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Reiki stops me from strangling people!

This is the story of how one of my client's surprised me.

I was asking people who had done my Reiki courses to give me some honest feedback.

It is not always easy to hear feedback, however, I have learned to listen without judgement.

But this comment really got me.

"I am SO GLAD that I did the Reiki Level One course before I did the crazy summer. Because of Reiki I didn't strangle anyone. I mean, in the past there would have been bodies on the floor.

Thank you so much." Sarah C.

Yep, that's what she said. Ha ha ha!!!

I love that!! Don't you?

I've heard lots of great feedback over the years, ... client's say:

Reiki helps me sleep

Reiki calms my anxious mind

Reiki lifts my energy

Reiki dissolves my pain

Reiki connects me to my higher self

Reiki soothes my stomach

Reiki chills out my kids (and my husband)

Reiki takes me deeper into my meditations

And if you came as a client to see a Reiki Master Practitioner (like me) you will most likely experience some of these things too. But one of my most favourite things to do is to teach people how to do Reiki energy healing for themselves.

You could have your own healing tool kit in your hands.

When I first investigated learning Reiki Energy Healing, I was concerned that I wouldn't be able to do it. You're probably wondering if an ordinary person really can channel healing energy through their hands?

The short answer is definitely, yes!

The fact is that we already can connect with Universal energy, but we've generally switched off or disconnected from it. When you 'get a vibe' from someone, that's energy. When you 'feel like something is off', that's energy. The wonderful thing is that ANYONE can be reconnected to this flow of energy in a conscious way, and you can easily learn the hand positions for most common issues.

The other question that you might be asking is "Will I become a medium or psychic if I do the Reiki training?" And it's important to note that when you remember how to allow the Universal energy, your intuition and psychic abilities will likely improve. And there will be opportunities for you to expand and nurture these skills with coaching programs like my Divine Alignment Code.

You might think that you don't have the time or the money to do a Reiki course right now, and I would like to ask you to think about what your happiness, peace, and balance are worth?

If you are feeling out of control, unbalanced, and chaotic, everything around you feels that way too. Your time is filled with other people's stuff. Your day is spent putting out fires. Your money goes to fixing up the mess. Right?

Reiki will allow you to take back your power and give yourself the gift of extreme self-care that will change the way you live your life. Finally, some people wonder if the Reiki energy conflicts with the beliefs of their religion.

It is my suggestion that the energy of Source, is the same as Universal energy, which is in essence the same as God energy. We humans are part of a greater universe. There is something bigger than just our bodies and nature.

The fact is that we are all made up of cells which can be broken down into tiny particles of energy. Energy flows through the body when we eat, move and speak. Learning how to direct that energy with conscious intention is what you do in the Reiki courses.

So, if you'd love to feel less angry and ... well ... stop wanting to strangle people ... *LOL* ... perhaps it's time to do a Reiki energy healing course.

I'm starting a course for Term 2 in May!! Yay!!

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PHILLIP ISLAND AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Tale of Two Bridges -Written by Pamela Rothfield - Part II – The Second Island Bridge

It was Richard Grayden who was the visionary behind building a bridge from San Remo to Newhaven on Phillip Island. His knowledge of that body of water between to the mainland and the Island, known as 'the Narrows', was extensive, due partly to his local knowledge of the area and perhaps also from the knowledge imparted by his grandfather, Charles Grayden, a fisherman and boatman who settled in Newhaven when the Island was subdivided in 1868.

Richard's doggedness in pursuing his dream finally paid off when the first bridge opened in 1940. The bridge was a great asset for the local community and an immense boost for the local economy, but over time it became obvious that the beautiful old suspension bridge had its limitations.

One such limitation was its load restriction of only six tons gross (GVW) on two axles which was imposed on all vehicles crossing the bridge.

The year after its opening, it was reported that in eight days, over 10,000 vehicles had used the bridge, but the most entertaining event in that first year was the transport of four elephants to the Island for the travelling circus. Collectively they weighed 5 tons and approval was given to travel across the bridge in a trailer. No ill effects to the structure were reported, but on their return journey, it was decided to walk them across the bridge. The animals produced such a sway that the passage of elephants on foot was consequently forbidden on the Phillip Island bridge forever more. The bridge's capacity to meet its anticipated use continued to change over the years, as tourism was on the increase, especially after the end of WWII, and with increased tourism and other visitation came the increased need for goods, requiring the use of more and larger load-carrying vehicles.

The older locals today even remember the sight of tourist buses stopping at the San Remo end of the bridge to unload their passengers, who were then left to walk the 580 metres to re-join their un-laden bus on the other side.

Restrictions on the load limit meant that large lorries, including milk tankers were not able to cross the bridge – farmers were often



frustrated with the disruption and rigmarole of unloading stock and/or machinery to get across the bridge – only to be reloaded on the other side. Whilst the load limit was keenly policed, it is no secret that the limit was often flouted, with self-confessed perpetrators waiting until dusk to run the gauntlet. Examples of overloading which were discovered by the authorities included sand deliveries weighing 6 tons without the truck, cattle trucks weighing in excess of 10 tons, trucks loaded with metal for road construction weighing 10 tons and more.

Stormy weather and turbulent tidal currents also took their toll on the old bridge. In 1952 a report identified the erosion at the bridge's foundations referring the issue to the Country Roads Board for their attention. A few months later the Public Works department spent £ 10,000 on placing boulders to bind the sand as an anti-erosion measure.

Traffic density continued to increase; some 21,000 vehicles were recorded as crossing the bridge in an 11-day non-peak period in 1954. The issue of maintenance of the bridge at this time was also causing concerns and there was an unsuccessful bid by many locals to install a toll on the bridge to assist with the maintenance costs. The beautiful suspension bridge saw its fair share of activity. In June 1954, 3 ½ year old Trevor Harrison fell from his father's car travelling over the bridge. Luckily for Trevor he suffered no more than abrasions and a broken leg as he was saved from a fatal 18 metre fall into the treacherous waters below, by the protective railing.

On Sunday 6 January 1957, there was a close call when the carelessness of a driver who threw cigarette butt out of his car window causing a fire which burnt through a wooden bearer and two planks. Luckily this was spotted by an observant visitor and the fire brigade very quickly smothered the blaze. The Country Roads Board replaced the bearer and planks the very next day.

In 1959 one of the vertical suspenders which supported the deck from the main cables in the suspension span snapped which only confirmed deficiencies in the beautiful old bridge, much of which had been built from second-hand materials.

