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Leon Herbert**

PLAN A MURDER



“The best laid plans of mice and men..... often go down the chute (Leroy)”.

“My regrets, Flint. I have no idea who killed him.” Leroy looked upset.

“What?” Inspector Flint thought he would never hear the brilliant sleuth say those words. He wasn’t too happy about it, either.

“Okay, okay, calm down.” Flint sounded close to panic himself.

“Mr. Boren, maybe you should review the facts.”

Leroy and the Inspector were in the downtown offices of Boren Technologies, a designer of handheld computers based in Cowes. Arvin Boren sat at his desk, eyeing the professional detective and the seemingly eccentric amateur sleuth. “Someone’s been stealing our designs. My vice president, Don Silver, and I kept the problem secret. And we narrowed the suspects down to three.” He pointed out the window of his private office to where a skinny kid in shirtsleeves was stuffing yellow envelopes into a mail slot.

“That’s Wally Bell, an intern from Newhaven College. He does a lot of our copying and binding, so he has access to our priority documents. The heavy-set guy sitting outside my office, that’s Pringle Booke, my assistant. He’s sending his grandson son to private school. I don’t know where he gets the money”.

“The third possibility is Rhonda Kendal.” A young woman in a tasteful, expensive suit was tacking a newspaper article to a bulletin board right next to the elevators. “Rhonda is director of public relations. She has the most contact with our competitors.”

Leroy nodded. “Was it Mr. Silver’s idea to try to trap the traitor?”

“I’m afraid so,” Boren sighed. “We’re developing a new version of our Wrist 2002. Don left the plans lying conspicuously on his desk. The thief never took originals, only copies. Don planned to hide in the copy room and catch the guy. Only the guy must have caught him.”

Inspector Flint took over the narrative. “Silver was killed in the copy room by a blow to the head. Mr. Boren and an associate found the body almost immediately. All three suspects were immediately sequestered and their possessions searched. We haven’t been able to locate the plans.”

Leroy took the sergeant across to the window but didn’t lower his voice. “The thief couldn’t afford to be caught with them. My guess is the plans got thrown down that mail chute. It’s the only place they could be.”

Five minutes later, Inspector Flint persuaded a maintenance man to open the ground-floor mail chute. There the plans were, nestled right on top of a layer of yellow envelopes. “Just as I thought,” Leroy said, turning to Wilson. “Now I know the killer.”

WHO KILLED DON SILVER?

HOW DID LEROY KNOW?

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The Worst Storm in Victoria's History

By Pamela Rothfield

Lorna Collins (nee McFee) is 96 years old. She is one of the few Phillip Islanders still alive today who remembers what is classified as the worst storm in Victoria's history, during which 35 Victorians died.

Lorna tells her story, "I was only 10 years old, but I remember that day like it was yesterday."

It was a storm like no other. Lorna recalls that she was in school which was in the Rhyll Hall when the beginnings of the storm hit in the afternoon of Thursday 29 November 1934 shortly before the home time. She continues, "The wind was strong and the noise deafening – which was heightened as debris and rain hit the tin roof of the school. Our teacher, Miss Major, was concerned about us going home in such weather – and was pleased that a number of parents had arrived at school with overcoats to take the kids home."

Lorna recalls with a smile in her eyes, that her father, Percy McFee, armed with raincoats was waiting outside the Rhyll Hall with Paddy, the horse, and the dray which afforded reasonable shelter for the 500 metre trip home. She describes the ride home as frightening, with the wind continuing its assault with "branches flying everywhere". "We were so relieved to get inside – although still frightened as the house was surrounded by large gum trees." The wind and rain increased their unrelenting fury throughout the night, assuring a restless night's sleep for the entire household. The next morning, Friday, Lorna awoke terrified to find the storm's intensity had further strengthened. "We were so relieved when mum and dad decided we should stay home from school on that Friday, and we were really terrified as the gale force wind howled all around, rattling the bones of our timber farmhouse. Trees were uprooted and rain was finding its way into our home", she recalls.



*Captain Dowling
who went down
with his ship.*

While Lorna and her family were experiencing the effects of what would be recorded as the worst storm in Victoria's history, the 50 metre, 531 tonnes twin screw steamer Coramba was plying its way to Melbourne with a load of wool, shell grit and condensed milk. The Coramba had left Warrnambool at 1pm on the Thursday and was due to arrive in Melbourne at 7am the following day, Friday 30 November 1934. Prior to leaving, the master of the Coramba Captain Dowling, telegraphed head office of Belfast and Koroit Steamship Company in Port Fairy on the Thursday morning, suggesting the departure be delayed, as his barometric readings indicated foul weather. The reply was that if he was to leave immediately, he would outrun the storm to Port Phillip Heads. The Coramba carried enough fuel for 30 hours of sailing – and as the trip to Melbourne would take around 18 hours – she had some 12 hours of fuel in reserve. Conversely it would also mean that by 7pm on Friday evening, having weathered raging seas for 30 hours, she would be out of fuel and out of control, at the mercy of the violent seas.

It is believed that as the Coramba rounded Cape Otway sailing towards Port Phillip Heads she encountered extremely violent seas during the evening of Thursday 29 November. At some time in the early morning of Friday 30 November, the Coramba may have arrived at the Heads, but as the storm was in full force it would have been suicide to attempt to traverse the entrance to Port Phillip Bay. There were a number of sightings of the Coramba during the storm, the last one being on the afternoon of Friday 30 November, when she was seen outside Western Port in Bass Strait – east of Seal Rocks.

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From page 8

The Coramba



The Coramba would have been struck by several massive waves that took away much of the superstructure, tearing the lifeboats from their davits and capsizing the ship. The ship's clock which was later found had stopped at 10:30pm, possibly the time the Coramba met her end.

Lorna recounts the feelings within the local community upon hearing of the loss of the Coramba off the coast of Phillip Island. "Everyone was devastated, it was obvious that a ship had gone down in the storm, as there was debris littered all over the beaches. When the reports were received of a missing vessel and crew, the local men all pitched in and scoured the coastline for survivors – unfortunately none were found – only the bodies of four crewmen." Tragically all of the seventeen strong crew perished.

