

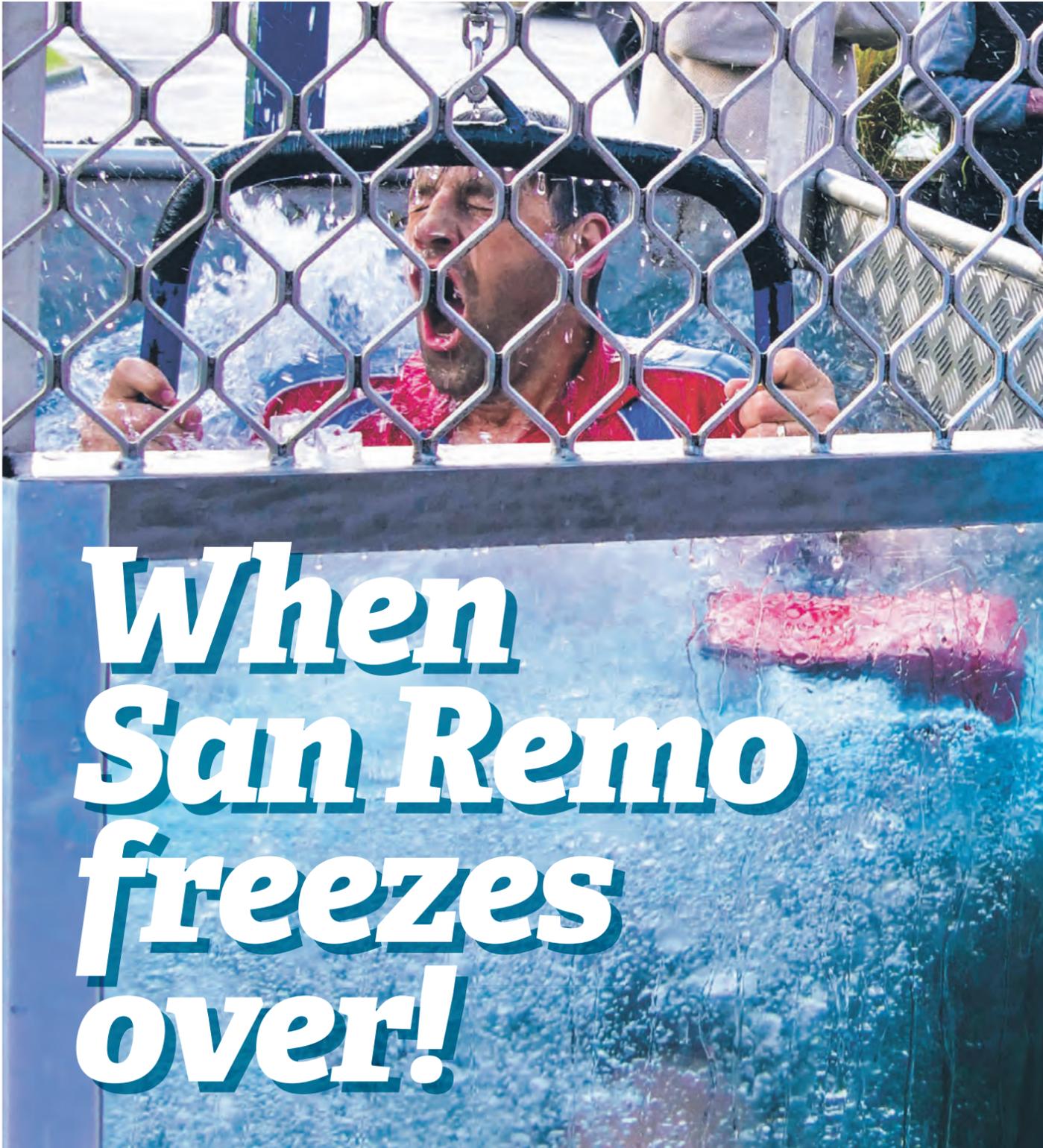
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## When San Remo freezes over!

His face says it all. Phillip Island footballer Cam Pedersen plunged into the icy water on Sunday to help raise funds for MND research at the San Remo Hotel's Big Freeze. See more photos and a full report on page 14.

### Shire ditches car ferry study

Bass Coast Shire has pulled out of plans to lead an investigation into the proposed Cowes to Stony Point car ferry project, in a bombshell announcement by the mayor late last week.

The move has soured relations with the state government and stalled the entire car ferry project, with MP for Bass Jordan Crugnale saying the government had no plans to now run the project (see separate story).

In September last year the state government announced \$200,000 funding for a feasibility study investigating the Cowes jetty as a possible location for a car ferry terminal, with Bass Coast Shire agreeing to oversee the study.

In January the shire announced they would soon appoint a consultant to lead the project.

However, in a controversial move, Mayor Michael Whelan last Thursday released a statement reneging on the deal to oversee the study.

"Council will not be completing a feasibility study to investigate the suitability of the Cowes jetty as the docking point for a car ferry between Phillip Island and Stony Point," the statement read.

"We believe that for this project to be successful the state government is best placed to lead any future work on this project, including this feasibility study.

"We consider Local Government Authorities as stakeholders in any future development of the Cowes to Stony Point Ferry project."

Cr Whelan explained council's formal position was "in principle support" for a car ferry between Cowes and Stony Point, but their focus would now be on the long list of infrastructure projects promised by council.

"We maintain our commitment to the responsible delivery of public infrastructure, which is supported by our strategic ten-year capital works program that outlines key projects that will be prioritised for delivery."

#### Response

Destination Phillip Island chair Catherine Basterfield said they remained dedicated to delivering the car ferry project.

"It remains one of Destination Phillip Island's long-term aspirations to support the development of water-based transport to and around Phillip Island," Ms Basterfield said.

"We hope to see the business case for the Cowes to Stony Point car ferry completed with the inclusion of all possible sites and will work with any state partner who may take on this work in the future."

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## Campaign continues for Sam's kids

A campaign to support Samantha Fraser's children is more than halfway to its goal, raising money to help cover the cost of caring and educating the three children.

So far over \$30,000 has been raised of the \$50,000 target.

A friend of the Fraser family set up the GoFundMe campaign to help the family and to hopefully bring some joy to the children.

Sam's father, Trevor Fraser said the response has been incredible.

"I really want to say thank you from us to the community and express our gratitude for the kindness of everyone in these difficult times."

Donations have come in from at least three states across the country, including from relatives, friends and former work colleagues.

Trevor said he's been touched by people's generosity, particularly in light of how difficult the past few years have been for everyone, "with COVID-19, lockdowns, home schooling and business losses".

While the guilty verdict in the recent trial was an enormous relief, there are still a mountain of challenges for the family, includ-



A GoFundMe campaign set up to help Samantha Fraser's three children is over halfway to its target.

ing some significant health issues.

"It's been really difficult for the kids," Trevor said.

"They're keen to go to see their aunt, and they really want to go to America for Christmas and see their uncle and cousins ... and snow!"

"That's their wishes, but their wishes are sometimes more than I can supply."

Trevor hopes the fundraiser will help make those wishes come true.

He said part of the money raised by the GoFundMe campaign will be used for a special holiday later this month.

The children, Jemima (13), Rex (11) and April (9) are going to Queensland with their grandparents to see their aunt and a new baby cousin.

He's also hopeful that over the next few months some of the legal issues surrounding Sam's estate will be resolved and a business investment, on hold throughout Covid, will reactivate and help provide some additional income, taking pressure off the family budget.

To donate, go to [gofundme.com/b6e777cb](https://gofundme.com/b6e777cb) or search [gofundme.com](https://gofundme.com) for "Caring for Sams Children".

## POLICE BRIEFS



Bass Coast police are appealing for help to identify a man from CCTV footage at Cowes Liquorland on May 24.

### Liquorland theft

Bass Coast police are appealing for help to identify a man from CCTV footage at Cowes Liquorland on May 24. The police believe he can assist with their inquiries into an alleged theft at the store. The image has been posted on the Eyewatch-Bass Coast Facebook page. If you can assist, please contact Senior Constable Keefe at Cowes on 5952 2037 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

### Thieves nabbed

Two men have been charged following a theft in Cowes on June 8.

It is alleged they stole bottles of alcohol from a business on Thompson Avenue about 12.50pm.

A 28-year-old Point Cooke man and a 20-year-old Collingwood man were arrested nearby. They were both charged with theft and have been released on bail to appear at Dandenong court on October 13.

### Trespass

On Tuesday, May 31 at around 2pm police were called to a property in Cowes after reports of a trespasser.

Police said the man had left prior to their arrival, however road blocks were in place at Pyramid Rock Road and surrounds, and a police helicopter searched the area.

A police spokesperson said there was no threat to the wider community.

## What's happening with the Cultural Centre

You don't have to peer through the fencing to get an update on what's happening with construction of the new Cowes Cultural Centre.

Just jump online and you can get a bird's eye view of this important project.

Regular updates are posted on a special project page at [engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/cowesccc](https://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/cowesccc), including a summary of work completed in the past month.

You can even sign up to get regular updates on the build.

According to the website, two thirds of the slab for stage 1 (theatre) has been completed and preparation of the rest of the pour has been completed.

In ground services are well underway, with storm water and hydraulic runs dug around the site.

Preparation for strip footings below the stage floor has also been completed.

The site also includes videos and photos showing the progress of work.

### A summary of works

- Concrete was poured at the end of May

with concrete construction to be finalised around the lift pits then as well.

- There were adjustment to screw piles in the theatre area ready for footing.

- Foam to amenities and function area is ongoing but making good progress.

- Concrete preparation to gallery area ongoing.

- Steel to Stage 1 (theatre area) will be ready for fabrication shortly.

- Electrical in grounds services is ongoing to northern area of project.

- Sewer in grounds ongoing to northern area of project.

- GLT columns expected on site shortly.

- Building Permit 3 soon to be released.



A new website is tracking the progress of the Cowes Cultural Centre, and says two thirds of the slab for stage 1 of the project was completed in May.

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# Another new subdivision for Cowes, already going to VCAT

A developer seeking to build a new 42-lot housing subdivision on Thompson Avenue is taking Bass Coast Shire to VCAT, despite illegally removing trees and failing to provide planning reports.

The housing subdivision is planned for 205-223 Thompson Avenue, next to the RSL, which is zoned residential, with the planning permit also seeking removal of native vegetation.

According to shire CEO Ali Wastie, the developer originally submitted plans in May last year and has since taken the issue to VCAT "due to the length of time without a decision from council".

"From council's perspective, the application and the site was complex in nature with a number of historical issues to navigate," Ms Wastie said.

"Council was in the process and happy to work with the applicant in this instance and during the preliminary stages of the planning application, however the application is now before VCAT."

## Illegal removal

The 2.5-hectare property has a Vegetation Protection Overlay and a Heritage Overlay, related to the heritage listed Golden Cypress on Thompson Avenue.

A vegetation assessment report written by an ecologist in the planning permit states 16 trees – equivalent to half a hectare of vegetation – were illegally removed by the applicant in the past five years, which saw them issued with an enforcement letter.

"It is our understanding the applicant paid a penalty for the removal of this vegetation therefore it is considered that this matter has been dealt with and is not considered further in this report," the ecologist states.

The vegetation report states there is a variety of trees on the property including swamp gum and manna gum and five trees will be removed for the development, or 0.18ha of native vegetation.

## Failings

A traffic assessment report in the planning permit includes a message from Transport Victoria – written early in the planning process – explaining the department objected to the granting of a permit on several grounds.

According to Transport Victoria, the developer failed to initially provide a traffic report,



The developer of this proposed 42-lot housing subdivision – next to the RSL in Cowes – is contentiously taking Bass Coast Shire to VCAT. Anyone wanting to object to the proposal has until July 6 to lodge a submission.

failed to address the impacts of the historic cypresses from the Thompson Avenue access road, did not consider drainage and did not address issues around a proposed southern access adjacent to the RSL entrance.

"The department would re-consider its objection to the proposal if: the subdivision layout was re-configured to provide a single access point to Thompson Avenue," Transport Victoria said.

The department also said it would reconsider its objection if the developer provided a traffic assessment report, plans of the proposed access intersection, and also limit where possible the impacts onto the cypress trees.

Following this initial response, the developer last November provided the required plans, which the department said was a better outcome.

This included updated designs to avoid damaging the structural root zones of two historic cypress trees.

## Traffic

The traffic assessment report states the sub-

division will be about 39-lots (instead of the proposed 42-lots).

Based on data from the Thompson Avenue pedestrian crossing near Woolworths, on Wednesday October 23, 2019, the report says there were about 976 vehicle movements at the AM and PM peaks.

The report says based on 39 lots, the subdivision is expected to generate about 312 vehicle trips per day, or 31 trips during the peak hour periods.

"The anticipated traffic volumes generated by the development is not expected to have an impact on the operation of Thompson Avenue or the surrounding road network," it concludes.

## VCAT

Of the 42 lots, the planning permit states four will be less than 300sqm, 36 will be 300-599sqm and two will have an area greater than 600sqm.

Shire CEO Ali Wastie explained because the developer was taking the shire to VCAT, the developer was now required to advertise to gauge if any interested local residents wanted to join the VCAT process.

She said if anyone wanted to comment on the application, they must complete a Statement of Grounds form online at [www.vcat.vic.gov.au/respondplanning](http://www.vcat.vic.gov.au/respondplanning) in order to take part in the proceeding and provide a copy to council and the developer.

Ms Wastie said submissions and objections must not be sent directly to council, but should be submitted to VCAT directly, by following the instructions provided on the notices themselves, or via their website.

The deadline for submissions to be provided to VCAT is Wednesday, July 6.

The proposed plans can be viewed at [bass-coast.vic.gov.au/building-planning/advertised-planning-applications](http://bass-coast.vic.gov.au/building-planning/advertised-planning-applications) under suburb Cowes.

## Rumours were right on subdivision

After considerable speculation on social media, it has been confirmed a new housing subdivision is planned for vacant land on Church Street in Cowes west.

Earlier this year, community Facebook chats were abuzz, speculating that surveyors were on site and the land would become new housing.

Now the Bass Coast Shire's planning register has listed a new 59 lot subdivision for 273-297 Church Street Cowes, opposite Anchor Belle Holiday Park.

The planning permit application was listed last month and so far is in the early stages, recently allocated to a planning officer, with many hurdles to complete before it is publicly advertised.

The application includes removal of vegetation on the land zoned residential.

No other details are provided.

This future subdivision is not connected to another development a short distance away at 299-325 Church Street, for a 280-lot "residential village" (see story on page 4).

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Around a dozen objections have been lodged opposing plans for a new \$14 million, 280 lot residential village on a 12-hectare property at 299-325 Church Street, Cowes. Photo courtesy of Google Maps.

## Opposition to new Cowes west housing development

Objectors have lodged submissions opposing plans for a new \$14 million, 280-lot "residential village" in Cowes.

The plans are for a 12-hectare property at 299-325 Church Street, stretching from Settlement Road to Justice Road, with the permit seeking removal of vegetation on the site, which currently has nearly 3340 trees and is grazed by livestock.

According to the permit for the Lifestyle Communities development, Church Street and Settlement Road are set to get busier, with the development creating about 1000 car movements a day.

About a dozen objectors have so far lodged submissions calling for the proposal to be amended, based on its environmental and traffic impacts.

Several objectors described the proposal as an overdevelopment for Phillip Island, with one writing that "280 residences on this site will be virtual wall-to-wall built environment with inadequate green space and certainly no large trees of credible habitat".

"The development proposed does not respect the neighbourhood character of the area," they wrote.

"Cowes west, unlike central Cowes - which has a number of apartments, blocks of units, hotel accommodation and 55-plus lifestyle accommodation, is a residential area with houses on average block sizes, gardens, green spaces and landscaped gardens.

"The planning application, as it currently stands, fails on a number of grounds and I urge you to reject it."

Another said 280 new residences would put pressure on infrastructure: "roads, power, water, rubbish, and medical services".

"Will the developer contribute to these costs?"

One submitter even described the village as a "truly awful piece of planning", lacking character, with small uniform blocks and a dense design that aimed to "maximise profit".

"Block size is so small that the dwellings shown are almost touching," they wrote.

"Council must reject this initial foray by the developer and for the sake of the community demand something better."

Several suggested the development was in conflict with the state government's Distinctive Areas and Landscape policy for Bass Coast, "designed to protect the shire from overdevelopment and retain the qualities that make the area so valued by residents and visitors alike".

"Developments such as this if allowed will contribute to making Cowes feel like a suburb of Melbourne."

### Traffic

One objector questioned why the entrance to the new subdivision would be on Settlement Road when the planning permit is for 299-325 Church Street, which "has much less traffic".

"As residents it makes no sense that the entrance be on Settlement Road, putting an extra 950 movements per day on this already busy road," they wrote.

Another agreed saying the entrance, roughly opposite 497 Settlement Road, would sit slightly below a crest in the road, "which is a risk for traffic".

