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We might be in the thick of winter, but that doesn't stop the *Vibe* team hunting around to bring you the best stories on the Island. Adventures in Kenya, Marilyn Monroe mysteries, Video Game reviews from LA and gooey chocolate brownies are just a taste of what you can find in this month's *Vibe*. Enjoy the school holidays and see you all next month.

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Newhaven College's Junior School playground is anything but a monkey bars and bench seats environment. Stimulating playspaces encourage students to 'choose your own adventure' every day.

There are declining opportunities for children to participate in outdoor play and, in particular, play in challenging outdoor natural settings. An increasingly urbanised society means that few children now have the freedom to roam the neighbourhood and 'come home when it gets dark' like generations past.

Play is of vital importance for physical, emotional, social and cognitive development. It increases social skills by encouraging children to be creative, flexible and adaptable, therefore it is also essential for learning.

With 82 acres of grounds, Newhaven College students are spoilt for space to play. Teacher Diane McAskill is particularly passionate about play and has initiated the construction of a number of simple stimuli throughout the playground to inspire young imaginations. "Our children enjoy space. Space to be themselves and also to participate in fun, shared experiences with others."

Popular playspaces include the tee-pees, boat, mining club, shop, sandpit, piano and cubbies. Even the chooks have a new cubby! Diane's next projects include a tinkering table and a fairy garden that will be designed by students.

To visit Newhaven College and for enrolment enquiries, contact Belinda Manning, on 5956 7505 or visit www.newhavencol.vic.edu.au



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Chocolate brownies are such a perennial favourite. And with the chilly weather just beginning, a warm, decadent treat is what we all need. Harmonise with some white choc chips or a handful of walnuts. Let's not beat around the bush: anything shrouded with chocolate is a winner.

What you Need:

- 1 cup caster sugar
- 1 cup plain flour (sifted)
- 2 tbs self raising flour (sifted)
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp vanilla essence
- 125g butter
- 125g dark chocolate

What you Do:

Prep: Line a square 20cm cake tin with baking paper.

Place the butter and chocolate in a small saucepan and heat gently until melted and smooth.

Beat the eggs and caster sugar with electric mixer until pale and creamy.

Add the vanilla essence and beat through. Now fold the chocolate mixture and the flours through the butter/egg mix. Make sure everything is blended so you don't get white

flecks in the brownie once it's cooked, but don't over mix it either.

Pour mixture into cake tin and bake at 180°C for about 20-25 minutes. More gooey - less time. You be the judge.

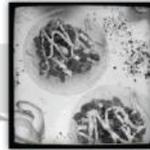
Grab the edges of the paper and lift the whole brownie out and place on a wire rack until cool enough to cut into squares.

Put the kettle on or draw an espresso and indulge.

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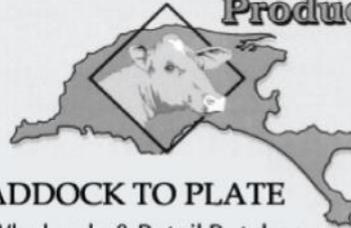
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Possibly the world's biggest 'der', but here's my winter gardening tip. If there's a few dry and sunny days in a

row make sure you mow your lawns. DON'T PUT IT OFF. You may not get another chance for what might seem like a millennium. And if the grass is unmanageable now, well in another couple of weeks it will be truly hostile. Traipsing through wet, soggy grass to pick up the paper, the washing or dog poo is entirely depressing. Take control of happiness when you can.



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STRIKING A CHORD

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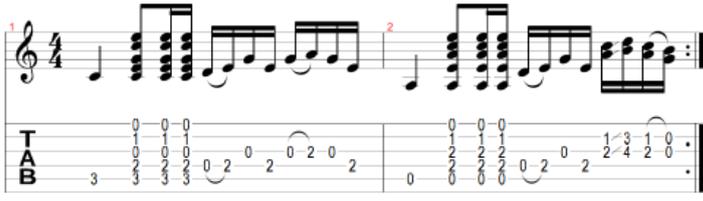
SPICING UP RHYTHM GUITAR WITH FILLS PART 1 - OPEN CHORDS

In this 2 part series we will be looking at how to spice up rhythm guitar playing with chord fills. In this first instalment we will be focusing on open chords.

Adding fills to open chords sounds amazing, especially on an acoustic guitar. They're also a great way to breath life and drama into a tired old chord progression.

The progression we will be playing today is in C and it goes from C to Am.

Moderate ♩ = 60



C Am

When playing fills in open chords you will need to strike a balance between strumming the chords and picking the fills.

A way of achieving this easily is to brace the guitar with your forearm and rest your palm at the top of the bridge using this as a pivot point for your wrist to strum and pick the strings.

Stay tuned for Part 2 of my 'Spicing up Rhythm' series for some cool fills with barre chords. Check it out in the July Vibe!



Postcard from Kenya



In our new travel series, journey with Tracey and Francis from *Overland Travel Adventures* to visit the diverse communities and lifestyles of East Africa. Community development projects, stunning scenery and amazing wildlife are all just part of the journey.

Kenya's Top 10

Kenya is home to the original safari and has much to offer travellers. Here are ten of the top attractions Kenya has on offer.

