

# PHILLIP ISLAND VIBE

Free

phillipislandvibe@outlook.com

P: 0407 266 271

www.phillipislandvibe.com.au



MAY 2023



Short-tailed shearwaters arrive on Phillip Island in September and spend the summer raising their single chick in a sand dune burrow. They undertake an incredible migration, flying 16,000km to feed in waters around Alaska during our winter. Adults begin their migration in early April, first heading south to feed in Antarctic waters before flying north to the Arctic. The fledglings take off and leave about three weeks later with no apparent guidance. Many of these birds are killed each year on the roads at night particularly where there is vehicle or street lights. The Shearwater Rescue Program is an initiative to reduce these deaths. Photo supplied by PINP.

**COASTAL**  
REFRIGERATION & AIR-CONDITIONING

**RICK NORTH**  
PH: 03 5678 5190  
FAX: 03 5678 5191  
office@picra.com.au  
AU22840

**DAIKIN**

COMMERCIAL & DOMESTIC  
SERVICE, INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE  
AND SALES

**Sorohan Plumbing**

Your plumbing  
maintenance  
specialists

Phone Dave  
0487 921113

sorohanplumbing@iinet.net.au

**DIMPLES**  
LOUNGE BAR  
www.dimplesloungebar.com

**OneMusic**  
AUSTRALIA

PHILLIP ISLAND'S NUMBER 1  
LIVE MUSIC VENUE!

LIVE MUSIC  
OPEN MIC  
TRIVIA  
KARAOKE  
COCKTAILS

Find us on  
Facebook



Four Scotch fillets for only \$40

• Grass Fed and Free Range Meat Available  
• Speciality Tassie Scallop Pies  
• English Produce

Open Monday to Friday 9am till 5.30pm  
Saturday and Sunday 9am till 4pm

35 Coghlan Road, Cowes 0409 817209

\* SPECIAL OFFER \*

**Beat The Chill**  
Supply & Installation of a  
1x 7Kw Panasonic Reverse  
Cycle Inverter Split System  
Fully Installed only \$ 2,650\* plus gst  
\*Conditions apply

**ALWAYS COOL**  
AIR CONDITIONING

Call Always Cool Air-Conditioning on  
1800 931 631

Call your local and friendly, experienced team that  
specialise in the installation of heating and cooling systems



# 2024 General Excellence Scholarship

Newhaven College offers scholarships for applicants in Secondary School at any level in 2024 who are able to demonstrate outstanding abilities across a broad range of areas including academic, sporting, performing arts, leadership and community involvement. Applications are now open and close Friday 26 May 2023.

For information and to apply, visit [www.newhavencol.vic.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships](http://www.newhavencol.vic.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships)

All enquiries should be directed to our registrar Belinda Manning on 03 5956 7505 or email [belinda.manning@newhavencol.vic.edu.au](mailto:belinda.manning@newhavencol.vic.edu.au)



**NEWHAVEN  
COLLEGE**

IN QUIETNESS AND CONFIDENCE SHALL BE YOUR STRENGTH

1770 Phillip Island Road  
Phillip Island, Victoria

~ [newhavencol.vic.edu.au](http://newhavencol.vic.edu.au)

## Bass Coast Sustainability Festival is taking shape!

This year's Sustainability Festival on May 21st from 10am-3pm at the River Garden in Bass, is shaping up to be an informative, entertaining, and inspiring event for all ages, organised this year by Bass Coast Landcare Network.

A gold coin donation entry gets you lots of free activities including fantastic speakers on the event stage, no-dig and wicking bed gardening demonstrations with Permaculture guru Ric Coleman, a dedicated Kids zone with environmentally themed activities and crafts, you can watch a documentary screening of Greenhouse by Joost, book an Eco Arts Project workshop, watch live performances, as well as browse exhibitors with sustainable products and food.

The River Garden and the heritage listed Bass Community Hall is an exciting space, with swales of vegetables, herbs and fruit trees, a nuttery and orchard, all surrounded by the beautiful Bass River.

A Welcome to Country Smoking ceremony from the Bunurong Land Council will start the festival, leading into presentations, including the latest rebates to save you money from Sustainability Victoria, A circular economy with Replas, and more. You can also book yourself into an Eel Dreaming Deep listening circle or a Celebrating Waterways with art, storytelling, and science workshop. There will be a Community Arts performance of original songs and a free screening of the new documentary 'Greenhouse' by Joost, you can check out the latest electric cars and bikes, plus many more speakers, activities, and vendors yet to be announced. Pop the date in your diary or calendar and look out for the full program to be published in early May at the Festival website.

There is still space for more stallholders and food vendors, so if you have a product, service or group related to Sustainability, or sell delicious food, registration forms are also open at the Festival website.

This event is bought to you by the Bass Coast Landcare Network with support from Bass Coast Shire Council, Westernport Water, Bass Coast Community Foundation, Western Port Biosphere, and Ecoliv.

For general information, registration forms and program details head to <https://www.basscoastlandcare.org.au/sustainabilityfestival2023.html>

or contact Lisa at

[lisa.wangman@basscoastlandcare.org.au](mailto:lisa.wangman@basscoastlandcare.org.au)

### Disability Support Group Cowes – we want to hear from you!

Gippsland Disability Advocacy has recently started a support group in Cowes for people over 18 years old who may be living with an impairment that affects their physical, cognitive, or mental health. The group will offer opportunities for people to connect, share information, build capacity and confidence, and have a regular social outlet. Morning tea will be provided.

The group will be held at PICAL (Phillips Island Community and Learning Centre) and will meet monthly.

For more information, please contact Brianna Matthews on 0447 033 967.



Driveways / Paths / Patios / Steps / Garages / Crossovers  
Pattern & Stencil Paving / Plain & Coloured Concrete  
Exposed Aggregate / Bob Cat / Tip Truck Hire  
Excavator - 3 Tonne  
[newwaveconcreting@icloud.com](mailto:newwaveconcreting@icloud.com)



### ALL TYPES OF CLEANING ALONG WITH A SERVICED LAUNDRY

- All laundry needs • Pick up and delivery • Doona, protector, pillow top protectors • Pet bedding & horse rugs • Air BNB linen
- Tea towels for restaurants - daily service if required
- Hired linen and event linen

Phone 0417 150 566 [islandpremiumlaundry.com.au](http://islandpremiumlaundry.com.au)

Factory 3, 17-19 The Concourse, Cowes



## LANGMAID BUILDERS

0409 039 877



- Renovations • Additions • Decks
- Pergolas • Maintenance



## Healthy and Healing with Pip

Have you heard about the benefits of cold-water dunking? The list might surprise you. Before I joined the Submerge Phillip Island group in November 2022, I had been watching the Instagram page for a while. And I have to tell you, I was a self-confessed late riser and hot shower lover! But when I saw this group of happy people dipping in the water and they were also dressing up, dancing and having fun! I thought "I want some of that!!" Honestly, I was also feeling quite lonely ... working in my sole trader business, over the last 3 years, and living on my own. So ... this positive community was very attractive.

I figured I'd get over the cold water and early rising thing. Or not ... ha ha ... it was worth a try. Plus, my word for the year is #brave.

So, I joined the group on an overcast morning at Cottesloe Ave, Cape Woolamai and the group were SO welcoming and friendly. I hardly noticed the 15-degree temperature of the water.

