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A classic crime story from our esteemed crime writer, Leon Herbert

A Winning Hand

Inspector Jack Flint of the Cowes Constabulary on Phillip Island stood in the hotel suite of the Beachside Hotel, gazing down at the body of Buggy Ferret.

"He was a card sharp," the Inspector told the hotel manager. "Bugsy preyed on tourists, especially the well-heeled ones from

Melbourne taking a break from their share portfolios and Covid restrictions. He'd lure them to a hotel, start a friendly poker game, and take them to the cleaners. I guess someone came back this time and took Bugsy."

Bugsy lay sprawled amid a carpet of scattered playing cards and a bottle of Flush gin. He'd been stabbed in the chest.

"Looks like he didn't die right away," said the Inspector as he pointed to the five cards held in the victim's stiff grip. All diamonds. "Maybe he was trying to tell us something."

His partner, a lady Police Constable who was a recent graduate, transferred to Cowes a month earlier from the Police Academy but already showing evidence of very sharp investigative skills, emerged, holding a handwritten list.

"Benny King, Jack Lawrence, Joe Blush, Alan Spade." She listed their room numbers at a local motel too.

"Let's check them out" she said to Flint in what seemed to him as a sort of soft sexy voice.

The Inspector felt himself blush when looking at her attractive features, even in uniform, and had to admit she was a darn site more good looking than his mate and usual companion to a crime scene, Leroy, the Island's brilliant amateur sleuth, who had excused himself from his attendance. He was busy watching his grandson Jason competing in a major local surfing competition open to surfers from the whole of Australia.

The Reverend Benny King denied knowing Bugsy and vehemently denied ever playing poker. "My parishioners know I would never risk their money or mine in such a sinful pursuit. I don't know how my name got on that list."

Jack Lawrence told a different story. "Sure, King was there. And Al Spade and Joe Flush. The four of us first met yesterday at the hotel bar. We got to talking about cards and this Ferret character talked us into a game. Hey, you live and learn."

Alan Spade was a tad more sanguine. "He was a stinking cheat and he deserved to die. I was livid, but we all paid up and we left the rat in one piece. Someone must've come back, but it wasn't me."

Joseph Flush, an English professor, seemed an unlikely gambler. "At first we all won our share. But as the evening progressed, we lost more. I don't suppose you can give me my money back?"

The constable assured him that no money had been found in Bugsy Ferret's suite.



"I think we should we should bring one of them in for further questioning," the Constable said politely and in a respectful tone to the Inspector who was struggling to find a lie or inconsistency in these versions but so far with no success.

"You think you know who the culprit is, really, after such a short interview?"

She smiled at him and nodded in the affirmative.

Well, Vibe readers, which card player did the Constable suspect, and why? If the card playing mystery still has you stumped, turn to page 22 for the solution.




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Thomas Cameron Hull, Esq.

By Pamela Rothfield

A beautifully illustrated copy of a Certificate of Appreciation dated June 27, 1896 came to the surface in the Society's museum recently as we continue to sort through and pack up the Society's historic collection.

This certificate was honouring Thomas Cameron Hull, Esq. acknowledging him as a 'firm friend and, in a word, a true man in every sense'.

The wording on the certificate describes Mr Hull as a good neighbour and states that during his nine years of residence on Phillip Island, his esteem and regard had been 'deservedly won'. The document was signed by nineteen upstanding local gentlemen, including many of the Island's 'aristocracy', such as William Harbison, John Cleeland, Solomon West, John West and Joseph Hoddinott.

So who was Thomas Cameron Hull? Aside from a scant entry in the San Remo Police Court records three months before his departure from the Island, when he sued Henry Smith, a local boatman from Cowes, for insulting behaviour, there is almost no evidence of his existence on Phillip Island. (By the way, Henry was forced to pay a fine of 20 shillings with an additional 2 shillings and 6 pence costs for the abuse.)

Thomas Cameron Hull was born on the ship *Osceola* which arrived in Adelaide in April 1851. Thomas was the son of Adam and Elizabeth Hull. He was their second born child. Descendants of Adam Hull suggest that Adam was a philanderer – having had at least 19 children by five different women – in fact three of his children were born in the same year. Elizabeth eventually developed dementia, which



A Young Thomas Cameron Hull

possibly served as an escape from the reality of her life with Adam. Such was the environment that Thomas was born into.

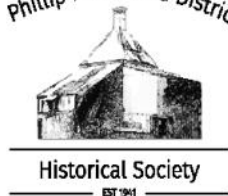
In Adelaide in 1868, at the age of seventeen Thomas married a woman, Catherine, who was 14 years his senior. They had three children together, however, by about 1883 they had entered into a formal 'Agreement of Separation'.