Lake Baringo

Home to approximately 450 species of birds, Lake Baringo is a bird watcher's paradise where the highlight is to take an early morning cruise as the world wakes up. The hippos wallow in one vegetated corner and African Jacanas step lightly among the lilies. Fishermen are out in dugout canoes collecting the catch to sell at the market later. They compete with the magnificent fish eagles for food; the sight of this large bird swooping gracefully down to fetch breakfast is amazing.

Lamu

Experience true Swahili culture on Lamu Island. Listed by UNESCO as a World Heritage site, the Old Town is the oldest and best-preserved Swahili settlement in East Africa. The simple architecture of the town is characterised by inner courtyards, verandas and the famous wooden doors with their intricate carvings. The Lamu Festival in November is a highlight in the island's calendar.

Sacred Mijikenda Kaya Forests

Kaya Kinondo is one of 11 sacred forests and has been set up as an eco-tourism project by local villagers whose ancestors used the sacred forest for traditional purposes. You can walk through the forest, learning about the ancient culture and rituals while soaking up the sense of how special this place is to local people. UNESCO has also recognised the importance of these forests that spread some 200km down the Kenyan coast.

Tsavo eco-system

Tsavo East and West form the largest national park in Kenya, and together with Taita Hills and Lumo Community Wildlife Sanctuary, provide a vast refuge for animals. A great project operating in the Tsavo eco-system works around the human-wildlife conflict. Recently a donation allowed them to purchase desks, shoes and uniforms for children in the village, bringing huge joy to the community. Afforestation and de-snaring elephant traps are important activities that visitors can get involved with.

Amboseli

Watching the sun rise and Mt Kilimanjaro come into view is one of Kenya's most magical experiences. Surrounded by Maasai villages, still living their traditional lifestyles, a visit to

Amboseli provides a good mix of wildlife watching and culture. The national park, nestled at the foothills of the highest mountain in Africa, is a top destination in Kenya for wildlife. Indeed, one of the classic images of East Africa is that of a herd of elephant strolling across the plains with the snow-capped peak of Kilimanjaro in the background. It is to catch this sight that people flock to Amboseli National Park.

Community projects

Founded by a group of young Kenyans, Amani Kibera works with young people in Nairobi's slums. They have established a football competition, a women's group and a library. The library hosts book clubs and tutorial sessions for students, while the women's group helps get girls back to school. Meeting Kenyans is the only way we can get a true understanding of Kenya, and visiting projects such as this is a great way to engage with locals. There are plenty of projects being undertaken by people in their local communities including:

Muungano Development Gateways: Blue Bells Orphanage and School; soya bean farming; micro-finance

Still Kids For Life: Refuge centre for girls fleeing female genital mutilation.

Suswa Clinic: Health centre specialising in maternity care in a remote area.



The Great Wildebeest Migration

Each year approximately 1.3 million wildebeest, 200,000 zebra, and 500,000 Thomson's gazelle travel an 1800 kilometre circuit around Serengeti and Maasai Mara. The rains from November to June create a magnet for game into Maasai Mara. Between January and March about 400,000 wildebeest are born in Serengeti. The trek begins in April as the plains dry up; herds gather and move north-west, joined by travelling lions, hyenas, and vultures. Only one in three

calves will see Serengeti again. Herds arrive in Serengeti's western corridor and feed until late May, then move into Maasai Mara. By June they prepare to cross the Mara River. Animals that cross first wait for the rest of the herd, encouraging them. They spread out through the Maasai Mara and return to Serengeti by the end of October. *(Timings are approximate and change according to specific weather patterns for that year)*

Lake Turkana

This unlikely lake in the middle of Kenya's northern desert provides a stopover for migratory water birds. Surrounded by three national parks, the lake also serves as a major breeding ground for crocodiles, hippos and various snakes. UNESCO has listed Lake Turkana as a World Heritage site for its incredible amount of fossil remains and the opportunities to study plant and animal communities.



Mount Kenya

Also featured on UNESCO's World Heritage List, Mt Kenya is Africa's second highest peak after Kilimanjaro. The extinct volcano stands at 5199 metres but at its peak of activity it is thought to have risen to 6500m. Even though it sits almost right on the equator, there are 12 glaciers on the mountain, although they are all receding quickly. The rugged mountain forms an impressive backdrop to surrounding national parks and reserves, as well as providing a good challenge for intrepid climbers.

Samburu

In Northern Kenya, we find many different species of animals to the southern parks. These include gerenuk, Somali ostrich, Beisa's oryx, Reticulated giraffe and Grevy's zebra. The Samburu eco-system comprises three national reserves: Shaba, Buffalo Springs and Samburu. The landscape offers amazing variety from open savannah to scrub desert to lush river foliage, offering fantastic opportunities for excellent wildlife encounters.

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Big Brother is Alive & Well & In Your Pocket

I thought I would depart from my comfort zone of consoles and PC's and wander into the confusing world of phone games. I don't want to review any individual games but give you a bit of insight into how complicated these games really are to make and be successful.

This could easily degenerate into a stat driven article but I thought it would be more interesting to tell you what I learnt while working on this style of game.

First of all, there are millions of phone apps out there. They are free and the average player probably only ever gets to see the top 5%. So the first challenge is to move out of the bottom of the pit to some position where someone might have a chance of seeing your product. But how do you do this?? You spend money on getting your game in front of people. The most common way is to get your game placed within other popular apps in the vague hope that someone will click on the ad and install your game.