We chatted and laughed as we dipped. They shared life stories and loads of tips on what to wear while in the water and out. I started making deep friendship connections. I was feeling significant and loved. And I was getting my emotional needs for certainty and variety met just doing one activity.

I found my heart-tribe ... and it was only a 10-minute dip!! Now ... I'm up to 153 days and counting. I've even done an ice bath challenge! I know right?! But it's amazing!!

My intention is to keep going daily through the whole year. 365 my friends!!! I know it will be a challenge. And I know for sure that my new tribe will be right there with me! What a truly beautiful thing.

The extra bonus is that cold water (under 15 degrees ideally) has amazing health benefits (the scientists are onto it now) including reduced inflammation, increased immunity, reduced anxiety, increased blood circulation, uplifting your mood and lots more!!!

I'm also rising early and not using so much hot water. Yay!

As a life coach, divine-ologist and self-care specialist, I am constantly reminding my clients to do things that bring them joy, get aligned and balanced, find their soul purpose and connect daily with heart-centred, like-minded people.

You might not be into cold water dunking but if you're reading this article, this could be your reminder to do a quick life review and check (and maybe upgrade) your self care routine and the people who surround you.

If you need help to work out what "your thing" is, please reach out! I'd love to help. And if you'd like to join us crazy cold water dipping mer-people ... I can guarantee you'll be welcomed with open arms ... you can check out the group on Instagram and Facebook @submerge\_phillipisland

Blessings Pip, mobile 0437 670 820, website pipcoleman.com p.s. I want to say thank you Holly Shipton for creating such a wonderful community. p.p.s. We have nurses and other health care professionals in the group, but if you're curious about how the cold water may affect you, please check with your own health care professional.

## Phillip Island Business Network

### Business of the month



### Let BJB Pty Ltd colour your world!

Father and son team Brett and Jake Moss are passionate about painting. Their team is fully qualified and with over 30 years of experience, can take on any project. Everything from residential repaints to commercial work and new homes. They have painted many homes in the local Phillip Island and Bass Coast region, often helping investors and residents make their old home look new again or offering inspiration on your colour choice and advice for your next project.

This is a local, family-run business that has the expertise and knowledge to help you choose the best colours and products for your paint job and are suppliers of Australian made Haymes products. BJB also like to use local suppliers for their paint supplies and scaffolding needs. Brett takes pride in communication and quality of work and offers 100% customer satisfaction. BJB also have a five star rating on HiPages. Check out their profile and their wonderful customer reviews. BJB can offer a free quote, just contact Brett Moss on 0408 888 009.

Email [bjbpainting@hotmail.com](mailto:bjbpainting@hotmail.com)

Website: [bjbpainting.com.au](http://bjbpainting.com.au), or you can follow us on



### Phillip Island Business Network

- Tradespeople
- Professional Services
- Restaurants
- Accommodation
- Attractions



Find professional, local businesses listed in the Phillip Island Business Directory:  
[www.pibn.com.au/directory](http://www.pibn.com.au/directory)

 <https://www.facebook.com/phillipislandbusinessnetwork>



## DOLLARS AND SENSE BY DAVID WELLS

### Elder Financial Abuse – It's More Common Than You Might Think

Some years ago I mentioned in an article, elder financial abuse. Not long after, the Federal Government announced an enquiry into elder abuse more broadly and then later the government announced a Royal Commission into Aged Care. While not the same they are linked and as I am involved with Aged Care and see a fair bit of elder financial abuse in my role as a financial adviser and planner, I think it's time to revisit the matter of Elder Financial Abuse more specifically.

From the report of the Enquiry: Financial abuse is another common type of elder abuse and includes: incurring bills for which an older person is responsible; stealing money or goods; and abusing power of attorney arrangements. Other behaviours that may, in some circumstances, be financial abuse include: refusing to repay a loan; living with someone without helping to pay for expenses; failing to care for someone after agreeing to do so in exchange for money or property; and forcing someone to sign a will, contract or power of attorney document.

To me that's a good definition of abuse, and it's something I've seen far too often. It happens, and it's perpetrated most commonly by close family members. Part of it is the attitude that the children have a right to inherit the money or other assets so that they can treat the money as "theirs" a little bit earlier. Part of it is the resentment that they must care for an ageing parent when they have better things to do. Much of it though, is the attitude that parents are obligated to look after their children forever. And that's the rub – quite often the abuse is aided and abetted by the elder person believing they have an obligation to their children, even though the children may be 60 years old.

I will put this bluntly, no child has an automatic right to inherit anything and no person has any obligation to have any estate left to leave to their children.

There have been cases of people being evicted from residential aged care establishments because their child has sold the house and spent all their money.

In one notorious case a daughter and son-in-law of a woman locked her in a shipping container to stop her finding out that they'd gone through all her assets. She died of hypothermia. There are plenty more of these stories, too. Unfortunately I expect that this type of abuse will happen to some of my readers sometime in the future.

There are ways to minimise the oppor-

tunity for abuse, and as always, prevention is better than cure. Don't lend money or property to adult children without secure and legally binding documentation in place that protects your interests; don't invest in their business at all; don't let them live in your home without paying rent (if they can't live anywhere else, they probably qualify for rent assistance) too. Anything which transfers control of your assets to your children before it's truly necessary is a danger.

As we age, an Enduring Power of Attorney should be a requirement, but this also constitutes the biggest opportunity for abuse. A Power of Attorney (POA) confers all rights of an individual to another person, which, let's face it, can be an enormous temptation. So the first thing is to make sure that it's difficult for any one to give into that temptation. It is now illegal (following the Elder Abuse enquiry) for any person to misuse a POA. That doesn't stop children though – mum or dad won't report it any way.

POAs can be limited to financial matters if necessary (there are health and general POAs too) and even more narrowly can be limited to certain sorts of transactions – investments, aged care payments etc, which would only allow the attorney to do those things. Anyone acting on instructions from an attorney must by law, see the authority, so if the POA document excluded the actions, they would know. A POA should be very specific. A very broad based POA carries incredible risk to the grantor.

There is scope for joint Powers of Attorney, where both attorneys must agree on any course of action. While this may make some things a little harder, it also minimises the opportunity of abuse, provided that the attorneys are not directly linked, such as a son and his wife. A solicitor may also be appointed as a joint attorney. While this may be seen as expensive, it does provide an excellent protection, especially as most financial matters can be set up on a continuing basis so that the solicitor is needed only occasionally.

While the vast majority of attorneys discharge their obligations honestly and fairly, a very significant minority do not. Whether you are granting a POA to a family member or another person, making sure you're protected financially is not an insult to your child or trusted relative – it's just common sense.

Misusing a Power of Attorney is in many cases a criminal issue, involving fraud, embezzlement or misappropriation.

## Your local share broker and adviser

- Do you have Managed Funds either in or out of your Self Managed Super Funds?
- Do you want an investment for your children or grandchildren?

Available for appointments in Melbourne, Warragul or wherever you prefer. Call me to discuss investment alternatives that could really work for you.



