townhouses. Now a permit for seven dwellings has been lodged for 3 Lock Road. Photo courtesy of Google Maps.

World Tai Chi and Qigong Day celebrated in Cowes

On Saturday April 30, under clear blue skies and sunshine, more than 40 members of Phillip Island Tai Chi, along with family, friends and visitors, all joined in to celebrate World Tai Chi and Qigong Day.

The Cowes foreshore provided a perfect place for the club members to join the thousands of other people around the world in this annual event.

This is the day when, at 10am local time all around the world, groups gather and participate in outdoor Tai Chi and Qigong sessions to generate and release positive, healthy, healing Qi into the atmosphere, creating a continuous "Wave of Hope

and Healing" for our planet.

Tai Chi and Qigong (Chi Goong) are exercise regimes focused on both the physical health and mental wellbeing of people of all ages and abilities.

Doing both Tai Chi and Qigong generates positive Qi individually but can be even more powerful when done as a group, said club spokesperson Peter Bond.

"We all know that, over the past couple of years and still today, people of the world can certainly do with all the positive help they can get, so we hope that our efforts on Saturday can help in that in some small way."



On April 30, under clear blue skies more than 40 members of Phillip Island Tai Chi, celebrated World Tai Chi and Qigong Day on the Cowes foreshore.

Phillip Island Tai Chi is based on Phillip Island, both in Cowes and in Newhaven, and welcomes everyone who would like to join the classes

that operate through the week.

"The past couple of years have been difficult with the lack of community facilities available for class-

es in Cowes but Phillip Island Tai Chi continues to grow as people learn to understand the personal health and wellbeing benefits that Tai Chi offers," Peter said.

"This is the fifth year Phillip Island Tai Chi has participated in the global event and, even though the conditions were very blustery on our picturesque island foreshore, it was wonderful to have the support from so many of our local community."

"PITC thanks everyone involved for helping in a small way to spread health and wellbeing around the world. We are so lucky to live on this wonderful island."

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It's a record! 5129 little penguins swam ashore last week, the highest number recorded since 1968.

Record-breaking penguin crossing

A record 5219 little penguins have swum into shore at Phillip Island and waddled up the beach to their burrows – the highest number recorded since 1968.

It was no fluke, with Phillip Island Nature Park's staff counting more than 4500 penguins the week prior. Each night last week between 3000 and 5000 penguins came in, delighting visitors who are once again packing the stands at the Parade.

Before this, the record was 4435, which was set last year, with the average number of penguins coming home each night in 2021 ranging from around 700 in July to 2300 in November.

Scientists believe an abundance of food close to shore and the population's preparation for an Autumn breeding attempt may be behind the soaring penguin numbers.

"We couldn't believe our eyes when more than 5000 penguins came out of the water in less than an hour," said Phillip Island Nature Parks' Research Technical Officer Paula Wasiak.

"It's been a penguin party night after night, which is unusual for this time of year, let alone in record numbers like we are seeing now."

The highest number of penguin crossings usually happen during the peak of the breeding season in November and December.

"It appears an abundance of food close to shore is allowing the penguins to gear up for the biggest Autumn breeding attempt we've even seen," Ms Wasiak said.

"While penguins usually breed during Spring and Summer, older, more experienced birds are known to take advantage of a secondary peak in marine productivity in Autumn, which can result in an increase in colony attendance and breeding behaviour."

The 40,000 strong colony at Phillip Island is the largest in the world, thanks to excellent breeding conditions and the conservation efforts of Phillip Island Nature Parks.

"One of the main areas we're seeing an increase in penguin attendance is to the east of the colony. In the past poor habitat and erosion in this area meant penguins had difficulty accessing and nesting there," said Ms Wasiak.

"A lot of work has gone into improving dune structure, creating penguin pathways and restoring habitat, which is now paying off."

The record penguin numbers come after the Penguin Parade's busiest Easter and school holidays since 2019, with the parade booked out every night.

A return to strong visitor numbers means the Guided Ranger Tour and Ultimate Tour experiences will return nightly from next month.



The Motorsport Australia 2022 Victorian State Circuit Racing Championships Round 3 is on this weekend at the GP Circuit.

Championship racing at Phillip Island-this weekend

This weekend, May 14 and 15, PIARC presents Round 3 of the 2022 Victorian State Circuit Racing Championships at Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit.

The event is part of PIARC's "70 Years of Access to Motorsport" 1952-2022 celebrations.

Entries include 36 Improved Production, 33 Circuit Excels, 13 Sports Sedans, 15 Sports Cars, 20 MG and British Sports Cars, 16 Formula Fords, 8 Formula Ford 1600, 21 Formula Vee, 12 HQ Holden's, 17 Porsche 944, 16 Saloon Cars, 13 BMW E30s and nine Historic Touring Cars.

PIARC's Promotions Team said the 229-car entry for a State Championship at Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit is a great response from the competitors.

The Improved Production field is again the largest field with 36 vehicles, with the BMW E30s Improved Production Cars adding to that number by 13.

Circuit Excels number 33 underscoring their popularity. Sports Cars bring the glamour with 15 entries and a 40-minute race with, Sin, Audi, Lamborghini, Porsche and more.

The on-track action commences at 9am Saturday and Sunday, thrilling until 5pm.

Races assure great budget priced entertainment over two days, with spectacular views all around the circuit from the comfort of your car with 87.6 Island Magic FM commentary.

This Event is Round Three of five in the Motorsport Australia 2022 Victorian State Circuit Racing Championships conducted at Phillip Island, Sandown and Winton.

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A special role at Banfields

Banfields volunteer Gillian has been an integral part of the popular aged care facility since 2015.

Gillian is a Banfields Pastoral care giver; and there for those residents who just want to talk, or perhaps play a game of scrabble or chess.

When Covid restrictions started in April 2020, Gillian was the only volunteer able to continue to come into Banfields. This meant adhering to very strict guidelines to be able to assist the Banfields' staff wherever she could.

Banfields feels incredibly lucky to have Gillian as part of their family.

And Gillian describes how important volunteering, and the role at Banfields, is to her.

"I've been a volunteer in various capacities since moving to the island 18 years ago," she says.

"During that time, I've enjoyed volunteering in a range of capacities; from church visiting, helping with a playgroup, visiting various aged care facilities, through to being a Kids' Hope mentor at the local primary school.

At present, she has a special role as a pastoral care volunteer at the Banfields Aged Care facility, where she enjoys running activities on occasions, but also helping out, visiting residents in the lounge areas, and their rooms, helping staff serve cups of tea, and just being a listening ear when one is needed.

"In life, I think it's important to give back to society in whatever way we are equipped to do," says Gillian.

"For me, at present, it's mostly pastoral care, but Kids Hope mentoring is another excellent way of supporting children who value one-on-one commitment.

"Organisations need volunteers often just to function effectively.

"In our community, there are so many



Gillian, seen here with her son TJ, provides Pastoral care at Banfields and say the benefits of volunteering "far outweigh any inconveniences".

ways that we can be supportive of others."

Her message to anyone thinking about lending a hand in the community is a simple one.

"Let me assure you that the benefits far outweigh any inconveniences."

Island Fire Brigade celebrates Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week is great opportunity to recognise the contributions CFA volunteers make across the state.

Here on Phillip Island, local CFA member Bec Quarrell said being a CFA volunteer was an "incredibly rewarding experience" and a great way to give back to the community.

"Phillip Island Fire Brigade is made up by a diverse group of volunteers, we are tradies, teachers, paramedics, nurses, retired or stay at home parents," she said.

"Being a CFA volunteer is so much more than just firefighting.

"Our volunteers undertake a range of tasks such as fundraising, marketing and community education and engagement.

"We work together to connect with and help others in the communities in which we live and work."

Thinking of joining the Phillip Island Fire Brigade? Visit: www.cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteer



Being a CFA volunteer is about much more than just firefighting. Seen here working at this year's Appeal are CFA members Geoff Frederiksen, Murray Johnston, Malcolm Finlay and Lino Drazzi collecting for a good cause.

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VICSES can't thank you enough.

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thank you and happy volunteer week.

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Opportunities for all

From crafty projects or online research to braving the elements to protect wildlife, volunteers at Phillip Island Nature Parks have a myriad of roles.

And that's just the way Helen Masters, the organisation's Volunteers Coordinator, likes it.

If there's a silver lining to Covid, Helen said it's been the opportunity to reimagine the roles of volunteers.

