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Pro Surf Coaching head coach Ed Amorin runs the Grommets Program for young surfers and it's easy to see how much fun is had. He's such a great advocate for our community that he was recently awarded the Community Gem Award for Bass Coast Shire by MP Jordan Crugnale. Well deserved Ed. Community listings make a comeback this issue so if your groups details need updating, please let us know. Happy New Year.

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Surf News by Ed Amorim (@prosurfcoaching)

Welcome back to all our students, friends and families from metropolitan Melbourne. How good is this? All our beaches are open and the travel distance restrictions no longer exist. Welcome back to a good and normal life, enjoying the ocean and the freedom of outdoors. We are still looking after ourselves and others by following the regulations but WE CAN GO AND SURF yeaaaahhhh.. and the @prosurfcoaching_ team are here to get you back on track and provide the right guidance for you to be surfing quickly and safely. We look forward to seeing you very soon. We missed you all.

Magic Feeling A happy face after a surf session means a lot to us, that's the result of your success and the goals that you have achieved, your adrenaline and all the good sensations going through your body. A free smile means that everything is good in that moment of your life.

The future is now Hello Mum and Dad. This is Ed Amorim from Pro Surf Coaching and I invite your kid to surf with us. Our team is ready to help you with our PSC Grommets Program. Every Wednesday and Saturday at 4 pm at Smiths beach. Bring your kid to surf with us. This program is already running and growing every week covering kids from 1 to 13 years old in 3 different divisions. All kids are more than welcome to join us. We are definitely looking forward to seeing you all together again. For bookings and more information call 0490406005 @prosurfcoaching_

Congratulations to Scarlett Rennie

Our little local Grommets star competitor brought home the trophy after winning one of the finals and second overall a couple of weeks ago in a state title grommets comp on the Surf Coast. All the hard work and fun we had paid off. Bring on the next one... goooo Scarlett. PSC team are very proud of you.



PSC Surf Comp Program We are proud to announce the New PSC Surf Comp Program has started at the same time 4 pm at Smiths Beach but will be mobile for the athletes trying different waves. This new project is designed for kids that like to prepare themselves for future competitions. Together we will study the competition rules and juggling criteria, have specific comp training, additional surf gym, heat stimulation, proper competition, support with sponsorship proposals, media exposure, video analysis and lots more. We will have 3 divisions available - grommets, cadets, and juniors. All our surf students are welcome. Please let us know if it will suit your little champion.

New rubbish around It's sad to see a new type of rubbish invading our beach now, the crap covid-19 mask. What's happening with this world when someone drops a mask on the beach for others to pick up? Are you for real??? Yes, I am mad about this new situation. Please guys, take your rubbish home with you. Everyone should have the chance to enjoy the place like you found it, it's unfair to others. Please contact @basscoastshire and let them know we need more rubbish bins on our beaches. Every weekend the bins are over loaded and rubbish flies everywhere. It ends up in the ocean or somewhere on our beautiful island. We need to educate our tourists to respect our place. An example was that in lockdown we hardly saw rubbish anywhere. Now it is out of control again. We need action, a serious campaign for more rubbish bins.

Hello Surf Coaches Pro Surf Coaching Surf Academy based on magic Phillip Island are looking for 2 new members to join our awesome team of surf coaches. Level 1 and 2 preferred but we also need assistant coaches to help through the summer. If you love surf, have good coaching skills and have the right attitude, please contact us 0490 406005 and we'd love to see your resume.

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Santa Claus with Flaws!

It was midnight on Christmas Eve when the maintenance staff of Myers came to work in the deserted department store. When they arrived at the North Pole display, they discovered every child's worst nightmare, the lifeless body of Santa Claus. He was in a storage room, his head bashed in by the butt end of a .44 revolver.



Santa's off-duty name was Rudolph Pringle. "That's Rudolph's revolver," the manager informed the police. "He started carrying it after a six-year-old pulled a knife on him."

"Do you know anyone who would want to see Rudolph dead—besides the six-year-old?"

The manager cleared his throat. "Santa's been having a lot of fights with his elves. I know three elves who'd threatened to kill him."

The detective had the murder weapon bagged. Then he placed it on the centre of the interview table, right where the suspects would be forced to look at it. "Rudolph Pringle has been murdered," he informed each elf. "What do you know about it?"

Joe Winters shivered and couldn't stop staring at the gun. "I know nothing. Some of the guys had trouble with Rudolph. But he was always nice to me. I left the store at nine, right when it closed. I was too tired to change, so I wore my costume home. No one said a word on the subway."

"Rudolph was a pig," snarled Sam Petrie, the second elf. "If he pushed me too far, I wouldn't smash his head in. I'd sue. What's the use of a dead Santa when a live one can be made to pay?"

Robert Goldstein was the smallest elf. On hearing the news, he burst into tears. "Last week, Rudolph started a fight. He said I was too slow bringing in the kids. He slapped me on the head and called me all sorts of names. But I didn't kill him."

The detective called in his assistant. "Well, we have our killer," he said with a smile. "All I had to do was use a little psychology."

Well, Vibe readers, who killed our seemingly flawed Santa?

If this one's got you stumped, don't worry. You can take a sneaky peak at the answer on page 22.

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DOLLARS AND SENSE BY DAVID WELLS

2021 a Crystal Ball

Last issue I promised to give my forecasts for 2021. One thing that 2020 showed was that predicting the future is fraught with risks. Anyone who claims to be consistently successful is deluding themselves and others. Even while Covid existed in 2019 who would have predicted in January all the lock downs, economic disruptions and human costs involved – or that two of the wealthiest countries in the world would be among the hardest hit. On that premise I will offer some forecasts of things I think may eventuate based on what some experts think and my decades of experience in finance.

The first prediction is bound to be right – not all my predictions will come to pass, either in extent or at all.