So after you have spent tens of thousands of dollars on advertising lets assume you have been downloaded by a curious player. Here's where it gets really tricky. Because there are so many choices of entertainment in this "got to have it now" world you need to hook the player in very quickly. This is before they get bored, delete you and start binge watching another Netflix TV series. You have



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between 30 seconds to a minute to do this or all of your advertising is wasted. You have to understand that a free product is eminently more expendable than a product a player has bought. Players will persist for up to an hour on a purchased product where as the freemium model only gives the developer seconds to get their claws into you.

The start has to be easy to understand and they have to unlock and shower the player with gifts within this first minute. It has to be a 100% rewarding experience, it is all about giving and the player should feel great about the experience even though they haven't really done anything. So when do you possibly make any money I here you ask?

After about half an hour of play the game will start making the player wait for something. It is the waiting that people can't bear and they will spend money to not have to wait. How much they spend is the question.

This is where the game splits players into Whales or Minnows. The Whales are the spenders and the Minnows refuse to spend money. Both are valuable but both need to be rewarded and kept within the game play loop using different techniques. All the time that you are playing, the game is spitting out what they refer to as analytics. This gives the developer a complete profile of how you play. They can see when you play, how you play, when you get stuck, what you like, what you don't and the developer will tailor the experience for you.

For the Whales they will make more expensive but unique content available for the spending player. For the Minnows they will make you watch revenue raising ads to

move more quickly through the game.

For the more advanced phone games the analytics system will even detect if the player is getting bored or is stuck... They will inject something into the game to help the player move on before they delete the app and move onto something else.



So the developer operates in a very narrow margin of tolerance, always trying to reward the player but keeping it challenging enough to encourage more playing. All the while discreetly pick pocketing the player of loose change. If this is done right the rewards are huge, but the road is littered with bankrupt phone game developers. At the end of the day, it becomes more about the science of revenue raising rather than game play.

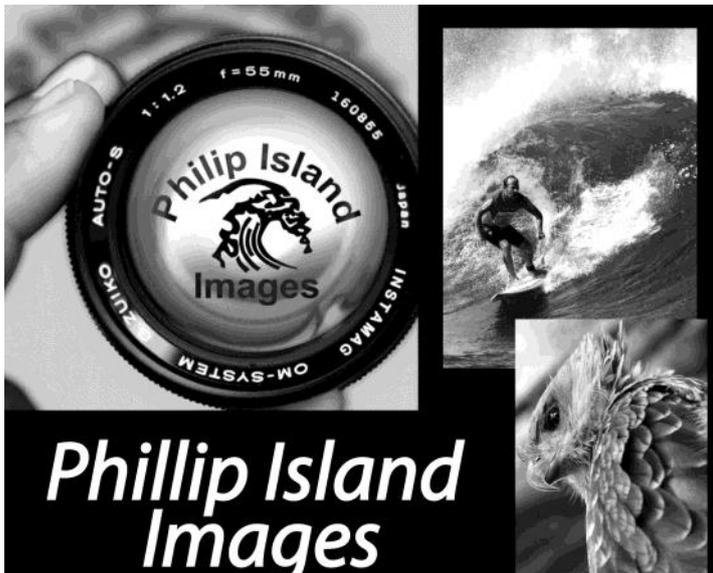
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THE MURDER OF MARILYN MONROE

'It's all make believe, Isn't it?' - MM

Sometime during the night of 4 August, 1962 Marilyn Monroe slipped away into an endless abyss, riding a massive dose of Nembutal and choral hydrate.

From one perspective it was squalid, pointless and pitiable. From another, it was of itself a myth, an epic role in a drama involving the most famous names and players of her age.

The Chief Medical Examiner of The Los Angeles County Court made a hedging call on the cause of death: 'probable suicide'. Other investigators, with considerable evidence but no hard proof, are still calling it murder.

Murder, accident or suicide, Marilyn's death is a mystery today not because of differing interpretations of the facts, but because this mistress of illusion had been playing in a real and dangerous world and the titans of the world were powerful enough to rewrite the script of her final hours.

In life and death, Marilyn was the embodiment of the surreal and ambiguous versions of the all-American success story. Raised in orphanages and foster homes, she became the Queen of Hollywood using her beauty and her talent in equal measure to transcend from one imagined life to another. She married briefly during this period to a former high school hero, Jim Dougherty, who decided to ship out with the merchant marines and the head of his gorgeous young bride was turned towards a career in modelling. With every stunning photograph, with every line of agent's hype and every leer from advertising executives and movie producers, Norma Jean moved closer to rebirth as Marilyn. She acquired the name Marilyn from a studio casting director and Monroe was adopted, it being the maiden name of her grandmother. Marilyn minced no words in describing her attitude of this stage of her career: "I spent a lot of time on my knees." There were lots of affairs. Many reports suggest that by the end of her life Marilyn may have undergone as many as fourteen abortions.

In January, 1954, just as she ascended the heights of



stardom, Marilyn married another star who had been longer and even more widely adored.