"During Covid and lockdowns we had to find ways to work around the restrictions and still provide meaningful roles for our volunteers," she explained.

"From there, we went, if we can work around that, we can work around anything!"

The recently launched Nature Parks' Volunteers Strategy has clear aims.

"We want our volunteer opportunities to be inclusive, diverse and meaningful," said Helen.

And that means working out a way to find a role for anyone who wants to be part of the 300 strong group of Nature Parks volunteers.

"We are working towards being a really diverse team, so we can cater for everyone's interest," Helen explained.

"For instance, we were contacted by a local organisation who work with adults with disability and are now working with them to provide opportunities for their clients.

"And our oldest volunteer Bet Francis is 92, and she works at the Barb Martin Bush Bank."

Helen said whether you want to be out in nature, getting hands-on or sitting at a desk, there's something on offer.

"We've got virtual volunteers working from home doing online research for our historical catalogue.

"If you're crafty, there's things you can do from your sofa – like helping make seed packs for the Bush Bank.

"Then we've got roles like the Eastern Barred Bandicoot Research Assistants, who go out at night with our rangers and help with trapping and monitoring the EBB population."

Helen said volunteers have said they relish the opportunity to make a difference in their own back yard.

But they are also making real connections with like-minded people.

"We have volunteers who have owned a holiday house for years, and have now moved here permanently, and volunteering has helped them connect to the community."

Helen said the exceptional contribution of the volunteers will be celebrated at a volunteers' barbeque on Churchill Island on May 22.

"We couldn't do the work we do without the volunteer body," she said.



A volunteer planting day at the Koala Conservation Reserve. Whether you want to be out in nature, getting hands-on or sitting at a desk, there's something on offer if you want to volunteer for the Nature Parks.



Nature Parks Volunteers Coordinator Helen Masters (right) at the Victorian Volunteering Awards with Karen Duffy, Steve Martin and James Anderson, said Nature Parks wants its volunteering opportunities to be inclusive, diverse and meaningful.



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This National Volunteer Week, Phillip Island Nature Parks would like to extend a HUGE thank you to the Volunteer Team.

From threatened species and native plant propagation, cleaning up marine debris, to sharing and protecting the cultural and historical importance of Nature Parks, the Volunteer Team does it all.

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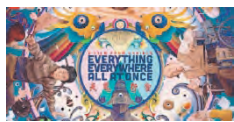
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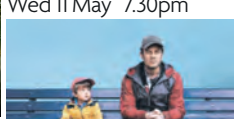


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Events, entertainment and community news

Newhaven Primary hits gold with school camp

At the end of April, Year 5 and 6 Newhaven Primary students attended camp at Sovereign Hill for three days.

Tying in with their recent Integrated Studies, students were able to extend their learning in a hands-on way.

They had opportunities to learn about the gold rush and what life was like on the gold fields.

Students also attended costumed schools and were able to consider the differences between the 1850s and now. They tried their hand at writing using inkwells as well as experiencing the strict conditions children were expected to adhere to.

A highlight of the camp was attending the stunning Aura night show, beginning with a 3D presentation and continuing on with a light and sound show. It also included the Wadawurrung Creation story and Australian

Indigenous perspectives, as well as the Gold Rush and Eureka Stockade.

It was a fantastic and action-packed camp!

More photos at pisra.com.au.



Students panning for gold as part of the Newhaven Primary camp at Sovereign Hill last month.



Jae, Riley and Coby taking lessons in the school during the three-day camp at Sovereign Hill.

Regenerating our island

Totally Renewable Phillip Island and Westernport Water joined forces to present the Damon Gameau film "Regenerating Australia" and hosted a Community Social last weekend.

The event at the Penguin Parade included three separate screenings at the Nature Parks theatre and a chance for the community to talk with groups interested in what regeneration could mean for the island.

Representatives from Nature Parks, Westernport Water, Bass Coast Shire Council, Totally Renewable Phillip Island, Phillip Island Business Network, Cosy Homes and Phillip Island Conservation Society attended the event.

Community members were entertained by local musicians Paul Patten and CAVE-MANverse and were able to discuss their ideas of what regeneration on Phillip Island could look like.

More photos at pisra.com.au.



Landcare president and Bass Coast Shire Councillor David Rooks, Diana Whittington (BCSC) and author Meg Humphrys, who was promoting crowdfunding for her new children's book "Wave of Change".

A helping hand to research your past

Are you descended from Royalty or perhaps your family comes from "Australian royalty" namely a convict?

Would you like to discover your ancestors?

Phillip Island and District Genealogical Society Inc has resources available to help you.

Situated conveniently in Cowes at 56 Chapel Street, online programs such as Find My Past and Ancestry.com are accessible using their recently upgraded computers.

Also, the extensive library may contain information on your family or local area that is not available online.

Society President, Elaine Alexander said everyone was welcome to come in for a chat, discuss their issues and look at the society's resources.

"Our volunteers are available to help you use our computers and facilities including the microfiche reader or CD Roms," Elaine said.

"Many of our members use the software program Family Tree Maker so information sessions on its use and discussions on help solving a "brick wall" are regularly held.

"If you would prefer, "one on one" help is available from one of our friendly duty volunteers. Please book an appointment through the secretary (0418 178 343)."

Assistance is free for members and the fees for joining the Genealogical Society are \$65 for a family and \$45 for a single membership. Casual visitors are charged \$10 a session.

If you would prefer, paid research on your family may be available.

The Genealogical Society is open Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10am to 1pm, and Thursdays from 10am to 4pm. It is also open by appointment.



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The San Remo/Newhaven Lions Club come to Cowes

The San Remo/Newhaven Lions Club will be holding a Sausage sizzle this Saturday at the entrance to Coles in Thompson Avenue. This fund raiser is part of the Lions Club commitment to Australia's biggest BBQ, a national project which donates funds to support Kid's Cancer Research. While out shopping this Saturday why not drop by, say hello to our members and buy a sausage to support this worthy cause. A reminder the club is always looking out for new members, so if you have any questions about our Lions Club and what we do, our members will be only too willing answer your queries.

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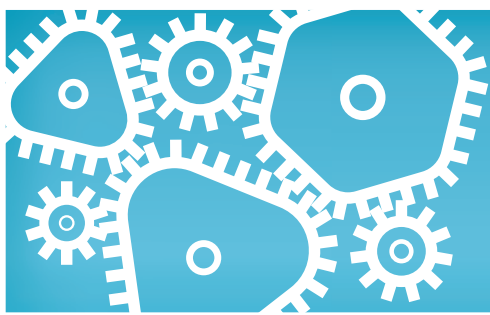
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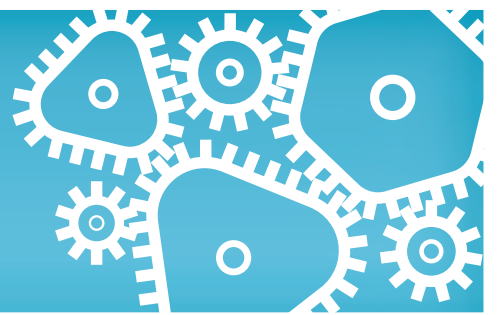
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Developer distress?

How distressing that developer Geoff Moed's plan to opportunistically purchase Newhaven acreage for development some time back, now appear to have been thwarted by bureaucracy. The gentleman proffers that making money was not his main aim, and that he would be doing the shire a great service by providing land for housing and thereby plugging staffing shortfalls on the Island. Seriously? I fear it's just another developer's land grab with the potential of further poorly handled development (like Panorama estate) by our shire burghers. I originally thought the article had missed printing submission time for April Fools' Day edition.

Rob Bishop, San Remo

We're all human

Unbelievable! Children at school are told not to use the words "him" and "her" to identify each other!

Our children are brought up in an area where many of them know that a bull is a male and a cow is a female of their species. A ram is a male and a ewe is a female of their species. Daddy is a man, a male member of the human species and mummy is a woman, an adult human of the female sex. They also understand there is a very good reason for the difference.

Ninety-nine point something per cent of people fit into that definition and most of those who do not could not care less if we refer to each other as him and her and in fact do so as well. Some of the cheeky little darlings even go so far as to refer to each other as him and her, even the trans ones.

With great love for my friends and relatives who are gay, lesbian, trans and "NQS", (not quite sure), if you are a member of the human species, you are entitled to be treated exactly the same as any other. It matters not your height or weight, skin colour or age, the God you worship or political preference you have. Physical or mental ability or disability. If you are a human being, you are a member of my lot and we are all equal members of our humanity. And very importantly, no-one is more important than anyone else! That is what we should be teaching little children.