In 1960 the Country Roads Board's annual traffic count revealed that up to 6,000 vehicles including large tourist buses crossed over the bridge per day in the peak time.

The Government of the day recognised that the need for safe transportation infrastructure was paramount and the proposition of a new replacement bridge was decided.

There were three options explored for the location of the new bridge; one was essentially a replacement of the first bridge from

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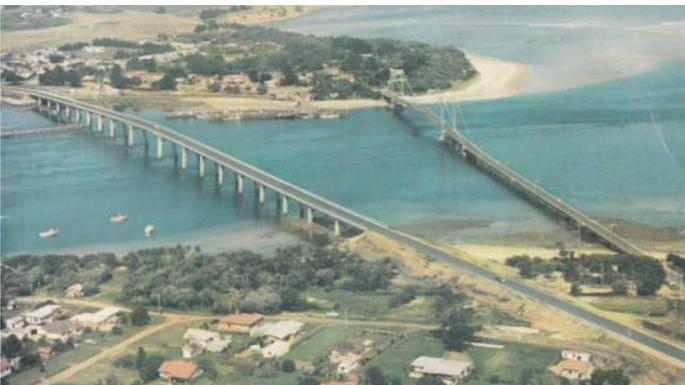
San Remo across the Narrows to Newhaven, the second option was from Somers on the Mornington Peninsula – with a 3 mile crossing over the deep water which required a bridge with high navigational clearance; and the third was from Stony Point via French Island which also required the 3 mile crossing, but over shallower waters and had the added benefit of giving access to French Island.

The first option, the most affordable, was selected – the new bridge would also span the Narrows between San Remo and Newhaven – however it would be built in an improved position, slightly east of the old bridge, where the water depth was shallower and less turbulent and the seafloor more stable. The new alignment was the original position suggested by Richard Grayden for the first bridge more than forty years earlier.

The tender for the construction of the new bridge, excluding the road approaches, was awarded to John Holland & Co in April 1966, just after the introduction of decimal currency. The bridge was to be built from both reinforced and pre-stressed concrete with the total project budgeted at \$3.25 million. It was to be 640m in length including a 30m approach span from each side. The road pavement was to be 8.5 m wide with a 1.5m wide walkway for pedestrians. Navigational clearance height at high tide is 12 metres.

On the day of opening, Friday 21st November 1969, a local public holiday was declared, and much to the surprise and chagrin of the organisers of the opening ceremony, over a thousand members of the local community turned up to join in the celebrations with officially invited guests. The ribbon was cut by the wife of Hon M Porter, MLA, Minister for Public Works.

The small park on the Newhaven side of the bridge approach is named Richard Grayden Park in acknowledgement of his contribution in connecting our community. Richard died in 1947 at the age of 69. (Images courtesy Phillip Island & District Historical Society.)



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**A classic crime story from
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We might never learn of the money apparently paid by Prince Andrew or possibly the Queen herself to help quash the lawsuit recently against her favourite son. Just as we might never learn the truth behind the unsolved murder story involving a close relative, Duke, can you believe it, who was one time the King of England. Our story is based in the Bahamas. Apart from the murder, by chance the 2nd World War brought this king to join Sir Harry Oakes or Sir Harry as he came known on the islands, or simply 'the king'. Confused? Rightly so, but please read on.

This was the former Edward VIII of England, now known as the Duke of Windsor, who three and a half years before had given up his throne to marry his Duchess and had created an instant romantic legend in the process.

As a statesman, the Duke had proved to be less than legendary. After some unfortunate actions that made him appear to be pro-German, and after an abortive kidnapping event on him by the Nazis, the British Foreign Office apparently decided the best way to keep Windsor out of trouble was to post him to the sleepy and distant Bahamas as Governor.

Each an outcast in his own odd way, the two kings of the Bahamas struck up a sort of friendship, socialising and playing golf together on the course Sir Harry had built. By the morning of July 8, 1943, as Sir Harry's body still lay undiscovered, times were relatively good in the Bahamas. The far off war had begun to turn in the Allies' favour. The tourist Bahamas of today is a conscious creation that began to take form decades ago, in the years immediately prior to World War II. The Bahamas of that day was an elegantly languorous British outpost, and the few tourists that came to visit were firmly entrenched members of the idle rich.

Some say the change in the islands can be traced back directly to a single violent night. The night of July 7, 1943. During the small hours of that night an ugly storm passed over Nassau, whipping the city with high winds and blowing rain. The morning after brought an ugly revelation, Sir Harry Oakes, one of the world's richest men and the Bahamas' leading citizen, was found murdered in his bed. His skull had been fractured by a heavy object with one or more triangular points, leaving four wounds in the vicinity of the ear, and his body had been partially burned by his killer. Feathers from a pillow clung to the body, fluttering in the breeze of an electric fan. The presence of blisters on the body of the 68 year old man showed he had been alive when he was set on fire and lived for a short time afterwards. There was a smeared handprint on a wall inside the room about four feet from the floor, which appeared to have been made with blood.

The man who made the ghastly discovery was Oakes's best friend, real estate broker Harold Christie, who had stayed the

night at Westbourne, one of several residences Oakes maintained on New Province Island, sleeping two bedrooms down the hall. Oakes and Christie were the only people in the house.

The murder hit the presses billed as the Crime of the Century, and with each new development it seemed it seemed more likely to live up to that billing. At centre stage was the story-book figure of Sir Harry Oakes.

Harry Oakes was born December 23, 1874, into a locally prominent family in the township of Sangerville, Maine. Small of stature, a daydreamer who kept mainly to himself. After high school he spent two restless years in Medical school- he dreamed mainly of riches, but was repelled by the idea of making money. As he put it in the idealism of youth, "off my fellow man." Business and professions were tainted, and boring besides. But how else could a young man make his fortune?

As Harry mulled the question in his brooding way, along came a gold strike in the Klondike. He set off to join the legions of gold fever victims with the blessings and support of his family. The twenty-three-year-old swore he would return a millionaire. And although it cost him twenty years of incredible hardships, he made the prophecy come true. The young man learned prospecting and mining as he went. He also learned to live with hunger, isolation, extremes of temperature, and unrewarding, back breaking labour. Through these years, he acquired a toughness and a kind of bitter self-reliance that would not sit well in polite society. The quest took him to the far corners of the world, following rumours of rich gold strikes. The mother lode was Harry's Holy Grail. He became incredibly wealthy and some say, at the height of his glory, perhaps the richest man on earth. His only female companionship came with occasional visits to prostitutes in mining shantytowns, followed by Puritanical remorse.