**David Wells MSAA**  
Senior Investment Adviser

Shaw and Partners  
Level 36, 120 Collins Street  
Melbourne VIC 3000

Telephone: 03 9268 1157  
Mobile: 0414 234 770

[dwells@shawandpartners.com.au](mailto:dwells@shawandpartners.com.au)

Wealth Management | Global Investing | Portfolio Management | Investment Advice for SMSFs

Your partners in building and preserving wealth

[www.shawandpartners.com.au](http://www.shawandpartners.com.au)

AFSL 236048

**Shaw and Partners**  
Financial Services



Last month bitcoin was introduced as freedom money, as a secure global computer network and as a value speculation. Its market value is now a half trillion US dollars and rapidly growing. Will it become our new standard for global money?

### What is money?

Money may be our oldest technology, a person to person way to communicate value. It can be defined by its three main uses; a store of value, a medium of exchange and a unit of account. Arguably, store of value is the most important. Someone puts time and energy into growing strawberries and then exchanges them for money. The strawberries naturally go bad after a few days and lose all their value. However, the money exchanged for the strawberries continues to store their value into the future. Good money, better known as “sound” money, is expected to maintain its purchasing power over time.

Money must also serve as a trusted medium of exchange. My neighbour would rather receive money for her eggs than barter by receiving my vegetables, some of which she may not like and have to find someone else to exchange them with. Barter can work in simple societies but is clumsy and inefficient in today’s world.

If everyone agrees to use the same money as a unit of account, then a ledger can keep track of who owes whom. The first writing we are aware of, cuneiform script on five thousand year old Sumerian clay tablets, were ledgers recording financial transactions between merchants in the unit of account of the day. For several thousand years gold has superbly served these three roles. As a store of value, a fine men’s suit in ancient Rome two thousand years ago could be purchased with an ounce of gold, similar to today, with an ounce of gold valued at 3000 Australian dollars.

Prior to the invention of bitcoin, gold *was* the best money technology available, in large part due to its scarcity. Its supply in the earth’s crust is naturally limited and it is costly, requiring much energy to produce, refine, transport and store. The amount of gold mined each year is equal to about 2% of all the gold ever mined in history. Said another way, gold has an inflation rate of about 2% per year.

### What is a currency?

The Australian dollar, the US dollar and the British pound sterling are currencies. They are also known as fiat currencies; currencies declared by their governments to be legal tender.

### How are currencies different from money?

While currencies serve as a medium of exchange and a unit of account, crucially they do not serve as a store of value. Currencies are not limited in amount or backed by a valuable, scarce commodity like gold. Incredible as it may seem they are designed to lose purchasing power over time. This happens when central banks “print” more of them, creating inflation. If this wasn’t government approved it would be called counterfeiting and the culprit would serve gaol time. Inflation is a hidden tax on the

populace with the proceeds used by governments to finance their deficits.

Over the recent past our Australian dollar inflation rate has averaged about 7% per year (and even higher during the last few years of government response to covid-19). This means our currency, by design, loses half its purchasing power every 10 years! It also means that unless your investments are earning at least 7% per year then your net worth, or your purchasing power, is going backwards.

History is littered with the bones of failed fiat currencies. There are zero historical examples of a successful one. They all eventually flame out with their increasing debasement by governments strapped for cash (see example below, the hyper-inflated Zimbabwe dollar).



Bitcoin fixes this by providing a 21st century sound money solution that is better than gold. Bitcoin is smarter; it’s programmable money.

Bitcoin is faster; it can be exchanged person to person on the internet at the speed of light.

Bitcoin is cheaper; transactions are now virtually free on the lightning network and bitcoin costs nothing to store in a “hot” digital wallet on your mobile phone or offline the internet in a “cold” storage hardware wallet.

Bitcoin is more secure; transactions are verified on a public ledger by thousands of participating nodes which makes it impossible to counterfeit or fake and the network has never been hacked.

Bitcoin is more apolitical; the network is outside the control of governments, central banks, oligarchs, cartels, corporations and powerful individuals. The more bitcoin you own confers no added power over the network.

And bitcoin is even more scarce than gold. While gold’s inflation rate has held steady at 2% per year for decades, bitcoin’s inflation rate continues to be halved every four years so that by the year 2140, when the last bitcoin is mined and the total bitcoin count reaches 21 million, bitcoin’s inflation rate will become zero.

For the first time in history the achievement of digital scarcity.

Michael Saylor, tech entrepreneur and chairman of Microstrategy Ltd remarked; “Bitcoin inventor Satoshi Nakamoto’s great achievement is the creation of a digital commodity but his genius is the creation of digital scarcity”.

# ANIMAL TALES

## PET SUPPLIES

**WINTER IS COMING AND WE ARE  
READY WITH OUR FULL RANGE OF  
WINTER COATS AND JUMPERS**

**Shop 2,  
148 Thompson Avenue, Cowes. Ph 5952 5516**



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

### A VOICE FROM THE GRAVE



HAMLET *'Thou dost lie in't, to be in't and say it is thine: 'tis for the dead, not for the quick; therefore, thou liest.*

A towel had been wedged underneath the door, so it took more than a little effort to push it open.

“Hold your breath,” Inspector Flint said to the men behind him as he pushed his way into the bedroom.

Directly behind him was a team of paramedics. They rushed to the man lying by the gas fireplace, while Flint turned off the gas valve, then ran for the windows, unlocking them one by one and throwing them open. Throughout all this, Leroy Cunningsworth, renowned Phillip Island sleuth and the Inspector’s forensic guru, remained in the hallway, holding his breath.

The two paramedics worked for several minutes before giving up. “He’s dead,” Flint confirmed with a sigh. “You can come in now, Leroy—and breathe.”

Leroy entered the small, elegant bedroom, taking in the full scene. A baseball bat lay not far from the body, a towel still partly wrapped around it, doing away with the possibility of prints. The only other door opened into a private bathroom. Flint had just unlocked and opened the window in that room, turning on the exhaust fan for good measure.

Leroy looked at the bruise on Ben Hunter’s left temple, at the blue, asphyxiated lips, and finally at the open cell phone in his hand. “If he’d called the police instead of his son’s home, he might still be alive.”

“Maybe, maybe not,” said Flint. “My guess is the killer slugged him with the baseball bat, then turned on the gas and left. The victim recovered just enough strength to grab the phone from his pocket and press the first number on his speed dial. He wouldn’t have to give his son the address or other information, unlike the police. A smart move, except that his son wasn’t home.”

“I’m never home on weekdays,” came a voice from behind them in the doorway. In all the turmoil, they’d forgotten about the deceased’s two relatives. Doug Hunter, the son in question, was staring at his father’s lifeless body. “I guess he was too confused to remember. I did call my home voice mail and got the message, but it was too late.”

“Ben’s had some health problems,” said the other relative. “And he’s been depressed. Are you sure he didn’t commit suicide?” It was Ben Hunter’s wife—estranged wife, as she insisted on pointing out. Carla Hunter was a full decade younger than the corpse with the blue lips.

“It doesn’t look that way,” said Inspector Flint. “As his wife, you

inherit his estate. Is that correct?”

“What’s left of it,” said Carla. “Ben’s business went bankrupt last year. If you’re looking for someone with a motive, try Doug. Ben changed his insurance to make his son the beneficiary. I believe the policy pays double if Ben was murdered or died by violence.”

“That’s true,” Doug admitted. “But I was at work all morning. You can check with my supervisor at the plant.” Leroy nodded. The lingering smell of gas made him more nervous than he otherwise would have been. “Can you access the voice mail message your father left? I’d like to hear it.”

Doug Hunter said “Sure,” then flipped open his own cell phone and punched in a long series of numbers. He handed the phone to Leroy.