He was Joe Di Maggio, the Yankee Clipper, some say the greatest baseball player ever to swing a bat. The marriage lasted nine months; Joe wanted more than a movie star. He was genuine and loved her as a woman. He would remain as a friend and would be guardian of her violated body at the end.



In the summer of 1956, a second star from an entirely different constellation joined the goddess of love in marriage: Arthur Miller of unremarkable features and spectacted, was, with Tennessee Williams, one of the great living playwrights in America.

For the media it was the marriage of the Beauty and the Brain, the Egghead and the Hourglass. A storybook romance

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that sadly did not last. A third marriage, well 'maybe', was of great interest to those who believe Marylyn was murdered; he was a man named Robert Slatzer, a writer and producer of movies.

Slatzer claimed the couple were married in an alcoholic haze in Tijuana in October 1952 and were together as man and wife about three days when they were strongarmed by Darryl Zanuck, the head of 20th Century Fox, Marilyn's boss at the time, into annulling the marriage and having all records destroyed.

Slatzer steadfastly maintained that Marilyn was murdered; his credibility is a central issue in the murder theory and comes from his long and determined investigative legwork.

Some accounts trace the origin of Marilyn's affair with John F. Kennedy to the early fifties, when he was a rising star in the U.S. Senate and she an established sex symbol in Hollywood. Some say it started when he was nominated as President. Whatever, it reached its peak in the heady days of the Presidency, both in the office and in a Santa Monica beach home of a family member Peter Lawford, an averagely talented movie actor elevated by a Kennedy marriage and a fringe part of the 'rat pack' as it was known, with founder members being the iconic entertainers Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra and Sammy Davis Jr.

Although lacking in education, this child-woman was not the dumb blonde she played in the movies. The saber wit and insights into character were not created by the scriptwriters. One example: an attempt was made to blackmail the studio she worked for because Marilyn's nude image was discovered on a cheesecake calendar which will make millions for its publishers but which was shot years before Norma Jean needed the fifty bucks she was paid for the session. The time is the prudish fifties, but Marilyn skates through the thin ice to an enormous publicity advantage with a crowded press conference.

"Reporter: Is it true you didn't have anything on when these pictures were taken?"

"Marilyn: We had the radio on."

Her movie career went from strength to strength but so did her insecurities and heavy drug abuse. The timing of her connection to President JFK is significant – coupled with her problems, John Kennedy was very much married and the most powerful man in the world. As a security risk Marilyn was as unstable as they come.

Not that John Kennedy was above taking risks where sexual adventure was concerned. His list of confirmed could-be liaisons rivalled Marilyn's. For Kennedy and his brother Robert, the indiscretions may have seemed a sort of family tradition. JFK's father, Joe Kennedy, had reportedly enjoyed Hollywood girlfriends in his heyday, the most famous being Gloria Swanson (who will be remembered by some more senior readers of the *Vibe*!)

Robert's fling with Marilyn is less well documented and harder to trace. Some suggest he was enlisted to soften the



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dalliance his brother was having with her. Whatever, like others he found her temptations impossible to resist. However and whenever it started, the affair appears to have continued until just prior to Marilyn's death in August of 1962. Speaking of the President, she could be light-hearted: "I think I made his back feel better" and "I made it with the Prez."

Her physical and mental decline continued. She may have been a goddess, but she was not a goddess to be trusted with anyone's secrets. And the Attorney General may have trusted her with the most important secrets that he knew. Slatzer, her former husband and confidant, claims Marilyn told him about Robert (Bobby) Kennedy's dangerously indiscreet pillow talk. She said Bobby became annoyed when she couldn't remember things he had told her. She said she resorted to making entries of what he had told her in a red diary.

Ten days before she died Marilyn showed Slatzer the diary. Most of the entries started with "Bobby told me." He remembers entries about Kennedy's war with Jimmy Hoffa and the Mafia, with Kennedy swearing to put that SOB behind bars. Most chillingly however he remembers an entry that read, "Bobby told me he was going to have.....Castro murdered."

The Kennedy administration's bungling attempts to kill Fidel

Castro, the President of Cuba, through the strangely combined efforts of the CIA, anti-Castro Cubans, and the American Mafia first came to light during Senate hearings in the seventies. But in 1962 a revelation of this kind would have been the most dangerous political fiasco imaginable. It could conceivably have started a nuclear confrontation; it could even cause the assassination of the President of the United States, which, we can only speculate, it may well have.

According to Slatzer, she not only knew these things but was willing to call a press conference and "blow the lid off this whole dam thing." Slatzer says he warned her she was like a walking time bomb but she said she didn't care. "She was tired of being used." Marilyn was becoming desperate and appeared scared. Robert, or Bobby, was not returning calls and the justice department would not put her through to him.

Although she most certainly did not know it, there is credible evidence to establish that Jimmy Hoffa of the Teamsters Union and avowed foe of the Kennedy's was having Marilyn's apartment "bugged" having enlisted the best in the business to enable him to hear pillow talk and everything else. He had motive to want "insurance" or reason to blackmail the Attorney General. In addition he was likely to have been privy to Robert's assertions, if true, that were entries in Marilyn's red diary.

