



## We did this together!

In partnership with our community, Council's continued focus on advocacy has resulted in major funding being announced for Bass Coast.

At a Ministerial visit to Wonthaggi Secondary College on Friday, 27 October, Premier of Victoria, The Honourable Daniel Andrews MP, announced \$25 million of funding towards the construction of the new Wonthaggi Secondary College campus and education precinct, and \$6 million towards the Wonthaggi Regional Highball Stadium.

Council will contribute \$1.5 million to the Wonthaggi Shared Highball Facility. The New Senior Campus and Highball Stadium forms Stage One of the Wonthaggi Education Precinct project.

In addition to the Premier's multi-million dollar announcement at Wonthaggi Secondary College, Member for Eastern Victoria, Harriet Shing MP, announced a further \$2.3 million on the same day at the Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club.



Harriet Shing MP, Premier of Victoria, Daniel Andrews and Mayor, Cr Rothfield at the historic announcement.

This funding will be boosted with \$600,000 from Council and \$500,000 which the Club will raise, allowing a complete refurbishment of the Surf Lifesaving Club building.

Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor, Cr Pamela Rothfield explains the announcements follow years of lobbying from the community, Wonthaggi Secondary College, Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club and Council.

"It was difficult to describe at the time of the announcement my mix of pride, relief and excitement," Cr Rothfield said. *(continued on page 3)*

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# From the Mayor



Summer is here already (can you believe it!?) and I find myself settling into my role as Mayor for a second term. It seems like only yesterday that I was writing my first Mayor's Message and trying to keep up with the merry-go-round of meetings, assemblies and forums, as well as wrapping my head around not only the discussion at hand, but also getting up to speed on the strategies, plans and schemes behind such discussions. What a learning curve! It has been an exceptional year, with far too many achievements, milestones and hurdles to name. I would like to thank the community for your support, guidance and trust, and acknowledge my fellow Councillors – I simply could not have picked a better bunch to be by my side. The team around me give me much confidence heading into what is arguably one of the most important years of our term – the year of the state election where our focus and work on advocacy will come into its zenith. I look forward to the battles, journey and triumphs ahead. With the beautiful summer weather also comes our tourism season. Tourism is a huge economic driver for Bass Coast, and while the influx of visitors can sometimes be frustrating, it's important to have patience and welcome our guests to Bass Coast. We all play a part in enhancing the visitor experience, so let's help our guests fall in love with our beautiful beaches, fabulous hospitality and amazing community. With the hustle and bustle of the tourism season comes an increased risk on our roads and beaches. Please take care and stay safe this summer.

Cr Pamela Rothfield  
Mayor

## Follow us online!

Do you use Facebook, Twitter or Instagram? Follow us for all the latest updates on Council news and information about what's happening around the Shire.

	<b>Facebook</b> www.facebook.com/ BassCoastShire		<b>Instagram</b> @BassCoastShire
	<b>Twitter</b> @basscoast		<b>YouTube</b> Search for 'Bass Coast Shire Council'

## Tune into your Council!

Remember to tune into 3mFM, our local community radio station, for regular updates on what's happening with Council. Our radio show goes to air on Tuesday at 9.30am, Thursday at 4.30pm and Saturdays at 10.00am.

- 88.1 Wonthaggi, Inverloch, Korumburra and Leongatha
- 89.1 Phillip Island, San Remo and West Gippsland

If you miss the show don't despair! You can listen to past shows on our podcast on iTunes or on SoundCloud.

Please check [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au) for updates. All correspondence can be addressed to Bass Coast Shire Council, PO Box 118, Wonthaggi, VIC 3995.

# We did this together!

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“The announcement was the result of a solid team effort, which involved persistent advocacy from Council, relentless petitioning and support from the community, and the dedication and passion of several key individuals. In the end it is a perfect example of what our community can achieve when working together towards a shared goal.”

Councillor Rothfield expanded on Council’s ongoing commitment to advocacy explaining how important the link between it and community engagement is in order to fulfil the objectives of the Council Plan.

“Council developed our Council Plan after a thorough community engagement process. We asked the community to tell us what they wanted and identified our themes and priorities to focus on. Our advocacy priorities are consistent with this.

The key projects were identified in Help shape a better Bass Coast community engagement for the Council Plan 2017-2021 and have been key objectives in Council’s Advocacy Strategy development.

The Wonthaggi Secondary College new Senior Campus and Wonthaggi Regional Highball Stadium were both projects that featured heavily through the community engagement process. Consequently, these projects are at the forefront of the Council’s priority list and are included as key projects in phase one of Council’s Advocacy Strategy.

“Not everyone claims to understand the term advocacy. Often called lobbying, especially when you think of government, but I like to think of advocacy as being a formal way to represent our community, especially on a particular issue. And, in order to understand what is important to our community, we have to engage with them, talk to them and most important – listen.

“We are really happy with the results to date and I am thrilled that we are now able to start turning the soil and putting into action the plans and preparations for the Wonthaggi Education Precinct.