Interest rates will remain low for this year and probably the next two or three as well. Governments will continue to “do what it takes” to keep economies going, thereby deferring the pain. These low rates will have flow on effects, which is deliberate. Companies will be able to borrow and retirees will not get any viable income from previously secure investments are just two of the good/bad outcomes of this. When coupled with the central banks continued printing of money and the purchases of huge amounts of corporate and government debt, we will see the money supply rise faster than productivity, thereby starting the inflationary process. I should say accelerating, as it has already started. This will cause negative real interest rates - official rates less inflations will give a negative number. We will never have to pay a bank to look after our savings.

Covid will still be with us, but vaccines will start to roll out in real numbers around the mid-year, but it will take longer than 2021 for Covid to be controlled. While there is one traveller not vaccinated, we will still have the risks of sudden outbreaks all around the world. Travel will never return to our previous normal. However,

by the end of the year we will be learning to live with this new normal and life will have a semblance of consistency. We may also see a move toward returning manufacturing to Australia (I hope). This would be a real boon to the population and as soon as people see that there is more to business than monetary profits the better. This would be a long-

term process, though and for next year would generate more warm happy feelings that real dollars.

So where does this all leave us with our finances? Jobs will not be as secure as before and there will be many casual workers who continue to find work hard to come by. Our unemployment will improve but it will still be high by pre-covid standards. People with good jobs will tend to stick with them in the face of uncertainty. Inflation will climb a little, and in the short term this will have more positives than negatives, especially on the broader scale. It will ease the debt burden, Australia governments can still afford more than they have taken on, so far, but individually we will need some wage inflation to occur to help. With a higher level of unemployment and coming out of a recession this may still be a little way off. If we do restore some manufacturing this, too, would improve. In any case I am predicting that 2021 will be a lot better than 2020 economically.

The share market is predicted to range between a rise of 15% and a fall of 20%. I think the result will be a lift in the order of just under 10% and the average dividend yield rising from its current 3.6% to maybe just over 4%. The amount of money being printed, coupled with long term low interest rates will see the market recovery continue through 2021. The market works on expectations of performance 7 – 12 months ahead and the vaccine roll outs will reinforce that. The expected return to normality, huge amounts of free or low-cost money will keep the growth coming for next year. Reality will hit sometime but I do not think it will be next year.

On the property front, house prices have recovered and selectively they will keep rumbling along. Country homes not far from the larger cities will continue to do well and great locations always perform. I am confident we won't see a “boom” but there'll be some happiness for homeowners, and less despair for new home buyers as the incentives are maintained to some extent. Rentals, however, may not perform so well so do not expect rental yields to improve. If you have a rental with a good tenant, keep them happy! I hope your holidays are filled with happy times with family and friends and that 2021 is better for you than you expect but above all, be optimistic and stay safe.

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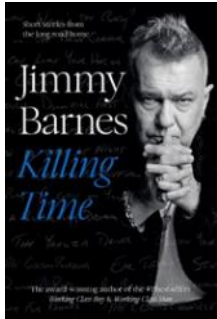
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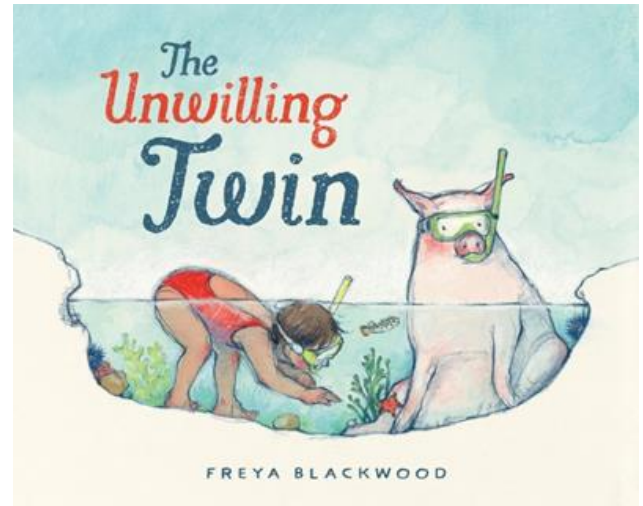
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Stay Safe on the Beach

By Ed Amorin - Pro Surf Coaching

Summer has arrived again and the beach lifestyle is back to our magic Island. It's time to give our kids the necessary information so they can enjoy this special time of the year on our beaches and stay safe and out of trouble at the same time. This is where I, the head surf coach Ed Amorin, from Pro Surf Coaching have developed a very simple, yet informative program to share with our students, friends and families

So do you have any "Surf Risk Management"?

Surf is an extreme sport and to be out there in a surf zone attempting to catch waves and navigating going in and out of the water, as well as integrating in to the line up with different people of different skill levels is definitely not completely safe for everyone.

So let's start.. before our adventure begins we will cover some of the safety aspects of our sport. We have in place our own safety and emergency plan with procedures, steps, local awareness, emergency calls and actions. So, what is your Emergency Plan? In case of an emergency ask for help, call 000 and explain where you are. Normally all the popular beaches have a orange triangle with a number and a letter to accurately give your position. Report how many people are involved, explain the situation and the time occurred. We always have a first aid kit on the beach for use.

When you are in the surf look out for dangers

Rips: A rip occurs when the water from the incoming waves start going back out to the ocean. Rips are not monsters. It will not pull you down or grab you but you need to know how to manage it. Rips can help you get to the outer break zone. It can make the paddle quicker and easier but it is essential to learn how to correctly use a rip.

Action: Never swim against the rip. This is the most common way people give up and can drown. Call for help by waving a fist in the air. Keep calm, never leave your board, your wetsuit will keep you above the water, swim sideways to the waves zone as waves will bring you back to the beach, plus save energy for when you need it.

Rocks and reef: They are sharp, hard and you can't see them when under water.

Action: Keep away from them when you can by maintaining a reference to water or land marks. Try to be gentle and light footed when in contact with rocks or reefs. Slow movements and calm mindset when walking along feeling the sea bed.