The events of the day of Marilyn's death and the following days are mind boggling and space constraints in the *Vibe* prevent more ventilation of the bungled autopsy, myriad of lies, back-trackings, corruption of so much evidence that was available to help forensics, clean up tactics before Marilyn's death was announced to the world, the strange behaviour of the housemaid and of Marilyn's counsellor, Bobby's contradictions and denials of visiting the apartment despite being seen there with a sort of doctor's bag, the Police Chief's ambivalence, to say the least, the Mafia Don, Sam Ciancama's shadowy presence, the less than convincing actions of the FBI and so on and so on.

No one can talk to Bobby Kennedy now, or to Dr. Greenson the counsellor, Peter Lawford, Sam Giancama, Police Chief Parker, and the other major players in the drama. All are dead. It is still a safe bet that there are people who live today with secrets that could reveal the truth in the case. And there remains the macabre possibility that the last few moments of Marilyn's life may be recorded on a tape that may someday be played for the world to hear.

The red diary, if it still exists, would be a fascinating find but would likely reveal nothing of the cause of death.

The key to the question of whether Marilyn was murdered lies in her bungled autopsy; if she swallowed a fatal dose of pills she was probably a suicide or the victim of an accidental overdose. If she didn't swallow the fatal dose, and the evidence suggests she did not, her death was caused by someone else.

The key to the questions of how and why is on the hidden tapes and in the hidden thoughts of her killers and their silent accomplices.

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Phillip Island Seals

Shaped by the pounding waves and howling winds of Bass Strait, Seal Rocks stands at the exposed, western end of Phillip Island like a silent sentinel, marking the entrance to the sheltered waters of Western Port. Home to about one quarter of Australia's total fur seal population, Seal Rocks provides an important breeding area and nursery for around 25,000 Australian fur seals, and is also the location for that happy union when tourism and conservation come together to deliver a happy outcome.



Entangled seals

Of course, the future hasn't always looked quite so rosy for the seals. In the early 1800s, they were hunted throughout the Bass Strait region including Seal Rocks. Sealers became the first Europeans to live in Victoria in order to pursue their quarry, and by 1825 they had almost wiped out the seal population at Seal Rocks. For over a century, seals suffered at the hands of the occasional hunting party and fishermen who perceived the seals as a threat to their productivity. In order to protect a dwindling seal population the Government created a wildlife reserve at Seal Rocks in 1928 and seal hunting was banned in Victorian waters.

Continuing on from the important research commenced in 1966, Dr Rebecca McIntosh heads the seal research team at Phillip Island Nature Parks, and makes the sometimes treacherous trip out to Seal Rocks every 1 to 2 months. The team's tasks include the collection of scats to assess the seals' diet, and the monitoring of the seal population by recording the numbers of pups at the end of breeding season. Both of these activities provide us with a much greater understanding of this marine mammal and their ever-changing environment.

One of the most challenging tasks for the research team during their regular visits is to attempt the removal of debris from entangled seals. Nature Parks' staff rescue an



Dr Rebecca McIntosh at Seal Rocks

average of 20 entangled fur seals each year, and it is the pups that are the most susceptible to becoming entangled. Their natural curiosity can lead them to investigate or play with a whole range of objects they find in the water. Entanglements are often life-threatening and can occur from a range of discarded items including fishing nets, fishing line, plastic bags, balloon strings, and even hats.

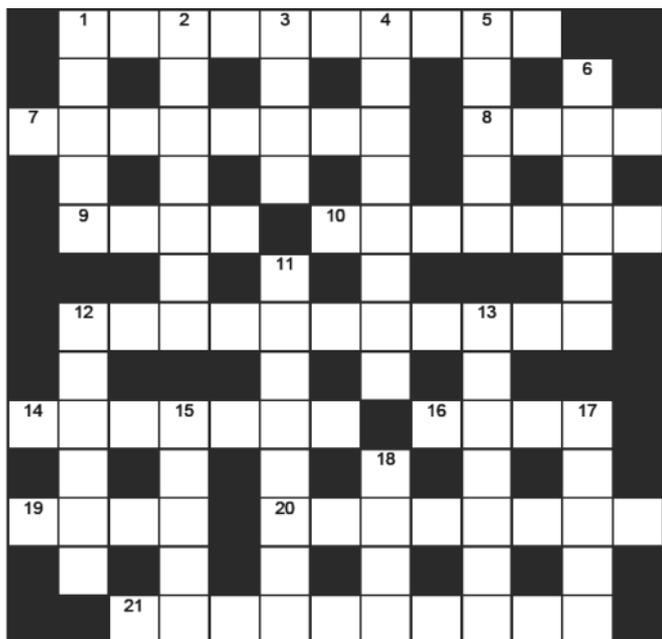
It is in this area of seal entanglements that tourism has contributed greatly to the success of seal rescue. In December 2014, Phillip Island Nature Parks commenced its Wild Oceans Ecoboat Tours, which give visitors an up-close and personal view of the seals out at Seal Rocks. These daily tours operate year round from Cowes on a 47 seat rigid-hulled inflatable boat, giving unprecedented access to the seal colony. Visitors on-board the boat, with the assistance of the crew and the Nature Parks' ranger guides, have made numerous sightings of entanglements while watching the seals out at the Rocks.