At forty-eight, Oakes met and married a twenty-four-year-old Australian girl during a world cruise. Eunice McIntyre was said to be everything her husband was not: tall, attractive, gentle, sensitive and charming. Oakes was devoted to her. Five children came of the marriage. In recognition of his endeavours for the people of the islands Harry became a Baronet and in a sense was seen by many as the King of the islands.

News of the murder changed all this, and shocked the island nation as violently as America was shocked by the assassination of John F. Kennedy twenty years later. Though no one, with the possible exception of the murderer or murderers, could know it at the time, the Bahamas had just entered a new ere that would change their easy-going nature. This, for many who have studied the Oakes case, believe, was for a number of more or less convincing reasons.

These begin with the strange actions of the Duke of Windsor on that fateful day. On being informed by an aide of the murder, the Royal Governor first attempted to black out the news by using his war powers to declare complete press censorship- this was unsuccessful as the news had already spread around the world. The Duke's next action was less explicable. Instead of relying on the local police, or as the next logical step in a British colony, on Scotland Yard, the Duke took personal control of the investigation by calling in two detectives from the Miami Police department, one of whom

had reputedly been a bodyguard for the Duke during a visit to Miami. Neither Detective had any history of obviously forensic or investigative skills.

The best they could do was to bungle the case and this they did. It was thought by some they even manufactured evidence and destroyed others. They also proceeded in a failed attempt to frame Sir Harry's son-in-law Count Marie Alfred Fouqueraux De Marigny or Freddie Marigny as the tall and dashing watchman with a reputation as a womaniser, was called. After two divorces he managed to steal the heart of Sir Harry's eldest daughter Nancy. The Duke was known to hate Freddie who was ably defended at the murder trial and was acquitted, there being no solid case to answer and the two cops were discredited.

Not surprisingly a Mafia connection to the murder was suggested. Oakes had acquired a casino licence for his hotel which at the time of the war was struggling, and Meyer Lansky known to be the accountant for the Mafia had promised in return for a handsome inducement to use his Cuban connections, to foster customers for the casino. A dubious alliance indeed as gambling in the Bahamas was not "strictly legal" as yet. Another possibly complicit character Harold Christie was popular on the islands and had also been knighted. He was suspected of rum-running from the island to America at the time of the prohibition and some believed him to be an accomplice in the murder. The Duke was never terribly far from some connection with these persons and Sir Harold Christie appeared to know more than he was telling. Suggestions of

persons involved in voodoo and black magic also surfaced as possible killers and there was reference to feathers near the body and the involvement of a hit-man witch doctor. All sorts of rumours were flying around and the propensity of Sir Harry to be connected by rumour or fact to dubious persons or practices expanded the net of persons who possibly would want to kill him.

Postscript- All said and done nothing substantive to name the murderer has really come to light. The case has spawned at least two TV movies, a mini-series, and a stage play. The play posits that the Duke and Duchess framed Freddie De Marigny to protect the real killer, Harold Christie, because Christie could've spilled the beans about their money laundering for the Nazis. (The "Panama Papers" revelations had still to hit the headlines!). In the play the Duchess has sex with Freddie because she wants to "sleep with the condemned man." Freddie also had a go at writing a book about the business and he names Harold Christie as the killer too, and says he was framed to cover up money shipments to Mexico.

In an interview with a popular magazine, De Marigny quoted an old Chinese maxim: "Never avenge yourself. Sit on your doorstep and one day you will see the corpse or the ghost of your enemy go by." "All the corpses," he concluded, "have gone by." Just one ghost however remains intent on haunting another Royal, Prince Andrew, and this ghost goes by the name of Guiffre and apparently has residence in Australia of all places!!



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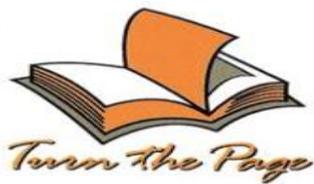
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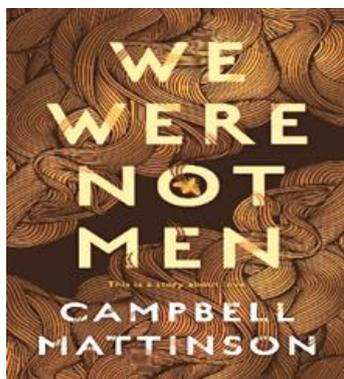
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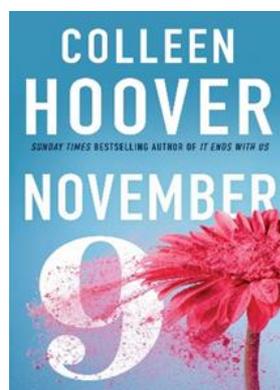
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Small Super Funds – Do it yourself, or hire a trustee?

Not so long ago the Federal Government compensated more than 5000 superannuation investors in a widely promoted suite of funds, for their loss because of serious fraud by the fund's managers. Yet there were nearly three times as many superannuation fund investors and more non-superannuation investors who received nothing. The compensation payout, of more than \$55 million, the largest in Australian history was made to members of APRA (Australian Prudential Regulation Authority) regulated funds, but members of Self Managed Super Funds (SMSFs) and private investors were excluded. Bear in mind that the compensation is for fraud, not incompetency.

Why? Members of SMSF's who must also be trustees, are regarded as having the capacity and ability to judge the worthiness of investments, regardless of their experience. This makes the level of your adviser's expertise and honesty very critical.

Individual investors, like their SMSF counterparts don't qualify for compensation because they don't come under APRA supervision and therefore are not eligible for this compensation. Their only recourse is through the courts.

SMSF's are the fastest growing segment of the superannuation industry and many more individuals are establishing their own funds every week. Some will seek professional advice and others, quite scarily, will do it on their own. Many so-called professional advisers miss out on explaining this very important distinction between APRA funds and SMSF's.

A small APRA fund allows its members to make investment decisions, within certain guidelines, but the members are not trustees and do not administer the fund. Nor are they responsible for the compliance issues of the fund, these remain with the trustee. The trustee is a (usually) large company that has been approved by APRA as being capable of offering this service to eligible customers. A SMSF requires all its members to be trustees or a director of the trustee company and therefore the member assumes all the fiduciary liability.