“Someone hit me.” The voice was weak, the connection bad. “Bedroom. Gas. Don’t know who. Still in the house. In the hall. Hurry.” Leroy listened to the message twice, then handed the phone back to Doug.

“Well?” Inspector Flint took his friend aside, toward one of the open windows. “You think one of them hired someone? A hit man?” Leroy shook his head. “There’s more to this case than meets the eye.”

**Well Vibe readers. Who was responsible for Ben Hunter’s death? What clue alerted Roy?**

**Readers should turn to page 18 to hear his Master’s Voice!**

Wesell2u

## Lawn mower repairs, servicing and parts

- Line trimmers, blowers, chainsaws and more
- Lawn mower hire
- Tools and household goods, both new and used

**WE BEAT OR MATCH ANY WRITTEN QUOTE**

**Open Monday & Wednesday 10am-3pm**

**Thursday & Friday 10am-3.30pm**

**Ph or text BH only**

**Michael 0435 779 709**

**2/130-132**

**Thompson Ave  
Cowes**



## PHILLIP ISLAND AND DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

### Chicory and Phillip Island By Pamela Rothfield

The root vegetable chicory is synonymous with Phillip Island, with the first crops being grown on the island as far back as 1869. It is said that the famous botanist, Dr Ferdinand von Mueller who established Melbourne's famous Royal Botanic Garden, advised a number of the early settlers on Phillip Island to avoid planting crops such as wheat and barley and instead grow crops of either chicory or mustard – which would be either too bitter or too hot for the destructive pests such as caterpillars.

Many took his advice and chicory, which was used as a substitute for coffee or as an addition to coffee essence, became the staple crop of the island for about 100 years.



In the early days, chicory harvesting was performed by hand, which meant digging the chicory root out of the ground and then removing or 'topping' the green head. This was a back-breaking job, and often involved being out in the paddocks in winter, suffering from the cold, wet and muddy conditions. Help arrived when local man, Duncan McGregor, working as a blacksmith, invented a purpose-made hand-harvesting device called the 'Chicory Devil' in the 1880s which assisted farmers digging out the chicory roots.



It wasn't until the 1930s when a horse-drawn single furrow ploughs began to be used to lift the crop that Chicory Devil's use declined, although some use was still made of the 'Devil' when the ground was too wet to use other implements or where roots had been missed by the mechanical equipment. For the smaller growers, the 'Devil' was in use right up until the 1960s.

This drying process became obsolete on 4 June 1878 with the construction of the first chicory kiln on Phillip Island by brothers John and Solomon West. They also ran the West's General Store, located in what we know today as Thompson Avenue. The kiln was opened with great fanfare. A 'sumptuous' banquet for some 70 guests was thrown at the renowned Isle of Wight Hotel. The kiln was described in the press as a 'handsome brick building containing a steam engine and all the necessary appliances for cutting and drying chicory on a large scale.

When coffee was in short supply during World War II, the chicory industry flourished. In the 1940s, the Western Port area was responsible for producing more than 75% of Australia's chicory needs. In 1947 there were 117 registered growers with an average area of 4½ acres of chicory. A typical harvest on Phillip Island yielded about 3-4 tons of green chicory per acre.

Chicory was grown on Phillip Island for over 100 years and although the crop is no longer grown, the shells of the old chicory kilns with their distinctive pyramid shaped roofs are today iconic sights dotted around the Island.

Aside from chicory, there were also a number of farmers on the Island who grazed cattle and sheep. Getting the stock to the Island presented its own challenges. While sheep could be shipped via steamer, mobs of cattle had to be herded first to Griffith Point (San Remo) and then, when the tidal flow was suitable, swum behind the punt across the Eastern Channel to Newhaven.

The last chicory crops to be grown on the island in 1987 were the McFee Family in Rhyll who had been farming chicory for three generations, but luckily many of the Chicory kilns have been restored and survive to this day.



Phillip Island and District



Historical Society  
EST 1941

Join us!

We protect, promote and share local history.  
Annual Membership \$30

e: [history@waterfront.net.au](mailto:history@waterfront.net.au)  
Phillip Island & District Historical Society

All Plumbing  
Melbourne

**FOR ALL PLUMBING MAINTENANCE  
REPAIRS AND INSTALLATIONS**

- Roofing ▪ Drains ▪ Water ▪ Gas
- Leak detection and investigation
- Camera inspections

LIVING AND WORKING ON THE ISLAND

Phone 0414 6841 77

[pablo@allplumbingmelbourne.com.au](mailto:pablo@allplumbingmelbourne.com.au)





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

And that's a wrap, another good Friday fishing comp run and won and this year it was literally a Good Friday comp with the rest of the weekend washed/blown out. Despite the conditions we had record entries and raised more than before with our donation of \$3675 going to the appeal. This competition wouldn't be possible though without the generous support of our sponsors and of course those who enter. Mel who does most of the organising for the easter comp was desperate to be here on the weekend and managed to hang on then a week after gave birth to a little girl Malia Kathleen. Mel is settling into family life and will hopefully be back in the spring in some capacity but I am sure she will add a few Facebook posts along the way. Now the weather is changing and cooling off and we are losing daylight it's the time of the year that we reduce hours in the shop. New hours will be Mon-9/5, Tue/Wed-Closed, Thur/Fri-9/5, Sat-8/5, Sun-8/4, I could of course possibly come in a bit earlier or stay later, just contact the shop.

With the season as a whole or in part coming to an end for many as they pack up their gear for the winter, now is the time to do your maintenance. If those reels you need serviced or rods you need repaired are just going to sit in your shed they may as well be sitting on my service bench for the days I am quiet. That way they will be ready for the start of the season, especially if I need to get parts in. We had a problem last spring where we had over 20 dropped in the same week, most hadn't been used all winter and most didn't get them back for a month or so because we already had lots to do. The other problem I have is once I get to mid-August into early spring, apart from starting to get busy, it's the time that we do the bulk of our ordering so extremely busy working out what the season will look like to get the right stock. We have increased our variety by around 25% and our stock qty by just over 40% to try and better service our customers. The increase in variety is driven by our customers so if there is something that you would like to see, drop in and let me know. We have several plans for more expansion and variety for this coming season already but could always fit more in.

The unsettled weather bought unsettled fishing this month and you really had to pick your days to head out for a fish. This time of the year also brings plenty of things to do on weekends, especially if you have kids that play sport so that also affects the time available to fish. The cooler waters makes finding the fish more challenging and many fish will shut down for days at a time. So there are lots of things that make a difference to the fishing reports this time of the year but it doesn't mean the fish aren't there. The best way to fish for the next few months,

especially in a boat, is to pick a tide, or time of the day and a place and just spend a handful of hours out. It is and will get colder, so spending all day in a boat can get uncomfortable, even if you are catching fish but just lower the expectations and be happy with just a feed or two of fish and you will enjoy it much more.

The tuna are still here and the odd barrel is already showing up, whiting have been a little tricky with all the rat kings spotted in Cleeland Bight and 100's of leatherjackets in dickies bay and gummies and pinkies are mostly biting on the tide changes. Nothing much has changed with the tuna as to where they are but what is a bit more evident now is that finding them and catching them could be hours apart. I have had several customers towards the end of the month tell me that they found them easily but it took forever before they would take anything. Whiting are hiding in the shallower areas, bass river, reef island and towards Coronet Bay and pinkies and gummies are where you expect to find them just on the change of tide. We also weighed a quality 90cm snapper caught off Corinella from a kayak customer.