Sand: It's hard as well and unpredictable, especially when we surf from deeper waters to shallow waters.

Action: Don't dive head first - you never know where the sandbank is under white-water and how deep it is. So fall like a banana tree on your back. When wearing a wetsuit, the wetsuit will soften the impact. Do not jump with legs straight and joints locked. Try bending your knees and ankles to reduce the impact.

Sun: Is good for you but can be dangerous.

Action: Sunscreen is important, drink lots of water after your activities and moderate the sun with shade once you have finished surfing.

Other surfers: Other surfers out there don't have the same knowledge that our students have. In regards to all the risks previously mentioned, they may lack the awareness to take action early and we need to be prepared for their lack of knowledge and skill.

Action: If you see someone riding waves in your direction, move sideways, bring your board with you and leave the track clear to the other surfers. If a bunch of surfers ride the wave in your direction and you have nowhere to go, go under the water. It's the safest place and hold your breath for 10 seconds and come up slowly with your hands above your head protecting you. You mustn't run over anyone either (laughter). Please stay safe and choose patrolled beaches to swim. When you're swimming, please stay between the flags. Choose another day if the ocean is dangerous. Share this information with your friends and family and stay safe and enjoy the ocean.

Help us shape our Community Engagement Policy

Bass Coast Shire Council's draft Community Engagement Policy 2021 is now available and ready for your feedback. The new Victorian Local Government Act 2020 requires councils to develop and adopt a Community Engagement Policy by March 2021.

The Policy must include the principles of deliberative engagement and be developed in consultation with the community.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari, said that Council is committed to actively encouraging individuals, groups and communities to be involved in local government through community engagement.

"Our recent move to a place-based approach to community planning is evidence of our commitment to building strong and sustainable relationships with our community," Cr Tessari said.

"Bass Coast's residents and ratepayers have diverse needs and opinions, innovative ideas, and a wealth of local knowledge, and drawing on that helps us to make better decisions on behalf of our community.

"This is a great opportunity to set out how we will work with our community going forward," Cr Tessari concluded.

To view the draft Community Engagement Policy and to provide your feedback, visit www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/engage. Feedback will be accepted until Sunday, 17 January.

The final Policy is expected to be considered for adoption at the February 2021 Council Meeting.

Have your say: Draft Community Engagement Policy



Our draft Community Engagement Policy 2021 is now available and ready for your feedback.

We are committed to encouraging individuals, groups and communities to be involved in local government through community engagement, so we'd like to hear your thoughts and ideas on how you want us to engage with you.

You can view the Draft Policy on our website at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/engage.

You can provide feedback via the form on our website, by emailing communications@basscoast.vic.gov.au or by post to Bass Coast Shire Council, PO Box 118 Wonthaggi, 3995 before **Sunday, 17 January 2021**.

Community Support Program

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Joining forces to share our beaches this summer



Phillip Island Nature Parks, in conjunction with Bass Coast Shire Council, Victoria Police, Phillip Island and Bass Coast Dog Owners Associations and the community are looking forward to working together to share our beaches this summer. Phillip Island Nature Parks and Bass Coast Shire manage many of the beaches and reserves we will all visit this summer.

"The Nature Parks puts a major focus on public safety and protecting the environment and wildlife from threats such as fire over summer and rangers are on regular patrols to ensure visitors can enjoy beaches and reserves safely," said Ben Thomas, Phillip Island Nature Parks Ranger in Charge.

"We are expecting a busy summer this year and we want the community to know we are working hard to protect the island's beaches, its wildlife and the safety of the community and visitors," said Ben Thomas.

"Working as a team with Bass Coast Shire Council, Victoria Police and our community, we hope to keep our community safe in the knowledge that we are all here with the same goal of sharing our beaches" said Ben Thomas.

"We are fortunate to have many areas where we can share the beaches with our dogs and we simply ask everyone to care for each other and their dogs by observing the rules and regulations which are for everyone's comfort and safety," said Ben Thomas.

Andrew O'Brien, Senior Sergeant Bass Coast Cluster, said: "Victoria Police focus is Community Safety and we are happy to support our partner agencies to ensure the safety of all beach users and the staff and volunteers of the Nature Parks and Bass Coast Shire Council."

Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor, Cr Bress Tessari said that it is important everyone has the chance to enjoy the beach this summer. "We want everyone to be able to enjoy their visit to the beach, safely. By working together with our community, we can make sure everyone has a great time, including our favourite four-legged friends," Cr Tessari said.

Signage and regulations provide the best advice for your and others safety - simply check the advice on the signage and this will tell you how you can be safe and within the law on your visit to the beach. Dog regulations also changed on December 1, so it's important to check the signs again.

"The Phillip Island and Bass Coast Dog Owners Association look forward to a busy and safe summer and encourage our members and visitors to enjoy our beautiful Island while taking extra care around our beaches and reserves," said Association President Greg Price.

Cheryl Owens also said on behalf of the Phillip Island and Bass Coast Dog Owners Association: "We would like to say that we wholeheartedly support responsible dog ownership and encourage our members to adhere to the rules and regulations for our summer period."

All organisations have an education role but also can enforce the regulations if required, to ensure the rules are adhered to. The safety of people and wildlife and protecting the environment are paramount.



You can help by:

- Reading and observing all beach signs before you enter a beach or Reserve - note they may have changed on December 1
- Downloading the 'Where Can I Walk My Dog?' brochure available at www.penguins.org.au
- Keeping dogs on a leash in on-leash areas and under control on off-leash beaches.
- Giving everyone the space and consideration we all deserve after a tough year.
- Checking www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au for up to date public health information.

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A COMPOSITIONAL TOOL - SIMPLICITY OR MINIMALISM IN PHOTOGRAPHY

Minimalist photography is a form of photography that is distinguished by extreme, austere simplicity. It emphasizes sparseness and focuses solely on the smallest number of objects in the composition process. It relies upon simple compositions, but this doesn't mean that it should be boring – minimalist photography allows a lot of room for creativity. The challenge is applying the concept of minimalism, and keeping all distracting and unnecessary details out of the photo, allowing all of the attention to be brought toward the concept, or subject of the photo.