Small APRA funds come with far more restrictive rules than the

usual SMSF trust deed, and while both will fall under the normal Superannuation legislation, SMSFs are regulated by the Tax Office while APRA funds and their trustees come under APRA. The two regulators do have different requirements. An APRA trustee (and there are only a few in Australia) usually has a tighter investment strategy than an SMSF and will enforce its compliance. It will usually

take a far more conservative approach as to what is, or is not, an appropriate investment and so there will almost always be less investment choice in such a fund. This, though, is not to say that there is not enough choice.

Also an APRA fund is more expensive, if for no other reason than that a member must pay for a trustee's services. And lo and behold there is a levy to pay for compensation, currently about 2 cents for every \$100 value in the fund. APRA annual returns fees are significantly higher than the \$240 or so that the Tax office charges to lodge a return, too.

The small APRA fund was available before the huge rise in the use of SMSF's around the turn of the century but had lost a lot of popularity due to its higher cost and greater restrictions, or lack of flexibility. Lately the APRA managers have started to fight back. An adviser can now offer small APRA funds to clients for little more than the cost of a reasonable SMSF, so why would an investor choose one?

Many retirees and younger investors see an SMSF as a way of controlling their own investment destiny which is true. Some see it as a way of making better returns and getting lower costs which may be true but very often is not. Whatever the reason behind establishing an SMSF there will come a time when the stringent legal requirements, the exacting administration requirements and the time and effort of being trustee and investment manager will lose its attraction. Now that every breach of the rules must be reported and may have expensive consequences, many trustees are looking for alternatives.

This is where a small APRA (supervised) Fund allows a member to be the investment manager, within a defined investment strategy but to know that their fund is properly administered and its trustee is competent. Mostly a small APRA fund is for people who, for whatever reason, don't want to take on the responsibility of trustee. They may not be qualified or just might not want the responsibility. Recently we've had clients who moved from a small APRA fund a decade ago choose to move back as they were getting older and the wife was ill. With a small APRA fund there is no need to worry about changes of trustee. Now we also have the fact that the compensation available is significantly higher and easier to get than with an SMSF.

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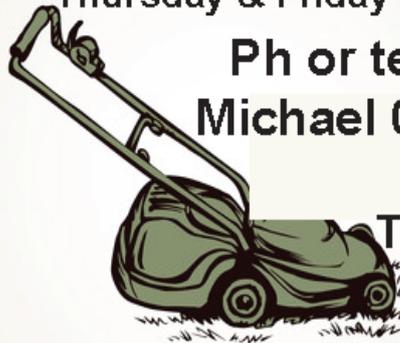
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Phillip Island Camera Club "Making Photography Fun - Capturing Local Landmarks"

Whether we're a local or tourist, a great deal of pleasure can be gained from looking back on the photos we've captured of the local environment. Landmarks, whether natural, or the built environment are unique sites that identify a place or country. These will often be identified on maps and tourist guides and have usually existed for quite some time, so are an important part of a place's history. The theme of the monthly challenge in January/February for the

Phillip Island Camera Club (PICC) members was local landmarks and chicory kilns. Chicory kilns are distinctive buildings and landmarks for Phillip Island. Chicory farming on Phillip Island was introduced in 1870, with the plant's root destined primarily for use as a coffee additive

or substitute. The first chicory kiln was built in 1873, followed by a second in 1880 and by 1920 there were at least 25 kilns on the island. To this day, remnants of chicory kilns can be found around the island.

Here's a few hints for capturing images of landmarks. Make the landmark the focus of your image.

You can include people, however, they should not detract from the main subject. Consider the best angle from which to capture the landmark. Is it best taken from above, straight on, or looking up, as a close up or from a distance? Do you want to capture the surrounding area using a wide-angle lens shot or perhaps some close-up details to show materials and construction? Take advantage of the

weather (e.g. clouds and fog) and time of day (blue and golden hours) to capture a unique view. Don't

forget your tripod for low-light conditions and long exposures. Study the history and stories of your landmark subjects. Have a clear idea of what you want to convey but also take the opportunity to explore the possibilities! Here are a few of the ways PICC members captured local landmarks. All images are copyright of the photographers and may not be copied or used without permission. Thanks to the photographers for allowing use of their images in this article.

For more images of landmarks by PICC members go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pInFcFxO2Q8>

If you found this article of interest and would like to find out more go to <http://www.phillipislandcameraclub.com.au/> For more information on Phillip Island Camera Club phone Jenny on 0408 355130.



PICC member Rhonda Buitenhuis captured this image of the entire San Remo jetty looking down from the bridge. The clouds and setting sun provide a beautiful backdrop.



This image by Lynne Cook was colour enhanced to emphasise the rusted corrugated iron against the blue sky. This angle was chosen to show the dilapidated structure of the kiln located in Back



Lynne Cook placed the Harbison Road Chicory Kiln on the right hand third (using the rule of thirds) of her image and tweaked the RAW image in Lightroom to bring out the colours. Lynne used a vignette to focus the attention on the kiln.



Susan McLauchlan used a worms-eye-view (low angle) of the San Remo Fisherman's Co-Op and the adjoining car park. Susan decided that a monochrome (black and white) image suited the mood she wished to portray in this image.

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Switch slow Cooker to med and cook for 8 hours or until meat comes apart. Last 4 hours spray with apple juice to keep moist. Remove from cooker &

wrap in foil then wrap in tea towel.

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NATURE PARKS' ANNUAL COMMUNITY OPEN DAY HAPPENING SOON

Bass Coast Shire residents are invited to Phillip Island Nature Parks' annual Community Open Day on Sunday 6 March, including a new opportunity to go behind the scenes and gain exclusive insight into the work it undertakes on Phillip Island.

This year marks the 11th annual Community Open Day where locals can discover all the Nature Parks' attractions, celebrate the unique and amazing conservation work being done right here on Phillip Island, and connect with local rangers, volunteers and staff.

The day includes free entry to the evening Penguin Parade (general admission), Koala Conservation Reserve, Churchill Island and the exciting Antarctic Journey at the Nobbies Centre.

Nature Parks CEO Catherine Basterfield said this year will feature 'Nature Parks Presents', a new series of exclusive behind the scenes activities focusing on some of the Nature Parks' key work and hosted by the experts.