MLP Building Pty Ltd - Registered Building Practitioners DB-U 44011



**HONESTY - INTEGRITY - RELIABILITY**  
**HIGHEST QUALITY WORKMANSHIP**

Custom Build - Extensions - New Home Construction - Decking -  
Verandahs - Home Theatres - Commercial Fit-Out

We cover ALL of your Residential Building, Construction &  
Carpentry needs & ALL Trades are covered including Electrical,  
Plumbing, Plastering, Painting & much more.....

**CONTACT US TODAY FOR A FREE, NO OBLIGATION QUOTE!**

Contact Matthew Pollard direct;  
(M) 0411 387 407 (e) [mlpbuilding550@gmail.com](mailto:mlpbuilding550@gmail.com)

\*Check us out on Instagram @mlpbuilding\*

Copyright © 2023 Phillip Island Vibe  
This edition is copyright. Apart from any use permitted under the  
Copyright Act 1968, no part may be reproduced by any process,  
nor may any other exclusive right be exercised, without the  
permission of Phillip Island Vibe, PO Box 239, Cowes. 3922.

# RUSSELL BROADBENT MP

Volunteers are the backbone of our communities - local people donating their time with a vision to improve local lives. I'm very proud of all of the volunteers in the Monash electorate and thank them for their service.



NATIONAL 15-21 MAY 2023  
**VOLUNTEER**  
THE CHANGE MAKERS WEEK



**Russell Broadbent MP**  
Federal Member for Monash

Authorised by Russell Broadbent MP, Liberal Party of Australia, 46C Albert Street, Warragul, VIC, 3820

## Let's get cooking

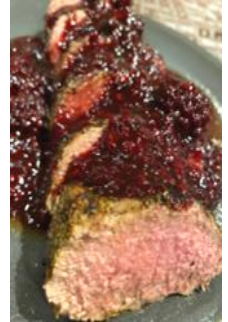
Simple and delicious recipes from Paul at Hill Top Farm Butchers



### Venison Backstrap with Blackberry Sauce

#### WHAT YOU NEED:

- 1 Whole Venison Backstrap
- 1 punnet of Blackberries
- 1 glass Red Wine
- 100g Himalayan Butter
- 1 Shallot, chopped
- Black Pepper and salt



#### WHAT TO DO:

Cover the Backstrap with salt and pepper. Place in hot pan and cook for three minutes then turn and cook for a further three minutes and remove from pan and rest. Place butter and shallots in pan and cook until onions are soft. Deglaze with 1/2 the wine and drink the rest. Add 1/2 the Blackberries and simmer then mash. Add the rest of Blackberries and warm then add the rest of juice from rested meat. Slice Venison and pour over sauce - enjoy! Would be nice with wasabi mash.

WWW.WILDLIFECOASTCRUISES.COM.AU

# Whale Cruises

Phillip Island - June 6<sup>th</sup> to August 5<sup>th</sup>



Book online



Get ready for the winter whales at the Island!

- WINTER WHALE CRUISE
- DOLPHIN & WHALE CRUISE

# Sustainability FESTIVAL

- FREE activities including:
- #Guest Presentations
  - #Garden Demonstrations
  - #Screening of Greenhouse by Joost
  - #Electric cars
  - #Eco Arts Workshops
  - #Community Concert
  - #Kids Zone drop in activities & craft
  - #Exhibitors & Food
  - #Gold coin entry

Empowering people to adapt



Sun 21st May 10-3pm

@ The River Garden & Community Hall in Bass

[www.basscoastlandcare.org.au/sustainabilityfestival2023](http://www.basscoastlandcare.org.au/sustainabilityfestival2023)





## Making photography fun - Travel photography

Now that we're able to travel overseas again, many of us are taking to the roads, seas or skies to enjoy that long awaited trip that we may have put off for a few years. One of the camera club members, Gillian Armstrong, recently presented her 'Five Minutes of Fame', at our last monthly meeting. Five minutes of fame is a regular

item on our agenda and is included to not only enable us to get to know other members a little better, but to also see more examples of their photography. Gillian told us about her recent trip to Nepal (her third trek) and showed us some of her breathtaking travel photos. Travel photography can capture the landscape, people, cultures, historic features, traditions, landmarks, customs, history and the 'story' of the place. It may involve shooting a wide variety of subjects under varied available conditions, such as low light indoors, weather conditions when photographing landscapes and wildlife, ambient light for exteriors of buildings and monuments or shooting on the streets where conditions may be hostile. A good travel photo tells a story, inspires the viewer about other places in the world, and educates them about a place or culture that may highlight how they differ from our own.

Gillian explains that when travelling overseas, there are two essentials for her. Her passport and camera! She chooses to travel light with a Canon Powershot SX60. It has a great zoom and macro features as well as a wide-angle lens as part of the camera. It sure beats carrying around a heavy camera bag with extra lenses!

On her most recent trip to Nepal, Gillian again visited the UNESCO heritage listed Baudhanath Stupa in Kathmandu. It is the largest and most significant stupa in the world for followers of the Buddhist religion.

When the Chinese invaded Tibet in the 1950's, many Tibetan refugees settled in the Baudhanath area and still live there today. On any day Tibetan monks in their robes and refugees in national costume can be seen walking in a clockwise direction around the base of the stupa spinning the prayer wheels and silently saying prayers. This is a very special place to visit knowing its significance to Buddhists. Also, there is a sense of calm and awe as you walk around the stupa and take in its beauty and symbolism.

There are many photo opportunities around the stupa. The crowds, the architecture, the shops surrounding the stupa filled with local wares, but most of all, the atmosphere of the total experience.

### Tips for travel photography are:

Experiment with angles and shots – take pictures from different angles, maybe using a wide-angle lens to give more context to your images.

Capture the feeling of being in the place.

Plan and spend some time to work out how you will capture the place in all its full glory. Think about the best time of year, month and day to make the most of your travel shots.

Be prepared with your camera and supporting equipment, such as lenses, filters and tripods.



*The dome of the stupa framed by the ornaments alongside the viewing point of the photographer.*



*A close up of the dome of Baudhanath stupa framed by the bunting.*

Images copyright of Gillian Armstrong and may not be copied or used without permission.

For more information about the Phillip Island Camera Club phone Jenny on 0408 355130.

**ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT  
SELLING YOUR HOME?**

**Call Simone Bowers**  
for a free market appraisal

No cost. No obligation. No worries.



**ONEVISION  
ONEDREAM  
ONENAME  
ONEAGENCY**  
COUNTRY TO COAST

**0409 166 654**

[simonebowers@oneagency.com.au](mailto:simonebowers@oneagency.com.au)

**LOW COMMISSION, GREAT SERVICE**

[oneagencycountrytocoast.com.au](http://oneagencycountrytocoast.com.au)



 **SEC**

## Putting power back in your hands

Get \$250 in your pocket by visiting the Victorian Energy Compare website.

From 24 March, energy bill payers can claim \$250 even if they've claimed the Power Saving Bonus before.

Only one payment is available per household, per round.

We're bringing back the SEC to help drive down power bills.