These sightings are reported to the research team who are then far better prepared for their regular trips out to Seal Rocks, with advance knowledge of what they can expect to encounter. Rescues are only possible on the rocks themselves, as once the seals have entered the water, researchers have no hope of catching them. In Dr McIntosh's own words: "Rescuing seals is an enormously difficult task and it's a problem best tackled by ensuring these materials don't find their way into the marine environment in the first place."

This simple but important conservation message is delivered by the ranger guides on the Ecoboat Tours and is brought home in no uncertain terms when visitors come across a hapless seal, most often entangled in an item that should not have found its way into our oceans in the first place.

Brain Food

Find all the answers & solutions to Puzzles & Quizzes on page 18 (No peeking!)



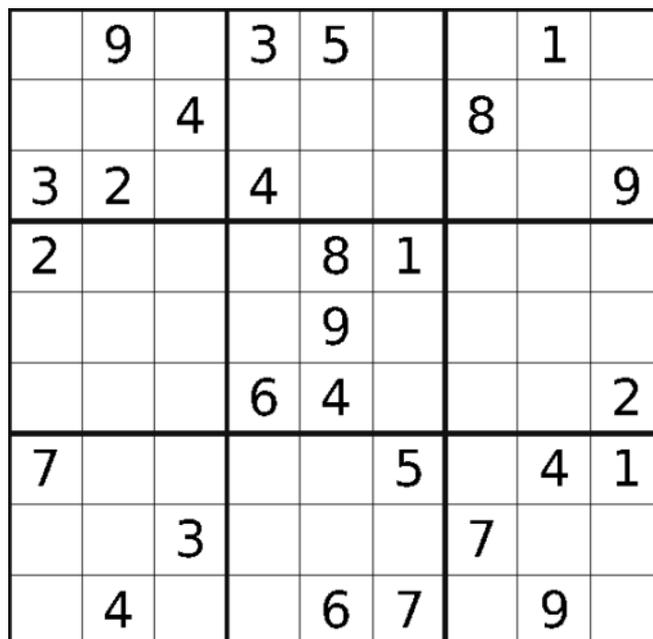
Vibe Quick Crossword 78

Across

- 1 Expulsion from a place (10)
- 7 A thing of any kind (8)
- 8 A roundish projection (4)
- 9 Earth (4)
- 10 Public disgrace (7)
- 12 Annoyance (11)
- 14 8 sided object (7)
- 16 Discover (4)
- 19 A bony projection (4)
- 20 Authoritative approval (8)
- 21 Logical (10)

Down

- 1 Change shape (5)
- 2 Absence of matter (7)
- 3 Outer layer (4)
- 4 Illusionist (8)
- 5 Synthetic substance (5)
- 6 Get (6)
- 11 Roundabout (8)
- 12 Receive (6)
- 13 Stupid (7)
- 15 A kitchen garment (5)
- 17 Amusing (5)
- 18 A single thing (4)



Vibe Sudoku 78 Each row, column and sub-box must

Q&A

- 1 Starring George Clooney and Julia Roberts, who directed the recently released film *Money Monster*?
- 2 In celebration of her 90th birthday, who recently posed for *Vanity Fair* magazine?
- 3 In which century was Joan of Arc burned at the stake?
- 4 How many zeros are there in a googol?
- 5 Which organ in the body does pleurisy affect?
- 6 In what year did The Great Depression begin?
- 7 What is the largest island in the world?
- 8 What two colours appear on the Indonesian flag?
- 9 Who is Australia's current Attorney General?
- 10 In *Seinfeld*, what is Newman's favourite soup?



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Community Clubs & Groups

If you're a not-for-profit club or organisation you can list your meeting times & contact details here. If you'd like to advertise a special event, or facilities & services for hire please email all enquiries to: phillipislandvibe@gmail.com.

SOS (survivors of suicide) meet 2nd Tues of month, Surf Room, Newhaven Secondary College Newhaven, 7pm. A safe, friendly, caring environment for anyone touched by suicide. Contact Lyndall 0408592778.

Red Cross, Phillip Island Branch meets every 2nd Thurs of month, 1.30pm, Uniting Church Hall, Chapel Street, Cowes. New Members welcome. Contact Ron Hateley 59522549 or Sally Matthews 59521825.

Friends of the Library book chat 1st Wed of every month at 2pm, commencing Feb 5 Phillip Island Library. Friends of Library meeting 10.30am 3rd Sat of every month. New members welcome. Call Celia 59521901.

Phillip Island Library free wifi & kids programs. Story Time every Tue 11-11.30, Baby Rhyme Time every Thu 10.30-11. www.wgrlc.vic.gov.au or call 59522842.

Phillip Island Lions Club Meets every 2nd & 4th Sunday of month, 1.30pm, Lions Club Rooms, Dunsmore Rd, Cowes. More info: Steve Munro 59526461

New Parents to Phillip Island Group New parents with children aged 0-5yrs, make friendships, gain support and advice. Email np2pi@live.com, www.facebook.com/NewParents2PhillipiIsland or call 0459521490.

Newhaven Indoor Bowling Club meets every Tues at 12.30-3.45pm in air conditioned Newhaven Hall, Cleeland St Newhaven. Cost \$5.00 includes afternoon tea. New members welcome. Age group 60-90 yrs. Call Dagmar 5956 6965.

Newhaven Yacht Squadron invites you to go sailing FREE. We need males & females to crew our yachts. Very easy to learn. For more info call Craig on 0411187219.