"Every year we look forward to opening our doors to the local community and after last year's record-breaking attendance we're excited to be adding even more events and activities for our community to get involved in," Ms Basterfield said.

"Our new Nature Parks Presents series includes a day in our wildlife rehabilitation centre and showcases never before seen historic footage of what is now known as the Penguin Parade."

Another favourite part of the day will be the Conservation Celebration at Churchill Island where there will be market stalls, live music, a BBQ lunch, giveaways and Caring for Country art activities. Community members can learn about our koalas and newest locals, the bush stone-curlews, on a ranger-led walk and talk at the Koala Conservation Reserve.

The Nature Parks very own Marine Scientist Dr Rebecca McIntosh will lead a Seal Spotting Journey at the Antarctic Journey and as the sun sinks in the west, join penguin experts Dr Andre Chiaradia and Paula Wasiak for a Private Lives of Penguins tour and then free entry to the magical Penguin Parade.

Entry to all activities and Nature Parks' attractions is free throughout the day for residents, students and landholders of the Bass Coast Shire and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Community members.

The event is ticketed and you can register for your free tickets at <https://www.penguins.org.au/buy-tickets>. To gain your free entry, please bring proof of your residency such as a rates notice, bill, or driver's licence. Free entry is for households only.

Accompanying friends are welcome but must pay the applicable entry fees.

For further information call 5951 2830 during business hours or visit www.penguins.org.au

Love your Nature Parks all year round!

Did you also know that all Bass Coast Shire residents can purchase a Locals Pass and become part of the Phillip Island Nature Parks community all year round with unlimited entry and great offers and activities? See www.penguins.org.au/locals or call 5951 2830.

FACE MASK LITTER PUTS PHILLIP ISLAND WILDLIFE AT RISK

An alarming number of discarded face masks is putting Phillip Island's much-loved little penguins and other wildlife at risk of entanglement or even death.

In January alone, Phillip Island Nature Parks rangers collected a staggering 227 masks from the Nature Parks' reserves and beaches. One little penguin was found using a disposable mask in its burrow as nesting material, while a swamp hen had to be intercepted running back to its nest with a cloth mask and a raven was spotted with a mask caught around its foot.

Paula Wasiak, Research Technical Officer at Phillip Island Nature Parks, said rangers have not only been finding masks at the Penguin Parade and other popular visitor attractions, but also washed up along beaches that are inaccessible to the public.

She said this suggests masks are not only being dropped but are also washing ashore.

"It's pretty upsetting to witness the impact that masks are having on our local environment here on Phillip Island," Ms Wasiak said. It's possible for penguins and other birds to become entangled in the masks' ear loops – a disturbing image many of us have seen from across the world during the pandemic.

This entanglement can restrict their movement, ability to fish, or cut off circulation, and can ultimately lead to injury or death.

"It's so easy for a bird to become entangled in a mask but difficult for them to escape. It might be easy for us to stretch and pull the straps off, but penguins don't have that reach to be able to remove it if they become caught," Ms Wasiak said.

"Thankfully I haven't seen any penguins entangled here at the Nature Parks, but we only monitor around five per cent of Phillip Island's colony of around 40,000 little penguins.

"It was fortunate that the penguin we found with a mask in its burrow was being monitored as part of a study site, so we could remove it, but sadly we won't always be so lucky."

Ms Wasiak said face masks were an important public health measure but urged everyone to be mindful when visiting.

"If you accidentally drop your mask, please try to retrieve it, or ask one of our rangers for help – and when it's time to dispose of your mask, always make sure you pull the loops off or cut them before throwing it in the bin," she said.

"If you see someone drop their mask, let them know, and remind them to dispose of it properly. Keeping Phillip Island tidy and safe for our wildlife is everyone's responsibility and we all play an important role.

"These are little things we can all do that will make a big difference to our little penguins and other wildlife."



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CRYPTO INVESTING AND CYBER SECURITY ISSUES

There are special risks associated with Crypto Investing and we need to understand 'risk' and 'confidentiality'. We all know how to handle risk and confidentiality when it relates to investments that we can see. However, when you cannot see your investments (because they are invisible), you need to take special notice of the following issues:

1. Will you entrust the management of your investments to a Digital Exchange, or should you buy what is known as a digital wallet?
2. If you were to become incapacitated, where would your 'Power of Attorney' find the keys to unlocking your investment details?
3. When you last drew up your 'Last Will and Testament' did you leave instructions for your executor regarding unlocking your investments, and where those instructions are located?
4. Invisible Investments cannot be insured.

Issue Number One: Digital Exchange Versus A Digital Wallet

A **Digital Exchange** is not unlike a stock exchange where the exchange provides a service that includes buying and selling cryptocurrency for a small fee. Digital Exchanges track your investments and they provide access to a range of helpful tools and educational resources.

A **Digital Wallet** is a physical device that resembles a USB Stick on which you store data. A digital wallet stores data about your investments in cryptocurrency and it asks you to set up a unique private key that becomes your recovery tool when you want to buy or sell your investments. Investors who use a digital wallet tend to be well versed in the technology, and they tend to have larger investments. Details on how to buy a digital wallet can be found by doing an internet search. One important point to be made here is that investors who use a digital wallet should take great care to back up their digital access key and keep a record in a safe place. There have been cases where people lose their digital access keys, and they then lose access to all of their digital investments. So, keep your digital wallet in a safe place. In a different place, store the details of your access keys.

A Warning: When you install a digital wallet on your mobile device or desktop, you are taking a radical step. You are becoming solely responsible for your investment(s). This is called self-custody. If for some reason you lock yourself out of your digital wallet, you are 100% responsible because it is your fault. If you become a victim of a phishing attack or you share information with a hacker, and suffer a loss, it is 100% your problem. In each case you could lose all of your investments and there is no recourse against any government authority because government authorities don't have jurisdiction covering cryptocurrencies. Unlike using a bank or a broker you, and you alone, are responsible once you cross the threshold of self-custody.

In the process of researching material for this article, and in the interest of keeping things simple, I decided to start my cryptocurrency journey using a Digital Exchange. You can

always change the way you store your investment data, and it may in some cases be useful to use both approaches. Remember that using both approaches will involve two separate portfolios. As your digital portfolio increases in value, you may wish to use a digital wallet for the bulk of your investments, but at the same time you may wish to continue to have access to all of the tools and resources that a digital exchange has to offer.