Thereafter Thomas, together with Annie Stewart moved to Victoria from South Australia, where they married in Melbourne under the name of Thomas and Annie Cameron in 1887. On his marriage certificate Thomas records himself as a bachelor without children and his father as being 'William Cameron Dec'd.', whereas in fact his father, Adam Hull, was very much alive. This distortion of the truth was no doubt due to him not being officially divorced. It is unknown if Annie was aware of this deception. Thomas' occupation was a farmer at the time of his marriage to Annie. It was in 1887 that Thomas and his wife Annie moved to Phillip Island where Thomas took on the role of farm manager for William Harbison's extensive landholdings. Whilst on Phillip Island, Thomas and wife Annie had four children, however it seems that Annie made the arduous journey back to her sisters in South Australia to give birth to a number of them. Interestingly, it appears that the surname Cameron was used only on the birth record of their first child, thereafter the remaining three children received the Hull surname, including his daughter, Hilda Mabel, who was born on Phillip Island in 1890. Despite these documented transgressions, during his time on Phillip Island Thomas obviously displayed great character and honesty, and earned the trust and appreciation of those respected gentlemen of Phillip Island who conveyed their appreciation of his service to the local community upon his departure in 1896, by the presentation of the Certificate. After the presentation Thomas and Annie and their five children moved to Toongabbie, just north of Traralgon, having purchased a property called 'Ferny Estate' where he ran sheep and cattle. Thomas also became a much-loved member of the local community there. A few years after moving into the district, he is reported to have accommodated a distressed farming family in a three-roomed cottage for six months as well as providing them with '100lb of flour, a bag of potatoes and 100lb of meat free of charge'.

His generosity and empathy for those in need would have once again earned him the respect he had received in Phillip Island. In 1903 in neighbouring Glengarry, a banquet was held in Thomas' honour by members of the local community to 'show the respect in which he was held by the people of Glengarry for the honorable way in which he had carried out the recent election for the Toongabbie Riding of the Rosedale Shire.'

Despite attempts by his opponent 'to blacken Mr Hull's character', Thomas lost his bid for the council election by only ten votes. At this banquet, after many speeches of support, the organising committee presented Thomas with a handsome marble clock, with a brass plate "Presented to T.C. Hull, Esq., by friends and supporters in the 1903 election of Rosedale Shire." His supporters, hoped that he would contest the next election. Unfortunately, five months later at 5pm on March 16, 1904, Thomas was critically injured as his horse drawn buggy was hit by a train at the Toongabbie railway crossing. He died five days later of serious head injuries. Thomas was 53 years old and left no will. After his death Annie returned to South Australia and then another story began as to who was the rightful widow of Thomas Cameron Hull, Esq.

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

The next school holidays are here, the lockdown has begun to lift (for today anyway) and the whales are in full spirit, but with that generally the icy winds come as well. The influx of people to the Island brings with it a fresh load of people wanting to get out and catch some fish. Unfortunately, the weather is generally the reason there is no fish to report, not so much the fact there isn't any fish.

Again, it seems those land-based customers have out fished those in the boats, in both catch numbers and species count (customer v customer). The whiting is still going strong, land-based and boat based, majority of the reports are coming from the nice sandy banks. Offshore Flatties are also strong, good sized and fat, both in close and in that 30m mark.

Winter, as it is every year will all be forgotten soon, and we will be back out fishing in the sun and calm conditions. Until then, while the boat is safer on the trailer, grab the beach rods and start to do a bit of bait collecting. There has been some good reports of salmon off most of the beaches and over the last week some very good catches at Inverloch. The bigger salmon have come from the Kilcunda beaches with the best reports for the week from the surf at the Powlett River. The beach at the trestle bridge have been difficult at times because of the strong winds stirring up the weed which seems to collect in that corner. The beaches on the island have been ok while not setting the world on fire and most of the salmon under 1kg. The islands beaches also seem to stay a lot cleaner than Kilcunda and it makes it much easier to use lures.

Having said all of the above, it hasn't been easy, and conditions were very tough and fishing in those conditions are not for beginners, but for those with a bit of experience, helpful in staying safe. Even if you don't eat the salmon they make very good bait and don't be afraid to use them when you are chasing the bigger snapper.

Gummy sharks have been more prominent this week with

plenty of nice ones up the top of the bay toward Corinella, nothing huge but still a few kgs worth of flake for the freezer. No real reports of any offshore Gummy's as yet with the majority still being the larger Schoolies, these buggers have a toothy grin so run a heavy leader or some wire.

There are plenty of flathead offshore and they are in reasonably close so not out of the reach of the smaller boats. The eastern side of the entrance has been the better place to target and short drifts to cover a bit of ground. There are plenty of undersize ones but perseverance will pay off as we have found over the last couple of weeks taking plenty of 35cm or better one's home. I have people come in all the time and tell me they headed offshore but couldn't catch any flathead. Generally it's not that there aren't any fish, they are just fishing the wrong way with not enough weight being the main reason. If you need any advice drop in and see us at the shop and we will point you in the right direction.

It seems our Tuna friends have decided to make our waters their permanent home. Not a great number of sightings have transitioned into actual catches, but they are still there. The last report I did, I stated that the big bait balls that were keeping them here had subsided, but they're back. The ocean is currently sitting at around 15 degrees, the whales are making their way back here and the ocean is absolutely alive with fish. There have been a few catches of Tuna but all focused towards Inverloch.