The objector criticised the developer's traffic impact assessment report, saying it failed to recognise the high population of Cowes west.

Other objectors raised concerns about the removal of trees and the property's dam near Justice Road, and the subsequent impact on wildlife.

"It seems the developer is intent on squashing as many "homes" on the land as possible, with no regard to the fauna that live here at present," the submitter wrote.

They added the environmental study carried out by the developer failed to examine wildlife on the property throughout the year.

The permit states the Lifestyle Communities development - described as a pre-retirement village - will result in an additional \$3.9 million per year spent with local traders.

The 280 homes - with ancillary community facilities for residents - will be sold on a "land lease housing purchase model", promoted as affordable housing with a median price of \$498,000, starting from \$325,000.



New designs will be commissions for a significant upgrade at the Newhaven boat ramp. "Following further investigations by council, it was determined more work would be required," a BBV statement said.

## Cowes, Newhaven, Rhyll boat ramps revamped

New boat ramp designs are expected to be released soon for Cowes and Newhaven, while Rhyll's ramp upgrade has experienced a cost blow-out, but still scheduled to finish by September.

Last week State Fishing and Boating Minister Melissa Horne said detailed designs were currently being drawn up to upgrade Cowes.

Designs for the upgrade of the Anderson boat ramp were released by Better Boating Victoria (BBV) last year, with further detailed designs required to determine the length and grade of the ramp to make launching and retrieving easier and reduce sand build-up at the ramp.

"The exact length and gradient of the extension will be determined through the design process," Minister Horne said.

The detailed designs will also raise the height of the lower jetty landings, add timber groynes on either side of the ramp to help in managing the movement and accumulation of sand directly in front of the ramp and realign the turning circle at the top of the ramp to make manoeuvring easier.

Under the new designs, the edge kerbs will still be removed, effectively reducing the width of the ramp, with a future option to include an additional lane.

### Newhaven

Meanwhile, BBV last week said they would "significantly upgrade" Newhaven's boat ramp with a new jetty and pontoon, with designs set to be released for community consultation in spring.

Last year BBV funded Bass Coast Shire to provide a new pontoon at Newhaven.

"Following further investigations by council, it was determined more work would be required," a BBV statement said.

"We'll repurpose that funding to commission designs for a more significant upgrade including a floating pontoon on a new jetty."

BBV said some intermediate works had been carried out by council to repair the existing jetty structure, "but a longer-term solution is needed".

"We're aiming to commission the designs next month and should be able to share the plans with boaters and the local community in spring."



Detailed designs are expected to be released soon for an upgrade to the Anderson boat ramp, to help manage the movement and accumulation of sand directly in front of the ramp.

Boaters welcomed the news, with several suggesting the ramp needed to be extended by at least five metres.

Rob Mitchell said boarding a boat via those ladders at low tide was "hazardous", while Craig Beekhuizen said Newhaven needed an additional ramp and more trailer parking, with some calling for more channel markers.

"You need to remove some of the rock from right in front of the jetty," said Andrew Ellis, "I lost part of my prop there despite following all the markers".

### Rhyll

The \$5 million upgrade of the Rhyll ramp - started in February - was set to see final completion of the carpark, playground and seawall and all marine construction including three new lanes extending further into Western Port, and two new fixed jetties to replace the existing jetty, new fish cleaning tables and two new larger floating pontoons, as well as a dedicated kayak/yacht/canoe launching area.

However, Bass Coast Shire last month said given the building industry's current supply crisis, the cost of materials for the playspace had "risen significantly" and were now outside the budget.

As a result, the playground will now be staged, with stage one including a play tower being built from April to July, subject to contractor and supplier availability and weather permitting.

Stage two - yet to be funded - will cost \$270,000 and include another tower, pathways and landscaping.

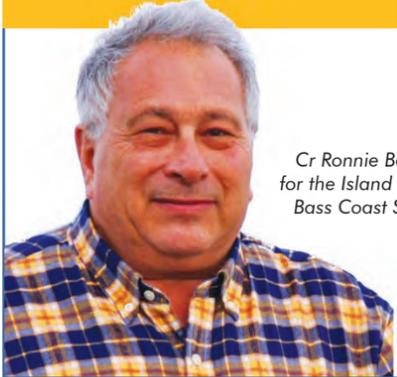
The remaining boat ramp upgrade has progressed, scheduled to finish by September 1, with all of the seawall piles and 24 of the jetty piles installed and the pontoon installation scheduled for July.

Minister Horne last week also announced new boat ramp designs for Inverloch and Mahers Landing.

At Inverloch, designs include new jetties with wave screens for more efficient launching and retrieval of boats, an additional 30-space car and trailer park and a dedicated boat preparation area.

At nearby Mahers Landing, rebuilding and extending the ramp to add a second lane and adding a floating or fixed jetty adjacent to the ramp for temporary berthing will allow all-tide access to Anderson Inlet. There will also be a dedicated rigging and tie down space.

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# Dark start to long weekend

For the second time in two years, Phillip Island was plunged into darkness at the start of the busy Queen's Birthday long weekend.

Around 9000 properties lost power early on Friday evening, including the busy retail and hospitality area of Cowes.

With Thompson Avenue in darkness, businesses were again left to lament the loss of business.

While power to the central area of Cowes was mostly restored around 8pm, some properties didn't come back online until after midnight.

The power outage couldn't come at a worse time, with visitors arriving on the island for the long weekend.

This is the third long weekend in two years where Cowes and surrounds have been blacked out.

Last year's Queen's Birthday long weekend was also hit with power outages after violent storms across the state.

The storms left many homes and businesses on Phillip Island without power for 24 - 48 hours, although some spent almost a week without power.

According to AusNet, this time the affected areas included Silverleaves, Ventnor, Wimbledon Heights, Cowes, Rhyll, Churchill Island and Newhaven.

## Reaction

Locals were quick to blame the outage on a system overload, given the influx of visitors for the long weekend.

"Funny it always happens on long weekends ... clearly too much power being used," one comments.

"It's like our system can't cope," said another.

An AusNet spokesperson said the cause of the outage was still under investigation.

"Power was restored just after midnight on Friday night and we apologise for the incon-

venience to our customers."

It is unclear if impacted businesses will be eligible for compensation over the outage.

"The Essential Services Commission's Electricity Distribution Code outlines the minimum service levels we must provide to our customers and in this case, this single event may not be enough to trigger compensation," the AusNet spokesperson said.

Further information on compensation can be found on the AusNet website. [www.ausnetservices.com.au/en/Electricity/Compensation-and-Service-Standards](http://www.ausnetservices.com.au/en/Electricity/Compensation-and-Service-Standards).

## Battery

A new community battery storage system recently received planning approval from the state government.

The 5MW/10MWh battery will be installed near Wimbledon Heights on a section of the 45-hectare site purchased by the shire in 2019 for a new transfer station.

Made up of a series of units in a 38 x 34 metre fenced compound set back 20 metres from Gap Road, it will be connected to the electricity grid via underground cables.

Mondo, the company delivering the project on behalf of AusNet said installation will commence shortly with the battery expected to be operational by the end of 2022.

They said the battery energy storage system offered greater reliability in electricity supply for the island, especially during peak holiday periods.

However AusNet said the battery would not have prevented Friday night's outage.

"The new Phillip Island Community Energy Storage System is designed to provide additional capacity to improve energy resilience during peak summer demand, and in this instance would not have been able to prevent the outage.

"However, once it is operational we will explore other uses, such as for power outages."

# "Living with purpose" the mantra at Banfields

Living with purpose is not just the mantra at Banfields Aged Care, but the lifestyle.

It's the core value and care philosophy implemented by the enthusiastic lifestyle department, led by Robyn Montague.

Purpose in life and living with a motivated attitude underpins Banfield's approach to residential aged care and is fundamental to the creation of a sense of belonging and ultimate wellbeing.

This is certainly demonstrated by enthusiastic resident, Alan Forbes.

Every week, Alan is in charge of running the all-important football tipping competition amongst the competitive and dedicated Banfields footy fanatics.

During the football season, Alan ensures all 86 residents and staff submit their tips well before the first match kicks off on a Thursday night.

No small feat!

Alan has created a fun way to engage with all the residents and this nurtures a feeling of inclusiveness and community.

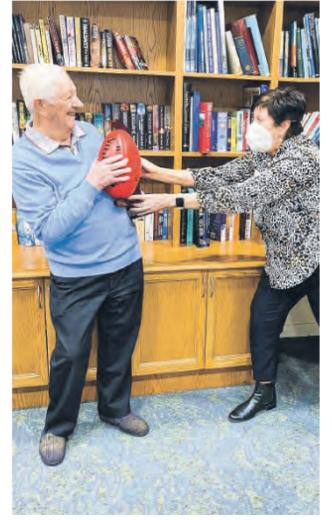
Both Alan and the residents have achieved a great sense of satisfaction from doing something they have enjoyed in their lives in the past.

Footy tipping might have been a past passion for some or one they're just discovering during their time at Banfields - thanks to Alan's enthusiastic involvement.

Either way, rivalry is fierce



Banfields resident Alan Forbes is in charge of running the football tipping competition amongst Banfield's competitive and dedicated footy fanatics.



Harry Bowman has won the footy tipping trophy for the last six years, but Lifestyle team leader Robyn Montague says the push is on to wrest it off him in 2022.

and everyone at Banfields Aged Care is kicking goals in this game!

First prize is a beautifully mounted football on which the winner's name will be inscribed. It will be presented at a huge end of footy season party, where every club song will be sung.

A Richmond football jumper signed by the players is also in the offing, says Robyn.

Current champion is Harry Bowman, who has won the trophy for the past six years.

There are some residents very keen to knock Harry

off his pedestal this year, Robyn jokes.

And the fun is all thanks to the work of Alan.

"Everyone who comes into Banfields needs a purpose, and Alan has certainly got his," smiles Robyn.

"Living with a purpose is a core value and care philosophy at Banfields. It underpins our approach to residential aged care and is fundamental to the creation of a sense of belonging."

"Alan loves doing this, and his efforts make it fun for everyone. Our residents love this competition and competing with one another."



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# Shire ditches car ferry study

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The Phillip Island Conservation Society has been one of the long-term opponents of the car ferry.

PICS president Jeff Nottle earlier this year wrote a letter to the head of Infrastructure Victoria, Jordan Crugnale and Bass Coast Shire CEO and councillors, urging the government not to simply accept the "flawed" 2018 business case.

Last week Mr Nottle said members were relieved the car ferry feasibility study by council would not proceed.

"While this is a good step, PICS firmly believes that council now needs to publicly acknowledge and advise the state government of the serious flaws in the 2018 business case," he said.

"The 2018 car ferry concept resulted in a higher cost and travel time than the alternative drive. Consequently, business case usage projections were highly unrealistic, benefits were overstated, and the need for government subsidy was underestimated."

He said PICS did not want the north shore "to be burdened with white elephant infrastructure".

"Ratepayers should not have to bear the ongoing subsidy required to operate it, so it is vital council fully informs the state of these deficiencies in the business case."

Mr Nottle added the Cowes jetty triangle was now a "much loved community gathering place."

"Cowes Esplanade is not an appropriate location for a vehicular ferry and nor are our beaches and foreshores."



In September 2021 the state government announced \$200,000 funding to council for a feasibility study investigating the Cowes jetty as a possible location for a car ferry terminal. Bass Coast Shire has now pulled out of the proposed investigation.

## History

The feasibility study was to include traffic and parking impact assessments, as well as an assessment to the jetty triangle, which in 2018 received a \$2.5 million redevelopment.

It was to include financial analysis, but be based on the 2018 business case, which advocated for a 205 metre-long terminal jetty; a 30-car capacity car ferry, a ticket price of \$60 per car, at a total cost of more than \$80 million.

In April 2018 Bass Coast Shire councillors voted six to three to sup-

port "in principle" a car ferry.

Councillors deferred consideration of the 2018 full business case until a "comprehensive investigation is undertaken of whether the Cowes jetty is a more suitable location for a ferry terminal", calling on the state government to fund the investigation.

The car ferry has a tumultuous history.

The Cowes jetty was rejected as a car ferry terminal more than a decade ago, with a mooted car ferry to run between Phillip Island and Stony Point investigated as far back as 1985.

# Shire, government relationship at all time low

Relations between the state government and Bass Coast Shire Council have soured in the wake of the car ferry flip-flop.

MP for Bass Jordan Crugnale this week did not hold back in censuring the council, describing the move to renege on the deal to oversee the study as "not a good look at all".

"It's very much a "proceed with caution" in terms of relations (with the council)," Ms Crugnale said.

She said it was the shire council who had "long pushed" for the feasibility study funding to investigate the Cowes jetty as a car ferry terminal.

"They raised it at every catch up from the start of my term, sought advice, worked with the relevant departments, applied through the appropriate program and then received the funding, announced the timeframe for going to tender, and now we see this," she said.

"We provided funding to the Bass Coast Shire to conduct a feasibility study into the Cowes to Stony Point car ferry. They accepted and subsequently declined the funding and have decided not to proceed with the project."

Ms Crugnale said the state government would not fill the vacuum created by the shire announcement.

"At this point, there are no plans to complete a feasibility study for the Cowes to Stony Point car ferry."

## Soured

Ms Crugnale said it was "not the first time" the shire had "chopped and changed midway" in a project, citing other examples including opting out of a regional skate park at San Remo and then Newhaven, and community housing.

"Council need to be very mindful when applying for funding or signing agreements that they will meet their obligations, subsequent time-



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lines and not chop and change midway - this goes for everything from sporting facilities upgrades, oval lighting, new pavilions through to PICAL's new premises delays, which challenges us getting on site to start building the community hospital to provide much needed services for our Phillip Island and visitor communities."

She urged the shire to "get a move on" regarding the transfer of the old Wonthaggi Senior Campus site.

"They are being gifted this massive piece of land and amazing opportunity to reimagine into a cultural, arts, civic precinct and no proper community engagement has even started to develop up concept plans."

It is believed the shire asked for the \$200,000 funding set aside for the car ferry feasibility study to be repurposed for another project.



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# Councillor will contest state election

A Bass Coast Shire councillor has confirmed he will contest the upcoming state election as a National Party candidate.

Former mayor and Bunurong Ward councillor Brett Tessari was endorsed at the National Party's state conference to stand for the seat of Bass at the November 26 Victorian election.

Cr Tessari confirmed the party approached him to be their candidate after he opted not to stand for pre-selection for the Liberal party in February.

"I joined the Liberals in December but decided not to nominate early in the piece because I was not happy with the background politics of the Liberals and so I resigned," the 53-year-old father of three said.

"Not long after the Nationals approached me for the role."

Cr Tessari said the National Party was more aligned to his outlook because they "were community minded and family is everything", saying he supported road upgrades, more public transport and funding for erosion mitigation.

"They are very strong on a fair go for regional and rural Victoria, which I support."

While Cr Tessari - who was born in Wonthaggi and continues to live there - has no agricultural back-



Former mayor and Bunurong Ward councillor Brett Tessari will contest the upcoming state election as a National Party candidate.

ground he said he looked forward to working more closely with farmers.

He agreed that as a councillor for six years he had been an independent operator and he would now have to be "careful" and represent the party.

"I have been a free agent and sometimes my mouth moves faster than my brain.

"They are keen for me to be me and

speak but I can't make outlandish promises ... They don't want to block me."

He said the loss of the Liberal Nationals coalition in the Federal election did not deter him.

"I expected it. It showed women want to be listened to more and people are sick of the typical politician," Cr Tessari said, describing himself as a "community minded and simple guy".

## Campaign

While campaigning has yet to begin, Cr Tessari said he would now need to be more aware of any conflicts of interest in council meetings, adding he would continue in his role as councillor up to the election if he was successful in his election bid.

He will continue to work as a real estate agent for LJ Hooker in Inverloch, as well as continuing his roles on the boards of the Municipal Association of Victoria, a board representing disadvantaged kids and also as chair of the Gippsland Football League.

"I'll have to become very efficient. I do get bored easily.

"My life could be easier if I sat down and did nothing but I'm doing it because I love representing the community and fighting for residents."



Joshua and Taylor Savage have been directed to stand trial in the County Court. The men were arrested and cash, jewellery, a boat, motorbike, jetski and four vehicles were seized during police raids in August 2020.

# Savage case goes to trial

Following the conclusion of a Committal Hearing at the Latrobe Magistrates' Court last week, Joshua and Taylor Savage were directed to stand trial in the County Court.

The two brothers, formerly of Cowes, were charged with a series of residential burglaries throughout 2020.

The burglaries had targeted business owners throughout Cowes, Leongatha, Wonthaggi and Inverloch. A number of victims gave evidence at court.

Magistrate Duffy concluded that there was sufficient evidence for a jury to convict and subsequently directed Joshua and Taylor Savage to stand trial in the County Court. A directions hearing is scheduled for the end of July with the trial likely to be in 2023.