The storm was one of the worst ever experienced in Victoria – it started on Thursday 29 November and the wind and rain ravaged Victoria until the early hours of Saturday 1 December, having peaked at about 10pm on the Friday night. Torrential rainfall of 14 inches (350mm) fell during that time which caused the Yarra river to become a raging torrent sweeping away many bridges. Widespread damage was sustained to both public and private property throughout the state with 35 people killed and 250 injured and some 3,000 people rendered homeless.

The Herald (Melbourne) on Monday 3 December 1934 states:

"Reports received in Melbourne today brought news of unbelievable hardship and suffering in parts of Gippsland.

Between Bunyip and Lang Lang—an area which has been cut off since early in the week-end—about 2000 people are homeless. They have lost everything in a lake of water which extends along a front 16 miles. Work had to be abandoned at the State Coal Mine, Wonthaggi, as tunnels were flooded after 6in. of rain. Electric power failed and the men had to be brought to the surface. Because of railway damage, no trucks are available to take coal away.

Big holes in the Korumburra Road have cut off communication, and the town is isolated."

Lorna mentioned that for a long time after the sinking, many items from the Coramba washed up on various beaches around the Island and one day her older brother, Jack, came home with a sturdy wooden bench seat from the Coramba's crew's mess which he found washed up, on nearby Smith's beach. It was used in the family's kitchen for more than half a century after the tragedy and served as a continuing reminder of the worst storm in Victoria's history. However, its eventual fate is unknown, unlike the remains of the Coramba, which after many years of searching was located in May 2011 about 10 nautical miles south of Seal Rocks.



Lorna at ten years old.



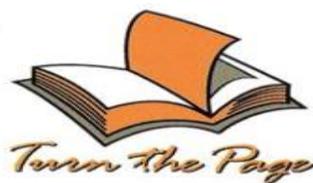
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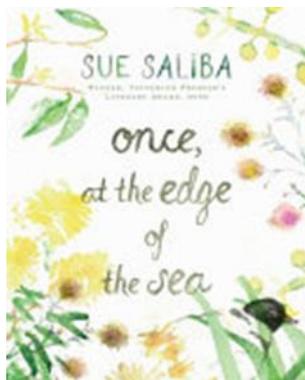
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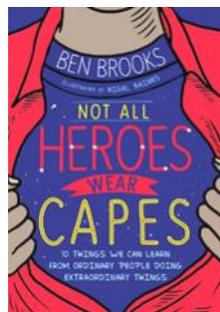
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**Not All Heroes Wear
Capes**

By Ben Brooks

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Drawing on his own experiences growing up and from researching for the bestselling Dare to Be Different books, Ben Brooks reminds children that heroes aren't always the wall-climbing, cape-wearing, villain-fighters we see in comics and films. Ordinary people can be heroes too - you just need to find your own superpower!

What do you think of when you hear the word 'hero'? Is it the wall-climbing, cape-wearing, villain-fighter you see in comics and films? Heroes can actually come in all forms, shapes and sizes.

Some cook for the hungry. Some nurse the poorly back to health. Others raise money for important causes. From small acts of kindness to inventions that have saved the lives of hundreds of people, every person in this book has found their passion - or their superpower. No matter how big or small it might be, your power can be used to change the world for the better too.

So put away the cape, climb down from that wall and discover how ordinary people can still do extraordinary things and become heroes.

Written by Ben Brooks, the bestselling author of the Dare to Be Different books, and paired with vibrant comic-style illustrations throughout, this is the perfect guide for the budding superhero in your life!

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TINY TRACKERS HELP SCIENTISTS UNLOCK THE FEEDING SECRETS OF PHILLIP ISLANDS LITTLE PENGUINS

Marine scientists have attached sensors described as 'penguin Fitbits' to Phillip Island's little penguins to follow their journey into the ocean to discover how they search for food at different stages of their lives.

By unlocking the secrets of penguin foraging, Phillip Island Nature Parks' scientists hope to secure the supply of penguin food into the future, to ensure the population continues to thrive.

The study followed 10 male penguins over an entire breeding season to give a feeding snapshot of the entire population. The penguin Fitbits can tell where penguins go, how deep and how often they dive, giving a full picture of their lives at sea.

"Penguins have been around for 2.4 million years and have mastered the art of fishing," said Nature Parks' marine scientist Dr Andre Chiaradia.

"Our study showed penguins are remarkably flexible when searching for food. They vary their feeding strategy at short notice to get the best food, and choose different foods depending on where they are in their breeding stage. The penguin diet is quite diverse – from jellyfish to sardines and small barracoutas."

"Studying penguins at sea is hard, so we relied on sensors like Fitbits to explore how penguins forage and what distance they travel. While most studies follow penguins for one feeding trip, our study followed individual penguins for the whole breeding season. What we've learned has shown us that we shouldn't always rely on information based on a single feeding trip."

Dr Chiaradia said they discovered a remarkable difference between feeding trips in each stage of the breeding season. For example, when incubating eggs, penguins can travel long distances as one parent sits on the eggs while the other forages at sea, with no hurry to return to the colony. But when the chicks have hatched, the male penguin needs to return quickly and regularly to feed the chicks, so they travel closer to the colony to ensure they have enough time to come ashore at dusk and feed their young.

"This is another crucial piece of a puzzle in understanding the lives of penguins at sea. Future studies on penguins and marine animals in general will benefit from knowing that individual penguins vary dramatically in their foraging strategies. Every piece of information we gather assists us in protecting the little penguin population into the future."

This study on diving and movement of penguins was conducted in conjunction with Phillip Island Nature Parks, the Australian Antarctic Division, Western University in Canada and scientists from several French organisations. It was published in the prestigious German Journal of Marine Biology.



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Autumn Ahhhhh

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Do you just feel like curling up with a fluffy blanket, a cup of tea and a good book?

Well that's EXACTLY what you're supposed to do right now.

Autumn is the ahhhhh time of the year.

Now is the time to retire and relax.