Persistence when fishing always pays off, don't rush and give the fish a chance to find your bait!



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Elevate and Flow with Abigail from Island Barre



Staying Active By Abigail Browne

Young children are for the most part active - be it at school, in the backyard, playground or organised sport. However, at some point this natural desire to move starts to disappear. When life gets busy, exercise and physical recreation tends to be the first activity scratched from the schedule. Some manage to stay active throughout the transition into adult hood and only start to cease physical activity when it starts to cause discomfort as they progress into their more senior years. For many however, the decrease often occurs as early as pre-teen where weekend sports become less appealing, unless it has become a personal passion or they desire to compete at a higher level.

In Australia more than half of adults, and only 2% of teenagers aged 13-17 meet the physical activity guidelines, which subsequently results in an increase of health concerns. These concerns are not restricted to physical concerns like decreased mobility, obesity or heart health, but also mental health issues. Physical activity has been proven time and again to not only keep you physically able and lower your risk of injury or disease, but to also aid in the management of depression and anxiety. If you move often and move well – it goes without saying your physical and mental health should increase.

Busyness and loss of interest are certainly factors contributing to why people stop moving but I believe another main reason is simply feeling anxious in a certain space. Many people may not feel comfortable in organised sports or gyms which could be simply because they don't enjoy



competitive or contact sport, or maybe they suffer from social discomforts or purely don't like the nature of your traditional gym. This is exactly why I have created a space that is light, calm and welcoming - a place where you're greeted with fresh herbal tea and soothing sounds – a calm space. A space where the objective is to be inclusive, nurturing and fun! It matters little if you have never been a 'sporty' type, or if you've never rolled out a yoga mat, and age is no barrier – be you 16 or 69, you are most welcome. My studio offers barre classes - which is a Pilates based movement focusing on aligning the pelvis and spine, building strength, cardiovascular fitness and flexibility. Aptly named Island Barre as classes often incorporate the aid of a ballet barre to assist with range of movement and balance.

Island Barre offers a range of classes to cater to all stages and ages. In addition to its signature Simply Barre class, Barre Teen classes are open exclusively to those 13-19, Barre Flow for over 50's, and if you prefer a very personal touch Barre Elevate private sessions are also available. Special events such as Friday night's 80's Aerobic Celebration are also always in the planning and are designed to be free and have fun!! No matter which class or event you chose, all classes conclude with a stretch and meditation where the focus is on self-love and body appreciation, ensuring you leave feeling at ease and in balance.

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DOLLARS AND SENSE BY DAVID WELLS

Property versus Shares Part 2

Last issue I wrote about how equities (shares) have outperformed property as an investment over the long term. The important point is that I was writing about investments in houses, not housing itself. Australians in general are overloaded with property, but most is still owner/occupier. We have long had a built in dream of owning our own house, to the extent that Australia has one of the highest home ownership levels in the world, but that also leads to a lopsided asset level.

From the Reserve Bank we have figures that show, in 2020 65% of net household worth comprised property assets while just 9.3% was held in direct shares – significantly less than the amount held in cash and term deposits, which are savings, not investments.

Homes are unique in that they have two values – usage value and an exchange value. Usage value is the value we place on owning our own home, which in Australia is patently higher than in most of the rest of the world. Exchange value is what we can exchange our asset for. Effectively Australians place a higher usage value on homes than their exchange value.

As an investment (relying on exchange value) however, property is not the best choice as has been shown, but it does have one enormous advantage – enforced savings. When we buy our first home we usually take a king sized mortgage and work our butts off to make sure that the mortgage gets paid until we own the asset. To that extent we are forced to save the amount of principal reduction in every mortgage payment. The interest cost is just that – a cost. Over the twenty or thirty years of a typical mortgage we pay for the house, we will pay three times as much again in interest and trust that the house at the end of the period of the mortgage, will be worth sufficient to cover all our costs. If we were to wait until we could afford to pay cash for the home in total then we probably couldn't afford to ever buy one.

One of the reasons why the Australian asset allocation is tilted so strongly toward property is that we have mortgages and children for a large part of our lives and both those things preclude us from investing in other assets. That's why the enforced savings of a home

mortgage can be a good thing. As stressful as it is, it is setting us on the way to potential financial security whether that's the plan or not. On that basis buying your home is a good thing. Buying a second home or investing in property other than your own home is not. Genuine numbers last month demonstrated just how other investments outperformed homes in general. The real secret of successful investment is to develop a broad diversified investment portfolio that will take you to where you want to be as fast as is reasonable. The usage value of a home, backed by its exchange value makes it a valuable first asset – it doesn't necessarily make buying an investment property as a second asset such a good choice. The second house has no usage value to the investor (not counting being rented to relatives) and it doesn't lead to any diversification of risk, nor even these days to a reasonable income even.