## Arrest

The brothers were arrested during dramatic early morning raids on four Cowes properties on August 13, 2020. Cash, jewellery, a boat, motorbike, jetski and four vehicles were seized. The raids were the culmination of an extensive six-month police undercover operation.

A spate of robberies targeted small business owners over a six-month period.

Detective Peter Johnston, of the Bass Coast Crime Investigation Unit

(CIU) said assets recovered during the raid had been purchased with cash removed from safes stolen in 19 separate burglaries that occurred over six months.

A total of seven vehicles, including a 2018 Ford Ranger unit valued at \$50,000 had allegedly been purchased by the brothers. Of these, four were seized during the raids, with the other three allegedly on sold.

Among other items seized was a six-metre Haines Cabin Cruiser valued at \$20,000; a SeaDoo jetski valued at \$10,000, and a KTM350 Dirt Bike valued at \$10,000.

Detectives said \$54,000 in cash had also been found by police on the day the four properties were searched. A further \$102,000 in cash was found on the following day.

## Modus operandi

Small business operators were followed and watched, with safes containing cash removed when the victims were away from home. The safes were later forced open and dumped after cash and other valuables were removed. One safe contained \$300,000 in cash, police alleged.

The court heard police interest in the brothers was honed when their unexplained wealth had become obvious to a number of people in the community.

## A ray of sunshine

Local resident Bill Severino was in the perfect spot to capture this rainbow in Church Street in Cowes last Wednesday.

It was one of the few rays of sunshine in the wet and cold start to winter.



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Cowes Streetscapes Master Planning project will see the redesign of Thompson Avenue, from The Esplanade to Church Street, aiming to reinvigorate the town and connect it to the foreshore, as well as favouring pedestrians over cars. Photo Michelle Diggins.

## Shabby or charming? Cowes revamp inspires debate

Cowes residents and traders have urged Bass Coast Shire to ensure no loss of parking in plans to redesign Thompson Avenue.

As detailed in last week's Advertiser, the shire has met privately with shop operators along the main street to discuss the Cowes Streetscapes Master Planning project.

The project, overseen by consultants Hansen Partnership, will see the redesign of Cowes main hub on Thompson Avenue, from The Esplanade to Church Street, aiming to reinvigorate the town and connect it to the foreshore, as well as favouring pedestrians over cars.

While the details of the project are yet to be publicly released, expected in coming months, it didn't stop residents and traders responding to the concepts.

Libby Imrie said there was "no overwhelming support from business owners" for one-way streets nor the loss of car parks on Thompson Avenue.

"There is a lack of parking

as it is six months of the year and now you want to take another huge chunk of it," Libby said on social media.

"Do you forget the elderly that live here that will not want to park up the top of the street and have to walk all the way down to access retail shops and cafes, then to have to walk back up the hill afterwards, in the heat of summer and wet of winter."

Louise Cropley questioned "why do they want to congest Cowes further during tourist season by removing access to roads, changing the flow, and making it difficult to get around town". "Leave the Esplanade alone," she added.

Darren Callesen said he had been disappointed with the current one-way Esplanade, with outdoor dining parklets taking valued parking space.

Sussi Kay suggested an audit of rents to ensure business longevity, as well as a plan to provide a mix of services, "not just more pop-up clothes shops and landfill \$2 shops selling plastics that end up in

our oceans".

Many on social media agreed the Cowes township needed a makeover, with "some shop fronts looking very run down and shabby".

Nick Carlson said Cowes "has an identity problem".

"It's a nothing town. There is no connection to the coast, environment, penguins ... it's a real hotchpotch of different things," Nick commented.

In contrast Sandra Robson said the unique character and charm of the town should be maintained.

"Don't do what Sorrento has done. It has lost most of its charm. Don't make it just another Chapel Street (Melbourne)," Sandra wrote.

Others suggested more public toilets were needed, while some called for better disabled access and one person added any major impacts to shop owners was poorly timed in the wake of Covid.

# Parking sensors at odds with masterplan

Is the plan to install parking sensors in Thompson Avenue next month at odds with the stated vision for the Cowes Streetscapes Master Plan?

The masterplan to redesign the Cowes main hub on Thompson Avenue aims to encourage pedestrians and "sustainable mobility", but it's unclear how it might impact the parking sensors.

According to Cowes resident Ken Hailey, if the new plans come in with their focus on pedestrians over cars, the new sensors could have to be ripped up.

"If they do this masterplan and shut off streets, or introduce parallel parking, as per the 2015 Cowes Activity Centre plan, what will happen to the sensors," Ken queried.

"Will they be ripped up?"

He said it all seemed a bit strange.

"They keep pumping these things out and obviously spending money to get a fancy redesign of Thompson Avenue.

"And the plans will change the parking, but still the sensors are being installed in July.

"I don't think one department is talking to

the other," he said.

Bass Coast Shire Council's Smart Parking project will see 375 parking sensors installed in on-street parking bays on Thompson Avenue, Chapel Street and The Esplanade.

A further 123 will be installed in the Cowes Transit Centre car park.

Residents and community groups have voiced their opposition to the \$343,000 parking sensors project describing it as a "revenue raising" operation by the council.

Community group Island Voice raised concerns about a lack of transparency, after the CEO Ali Wastie used her discretionary spending limit to approve the project, asking why the project was given the green light "without reference to the community or a priority list".

Following the Covid outbreak in 2020, Ms Wastie's spending limit was increased from \$250,000 to \$1 million, which means the CEO can singlehandedly spend \$1 million on shire projects, without the need to seek councillors' approval.



The sole remaining member of the Friends of San Remo Cemetery is pleading for councillors to preserve its future, with an upcoming master plan due to examine solutions to the cemetery budget issues.

## Who cares for the San Remo Cemetery?

The sole remaining member of the Friends of San Remo Cemetery is pleading for councillors to preserve its future.

At the May council meeting, council officers reported the cemetery returned a net loss of more than \$14,000 in the last financial year.

At the time, the officers said an upcoming master plan would examine solutions to the cemetery budget issues.

Jane Ross set up the Friends group 16 years ago and is very concerned about the cemetery and the upcoming report, which she has had no input into.

In a letter to councillors, she implored them to use "heart and soul" when considering the project.

"San Remo Cemetery is a community facility and the salient point is this: our loved ones lie buried there. They - and we - deserve respect."

She said although the Friends group had permission to weed the grounds, they were not allowed to plant anything.

"The cemetery officer has deemed some of plants already in the Memorial Garden "unsuitable" and apparently a landscape gardener must be employed to rectify this," Jane explained.

"I have suggested Landcare, Barb Martin Bushbank and friends with extensive horticultural knowledge would be cheaper. Being local, these people would be aware of the sometimes severe weather conditions on the Anderson Street hill."

She said the group had made a significant contribution to the cemetery including getting

entrance and rules signs installed and repaired, and holding monthly working bees.

"During our tenure, the sparsely planted Anderson Street boundary has been transformed with shrubs and trees, watered and nurtured by those living nearby.

"This is the street where the entrance is. Planting has also been undertaken along other boundaries. Some seating has been installed, where none existed before the group agitated for it."

At the group's suggestion, a Memorial Garden was established, providing an alternative place for ashes as well as honouring those whose graves are unmarked.

"A great deal of voluntary work has gone into the cemetery and I do not believe the efforts of those involved should be expunged by mere consideration of the bottom line," Jane said.

She hopes the upcoming master plan can be used to source grant funding for the cemetery and believes the contribution of the volunteers is not fully appreciated by the council.

"Dealing with a bureaucracy has not been easy for the Friends' group and members have left in frustration. I see this as a sad reflection of undervaluing volunteers.

"There is no museum or historical hub in San Remo and the cemetery, founded, I believe, in the mid-1850s, goes some way towards filling this gap.

"I am told all the early records were lost or burnt but there are historic graves there. Many of those who helped make San Remo the town it is today, are buried there."

## Council Update



### Draft Bass Coast Tracks and Trails Strategy 2022-2032

The draft Tracks and Trails Strategy aims to help Council create township connections through its network of tracks and trails, to enhance the experience of residents and visitors in Bass Coast.

The Strategy has assessed the current network of tracks and trails throughout the Shire and has identified 38 new trail opportunities to expand the local network.

Feedback received from the community will be critical in shaping the future of paths, tracks and trails within the Shire. For more information on the project and to make a submission visit [www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/ttstrategy](http://www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/ttstrategy).

### Jam Jerrup Road and Drainage Upgrade

Council wants to hear from property owners in Jam Jerrup, as part of a potential future road and drainage upgrade project. This community engagement is occurring as a response to a petition presented to Council in March 2022, calling for Jam Jerrup to be considered for reprioritisation on Council's priority list for road and drainage upgrade projects.

This engagement process is not a formal vote about whether a road and drainage upgrade will proceed or not. The purpose of this stage of the planning is to gauge the level of interest in the community for progressing this project.

For more information, or to provide feedback, visit [www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/jamjerrupscs](http://www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/jamjerrupscs). Alternatively, please contact Council's Asset Management Team on the numbers listed below.

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# Abandoning a shopping trolley? Think again

Shoppers will now face penalties if they abandon shopping trolleys in streets, while home hobby beekeepers face tougher restrictions, under Bass Coast Shire's new draft Local Law 2022.

The new draft – released last month and open for community feedback until June 16 – will regulate tree removal by property owners, and the use of monkey bikes and motorised toys on footpaths. It also includes a much-anticipated ban on residential wind turbines (see separate stories).

There is a section on graffiti, requiring a person to keep their land – including boundary fences – graffiti free. The law applies to tags, but exclude permitted graffiti art.

In a hit to private sellers, a new local law stipulates a person must not display a vehicle, caravan, boat or any other thing for sale on a road or municipal place.

As previously detailed in the Advertiser, the draft also outlines a range of short stay rental accommodation rules that ensure the peace of neighbours and waste management.

According to the shire, local laws have an automatic sunset clause after 10 years, with the new draft written following public consultation in February.

More than 240 online survey responses were received and 16 written submissions, leading to the release of the draft Local Law 2022 in May and the final set to be voted at council later this year.

According to the draft, the



The new draft Local Law 2022 regulates tree removal, the use of monkey bikes and motorised toys on footpaths, residential wind turbines, graffiti, and even stipulates a person must not display a vehicle, caravan, boat for sale on a road or municipal place.

shire can initially issue warnings to any offender, with the maximum penalty for an offence 20 penalty units.

A penalty unit is an amount of money set by parliament each year. From July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, a penalty unit is \$181.74 (two penalty units is \$363). The value of a penalty unit is set annually by the Victorian Treasurer, and is updated on July 1 each year.

## Shopping trolleys

Following the growing problem of dumped shopping trolleys – especially off the Cowes jetty during schoolies – the draft states a person must not leave a trolley on a road or in a municipi-

pal place, except in a designated area.

Furthermore, supermarkets must ensure their name and trading name are clearly marked on the shopping trolley and must not allow it to be abandoned.

Feedback from the consultation period showed Woolworths did not support fitting and operating trolley containment systems due to the cost and did not support penalties to trolley owners, proposing instead the offence should lie with the individual who has abandoned a trolley.

The supermarket giant has worked with the shire on the draft local Law and proposed using the Trolley Tracker app

to track and report trolleys to Woolworths “without the shire becoming involved”.

## Bees

In March last year Coronet Bay residents say they were scared to go into their own backyards due to bee swarms from a neighbour's hives.

“The issue of beekeeping in residential areas is a growing source of complaints to council,” the local law review states.

As such the new draft states an authorised officer can direct a person to relocate a beehive on any private property if the number or location of beehives gives rise to a risk to safety.

In addition, an owner or occupier of private property must, within seven days of becoming aware of the existence of an unmanaged European beehive take steps remove the hive.

## Drones

Initially the shire was set to regulate drone use in the new draft, however this was removed.

Shire CEO Ali Wastie said they looked into including the use of drones in the new Local Law, “however upon seeking legal advice, it was determined that because the use of drones and model aircraft is regulated under the Civil Aviation Safety Regulations 1998 there was no space for Council to regulate their use as well”.

Submissions close June 16. See more Local Law coverage on page 10.



Honorary Islanders Vika and Linda Bull, whose family has owned a holiday home on Phillip Island for decades, both received an OAM for services to the performing arts.

# Queen's Birthday Awards announced

Honorary Islanders Vika and Linda Bull were among 428 people who received an Order of Australia Medal (OAM) as part of the Queen's Birthday honours list.

The sisters, whose family has owned a holiday home on Phillip Island for decades, both received an OAM for services to the performing arts.

Terri Allen of Wonthaggi also received an OAM, for her conservation work, including with Friends of the Wonthaggi Heathlands, Wonthaggi Seed bank and Nursery and the Historical Society.

The Governor-General announced Honours to 992 Australians.

“Collectively the recipients, whose achievements span community service, science and research, industry, sport, the arts and more, represent the very best of Australia,” Governor David Hurley said.

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# Crackdown on monkey bikes, scooters

In a win for residents concerned about road and footpath safety, Bass Coast Shire will crack down on the use of scooters, skateboards and monkey bikes.

The new draft Local Law 2022, released last month, has been revised to “better address nuisance, intimidating, obstructing, damaging or unsafe behaviour in a municipal place”, of wheeled toys including skateboards, rollerblades and motorised toy vehicles “all propulsion types”.

This follows nation-wide safety concerns, with local residents also highlighting the potential for accidents, especially youngsters riding without helmets and carrying too many passengers.

“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,” voiced one resident earlier this year.

The draft Local Law 2022 has a clause about the use of wheeled non-motorised recreational devices and wheeled children’s toys, which states they must not be used in a municipal place “so as to endanger, intimidate or unduly obstruct any other person or vehicle lawfully using or intending to use the same area, or damage property”.

Furthermore, the Local Law allows the shire to determine a municipal place where the use of these toys is prohibited and “reasonably likely to cause physical damage to infrastructure, or would prevent the free passage of other users of the road or municipal place, or damage property, or Council assets”.

The Local Law also beefs up controls around the use of motor bikes and motorised recreational vehicles on council land and private land without a permit.

Earlier this year the shire sought community feedback before it drafted the new Local Law, and on the issue of ebikes comment was divided, with some supporting them as environmentally friendly alternatives, while others said monkey bikes were dangerous and should be banned.

One immediate neighbour, Anthony, even sold his property in anticipation of the turbine’s construction.

“We sold because of the turbine and had to put a clause into the sale of contract about it being built,” Anthony said, adding the shire had “completely fobbed us off”.

He said the noise would have been like “a lawnmower at midnight”.

Residents said they supported renewable energy, but not the on the scale of the proposed turbine so close to homes.

At the time residents received a question-and-answer information sheet from the shire’s planning department stating planners had exhausted all avenues of action to stop the turbine’s erection.

“Council has no power available to it to address the proposed issues associated with the installation of the structure,” the Q&A sheet stated.

“The only authority that can intervene to support and address the community’s concerns is the state government through an amendment to the Victorian Planning Provisions.”

# Surf Beach finally gets turbine victory

After dodging the issue for two years, Bass Coast Shire has finally clamped down on the erection of residential wind turbines.

In 2020 there was community outcry in Surf Beach after a resident was set to build a 10.5-metre-high turbine that required no permits.

Up to now the shire’s response has largely been they were unable to intervene on the issue, saying only the state government was best placed to resolve the problem.

However, in its draft Local Law 2022, released last month, they have added a clause which bans residential wind turbines.

The clause states that “unless permitted under the planning scheme or other legislation, an owner or occupier of private property must not, without a permit, erect or install, or cause or allow to be erected or installed, a wind turbine or similar device, other than a wind energy facility, on any land less than 5000 square metres in a built-up area”.

While the Surf Beach turbine has never been erected, the new Local Law is good news to surrounding residents who feared it would be a permanent noise and visual blight and threaten the nearby Shearwater population.



Submissions on the draft Local Law close on June 16. [engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/llreview-2022](http://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/llreview-2022)

The new draft Local Laws enforce regulations on keeping grass trimmed on nature strips. When similar guidelines were released in the City of Port Phillip last year, residents fought

# Trees, nature strips protected under new rules

Homeowners will not be allowed to cut, trim, prune or remove significant trees on their property, under Bass Coast Shire’s new draft Local Laws.

The new rules are also tough on residents planting any vegetation on nature strips and enforce regulations on keeping grass trimmed.

In a move designed to protect significant trees on private property – following years of constant felling by ratepayers – the new Local Law states an owner or occupier must not, without a permit cut, trim, lop, or prune any significant tree or protected tree on private property less than 5000 square metres.

A significant tree is defined by various criteria such as trunk circumference, and the new Local Law also states these rules apply where not covered by other legislation, including properties mapped as bushfire prone or with bushfire management overlays.

In addition, the Local Law states landholders cannot carry out any other works within the tree protection zone of a significant tree or protected tree, in order to protect roots.

The Phillip Island Conservation Society has been lobbying to protect significant trees

with president Jeff Nottle welcoming the new measures.

“We support the proposal to define what constitutes a “significant tree” and to require a permit before pruning or removal of any tree deemed significant,” he said.