Here are some yummy things to try this autumn:

*Join a Yin Yoga or Meditation class to align your body, mind and soul to the focus of autumn - going inward to know yourself more deeply.

*Find a book club (online or in your local area) to read books that help you see life from different points of view.

*Go to bed a bit earlier and wake a little earlier to take advantage of the changing darkness & light hours.

*Try eating some more colourful autumn veggies to align your inner energy with the outer shifting season.

*Listen to some music with healing and soothing subliminal messages as you do your cooking or cleaning or driving. Check out the 'Calm' app or just go onto YouTube and search for 'subliminal music'.

*Find a few great podcasts to listen to that will expand your mind (give you some aha's) – you might like to check out ... Brene Brown's 'Unlocking Us'; Elizabeth Gilbert 'Magic Lessons'; Russell Brand 'Under The Skin' and 'Super Soul Conversations' with Oprah Winfrey. Remember the focus of autumn is about going within and taking the time to look a bit deeper than the surface. Maybe it's time to take a more honest look at your job, your relationship, your money, or your health.

You don't have to stop doing anything that you enjoy or feel is essential, but bring a few more gentle, heart-opening activities into your routine.

If you'd like to join a meditation group, ask me about my Mindful Monday sessions in Cape Woolamai.

If you'd like to try yin yoga, I can recommend a few great teachers on the island.

And if you're interested in a book club, I facilitate a Spiritual Book Club that meets monthly. We read all sorts of spiritual, healing, self-care, new age, channeled, life coaching and wellness books.

Blessings, Pip

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| 1/2 kg boiled and peeled Chestnuts | Salt and pepper |
| 10 g Chopped Prosciutto | 2 cloves chopped garlic |
| 1 Onion chopped | 1 cup cream |
| Bunch fresh Sage leaves | |
| 2 tins Island Beer | |
| 1 cup Vegetable Stock | |

WHAT TO DO:

Place Butternut Pumpkin on a baking tray and rub with oil and sprinkle 1/2 the garlic, a few sage leaves and season with salt & pepper. Place in oven at 180 degrees and bake until tender.

Place onions and garlic in a pan with oil and fry until soft. When cooked scoop out the flesh of the pumpkin and add to pan. Pour in the stock and 1 can of beer and simmer until hot. Then add the chestnuts and the rest of the sage and season to taste, then blend. Remove 1/2 the soup and blend the rest until smooth then add the remaining soup back to the pan and season to taste. Serve in bowls and pour the cream in the centre and sprinkle with prosciutto.

PS - drink the other beer when making your soup and serve with pumpkin sour-dough bread.



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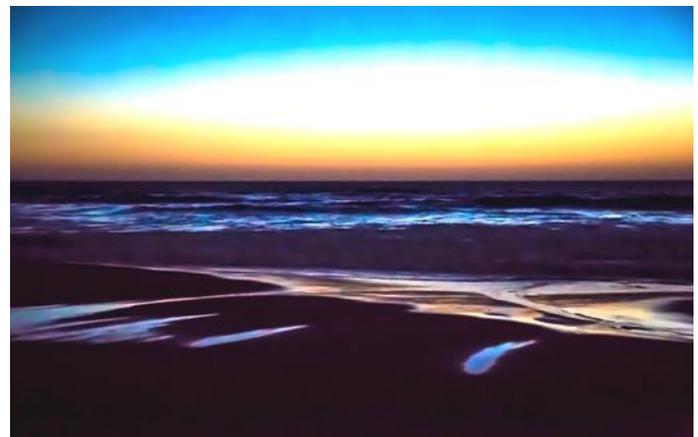
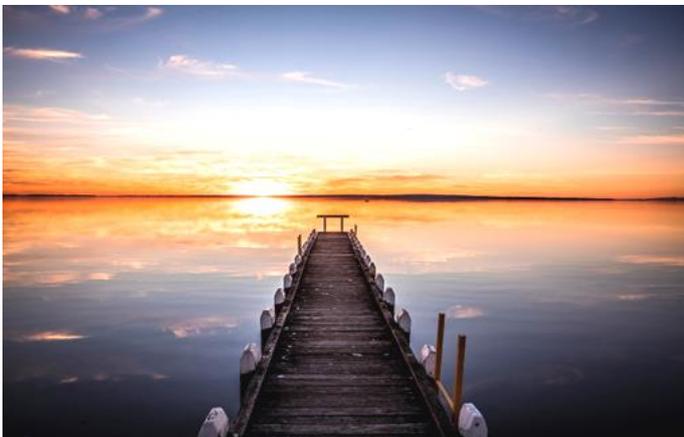
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Shooting Basics

- **Depth of Field**
Landscapes/Seascapes require both foreground and back ground to be in sharp focus. That is until you are confident enough to break that rule. F/16-F/22 are the standard aperture settings to extend the depth of field. Most lenses are sharpest mid-range F/8-F/11. Experiment with your lenses at different settings to see where your lenses produces the best results.
- **Which Lens?**
The obvious choice is a wide-angle lens as it maximises the depth of field. A telephoto lens can produce a layered effect with flattened perspective. It is very effective in hilly country with mist separating the valleys.
- **Use a Tripod**
When stopping down the lens for sharpness, it becomes more difficult to hand hold and that's where a tripod is essential. Tripods are also good for bracketing several shots together for high dynamic-range and for panorama stitching. Use a remote shutter release or the self-timer.
- **The “Golden Hours”**
Morning or evening light is the best – on sunrise or sunset.
- **Shoot in Raw**
As compared to JPEG, RAW files contain more detail and allow adjustment to variables such as tone, colour and contrast in post-production.



Top Left: Grantville Sunset by Ken Anderson. Above: Beach Abstract by Rhonda Buitenhuis.

Landscape/Seascape photography is a discipline that requires practice, so after reading these tips, start practising as regularly as you can.