Gross rental yields in metro areas are running at an average yield of 2-3% while the average gross yield from a quality share portfolio is just over 5% and with reasonable management can exceed 7%. And we have shown that growth is better, too, with top end shares. So what's the best way to go?

I have always recommended a three phase approach to property purchases and have always said that while a home may only rarely be the best investment in monetary terms, it has so many other advantages that we should if we could, buy one, especially if we have a family. Not only do we get capital growth we also get familial security and we don't pay rent.

The first phase is to get the deposit. In times of rapidly rising house prices you can't save for a deposit, you need to invest as prices will be rising faster than interest rates. That wasn't the case for much of the first decade of this century where house prices actually fell and then stagnated but investing securely gets better returns than saving, over time.

Then when you've finally bought the home of your dreams, pay it off as fast as possible. This may be by paying down the mortgage (interest saved is always an "after tax" return) or it may be investing at a higher rate of return (equity markets anyone?) and then using this growth to reduce the mortgage and the subsequent financial commitment. The third phase is building a portfolio of equities as the mortgage commitment is reduced or eliminated, thereby diversifying your investments into a better performing asset class. In many cases it could be prudent to borrow responsibly against the equity in the home to start. In that way any interest costs are tax deductible.

If you follow this process you will have well balanced, high performing

and diversified investments with sufficient liquidity to cope with life's little shocks. It's a simple approach to being better off over time – use equities, whether in "cheap to invest in" Exchange Traded Funds and Separately Managed Accounts or even directly to buy your house which in time you then use to buy equities. It doesn't matter how old you are or at what stage in your life – it is possible to diversify for a better outcome.

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Surf News by Ed Amorin(@prosurfcoaching)

Winter has arrived The cold season arrived and along with it a perfect weekend. Swell, sun, salt and surf. More time and less people around during winter. What a incredible solid performance from the Brazilian storm on the World Surf League this year. To give you some idea, of the last 6 events he participated in, the Brazilian surf star won 5 and got 2nd place in the other. Gabriel Medina, Ítalo Ferreira e Filipe Toledo leading the 2021 tour race by far. Gabi makes it look so easy. Well done champions.

Ladies Club Program A special program designed to encourage more ladies to surf with the right guidance combining techniques, surf knowledge and safety at the beach. Every Wednesday and Friday at 10 am at Smiths Beach.

Lockdown Update Dear surf students. Due to the recent situation and restrictions with Covid-19, we have cancelled our surf lessons and restricted students who come to surf with us. The Government will make announcements regarding the future and Pro Surf Coaching will advise the movements. At this stage it's all good in Victoria but because everything changes so quickly ,please keep checking with us for updates.

"Make Surfers Better Surfers" The Pro Surf Coaching team are still behind the scenes working hard on organising our offices to bring our students the very best. We always make progress in some way with our mission to "Make Surfers Better Surfers". There's some more good news coming up soon.

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SHOOTING BETTER LANDSCAPES/SEASCAPES -

Phillip Island Camera Club "Making PhotographyFun"



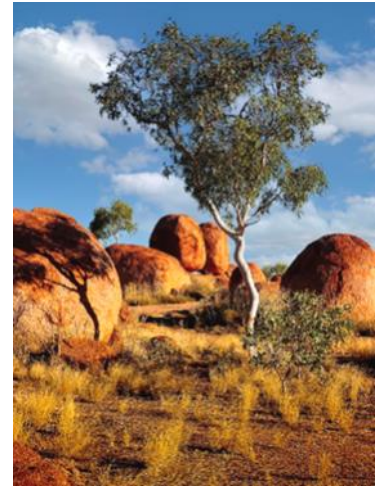
In recent times post-production manipulation techniques have been used enthusiastically to enhance images. Some that might be considered are –

Saturation and Clarity Pushing up Saturation and Clarity in programs like Lightroom or Photoshop has become a favoured style in recent times. Where colours are more vivid is a matter of personal taste. A good place to start is the blue in the sky and the sunset light.