## Nature strips

When the City of Port Phillip last year released draft nature strip guidelines that would limit the amount of public space that could be turned into gardens, hundreds of residents across 13 suburbs – who had grown plants on footpaths, lanes and median strips – fought the measures.

Now the shire has introduced similar rules under the new draft Local Laws 2022 stating an owner or occupier of private property must ensure the nature strip adjacent to their home is maintained in a neat and tidy condition.

Home owners now require a permit if they want to plant or remove vegetation from a nature strip or undertake any landscaping on a nature strip, road or municipal area.

They must also not remove soil from these areas while the law states grass must not exceed 300mm in height.



Robbie Gray, Ecosystem Services Manager (BCLN) (far right) and Aaron Stephens, Invasive Species Project Officer (BCLN), with members of Phillip Island Landcare and Sunderland Bay Coastcare Group at the recent “Tackle Rabbits” launch.

# Teaming up to tackle rabbits

A new project to tackle control of rabbits across the island was launched last month.

The Bass Coast Landcare Network launched the project on May 12, with representatives from Phillip Island Landcare, Phillip Island Conservation Society, Bass Coast Shire Council and all nine Phillip Island Coastcare/Coast Action groups in attendance.

Invasive Species Officer Aaron Stephens from the Bass Coast Landcare Network presented the three-year project which will involve a large-scale rabbit control effort focused on forming buffer zones around high biodiversity

areas such as the Summerlands Peninsula and Observation Point.

The Teaming Up to Tackle Rabbits project also has a substantial focus on community engagement, with a subsidy offered for residents of the island to have rabbit control done on their properties. Field days will also be run to help the community find out more about the project.

For more information contact Aaron Stephens at [aaron.stephens@basscoastlandcare.org.au](mailto:aaron.stephens@basscoastlandcare.org.au) or visit the Bass Coast Landcare website at [www.basscoastlandcare.org.au/tacklerabbits.html](http://www.basscoastlandcare.org.au/tacklerabbits.html)

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# Water charges “out of control” says Cowes property owner

A Cowes property owner has blasted Westernport Water for its fixed use charges, describing them as “out of control”.

Chris Heane has been visiting Phillip Island since he was a child and owns a property here, where he was hoping to retire.

He said he was shocked to discover that water charges on a “vacant knock down rebuild block” in Cowes cost more than a residence in Melbourne over the same period.

This is despite little to no water being used at his Cowes address.

“Seriously, how is this even possible?” he asked.

“Westernport Water with its responsibilities to supply such a basic necessity should be accountable and importantly, competitive, and they need to better inexplicable situations like this,” Chris said.

Westernport Water’s fixed charges can make up to 80 per cent of the average water bill and it is a criticism frequently raised by customers.

In response to Chris’ concerns, a Westernport Water spokesperson said it could not comment on the specific issues.

“Westernport Water does not comment on individual customer matters publicly.

“For clarity, the ‘vacant land – connected’ water access charge is the same as the ‘standard residential’ water access charge.”

The spokesperson also said the Victoria water sector is regulated by the Essential Services Commission, which approves the maximum prices Westernport Water can charge, “following an assessment of our costs to ensure that they are efficient and provide value for our customers”.

“We know that our customers have opposing views on the balance between our fixed charges and variable water charge,” the spokesperson said.

“Last month, customers were invited to participate in a three-hour deliberative forum on this very matter to inform our price structure from 2023-28. In considering any change, we will need to be mindful of the potential impacts on all of our customers.

“Our team is now collating all the feed-



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back and will present a draft price proposal for further customer consultation in July before lodging with the Essential Services Commission in September 2022.”

## Pricing issue

In March, Dona Tantirimudalige, Westernport Water’s Managing Director, told the Advertiser reducing fixed costs would not result in cheaper water bills for everyone.

Ms Tantirimudalige confirmed the annual household water bill for Westernport Water property owners is \$1189 – the sixth most expensive out of the 16 Victorian water corporations.

However the annual household water bill for Westernport Water tenants is \$186 – the lowest of all the water corporations. This compares to the state average of \$340.

Westernport Water customers also consume the least amount of drinking water in the state, Ms Tantirimudalige said.

Figures provided by Westernport Water showed the annual average across all

Victorian water corporations is 182 kilolitres per household. Westernport Water’s is roughly half of that, at 92 kilolitres per household.

“Due to low consumption, the majority of our revenue is received from fixed access charges. If we were more reliant on variable water tariffs for revenue, the price per 1000 litres would have to increase,” she said.

“Modelling has shown the impact of this shift would impact tenants, large families and business owners the most.”

The large number of holiday homes in the area does have an impact on the water board’s operations.

“There is the cost of infrastructure in the ground, regardless of whether someone is there using the water or not,” she explained.

“There are fixed things that we have to do regardless of how much water is being used.”

Chris Heane remains unimpressed.

“Regardless of the number of consultants or lawyers they get to word the reply to such protests the fact you can be charged more for a service you’re not using or required for a period of time has a stink about it that goes beyond the water or sewage charges,” he said, claiming the organisation was more concerned with profits than the cost of living concerns of its customers.

He said he felt obliged to highlight and protest the cost “if nothing else to force this comfortable and seemingly complacent corporation to justify its costly pricing model”.

“With cost-of-living issues that are only going to get worse I think we have every right to demand a vigorous and active review and audit of what overheads and costs that could possibly result in being charged for services clients are not even using.”

The Essential Services Commission publishes an annual water performance report, which provides price, quality and service comparisons between each water corporation.

[www.esc.vic.gov.au](http://www.esc.vic.gov.au)



Chris Ross (left) president of PIFNC, accepting a new defibrillator from John Matthews, Director of San Remo District Financial Services.

# A lifesaving commitment to community

Peter Paul, Chair of the San Remo, Cowes and Grantville Bendigo Community Bank, said this week the community bank has donated over 40 defibrillators to community organisations and local halls committees, for use by the community in times of emergency.

The bank has invested in excess of \$100,000 toward the health and welfare of our community in this way, Mr Paul said.

The defibrillators have been placed strategically within the community, so that they are visible and accessible, should the need for one in an emergency arises.

The latest recipient of a lifesaving defibrillator is the Phillip Island Football Netball Club (PIFNC).

The Bendigo Community Bank stepped up last week to replace the Club’s previous defibrillator, which was stolen.

# Tell us what you really think ...

We’d like to know what you enjoy in the paper, what you like to see more of, what you’d like less of, and new things we could introduce.

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# Fantastic finish as Vicki clocks up 14,080 kms

Vicki Thompson just finished a trip around Australia.

But it wasn't by car, by plane or even in a caravan. Vicki's trip was a virtual one that saw the 76-year-old from The Gurdies run 14,080 kilometres.

Her journey ended last month at the Churchill Island Park Run, where Vicki was cheered on by fellow runners when she crossed the finish line for the Run Down Under.

The final five-kilometre run was the end of a five-and-a-half-year journey (1966 days to be precise) which saw Vicki running every day.

"I usually run about five kilometres every day," Vicki said.

The keen Park Run participant said she learned about the Run Down Under after she saw other Park Runners wearing the distinctive t-shirts.

She paid the \$60 fee to sign up, got her Run Down Under t-shirt and got started.

With her Garmin watch she could measure her run time, speed and distance. This then connected into the Strava running app, which in turn fed her results into the Run Down Under.

From there, she could see a map that showed exactly where she was on her journey.

The round Australia trip was perfect for keeping motivated, said Vicki.

"Sometimes I might do a quick calculation and realise I just need another three kilometres to get to this town, so I head off again."

Occasionally she even managed to meet up with her "virtual self".

"Earlier this year, I was approaching Melbourne on the run, and I could see from the map that I was near Officer," Vicki said.

"So I went down there and ran."

On Australia Day, she drove to Rosedale to meet up with virtual Vicki.

"I stopped in Traralgon and did a Park Run. Then I went walking around Rosedale."

"I was sitting in the car updating my app when I got an email saying 'congratulations, you've made it to Rosedale,'" she laughed.

She said she calculated the kilometres carefully, so she could finish her journey with the Churchill Island Park Run.

After running 23 kms in the Great Ocean Road Marathon, Vicki knew she had 4.93 kms left to run.

"Because I run so much on my own, I wanted to do my finish at a Park Run where I knew people."

"On Saturday, there were about eight people in their Down Under Run shirts. And the run director was also doing it, so she knew what it was all about."

The queen of understatement, Vicki admitted it was "sort of exciting" when she crossed the finish line.

And while she shrugs of suggestions that she's inspiring, she does hope her achievement has encouraged the other runners undertaking the challenge.

## Goals

The dedicated runner has already set herself a new goal – she's now



Crossing the finish line – Vicki Thompson completed her 14,080 km virtual run around Australia at the Churchill Island Park Run last month.

"unlocked" the next map, which is a 15,490km run around the country.

She's also hoping to run at every one of the 98 Park Run across Victoria and has already sampled quite a few, saying her best Park Run time was 35 minutes and 40 seconds, in Hastings, back in 2015.

So where does this passion and determination come from?

"I've been running since I was 36. I started because I was fat," she said matter-of-factly.

"It's good weight control, a good mood lifter. It helps you sleep at night."

Her running obsession started casually enough.

Working at the Adelaide Children's Hospital, she joined her colleagues in a keep fit group, which exercised together twice a week.

After exercising inside for half an hour, the group would then go for a run along the river.

"First off, we ran to one bridge. Then the leader said she thought some of us could run to the second bridge, so I did," Vicki said.

That bridge turned into the next, and another, and then it was suggested they train for the 12km City to Bay fun run.

"I did that and at the end of it, they were giving out entry forms for a 42km marathon."

"I thought, you have to be kidding. Who could run that far?"

Proving herself wrong, Vicki ran her first marathon in 1981 and has since done 39 others.

She's currently got her sights on completing the Melbourne Marathon in October.

It will be her 24th.

Vicki is part of an elite group known as the Melbourne Marathon Spartans, with runners awarded coloured singlets signifying the number of events they've successfully completed: green for 10, blue for 15, red for 20 and black for 25.

She's one of the few females to have reached 20 and proudly sports her red Spartans singlet, but she's got her eye firmly set on securing the black.

After losing a year due to Covid, Vicki said last year's run wasn't her fastest, so she's hoping to improve this year.

"You have to finish in under seven hours."

While she admits she not as quick as she used to be, back at Park Run, she's setting records, currently competing in the 75 – 79-year age bracket.

"Since I turned 75, I've set 24 Park Run age category records," she said, including clocking the fast time in that age group.

"In some park runs, there hasn't been anyone in my age group, or if they have, they've walked."

"I have beaten some running times, but you don't have to be fast. I'm definitely not a sprinter; I'm a long-distance run/walker," she said.

"People who haven't done Park Run think it's only for runners, but that's not so."

"It's for everyone. There's a lady at Inverloch who walks with a guide dog."

As Vicki sets off on her latest virtual trip, she said she's keen to keep moving.

"I want to keep doing this forever ... while the old body can put up with it."



The SealSpotter Challenge is also used to see how many seals are entangled in marine plastics like fishing line and bags. Dr Rebecca McIntosh works with a researcher to rescue an injured seal.

## Citizen scientists to help protect Australian fur seal colonies

Researchers from Phillip Island Nature Parks are calling on the community to become 'citizen scientists' in a unique opportunity to help protect our population of Australian fur seals.

Using drone technology, marine scientists have captured thousands of photographs of seal colonies at Seal Rocks off Phillip Island, and The Skerries near Mallacoota.

With the help of budding conservationists via an online portal, these images will be used to identify new pups and entangled seals. This count data is vital for ecosystem monitoring, and for the ongoing protection of this species.

Now in its fifth year, Phillip Island Nature Parks Marine Scientist Rebecca McIntosh said the SealSpotter Challenge is growing in popularity, with people from more than 90 countries identifying more than 120,000 seals last year, a tally that includes counting each photo up to 10 times for accuracy.

"Together, the two colonies are home to about 30,000 seals, which is a big proportion of the species," Dr McIntosh said.

"We learn so much from using drones."

"They let us study the colony without disturbing the seals, which is something we've really never been able to do before."

"In the past, we were very limited in when and how often we could count

the seals. Now, we can safely count them right when we need to and go back as often as we like.

"That's absolutely critical in getting a better handle on what's really going on."

"From on-the-ground counts over the last 20 years, we're seeing a decline in the number of pups being born each year, and that's really concerning."

"But that is from a pup census being performed only every five-years, so it's hard to put our finger on exactly what's happening. This species is a top predator in the ecosystem, so if something is impacting them there's likely a bigger story going on, and we need to know about it."

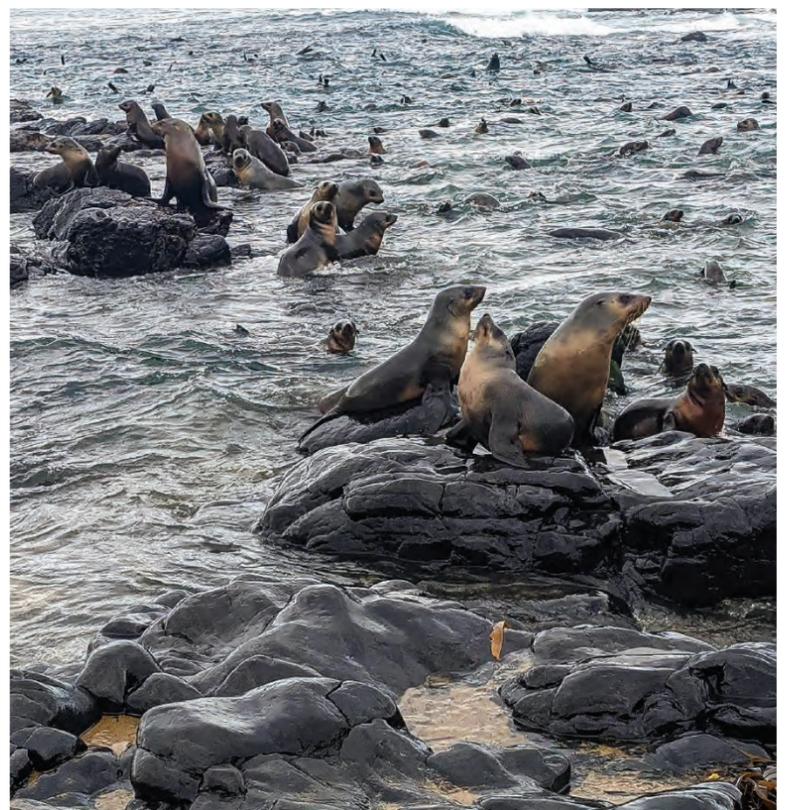
The SealSpotter Challenge is also used to see how many seals are entangled in marine plastics like fishing line and bags.

"Young seals are playful and naïve and easily get tangled in marine debris," said Dr McIntosh.

"It's absolutely heartbreaking to see, and with more and more plastic getting into the ocean, the issue is not going away. We need the community to be our eyes here, so we can stay on top of the problem as much as possible."

The SealSpotter challenge runs until June 22.

For more information about SealSpotter, visit: [natureparksresearch.com.au/sealSpotter/](http://natureparksresearch.com.au/sealSpotter/)



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Other Run Down Under participants and the Churchill Island Park Run team cheered Vicki on in the final leg of her epic journey.

## Tips to take the stress out of tax time

It's that time of year when we all start to think about tax.

You can lodge your own tax return using the ATO's myTax online system, fill out a paper return, or use a registered tax agent.

Regardless of how you plan to lodge your tax, here's a few things to consider before you lodge your return.

### Working from home

If you work from home, you can claim a tax deduction for the work-related proportions of household costs such as:

- Heating, cooling and lighting bills
- Costs of cleaning your home working area (including cleaning products or payment for a domestic cleaner if required)
- Depreciation of home office furniture and fittings
- Depreciation of office equipment and computers
- Costs of repairing home office equipment, furniture and furnishings
- Small capital items such as furniture and computer equipment costing less than \$300 can be written off in full immediately (they don't need to be depreciated)
- Computer consumables (like printer ink) and stationery

- Phone (mobile and/or landline) and internet expenses

Ideally, you should have a specific room set aside as a home office. If you are using a room with a dual purpose (eg dining room), or a room shared with others (eg lounge room), you can only claim the expenses for the hours you had exclusive use of the area.

There are three ways to calculate your home office costs: a flat rate allowance (of 52 cents per hour), 80 cents per hour (which covers everything – only available until 30 June 2022) or claim actual costs.