 Visit [compare.energy.vic.gov.au](https://compare.energy.vic.gov.au)

 Call 1800 000 832

 Interpreting Services

For assistance in languages other than English, contact Translating and Interpreting Services (TIS) on 131 450.

You can only claim the \$250 bonus by visiting the Victorian Energy Compare website.  
If you receive any unsolicited calls about the bonus, they will not be from the Victorian Government.

Authorised by the Victorian Government, 1 Treasury Place, Melbourne.



# Book Reviews

**By Turn The Page Bookstore,  
40A Thompson Avenue,  
Cowes**

**Thank-you to our customers for their support. Brendan and Kylie.**

Telephone: 5952 1444

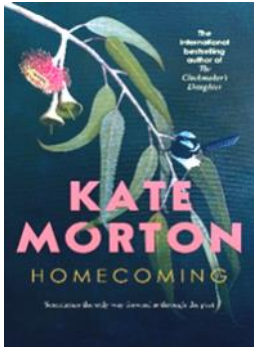
Facebook: Turn the Page Bookshop

Email: [info@turnthepagebookshop.com.au](mailto:info@turnthepagebookshop.com.au)

Website: <https://www.turnthepagebookshop.com.au/>

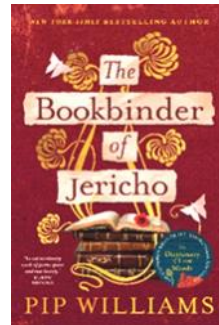
**Price: RRP \$32.99  
(10% discount to registered  
customers)**

**Adelaide Hills, Christmas Eve, 1959:**



At the end of a scorching hot day, beside a creek in the grounds of a grand country house, a local man makes a terrible discovery. Police are called, and the small town of Tambilla becomes embroiled in one of the most baffling murder investigations in the history of South Australia.

Many years later and thousands of miles away, Jess is a journalist in search of a story. Having lived and worked in London for nearly two decades, she now finds herself unemployed and struggling to make ends meet. A phone call summons her back to Sydney, where her beloved grandmother, Nora, who raised Jess when her mother could not, has suffered a fall and is seriously ill in hospital. At Nora's house, Jess discovers a true-crime book chronicling a long-buried police case: the Turner Family Tragedy of 1959. It is only when Jess skims through its pages that she finds a shocking connection between her own family and this notorious event - a murder mystery that has never been satisfactorily resolved. An epic story that spans generations, Homecoming asks what we would do for those we love, how we protect the lies we tell, and what it means to come home. Above all, it is an intricate and spell-binding novel from one of the finest writers working today.



**Price: RRP \$32.99  
(10% discount to registered  
customers)**

**The much anticipated new release  
from the author of The Dictionary of  
Lost Words!**

**What is lost when knowledge is withheld?**

In 1914, when the war draws the young men of Britain away to fight, it is the women who must keep the nation running. Two of those women are Peggy and Maude, twin sisters who work in the bindery at Oxford University Press in Jericho. Peggy is intelligent, ambitious and dreams of studying at Oxford University, but for most of her life she has been told her job is to bind the books, not read them. Maude, meanwhile, wants nothing more than what she has. She is extraordinary but vulnerable. Peggy needs to watch over her.

When refugees arrive from the devastated cities of Belgium, it sends ripples through the community and through the sisters' lives. Peggy begins to see the possibility of another future where she can use her intellect and not just her hands, but as war and illness reshape her world, it is love, and the responsibility that comes with it, that threaten to hold her back.

The Bookbinder of Jericho is a story about knowledge - who makes it, who can access it, and what is lost when it is withheld. In this beautiful companion to the international bestseller The Dictionary of Lost Words, Pip Williams explores another little-known slice of history seen through women's eyes. Intelligent, thoughtful and rich with unforgettable characters, this is the novel of 2023.

## Security Doors & Fly Screens

The Island's Best Quality at the Lowest Price, Guaranteed...  
- Custom Made & Locally Repaired -

**LOCKSMITH - 5952 5552**

"Proudly Securing the Island Community Since 1996"

[www.phillipislandonline.com](http://www.phillipislandonline.com)

## ISLAND ELECTRICAL MAINTENANCE

Lights gone out? No power?

Safety switch tripping?

No hot water?

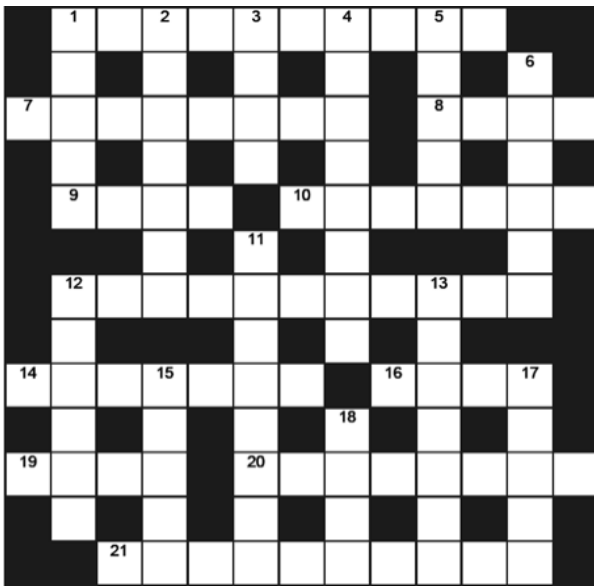
For prompt & reliable service

**Call Dave on 0409 435 207**

R.E.C. 20993

# Brain Food

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



**Vibe Quick Crossword**

## Across

- 1 Hungrily (10)  
7 Leaves hurriedly (8)  
8 Yeasty drink (4)  
9 Tardy (4)  
10 Halted (7)  
12 Immature (11)  
14 Praise enthusiastically (7)  
16 Email junk (4)  
19 Unkind (4)  
20 Igloo (8)  
21 Illuminated (10)

## Down

- 1 Revolutionary (5)  
2 Emptied (7)  
3 Zero (4)  
4 Alarm (8)  
5 Tag (5)  
6 Rely (6)  
11 Keeping away from (8)  
12 Relatives (6)  
13 Savoury snack (7)  
15 Of the moon (5)  
17 Pondered (5)  
18 Twisted (4)

## TRIVIA QUIZ



1. What is the rarest M&M colour? 2. In what year were the first Air Jordan sneakers released? 3. In a game of bingo, which number is represented by the phrase "two little ducks"? 4. According to Greek Mythology, who was the first woman on earth? 5. Which African country was formerly known as Abyssinia? 6. Tennis star Serena Williams won which major tournament while pregnant with her first child? 7. In which European city would you find Orly airport? 8. Which singers real name is Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta? 9. The only known monotremes in the animal kingdom are the echidna and which other creature? 10. Fissures, vents and plugs are all associated with which geological feature?

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

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

## Phillip Island Senior Citizens monthly update

Happy Mother's day. Without our mums, where would we be? Be sure to give your mum a special hug. Tell her she's an awesome chicky babe. Give her brekky in bed. Or if she's no longer with you, light a candle or cook a meal she taught you to cook, do something in her honour. And don't be sad. Remember the good times you shared. She's very proud of you and sees everything you do from up above.

We have a very special Mother's Day lunch for our members this year. We have the great granddaughter of a warm and funny woman who loved coming to the club before her passing during covid. Mieke Hermsen's great granddaughter, Zen Ayla, will be serenading our members with her beautiful, soulful, haunting voice. It's extra special because it's family.