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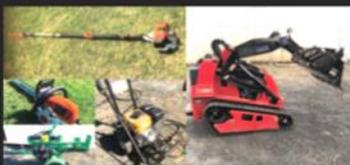
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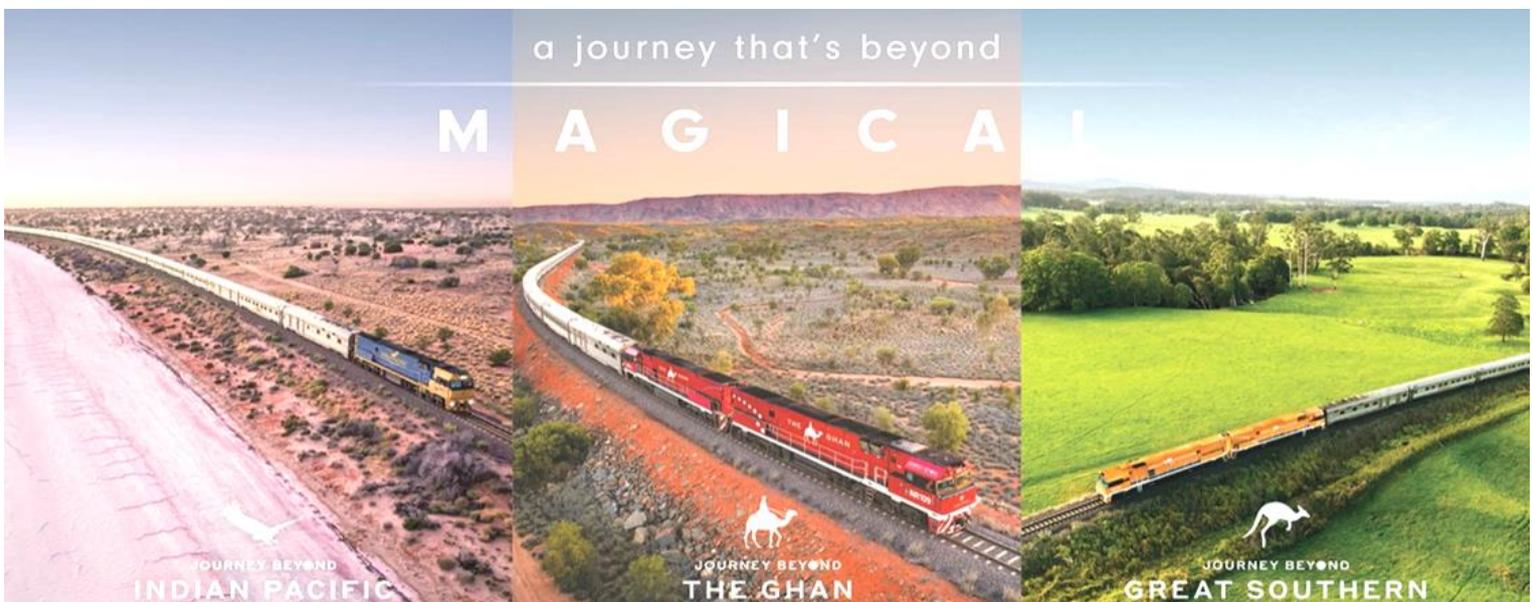
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Shearwater Chicks are taking off

Phillip Island Nature Parks is asking for community support as Short-tailed Shearwater chicks are emerging from their burrows to leave our shores and undertake their incredible migration to waters around Alaska.

Phillip Island Nature Parks researchers confirm that the adult birds have already taken off on their journey, leaving one chick in each burrow, converting their fat reserves to muscles in readiness to take their first flight across one of the most amazing flight paths. Some of these first-time flyers have been starting to exercise their wing muscles in the recent strong winds, with a few being blown over the cliffs and onto the island's beaches. Nature Parks' rangers are conducting regular patrols to relocate these chicks back into the colony so they can try again when the winds are right.

In a recent visit to the colony, the research team reported evidence of a successful breeding season. "In summary, we found record high numbers of chicks which are in healthy condition and good body weights nearly ready to fledge," said Phillip Island Nature Parks Deputy Research Director, Dr Duncan Sutherland. The team reported that most chicks still had their down feathers and were spending most of their time in their burrows to grow their adult plumage before venturing out on the first test flights. "It looks like only a few of the chicks are emerging from their burrow to exercise their wing muscles at the moment however that is changing."

The exact timing of this year's migration of the young shearwaters is still unknown but will coincide with strong winds towards the end of April, start of May.

Whenever it happens, Phillip Island Nature Parks is ready to go

with its Shearwater Rescue Program, once again partnering with Bass Coast Shire Council, Regional Roads Victoria, SP Ausnet and the local community to assist the shearwaters' safe departure.

As they learn to fly, the fledglings may end up landing on the roads at night causing a hazard for not only the birds but drivers as well. The shearwaters are known to flock to the San Remo bridge lights, so in conjunction with SP Ausnet, lights will be switched off as in previous years for up to 8-10 nights during the peak of departure. SP Ausnet has also installed 50 specialty streetlights, at the new Woolamai Beach Road/Phillip Island Road and Back Beach Road/Phillip Island Road roundabouts.

The Nature Parks will also implement several road safety initiatives including lowering speed limits on affected roads to 40km/h, placing electronic message boards, and installing a Regional Roads Victoria supplied mobile billboard to let motorists know that there may be shearwaters on the roads.

As part of the cycle of nature, some of the weaker fledglings may not survive their flight attempts. If you find a shearwater that hasn't survived, please leave it on the beach as it will go on to provide a rich source of food for the near-threatened Pacific Gulls that move from their breeding sites to Phillip Island to feed.

"Since the inception of the Shearwater Rescue Program in 1999, thousands of birds have been saved from the roads as they attempt to fly. We thank the community for your support in protecting wildlife – we can't do it without you."