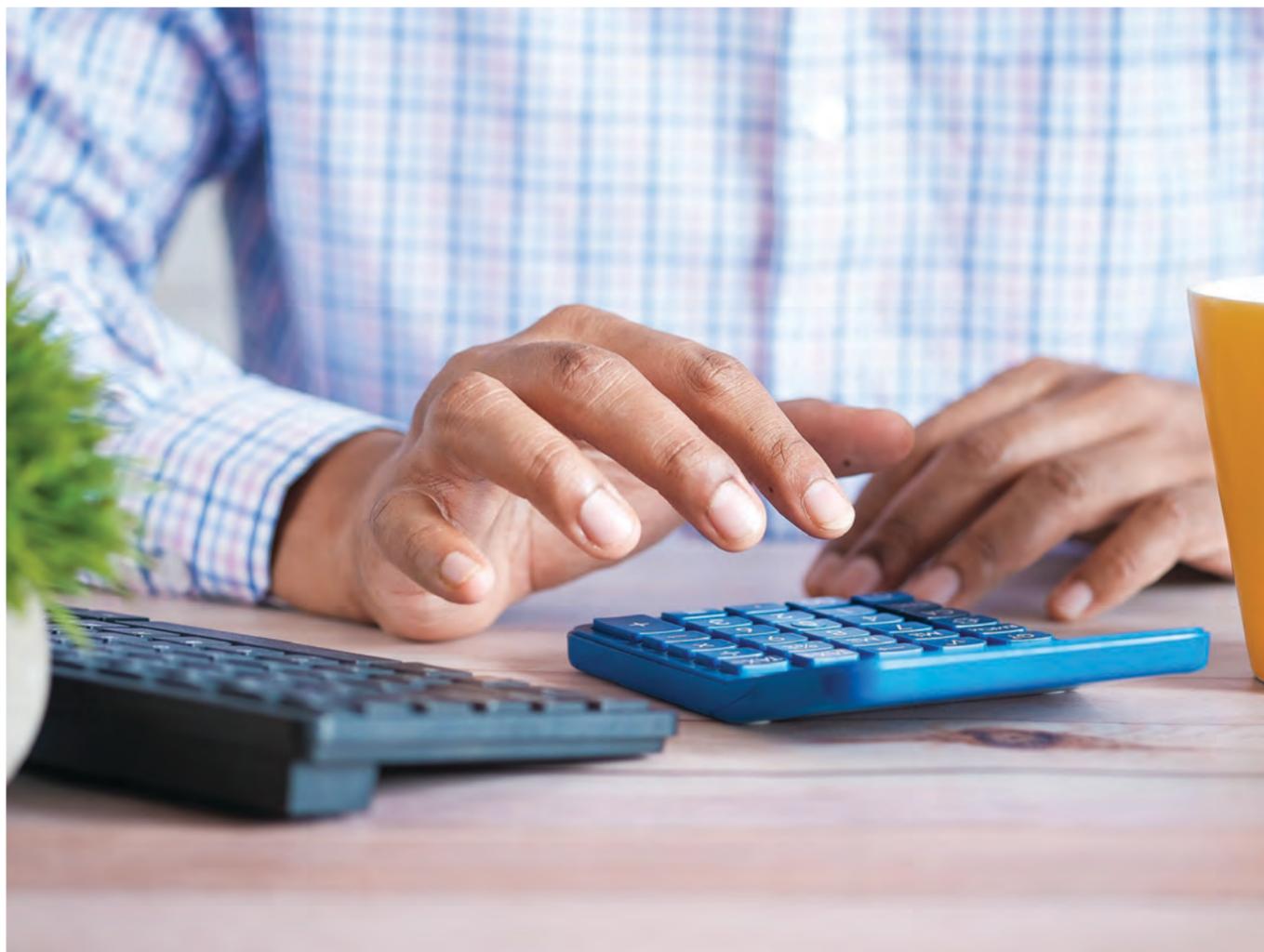
Details of what is required for the three different methods are available on the ATO website, or from your accountant.

You can also claim for stationery that is used exclusively for work purposes.

Been studying this year? Then the good news is you can claim the cost of any work-related courses – but they must relate directly to your current role.

If you are lodging your own tax return, it needs to be lodged by October 31.

For tax information go to [www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Your-tax-return/How-to-lodge-your-tax-return/](http://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Your-tax-return/How-to-lodge-your-tax-return/)



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The Federal government's MoneySmart website has some great tips and tools for helping to manage your finances.

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all ages, backgrounds and incomes to build a better life.

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It explains other options, such as contacting the National Debt Hotline and the Small Business Support Line.

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Former Melbourne captain and AFL superstar David Neitz was the host at the San Remo Hotel MND Big Freeze fundraiser.



Oscar Tuchan about to get plunged into icy water on the Big Freeze fundraiser. The 11-year old smashed his \$1000 target, raising \$1265 for FightMND.



Chrissie Berdy from San Remo was one of the first to take the plunge to help raise money for MND research at the San Remo Hotel.



Chabelle Chisholm, Diana Sutherland, Leah Williams from Cape Woolamai and San Remo support the MND fund raising event at San Remo Hotel on Sunday.

# Warm hearts for the Big Freeze

The cold and wet weather was no deterrent to enthusiastic locals who turned out in big numbers to support the Big Freeze at the San Remo Hotel on Sunday.

Hosted by Daniel Mock and his team, and helped out by former Melbourne Football captain David Neitz, over \$13,000 was raised to help the fight against MND.

Local legends – on and off the football field – lined up to take the plunge into ice cold water, to raise money for this worthwhile cause. David Neitz, former Melbourne captain and founder of Brewmanity, was on hand to help with the fundraising, and the following day he took the plunge himself at the Big Freeze 8 event at the MCG, in a Braveheart costume.

## Plunge

Back at San Remo, locals taking the plunge included footballers Cam Pedersen, Taylor Gibson, Jack Taylor and Hayden Bruce.

Hotel Manager Daniel Mock got frocked up and led by example, taking the plunge in a tasteful frock and pearls, with staffers Chrissie Berdy, Mandy Lappin and Nola Monahan, as well as Peter Williams all getting into the icy water for a great cause.

Harry Anderson, Callum Ch-

isholm and Harry O'Brien also took the plunge, while the youngest to brave the icy waters was 11-year-old Oscar Tuchan.

Oscar smashed his \$1000 fundraising target, raising \$1265 for FightMND.

He said the event was “a blast”. “Thanks all who donated for getting me there,” Oscar said.

“We were dunked into an ice bath and it was super cold. It took quite some time to feel my hands again, but it was just a little pain compared to what a person with MND experiences.”

He said he was very proud of the “terrific community support”.

Organiser Daniel Mock described the day as “amazing!”.

An auction of two signed football jumpers raised over \$1000, while a raffle of a meat tray – generously donated by San Remo Butchers – added to the fundraising tally.

“Can I just thank San Remo Butchers, The Wash Shop San Remo and Print it Fast for their kind donations,” Daniel said.

“And all our staff and locals for their help and support on the day.”

“And thank you to the local community for their amazing support in what was one of our busiest days for a great cause!”

More photos at [pisra.com.au](http://pisra.com.au).



Sumo suit and all, Bass footy player Taylor Gibson (Gibbo) braved the icy tank to help raise money for MND research at the San Remo Hotel.



Jason and Susan Close and Russell Poulton join former Melbourne captain and AFL superstar David Neitz at the San Remo Hotel MND Big Freeze event on Sunday.



Former Melbourne AFL and current Phillip Island Bulldogs' player Cam Pedersen was plunged into the icy water on Sunday to help raise funds for MND research at the San Remo Hotel Big Freeze event.



Running the BBQ at the San Remo Hotel on Sunday for the MND Big Freeze fundraiser are volunteers (from left to right) Jack Underwood, Ian Glass, Kerry Underwood and Trish Glass.



San Remo Hotel Manager Daniel Mock was all frocked up as he took to the dunking tank to help raise money for MND research at their MND Big Freeze event, which raised over \$13,000.



Sparkly glasses wouldn't have done much to help Harry Anderson keep the cold at bay as he took the plunge on Sunday to help raise money for MND research.



An enthusiastic crowd showed up to the San Remo Hotel on Sunday for the MND Big Freeze fundraising event, with the hotel reporting one of its busiest days of the year.



The Phillip Island Movie Clubs is screening Promising Young Woman on Sunday June 19 at 2pm at the Penguin Parade.

## Movie Club mixes drama, comedy and horror

The Phillip Island Movie Club (PIMC) is screening "Promising Young Woman" on Sunday June 19 at 2pm at the Penguin Parade.

The 2020 film is described as an American drama/comedy/horror film and is rated MA for strong language and violence.

The doors will open at 1.30pm and the film starts at 2pm and runs for 108 minutes.

Secretary of the club, Margaret Byrne described "Promising Young Woman" as a brilliant film on a number of levels.

"But it will divide the audience because of the subject matter portrayal and its rawness," she said.

The film is written by Emerald Fennell, an English actor and director and filmed in 23 days when Emerald was only 36 years old. She won the Academy Award 2021 for the best original screenplay and the BAFTA

Awards for Best Screenplay and Outstanding British Film of the Year.

"Without giving too much away, the film tells the story of a young medical school dropout spiralling between grief, rage and revenge, after a life changing event," Margaret said.

Keep a note in your diary for future PIMC screening dates: July 17, August 21, September 11, October 23 and November 20.

The PIMC only provides free drinks at the first and last film shown during the year. However, drinks will be available at bar prices and everyone is welcome to stay and mix after the film, whether it's to discuss the film or catch up with friends.

Entrance is by membership only. For more information, email [phillipislandmovieclub@gmail.com](mailto:phillipislandmovieclub@gmail.com).



Locals Treena Livingstone, Allison Stewart, Pauline Grotto, Margie Hill, Heather Leary, Judy Pitcon, Kris Kane and Ruth Scott signed up for the workshop. "Wendy Stapleton is a legend," said Margie. More photos at [pisra.com.au](http://pisra.com.au)

## Women find their voices

The Newhaven Primary School hall was filled with song on June 4, when Wendy Stapleton and the Australian Women's Choir hosted a singing workshop.

Around 30 members of the choir came from Melbourne to sing alongside 30 local women who signed up for a unique singing experience.

The five-hour workshop included breathing and warm-up exercises before learning four songs, including harmonies. Performances of each song were filmed and will soon grace the Australian Women's Choir Facebook page.

For Maria who moved to Cape Woolamai four years ago, the workshop was a chance to learn more about singing.

"I wanted to meet people as well, as I feel quite isolated," she said.

Margie Hill organised a group of friends from Sunset Strip, San Remo, Cape Woolamai, Newhaven and Corinella, to do the workshop.

"Wendy Stapleton is a bit of a legend, and it was an opportunity to learn about how to sing," she said.

"It's a rare opportunity that

we can go to something so great so close to home.

"It's also a way to support musicians, who have had it tough the past few years."

Linda Bayly and her friends have an informal weekly singing group in West Gippsland.

When she saw the workshop on Facebook she called her friends and said "right, I'll drive" and they travelled across to Phillip Island.

For all the women, it was a chance to sing alongside fellow music lovers and get a taste of performance in a choir.

### Choir history

Singer and actress Wendy Stapleton formed the Australian Women's Choir eight years ago and the weekend workshop at Newhaven was only the fourth in its history.

The visit coincided with Wendy's Dusty Springfield sold-out performance at the Wooli Tavern that evening.

Many of the choir are regular visitors to Phillip Island, with family holiday homes in the area, while others visited as children.

Trish Simpson said she has fond memories of the family holiday house in Sum-

merlands, while Mary-Anne Larocca said she was staying at a family house in Smiths Beach.

Even those who didn't have a family connection said they were excited to be visiting the Island and performing that night.

Wendy said starting the group was about providing an opportunity for women to sing, "and it had to be fun".

The camaraderie amongst the group was apparent and clearly the connection was about more than just singing.

Helen Anderson first joined in 2014 and hasn't missed a session.

"There are choirs in Melbourne where you have to audition and if you're not good enough, you can't join.

"But we're not like that. Everyone is welcome. And we've all become good friends.

"This really is a support group. We help each other out," she said.

You can find out more about the Australian Women's Choir on their Facebook page. The group hopes to be able to come back to Phillip Island in the future, for workshops and performances.

Refugee Week



Coordinated by Refugee Council of Australia

To all those who've come from far and wide,

We're happy you're safe  
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**Event: Tuesday 21st June 2022**

**Venue: St John's Uniting Church at 2.00 pm**  
Cnr of Chapel St and Warley Ave, Cowes.

**Speakers and afternoon tea**

Gold coin donation

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**Happy Refugee Week**  
**19 - 25 June 2022**

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## Refugee Week on Phillip Island

The Rural Australians for Refugees (RAR) on Phillip Island will celebrate Refugee Week on Tuesday June 21 at St John's Uniting Church in Cowes.

The event which starts at 2pm includes guest speakers and afternoon tea.

An Iraqi family will speak about their refugee journey to Australia and their life in Australia since.

Entry is via a gold coin donation, and any donations of non-perishable food for refugees is welcome.

In April RAR raised funds for the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre with a sold-out Feast for Freedom dinner in the Rhyll Hall and a garage

sale.

Over 1100 feasts were held across the country and the Phillip Island group was in the top 25 fundraisers. Nationally the event raised over \$500,000 for asylum seekers.

Every Friday morning, RAR members gather on the corner of Thompson Avenue and Church Street and ring bells, calling for greater respect and humane treatment for refugees in Federal government policy.

Passers-by are welcome to join them.

RAR Phillip Island meet in Cowes on the last Tuesday in the month. New members are very welcome! Enquiries 0432 163 694.



Karima Al Ebrahimi is a guest speaker at the Rural Australians for Refugees event on Tuesday, June 21 at St John's Uniting Church in Cowes.



The Phillip Island TOWN Club held their presentation day in the Rhyll Hall last week. Our King was Vincent Vale, runner up Queen was Coral Adams and the Grad was Pamela Reeve. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Chris Davies 0421 559 521.

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## What's On This Week?



**Sun 19 June - 10.45am**  
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**Sun 19 June - 2.00pm**  
Tickets - [www.trybooking.com/BXRSP](http://www.trybooking.com/BXRSP)  
Flee [M] 1h30m  
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The Sapphires is a funny, heart-warming tale inspired by the true story of four Yorta Yorta Women, who sing classic soul hits against the backdrop of personal change and massive social upheaval. It is an energetic, fun, and engaging play that affirms life and the realisation of dreams.



#### Circling Time - Sunday 10 July 8.00pm

Songs & Stories by Kutcha Edwards

Tickets - [www.trybooking.com/BXIGO](http://www.trybooking.com/BXIGO)

From the wings of a darkened stage drifts the evocative, slightly haunting sound of clap sticks. A stoically paced figure slowly emerges singing in his traditional language. This mesmerising introduction heralds a performance by renowned Aboriginal singer/songwriter and proud Mutti Mutti, Yorta Yorta and Nari Nari man.



#### FILM - 28 June to 9 July

see our website for all session times

#### The Drover's Wife [MA15] 1h49m

On a remote homestead in the Snowy Mountains, a lonely bushwoman tries to run the family farm and raise her children while her husband is away. Director: Leah Purcell



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

A cinematic reinvention of a legendary concert that premiered in 2004. Kura Tungar-Songs from the River was a collaboration between singer-songwriters Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter - working with Paul Grabowsky and the 22-piece Australian Art Orchestra.



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# THE PULSE

Events, entertainment and community news

## Get a handle on The Handle Bars

Phillip Island Jazz presents The Handle Bars on Sunday June 19 at the Phillip Island Bowling Club in Cowes.

From 2pm - 4.30pm, jazz lovers will be transported to the glory days on Bourbon Street, New Orleans when the jazz was hot and the beers were cold.

Organisers say the group's experience with a range of top musicians ensures the audience will get fantastic value for money.

Leader Justin Fermino is a saxophonist, clarinetist and vocalist based in Melbourne, who began playing music at the age of 12. After completing a diploma of jazz performance whilst still in high school, he then moved to Sydney and completed a Bachelor of Music Jazz performance in 2010. Justin is an active composer and has written more than 100 compositions.

Performing highlights in his career include playing alongside Leroy Jones, Lulo Reinhardt, Bob

Barnard, James Morrison, Geoff Bull, Ian Date and Jason Marsalis. Justin has also toured Japan, China, United Kingdom, Ireland, Italy and Germany.

Grant Arthur is a multi-instrumentalist, singer, composer, producer and circus performer based in Melbourne. Known for his versatility you'll find Grant in a surprising diverse array of musical situations from playing Dixieland trombone with jazz masters or hard driving blue grass banjo.

Ben Harrison is a Melbourne-based trumpet player who has played extensively in Australia and internationally. He draws from classic influences such as Louis Armstrong, Roy Eldridge and Wild Bill Davidson as well as local heroes such as Stephen Grant and Geoff Bull to create his own take on traditional jazz playing.

Jonathan Brown is a double bassist and composer from New Zealand. After relocating from Auckland



Justin Fermino and The Handle Bars perform at the Phillip Island Bowling Club from 2pm on Sunday June 19, presented by Phillip Island Jazz.

land to Melbourne in late 2011 Jono quickly forged a path into the Australian jazz scene. His impressive abilities as a side man and bassist and led to playing opportunities

with local jazz luminaries.