Ruth Partridge, Ventnor

Rorting and rooting anything but governing

Many of us may not have the patience to know about candidates for the upcoming election.

A few weeks ago, Deb Leonard, Voices for Monash Independent, asked interested folks to Dimples restaurant for an evening of introductions and what might be possible. Volunteering to distribute brochures and talk to people, it's clear many of us have been brainwashed into thinking a vote for an independent is a waste of a vote – they'll never get into government or be able to "do" anything.

Obviously vested interests have been peddling this propaganda for many years. Take a moment to consider the other side of the coin. Voting for majors means a close battle between parties which are similar, especially so this time. The result? House of Representatives is just an opposing pair, with different tie colours.

With clues on how to self-organise, by Climate 200 and Voices, independents can bring change. Between opposing sides of brawn, surely in between, we can get some independent brain? Voting for majors means practically all just follow the leader.

When you look at how rorts are distributed, despite a Treasurer from Victoria, we get hardly more than Intermodal Depot, split between a state plan at Truganina and now Federal demanding another, up in wilds of Beveridge. Why both?

The Grattan Institute reports more money went to NSW and QLD for the last 15 years. Victoria has 26 per cent of population but only 18 per cent funding, while NSW gets 33 per cent funding, for less than 33 per cent population. Per person, that's almost 50 per cent more!

At the campaign launch, guest and very powerful speaker was Cathy McGowan, famous for winning Indi from Liberal incumbent. Amongst us volunteers, she hustled us to get working, especially raising funds in the community, to help win, and enjoy the surprise of how much funding an independent can return to the community from Canberra.

Bernie McComb, Cowes

Do we need more empty houses?

I read with great interest about a planned housing estate in Newhaven that has been knocked back by the state government.

The landowner suggested that "new housing estates on the island were not popular", and I would have to agree with that sentiment.

What I found interesting was the comment that "new homes were critical to plug staffing shortfalls in businesses and to address the housing shortages".

A bit of analysis would show that a significant number of houses on the island are empty most of the year and if these were filled with families, there would not be a housing shortage, leading to a greater financially viable community and employment opportunities.

Just a thought.

Robin Lick, Smiths Beach

Cemetery concern

If indeed there was only one "interment of bodily remains" at the San Remo Cemetery during 2020/21 (Council Briefs, Advertiser May 4) share a smile with me in memory of my husband Richard.

Even in death he has scored an "exclusive"! Those who knew him and/or followed his journalistic career, would know how much he loved that word.

On a more serious note, I am very concerned about the pending "solutions to cemetery budget issues" mentioned at the end of the council brief headed "Cemetery loss". I hope those words aren't prescient.

Jane Ross, Co-ordinator, Friends of San Remo Cemetery

Drones over the Cape

For more than six months I have been staring into the night sky on clear nights around Cape Woolamai and have observed what seems to be drones hovering stationary at all points of the compass.

Initially I thought they were stars but on closer observation through binoculars the objects have flashing red, green and white lights.

I wonder if anyone else is intrigued by these sightings and if anyone knows what purpose they serve.

Nick Bartone, Cape Woolamai

Sand mine dismay

As a keen bird watcher, I am dismayed at Minister Wynne's approval of the destruction of the equivalent of eight MCGs of endangered Powerful Owls habitat at Grantville for the extraction of sand.

My partner lives in Deep Creek Street in Grantville, opposite the quarry. She currently has to cope with over 300 trucks a day now to be over 400, the majority double sand trucks. The mine will now operate from 6am to 2am, traffic lights are being installed at the quarry, creating noise and access problems for residents, also disrupting tourists on their way to the Penguins.

Gilbert Smith, Ventnor

Minister favours sand over environment

Minister for Planning, Richard Wynne has given the go-ahead to Dandy Premix Quarries proposed Amendment to its Work Authority on its Grantville site.

Against the wishes of the community, they are now able to do lots of things they promised never to do if they were granted their original work authority in 2013. They now wish to greatly expand their current pit and establish a new one on the site (including removal of vegetation that forms the last remaining bio-link north-south between The Gurdies Nature Conservation Reserve and Deep Creek down to the Grantville Nature Conservation Reserve and Colbert Creek).

They also want to deepen their pit below the water table, set up a sand washing and dewatering facility on the site, take more ground water even though it has been fully allocated, increase truck movements from maximum 120 a day to a maximum 240 a day, install traffic lights on the Bass Highway to permit their trucks to make a right-hand turn from their quarry site towards Melbourne, operate for longer hours – 6am to 2am on weekdays and 6am to 10pm on Saturdays and replace Section 173 Agreement with a Section 69 Agreement pursuant to the Conservation, Forests and Lands Act 1987.

Seventy-three submissions came in objecting to some, many or all of their proposals.

Bass Coast resident Professor Dick Wettenhall, former Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at Melbourne University, and inaugural Director of the University's Bio21 Molecular Science and Biotechnology Institute, prepared an expert witness "Sand Mine Pollution Review".

His report spelt out the risk of sand mining practices polluting Western Port Bay, a Ramsar site, but it seems to have been ignored.

Does anyone in authority take residents considered opinions and arguments seriously? Or does it just tick a box for government to say it has gone through the motions of consultation?

To save Bass Coast's precious remnant pre-European vegetation it needs champions in parliament. Otherwise today's young people and future generations will pay for the consequences of those playing down or ignoring the necessary science.

Meryl Tobin, Grantville



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U14 Phillip Island Rips boys team had a great season and were runners up in the grand final at Country Champs in Division 5 against West-ernport in a very tight game.



U12 Phillip Island Rips girls with coach Cam Long and assistant coach Michael O'Connor and players. Back: Vivienne-Rose Vance, Lily Bobrowski, Addison O'Connor, Amy Woolford. Front: Hazel Hadrian, Piper Nicolaci, Ivy Addison and Lucy Thompson.



U12 Phillip Island Rips boys with coach Dan Rutherford and players Archie Williams, Taj Piera, Kolby Carton, Flynn Riley, Jarrah Rutherford, Harvey Oats, Dexter Goodall and Archie Robinson.

Basketball Country Champs

The 2022 U14 and U12 Basketball Victoria Junior Country Championships were held at Traralgon and Ballarat respectively in April and the Phillip Island Rips boys and girls teams were all excited about the build up to this big event on the basketball calendar.

Phillip Island Rips U14 Boys

It was the first two games that tested the Rips with a 28-to-46-point loss against Yarrawonga Mulwala Lakers and 33-to-65-point battle against Melton Thoroughbreds.

Shaking those two games off, the Island boys had a very convincing 61-to-34-point win against Lakes Entrance Pelicans to top off day one at the Country Champs.

Day two had the Rips team and coach Kris Funslow ready as they took on the teams in Div 5, starting with Foster Breakers.

In the first quarter the Rips led by three points, however, grew the margin by 17 points by half time and kept up their momentum to grab a 45-to-20-point win.

Going into the last round before the finals, the Rips needed to defeat Seymour Blasters and they did with a blistering 19-point lead after the first quarter.

The Island kept the pressure on and had an amazing 63-to-21-point win, blasting their opponents and landing a semi-final game against Morwell Magic.

The Rips showed some magic of their own and once again were impressive on the court by creating opportunities to score and showcasing some great defensive skills and teamwork to come away with a 59-to-23-point win and their spot in the Div 5 grand final against Western Port Steelers.

It is always a spectacle having two great teams play off in a grand final and the Rips and the Steelers did not disappoint.

The Rips, having secured the first quarter 10 to 4 points, saw the Steelers fight back in the second with an 18-to-14-point score line by half time.

Western Port dug in further and shot 17 to the Rips 6 points in the third, however the Rips didn't give up easily and outscored the Steelers in the fourth quarter.

Final score 49 to 42 going Western Port's way.

Congratulations to the Phillip Island Rips U14 boys, coach Kris along with the support of team manager Nicole Moschetti.

Being in a grand final and finishing as Div 5 runners-up at the U14 2022 Junior Country Championships is a great way to cap off the U14 boys' representative basketball season.

Phillip Island Rips U14 Girls

Going into the weekend, the Rips girls team, coach Andrew McFarlane and assistant coach Dean



U14 Phillip Island Rips girls tipping off at their first game over the U14s Junior Country Championships against Horsham Hornets.