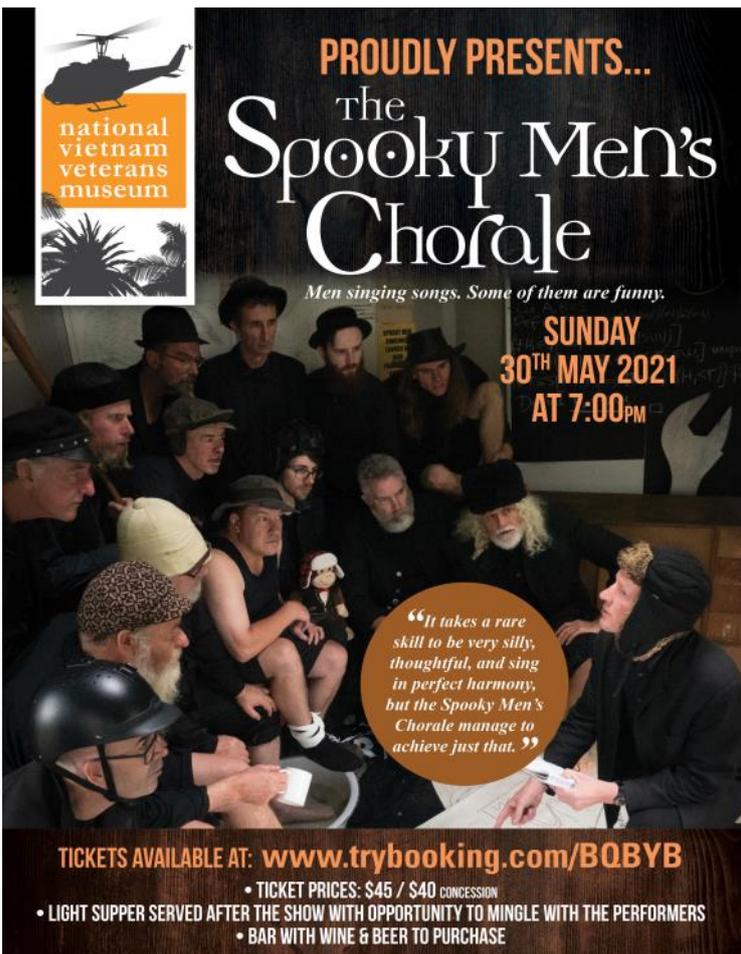
On the roads:

- Over the next 3-4 weeks, rangers are asking everyone to take extra care on the roads at night in San Remo and across Phillip Island.
- Please slow down and look for birds on the road and observe changed traffic conditions.
- Shearwaters are often found sitting on the road at night as many of them are trying to fly for the first time and are taken off course as they are attracted to lights.
- To report sick or injured wildlife on Phillip Island: From 7:30am to 4pm daily: contact the Nature Parks on 5951 2800 and select Option 2. After hours – contact Wildlife Victoria on 8400 7300. Cases can also be logged at: wildlifelifevictoria.org.au

On the beaches:

If you find an uninjured bird on the beach, you can give them another chance by carefully moving them back to a highpoint, placing them under a bush or in a sheltered area such as under a boardwalk. Please take care to stay on the paths and boardwalks and not to walk through the habitat, as the burrows collapse very easily.

You can log dead penguins, shearwaters and seabirds via our online portal at <https://natureparksresearch.com.au/beachwashed/> and assist with ongoing research and monitoring.



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bona fides (noun)

1. Latin. (used with a sing. v.) good faith; absence of fraud or deceit; genuineness: The bona fides of his contract is not in question.
 2. (used with a pl. v.) official documents or other items that prove authenticity, legitimacy, etc.; credentials.
- The Free Dictionary - Good faith (Latin: bona fides) is fair and open dealing in human interactions. This is often thought to require sincere, honest intentions or belief, regardless of the outcome of an action. Some Latin phrases lose their literal meaning over centuries, this is not the case with bona fides, it is still widely used and interchangeable with its generally accepted modern day translation of good faith. It is an important concept within law, philosophy, and business. The opposed concepts are bad faith, mala fides (duplicity) and perfidy (pretence). Wikipedia - Bona Fides is one Latin phrase that hasn't been unduly corrupted by modern usage. It still means "good faith". Its meaning has expanded, though to include qualifications and experience.

Since the Haynes Royal Commission into the Financial services sector a couple of years ago we are seeing quantum changes within the financial advisory industry/profession forced mainly by the requirement to operate on a higher ethical level and a higher level of education. Generally the sector is taken to include share brokers, financial planners, insurance advisers and any one else who offers such advice, including accountants, solicitors and such if there advice includes investment instruments. As yet it doesn't apply to Real Estate Agents who have a less severe regime of governance.

Since 2014 the law has been that all financial advisers must act in the best interests of their clients. While this law doesn't apply to Real Estate agents (they aren't controlled by ASIC) the best advisers and the best agents have always done this.

It's the minority who don't act in good faith that give the rest of us a poor name. This applies to accountants, too, and insurance brokers and advisers.

Now, however, the requirement has expanded so that by the end of the year ALL

advisers who offer personal financial advice must have passed a Financial Adviser Standards and Education Authority exam based on much higher standards and the five values of Honesty, Competence, Diligence, Fairness and Trustworthiness. New entrants to the industry must have a basic degree including the relevant knowledge and must also undergo a supervised "professional year" before being allowed to offer financial advice in their own right. This is a huge change and challenge for the industry. It is still an industry, but is trying to become a profession, although most practitioners do operate in a professional manner.

From a high of just on 30,000 advisers in Australia in 2018 we are now seeing registered adviser numbers falling and they are now down to just over 20,000 – that's a third loss in less than three years. Much of the loss is due to the educational requirements and other regulatory pressures, of which there are many and these are increasing all the time.

There is an ASIC register of financial advisers (www.moneysmart.gov.au) where ALL advisers must be registered. This will show what advice they are allowed to offer as well as any "black marks" they may have attracted. There is also a list of banned advisers. To be registered an adviser must have completed the requisite training and experience. Not all advisers are allowed to advise on all matters and the register makes this clear by listing just what the advisers' competency is.

I always recommend would be investors always use a professional adviser. The benefits generally always outweigh the costs and even preventing one mistake may save many years costs. The difficulty in this is that if you don't have a trusted adviser yet, how do you find one? The ASIC register is a place to look to see if the adviser who you are about to see is at least qualified and trained adequately in the areas in which you need advice. This is the start to checking your adviser's bona fides.