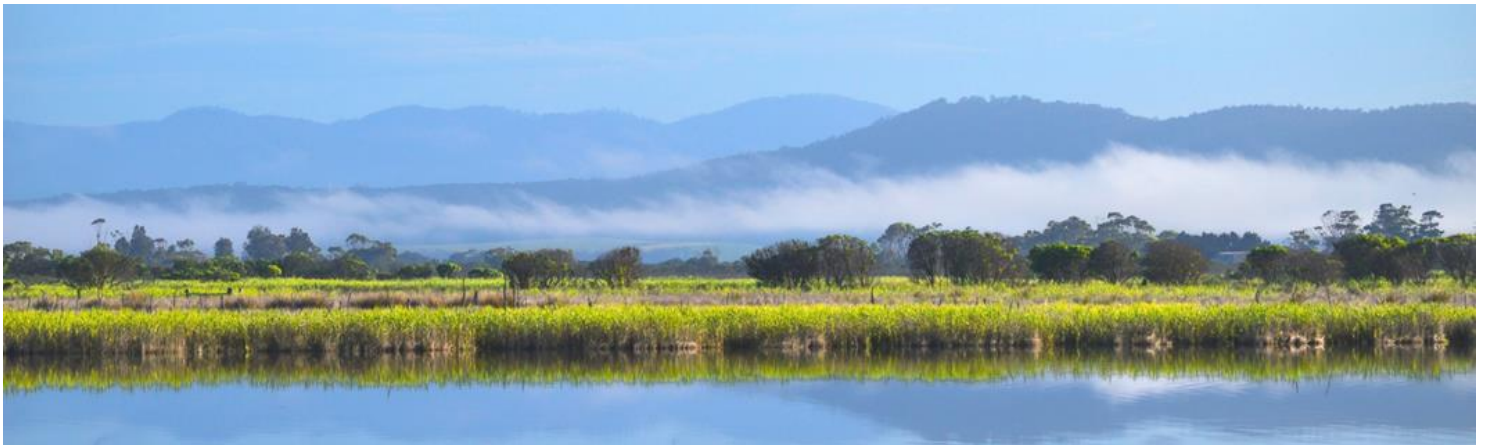
Toning Effects In days gone by printing papers were varied for warmer or colder tones. Different processes were used to get black/brown tones and other effects. Now it's so easy with all the post-production adjustments and presets that are available. Try out some of the free presents offered to play with. Coloured images use gradient tools to create strange sky colours, as graduated colour filters were once used.

High Dynamic Range Most Landscape/Seascapes involve a fairly wide tonal range with usually a bright sky and darker details in the foreground. The camera's sensor has trouble recording the entirety of the tonal range and will possibly overexpose highlights and underexpose the shadows. A well-known technique to overcome this problem is to shoot a range of shots at different exposures under, over and averaged. These images are then blended together in post-production to ensure the correct exposure in all areas of the image. Used subtly HDR can add depth and interest to images but be careful not to overdo the effect.

Miniature Effect By blurring foreground and background the resulting image looks like a scale model. Many digital cameras now offer this effect in their creative modes. The image needs a lot of man-made detail in the middle ground to allow the effect to achieve maximum impact.



Marble's Shadow by Rob McKay



A Panorama Marlo by Brenda Berry

Panoramas Today's cameras do a great job. Press the shutter and pan. Alternatively take overlapping images and stitch them together with software. A true panorama involves a rotational movement of the camera – a sweep up to 360 degrees, which works best using a tripod.

If you found this article of interest and would like to find out more go to www.phillipislandcameraclub.com.au/contact/ Or for more information on Phillip Island Camera Club phone Jenny on 0408355130 Ref: How to Shoot Great Landscapes by Andrew Fildes

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- Salt and Pepper to taste
- Chopped Fresh Rosemary and Thyme
- 4 chopped Garlic cloves
- 2 cans Island Dark Beer

WHAT TO DO:

In large pot or dutch oven, heat Vegetable Oil. Season beef with salt and pepper and sear in pot on all sides then transfer to plate. Add to slow cooker and add the onion, carrots, celery and 2 cloves minced garlic and cook for 3 minutes. Add Island Dark Beer, 1/2 cup water, a few sprigs each of Rosemary and Thyme, salt and pepper to taste return beef to cooker cover and simmer on low for 4 to 6 hours.



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Consider fitting winter weather tyres for the whole winter period. At temperatures below 7 degrees they provide much better safety and grip.

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Visit your local tyre dealer for a tyre safety check.

Winter driving tips

Winter driving: Extreme weather and poor light can make driving dangerous in the winter months. Make sure you adjust the way you drive by following these steps. Maintain a safe distance to the car in front, it takes twice as much distance to stop in the rain.

Turn headlights on: In fog or snowy conditions, use fog lights instead of setting your headlights on high beam. Avoid large puddles. Avoid unnecessary travel in heavy rain. Driving in snowy conditions requires a lot of concentration and patience. Stay calm if you're stuck in a long queue and always follow road signs and directions given.

Before you take off: Check road conditions by visiting Vic Traffic or downloading the Vic Traffic app. Make sure your car battery is in good condition and that the air conditioning system is working properly. Anti-freeze is recommended in your radiator. Pack your sunglasses if you're heading to the snow.

As you drive: Drive cautiously with two hands on the wheel and steady pressure on the accelerator. Brake with steady pressure. Avoid braking when cornering. Fit chains to your tyres when advised or if the road looks icy. Engage low gear when you drive down a mountain. If you hit ice, remain calm and apply the brakes gently to slowly regain traction. At night, only use low beam lights. High beams do not work in high mist areas. If you can't see, pull over, put on your hazard lights and keep your engine running.

Parking: Leave the car in gear with front wheels turned away from slopes. Reverse into a car park or make sure you can drive out forward. Poor vision makes reversing out of car parks dangerous.