Issue Number Two: Having A 'Financial' Power Of Attorney

Our legal system in Australia provides for a document known as a '**Financial** Power of Attorney' which is a document that allows an individual to appoint someone to be 'their attorney' and make decisions for the individual should they become ill, incapacitated or located overseas when an event occurs. This form of document varies from State to State. For investors it is suggested that it would be wise to seek legal advice because there are a range of issues that come up, especially when dealing with investments. When we are talking about Invisible Investing, investors should build into their Power of Attorney specific instructions that include where to find the details of your invisible investments. You may, for example, have a set of instructions located in a particular bank safe, or these instructions could be held by your solicitor. If you are using a digital wallet, the instructions will need to include the details of your private keys that allow access to your investments. In addition, you may want to provide instructions on when to sell some or all of your investments. If these instructions are not provided and your Attorney is not aware that you have invested in invisible investments, no one may ever know that you had invisible investments, and the investments would be lost forever.

Issue Number Three: Amending Your Will

The law provides that individuals can draw up a **Last Will and Testament** which is a legal document that only becomes effective when you die. This contrasts with the Power of Attorney mentioned above because a Power of Attorney is only relevant when you are alive. A Will provides instructions to your executor regarding how you wish your estate to be distributed. In many cases, the instructions go into specific detail about all of the deceased person's investments and how they should be handled. As mentioned above, if the Will does not include instructions relating to an investor's invisible investments, then it is likely that the executor may be blissfully unaware that the deceased ever had any invisible investments. Readers are urged to seek legal advice when drawing up a Will.

One of the specific instructions that many people write into their Will is what is known as 'in-specie' transfers. For example, a Will might provide that beneficiary A is to inherit 'all of my BHP shares'. In such a case the shares are not sold. They are transferred to the beneficiary. This may have significant tax benefits. It is important to note that you cannot make an in-specie transfer of a cryptocurrency investment.

Please note that the author is not a lawyer, but these issues are at the heart of good planning.

Warning: Every time you change your password you should record the details and make sure that your Power of Attorney and your Executor are aware of where to find the updated details. You are 100% responsible for ensuring that everything is up to date.

Issue Number Four: No Insurance

Insuring our investments is something we take for granted, and in some cases, we can become complacent about insuring items such as works of art, coin collections and other collectibles such as vintage cars.

Insurance is available for all forms of tangible investments such as real estate, gold, managed investments, businesses, farms etc.

There is no insurance available for invisible investments. You cannot insure an investment in Ethereum, Bitcoin or any other cryptocurrency. There are, however, strategies that you can use to minimise any downside movement in the value of your investments.

The following comments only apply to investors that use a digital exchange. Investors have the option of putting in place a 'stop loss' order that instructs the digital exchange to sell part or all of the investment when the price of the investment falls below a predetermined level. The Swyftx digital exchange simply calls a stop loss order a 'stop' and it allows you to set a predetermined price and then select whether you wish to sell 25%, 50%, 75% or 100% of the individual investment you wish to sell. If you have several cryptocurrency investments, you will need to issue instructions for each of the individual investments.

Readers need to consider their tax position when placing a stop order. If the investment has not been held for 12 months, the potential taxable profit could trigger a significant tax assessment.

This column has covered some critical issues that every cryptocurrency investor needs to consider. It is worth highlighting each issue, and making a comment on when these issues become vitally important:

- ◆ Choosing to use a digital wallet exposes the investor to the risks associated with the loss or theft of the wallet. It also excludes the investor from the ability to place a 'stop' order. The choice to use a digital exchange or a digital wallet needs to be seriously considered before you even begin your cryptocurrency investment journey. The good news is that you can swap from a digital wallet to a digital exchange and vice-versa at any time.
- ◆ Good estate planning involves appointing a Power of Attorney, especially when it comes to medical and financial matters. If you do not have a Power of Attorney, it is strongly recommended that you research this issue as a matter of urgency. Some readers may elect to do this after their investment grows in size. The faster your investment grows, the faster you should seek good legal advice!
- ◆ A Will is a document that only speaks after you are dead. At that point your Power of Attorney becomes irrelevant. The point that has been made in this chapter is that unless you leave updated instructions in both your Power of Attorney and your Will, you could lose the value of your cryptocurrency because no one may know that the investment even existed. This is called negligence!
- ◆ Cryptocurrency investments cannot be insured, but you can put in place measures to protect your investments. If you are starting with a modest investment, insurance and protection measures may not be 'top of mind'. As the investment grows in value it could be easy to forget the messages in this chapter. Please make a diary note to review these issues regularly. Every time you change your smoke detector, re-read this column!

Disclaimer: Remember that cryptocurrency investments are invisible, unregulated and volatile.