Strong Leading Lines are a common compositional technique used to draw the viewer into a composition, or to convey a sense of depth or distance. For minimalist photography, strong lines play a major role in many compositions, showing isolation, separation, connection, distance, proximity and depth. Strong vertical or horizontal lines can also act as a central element, providing a solid structure to the composition.

Geometric Patterns Architecture is a great place to find geometric patterns, as you can often find entire walls of patterns to incorporate into a shot. Staircases, park benches, bridges, windows, and brick walls are all excellent places to find interesting geometric patterns.

Negative Space is the valuable breathing room that's an essential part of minimalist photography. Look for negative space, walls of colour, and simplified backgrounds to incorporate into your photos. Angle your shots up and using the blue sky as a simplified background, or capture your subjects in front of a wall – just be sure to incorporate plenty of negative space into your photos.

Contrast is one of the most important qualities when it comes to eliciting an emotional response. Contrasting colours, shades, patterns, shapes, or even contrasting ideas are effective ways to create compositional tension that grabs the viewer's attention and makes them think – or to convey a powerful message.

Textures Good use of colour and interesting textures are both key elements to minimalist photography, with some compositions even featuring texture as the key component. Try to use light to improve the texture and bring out the colours and contrast. Capture an image that the viewer can almost feel.



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If you found this article of interest and would like to find out more go to www.phillipislandcameraclub.com.au/contact/ Or for more information on Phillip Island Camera Club phone Jenny on 0408355130. Ref: Keep it Simple – A Guide to Minimalist Photography CHRISTINA HARMAN

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Last year has reminded us that we are all human.

The virus has been the great leveller.

You may think that other people have had a tougher year than you, but that doesn't mean your life experiences are unworthy.

Take time to honour yourself.

Count your blessings.

What have you learned about yourself?

What is most important to you?

What will you not do anymore?

What new things have you embraced?

2020 was not wasted time, it was an opportunity to clarify what's truly worthy of your time. Let's begin 2021 with hope and focused intention.

"Unworthiness feels like unalignment with your source. Worthiness is alignment with source." Abraham Hicks
Blessings Pip x

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Monthly message from the Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club

Happy new year everyone.

Firstly we'd just like to say a very big thank you to everyone who turned up at our garage sale in early December. We are very happy with the outcome.

And secondly we hope you are able to catch up with family and friends during this holiday time. Get down to the beach, enjoy lunch or dinner at many of our great cafes and restaurants. T

hey did it hard during lockdown and would love to see your happy smiling faces.

Stay safe and keep your fingers crossed that the Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club can reopen for our weekly lunches from mid - late February 2021.

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Dine outdoors this summer

Bass Coast Shire Council has been working closely with local business and tourism associations to identify and activate spaces for outdoor dining across the Shire.

These outdoor dining innovations have been made possible through the State Government's Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Package, of which Council received \$250,000 as part of the roadmap out of the coronavirus pandemic. Now summer is upon us, it is the perfect time to see Bass Coast towns opened up for alfresco dining, with The Inlet Hotel at Inverloch one of the first to take advantage of this exciting opportunity.

With the benefit of fast-tracked approvals, The Inlet has created a new outdoor dining 'parklet', which has seen parking bays used to create additional space for outdoor dining.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Brett Tessari said that getting outdoor spaces activated so quickly was testament to the hard work of local traders, tourism and business associations and Council.

"The pandemic has had a devastating effect on the hospitality industry so these increased dining options will help draw people back into our towns, so residents and visitors can support local businesses and boost the economy," Cr Tessari said.

"Council has been actively encouraging and supporting hotels, cafes and restaurants to expand operations by delivering quality outdoor dining options just in time for summer and it has been great to see this enthusiasm reciprocated by local business owners and tourism groups.

queuing and dining areas to assist with pedestrian traffic flow and that accessibility has been front of mind when creating these spaces," Cr Tessari concluded.

The Inlet's John McInnes said he was impressed with the encouragement and support his business had received from Council, to expand its outdoor dining area.

"The hands on support provided by many teams within Council has been excellent," Mr McInnes said.

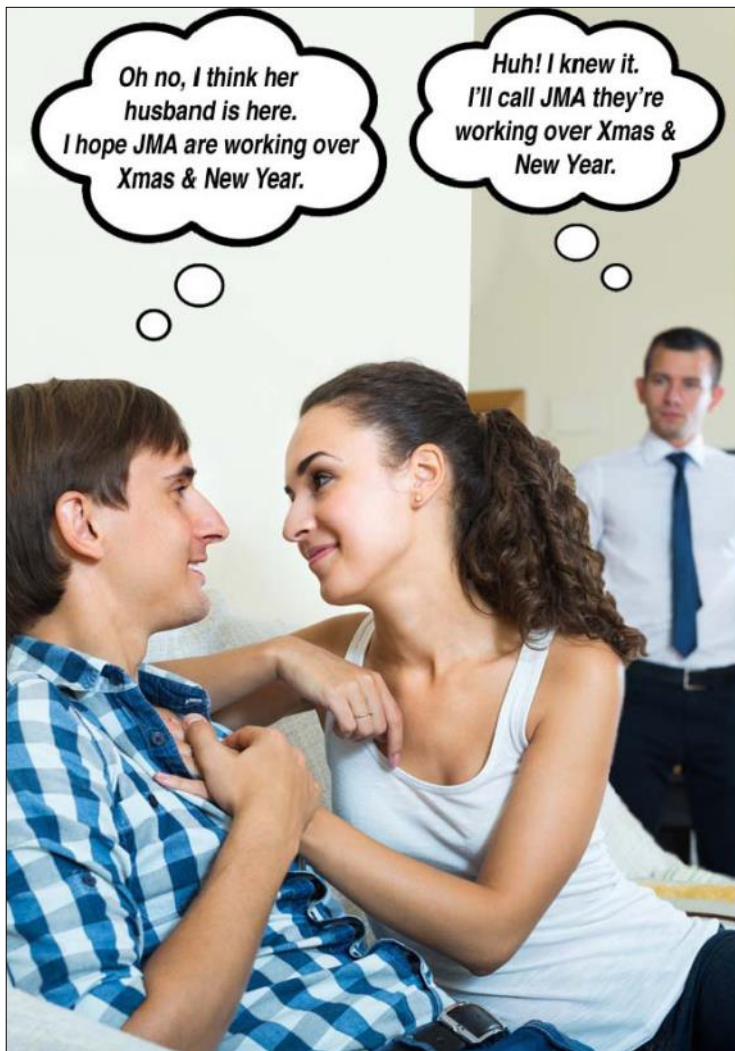
"We can now safely seat 48 additional diners in our parklet space and this will definitely assist with recovery from impacts associated with COVID-19. The space is already heavily booked and we are looking forward to a very busy summer period."