A record year of house building is underway

“A record number of detached housing starts will occur in the 12 months to September 2021 with more than 146,000 detached houses commencing construction. This is more than 20 per cent higher than the peak of the previous boom in 2018,” stated HIA Economist, Angela Lillicrap.

This forecast is contained in HIA’s economic and industry Outlook Report. The State and National Outlook Reports include updated forecasts for new home building and renovations activity for Australia and each of the eight states and territories.

“This large volume of work will ensure that the industry remains very active through until at least the second half of 2022,” added Ms Lillicrap.

“Renovation activity is also at an all time high and likely to remain elevated for a number of years due to the nature of the COVID recession and house price growth.

“This level of activity is not likely to be seen again for many years, if not decades. The combination of factors that have led to this boom is unprecedented and are driven by HomeBuilder and low interest rates as well as a change in consumer preference away from high density areas.

“The key challenge for the industry has shifted from a slump in demand this time last year, to having sufficient supply of materials, labour and land to satisfy this demand.

“The extension of HomeBuilder’s commencement deadline will help limit the impact of constraints imposed by land, labour and materials and ensure the elevated volume of detached homes will be sustained for longer.

“In stark contrast to the detached sector, multi-unit starts are anticipated to decline in 2020/21.

“The timing and speed of a recovery in overseas migration will have a significant impact on these forecasts.

“If overseas migration returns sooner, or faster, than anticipated, then the trough of 93,500 new housing starts in 2023 will not be as deep as currently forecast. Equally, if the restrictions on skilled migration continue into 2022 the depth of the emerging slowdown in new detached starts will be exacerbated.

“The return to stable and certain population growth is central to stable economic growth,” concluded Ms Lillicrap.

Phil Barrett, Metricon’s General Manager Regional Housing said, “Metricon has seen this big pickup in demand. As Australia’s leading home builder we have an unprecedented volume of building starts set to occur in 2021. The success of the HomeBuilder scheme and lower interest rates have facilitated a surge in demand for detached homes that ensures a record number of new detached homes will be built this year and into 2022.

“In Regional areas we are experiencing record activity as savvy buyers seize the opportunity to secure a new home away from the city, with evidence that location is something customers are now looking at differently. With many organisations embracing working from home beyond COVID-19 restrictions, a home in a regional community is now being viewed more favourably – particularly if you are only commuting a few days per week as opposed to the full 5 days or can work entirely from home.

“The demographic shift in population towards regional locations and low interest rates will continue to drive demand for new homes over the months to come.”



Phil Barrett, GM of Regional Metricon

Love your Life Again

Goska Wolnik is the creator of Life Recipes. She moved to Phillip Island nearly 6 months ago from Melbourne. She has been very busy renovating their house, connecting with new people on the Island and creating a beautiful garden. In a meantime she has been running her result coaching business.

Over the last 10 years her vision and mission in life has been to help people just like you to recognize signs of stress and find ways to reduce those stress levels, so you can have healthier sleep, better relationships and a calmer mind. She has been working with people recovering from depression, anxiety and sadness to love their lives again if they missed this invisible line between being OK and stressed or burned out.

Goska is creator of “Love your life again” program which with 12 sessions helps you not only to recognize the signs of stress, but also helps you with dealing with procrastination, lack of motivation, anxiety and loneliness. She can help you find out what exactly is on your way to achieve what you really want to achieve. Goska has the ability to locate your emotional pain and relieve it. She uses many tools to help you get results. EFT (Emotional Freedom Technique), guided meditation, breathing and more are among them! You can book a complimentary session to find out more how result coaching can change your life.

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What is the service?

The Emergency Planning Advice Service (EPAS) is a conversation-based program. It is designed to support people who live with a disability, are older, or have a chronic or acute medical condition to create a fire plan. EPAS is an in-home based service where Red Cross and CFA facilitators visit you at your home. These facilitators can give you basic fire safety advice, answer your questions, and offer suggestions to help with your plan.

Who is it for?

EPAS is designed for people who need coordinated everyday support to remain in their homes and live in identified high bushfire risk areas.

How do I get involved?

If you're interested in taking part contact us at 1300 226 278 or community.support@basscoast.vic.gov.au

Note: CFA and Red Cross are trialling the EPAS program as a way of supporting people who may be more vulnerable to a fire. As this is a pilot program for testing, it will be evaluated to determine what works well and what needs to be improved.





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How about all that fear?!

Are you finding yourself talking about COVID in every conversation?

Do you start out talking about the book you are reading or the meeting you just had, and suddenly you are back to COVID again?

Do you wake up and go to sleep still thinking about all the bad stuff going on in the world?

I want you to know you are not alone.

We are all feeling the fear and trying to manage it in our own way.

I know it feels like a crazy outta-control world right now.

But let me assure you that there is a way to reframe and feel safe.

The wonderful thing is that we DO have control of our own minds.

You may disagree, especially if you've gone down the Facebook rabbit-hole watching videos of people at US political rallies. (but I digress)

In her book, Uncharted, Colette Baron-Reid compares our fears to dragons within.