Cade Brown is an esteemed Melbourne based pianist with extensive jazz and classical training and performance experience that has seen him perform with many of Australia's finest musicians.

Hayley Miro Browne is a washboard player from Melbourne. In light of her father Allan Browne's death in 2015, Hayley picked up his washboard to try to fill the gap left behind in her mother's Margie Lou Dyer's band and has been playing regularly ever since. Hayley has been playing percussion in the Margi Lou Dyer Quintet for seven years.

Come and enjoy a fantastic afternoon on jazz at the Phillip Island Bowling Club, 40 Dunsmore Road, Cowes, commencing at 2pm. Entry is \$15 for members and \$20 for visitors.

For more information please contact Robin Blackman 0432 814 407 or Jill Boyce on 0417 416 300.

## Making the world a better place for children

Island Story Gatherers will partner with the To Be Loved Foundation for a special film and discussion on Sunday, June 19 at St John's Uniting Church in Cowes.

The event will start at 2pm and tickets are \$10 and available through the trybooking website.

Join Darren Mort BSc, LLB, who will discuss his work as a barrister and his To Be Loved Foundation, supporting children and young adults through their journey of family breakdown via the Family Court.

The award-winning film "Tommy" will be shown, and a panel of legal experts will demonstrate Court procedures and explain how

they can improve the experience for children and young adults.

Representatives from community groups supporting families locally will also be present. In addition to his many achievements in law and the arts, Darren has also written a picture book, which will be for sale through the Turn the Page bookshop. Afternoon tea will be provided.

The event was original scheduled for April, but had to be rescheduled after one of the legal team tested positive for Covid.

Sunday, June 19, at St John's Uniting Church. Tickets: \$10 through Trybooking: [www.trybooking.com/BZPCG](http://www.trybooking.com/BZPCG).



The Island Story Gatherers partner with the To Be Loved Foundation for a special film and discussion night on Sunday, June 19, presented by Darren Mort.



Sunday 19th June, 2pm  
St John's Church, Cowes

Tickets \$10; [trybooking.com/BZPCG](http://trybooking.com/BZPCG)



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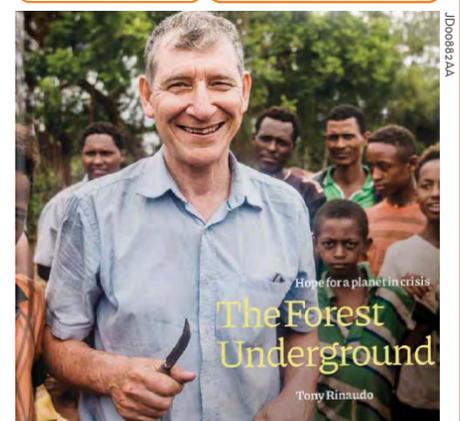


### CARING FOR SAM'S CHILDREN

Please support the fundraiser for Sam Fraser's children, to help cover the cost of their care and education. To donate, go to [gofund.me/b6e777cb](http://gofund.me/b6e777cb), or search [gofundme.com](http://gofundme.com) for "Caring for Sams Children".



### Afternoon Tea & Book Launch



#### Newhaven Yacht Squadron

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## Honouring our mental health heroes

The majority of Australians are touched by the impact of mental health in some way and there is no doubt that the past few years have been some of the most challenging in recent history.

Many live with the daily burden of anxiety or depression, or care for a loved one. Too many in our communities have been lost.

There are thousands of people working tirelessly to make a difference to the mental health of Australians and they should be recognised for their leadership. This is the goal of the Australian Mental Health Prize, established by UNSW Sydney to acknowledge those who are doing innovative work in areas such as advocacy, research or community service.

Nominations are now open and we strongly encourage people across the country to help us to honour the mental health heroes in your community. This year, the Prize has expanded the nomination categories for the first time.

More information and nomination forms can be obtained from [www.australianmentalhealthprize.org.au](http://www.australianmentalhealthprize.org.au). Entries close on August 1.

For those who are living with the burden of mental illness every day, thank you for your support.

*Lucy Brogden AM and Professor Allan Fels OA*

*Co-Chairs of the Australian Mental Health Prize Advisory Group*

## Indigenous issues not a left-right matter

Two recent surveys of candidates contesting the Federal election proved there is support across the political spectrum for Indigenous questions.

The Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group polled all Monash candidates on matters concerning Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities that have implications for a socially just, inclusive, humane and respectful society. The questions dealt with:

- Aboriginal self-determination, recently demonstrated in the Covid-proofing of Aboriginal communities by the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations;

- the need to address incarceration rates, starting by implementing the 339 recommendations from the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody 1991;

- raising the age of criminal responsibility, so 10 and 12 year-olds are no longer routinely imprisoned for offending, and emphasising development rather than punishment.

- support for enshrining a Voice to Parliament in the Constitution, and adopting in full the Uluru Statement from the Heart.

Only three candidates responded. Mat Morgan,

Greens candidate, Deb Leonard, Independent, and the Liberal incumbent, Russell Broadbent either wrote or met with us. The Greens had a fully elaborated policy on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues. Deb Leonard acknowledged the serious need for all matters surveyed to be fully addressed. Russell Broadbent offered support for all issues.

The second survey conducted by Reconciliation Victoria was sent to all 366 Victorian candidates across all parties. Despite a low response rate (17 per cent) Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues have support from parties and candidates representing the range of political and ideological positions. Australian Federation Party candidates gave most responses, followed by Independents and then Greens, no Liberal Party candidate replied. From Monash, only Deb Leonard responded.

The responses were remarkably affirming. Over 90 per cent gave positive support to questions concerning truth-telling and treaty, to constitutional recognition, the Uluru Statement and the Voice to Parliament, and to funding provision for Closing the Gap measures. Regarding self-determination, 18 per cent acknowledged they did not fully understand its meaning and elements, but support for it was still high.

If this level of support is translated into the newly elected Parliament, Aboriginal reconciliation may take some steps forward.

*Marg Lynn, Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group*

## On the right path

I am writing to thank the Advertiser for its ongoing coverage of walking and cycling paths.

Recently, Bass Coast Shire released the Tracks and Trails Strategy for public consultation. I'm delighted to see the Cowes to Ventnor Foreshore Trail is one of four high priority trails in the shire. After much thought and consideration, I believe that a shared path along the foreshore is preferable and this trail, once built, would be one of the most patronised and well-liked trails in the shire. A foreshore trail between Cowes and Ventnor allows residents along this entire stretch to safely access other trails commencing in Cowes. Residents of Ventnor can then safely access school, shops and workplaces.

With scenic views across Westernport, the foreshore trail would be very appealing to all users. The topography and amenity readily lends itself to a trail of all abilities including wheelchairs, prams, as well as older people and children who feel insecure on roads. During peak tourist periods numerous adults and children walk and cycle along busy Church Street into central Cowes. There are sections of Church

Street with no footpath and many cars park on the nature strips causing a conflict in use and safety concerns at intersections. The foreshore trail would offer an excellent alternative and significantly reduce pedestrian movements along Church Street. Providing safe and easy access along the foreshore would reduce vehicular traffic, pollution and congestion, particularly in peak tourism seasons.

I would encourage people to read and respond to the Strategy by the following means:

Online at [engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/ttstrategy](http://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/ttstrategy). Email your comments to [basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au](mailto:basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au) marked 'Draft Tracks and Trails Strategy'. Drop your comments in to one of the Customer and Visitor Centres by July 1 or post to Bass Coast Shire Council, PO Box 118 Wonthaggi, VIC 3995 marked 'Draft Tracks and Trails Strategy'

*Owen Bentley, Cowes*

## Proposed Bike Trail between Cowes and Ventnor

The main concern I have with the proposal to construct a bike trail between Cowes and Ventnor is the environmental damage that would be caused. The path would be three metres wide with another 0.5 metre space required on either side. This would result in large areas of trees, bushes and grasses being destroyed along the coastline, the very nature we want preserved to prevent coastal erosion and to keep the Island natural. Birds such as pardalotes, finches, and honey-eaters would lose safe havens as would wallabies and echidnas. Beautiful grassed areas where children play, or families and individuals walk quietly will be gone forever.

The proposed bike trail could also encourage people to make tracks between the bike path and the beach just to see where they are or to look at the beach or to leave rubbish. The coastline is fragile and should be preserved.

Several years ago while living in Ventnor, I would either walk or cycle into Cowes. To walk, it was along the beach. To cycle, I would use Harris Road, Ventnor Beach Road, Lyall Street, Anchorage Road, Red Rocks Road, the Fire Access Track to Church Street, Beach Road and then The Esplanade ... a safe way to ride from Ventnor to Cowes.

Finally, how and why has this proposal suddenly become of such high priority to the Bass Coast Shire? There are so many other projects on the Island which should be of higher priority, for example the dangerous steps to the beach at Mussel Rocks, the poor section of Justice Road between Church Street and Settlement Road, and the main entrance to the Island at Newhaven to name three.

*Lesley Feddersen, Cowes*



Phillip Island and District Genealogical Society members Jan Andrews (left) and Sophie Maddigan invite anyone who would like to trace their family back through the generations, and find out stories about their forebears' lives, to contact the Society.

# Search your family history right here in Cowes

You don't have to be a professional genealogist to have an interest in your family's history.

Family connection has become an increasingly popular topic these days, with TV shows featuring well-known celebrities working alongside professional genealogists and historians to uncover their family's story creating huge interest.

Viewers are now being inspired to do the same, with genealogy the fastest growing hobby in Australia.

You may be surprised to learn here on Phillip Island, members of the Phillip Island and District Genealogical Society can do much the same.

Their resources are extensive, with the Worldwide Ancestry Website and Find My Past available at the touch of a finger in their Chapel Street rooms.

So too information stored on CDs and microfiche that is not available online. Plus an extensive library full of historical records and history books for borrowing.

"While we are based on Phillip Island, our coverage is worldwide," said Sophie Maddigan and Jan Andrews this week.

Both women are experienced members of the society and among a team of local experts on hand at their Chapel Street headquarters (in the old kindergarten building), ready to assist anyone interested in this hobby.

"You can sit at our computers, and access exactly the same information that the TV shows go out and find.

"As their promotions tell us, just type in a name. You have no idea what you will find."

The good news is Jan, Sophie and their fellow members are only too happy to help anyone with an interest in genealogy.

Tracking and charting where you came from and who your ancestors were preserves the past for future generations ... and has never been easier.

"Anyone who has an interest is welcome to call in and our members will be only too happy to help you.

"We can show them how to use our computers. We can show them how to do their own research from home," Sophie and Jan say.

There's certainly a positive and enthusiastic vibe in the society's rooms.

"People are amazed at what we have. They have no idea what is available here.

"And that it is so easy to find if you just know how."

The ladies clearly love the work the society does, and can't wait for others to join them.

"It is so nice to be able to help people.

"Some of the stories we have found are amazing. Online English newspapers are very helpful for this. Other stories have been found in an online search."

## Fascinating stories

Society member Linda Patterson, for example, found to her great surprise that a great uncle on her mother's side was an illustrator

for Charles Dickens. Many of his sketches can be seen today in Dickens' novels.

On her father's side, Stephen Fowles, who served in the 44th Canadian Infantry, died in France in June 1918 six days after his 21st birthday. She discovered that he had been shot by a firing squad, at 3.50am, blindfolded and tied to a pole. He had deserted three times. His family had been told he died in action. He was one of 346 allied soldiers shot by their own. In 2001 the family were still waiting for an apology from the Canadian Government.

Jan Andrews typed in the name of her great great grandfather's brother Joseph Ivatt Harwood and was amazed at what she found.

In 1806 he brought an action in the Court of Kings Bench, Cambridge, against a medical man described as a chemist named Dawes, for having signed a certificate of lunacy against him, by which his mother had him shut away in a private mad house at Hoxton. The only evidence that he was mentally deranged was the allegation that whilst at Cambridge, he had gone to Brentford to take part in a Parliamentary election there. He was not a freeholder, yet he spent fifteen hundred pounds in favours and ribbons.

Sophie Maddigan researched her friend's great grandmother for her, and found she was a bigamist.

When Alfred married Mary in 1875, he did not find out until two weeks afterwards that Mary had already been married. She told him after a row about her excessive spending. They agreed that the original marriage certificate be left in the custody of Alfred's solicitor. They stayed together and went on to have six children. Further research showed Alfred divorced Mary 40 years later in 1915.

## Track your history

The society is keen to attract new members, and to offer its services to others who may like help tracing their family history.

"We enjoy the challenge and love doing this. Call in or phone if you would like our help."

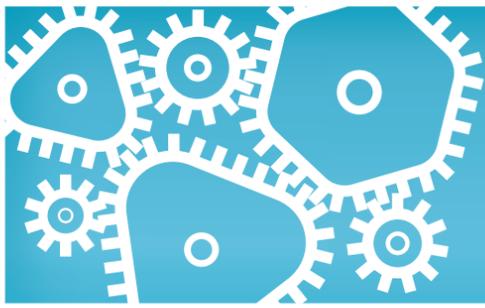
If you have a forebear that you would like to know more about, or want to find how to start tracking your family history, Jan, Sophie and their fellow members would love to hear from you.

The society also offers paid commissioned research for people who don't feel confident or have the time to do their own research.

Members are entitled to free access to research rooms; use of comprehensive collections of family history indexes, books, CDs and other material; internet access including to Ancestry and Find My Past.

The Phillip Island and District Genealogical Society, 56 Chapel Street (next to Waterboy Café). Open Tuesday 10am-1pm, Thursday 10am-4pm, Friday 1pm-4pm and Saturday 10am-1pm. Research rooms opened at other times by appointment.

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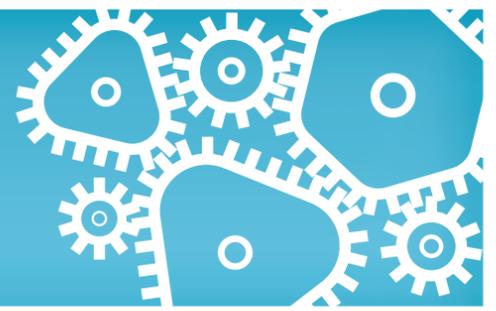
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### LEE, Margaret Rose:

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Passed peacefully with a breeze on her face.

Loved wife of Fred (dec.).

Loving Mum of Sue, Derick, Peter and Michael.

Loved by her grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchild.

Many thanks for the care, support and love given to Mum and to all of us by the Grossard Court staff.

An informal gathering to honour the life of Margaret Lee will be held at the Ventnor Pony Club Rooms, Lyall Street, Ventnor on FRIDAY (June 24, 2022) from 2:00pm – 4:00pm.

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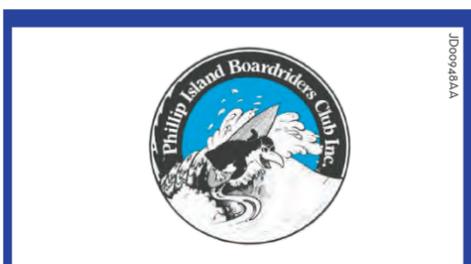
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# Cold, wet and windy against Bunyip

## U11s

The Phillip Island Under 11s played a great game of netball today in the wet, winning against Bunyip.

Phillip Island scoring 26 goals and Bunyip scoring 3 goals.

All the girls did such a great job out on the court.

The award winners this week are Ciara Santorini and Macy Piera.

Amazing job again girls.

## U13s

Another devastating blow dealt to their opposition with a 37-point win, holding Bunyip scoreless in the second quarter.

The agility of this team was on display with defender Ellie Hennessy playing a solid game in goals and Aisha Hibbert moving to defence.

Another brilliant team effort by all. Awards: Pepper Burke and Aisha Hibbert.

## U15s

First quarter virtually went from one end to the other, with both teams alternating points on the board, equal 5/5 at first quarter.

Still a fight in the second quarter and also a fight to stay upright with such slippery conditions.

Both teams played well and scored similar amounts of goals, however the Island girls managed to get up by two.

Some position changes in both teams, the Island swapped a few players and it paid off with a sneaky lead by 5, having such great versatility in our team is a great bonus.

Fourth quarter the girls used short sharp passes through the mid court, our shooters had a burst of goals, and again Islands defence so strong.

Bunyip struggled to score, and Island took the win 31 to 17 in the end.

These girls are showing such great teamwork week after week.

Best on was Maya for her clever intercepts and Sophia for her brilliance in defence.

## U17s

The Under 17s hit the court running as usual and it was another competitive game of netball against Bunyip.

Ella and Shanae did an amazing job in goals whilst Ruby and Ahlee



Cold miserable conditions for the U11 netballers' early morning game.

defended and rebounded well at the other end to help keep the Bunyip score to a minimum.

The rest of our mid courters all played their roles and kept the ball flowing through the centre.

Another win for the girls!

## D Grade

The girls went into the game with confidence and started the first quarter off with a bang.

Goal for goal, and smooth playing across the court in the first half.

The super fit mid court Lilly, Teash and Abbey had accurate passes and moved so well around the extremely wet court.