When you're speaking with your adviser, and always when speaking to a new or potential adviser, ask them what are their bona fides. If you don't get a verifiable answer then think long and hard about using them. Your adviser must work for you in good faith, and be qualified to do so. It's important that you can accept your adviser's bona fides and that your adviser can produce genuine evidence that support claimed qualifications, experience and intentions.

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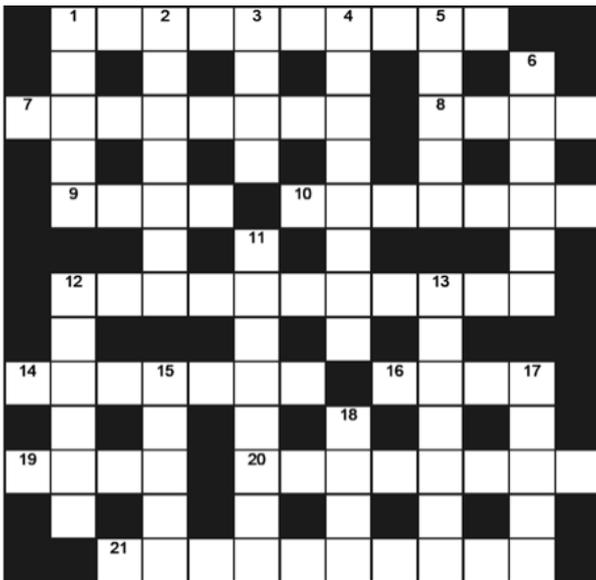
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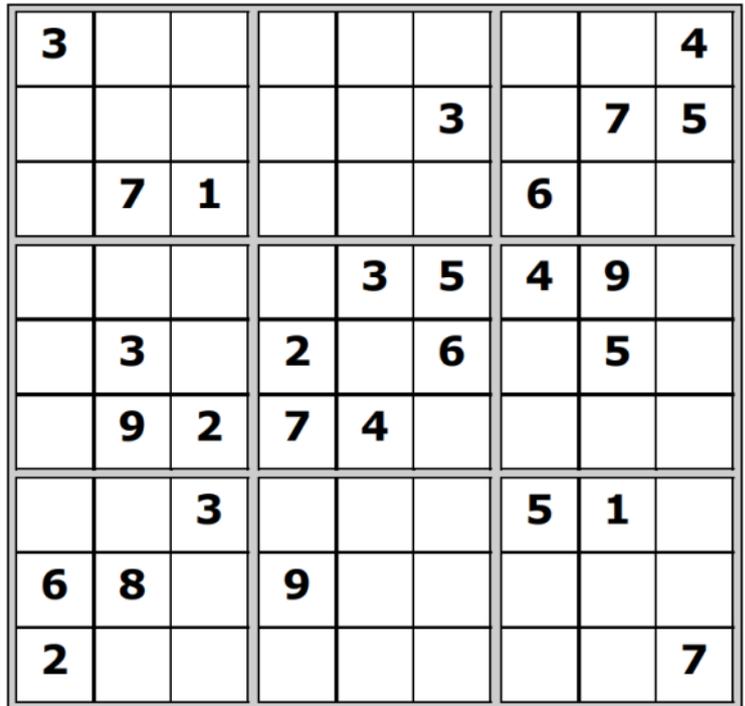
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| 20 Regard as perfect (8) | 15 Sanctuary (5) |
| 21 Skin tightening liquid (10) | 17 Reboot (5) |
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TRIVIA QUIZ



1. In Roman mythology, who was King of the Gods and god of thunder and lightning? 2. Which character in Home and Away was played by Luke Jacobz?

3. The foods Chiles en nogada, Mole sauce and Elote originated in which country? 4. What paper size in half of A2? 5. Which Australian State or Territory has the longest mainland coastline? 6. What creature is an Ibex? 7. What colours create the flag of Cuba? 8. Which budget Australian airline closed last year after being in service for 13 years? 9. In the game snooker how many points is the black ball worth? 10. Who won the women's singles 2020 US Open tennis championship? 11. What is the name given to a hare less than one year old? 12. In what decade was the Richmond Football Club founded?



Vibe Sudoku

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SOUND THE BELLS! MAKE THEM RING LOUD! THE PHILLIP ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB IS BACK IN

Woohoo! Yes, as of June 2021 we will be resuming our lunches. We are starting off slowly with only one meal a month for now until the numbers of members turning up increases. We need at least 70 people to turn up for lunch so we don't lose money. So please look out for our notices closer to the time and put this date on your calendars. We WILL resume bus services as well.

Behind the scenes we have been working at doing some upgrades to the club. When you come back in June you will see new signage at both front and back of the club. Also in the foyer and club hall. Our cook is enthusiastic to come back. We are excited to reopen and catch up with all our beautiful members and welcome new members. We are pumped and ready to celebrate coming back to our lunches.

On a different note we would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who came to our Easter garage sale. Our club raised a very healthy amount of money. We feel honoured and blessed for your patronage. Thank you also to Phil and Connie from IGA who donated all the sausages for our sausage sizzle on the day. We are in the process of changing our phone and internet provider so if you need to call the club please contact our secretary Liza Lee on 0431 867058. She is very happy to take your calls.

And on another note, we invite everyone new to the island and those who have been here for a while now, to come check us out. If you are over 55 years of age, come and give our revamped club a go. It's only \$15 membership fee for 12 months. And we love making new friends. Hope to see you all soon. Life is starting to get exciting again.