"It's natural to fear the unfamiliar, and traditionally dragons are feared because we can't control them – kind of like our fears, which get away from us. We fear our fear; that's understandable. We fear our anger too because that's hard to control. But fear and anger awaken us to the true nature of dragons; they represent our power. When you feel fear or anger and want to run, that's when you need to go within and claim that power for yourself." (page 59-60)

The thing to remember is that fear takes away your true power if you try to deny it, or hide it, or squash it down. It shuts down your intuition and your ability to reconnect with your soul. It leads you down a twisty road of misaligned perceptions that appear real. Colette called this fear "self-centred fear". (Note: we are not talking about rational fear that you experience when you are truly in danger.)

Self-centred fear usually shows up when our small self (or

ego) is not getting what it wants, losing something it cares about, not belonging or being ridiculed or being hurt emotionally.

The COVID situation has pushed our small selves into control overdrive. Some of our individual freedoms that we highly value, have been outranked by greater societal and health rules. It makes perfect sense that we would feel anxious and fearful.

So, it's important to manage those self-centred fears, turn them around and trust the power within to lead you forward, miracles do happen.

Colette talks about awakening your "Observing Self" and realizing that you are in the "landscape of fear", similar to the Dalai Lama who encourages us to say, 'I am WITH fear', rather than saying, 'I AM afraid.' It is a temporary emotion that will pass, not part of your identity.

Then she suggests meeting your dragon (fear), saying 'hello', honouring it and doing a guided visualisation to bring yourself back to the safe place of love and support.

If you'd like to listen to the guided visualisation called 'Get on that Winged Creature' – I have created an audio recording of the script from Colette's book, that you can listen to on my website or my podcast:

<https://anchor.fm/pip-coleman/>

OR <https://www.pipcoleman.com/blog/how-about-that-fear>

Whatever way you choose to soften the intensity of self-centred fears, it all comes down to radical acceptance, compassion, kindness and self-love.

Pip Coleman is the creator of The Divine Alignment Code coaching program, specifically downloaded for Earth Angels who are feeling frustrated, lost, anxious or disconnected from their true Self. This program will help you to re-set, re-align and re-balance.

Contact Pip on pipcoleman@yahoo.com.au to book in a complimentary 'what's it all about?' chat.

You can also connect with Pip on Facebook:

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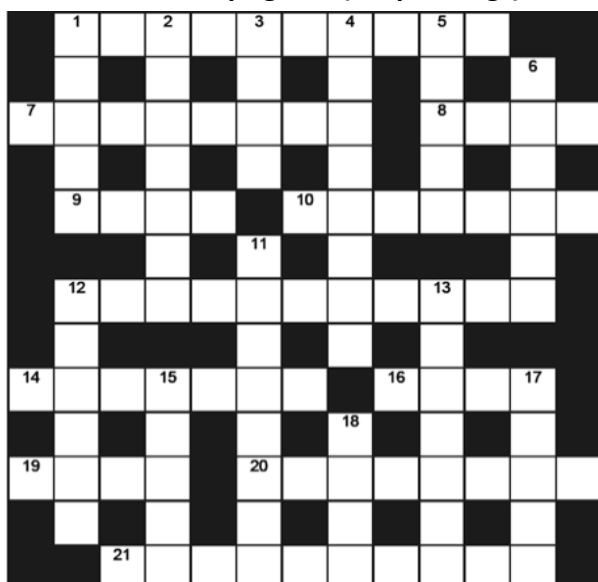
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Brain Food

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Vibe Quick Crossword

Across

- 1 Five sided (10)
7 Specific (8)
8 Flatten (4)
9 Review (4)
10 Stretchy fabric (7)
12 Stubbornly (11)
14 Amaze (7)
16 Away (4)
19 Smile (4)
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21 Commemorates (10)