Phillip Island Bicycle Users Group Every Wed 10am starting at Amaze'n Things car park. Very social, speed is the slowest rider. Contact Ron 59522549 or ron1@bigpond.com.

Phillip Island Bridge Club duplicate games Mon & Wed 12.15pm for 12.30pm start. Located at back of Newhaven Hall. Visitors welcome. For partner or lesson info contact 0400815353.

Phillip Island Girl Guides Juniors 5-9yrs Mon 4-5.30pm, Seniors 9-14yrs Tues 5-6.30pm. More info call Belinda Egan 0408460888 or email began@guidesvic.org.au.

Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club snooker, carpet bowls, cards, ballroom dancing, craft. Membership \$15 per year. Frid 12noon 3 course lunch \$14. 59522973 for more information.

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Phillip Island Community & Learning Centre (PICAL) recreational, educational and some welfare services to reflect local community needs. For further info call 59521131, www.pical.org.au or pop in at 56-58 Church St Cowes.

The Probus Club of San Remo 2nd Mon of each month 10am at the Newhaven Hall, 23 Cleeland Street, Newhaven. New members most welcome. For more info: Neil Stewart 59566581 or nsstewart@gmail.com.

Rotary Club of Phillip Island & San Remo "Fundraising for our community". New members welcome. Phone Keith

Gregory 0439020996.

Lions Club of San Remo & Newhaven 2nd & 4th Tues of month St Augustine's Church, Phillip Island Rd, San Remo, 6.30pm. Contact Lois Balka 0413243159.

The Woolshed Spinners beginners and skilled spinners welcome. Small group. PICAL, 56-58 Church St Cowes, 2nd & 4th Thurs of each month, 10-2 pm. Cost \$4 per meeting \$1 kitty. Contact John Stott 59523477 or john.stott6@bigpond.com.

Men's Shed meets at the rear of the RSL every Tues & Thurs mornings 9.30am-noon. Anyone most welcome to join us. Contact Terry Heffernan 0438808428 or 59526955.

Phillip Island TOWN Club Weight Loss Group Thurs 9-11.00am, Ryhll Hall. Joining fee \$47.50, weekly fee \$5.00. Nutritional eating, weigh in and group therapy. New members welcome. Contact Rhonda on 59521563.

Westernport Tennis Club (San Remo & Newhaven) Men's comp Thurs nights, Women's comp Wed nights, Juniors Sat. For more info call David Egan 0468635067.

Community Visitors Scheme - Friends for Older People organises friendly visitors for socially isolated or lonely residents in aged care homes. Volunteers welcome. For more info contact 0409287242, or cvsrecruitment@msaustralia.org.au.

Phillip Island Croquet Club new members welcome. Contact Ken 59568803 or David 59569047 or just come along to our club Frid 10am Blue Gum Reserve Dunsmore Rd, Cowes.

The National Vietnam Veterans Museum needs volunteers to assist with cataloguing and conserving the collection, maintenance and building projects and office work. Contact Lyn Duguid or Cheree Dyson, 59566400.

Heart Support Australia 1st Fri of month 1.30pm, San Remo Community Health Centre, Back Beach Rd, San Remo. Membership open to anyone with a cardiac problem and their carers. Contact Gerald 59521913.

Islander Day Club every Monday, ANZAC Room, RSL, 10am -2pm. Games, craft, exercises guest speakers and outings. Transport can be arranged if necessary. For more info: Margaret Harrison 56785131.

Phillip Island Day View Club proudly supporting The Smith Family Feb-Dec, 4th Monday of month, 11am, Ramada Resort Cowes. New members welcome. For information contact Di 0488654030 or Irene 59523447.

Barb Martin Bushbank Inc Volunteers needed to learn how to propagate local native plants. Every Wed 9.30am-12noon & Thurs 10am-12noon. 1810 Phillip Island Rd (@ Koala Conservation Centre). No exp necessary, must wear covered in shoes & sun smart clothing. For further info 0407348807.

Inner Wheel Club of Phillip Island meets 2nd Thurs of month 6pm, The Fat Seagull (upstairs). A friendly group of women raising funds for local, national and international projects. New members always welcome. Call Dianne Barlow 59521021.

The Probus Club of Phillip Island Inc meet 4th Wed of each month, 10am, Anzac Room, Phillip Island RSL, New




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Bass Coast Health Heart Foundation Walking Groups Meet weekly, including general, dog walking, pram walking and pole walking. Contact: Anita Leyden 56719200.

Bass Coast Ballet School Classes from 2yrs-adult. Ballet, contemporary, jazz, tap. Cowes & Wonthaggi. For more info 0408399853.

Community Garden & Kitchen PICAL is creating a welcoming, fun space for the community to grow and prepare local and organic produce. Email Communitykitchen@pical.org.au if you would like to volunteer or contribute.

Phillip Island Camera Club meets 1st Mon of month, Heritage Centre meeting room, 1.30-4pm. Contact Sue Brereton 0408136717 or phillipislandcameraclub.com.au.

Walk the Labyrinth at San Remo, Back Beach Rd, 10.30am 1st Sat of month. More info: Lorraine Rodda, lgrodda@iprimus.com.au.