Cr Tessari said as well as supporting hospitality businesses to make the most of this opportunity, Council is creating some outdoor dining spaces for the community to use and enjoy, in time for the busy school holiday period.

"These temporary spaces will be set up in public locations across the Shire, including at Olive Justice Place in Cowes and in the Grantville and San Remo town centres," Cr Tessari said.

"Our Business Support Team has also created a town takeaway program using QR codes, to make it even easier for visitors to support local businesses."

As part of activating these exciting new outdoor spaces, some changes will be made to traffic conditions on A'Beckett Street in Inverloch and The Esplanade, Cowes from 14 December. Where necessary, speed limits will be lowered and electronic signs will be in place to inform road users of the changes



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Fishy Tales with Craig Edmonds from Jim's Bait and Tackle

BOATING IN S/E WESTERN PORT BAY - WHERE AND HOW-TO FISH AT CHRISTMAS TIME

To keep up with current reports, just visit our facebook page (www.facebook.com/JimsBaitAndTackle) where we will be listing reports as we get them. I get a lot of visitors to the shop from all parts of the state and country, many of whom have been told stories that boating in Western Port Bay is dangerous because all you do is get stuck on the mud. Like anywhere you go boating it can be dangerous and Western Port Bay is no different but with a small amount of common sense it can be as safe if not safer than any other boating waterway.

The best way to stay out of trouble is to ask someone who knows the area and generally the local tackle shop is the best place to start. They might not be able to guarantee you will catch a fish but if you follow the instructions you are given, chances are you will avoid getting into trouble. The most important rule in the bay is to follow the channel markers and to know what a danger marker looks like. If unsure slow down.

There are a few things you need to be aware of to have an enjoyable days fishing in Westernport Bay as it can be quite different to Port Phillip Bay. In Western Port we have currents and lots of them. The biggest difference you will find when fishing is you actually need to use sinkers and I don't mean split shot but large pieces of lead. You will also need to change the size of sinker as the tide changes and you will need to use different size sinkers in different parts of the bay. As a general rule, when you are whiting fishing you are generally in the shallow areas of the bay - often as shallow as 1m and you generally use sinkers from 1/2oz to 3oz. When you are chasing snapper or gummies you will need 4oz to 8oz in the shallower spots and 8oz to 16oz in the deeper channels with all of the above dependant on the time of the tide.

The biggest advantage we have in Western Port is we have an island in the middle and although it can still get quite rough it is generally a short chop which can be navigated safely. It also means there is generally somewhere you can go to fish. The trick is to know what stage the tide is at and the wind direction as this will determine the safest place to be. Pick a spot in the bay where the tide and wind are going in the same direction as this will be the smoothest area to be but be wary of tide changes as this can make a huge difference in a very short time.

Where to fish? I have listed some of the more popular spots in the bay which should give you a starting point for your days fishing and a general rule in the bay for most fish is about 1 1/2 hours

before and after the low or high tide is the best.

Dickies Bay - located on the eastern side of the bridge behind the police station where there are plenty of weed and sand patches in about 1m to 2m of water. This is probably one of the most productive areas for whiting and garfish in the bay but if you are fishing in this area don't forget the squid jig as plenty are caught during the season as well. Size 6 long shank hook or a size 1/0 circle on either a running sinker or paternoster rig with pippie and/or squid bait for the whiting with a small amount of burley and enough lead to hold the bottom. Whiting snatchers are very productive as well. Size 12 long shank hook with silverfish or dough under a float for the garfish with a bread dough for burley. Move about 1km further ENE and you will come to Maggie Shoal and the Anderson peg. Again a very popular spot for whiting and the same rig and baits apply but you won't find as many garfish as the water is slightly deeper. With a slightly different bottom you have a very good chance of finding a few flathead in this area as well as the odd grass whiting. Move another 3 or 4km north and you will come to Reef Island, another spot for whiting. The whiting in this area are generally smaller than Dickies Bay but there can be plenty of them but be careful of the island itself as the rocks can be just under the surface at high tide. As you head to Reef Island there are several spots along the way that can be very productive especially over Christmas when the pinkie snapper move in as well as being a good area for calamari and flathead. From Reef Island head SSW back towards the bridge to the main channel where there are plenty of opportunities to fish. The top end of the channel can produce some very good whiting along the edge, but more weight will be needed as the current is quite strong there. The channel can also be very good for pinkie snapper and flathead, but you will come across a bit more rubbish in the form of stingrays and Port Jackson sharks. The channel is also a very good place to troll a lure or two for salmon and pinke but remember it is a main channel and will get very busy with boating traffic at times.