The goalers, Meika and Grace moved well and had a tough gig against the Bunyip defence, but the girls fought hard in the wind and rain to score goals, against the elements.

Bunyip were strong and moved so well, but that didn't stop our defending superstars Karina, Casey, Hayley and Tay from getting the turn overs.

The team unfortunately lost 41-12, but that doesn't represent just how hard the girls fought till the end.

Teamwork and second efforts were shown on the court, and the girls should all be so proud.

## C Grade

C Grade girls were up and about

and ready to take on undefeated Bunyip after last week's inspiring win.

With some big improvements in fitness, focus and training attitude the team is starting to play at solid competitive level and Bunyip found out very early in the game they had a fight on their hands and were going to have to dig deep for every ball.

Tactics were the key to the game, Bunyip being a much taller team, the Bulldog ladies played their plan perfectly, and for three quarters the Island girls stuck with the ladder leaders, goal for goal, but just couldn't hang on in the end by no fault of their own.

Those tall Bunyip attackers didn't get any shorter as the seconds ticked by!

All players played their hearts out and with continued improvements each week things look good at the C Grade fun squad.

Phillip Island 36 lost to Bunyip 41. Best players: Chloe Moxey, Katie Jones, Chloe Kellis.

## B Grade

Tic tac tow, three in a row. It's been a tough three weeks against strong opponents, but the girls were looking forward to playing on home soil this time round.

Once again, the Island B Graders knew they were in for a tough battle



U15s enjoyed another huge win against Bunyip on the weekend.

against a competitive Bunyip side.

From the first whistle to the last, it was on like Donkey Kong.

The Bunyip girls held steady leads throughout the whole game, getting up to 9 goals ahead in the second quarter.

The Island girls were impressive in their ability to steady, stay calm, be patient and trust one another.

They were able to narrow the Bunyip lead to four going into half time, making it an interesting second half with the possibility of it going either way.

The third quarter was an even battle, but the Island girls were able to chisel away at the score and go into the 3/4 break only two goals down.

The last quarter was heart racing and hard fought, both teams desperate to take the four-point win.

Both teams were putting their bodies on the line, grabbing opportunities where they could.

Our very own skipper leading by example.

Taking a tough hit, Janelle got back up and steadied our ship, showing what poise, determination and true leadership is like.

She inspired her team to fight right to the end and with a super intercept from young gun Jarah, the Island girls came away with an un-

believable one goal victory!

Pride, elation and downright happiness from the girls was evident from everyone.

Refreshments post game felt so good and it's just the boost the girls needed to head into the second half of the season with confidence and belief in one another.

Well done ladies, awesome team effort!

Final Scores: PI 41 def Bunyip 40. Best on awards: Sophie Gysberts, Janelle Smyth and Maddy Taylor.

## A Grade

As expected, it was a tough battle and skilled game against a higher positioned Bunyip.

The Bulldogs started strong and ended the first quarter five goals up.

The defensive trio of Anthea Bennet, Melinda Eagleton and Amelie Wragg held Bunyip under pressure and wore them down over the four quarters.

Hayley Roberts had a strong impact in the mid court with Charlie Ross to get the ball into the goal ring.

Ella Duggan was a welcome return this week.

A well-executed win for the Bulldogs coming at the right time of the season.

Awards: Melinda Eagleton and Amelie Wragg.

## South-West Gippsland Mid-Week Bowls results

What a day last Thursday. Pouring rain prior to bowls starting and it looked like it could be a very short day.

But nonetheless 18 souls turned out to brave the elements.

And what a decision that was.

Koo Wee Rup turned on a wonderful day for our bowls family.

As soon as we walked outside the rain stopped and never dared start again all day.

The green was in great condition, but this didn't stop some of our bowlers contributing to the RCH tin.

One would almost think they were doing wrong bias bowls on purpose.

Friendly sledging and laughter could be heard across the greens as usual but once again we salute today's winners as well as today's losers.

Today's Winners on 36 points were John Nicholson (S), David Talbot (3) and Frank d'Unienville (L).

Runners Up on 34 points were Ken Barnes (S), Laurie Bell (3) and Peter Taylor (L).

Best One Game on 33 points were Michael Dady (S), Luke Monckton (3) and Peter Thorley (L).

A big shout out to David Talbot behind the bar as well as Luke who both prepared the green for our group.

I would also like to thank Peter and Pauline who put so much time and effort into our wonderful Thursdays.



Winners: John Nicholson (S), David Talbot (3), Frank d'Unienville (L).



Best one gamers: Michael Dady (S), Peter Thorley (L), Luke Monckton (3).

And let's not forget our President John as well.

Next week we are at Lang Lang so we look forward to seeing everyone at 10am for a 10.30am start. BYO

lunch. Please be on time. Everyone welcome.

For more information contact Peter McWilliams on 5678 5974. See you on the green.

## Phillip Island bowls results

Twenty brave members took to the green for social play on Thursday in cold showery conditions.

We also had two visitors, the lovely Lillian Ormandy from Bundoora Bowls Club and John Humphries from Nagambie Bowls Club.

We all hope you enjoyed your visit.

### Audika 500 - 2-4-2 Competition

Twenty-four members or should we say brave crazy members ventured out Saturday in the cold wet conditions for week two of the Audika 500. 2-4-2 game.

Winners were Serge Castel and Adrian Goldsmith. Runners up were Norm Waters and Steve Williams.

Best first game: Alan Beddowes and Ruth Patridge. Best second



Winners with 2 games and a plus 34 were: Clive Smith, Trish Williams, Lillian Ormandy from Bundoora Bowls Club and Barry Grazules.

game: Lance Wearne and Elaine Severino.

Well done everyone. Tuesday Winter Triples was cancelled due to the weather.

Winter has arrived on the island!

## Ten Pin Results

### Current ladder

2s Company: 1st on 2pts-Him&Her, 2nd on 2pts Ally Cats and 3rd on 25pts Pinheads.

ABL (Almost Bowling Legends): 1st on 187pts Just Bowl Already, 2nd on 180pts Storm and 3rd on 178pts Pinpals.

Business Early: 1st on 16pts Turkey slappers, 2nd on 13pts CTD Carpentry and 3rd on 12pts Redundants.

Business Late: 1st on 17pts Holy Splits, 2nd on 15pts Coles Cows and 3rd on 10pts S&R Clarke Auto.

Phantom: 1st on 24pts Strike It Lucky, 2nd on 23pts Falcor and 3rd on 21.5pts Blondie.

### Top scorers this week

Woman: Chloe 183, Mary Dardha 160 and Shannon Flemingham 157.

Men: Gary Balfe 213, Steve Egan 212 and Rufus 211.

# Phillip Island and District Basketball Grand Finals



U10 Girls basketball finalists: Grand final winners were Mermaids (Yellow) defeated Diamonds (Black) and grand final winners were Emeralds (Blue) defeated Dolphins (Green).



U10 Boys grand final winners - Wizards



U16 Girls Grand final winners - Blue.



U12 Boys grand final winners - Gators.



U16 Boys Grand final winners - Celtics.



U14 Boys runners up - Sonics.



U12s Girls grand final winners - Waves



U14 Girls runners up - Capitals.



U14 Boys grand final winners - Clippers.



U14 Girls grand final winners - Ravens.



U16 Boys runners up - Warriors.



U10 Boys runners up - Rangers.



U16 Girls runners up - Yellow.



U12 Girls runners up - Sabres.



U10 Boys grand final winners - Wildcats.



U12 Boys runners up - Knights



U10 Boys runners up - Tigers.



U10 girls pumped about being in the finals.

## Basketball finals a huge success!

The Phillip Island and District Basketball grand final series was fantastic. We made it through an extended season after an interrupted 12 months, and saw some amazing numbers, and lots of new faces playing from November through to finals in May. A big thank you to all the families of the club, who have helped make the season amazing, and to our coaches.

Without them, we wouldn't be able to play. Also, thanks to our amazing referee group. We have had support from officials from Frankston, Ker- not, Wonthaggi, Ferntree Gully, Casey, Hawthorn, Cam- berwell and our great crew here on the island. It's truly special that so many people have gotten behind our small competition to get the kids on court each and every week.

As we finish up our season, we are taking a short break, but registrations are open and filling fast for the new season planned to start in July/August. Please see our Facebook page for more details and register quickly as some age groups are filling up. Our grand final night was a great celebration, and with no crowd restrictions this year, it was exciting to see so much support for our young players.



U14 Most Valuable Player Boys - Jessie Moschetti



U12 Most Valuable Player - Zane Larrson.



U16 Boys Most Valuable Player was Noah Forrest Mabilia.



U12 Most Valuable Player was Ivy Addison.



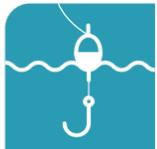
U14 Most Valuable Players were Aisha Hibbert and Ellie Hennessey.



Umpires, from left - Anthony, Griffin and Jordan



Kalani Piera from U10s was super excited to be playing in the U10s basketball grand finals.



## AROUND THE BAY

WITH JIM'S BAIT AND TACKLE

In January Jim's Bait and Tackle turned 30 but with moving shops, Christmas and the Easter fishing competition, it didn't allow us to celebrate the fact.

Now we have been in the new shop for almost six months, we have sorted our stock and decided on our new stock range for the up-coming season and realise we have to make some room on the walls.

So to make room for new stock, celebrate the business' 30th year, and us heading into our 17th, year we are having a sale.

There will be shop wide (excludes bait and berley) 30 per cent off the marked price of everything. There will be tables with selected clearance items, mono, braid, fishing shirts, winter beanies, aqua shoes, hooks, lures, snorkelling, boating, rods, and much more that will be 50 per cent off.

If you purchase a reel valued over \$100 we will spool it with mono for free.

The sale will be on Saturday June 25, 8am to 5pm and Sunday June 26, 9am to 4pm.

There will be no holds or phone sales; first in best dressed and no lay-bys.

The discounts are genuine discounts off our current marked prices so maybe you are looking for a new snapper or gummy outfit or even a new Saragossa and a restock of the lure box for the tuna season.

Keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates.

This year you don't need to look at the calendar to know it's winter and a winter of old with wet, windy, cold weather settling in.

The last few years, winter has started very slowly and we have enjoyed mild conditions well into June and even into July.

Hopefully we will get this weather over and done with early and the end of winter and into spring is better than the last few years.

Not sure how much this has affected the fishing because hardly anyone has been out and about.

Being a long weekend there had been a few more out braving the cold and having some success.

Most of the fishing through winter is confined to the land naturally and many use this time of the year to gather bait for the up-coming season.

This year is shaping up, according to our diaries, to be one where you will want to be heading to the jetties or early season spots mid-August for that early snapper.

Those out bait collecting have been able to fish plenty of salmon on the beaches once the swell drops down and conditions improve.

From the reports you are going to have trouble with the weed washing in, but the reports are also telling us you can pick your time of the tide and get a reasonable session in.

One customer told us that he was just out for a lure flick on the surf and found the best thing to do was just walk the beach and watch for the cleaner spots where he managed six - small but the fillets that will make good baits next time he is out in the boat for a gummy.

Reports from all of the open beaches were the same regarding



Josh with a Seven Gills, which can be a very heavy, strong fish to land. It makes perfect fish cakes, soups and curries.

the weed and even the fish size with no one reporting anything over the 1kg. Maybe once this weather settles the bigger fish will come to play.

Very few boats have ventured out over the last few weeks, but those who did brave the cool conditions were confined to some of the more sheltered areas looking for whiting or calamari.

While anybody that we spoke to said they were just happy to be able to get out, their reports weren't anything too special.

None were disappointed with their catches because they bought something home for tea and said the conditions were so difficult to fish that they didn't expect anything.

Weed and wind direction was the biggest complaint but the whiting or calamari that they reported were very respectable in size.

Hopefully once the weather settles and the water cleans up, we will start to see some better reports.

The better weather will also allow people to get to the gummy and snapper spots, but be patient. Fishing is always a little slower in the wintertime.

There have been a handful of calamari reports from off the land and again the area has changed because of the weather or the weed in the water.

The numbers are low and the size typical and just average for this time of the year but as one customer told me he managed four which was a good feed for the family and a very good start to his bait collection.

If you have nothing better to do, a wander down to the jetty for a squid fish over the change of tide could be well worth it.

We have had half a dozen reports over the last couple of weeks and it has just been a guess with jig colour.

The customer who caught the four told us he caught them on four different colours over the hours he was there.

# Short course season kicked off with a splash

The 2022 Short Course Season kicked off with a splash at Leongatha on Sunday June 5, with 178 swimmers from Melbourne and Gippsland taking to the pool in the first race in Gippsland.

After two years without short course racing, the swimmers were delighted to be back in the pool racing over winter, something that has been sorely missed.

Of the 86 South Gippsland Bass swimmers, 22 were racing for the first time.

Swimming in the home pool helped them feel relaxed and there were many of them walking away with ribbons and a day full of excitement and a real desire to keep racing next time.

"I had so many of the kids ask me when the next race is," said team coach Sam O'Keefe.

"They all had a ball, and you could see how hard they have all worked for this."

The parents relished the sleep in, with the long course events over summer held in the other parts of Gippsland due to the need for a 50m pool.



Heidi McMillan and Andi Fisher celebrate their first competitive ribbons.

But Leongatha is lucky to be able to host short course events when winter comes around in the 25m pool.

"It was good to have swimmers come from Bayside, Surrey Hills and Cardinia as well as the Gippsland pools to race," said Sam.

"Being able to host events helps the club fundraise, as well as bringing the people as tourists to the area. Some may have stayed down last night to be there early in the morning to race."

After several months of training without racing, there were some big

personal bests on the day, with many kids excited to see they had taken some time off their best from the summer racing.

While ribbons are exciting, the swimmers learn that PBs and consistent swimming is also important.

Homegrown design supported the event with an amazing collection of photos of the competitors in action.

Coaches Sam and Lorri were joined by Caiden Gill, attending his first meet as an SGB coach.

Swimmers were looked after, especially the new and younger swimmers.

The captains helped overcome the nerves for the new competitors - taking them to the start line, helping them afterwards understand what to do.

The event is a big fundraiser coming out of the Covid years, with the raffle and BBQ helping raise money to pay for the running of the club.

The club also announced the captains for the year ahead, Maddy Boyd and Hayden Barnes.

Assistant coaches are Trinity O'Keefe and Hannah Simmons. More photos at [pisra.com.au](http://pisra.com.au)



Winner of the Ladies May Webster Perpetual Trophy was Debra Orr.

## Phillip Island golf results

Wednesday, June 8, Ladies Stableford

Division one winner Debra Orr (14) with 33 points.

Division two winner Janice Daff (32) with 35 Points.

Division three winner Mary Smith (45) with 35 points.

Thursday, June 9 Open Stableford

Winner with 35 points was Ron Young (12), runner up was David Taylor (18) with 34 points.

NTP: 5th Jim Brown, 7th Rowan Wales, 10th Geoff Daff and 17th Ron Young.

Saturday, June 11 Men's Stroke

Division One winner Trevor Hamilton (11) with nett 72 nett from Ken Sellers (12) 73 nett.

Division Two winner Ricky Jenkins (16) with nett 70 from John Mckechnie (16) 73 nett.

Division Three winner Gordon Rippon-King (19) with nett 68 from Phil

Cooksey (28) with nett 70. NTP: 5th Peter Williams, 7th Gordon Rippon-King, 19th Chris Reynolds and 17th Matt Brown.

May Webster Perpetual

Friday, June 10 was the Ladies May Webster Perpetual Day sponsored by Priceline Pharmacy Cowes.

This event was last played in 2019 and it was great to see the ladies support the day from the district.

In trying weather conditions, the winner of the May Webster Perpetual Trophy being the best scratch score was Debra Orr (14) with 91.

A Grade played Stroke and the winner nett was Tracey Cuff with nett 78; runner up was Jeanette Diss with nett 80.

B Grade played Stableford and the winner was Mary Taylor with 30 points on a countback to Kym Cooper with 30 points.

NTP: 5th Merryn Dear, 7th Mary Taylor and 17th Megan Elbaz.



Trish and Don Stewart-Uden came second with a score of 56.94 per cent at Wednesday's bridge game.

## Phillip Island Bridge results

Monday, June 6 was a full day with six and a half tables.

North/South players Lois Dwyer and Anne Gibson came first with 61.07 per cent. In second place were Paul Waylen and Bron Sund on 54.29 per cent and Greg Nicholson and Deb Anglim finished third on 53.93 per cent.

Winners for East/West were Ann Green and Ruth Harvey on 66.67 per cent.

Lorrie Read and Neville Chapman followed on 61.67 per cent with Moya Crowley and Michael Dooley coming third on 56.67.

On Wednesday, June

8, Paul Waylen and Greg Nicholson leapt to the front on 69.44 per cent. Don and Trish Stewart-Uden came second on 56.94 per cent. Third place was a tie between Clare and Jim Murphy and Wendy and Graham Mckergow with 49.54 per cent.