Country Women's Association, 1st Thurs month, CWA Shop, Thompson Ave, Cowes, 1pm. More info: Jan 59525177, Judy 59568480.

Phillip Island Swim Club must be competent in 3 out of 4 strokes looking to extend skills with qualified coaches

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Phillip Island & District Genealogical Society discover your ancestry. 56 Chapel St Cowes. Tues 10-1pm, Thurs 10-4pm, Frid 1-4pm, Sat 10-1pm. Contact 0418178343 or piadgs@gmail.com.

Heart Foundation Walking Group San Remo Wed 9.30am slow/medium pace, social way to stay active. Info: Robyn or Anita 567192000.

Phillip Island Patchworkers Newhaven Hall: Mon, 7.30pm, Cowes Cultural Centre: 89 Thompson Ave last Tues of month, 10.30am, Cape Info Centre, Newhaven: 1st Tues of month 10.30am. Contact: Michelle 0418356478.

Cowes AA Big Book Meeting, 7pm Tues, St Phillips Church Cowes (opp Coles). Call 0428301871 or 0417317470.

Bass Coast Strollers weekly walks 8-12 km over varying terrain, within Bass Coast region. Monday 8.45am-lunchtime. Enjoy the outdoors and social functions as well. More info: Jan on 0419990313.

Phillip Island Community Art & Craft Gallery Open 7 days, 91-97 Thompson Ave (Cultural Centre), on display & for sale original art & craft works from locals. New Members welcome. Call Aleta 0419525609.

Phillip Island Adult Riding Club Social & HRCav horse riding club for beginners to advanced. Rallies held every 3rd Sat of month. New members welcome. Contact Rachel 0435552518 or email enquiries.piarc@gmail.com.

Sing for Fun at Vocal Nosh 1st Sun of month, 5-7pm, break for simple meal (\$5), St John's Uniting Church Hall, Chapel St Cowes. All ages & ability welcome. More info: Fay Magee frmagee@waterfront.net.au.

Wildlife Rescue Phillip Island, Rehabilitation, care, rescue & transport of all wildlife on the Island & surrounding areas. Kaylene 0412258396 or Colleen 0409428162.

South Coast Speakers Toastmasters meets every 2nd & 4th Wed of month, 7.30pm @ San Remo Hotel, San Remo. Develop oral communication & leadership skills. For more info: Brigitte Linder 0421812691.

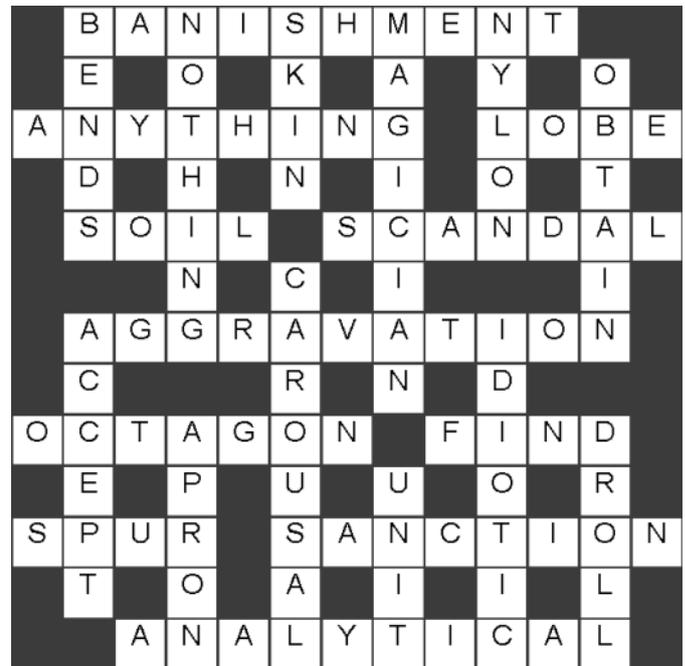
Friends of Scenic Estate Reserve (FOSER) assists Council and the Nature Parks in managing the new Reserve. New volunteers most welcome. Contact John Eddy at cgrayden@waterfront.net.au or via PICS Facebook page.

Parkrun - free 5km timed run/walk for all abilities. Saturdays 7:45 Churchill Island (www.parkrun.com.au/phillipisland/)

Phillip Island & District Historical Society Thurs & Sat 10am-12 noon. More info: Christine Grayden 59568501 or 0400900612.

Phillip Island Squares (square dancing) Thursdays 7.30-10pm Bass Valley Community Hall, Bass School Rd, Bass, 59525875.

Phillip Island Medical & Health Action Group meet last Thurs of month, 5.30-6.30pm, RSL Board Room. More info: Graeme Cock .0419043873 or Peter Paul 0400849936. Focusing on the new health and medical Hub now under development for Cowes.



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4	7	6	5	9	2	1	8	3
5	1	8	6	4	3	9	7	2
7	8	2	9	3	5	6	4	1
9	6	3	8	1	4	7	2	5
1	4	5	2	6	7	3	9	8

Vibe Sudoku Solution 78

Quiz Solution 78

1 Jodie Foster 2 Queen Elizabeth II 3 Fifteenth 4 100 5 The lungs 6 1929 7 Greenland 8 Red and white 9 George Brandis 10 Jambalaya

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