Hecker, were going to have a tough day one at the office.

A super close game one against Horsham Hornets, where the Island just missed out on a win with 17 to 21 points.

They then faced Swan Hill Flyers with a 16-to-38-point loss and then played against the formidable Bendigo Braves, with the Braves taking a 40-to-11-point win.

Last game of the day was against Surfcoast Chargers who took a 30-to-15-point win against the Island.

After four rounds on day one, the Rips team had a gruelling five further rounds scheduled in their Div 5 pool, winning three of the five games against Maryborough Blazers, 42 to 10 points, Melton Thoroughbreds 31 to 11 points and a 44-to-34-point win against Portland Coasters.

This qualified the Rips girls for a semi-final spot against a strong Mansfield Eagles team who took the win against the Island team, 45 to 21 points.

Although Mansfield was strong in the first quarter the Island girls gave it their all and had a great second quarter to come within a four-point difference at half time.

The Eagles maintained their momentum and the win in the semi and again in their grand final game.

What a huge effort for the U14 Phillip Island Rips girls who in the two and a half days played an epic 10 games.

Going into the weekend the team was down two players, however, were so grateful to have two other players step in.

Congratulations on an amazing season with lots of grand final wins to this team, coach Andrew, assistant coach Dean and team manager Nadine Leed.

Phillip Island Rips U12 Boys

Straight in, the U12 boys had an

excellent start in game one against Myrtleford Saints where they had a 23-to-14-point lead after the first half.

They continued with same great plays in the second half and took a 49-to-32-point win.

Game two against Mildura Heat showed that no matter what, the Island boys were going to give it their all and kept the pressure on, only missing out by 11 points at the final buzzer.

Facing Horsham Hornets in game three was going to be another tough match up, with 20 points apiece after the first half, making it anybody's game.

The Phillip Island boys wanted it more and secured a super close 42-to-38-point win to successfully land themselves in Div 1 and 2 for day two of the Junior Country Champs.

The next three games on day two against Geelong United, Ballarat Miners and Bendigo Braves meant that coach Dan Rutherford, assistant coach Dale Robinson and the boys had to play some of the biggest country teams in Victoria.

The Rips, despite missing out on wins, were not deterred as they kept the scores super close and gave it everything they had - 25 to 40 against Geelong, 31 to 42 against Ballarat (with the Rips boys top scoring in the second half) and 21 to 39 against Bendigo.

Landing themselves in the Div 2 finals, the boys defeated Mansfield Eagles 50 to 18 in the quarters and Hamilton Hurricanes in the semi-final with a convincing 48 to 34 game.

This took them to the grand final against the Ballarat Miners.

After the first half in the grand final game, the Island boys were only down by two points with a win in their sights, however the Miners dug in and had a strong second half to take the win 49 to 30 points.

Congratulations to the U12 Phil-

lip Island Rips boys team, coach Dan and assistant coach Dale with the support of team manager Lynda Carton, who can celebrate a successful representative basketball season - topping it off with an outstanding grand final Div 2 runners-up position at the U12s 2022 Junior Country Championships.

Phillip Island Rips U12 Girls

Day one at the Country Champs, may have been tough with three losses - 5 to 36 against Traralgon T-Birds, 16 to 36 against Melton Thoroughbreds and 6 to 45 points Hamilton Hurricanes. You would think that the spirit of the team would have been discouraged, but these Island girls, coach Cam Long and assistant coach Michael O'Connor were ready for day two and were not going to give up.

Landing themselves in Div 3 and 4 on day two, the U12 girls played Maffra Eagles first up and had a great first half, however Maffra had a strong second half and took a 23-to-13-point win.

In the next game against Wangaratta Warriors, both teams had spectators on the edge of their seats, however this time the Island team secured a 33-to-28-point win.

The last game on day two was another big one against Western Port Steelers where the girls had a slow start and despite gaining momentum in the second half, missed out on a win with the final score of 30 to 11 going the Steeler's way.

The business end of the Junior Country Champs was on day 3 and the Island girls landed themselves in the Div 4 quarter finals - a great outcome.

The Rips girls convincingly defeated Morwell Magic 22 to 13 points, which secured their spot in the semi-final against Pakenham Warriors.

In the second half against the Warriors the Rips picked up the intensity and took a nail biting 27-to-21-point win, sending the team into the grand final against Western Port Steelers for a second faceoff.

After a strong start for the Steelers in the grand final in the first half, it was always going to be a tough ask to catch up, however coach Cam did not give up and the girls gave it their all with a brilliant Div 4 runners-up position at the U12s 2022 Junior Country Championships with support from assistant coach Michael and team manager Kristal O'Connor.

That is almost a wrap for the 2021-22 Phillip Island Rips representative basketball season, with the U12 Phillip Island Rips girls playing their last tournament in their season in June.

Each age group, from U10s to U18s, have had a great season with many highlights and grand final wins or runners-up finishes.

Phillip Island golf results

Tuesday May 3, Mens Stableford

18 hole Stableford winner Tony Gay (14) on 38 points to Neil Williams (18) 37 points.

9 hole Stableford winner John Niven (23) on 19 points to John O'Reilly (21) on 19 points on c/b.

Wednesday May 4, Ladies Stableford

18 hole Stableford winner Karen Green (12) 38 points and runner Dianne Gray (26) 37 points.

9 hole winner Michelle Barker (43) 21 points and runner up Debra Orr (14) 17 points.

Thursday May 5, Open Stableford

18 Hole Stableford Division 1 Winner Mark Haringsma (9) with 40 points, runner up Ian Smith on (10) with 38 points.

9 Hole Stableford Winner Harold Jackson (33) with 21 points, runner up Steve Reiger (26) with 19 points

Saturday May 7, Men's Monthly Medal

A Grade winner Mark Dykes (12) with 71 points, runner up Paul Cashman (12) on 73 points.

B Grade winner Chris Sanderson (17) on c/b and runner up Allen Sherlock (14) 76 points.

C Grade winner Joel Panozo (21) with 71 points and runner up Paul Kelly (19) 72 points.

NTP: 5th Max Royal, 7th Travis Johnson, 10th Gerald Taylor, 17th Rob Sparkman.

Nine-hole competition winner was Reg Browne.

Tenpin bowling

Current ladder

2s Company: 1st on 18pts - Pinheads, 2nd on 17pts - Him & Her and 3rd on 15pts - Ally Cats.

ABL (Almost Bowling Legends): 1st on 132.5pts - Pin Pals, 2nd on 128.5pts - Island Sector and 3rd on 117pts - Just Bowl Already.

Business Early: 1st on 6pts - Old Timers, 2nd on 5pts - Turkey Slappers and 3rd on 3pts - Woolly Rollers.

Business Late: 1st on 6pts - Holy Splits, 2nd on 3pts - S&R Clarke Auto and 3rd on 3pts - 3 Stooges.

Phantom: 1ST on 14pts - Falcor, 2nd on 14pts - Blondie and 3rd on 11pts - Strike It Lucky.

Top scorers this week were:

Men: Steve Egan 212, Remo Hancock 205 and Rob Wilkinson 201.

Woman: Lisa Walker 189, Jacque Kent 180 and Sue Gale 161.

Euchre results

Ladie's winner: Josie Billman with 7 wins.

Men's winner: G Morgan with 7 wins.

Encouragement award: Laurie Patrush.

Please contact Bob Hee for any further information on 0418 173 388.

Looking for more people to join our group.



Margaret Hill, Hugh Stoppa, Bonnie Toovey and Joy Niven at the PIFNC tribute luncheon on Saturday.



Dean (right) and Paul Toovey at Saturday's luncheon honouring their father Barry, with their mum Bonnie Toovey, Dean, who travelled from WA to attend the function, paid tribute at the luncheon to his father and his contribution at the Club over a long period of time.



Margaret Hill, and daughters Nicole and Katrina, at Saturday's tribute luncheon. Nicole (left) was one of the speakers to honour the memory of her father at the special function.



From left are John Christensen, Snow Lacco and David Cook.



Old mates Kevin Brown (right) and Mike Hosking, who both played in Phillip Island's 1981 grand final premiership team, at Saturday's tribute luncheon.



Michael Toovey (back) catches up with his god daughter Katrina Boost (nee Hill) and her husband Paul.