Surf News by Ed Amorim (@prosurfcoaching)

The little champions After six rounds of our Pro Surf Coaching Comp Training Program Series it's time to announce the new champion and the first place goes to KAY, our goofy footer from Frankston. Second place goes to our power surfer MAX, third to our local talented NASH, fourth to the flower surfer HUGO and fifth place to our big wave surfer BALIAN. REEF, RYAN and JACK, winners of one event each in sixth place. Great effort everyone. A big thank you to the Mums and Dads for their full support and our coaching team for their hard work. Thank you for the presentation dinner @pinosPhillipisland and \$1000 in prizes for giveaways to the kids from our sponsors @smoothstar @ripcurl_phillipisland. We will soon start another series of Pro Surf Coaching Competition Training Program with six new rounds and a big final. We would like to invite you and all the kids from 5 to 15 years old to be part of it and to learn how to compete and improve their surf skills in a safe and fun environment. May 5th kicks off the next six round series of our now traditional Surf Comp Training Program. Every Wednesday 4 pm at Smiths Beach. Thank you to Rip Curl and Smoothstar our official sponsors.

The benefit of our Video Surf Analysis is so important for progressive surf evolution and surf education. It shows us exactly where and how we can help our students to improve their skills by analysing the images to correct bad habits and put new techniques in place. Images don't lie and show exactly the good and bad points of your surf performance. For more details contact us on 0490 406005.

Eating healthy is part of the surfers journey. You need to eat well. Enjoy a routine of having the right nutrients that you need to feel your best every day. These days we have lots of bad food out there but also lots of options, new foods and super foods, so don't forget - you are what you eat.

Indo dreams So long ago that we had Indonesia as our backyard for the winter season. Not anymore at the moment with all the restrictions. Now we learn how to live and enjoy the best of Australia and just dream about Indonesia and all the magic there. Our last ceremony, the waves, barrels, food and that atmosphere were amazing. We miss our Pro Surf Coaching Kandui Mentawai Surf Camp and hope later in the year our dreams turn into a reality.

Ladies Club Program We invite you and your friends to the new Ladies Club Program at Pro Surf Coaching surf academy on Phillip Island. This event will happen every Friday - 10 am at Smiths Beach. LCP has been developed to bring together female surfers of all ages in a fun and safe environment. The main idea is to have a group of friends to go surfing together with, supporting each other to improve surf skills with our coaching guidance, helping to deal with any limitations and celebrate the achievements we all have in life. @prosurfcoaching_surf academy will provide the 2 hour lesson with all equipment included in a group lesson that cost \$80 for the session. No previous experience required. Yes, I can see you being part of it, combining surf, skate, yoga, music, art and a good list of new friends.

WSL back in Aussie Good opportunity to watch the worlds best surfers on the WSL Aussie leg schedule. Watch the Margaret River



Pro from WA and let's see who for Australia will lead the @wsl tour in 2021.

Your New Board The good relationship between you, your surf level and your choice of board is a very important thing to progress in your surf evolution. Size, volume, distribution area and thickness are something that you definitely need to consider before you decide which one will be your magic board to take home. If you need you can contact us for some advice. We are here for you.

School Holiday at Surf Camp When I was a kid I dreamed about it, a super fun Grommets Surf Camp in the school holidays with kids everywhere doing everything they like. Learning about the surf, skating, visiting the surf museum, touring around the island, boating, fishing, go karting. Let the kids be kids at Pro Surf Coaching Grommets Surf Camp. The stoke on their faces says it all.

King Island Surf Camp King Island is an amazing place with top people around, lots to see and amazing waves everywhere. Thank you to all the locals and others for sharing the swell of the year with us and to @king_island_surf_safaris for the safe trip, to Baudins for the accommodation, our favourite pub in town for the awesome meals and everything else. Missing this place already. Next Pro Surf Coaching Surf Camp King Island on the way very soon. Keep in touch with our Surf Camp team - Steve, Tom, Jamie, Sally, Luke, Rik and Coach Ed. As a good wave and everything in life, our surf camps pass quickly just like when you're having a good time together. Bring on the next one.

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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 - Steptoets Emporium - Outdoor Trash and Treasure market every Sat and Sun 9.30 - 12.30pm. Dunsmore Rd, Cowes. (Next to Transfer station.) Ph. 59002896 or email - lionsclubofphillipisland@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.

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 0400 815353.

Phillip Island Girl Guides Multi age groups from 5 years, Tuesdays 5-6.30/7pm. More info contact Lisa Toro lisa_olivia_nathan@hotmail.com

Phillip Island Club (Senior Citizens) Carpet bowls, cards, ballroom dancing, craft. Membership \$15 per year. Fridays 12noon, 3 course lunch \$15. Island Celebration Centre Hall for hire. 59522973 for more information.

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: Dianne Glanz 0417 610 611 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 work in the front of house sales area, particularly on weekends. Contact Julie on 5956 6400 if you are interested in joining our fantastic team.

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.piarc@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 the month at 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. Ph 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@boomerangbagspisr.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. New members welcome.

SES San Remo Unit trains every Thursday at 6:30 pm at 14 Davis Point Road, San Remo. Come and meet our friendly group, see what we do. We have a role for everyone. For information email sanremo@ses.vic.gov.au

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

First Friday Philosophy Lunch We meet once a month over lunch at the Wild Food Farm, on the Rhyll Newhaven Road at Rhyll. We discuss some of the big questions about life, the universe and everything. Newcomers are very welcome. \$35 (including a two course lunch). Bookings or enquiries to John Buttrose: jbuttrose54@gmail.com

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 – Wendy 0417 245 692.

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

Ibis Writers is a group of local writers who meet once a month to support and encourage one another, share writing opportunities and offer each other feedback on work in progress. All writers, beginners or experienced, poetry, fiction or non-fiction, are welcome to join. Contact Lorrie Read 0425 858 067 or Ian Robinson 0407 240 024 for more information, meeting dates, etc

The Spooky Men's Chorale

Get ready for fun and laughter at the National Vietnam Veterans Museum on Saturday 30th May at 7pm.

The Spooky Men's Chorale is a vast, rumbling, steam-powered and black-clad behemoth, capable of rendering audiences moist eyed with mute appreciation or haplessly gurgling with merriment.

Based on the twin pillars of grand foolishness and the quest for the perfect boofchord, the Spooky Men seek to commentate on the absurdity and grandeur of the modern male armed only with their voices, a sly collection of hats, and a twinkle in the eye.