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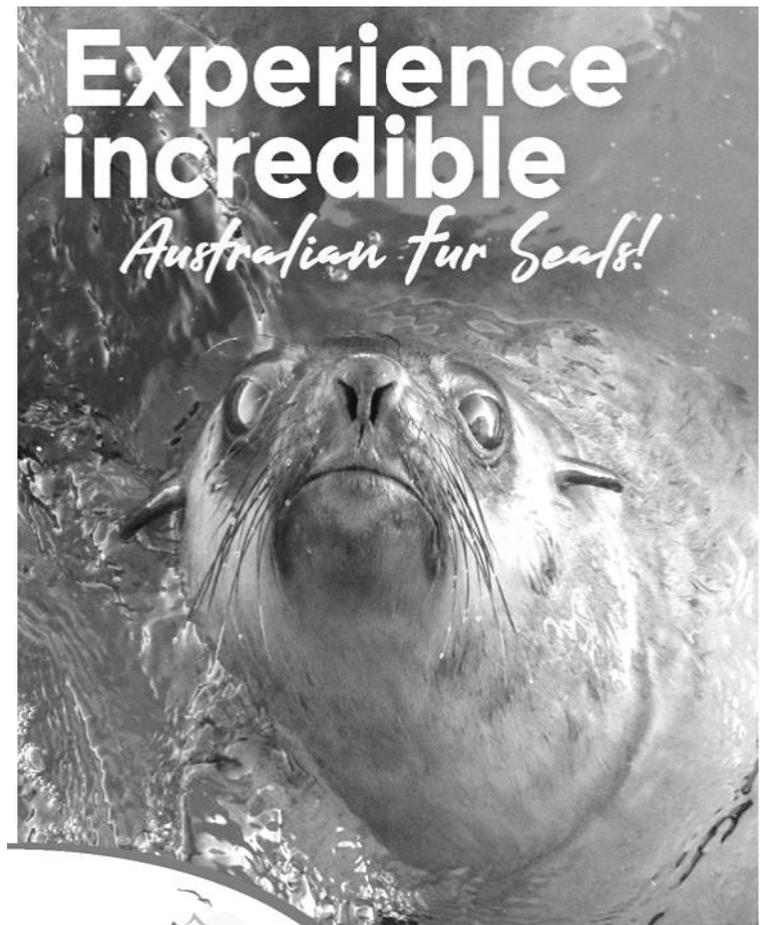
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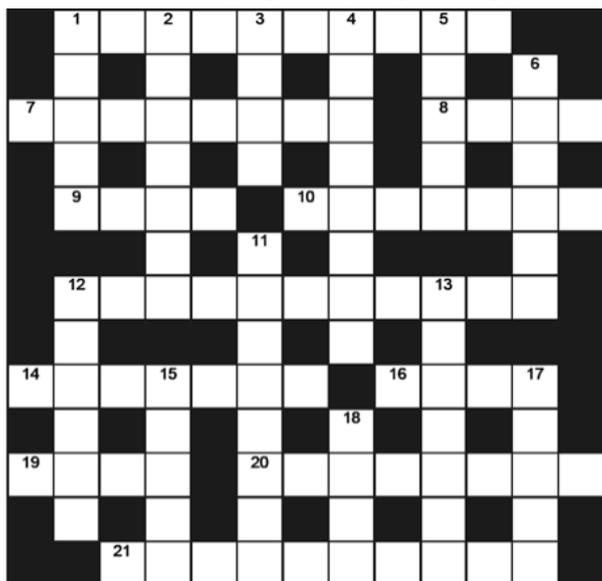
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- 1 Darn (5)
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5. Where were the 1952 Winter Olympic Games held?
6. Where would a troglodyte live?
7. Who was the first Sudanese player drafted to an AFL club?
8. What are your patellae?
9. What city in Northern Italy has Europe's oldest university?
10. Which two countries have striped red, blue and white flags?
11. Name the biggest island in the world?
12. Which country produces the most coffee in the world?

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PHILLIP ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB MONTHLY UPDATE

Autumn is here and the leaves are changing. And the best thing to happen is that we held 2 consecutive lunches in a row. Fingers crossed it will last the year. Covid restrictions have greatly eased which means we can all enjoy more time with our loved ones and partake in a close to normal life. Happy times. A couple things we are thinking of introducing to the club is a games night or afternoon. We also have facilities for watching movies. We also have carpet bowls and if you come to our lunches on the 1st Friday of every month, you get to play for free. Other times it's only \$5. Total bargain! If you're interested in any of the above please call our secretary Liza on 5900 2921/ 0431 867 058.

We also have rock and roll group Rockhouse booked to play on Saturday 2nd April. Tickets can be booked through Rob on 0422707109. It's a fabulous night of fun dancing and great music.

Don't forget to book for our monthly Friday lunches with our secretary on the above numbers.

Look forward to seeing you again soon.

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Surf news by Ed Amorim
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Make Someone's Summer -Saturday 5th of March at Smiths Beach

First time this event has come to Phillip Island

Come along and have some fun. Whether you want to volunteer your time or come on down for a surf as a participant, it is sure to be a very special day for all.

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<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/disabled-surfing-event-for-all-abilities-2022-smiths-beach-registration-241622097197?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

VOLUNTEERS: There are volunteer roles for everyone, in water and out, you don't need to be a Kelly Slater or a Stephie Gilmour to help out on this event. We want to be able to provide people with a disability greater access to the beaches all year round. By working with the community our aim is to make the beach accessible and within reach of everyone. Again, we'll supply all the essential. Just bring hat and towel. Please make sure to register now.

It is not just our surfers that have a day to remember, it's also our volunteer's who usually can't believe the amazing buzz they feel when they leave the event knowing they have just helped to 'Make Someone's Summer' very special.

Please note: All people attending event over the age of 16 years of age are required to be double vaccinated unless medically exempt.

The Disabled Surfers Association The DSA is uniquely Australian having ambitions to go global, whilst setting world's best practice for the sport of Disabled Surfing. Initially set up for injured surfers, within a short time the DSA had dramatically widened its target group to cater for all disabilities - that is anyone willing to have a go.

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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. Ron Hateley 59522549 or Averil Roberts 59522602.

Phillip Island Lions Club - Steptoos 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 - 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 Trevor Hayes 0408 574360.

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 Girls and volunteers both welcome. Girls aged 7-14 on Tuesdays 7-8pm. Contact Emma Hadrian 0432 349335 or email: emma.hadrian@guidesvic.org.au

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. Phone 5900 2921 or 0431 867058 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

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.

IAA Island Astronomy Association Inc. Our Club meets on the second Monday night of each month at 7.15 start. New members are very welcome. To find out more details please contact Eden White edendwhite74@gmail.com

Phillip Island Masonic Lodge - meets every 2nd Wednesday of the Month at 7.30pm (opposite Coles supermarket) New members and visiting brethren welcome. Hall for hire - contact Ian Samuel 0413157284.

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

PIRSL Community Men's Shed meets at the rear of the RSL every Tues, Wed & Thurs mornings 9am-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. Ken 59568803 or David 0412485913, Blue Gum Reserve Dunsmore Rd, Cowes.

National Vietnam Veterans Museum needs volunteers interested in gardening on our site and cleaners keen to keep our displays sparkling. Contact Julie on 5956 6400 or apply online via our website www.vietnamvetmuseum.org.

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 Monday of the month, Newhaven Yacht Squadron Clubrooms, 1:30 - 4pm. Contact Jenny on 0408355130 or email phillipislandcameraclub@gmail.com. For more information go to www.phillipislandcameraclub.com.au

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 us via email: phillipislandadultridingclub.com.au

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 Medical and Health Action Group PIMHAG Meets the second last Thursday of the month 5pm-6.30pm PIRSL New members welcome Contact Sec Linda Marston 0428 344 726
Cowes Branch Country Women's Association (CWA) 1st Thursday of the month February-November. currently meeting at Rotary Shed-Dunsmore Rd 1pm More info: Felicity 0414 507 420 Penny 0437 042 084 Cowes CWA Shop Thompson Ave Cowes Tues-Sat 10-2 cwaofviccowes@gmail.com

Phillip Island Day View Club proudly supporting The Smith Family. Feb-Dec - 4th Monday of the month at 11am, Rusty Waters Brewery, Cowes. Bookings essential. New members welcome. For information contact Ann Finger 0439 399829.