Can you believe we are nearly half way through the year already? My goodness. I feel like I'm running to catch up which is not easy considering I don't like running! Oh and because of my arthritic knees! Whinge. Haha. Don't forget we have lunches on the first Friday of every month and always welcome new friends. If you're interested in joining us for lunch please don't hesitate to call our secretary Liza on 0431 867 058 at least one week beforehand so we can fit you in. And nowhere else can you get a scrumptious 3 course roast meal and have the chance to win great raffle prizes from our very generous local businesses. Also why not try your hand at carpet bowls. I can tell you the group that play are great fun and have a ball - no pun intended! Lol. If you're interested in joining them give Dominic a call on 0419831180.

Or if tripping the light fantastic is more your style. Give Jean Pierre a call on 0433 114373. Hope you have a lovely month and catch up again in June. Hugs to you all.

# CRYPTO ISLAND



## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND CRYPTO DEVELOPMENTS

Over the past few months there have been a significant number of developments in the tech world that are having an impact on our daily lives. Let's start with artificial intelligence.

Artificial intelligence (also known as AI) refers to the development of computer systems that attempt to replicate human decision making. Breakthroughs have already been made in the following areas:

- Language translation, Visual perception, Speech recognition, and Decision making without human input.

There is a massive amount of money being poured into crypto blockchain platforms that support AI. The most popular development is a program known as ChatGPT. We all know what chat means, but what does the GPT part mean? GPT is an acronym that stands for Generative Pre-trained Transformer. A Chatbot is one of those annoying things that pop up when you are using the internet to search for something. It is a little box that appears saying "Hi my name is so-and so, can I help you with anything today? That is a simple example, but ChatGPT is much more sophisticated. ChatGPT is the first Chatbox that you can actually have a conversation with. It can respond to really complex questions and provide solutions in any form that the user asks for.

School teachers are using ChatGPT to write personalised student reports because it does all the thinking and writing for them. Students as young as 13 can now use ChatGPT to complete assignments. The system uses masses of data and online knowledge. A student could for example ask ChatGPT to write a 1000 word essay on how Australia was discovered by Captain Cook. Schools and Universities are looking closely at how they can identify Chatbox generated submissions.

Many predictions have been made concerning the development of AI in the coming years, and major finance and tech companies are jumping into the AI space at a frantic pace. Companies such as Google and Microsoft are leading the charge. Bloomberg has just released BloombergGPT.

### The Difference Between Artificial Intelligence And Machine Learning

AI is a branch of computer science that uses algorithms and models that allow computers to perform tasks that would otherwise require human intelligence. Machine learning is a subset of AI.

Machine learning involves training algorithms to recognise data patterns and make predictions based on those patterns.

### Why Is Crypto Relevant To AI?

Crypto and in particular blockchain technology could significantly reduce the development costs for organisations that are working on AI projects. It could also help address environmental issues by reducing the amount of electricity used. We are in the very early stages of the development of artificial intelligence and it will not go away.

### There Are However Some Downsides

Artificial Intelligence is one of the most quickly adopted technologies in history, but it has not always proved to be reliable.

Recently a Victorian mayor claimed that ChatGPT defamed him when it incorrectly identified him as an individual involved in a foreign bribery scandal, when in fact he was the whistle-blower. This matter is going to court, and it is shaping up to be a world-first test case.

A week ago, it was reported that ChatGPT had been used to create a false television or podcast interview with the former world champion Formula One Michael Schumacher. Michael has not been seen in public since crashing into a rock on a ski slope. The Schumacher family have taken legal action against the person who created the interview. That person has lost his job. Lawyers will need to consider who or what they are attempting to sue if there is no apparent person or organisation that can be identified.

**Disclaimer** Cryptocurrency is Global, Volatile, Poorly Regulated, and Invisible.

**Owen Weeks**, director & registered tax agent, Lifestyle Matters Pty Ltd, FIPA, Hon FASFA, and author of 'Invisible Investing - Taking the mystery out of cryptocurrency investing' which is available on Amazon eBooks.



## MAY GIG GUIDE

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS - LIVE MUSIC FROM 8PM  
SUNDAYS - LIVE MUSIC FROM 5PM

FRIDAY 5TH	SATURDAY 6TH	SUNDAY 7TH
Alysha & Duffy	The Times	Todd Cook
FRIDAY 12TH	SATURDAY 13TH	SUNDAY 14TH
Dan Lunn	Olly & Scuzzi	Marc DeCario
FRIDAY 19TH	SATURDAY 20TH	SUNDAY 21ST
The Corz	Dan Noblius	Wilson Blackley
FRIDAY 26TH	SATURDAY 27TH	SUNDAY 28TH
Pete Davies	Jewels & The Heist	Mr Alford Country

## STANDOUT RESUME SERVICES AUSTRALIA

Resume plus 2 cover letters for \$150

ATS compliant and aligned to the job description

You only pay when 100% satisfied - not before!

The service includes revision, phone chat  
and a quick turnaround

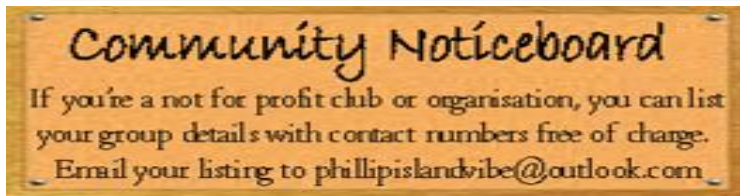
We provide unbeatable quality, service and value

You won't be disappointed. Treble your chance of an interview.

Contact us: Leon Herbert, Editor

Phone 0402 264 744

E: cvriter@gmail.com Melbourne



**Phillip Island Lions Club** Trash and Treasure market. Sat & Sun 9.30-12.30. Dunsmore Rd, Cowes (next to transfer/recycling depot). Volunteers welcome. Text only 0433 191 654 f/b Phillip Island Lions.

**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 Thursday night from 5pm to 6.30pm at Scout Hall, Dunsmore Road, Cowes. Contact Chris Oliver 0428 644397 or email: chris.oliver@guidesvic.org.au

**Phillip Island Club (Senior Citizens)** Carpet bowls, cards, ballroom dancing, craft. Membership \$15 per year. Fridays 12noon, 3 course lunch \$20. Island Celebration Centre Hall for hire. Ph 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 16 Warley Avenue, 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, Dunsmore 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 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 first Wednesday of each month at 7.15 pm at the Croquet Club. New members are very welcome. To find out more details please contact Bob Wolstenholme at bobwolstenh@yahoo.com.au

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

**Phillip Island and District Railway Modellers** is a model train club that meets every Sunday to run trains at the Cowes Senior Citizens Club (back door) from 1:00pm to 4:30pm. Visitors are welcome, new members more welcome. More details Geoff N on 0419 357 097 or Geoff B on 0429 419 011. Or email to piadrm@gmail.com

**Home Library Service** For information on applying for our home library service or volunteering, please speak to library staff on 5644 3320 or visit our website www.myli.org.au/about/volunteers

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

**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 Brian Walmesley at the Phillip Island RSL Community Mens Shed on email mensshed@pirsl.com.au Leave details and Brian will respond.