Formed in the Blue Mountains of NSW in 2001 by Christchurch-born Spookmeister Stephen Taberner, the Spooky Men's Chorale soon attracted attention with a judicious combination of Georgian table songs, pindrop beautiful ballads, highly inappropriate covers, and immaculate man anthems like "Don't stand between a man and his tool."

Since their first appearance at the National Folk Festival in Canberra in 2004, the Spooky Men have performed over 750 gigs in diverse festivals and venues across Australia, New Zealand, the UK, and in Germany and Denmark, including Woodford, WOMAD (Adelaide and NZ), Edinburgh Fringe, and Tonder (Denmark).

The Spooky Men's Chorale have recorded seven CDs: Tooled Up (2004), Stop Scratching It (2007), Deep (2009), Big (2011), The Spooky Man in History (2013), Warm (2015), and Welcome to the Second Half (2019).

Through an evening of drop deadpan beautiful man singing, the Spooky Men's Chorale ponder the conundrums of modern life and manhood, invite the audience to joyously experience a wall of man sound, laugh stupidly, and venture into areas of great tenderness. It is not so much comedic as hilarious, not so much shimmeringly perfect as pleasingly and deeply human.

A light supper is included in the ticket price and will be served after the performance, where visitors will have the opportunity to meet the performers.

Ticket prices \$45 adult / floor; \$40 concession / gallery. Tickets can be purchased on TryBooking: <https://www.trybooking.com/BIPRC> For more details visit our website: www.vietnamvetsmuseum.org or call our Museum on 03 5956 6400.

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



ANSWERS TO TRIVA QUESTIONS

1. Jupiter
2. Angelo Rosetta
3. Mexico
4. A3
5. Western Australia
6. Mountain Goat
7. Red, white and blue
8. Tigerair
9. Seven
10. Naomi Osaka
11. Leveret
12. 1880's (1885)

SOLUTION TO 'PLAN A MURDER'

"It was the intern," Inspector Flint guessed. The sleuth looked surprised. "No, of course not. There was no thief." Sure, there was. Mr. Boren told us..." The Inspector's eyes widened. "Oh!" "Precisely. I don't know why Arvin Boren wanted to kill his vice president, but it had nothing to do with stolen plans. He killed Silver in the copy room, then he found a witness and 'discovered' the body. Boren made up that story about Silver trying to catch the thief and, of course, Silver wasn't around to contradict him."

"What made you suspect Boren?"

"I suspected from the beginning, but I had no proof. So, I made up a story about the plans having to be in the mail chute. Boren needed to preserve the illusion of a thief, so he grabbed a set of plans and tossed them down the chute. That's the only way to explain why the plans are on top of the yellow envelopes instead of underneath them."

Flint raised his eyebrows and muttered, "How the heck do you do work these things out?"

Leroy chuckled. "Quod erat demonstrandum, or expressed more simply as an acronym, Q.E.D- I just applied logic to prove something and the pieces fell into place. The author Robert Burns was quite right when he wrote about mice and men."

"I'm not up to date on famous authors only a brilliant sleuth that I work with" Flint smiled and slapped his mate on the back.

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7	4	3	6	8	2	5	1	9
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WARNING

RECENT CHANGES TO THE FAMILY LAW ACT COULD IMPACT THE OUTCOME OF YOUR LEGAL CASE

New Changes in Family Law

There has been a lot of media coverage about how the government handles the outcomes of family law, with particular attention on domestic violence and what is perceived as domestic violence. For example, did you know that if you send multiple SMS messages to someone, it could be considered harassment, which under the Family Law Act constitutes domestic violence.

So, Family Law matters, in particular domestic violence, have forced the government to make many changes to the Family Law act. These are changes that have been in the pipeline for some time but what has sped up the need for the government to act are the events of last year with the wide spread lockdowns in Victoria due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Family Law Court Abolished

One of which is the decision made by the Federal Government to abolish the Family Law Court system and move matters into the mainstream court system. For people who appear before the court, on matters of a domestic family law nature, these changes could severely disadvantage the outcome of their case.

In a recent interview, Child Psychologist Claire Rowe said that the amount of time it takes for a case to move through the Family Court can cause some parties to start to bend the truth with regard to the opposing party.

Use of Unfair Tactics

This tactic is sometimes used as a means to speed up the process but the ramifications of this can have serious consequences for either party, male or female. In an interview, Senator Pauline Hansen said 'that some judges are not competent enough to actually handle Family Law because they are tied up in other issues in the court, especially in the

Federal Circuit Court in which there is less jurisdiction'. This means that stressed, over worked judges are forced to make multiple decisions very quickly and making Orders that are final and binding.

The results of these hastily made decisions can have drastic consequences and are not limited to just either the husband or the wife. Both sides can be affected negatively.

The importance of the use a Family Lawyer in the System to Win

Never before has the performance of a Family Lawyer played such an important role in Family Law cases, as judges are forced to increase their work load due to the abolishment of the Family Law Court, your lawyer's experience and tactical skill in knowing the intricacies of Family Law procedures within the court system is now, more than ever, extremely important for a successful outcome in your Family Law case.

Use of a Proven Customized Family Law Court System to Win

James McConvill & Associates is a law firm that has more than 15 years' experience specialising in thousands of Family Law cases, with very many of those cases concentrated in regional areas. Whilst many law firms struggled to meet their clients' needs during the pandemic, James McConvill & Associates have perfected the remote servicing model with the use of technology using phone and video conferencing via the internet.

So even though 2020 was a disruptive year for many legal firms it was business as usual for James McConvill & Associates. This allowed them to customize their current Family Law strategic tactics that they have developed over the last 15 years, to take into account the recent changes to Family Law

Court procedures, giving them a distinct advantage over other legal firms that practice Family Law, especially in these uncertain times.

Benefit from a Free Consultation

Your first 30 minute consultation is completely free, to enable the experienced legal team to obtain a thorough understanding of your situation, to discuss likely outcomes and develop a strategy that is right for you that could drastically increase your chances of being successful in your Family Law case.

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Split system heating/cooling & water views



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Large drive through garage.



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1 Acre property with established gardens.
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