Footy farewell for Barry and Ian

It was a special day at the Phillip Island Football Netball Club (PIFNC) on Saturday, at a special tribute luncheon held to honour the memory of two club life members, Ian Hill and Barry Toovey, both of whom passed away during the Covid lockdown.

Family and friends were delighted to

finally have an opportunity to remember both men, and their contribution at PIFNC, as this was not possible when they passed away because of Covid regulations.

Ian Hill, who died in early 2020, was heavily involved in the Phillip Island Football Club over 15 years; in the role of president for ten years and on the main committee

for the rest of that time.

He was president when the seniors team took out the 1981 premiership, and when the social rooms were built by volunteers.

Barry Toovey, who died last year, was a great player in his prime. When his football career was curtailed through a leg injury, he took on administrative roles within the

Club and he was secretary of the Club in 1981 when the premiership cup was won by Phillip Island.

Barry was one of the main instigators of the building of the clubrooms around this period. A builder by trade, his contribution and his skills were generously and voluntarily given.



Football colleagues of Barry Toovey, who played in Phillip Island's 1962 grand final alongside him, and their wives, at Saturday's luncheon. Back (from left): Katherine Halliwell, Laurie Dixon, Marilyn and Hugh Stoppa. Front (from left): George and Barb Rigos, and Bob and Marg Watson.



The inaugural Phillip Island veterans team celebrate their gutsy 11-point win in a close contest against Tooradin in a Mother's Day classic on the weekend.

Veterans Mother's Day match

Phillip Island's newest team category, the Over 35s Veterans team, had an exciting win over Tooradin in the team's first home game this year in a Mother's Day match on Sunday. The veterans team competes in an Outer East Football League.



Diane, Emma, John and Lenny spent an enjoyable afternoon on Mother's Day barracking for son, husband and father Ben Halls, playing for Phillip Island's veterans team, now competing in an outer east football league competition.



Richelle McKenzie with husband John travelled from Melbourne to watch son Rod McKenzie play on Mother's Day in the island's newly formed veterans side. Rod post-match with wife Kate and daughters Gemma and Isla.



"Couldn't think of any better Mother's Day present," said Tuppy Cleeland (left) and Sue Becker (right) at the Coves Recreation Reserve on Sunday, with their sons Todd Cleeland and Robbie Linford, who took to the ground as part of the island's inaugural veterans footy side on Sunday.



Casey Bartlett, and children Evie, Noah and India were there to cheer on Phillip Island veterans player Nathan Hollings on Sunday.



Sienna and April Cordery were supporting April's husband Steve; and Mandy Dabb and April were there to cheer on husband and father Mitch.



Mandy Ranson and Mikayla watch dad Aaron Ranson on Mother's Day, at the Phillip Island footy ground.

Island netballers take on Inverloch

U11s

The Phillip Island under 11s played a great but hard game on Saturday morning against Inverloch-Kongwak. All the girls did such an amazing job trying their hardest on court. Scores Phillip Island 8 and Inverloch-Kongwak 12.

The award winners this week are Tiffany Clarke and Evie Hollings. Well done to all the girls.

U15s

The rain held off, but there was a definite chill in the air and after a two-week break, the girls started really slowly.

Inverloch applied great pressure and it worked.

It was an anticipated big game as both teams were undefeated and our Island girls looked nervous.

Inverloch led 6 – 2 after the first quarter.

A few changes and girls went on court with determination.

Olivia and Sophia strong in defence contested every pass and turned the game around.

Mid courters made great space which created clear passages into the goals and our shooters moved really well around the ring and their shots were on.

Island took the lead at half time by four.

We continued with the great play, awesome team spirit and heads high.

The team bought their voices and energy to the game.

The last quarter we had Inverloch frazzled, the Island team all worked hard, only allowing Invy to shoot one whilst our girls scored 10.

Great win 29/11.

Best on: Maya Huther, guiding the team in centre and Sophia Hungerford was super strong in defence.

U17s

A cold and wintery morning was going to be a challenge for the U17 girls against Inverloch.

With Ella and Shanae out with injuries, some trusty U15s stepped up and proved to be an asset to the team.

Ahlee, Lexi and Ruby started in defence and put pressure on the Inverloch shooters from the get-go.

Ahlee had a tough job in defending a very tall shooter, but did it with ease getting her hands to a number of passes in.

The reliability of Isla and Zoe in midcourt continues to be effective, using agility and speed to get the ball to the goalers.

Lily and Meika (up from U15s) played an awesome game together with great movement and accurate shooting in the attacking end, the Inverloch defenders getting frustrated with their teamwork.

Daisy came on in the second half at WD and put some tight pressure on the Inverloch attackers, while Sophia also coming up from the U15s showed that she was very capable by pulling in some great intercepts throughout the second half of the game.

Thanks to Meika and Sophia for playing and doing a superb job!

Best on: Ahlee Penry and Meika White.

D Grade

The girls started the game off well and contested every loose ball.

Inverloch came out firing and were leading the way for most of the quarter, but the Island girls fought so hard to contest every loose ball.

Alice, Lilly and Teash moved really well in the mid court, and Jaz, Nikki and Tay were working really hard in the defence.

Inverloch had a lot of experience, but this didn't stop our attackers Jules and Bella from working as a team to get the ball from our super speedy mid courters and turn them into goals.

They fought for every ball, but unfortunately lost.

It was a great game to learn from, and all girls came away with posi-



C Grade netballers at the iPod shuffle night including the \$1000 winner *Tori Lee Cleeland* who won the last song to be played at the iPod Shuffle night!

tive feedback from coach Loz and although the girls lost, they fought till the very end.

Best on: Bella Santorini, Alice Chaston and Nikki Williams.

C Grade

With the excitement of the iPod shuffle event approaching later in the day at the club, the C-grade team was raring to go.

But first we had to take the court against Inverloch, the traditional rivals.

With the weather taking a toll on the game, we saw a very low scoring first quarter as there was a lot of back and forth between the two teams and shots struggling to fall into the ring.

Phillip Island's defence was on fire, shutting the goalers down, forcing errors and creating many intercept opportunities for one another to deny any chance of Inverloch to take a shot.

By half time Phillip Island were in front 6 – 5 and were eager to keep a

lead going into the third quarter.

Invy made many positional changes in the third quarter, and this created a new positive rhythm in their game.

They got on a roll with their flow down the court and took the lead as their accuracy also improved.

Even though Phillip Island struggled during the third quarter, *Tori* in WD was putting in her all putting pressure on her opponent down the court and around the goaling ring.

Her effort was also evident throughout the whole game.

Karina in WA was leading and feeding well into the goalers, and Ruby, who has not played much in the goaling ring, was making options for the wings to pass to her.

She finished off with a handful of goals under her belt.

The final score was PI 10 to Invy 20.

It was a great effort by the girls as we gave a team, who has only lost once this year, a good run for their money.

And speaking of money, well done to *Tori* who is \$1000 richer after her song was the last song to be played at the iPod Shuffle night!

Best on: Ruby Formosa, Karina Reynard and *Tori* Ryan.

B Grade

Well, it wasn't the usual pregame preparation the girls were used to.

Out with the sunscreen and in with the layers upon layers to keep warm from the Arctic blast that was blowing a gale down at the Cowes courts.

Great news, however, was that the tunes were back and the rnb bangers were pumping.

Going into the game the girls knew it was going to be a very hard-fought battle with Inverloch-Konwak being equal points on the ladder.

The girls had a great start, converting each centre pass and getting some good breaks along the way.

They held a steady lead moving into half time, but the Invy girls never backed down.

Each time the Island got a flow on, the Invy girls were able to get a small break back and do the same.

The Island girls knew they had to stay steady, be patient and play their game.

Throughout the whole game they continued to back one another up, trust in each other and focus on doing what they do best and that's to keep positive and have fun.

It was truly a fantastic team effort, and the girls should all be so proud of a well-deserved hard-fought win.

The momentum in the team is rolling and it's exciting to see a team that gels so well, play some awesome netball and continue to get wins on the board.

Final scores PI 45 def IK 34.

Best on: Amber Formosa, Janelle Smyth and *Kylie* Hammond.

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Pony Club report

Last month Phillip Island Pony Club flung open our paddocks to hold the Southern Metro and West Gippsland Zones Mounted Games Clinic & State Team Qualifiers.

The Clinic on the Saturday was open to all Pony Club members across the region of all ages and abilities, and we had a great turnout of 16 riders throughout the day, including members from Warragul, Mirboo North, Main Ridge, Corner Inlet, Tarwin Lower and of course Phillip Island Pony club.