Phillip Island & District Historical Society 56 Chapel Street Cowes, Contact: Pamela Rothfield 0418 368 607

Phillip Island Library is closed for the redevelopment of the Cowes Cultural centre the new library facilities. Our Click&Collect and returns location is Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre 56/58 Church St., Cowes. Library items may be returned outside the office at PICAL 24hrs and pick-up of holds is available on the following days: Tues 1.00-4.30pm : Wed 9.30-2pm : Thursday 9.30-1pm.

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 We meet Monday Nights at 7.30 p.m. The first, second and last Tuesday of the month at 10.30 a.m. also first and third Friday of the month at 10.00 a.m. and Corinella Crafties second and fourth Wednesday of the month 10.30 a.m. For more information please contact Gayle Rowden 0400634282 or Lyn Arnold 0429481875.

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.

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).

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

Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo Our friendly Club helps care for & brings our Community together through fund raising & community activities, including running our Cowes Op Shop. New members & volunteers are always warmly welcomed. Please call President, Judy Lawrence for more info: 0418 325 055.

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

The Artists' Society of Phillip Island, ASPI, is for a wide range of artistic expression from the field of Visual arts through to writers and poets. There is a program of regular activities including Textile Arts, Portraits, Life Drawing, Appraise & Connect, Come & Create, and the Ibis Writers group. Workshops held throughout the year. New members are very welcome. For further information contact aspicommittee@gmail.com or Miranda 0400 927 076 .

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 Robyn Holman 0429 700 492.

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.

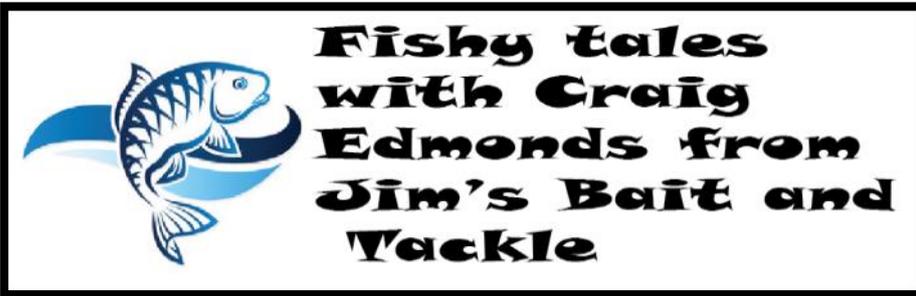
Phillip Island Community Art & Craft Gallery Contact Secretary Aleta Groves 0419 525 609 or email- info@phillipisandgallery.com.au

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

Rotary Op Shop, Cowes Run and staffed by Volunteers from all walks of life, including Rotary Club members, our Op Shop is a wonderful, fun place to volunteer, help the community & meet new people! New volunteers always welcome, please call Rotary Op Shop Coordinator, Diane for more info: 0417 577 082

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

Island Voice Meets last Wed of the month 5.30- 7pm PIRSL New members welcome Contact Sec. Linda Marston 0428 344 726.



If you have driven up Marine Parade lately you would have noticed that the old Jim's Bait and Tackle has been stripped empty and moved. We have finally fully set up our new home and so far, everything we have tried to achieve has been well received. As we have mentioned, over the next couple of months to a year, we will be expanding certain ranges which we stock, a few more pelagic ranges, more squid jig colours, better diving gear and of course some fresh new rod and reel lines that will top it off. Those who haven't been able to come into the new store or who have struggled to find us are more than welcome to call and we can help direct you, or simply put 90 Back Beach Road into your phone and you will find us.

One of the first things on the agenda for our new shop is our 6th annual Good Friday Appeal Easter Fishing Competition and we have already begun the planning stages. As those who have participated before know, we donate 100% of the entry money and the fishing comp goes for 4 days and there are mounds of prizes to be won for the whole family. It's back and going to be bigger and better than ever - Good Friday Appeal Easter Fishing Competition. We are currently locking in sponsors but one big announcement we can make is that we have a new sponsor on board and we will have a section for pelagic species, Kingfish and Tuna. There will be more to come over the next couple of weeks but if the hull of your boat is looking a bit ordinary and could do with a brighten up then this one is for you. We will have all the usual sections and plenty of giveaways over the weekend and again 100% of your entry fee will be donated. Over the next couple of weeks we will start to display all the prizes you could win so drop in, have a look and pick up an entry form.

Current works have now finished on the Newhaven Boat ramp which means those that fish by themselves will have access to the ramp to tie their boat up whilst parking the car. On the opposite side, the long-term work to install the new pontoons at Rhyll boat ramp have begun, this means the ramp will be shut for some time (talking September) and completely inaccessible. Just keep these closures in mind when planning your trip. The Bass Coast Shire generally put updates on their Facebook page if you're ever unsure. There is nothing worse than driving all the way to Rhyll and finding out you can't use it. Unfamiliar with using Newhaven? No problem we can help you out.

The fishing has been great for some and not so great for others. Your best day where you can't stop the line from peeling can also be the day the guy next to you doesn't turn a handle, except to pack up and come home. This describes the fishing to a tee lately. The calamari have been great in good sized supply but they have been on the inconsistent side. The Whiting have been good, fat, healthy, long but have begun to become less consistent in bag outs across the board. The only consistency that seems to be are the Tuna numbers offshore. Now this could be because there is a huge amount of them there, or because of the huge amount of people that are still spending days driving up and down the coast chasing them. February is always a strange month with people heading back to work and the change over of seasons into the Autumn. Everything is still available, whiting in both shallow and deep, mostly pinkies but the odd snapper in the bay with better snapper offshore. Gummies will be at their best offshore also and those in the top end of the bay will be mostly around the 4 kg mark but nothing will be caught unless people are out fishing which we will see a bit more of now people are back into a routine.



Seb and Archer recently enjoyed a great days fishing and were only too happy to show off their catches.

PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

- ANSWERS TO TRIVA QUESTIONS** 1. Bat Out of Hell (Meatloaf) 2. South America 3. 80 4. Nairobi 5. Oslo 6. In a cave 7. Majak Daw 8. Knee caps 9. Bologna 10. France & Russia 11. Greenland 12. Brazil

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