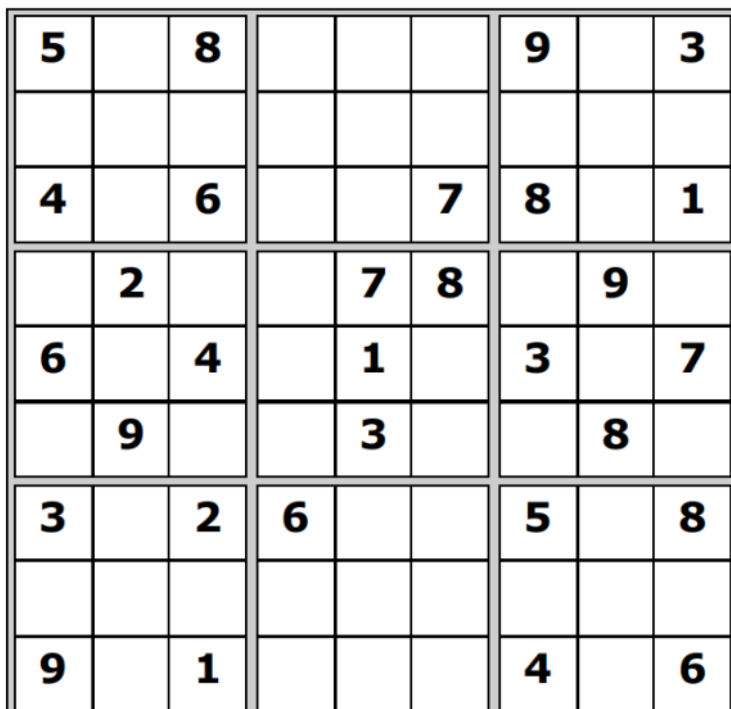
Down

- 1 Cost (5)
2 Zero (7)
3 Pimples (4)
4 Eight legged creatures (8)
5 Adjust (5)
6 Delightful (6)
11 Jack climbed up this (8)
12 Baked buttery treat (6)
13 Shortfall (7)
15 Imperial measure (5)
17 Grasses (5)
18 Slightly open (4)

TRIVIA QUIZ



1. What might a sailor shout to gain attention? 2. What animal pursues Road Runner in the cartoons? 3. What is a record of ownership of a work of art or an antique? 4. Alopecia is the loss of what? 5. Which snooker ball scores 7 points? 6. What did Victoria and David Beckham name their son born in 1999? 7. What describes a horse with a brownish coat thickly sprinkled with white or grey? 8. What is the scientific study of animals? 9. Scottish Ford, Russian Blue and Japanese Bobtail are all what type of animal? 10. What did RMS stand for, as in RMS Titanic or Queen Mary? 11. Excluding Jokers, how many cards in a standard pack? 12. Tegucigalpa is the capital city of which Central American city?



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

PHILLIP ISLAND SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB UPDATE

Hi Friends. Our first lunch back was a great success. Phillip Island Senior Citizens Club is back on a monthly basis for now. We are hoping to increase this next year. Have you checked out our new additions? We have some distinctly Island additions added to our walls. We are slowly trying to improve our club decor. We have vouchers from beautiful businesses in the community such as Bean'd in San Remo and the RSL. We also want to thank Kylie from Cowes Post Office for her incredible donation of an air fryer that was raffled off very successfully at our first lunch back.

It was so very nice to see friendly faces return for lunch and great to see new faces join us for lunch. We hope you choose to come back. Thank you also to our VIPS who warmly welcomed us back.

So, our next lunch will be on Friday August 6th, 2021. You can start booking anytime now until July 31st on 59002921 or by calling our secretary Liza Lee on 0431 867 058. The bus run is back for Friday August 6th lunch as well, so if you need a pick up and drop off back home please book this at the same time you book in for lunch.

Thank you again to everyone for making our reopening a roaring success. We look forward to seeing you again in August.



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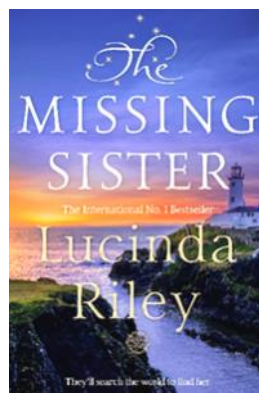
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Red Cross, Phillip Island Branch meets every 2nd Thurs of month, 1.30pm, Uniting Church Hall, Chapel Street, Cowes. New Members welcome. Ron Hateley 59522549 or Averil Roberts 59522602.

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 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 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 probus-sanremo@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

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

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, Ryhill 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 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

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 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

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

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

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



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SOLUTION TO WHODUNNIT A LOSING HAND

Inspector Flint invited Constable to explain her suspicions. He looked at her this time with professional interest and curiosity. She was Leroy's niece. His mate, the Island's brilliant amateur sleuth, absent from the Island for some well deserved family time. Did she have his forensic DNA? Wouldn't take long to reach a right but unscientific conclusion, he mused.

Constable Holmes explained. "Had Bugsy, with his dying efforts, been trying to identify his attacker? If his killer had been the Reverend King, he might have picked a King from the scattered cards. Holding a Jack would have fingered Jack Lawrence. Any Spade would have identified Alan Spade. And all the dying man had to do to identify Joseph Flush was to grab the empty bottle of Blush gin. Instead of any of these clues, however, the victim was holding five diamonds, otherwise known as a flush.

When Jack Lawrence mentioned the other players, he got one name wrong. Instantly, she felt she knew the truth. Jack had killed Bugsy, then placed the cards in his hand, hoping to frame the man he had mistakenly known as "Joe Flush." She looked at Flint who was looked at her in awe and replied "Well done - it's an intelligent but intuitive conclusion. I reckon you may have aced it and ought to have no problem flushing a confession out of Jack Lawrence."

And so she did..... Leroy watch out!

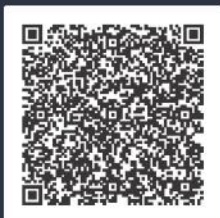
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7. Roan 8. Zoology 9. Cat 10. Royal Mail Ship 11. 52
12. Honduras

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