**Phillip Island TOWN Club Weight Loss Group** Thurs 9-11.00am, Ryhill Hall. Joining fee \$60, 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 to come and try Thursday and Friday mornings 10am-12pm. Please phone before coming to the club. Secretary 0493 614265 John 0409 858985. 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** Mondays, 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. 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

**Cowes Branch Country Women's Association (CWA)** 1st Thursday of the month February-November. currently meeting at Rotary Shed-Dunsmore Rd 1pm Ph Penny 0437 042 084 Cowes CWA Shop Thompson Ave Cowes Tues-Sat 10-2 cwaofviccowes@gmail.com

**Country Women's Association Victoria Inc. Phillip Island Twilight Branch** invite you to join us for "Sharing, Fun and Friendship". We are a vibrant group of women who are engaged in social issues, learning new skills and fundraising for women and children. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of the month at St John's Hall, Chapel Street, Cowes at 7 pm. Contact Sally Matthews 0409521825 and Rosie Brewin 0409792245

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



**Phillip Island View Club** builds friendships and connections for local women. Raises funds to support 5 children through the Smith Family. Meets on the 4th Monday of the month at 11.00am at The San Remo Hotel, San Remo. New members welcome! call Chris Sproson on 0406 469 824

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

**Phillip Island Library, Myli Libraries** is closed temporarily for the redevelopment of the Cowes Cultural Centre. Our Click and Collect and returns location is Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre 16 Warley Ave, Cowes. Library items may be returned outside the office at PICAL 24 hrs and pick-up of holds is available on the following days, Tues- Thurs 9.30-2pm.

**San Remo Library, Myli Libraries** is open at 92 Back Beach Road, San Remo. Opening hours are Mon- Fri 9.30-5.30pm and Sat 9.30-1pm. Please ring 5644 3320

**Friends of the Library** Call Celia 59521901.

**Bass Coast Toastmasters** Meetings in San Remo. Contact Patricia Jamieson 0412339795 basscoasttoastmasters@gmail.com

**San Remo Bowls Club** Social Bowls 12pm for a 12.30pm start. Stick draw. New bowlers and visitors most welcome. April to September - Tuesday's and alternate Saturday's. October to March - Wednesday's. 1a Wynne Road San Remo, next to the Primary School. Ring 0493237913 for details.

**Phillip Island Patchworkers Inc.** We not only do Patchwork but all other varieties of Craft such as Embroidery, Beading and Knitting. We meet Monday Nights 7.30p.m. to 9.30p.m. The first, second and last Tuesday of the Month 10.30a.m. to 2.30p.m. At Wonthaggi first and third Friday of the Month 10.a.m. 2.30p.m. Corinella Crafties second and fourth Wednesday of the Month 10.30a.m. to 2.30p.m. For more information please contact President Gayle Rowden 0400634282 or Secretary 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).

**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

**The Probus Club of Cowes**-3rd Monday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at The Phillip Island Senior Citizens Hall Cowes. For enquiries call Sue on 0438 304 082 or email probuscowes2@gmail.com

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

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

**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 & 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.

**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 0419525 609, 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

**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

**Ventnor Coast Care Association Inc** is a volunteer group, working to conserve, enhance and maintain the Ventnor coastal foreshore between Anchorage Rd and Devon Ave. We meet monthly at 9.30am, for a 2 hour working bee, from February to November, followed by a cuppa. We welcome new members! Please contact Cathie or Trish at: ventnorcoastcare@gmail.com.'

**The Newhaven Residents Group Association Inc.** We are a not for profit organisation advocate for communication and residents concerns. Phone 0413 623 052.

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

### SOLUTION TO A VOICE FROM THE GRAVE

Inspector Flint had a fairly easy job. The hardest parts were putting up with his eccentric friend, and then convincing the State Attorney to prosecute the right person. The police and the State Attorney office did not always see eye to eye, as recent being the events leading to the Lehrman rape trial and its result. "Who should I bring in for questioning?" he asked. "No one," Leroy replied. "The person who did this will never be arrested. But he won't get away with it, either." "Listen, Cunningworth," the Inspector barked. "I'm not in the mood for riddles." He seldom lost his cool with his more learned friend.

"There was no murder, Jack, just an attempt at insurance fraud." Before Flint could explode, Leroy continued. "Hunter committed suicide—not unexpected, considering his business failure and bad health. But he wanted Doug to collect his insurance. So, he turned on the gas, gave himself a bonk with the bat, then called his son's home number. He didn't call the police or his son's cell phone. Help might have arrived too quickly."

"So the call for help... Ben said the attacker had gone out into the hall. How did he leave this room and get into the hall?" "Through the door," Flint said, trying to hold onto his temper. It's the only way out of the room."

"Correct. So how did the towel get under the doorjamb? It could only have been done by someone in the room: the victim himself. I rest my case." Flint's shoulders slumped. Leroy smiled at him and offered a coffee at Pino's.

### PUZZLE SOLUTIONS

	R	A	V	E	N	O	U	S	L	Y		
	E		A		O		N		A		D	
A	B	S	C	O	N	D	S		B	E	E	R
	E		A		E		E		E		P	
	L	A	T	E		S	T	A	L	L	E	D
			E		A		T				N	
	U	N	D	E	V	E	L	O	P	E	D	
	N				O		E		O			
A	C	C	L	A	I	M		S	P	A	M	
	L		U		D		B		C		U	
M	E	A	N		I	C	E	H	O	U	S	E
	S		A		N		N		R		E	
			B	R	I	G	H	T	E	N	E	D



**ISLAND  
PRIMARY  
PRODUCE**

### Paddock to Plate

#### TRADING HOURS



Monday - Friday  
8am - 5pm  
Saturday  
9am - 3pm  
Sunday  
9am - 2pm

Phone orders taken

Jake and Tania McStay

511 Ventnor Rd, Ventnor Ph 5956 8107

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

### ANSWERS TO TRIVA QUESTIONS

1. Brown
2. 1984
3. 22
4. Pandora
5. Ethiopia
6. The Australian Open
7. Paris
8. Lady Gaga
9. Platypus
10. Volcanos

# SLIDING DOOR REPAIRS

## Now servicing Bass Coast

**Are your doors sticking, catching or just not sliding properly?**

- Timber & aluminium sliding doors • Security doors • Bi fold doors • Track & Roller replacements • Screen replacements
  - Cavity doors • New locks fitted
- Wardrobe doors and much, much more

**We fix your sliding doors!**

**Ph 0438 538 244 [info@asdrm.com.au](mailto:info@asdrm.com.au)**

[www.allslidingdoorrepairsmelbourne.com.au](http://www.allslidingdoorrepairsmelbourne.com.au)



ALL  
**Sliding Door**  
REPAIRS MELBOURNE



A FAMILY OWNED  
**AUSSIE**  
BUSINESS

**NO** stamp duty **NO** council rates **NO** hidden fees



## XL Downsizer homes *at Phillip Island*

**Lifestyle Phillip Island is the ultimate coastal community.**

Perfected by our 20 years of experience and passion for creating enriching homes and communities, the serene seaside oasis will redefine downsizing for our homeowners.

Featuring modern, low-maintenance homes and best-in-class amenities, this coastal community presents boundless opportunities to live your life your way, surrounded by the many natural delights of Phillip Island.

**Call 1300 50 55 60 or walk-in to our Lifestyle Lounge at 60 Thompson Ave, Cowes**



***Lifestyle***  
**PHILLIP ISLAND**

[lifestyle phillip island](#)