The Clinic was run by games coach Laurie Cruise and Australian Under 18 world team member Gemma Vanderdyt assisted with PIPC members Giselle and Gabe.

The Clinic was set up in the jumps arena to introduce all the riders to some great fun games.

The groups were split into 2 sessions with 4 riders with an hour and half of fun and learning was had.

A few of the games included bending, mug shuffle, sock drop and some different relays.

There was a lot of smiles and fun throughout the day with new friends being made from all the different clubs.

With some of our members and riders from other clubs camping over for the night (thank goodness the rain

stayed away) the riders were up and ready to go early to put in place what they had learnt from the clinic the day before in the individuals come and try session held out on the oval.

All the kids and ponies did great in the morning with some great riding on show and it was especially nice to hear them all encouraging each other throughout the races.

You couldn't have asked for a better introduction to Mounted Games and a huge thankyou to all the coaches, helpers, and parents that assisted over the weekend.

Special mention to Tash Robinson for organising such a memorable weekend, it was much appreciated as you sure could tell with all the kids and their huge smiles.

In the afternoon it was time to for the Mounted Games Vic State Team Zone Qualifiers to start.

Six teams of seven riders competed from across the Southern Metro and West Gippsland Zones with 4 riders requiring to be under the age of 16.

They competed over 8 different games including a baton relay and Flag and Drum Race.

There was certainly a diverse range of teams, and horses that included breeds of Shetlands and thoroughbreds and everything in between.

It was exciting for all to watch with

jam packed action and great to see lots of support from other team riders and the crowd.

A big congratulations to the West Gippsland Zone Composite team made up with Phillip Island Pony club very own members Gabe and Giselle Smith who came away with the win and will be off to the next qualifiers.

Good luck team!

A huge thank you to San Remo Butchers and Bakers Delight Cowes for their kind donation of sausages, hamburgers and bread to help raise money for the club over the weekend.

A big thank you again to all the parents and members that helped put on such a successful great weekend, special mention to DC Amy Wooley who manned the BBQ and provided supplies and Wendy Christensen for assisting in the judicial roles for the state qualifiers.

Phillip Island Pony club will be holding their AGM at the pony club on Tuesday, May 17 at 7.30pm and our next home rally will be on Sunday, June 5.

Phillip Island Pony club is a small, family orientated club located at Lyall Street in Ventnor.

If you are interested in joining/ sponsoring Phillip Island Pony club or have any queries you can look us up on Facebook or email us pipcsecretary1@gmail.com.

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Phillip Island Pony Club – Member of the month

Name: **Gabe Smith.**
Age: **16.**
First horse name: **Blue who is a Cremello.**
Horse Age: **10.** Height: **14.2hh.**
Second horse name: **Fly who is a Clydesdale cross Thoroughbred.**
Horse Age: **14.** Height: **17hh.**
How old were you when you started riding?
9 years old
How long have you had your horses for?
I have had Blue for one year and Fly just a couple of months.
When did you start at PIPC?
When I was 10.

What's your favourite discipline and why?
Mounted Games – because a lot of strength and agility is required in both horse and rider. I also love the places you get to travel and the amazing new friends I get to meet.

What's the best thing about PIPC?
The best thing is how it's like a little close-knit community with everyone pitching in to run it. Also now being a senior member, I love helping and teaching the younger kids.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank local Petstock in Cowes for their sponsorship and support, in my aim in making the Australian Team for the World Mounted Games 2023.

TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 11 MAY	THU 12 MAY	FRI 13 MAY	SAT 14 MAY	SUN 15 MAY	MON 16 MAY	TUE 17 MAY
LOW 12:46 am 1.20 m	LOW 1:27 am 1.20 m	LOW 2:17 am 1.16 m	LOW 3:20 am 1.08 m	LOW 4:30 am 0.93 m	LOW 5:36 am 0.74 m	HIGH 12:36 am 2.58 m
HIGH 6:58 am 2.41 m	HIGH 7:52 am 2.36 m	HIGH 9:02 am 2.36 m	HIGH 10:24 am 2.46 m	HIGH 11:44 am 2.65 m	HIGH 12:53 pm 2.88 m	LOW 6:37 am 0.55 m
LOW 12:44 pm 0.91 m	LOW 1:30 pm 1.05 m	LOW 2:30 pm 1.19 m	LOW 3:47 pm 1.30 m	LOW 5:12 pm 1.33 m	LOW 6:27 pm 1.29 m	HIGH 1:55 pm 3.09 m
HIGH 7:45 pm 2.67 m	HIGH 8:31 pm 2.59 m	HIGH 9:26 pm 2.53 m	HIGH 10:30 pm 2.51 m	HIGH 11:35 pm 2.53 m		LOW 7:30 pm 1.23 m

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Junior footballers in a Mother’s Day marvel

U10s
We took on a very slick outfit this week in Kilcunda Bass Panthers and it was hard footy right from the start in slippery conditions.

The Reds kept the ball moving and in turn provided the forwards with quality shots on goal.

Max Robinson was huge again as he extracted the ball from packs often with opposition players hanging off him. First gamer Chaze Poulton found his feet quickly firing off a perfect handball to a running teammate.

The second quarter saw us hitting the scoreboard as Oliver Hellmuth-Pask dominated across centre half forward taking multiple marks and setting up Ziggy Wagner for a goal.

Time and time again we kept our feet and took the ball away from the pack using handballs to find space with Hugh Wain leading the way.

We continued the run in the third quarter and started linking up the mid field and forwards to have plenty of shots on goal while the backline stood up to all challenges.

The teamwork was a shining light as the Red’s put-on shepherds and tackled ferociously.

The backline was under pressure in the last quarter but remained organised and composed as they repelled entries time after time.

Louis Brodie laid a huge tackle and is growing into a great all-rounder for the Pups. The team showed growth once again and played the game in the right spirit.

Big thanks to Beau Vernon and the seniors for including the U10s on Saturday in what was a huge win for the club against Inverloch Kongwak.

It was great for the Pups to see how the big boys prepare and I’m sure they all took a lot from it.

U12s
The sky was dark and cloudy when



The Bulldogs Under 10s were super excited to get to join the senior Bulldogs team meeting and pre-game address on Saturday along with playing at half time in a match against both Red and Blue.

the under 12s red team ran onto the muddy kennel on Sunday.

It was a Happy Mother’s Day to all mums who were forced to leave their warm bedrooms and fluffy slippers in spirit of their football frenzied pre-teens.

With a few Pups injured or sickness infected, the pack ran out, all energy blazing.

Archie “Robbo” Robinson was the first to sneak a goal in after a few missed ones by the team in the first term, and in the second term Jesse Moschetti managed a huge golf ball injury in his knuckles causing him to be benched for the rest of the game.

Some grumpy Bass mums didn’t believe mothers should be forced to refrain from their sixth coffee of the morning and took it upon themselves to subsequently scold the volunteering mothers in the canteen for not supplying the other spectator mothers their required Soy Latte with a double shot during the game.

Brax and Seb managed to score a goal each while Robbo and Jarrah got in a few cheeky solid marks.

Little Brinkley Nicko tried her best to take down the competition with her sneaky tackles and the rest of the team played their part to take the game home by 16 points.

Scores: Phillip Island 3.6.24 to Kilcunda/Bass 1.2.8.

Goals: Archie Robinson 1, Brax Scheibel. 1 and Sebastian Rennie 1.

U14s Blue

U14s came out firing on Sunday and decided to put on a bit of a show for their mums on Mother’s Day.

The Island team dominated against Kilcunda-Bass, showing that all their training and teamwork was really starting to pay off.

Final scores for the Island were 10.4.64 to Kilcunda – Bass 0.1.1.

Goals: Sam O’Garey 3, Henry Dean 2, Ethan Rhee 2, Harry Bentley 2, Connor Macmillan2. Max Nicka, Joe Kelsey, Lachie Eastwood and Thomas Macmillan.

Best: Ethan Tilley, Sam O’Garey, Connor Macmillan, Lachie Eastwood, Thomas Macmillan and Harry Bentley.



Sunday Brisbane on the run in the Breakers match against Pearcedale on the weekend.

Breakers win in windy conditions

The Breakers were met with windy condition for their Saturday morning match against Pearcedale.

To their surprise the opposition won the toss and elected to kick into the wind.

Switched on from the start the Breakers came out ready to play and made the most of the wind advantage kicking 6.3 to nil for the quarter.