From the top of the main channel at San Remo you can head towards French Island. North will take you to places like Corinella and Elizabeth Island, North West will take you to Ram Island and Tortoise Head - all very good for bigger snapper and gummies, but you will be fishing in deeper water and this is where the 8oz to 12oz sinkers will come in useful. There are far too many fishing spots to mention in this report but generally you are fishing in either a deep hole or on the edge of the channel and it pays to spend a bit of time with your sounder to ensure you are fishing on a ledge or the bank on the channel. As well as your sinkers changing size you will need to change hook size and style with circles or octopus style hooks from 4/0 to 8/0 needed again dependant on the bait and rig used. Running sinker or paternoster rig is the angler's preference as we get enough reports to suggest one works as good as the other and as a rule the bigger hooks are used on a running sinker rig. Baits vary again to the angler's preference, but squid and pilchard would account

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for about 80% of our reports. From Elizabeth Island head SSW towards Rhyll and about half way you will come across the Corals about 6m deep. An area well known for snapper and gummies. This time of the year generally the fish are a bit smaller in size than the deeper areas but certainly a lot easier to fish as you can drop down to a 4oz or 6oz sinker. This area is also a very good area to take the kids as there is usually something to catch, even if it is undersize flathead, and keeps them occupied for ages. You will get pestered by small flathead, but I have seen plenty of size flathead return from this area this season. For the snapper and gummies hooks, baits and rigs are the same as the deeper water with just a change of sinker. One advantage though in this area is to be able to read your sounder as you can easily pick up schools of fish and with a bit of burley you can have a successful days outing.

If you want to stay a bit closer to the Newhaven boat ramp or the wind is coming from the NW and you want somewhere calmer, head towards Cleeland Bight, west of the bridge. Stay to the correct side of the channel markers in the Bight as on your port side on the way down is a big sand bar.

There are several places to fish in the bight and the edge of the sand bar can be very productive for flathead on the right day. Just anchor on the side of the channel and fish back to the sand bar. The whiting can be very good further west towards the two green channel markers fishing in about 3 to 4m of water but fish on the Woolamai beach side. You can also pick up some reasonable size pinkies and gummies on the edge of the channel. Another good spot for whiting is further towards the entrance where you will see a big sand hill and fishing only a few 100m from the beach is where you need to be in about 2.5 to 3m of water. Like the rest of the bay, shallower water smaller sinkers, deeper water bigger sinkers and the rigs and baits remain the same. The bight is also a very good place for calamari and you will need to be in about 2.5m of water from the sand hill to the public mooring buoys. Anglers use either a baited jig under a float or an artificial jig and both methods work. Like all lure fishing the colour of the jig will depend on the day but as a general rule natural coloured jigs work best with the better swimming more expensive ones much better.

You need to take some caution in this area as it can get very busy with kayaks, jet skis and water skiers all trying to use the same area of water. Also be careful if you are anchoring along the channel as it is the main channel for the commercial boats which can put up a large wake as they go past.

The last place to mention is offshore and it is a place you should only head if you are confident in your ability as things can change very quickly. There is some good fishing to be had offshore, but I would suggest you drop in and see us at the shop for all the information you will need as it is very different to in the bay.



Let's get cooking
Simple and delicious recipes
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Tomahawk Steak with BBQ Rub and Garlic Butter



What you need:

1 grass fed free range tomahawk steak with Hill Top Farm Meats BBQ rub
300 g butter
4 cloves chopped garlic
1 tbs chopped rosemary
1 tbs chopped parsley
Pinch flaked salt
Pinch black pepper

What to do:

Mix butter with garlic, rosemary and parsley and place on a sheet of cling wrap and roll into a sausage and place in the fridge to set.

Let your steak come up to room temperature then sprinkle with Hill Top Farm Meats Rub and rub over meat. Leave for an hour or so. Place steak on hot bbq and sear for 3 to 4 minutes then turn and sear for further 3 to 4 minutes. Close lid and cook for 30 minutes. Remove from BBQ when core temperature reaches 130 degrees. Cover in foil and leave for 15 minutes to rest. Then slice and serve with a slice of garlic butter.



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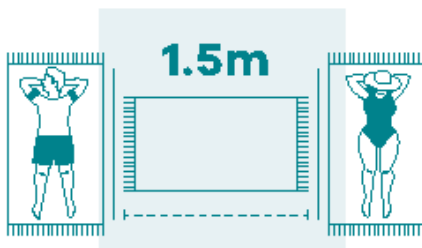
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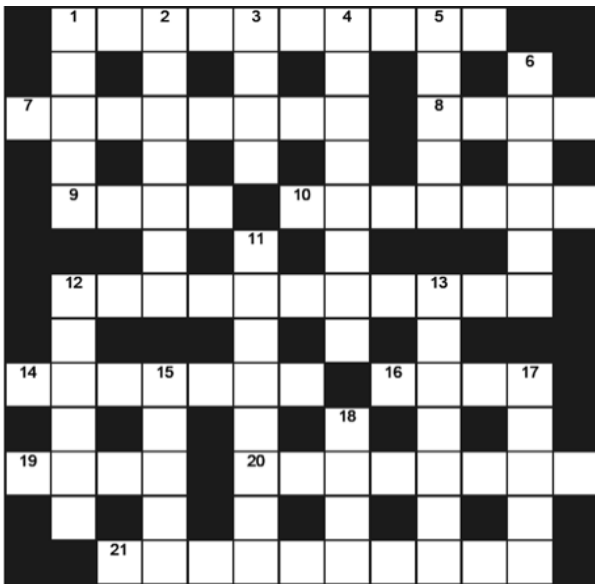
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Find all the answers & solutions to Puzzles
& Quiz on page 26(No peeking!)