Whilst holidaying in Northeast Victoria Trish and Don Stewart-Uden took time out to play in the winter pairs competition at Albury and came first.

Congratulations to both Greg Nicholson and Paul Waylen also achieved a great outcome nationwide, finishing fifth overall. Well done.

## Euchre results

Ladies Winner: Faye Fletcher 6 wins.  
Men's Winner: Harry Bowman 5 wins.  
Encouragement Award: Laurie Petrusch.  
Please contact Bob Hee for any further Information 0418 173 388.

# TIDE GUIDE

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

WED 15 JUN	THU 16 JUN	FRI 17 JUN	SAT 18 JUN	SUN 19 JUN	MON 20 JUN	TUE 21 JUN
LOW 6:00 am 0.46 m	HIGH 12:55 am 2.63 m	HIGH 1:57 am 2.69 m	HIGH 2:55 am 2.74 m	HIGH 3:53 am 2.78 m	HIGH 4:50 am 2.78 m	HIGH 5:47 am 2.75 m
HIGH 1:30 pm 3.12 m	LOW 7:02 am 0.36 m	LOW 8:00 am 0.30 m	LOW 8:56 am 0.30 m	LOW 9:48 am 0.36 m	LOW 10:39 am 0.48 m	LOW 11:30 am 0.65 m
LOW 7:01 pm 1.37 m	HIGH 2:29 pm 3.23 m	HIGH 3:24 pm 3.28 m	HIGH 4:15 pm 3.28 m	HIGH 5:02 pm 3.25 m	HIGH 5:47 pm 3.15 m	HIGH 6:30 pm 3.05 m
	LOW 8:02 pm 1.27 m	LOW 8:57 pm 1.17 m	LOW 9:48 pm 1.07 m	LOW 10:39 pm 0.97 m	LOW 11:27 pm 0.90 m	

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# Island Boys prevail in Battle of the Dogs

From page 28  
game, it was clear to the Reserves that this was a vital game, with the boys coming off two losses.

A further loss, and it was also-ran territory, whilst a win would see the boys back in the top echelon of the competition.

On a heavy track the midfield battle was going to be crucial, and Will Taylor-Eagles and captain James Nicolaci set the scene.

Bunyip skipped away early but were reined back through an intense defensive effort.

Kirby Fuller continued his good form across half back and Coby Olarensaw started to make his presence felt.

Tarqs McMillan was moved back into the ruck which settled the line up.

At three quarter time the side faced a slender seven-point deficit but rallied strongly and produced a three goal to zero final term resulting in a great hard-fought victory.

Blake Christopher was again solid through the midfield and the welcomed return of Cooper Logan and Luke James greatly helped our attack.

Scores:  
Phillip Island: 1.1.7, 3.4.22, 3.6.24, 6.9.45.

Bunyip: 3.1.19, 4.1.25, 5.1.31, 5.1.31.

Goals:  
Phillip Island: Luke James, Tarquin McMillan, Will Taylor-Eagles, Lucas Chihotski, Aaron Edwards, Liam Dayson.

Bunyip: Paul Carmody, Campbell Knight 2, Jamie Hallpike.

Best Players:  
Phillip Island: Will Taylor-Eagles, Tarquin McMillan, Kirby Fuller, Blake Christopher, Cooper Logan, James Nicolaci.

Bunyip: Reid Jenkin, Anthony



Cam Pedersen lays a hard tackle in the match against Bunyip on Saturday.



Auskickers having a ball in the muddy conditions!

Haddrick, Jack Roberts, Brandon Pompei, Campbell Knight, James Pryor.

### Under 18s

Under wet and cold grey skies, attractive football was not easy in the conditions but some great play from Tully Dickie to Cheezel (aka Tyce Kleverkamp) brought up the first goal for the home side.

Ben Taylor was in everything and brought up the home side's second goal for the quarter.

Bunyip opened the second term with two quick goals, but the home side rallied with two goals from Dylan Susic after some great play from Tully and Jack Papas.

Lucas Chihotski covered a lot of ground to drive the PI Bulldogs into attack with Tom Niven and Koen Beaumont being solid in defence.

Hunter Clarke delivered beauti-

fully to Dylan who brought up his third goal.

The elusive Brodie Gude was creating havoc for the opposition together with Vince Kennedy, but the PI Bulldogs could only manage a string of minor scores until a nice snap from Brayden Kleverkamp and another from Dylan Susic capitalised on some great work from Huon Bould in the ruck.

Kicking against the wind, Phillip Island met stiff opposition not only from the conditions but also from the Bunyip Bulldogs who brought up the first goal of the quarter.

Tully was giving the PI Bulldogs great drive which allowed Henry Peppard to deliver to Dylan who made no mistake in bringing up his fourth goal.

Not to be denied, Bunyip playing good gutsy team football brought up their fifth goal for the game.

It was a credit to both sides in the way they approached the game in difficult conditions.

Also, a special mention to the umpires for their consistency and decision making.

Scores:  
Phillip Island: 2.4.16, 5.6.36, 7.14.56, 9.16.70.

Bunyip: 1.1.7, 3.3.21, 3.3.21, 5.8.38.

Goals:  
Phillip Island: Dylan Susic 6, Brayden Kleverkamp, Ben Taylor, Tyce Kleverkamp.

Bunyip: Cam Jenkins 2, Noah LaFrantz, William Grummisch, Blake Simmonds.

Best Players:  
Phillip Island: Tully Dickie, Mathew Sandy, Brodie Gude, Dylan Susic, Hunter Clarke, Brady Ross.

Bunyip: Tahj Murphy, Matthew Interlandi, Alex Squires, Cam Jenkins, Timothy Henschel, Finlay

Pinkster.

### Under 16s

Scores:  
Phillip Island: 2.5.17, 4.10.34, 7.11.53, 11.12.78.

Bunyip: 1.4.10, 2.4.16, 2.8.20, 2.8.20.

Goals:  
Phillip Island: Noah Muller 3, Finn O'Brien 2, Leo Savona, Zac Walker, Jack Kennedy, Charlie O'Garey, Charles Martus, Noah Williams.

Bunyip: Ethan Marson, Tarrant Millar.

Best Players:  
Phillip Island: Gianni Caffieri, Benjamin Chihotski, Finn O'Brien, Oliver Duggan, Noah Muller, Zac Walker.

Bunyip: Ethan Marson, Lincoln Morehu, Declan McFarlane, Dennis Pilikidis, Tyler Lovell, Brody Turner.

More football photos at [pisra.com](http://pisra.com).

## Island girls represent WG-FNL at Vic championships

Congratulations to our Phillip Island Under 17, Under 15 and Under 13 netballers, who were selected to represent the West Gippsland Football Netball league, in the Netball Victoria Association eastern region championships, held in Traralgon on Sunday, June 5.

All three teams were successful in making it through to the finals, and to cap off a great day of competition, the Under 13 side won the grand final.

Great job girls!



Phillip Island U17s Lily Mewett and Zoe O'Garey represented the WG-FNL in the Netball Victoria Association Championships. Also selected, but unable to attend through illness, was Ella Duggan.



U15 Island players Meika White, Maya Huther and Isabella Santorini represented WG-FNL at the Victorian Netball championships.



Olivia Holmes and Aisha Hibbert played for WG-FNL in the winning U13s grand final team at the Netball Victoria Championships Eastern region last week.

### THIS WEEKEND DRAWS

#### WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

**Korumburra-Bena v Phillip Island**  
Saturday, June 18

#### SOUTHERN GIPPSLAND JUNIOR FOOTBALL COMPETITION

**Phillip Island Red v Wonthaggi**  
**Kilcunda Bass v Phillip Island Blue**  
Sunday, June 19

#### YOUTH GIRLS FOOTBALL COMPETITION

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### LADDERS

#### SENIOR FOOTBALL

TEAM	PTS	%	W	L
Tooradin-Dalmore	40	282.51	10	0
Phillip Island	36	196.64	9	1
Inverloch-Kongwak	32	204.13	8	2
Nar Nar Goon	32	173.85	8	2
Warragul Industrials	24	131.15	6	4
Cora Lynn	20	123.22	5	5
Bunyip	16	101.63	4	6
Koo Wee Rup	16	79.66	4	6
Kilcunda Bass	12	53.82	3	7
Dalyston	8	45.47	2	8
Korumburra-Bena	4	41.28	1	9
Garfield	0	32.12	0	10

#### RESERVES FOOTBALL

TEAM	PTS	%	W	L
Tooradin-Dalmore	40	1082.88	10	0
Phillip Island	32	219.10	8	2
Cora Lynn	32	217.77	8	2
Bunyip	28	234.97	7	3
Koo Wee Rup	24	174.33	6	4
Cora Lynn	24	150.00	6	4
Inverloch-Kongwak	24	128.86	6	4
Warragul Industrials	12	71.68	3	7
Dalyston	12	56.64	3	7
Garfield	4	40.58	1	9
Korumburra-Bena	4	16.50	1	8
Kilcunda Bass	4	14.80	1	9

#### THIRDS FOOTBALL

TEAM	PTS	%	W	L
Inverloch-Kongwak	3.50	28	648.36	7
Garfield	3.11	28	300.00	7
Cora Lynn	3.11	28	154.70	7
Tooradin-Dalmore	3.00	24	275.88	6
Phillip Island	2.50	20	99.04	5
Nar Nar Goon	2.00	16	103.19	4
Koo Wee Rup	1.00	8	74.06	2
Korumburra-Bena	1.00	8	46.44	2
Bunyip	0.50	4	39.83	1
Dalyston	0	0	5.99	0
Kilcunda Bass	0	0	0	0
Warragul Industrials	0	0	0	0

#### FOURTHS FOOTBALL

TEAM	PTS	%	W	L
Inverloch-Kongwak	4.00	36	667.23	9
Phillip Island	3.56	32	419.39	8
Warragul Industrials	3.20	32	340.43	8
Korumburra-Bena	2.67	24	230.88	6
Garfield	2.67	24	105.53	6
Koo Wee Rup	1.78	16	65.27	4
Bunyip	1.33	12	92.65	3
Dalyston	0.89	8	50.78	2
Nar Nar Goon	0.89	8	45.47	2
Kilcunda Bass	0.89	8	30.17	2
Tooradin-Dalmore	0	0	7.06	0
Cora Lynn	0	0	0	0

#### NETBALL



**PLAYER OF THE ROUND**  
Chloe Moxey - C Grade

#### A-GRADE

TEAM	PTS	GA
Inverloch-Kongwak	36	192.49%
Tooradin-Dalmore	36	133.72%
Dalyston	32	141.73%
Nar Nar Goon	32	129.12%
Bunyip	28	177.35%
Phillip Island	24	124.80%
Cora Lynn	16	102.37%
Korumburra Bena	16	88.77%
Warragul Industrials	12	64.18%
Garfield	4	64.50%
Koo Wee Rup	4	43.13%
Kilcunda Bass	0	0.00%

#### B-GRADE

TEAM	PTS	GA
Nar Nar Goon	36	178.70%
Tooradin-Dalmore	36	171.01%
Bunyip	32	176.57%
Phillip Island	32	130.59%
Inverloch-Kongwak	28	138.39%
Dalyston	24	117.57%
Kilcunda Bass	12	91.61%
Korumburra Bena	10	79.63%
Koo Wee Rup	10	66.67%
Cora Lynn	10	65.41%
Garfield	10	57.14%
Warragul Industrials	0	42.48%

#### C-GRADE

TEAM	PTS	GA
Bunyip	40	347.69%
Dalyston	36	185.17%
Nar Nar Goon	32	163.54%
Garfield	32	139.83%
Inverloch-Kongwak	28	193.63%
Cora Lynn	18	85.45%
Phillip Island	16	96.34%
Tooradin-Dalmore	14	78.35%
Koo Wee Rup	12	64.77%
Kilcunda Bass	8	49.08%
Korumburra Bena	4	65.50%
Warragul Industrials	0	25.61%

#### T7 & Under

TEAM	PTS	GA
Dalyston	38	246.96%
Korumburra Bena	36	211.23%
Phillip Island	36	211.20%
Inverloch-Kongwak	28	176.72%
Bunyip	24	131.06%
Tooradin-Dalmore	20	108.88%
Koo Wee Rup	20	94.23%
Cora Lynn	18	111.11%
Nar Nar Goon	8	67.81%
Kilcunda Bass	8	59.67%
Warragul Industrials	4	33.47%
Garfield	0	14.07%

#### D-GRADE

TEAM	PTS	GA
Inver-Kongwak	32	261.48%
Bunyip	28	250.35%
Dalyston	28	231.47%
Nar Nar Goon	24	197.37%
Kilcunda Bass	12	85.59%
Garfield	12	78.81%
Tooradin-Dalmore	12	64.36%
Koo Wee Rup	8	40.59%
Cora Lynn	4	61.49%
Phillip Island	4	40.80%
Korumburra Bena	0	0.00%
Warragul Indust	0	0.00%



Jack Taylor gets the kick away in muddy conditions during the Senior's match.

## Island Boys prevail in Battle of the Dogs

Rain, wind, drizzle with a very small suggestion of sunshine greeted the teams for this week's clash of the West Gippsland Bulldogs between Phillip Island and Bunyip.

After a week or more of rain – and limited training time on ground – the Kennel presented reasonably well all things considered.

Unfortunately for the Island football operations team, a game against 'the other Bulldogs' presents a game in the locals away strip – not normally a problem, but nothing to look forward to in wet, muddy and deteriorating conditions.

Bring on the bleach after the game it looked like!

As an added piece of spice for the cold day, Phillip Island's tourist destination attracted a group of very vocal, well lubricated visitors on a buck's trip for the weekend.

They were to provide lots of sideline entertainment for the day!

### Seniors

Determined to make amends for last week's surprise showing against Tooradin, a change to the game style was deemed to be required.

Island coaching panel had a hard look and had determined some changes were necessary – none of which this correspondent can reveal under threat of ex-communication!

The local Bulldogs took immediate control in the slippery wet conditions.

A Bulldog onslaught (that's Phillip Island Bulldogs!) overwhelmed the defence of the visitors.



The Reserves had a good win – pictured is James Nicolaci fighting for the ball.

With Jack (Bison) Taylor kicking goals, Matt Jones dominating his position, and Orlando (Noosh) Kane-Gillard back to his best from a long break leading the charge, the locals lead by 42-0 at the first break, effectively closing the game out by quarter time.

Attack turned to defence for pretty much the remainder of the game.

The underworked (in the first) Phillip Island defence took over lead by the returning Damien Holmes and Daniel Pearce.

Jordy Patullo began dominating in his new role providing constant drive combined with defence.

The returning Alex (Redders) Redmond took over on ball, until crunch, ouch and out went his shoulder again.

That was the end for Redders, a most unfortunate occurrence and we await the outcome of that one.

To top off the bench struggles, Brendan Kimber was struck by a friendly elbow to the eye, with blood rule sending him off, and then safety first from the training bench ruling him out for the day.

A late goal to Aaron Paxton for the visitors provided a glimmer for the Bunyip boys, who were to ultimately win the second 9 points to 7.

So, from half time, the locals were down to one rotation.

No worries for the younger brigade, with Harry O'Brien, Orlando (Noosh) and the two Patullos (J1 and J2) stepping up to take charge.

Aby assisted by Eli (Eliii) Richards, the Island boys were able to take over in the increasingly slippery and heavy conditions.

The scoreboard didn't show it, with 2 goals 5 for the quarter, but the Island Bulldogs turned with a 50+ point lead at the three-quarter time break.

Our visitors 'joined' the huddle at the final break to provide some useful 'feedback' for the coaching staff.

Didn't really help, as by this stage the ground was approaching the consistency of quick-set cement, with both sides constantly turning the ball over, and scrimmages dominating the play.

A 13-5 'win' for the final quarter saw the Bulldogs run out victors by 60.

So, the three game 'test' results in a 2-1 win/loss ratio, but with plenty of work to be done for the remainder of the season.

Next week sees the team off Korumburra to play the struggling Giants, so a great opportunity to begin the tune-up and continue to refine changes to game plan.

Scores:  
Phillip Island: 6.6.42, 7.7.49, 9.11.65, 11.12.78.

Bunyip: 0.0.0, 1.5.11, 1.6.12, 1.12.18.

Goals:  
Phillip Island: Orland Kane-Gillard 3, Jack Taylor 2, Zak Vernon, Cameron Brown, Jaymie Youle, Matthew Jones, Cameron Pedersen, Jesse Patullo.

Bunyip: Aaron Paxton.  
Best Players:  
Phillip Island: Jordy Patullo, Jaymie Youle, Jack Taylor, Cameron Pedersen, Jesse Patullo, Harry O'Brien.

Bunyip: Jeb McLeod, Jye Keath, Alexander Dijkstra, Matthew O'Halloran, Aaron Paxton, Heath Morgan-Morris.

### Reserves

With Cult-hero Harry (Slug) Anderson missing, but leading the contributions in the pre-

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