The mid field provided plenty of ball into the forward line with Sophie McCracken-Evans continuing her good form in the ruck feeding it down to Jenna Russo, Sunday Brisbane and Tess Wingfield.

Once inside the forward 50, Kelly O’Neill and Ella Cargill marked strongly and Immy Bradford was slick in front of goal converting two first quarter opportunities.

The highlight for the quarter was a

textbook chain of play where Bradford converted a goal on the run just 10 seconds after the centre bounce.

The Breakers controlled the ball into the wind in the second quarter.

Despite dominating possession, the Breakers were only able to kick five points.

They however maintained a solid advantage again keeping Pearcedale scoreless, with Chelsea Connell, Stacey Poke and Courtney Fletcher creating a wall across half back.

With a strong lead of 6.8 to nil at half time the second half allowed Coach Bianca Hellmuth-Pask to try some players in different positions.

Kate Caughey showed some promising signs converting two goals in the second half.

Next week the Breakers travel to Warragul to take on the Dusties on Saturday night.

Final score: Breakers 11.12.78 def Pearcedale 1.0- 6.

Best players: O’Neill, Bradford, McCracken Evans, Connell, Wingfield and Russo.

Goals: O’Neill 3, Bradford 3, Caughey 2, Cargill 2 and Bolding.

Phillip Island face tough task at Moe

Round two of the Youth Girls season saw the Phillip Island girls making the long trek to Moe, on Mother’s Day, to meet and play against the Bairnsdale football club.

This was the first time these two teams have ever met, and Bairnsdale proved to be tough competition.

The Island began well with Ahlee Penry giving the girls first use of the ball from the ruck, while Lexi Walton, Bella Gude and Maya Huther worked hard around the ball to move it forward.

The Island girls were missing a number of experienced players this week due to family commitments, pony club and musical productions, however Summer Crosier in only her second game presented well up

forward, while Ashleigh Weisse and Macey Stubbs showed more confidence in their second game.

The Island girls were unable to score, however Jade Ricardo was dominant across half back, using her body to win the ball consistently and drive it forward.

Mackenzie Wain and Kara Nasilasila also were solid across half back and showed some great dash from the half back line.

Goals continued to ellude the team, so the coaching staff tried a number of positional switches to put some experience into attack, however this allowed Bairnsdale to get a run on in the third quarter and score a couple of quick goals.

Qiarshi Adams and Monica Bartels

continued to work hard to win the ball throughout the game, while Imogen Walker laid some strong tackles in the final quarter.

Although the girls suffered a loss it was a great learning experience for all who were able to get plenty of game time and try a variety of positions.

Well done girls on keeping your heads up and showing fight right to the end.

Thank you to all the parents for helping out on the day and Ziggy for doing the boundary umpiring.

Final Score: Bairnsdale 4.5.29 def Phillip Island 0.1.1.

Best: Jade Ricardo, Lexi Wlaton, Ahlee Penry, Qiarshi Adams, Mackenzie Wain and Maya Huther.



Life membership for Kristien

Kristien Formosa (left) a former Phillip Island Football Netball Club president, was presented with a life membership of the Club by president Chris Ross, at a function held in the social rooms after Saturday’s game against Inverloch.

Chris (second right) said that

Kristien has been an outstanding supporter of the club, and has made a major contribution to PIF-NC over a long period of time.

This life membership is very well deserved, he commented.

On hand to congratulate Kristien at the presentation were John Weston (right) and Richie Davie.

THIS WEEKEND DRAWS		LADDERS											
WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION		SENIOR FOOTBALL				RESERVES FOOTBALL				THIRDS FOOTBALL			
Koo Wee Rup v Phillip Island Saturday, 14 May		TEAM	PTS	%	W L	TEAM	PTS	%	W L	TEAM	PTS	%	W L
		Tooradin-Dalmore	20	303.94	5 0	Tooradin-Dalmore	20	1932.50	5 0	Inverloch-Kongwak	20	1789.19	5 0
		Nar Nar Goon	20	212.61	5 0	Phillip Island	20	372.58	5 0	Tooradin-Dalmore	12	543.24	3 0
		Phillip Island	20	210.73	5 0	Bunyip	16	206.71	4 1	Garfield	12	258.40	3 1
		Inverloch-Kongwak	16	217.39	4 1	Nar Nar Goon	16	194.92	4 1	Cora Lynn	12	98.52	3 2
		Bunyip	12	154.98	3 2	Koo Wee Rup	12	151.16	3 2	Koo Wee Rup	8	137.85	2 2
		Warragul Industrials	12	133.33	3 2	Inverloch-Kongwak	12	148.97	3 2	Nar Nar Goon	8	62.66	2 2
		Koo Wee Rup	8	65.02	2 3	Warragul Industrials	8	65.32	2 3	Phillip Island	4	65.15	1 2
		Kilcunda Bass	4	54.33	1 4	Cora Lynn	4	56.01	1 4	Korumburra-Bena	4	29.25	1 3
		Dalyston	4	49.27	1 4	Dalyston	4	52.40	1 4	Bunyip	0	39.18	0 4
		Korumburra-Bena	4	42.00	1 4	Garfield	4	42.68	1 4	Dalyston	0	8.74	0 4
		Cora Lynn	0	48.39	0 5	Korumburra-Bena	4	26.57	1 3	Kilcunda Bass	0	0	0 0
		Garfield	0	29.87	0 5	Kilcunda Bass	0	11.89	0 5	Warragul Industrials	0	0	0 0
SOUTHERN GIPPSLAND JUNIOR FOOTBALL COMPETITION													
All Stars Round 3 Sunday May 15		NETBALL											
		A-GRADE	PTS	GA		B-GRADE	PTS	GA		C-GRADE	PTS	GA	
		Inv-Kongwak	20	188.06%		Bunyip	20	249.57%		Phillip Island	20	258.00%	
		Tooradin-Dal	20	173.81%		Tooradin-Dalm	20	229.68%		Dalyston	20	231.91%	
		Nar Nar Goon	20	159.31%		Phillip Island	20	172.05%		Bunyip	20	200.00%	
		Bunyip	16	203.75%		Nar Nar Goon	16	156.16%		Kor-Bena	16	230.43%	
		Phillip Island	16	126.86%		Inver-Kongwak	16	127.71%		Inver-Kongwak	8	131.85%	
		Dalyston	12	140.32%		Dalyston	12	107.11%		Cora Lynn	8	93.90%	
		Kor-Bena	8	91.15%		Kor-Bena	8	92.52%		Tooradin-Dal	8	90.97%	
		Warragul Indust	4	56.81%		Kilcunda Bass	4	81.86%		Koo Wee Rup	8	71.07%	
		Koo Wee Rup	4	37.45%		Garfield	4	49.36%		Nar Nar Goon	4	76.98%	
		Garfield	0	71.65%		Cora Lynn	0	52.40%		Kilcunda Bass	4	56.40%	
		Cora Lynn	0	67.86%		Koo Wee Rup	0	44.19%		Warragul Indust	4	36.91%	
		Kilcunda Bass	0	0.00%		Warragul Indust	0	43.41%		Garfield	0	14.52%	
YOUTH GIRLS FOOTBALL COMPETITION													
Phillip Island v Newborough Sunday May 15													
		17 & Under	PTS	GA		D-GRADE	PTS	GA					
		Bunyip	20	453.85%		Inver-Kongwak	16	335.59%					
		Dalyston	20	188.64%		Bunyip	16	303.33%					
		Inver-Kongwak	16	225.93%		Nar Nar Goon	16	189.13%					
		Garfield	16	131.71%		Dalyston	12	180.49%					
		Tooradin-Dal	14	175.64%		Kilcunda Bass	8	88.24%					
		Nar Nar Goon	12	142.27%		Phillip Island	8	70.40%					
		Phillip Island	8	104.62%		Tooradin-Dal	4	77.00%					
		Cora Lynn	6	63.64%		Cora Lynn	4	57.99%					
		Kor-Bena	4	71.01%		Garfield	0	73.53%					
		Koo Wee Rup	4	37.58%		Koo Wee Rup	0	25.57%					
		Warragul Indust	0	30.65%		Kor-Bena	0	0.00%					
		Kilcunda Bass	0	29.02%		Warragul Indust	0	0.00%					

Bass Coast big dogs battle it out

Excitement and tension abounded early on Saturday as the PIFNC team readied the Kennel for the long-awaited home game against our Bass Coast neighbours from Inverloch-Kongwak.