Vibe Quick Crossword 132

Across

- 1 Assist (10)
7 Tree surgeon (8)
8 Spiders' artistry (4)
9 Comfort (4)
10 Boudoir (7)
12 Confused (11)
14 Charm (7)
16 Sea green (4)
19 Without activity (4)
20 Adores (8)
21 Suffocate (10)

Down

- 1 Joke (5)
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3 Den (4)
4 In rags (8)
5 Tall building (5)
6 Overseas (6)
11 Slightly salty (8)
12 Fears (6)
13 Mexican spirit (7)
15 Concepts (5)
17 Anoint (5)
18 Trick (4)

TRIVIA QUIZ



1. What African country was formally known as Abyssinia? 2. What nut is used to make marzipan? 3. What element does

'O' represent on the periodic table? 4. Who was British Prime Minister before Theresa May? 5. Who won "I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here" in 2019? 6. What's the name of the river that runs through Egypt? 7. In metres, how long is an Olympic swimming pool? 8. What's the name of the Royal families castle in Scotland? 9. What five basic senses do humans have? 10. What three ingredients typically make a margarita cocktail? 11. Where would you find the Golden Gate bridge? 12. What sport did Fred Perry play?

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Vibe Sudoku 132

Each row, column and sub-box must have the numbers 1-9 occurring just once.

Thanks from the Chipperfield's

I'm writing this on behalf of Jenny and Paul Chipperfield. You might recall an article in the Vibe a few months back asking for financial help after Paul "Chippa" Chipperfield had an accident in his wheelchair. Both Jenny and Chippa wish to send their sincerest and deepest gratitude to all who were able to help them get through this very difficult time in their lives. They wish to thank Krystal Myers for starting the go-fundme page through which most donations were received. Thank you to all who donated through the gofundme page. Thank you to Youkis for hosting a collection tin where people could donate any spare coins they had. Also for the food run and visits to Melbourne hospital where Chippa was getting treatment and for auctioning off a kimono with all proceeds helping out the Chipperfields.

Thank you also to IGA, Island Eats and Cowes Corner Takeaway for hosting collection tins.

Another big thank you to all the tradies who helped build the ramp leading to the front door and for work done to widen the front door and windows installed.

Thank you too to Rotary (North Warrandyte branch) for their donation. And thank you to all their friends and family who kept checking in on both Jenny and Chippa to make sure they were staying positive.

Thank you to Clem Fries and Courtney and Adam at Reliable Gardens. Thank you to Doug in regards to hard rubbish and thank you also to the Sentinel Times and Advertiser for their supportive articles.

Thank you to all the nurses and doctors both when Chippa was in hospital and now he is back home. He is making great progress - slow and steady, and enjoying family time again.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

If you're a not for profit club or organisation, you can list your meeting times and contact details here free of charge. If you're not listed and would like to be email us at: phillipislandvibe@outlook.com

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 Averil Roberts 59522602.

Phillip Island Lions Club Meets every 2nd & 4th Sunday of month, 1.30pm, Lions Club Rooms, Dunsmore Rd, Cowes. More info: lionsclubphillipisland@gmail.com

Phillip Island Bicycle User Group Every Wed 10am starting at Amaze'n Things car park. Very social, speed is the slowest rider. Contact Ruth Scott 0409 946696.

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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: Bob Andrews 0437 526757 or probussanremo@gmail.com

Rotary Club of Phillip Island & San Remo "Fundraising for our community". New members welcome. Phone Keith Gregory 0439 020996.

Phillip Island Scout Group – Cubs: Wed 6.30pm-8pm, **Scouts:** Thur 7pm-9pm, **Venturers:** Mon 7pm-9pm. Located at Bluegum Reserve, Dunmore Road Cowes. New members welcome. Email: gl.phillipisland@scoutsvictoria.com.au

Phillip Island World Vision Club 2nd Wed of each month 1.30pm, St Phillip's Church Hall, Cowes. A friendly group of people undertaking fundraising events around the Island to raise funds for sponsored projects around the world. New members welcome. Call Thelma 56785549.

Lions Club of San Remo & Newhaven 2nd & 4th Tues of month St Augustine's Church, Phillip Island Rd, San Remo, 6.30pm. Contact Secretary Andrew Page 0410 785081, 56780162 or sanremo.newhavenlions@gmail.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 0438 808428 or 59526955.

Phillip Island TOWN Club Weight Loss Group Thurs 9-11.00am, Ryhll Hall. Joining fee \$48, weekly fee \$6. Nutritional eating, weigh in and group therapy. New members welcome. Contact Vincent Vale on 0414 709066

Phillip Island Croquet Club new members welcome. Contact Ken 59568803 or David 0412485913, 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 Julie Waters on 5956 6400

Phillip Island RSL Day Club every Monday, ANZAC Room, RSL, 10am-2pm. Games, craft, exercises, guest speakers and outings. Transport can be arranged if necessary. Ph: PIRSL Reception on 5952 1004.

Euchre at the RSL Come and play Euchre every Thursday night at 7.30pm or come for a meal first at 6.00 pm with cards to follow. For more info contact Bob Hee 0418 173388.

Phillip Island Camera Club meets 1st Mon of month, Heritage Centre meeting room, 1:30-4 pm. Contact Susan Brereton on 0408 136 717 or phillipislandcameraclub@gmail.com

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 and looking to extend skills with qualified coaches. Swimclub@waterfront.net.au

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 0418 178343 or piadgs@gmail.com

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 0435 552518 or email enquiries.piar@gmail.com.

Cape Woolamai Coast Action is a volunteer group who meet on the second Saturday Monthly from February to November. We undertake general maintenance and plantings along the Cleeland Bight foreshore. Meeting at Cottlesloe Ave 8.00am to 10.00am followed by morning tea. Ph: Marg 0419007758
Email: capewoolamaica@gmail.com

Phillip Island-San Remo-Bass Coast Vegan Community Sharing and promoting what's vegan & plant based. Everyone welcome. phillipislandbasscoastvegans@gmail.com

The Probus Club of Phillip Island Inc meet 4th Wed of each month, 10am, Anzac Room, Phillip Island RSL, New Members most welcome. For further info Chris Cannin 0434 489011 or Ash Rizvi 59521604.