With a juicy 1 v 2 main game – dubbed the Bass Coast Blockbuster in the Barracker – and a serious test against undefeated teams across the other grades, a great day of community football loomed.

Combined with the family day for the juniors, the only downside was the inclement weather initially being driven by a howling westerly into the trees at the Chapel Street end.

The loss of footies to that end loomed large!

A special luncheon honouring departed life members Barry Toovey and Ian Hill was attended by 80 long term Bulldogs supporters.

This was topped off in the social rooms after the game with a heart-warming welcome to the newest Bulldogs life member Kristien Formosa – not often you see the Big-H stuck for words, but it was wonderful to see!

Well done and well-deserved H!

Seniors

The Bulldogs Under 10s were super excited to join the team meeting for the Bulldogs, as well as the pre-game address, and this certainly added to the excitement and atmosphere in the rooms.

U10 coach Luke Marshall had his hands full keeping the excitement in check, whilst the seniors really enjoyed and welcomed the U10s involvement.

Both the Bulldogs and the Sea-Eagles were listed close to full strength for the main game.

And what a classic opening!

With the ball ping-pong from one end to the other with precision rarely seen at this level, a frenetic opening saw eleven goals scored in the first despite the ordinary conditions.

Goals were flowing at both ends, with Inverloch's Ethan Park and Toby Mahoney leading the charge, closely followed by the Bulldogs array led by Cam Pedersen, Kai Mackenzie, and Zak Vernon.

The backlines were under extreme pressure and were being sorely tested.

Alas, to make the conditions ever trickier, the second saw a lovely set of rain showers combine with the wind.

Shiver me-timbers all right.

With the game becoming more defensive in the wet, the Bulldogs took control and snapped several goals through Jordy Patullo and Harry O'Brien, as well as peppering the goals for several points.

Kai (Quack) Mackenzie was lifting on his wing, Eli (Eliiii!) Richards was having his best day of the season.

Half time saw the U10s play their own scratch matches – in the rain no less, with not much time for jumper turnarounds for Sunday's games!

The seniors formed a guard of honour for the boys coming from the ground – a wonderful way to keep the excitement going.

In the third quarter the Sea-Eagles took over.

With Oscar Toussaint and Xavier Hughes taking over, as well as Tristan Van Driel scoring goals, the boys from Inverloch took complete control.

With a six-goal blitz before a



Billy Taylor at the bottom gets the ball clear of the pack in Saturday's seniors game against Inverloch-Kongwak.

couple of welcome goals from Cam Pedersen and Jack (Bison) Taylor, the visitors headed into the final stanza with a three-goal lead.

With Coach Vernon reminding the bulldogs of their excellent fitness and capabilities to withstand the onslaught, the final quarter was a complete reversal of the third.

The Bison took over in the forward line, Kai Mackenzie reassumed control on his wing, Cam Pederson asserted even more control in the ruck and Zac Vernon led the charge in the midfield.

The Bulldogs peppered the goals with a five goal to zip final quarter to run out winners in a super-exciting last quarter.

A wonderful effort from both teams played in an excellent spirit, which bodes well for each outfit for the remainder of the year.

Scores:
Phillip Island: 5.3.33, 8.10.58, 10.12.72, 14.18.102.

Inverloch-Kongwak: 6.2.38, 7.3.45, 14.6.90, 14.7.91.

Goals:

Phillip Island: Cam Pederson 3, Jack Taylor 3, Harry O'Brien 2, Billy Taylor 2, Brendan Kimber, Zak Vernon, Jordy Patullo and Marcus Wright.

Inverloch-Kongwak: Toby Mahoney 4, Ethan Park 2, Tristan Van Driel 2, Oscar Toussaint, Xavier Hughes, Dylan Cark, Corey Casey, Thomas Wyatt and Jensen Garnham.

Best Players:

Phillip Island: Cameron Pedersen, Zak Vernon, Eli Richards, Jaymie Youle, Kai Mackenzie and Billy Taylor.

Inverloch-Kongwak: Ethan Park, Michael Eales, Xavier Hughes, Shem Hawking, Dylan Clark and Corey Casey.

Reserves

Another fully researched effort for the team meeting, with the coach going fully electronic for the kick-off.

With a bunch of senior-playing youngsters back this week, the Resses were fielding one of their strongest teams for the year.

Starting well and kicking against a strong breeze, sticking to game plan, and minimising Inverloch's advantage through great pressure.

The defence again held up through Jack Opitz, Kirby Fuller and Coby Olarenshaw.

The team's work rate continued

in the second quarter and gained control through the midfield.

Blake Christopher and Hayden Smith were playing well on the wings and Tarquin McMillan took the ascendancy in the ruck as the rain came down.

The third quarter was a strong performance, furthering a slender half time lead through great performances in the midfield with Zach Wagner, Levi Robinson and Cooper Logan leading the way.

A three-goal last quarter cemented a terrific seven goal win.

Jesse Patullo and James Nicolaci were again strong up forward and a goal after the siren to cult hero Harry Anderson topped off a terrific team performance.

Scores:

Phillip Island: 0.1.1, 2.5.17, 4.7.31, 7.11.53.

Inverloch-Kongwak: 1.3.9, 1.4.10, 1.5.11, 1.5.11.

Goals:

Phillip Island: Jesse Patullo 2, Harry Anderson 2, Dean Blake, Blake Christopher and Zach Wagner.

Best Players:

Phillip Island: Zach Wagner, Blake Christopher, Levi Robinson, Tarquin McMillan, Hayden Smith and Jesse Patullo.

Inverloch-Kongwak: Barry Withers, Stuart Kilsby, Jacob Strickland, Emmet Taranto and Jasper Kempster.

Under 18s

It was obvious from the first bounce that Inverloch "had come to play" and take the four premier-ship points home with them.

The Bulldogs welcomed back Tully Dickie after his long layoff with a leg injury, but it was going to be a tough assignment to keep the Sea Eagles under control.

Our backline was under constant pressure but stood firm against the high marking opposition.

At the start of the second quarter Phillip Island increased the tempo but this was answered by the opposition who were dominating the high marking duels and had scored two majors by the seven-minute mark.

A hurried goal to Dylan Susic was a great tonic for the Bulldogs however Inverloch answered with a great team goal.

The third quarter was dominated by Inverloch, constantly attacking the goals at every opportunity but

the Bulldogs were not to be denied and repelled their forward thrusts with grit and determination.

The Jacks – Papas and Johnston – along with Lucas Chihotski and the rest of the defence stood firm and only allowed the opposition to kick one goal for the quarter.

The final quarter was a replica of the third although the Bulldogs never gave up against the talented Inverloch side and only allowed a single goal to be scored against them in this last term.

The coach was disappointed with the result but never questioned his teams endeavour and believing his charges will learn from the game.

Scores:

Phillip Island: 0.2.2, 1.3.9, 1.3.9, 1.4.10.

Inverloch-Kongwak: 1.1.7, 4.5.29, 5.6.36, 6.10.46.

Goals:

Phillip Island: Dylan Susic.
Inverloch-Kongwak: William Turner 2, Ashton Hewitson, Jed Rosenow, Jason Hayes and Archer Reid.

Best Players:

Phillip Island: Jack Papas, Henry Peppard, Kohen Beaumont, Lucas Chihotski, Brady Ross and Brodie Gude.

Inverloch-Kongwak: Callan O'Flynn, Tyson Bolam, Hayden Lindsay, James Rowe, Jack Butcher and Joshua Bertacco.

Under 16s

The team were looking forward to a competitive game at home against the ladder leaders Inverloch.

It was close low scoring game right up until the last quarter when Inverloch managed to kick five quick goals to take away the win.

Scores:

Phillip Island: 0.5.5, 0.5.5, 0.6.6, 1.9.15.

Inverloch-Kongwak: 0.3.3, 1.7.13, 1.7.13, 6.8.44.

Goals:

Phillip Island: Charlie O'Garey.
Inverloch-Kongwak: Willem Duursma 2, Jobe Scaplin 2 and unnamed 2.

Best Players:

Phillip Island: William Hill, Yi-anni Caffieri, Noah Muller, Timothy Niven, Tama Nihver-Tenali and William Peppard.

Inverloch-Kongwak: Lucas Allen, Archie Terlich, Player, Rem Dal Pozzo, Zac Mabilia and Jobe Scaplin.

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