Phillip Island Day View Club proudly supporting The Smith Family, Feb-Dec, 4th Monday of month, 11am, Phillip Island Golf Club, Cowes. Bookings essential. New members welcome. For information contact Irene 59523447.

Phillip Island & District Historical Society. Cowes Heritage Centre, contact Secretary Christine Grayden 0400 900612. Check out our History on pidhs.org.au.

Phillip Island Library, free wifi and kids programs, Story time every Tues 11-11.30, Baby Rhyme time every Thursd 10.30-11am, Lego Club every Tues 4-5pm. www.wgrlc.vic.gov.au or call 59522842.

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

South Coast Speakers Toastmasters meets every 2nd and 4th Wed of month, 7.30pm at San Remo Hotel. Develop oral communication and leadership skills. More information Brigitte Linder 0421 812691

San Remo Bowls Club Summer. Every Wednesday 12.30pm for 1pm start. Stick draw. New bowlers and visitors most welcome. 1a Wynne Road, San Remo, next to Recreation Centre. Phone 56785558.

Phillip Island Patchworkers Meet Newhaven Hall Monday 7.30pm; Info Centre Newhaven, 10.30am 1st Tues of month; Cowes Cultural Centre 10.30am last Tuesday of month; Wonthaggi Cricket Reserve 10.00am 1 & 3 Friday of month; Corinella Crafties 10.30am 2nd & 4th Wed of month. Contact Lyn Duguid 0427 593 936

Newhaven Indoor Bowling Club meets every Tues at 12.30-3.45pm in airconditioned Newhaven Hall, Cleeland Av, Newhaven. \$5 includes afternoon tea. New members welcome. Age group 60-90 years. Call Dagmar 59566965.

"Bee Crafty" Community Craft Group is meeting fortnightly on Wednesdays at St Phillips Church Hall, Thompson Avenue, Cowes (opposite Coles). All are welcome. For further details Desma Maxworth 0409 136 620

Phillip Island University of the Third Age (U3A) provides learning and social activities such as choir, creative writing, stagecraft, Spanish, canasta and many more. For retirees and semi-retirees. Most activities are ran at 56-58 Church Street, Cowes. For further info call 5952 1131 or 5952 6461

Boomerang Bags Phillip Island and San Remo Volunteers sew re-usable bags to supply local shops and reduce plastic. Sewing bee every Wednesday 10am-4pm Garden Room 2, PICAL 56-58 Church St Cowes. Everyone welcome (no sewing experience necessary). email Kylie@boomerangbagspir.org

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

The Phillip Island Miniature Light Railway Inc. Secretary, Bev Munro, 0417 578 435 or Facebook.

MS Community Visitors Scheme in San Remo requires volunteers to visit residents in aged care who are socially isolated. Visits are fortnightly and may include taking residents on outings. Phone 98452729 or email volunteer@ms.org.au

Phillip Island Community Meal operates on Mondays during school terms, 5.30 to 6.30pm. Volunteers prepare and serve a healthy two course meal to attendees. All welcome. Uniting Church Hall, Cnr Chapel St and Warley Ave, Cowes. Facebook @cowescommunitymeal

Cowes AA Big Book/Steps Meeting, 7pm Tues nights, St. Phillips Anglican Church. Corner Thompson Ave & Church St.(opp. Coles) Ph. 0417 317470

Artist Society of Phillip Island (ASPI) meet regularly for Visual Artists, Textile Art, Plein Air, Writers, Portraits & Appraisals & Workshops throughout the year. Two Art Shows at Easter & Cup Weekend. Memberships Available Contact Lois Green 5956 9595

Bass Coast Strollers Inc. Walks every Monday morning; generally 8-10km and graded Easy or E-M, occasionally longer; bush tracks to coastal paths to town walks; an additional shorter 4km walk is also offered; \$40/year subs. Contact Belinda 0408347722 www.basscoaststrollers.org

First Friday Philosophy Lunch. We meet once a month over lunch at Rusty Water to discuss some of the big questions about life, the universe and everything. Newcomers welcome. \$35 (includes 2-course lunch). Bookings or enquiries to Ian Robinson: gurdies@australiaonline.net.au

Narcotics Anonymous meets weekly Sundays 5-6pm, St Phillips Anglican Church, 102 Thompson Ave, Cowes. New members welcome. For more information contact 03 9525 2833 or na.org.au

The Phillip Island Medical and Health Action Group (PIMHAG) advocates for improved medical and health services for Phillip Island and San Remo. PIMHAG welcomes new members. Please contact Secretary linda@marston.com.au or 0428 344 726 for more information.

Woolshed Spinners meet each 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month at PICAL, Cowes, 10 am to 2 pm to spin wool and other yarn activities. Contact Deb McCann 0428 523 706

Phillip Island Health Hub Auxiliary meets 1st Wednesday of every month at 1.30pm at the PI Health Hub in Cowes. We fundraise to purchase much needed equipment for specialists and medical staff offering services at the Health Hub. New members very welcome. For more info – Maree 0408 362600.

Phillip Island Bowls Club 40 Dunsmore Rd, Cowes. New members welcome, open to all ages. Social bowls every Thursday at 12noon and barefoot bowls over Christmas holidays. Corporate bowls from January till March. Free coaching available. Come and give it a try - contact George Mol on 0407 851065.

Phillip Island Community Art & Craft Gallery Contact Secretary Aleta Groves 0419 525 609 or email- info@phillipislandgallery.com.au

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Our bad guy is Sam Petrie. Clearly, he had very little of the Xmas spirit in his heart!

By leaving the gun on the table, the detective made the unspoken implication that Rudolph had been shot. And yet in Sam's statement, he mentioned the fact that Rudolph had been hit. The only way Sam could have known that, was if he had done it himself.

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After work on Christmas Eve, Sam stayed behind to turn in his elf costume and pick up his pay check. He and Rudolph got into one last argument. Rudolph threatened Sam and pulled a gun. In a fit of rage, Sam tore the gun from Rudolph's hand and bashed him over the head.



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