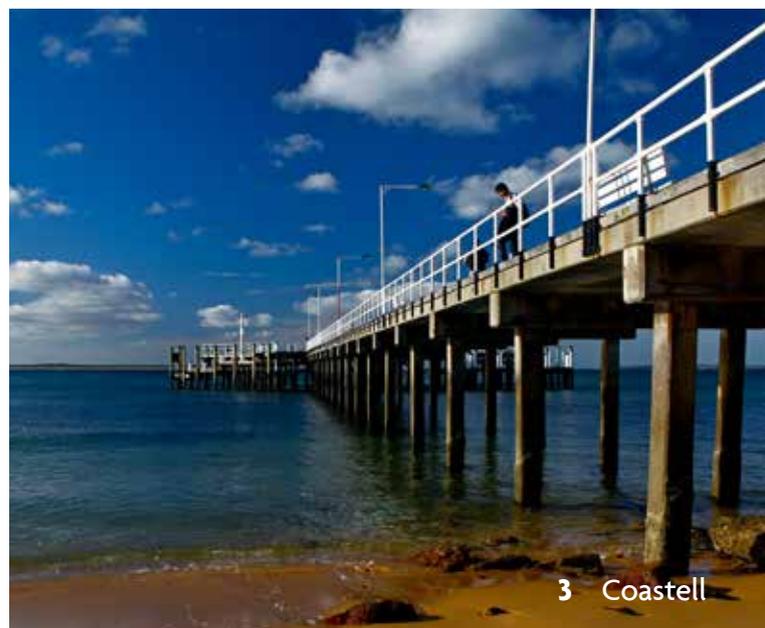
“Council is very vocal in its commitment to help shape a better Bass Coast. What better way to start than having a new school to help shape our children’s future!”



## Advocacy Priorities

Along with Wonthaggi Secondary College and Wonthaggi Regional Highball Stadium, these priorities were also adopted by Council as Phase One of Council’s Advocacy Strategy:

- Transfer and future use of the existing Wonthaggi Secondary School land
- Wonthaggi Hospital upgrades
- Phillip Island 24-hour pharmacy care and nursing facility
- Phillip Island/Back Beach Road intersection upgrade
- South-West Gippsland Transport Strategy
- Cowes Jetty replacement
- Wonthaggi North-East Precinct Infrastructure



# To car ferry or not to car ferry?

This is the question Council is addressing in collaboration with the State Government and Mornington Peninsula Shire Council. The State Government is seeking a detailed business case to determine the future prospects of a car ferry link between Cowes and Stony Point.

From September to November 2017, EarthCheck, the consultant appointed to develop the business case, have been talking with a broad range of organisations and people to canvass as many opinions as possible. Some of the engagement methods have included:

- face-to-face business and community meetings in Cowes and Crib Point
- live Facebook conversation session
- surveys for residents, business operators, visitors and Sealink Ferry patrons
- face-to-face and phone discussions with a broad range of community organisations and individuals
- briefing to Bass Coast and Mornington Peninsula Shire Councillors to update them about the project
- articles in Council publications and social media
- regular updates on Council's website
- direct mailout to affected residents

The main issues identified relate to ferry terminal/docking locations, traffic management, including car parking, and environmental impacts. These issues will be thoroughly explored in the business case. Should the project proceed to the next stage, there will be extensive environmental monitoring required. Many benefits have also been highlighted, such as the wonderful coastal touring route that it will create, increased emergency management access and improved training and job opportunities. The next steps are for the community to consider the discussion paper which is a summary of what we have heard so far. This is available on Council's website at [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/carferry](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/carferry). The draft business case is currently being prepared and will be available for comment by the community in 2018.

## Cowes Jetty Triangle Update

The Cowes Jetty Triangle and Piazza Redevelopment is one of the key projects of the current Cowes Revitalisation works. The Jetty Triangle Redevelopment will transform the existing foreshore into an enhanced meeting place and social area.

The project aims to capitalise on the potential of the foreshore space and increase the capacity for community gatherings, events, access to the jetty, and to generally be a place for people to meet up and hang out. It will provide a great space for friends to catch up before boarding one of the many boat cruises from the jetty.

The Redevelopment project is currently in the functional design phase. Key Stakeholders, local businesses and groups impacted by this project have been engaged during the development of the functional design, to ensure that their input is considered.

The Jetty Triangle concept design was endorsed by Council in June 2015, and in June this year Council were successful in securing a \$1.8 million grant from the State Government.

This funding will go towards the design and construction of two key projects: the Jetty Triangle and Piazza Redevelopment, and the Transit Centre and All Day Carpark.

Feedback received during the recent key stakeholder engagement, along with submissions received in 2015, will help inform the functional design of the project, which will be presented to Council at the December Ordinary Council Meeting.

To stay up to date on all projects involved in the Cowes Revitalisation Project, visit Council's website [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/CowesRevitalisation](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/CowesRevitalisation)

# Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre to receive a revamp

Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre (WUCAC) goes by many names: the Arts Centre, the Centre, the Performing Arts Centre, the Cinema, and, as it has been called for many years by locals – the Union.

The current building was built on the site of the original Wonthaggi Union Theatre which has a great deal of historical significance to the town.

WUCAC holds a strong sense of community, history, pride and ownership. It was opened in 1982 by the then Borough of Wonthaggi as a purpose built arts and cultural building for theatre, cinema, dance, music and other stage performances. It replaced the former theatre building that was constructed by the community at the height of the local coal mining days, but was destroyed by fire. WUCAC is comprised of a 426 seat auditorium, proscenium arch stage, dressing rooms, storage and other associated technical equipment. The facility has access to the auditorium at both sides of the foyer for upper and lower seating. It also includes a large meeting area where over the years various community groups have met to undertake arts and community activities.

The entrance foyer was originally built to incorporate a public library that is no longer within the Centre. The foyer has been altered over the years and now accommodates public toilets with an accessible toilet, box office and kiosk.



The facility is now at a point where it needs a significant upgrade to enable it to function into the future. There are a number of areas where the facility does not comply with current building codes. The technical equipment within the venue, while having served its purpose well, is aged and increasingly not useful for hirers' needs. Many local community groups hire and use the WUCAC including the Bass Coast Fine Film Group, primary and secondary schools, theatrical groups, dance schools, service and interest groups and aged care service providers. It also operates as a cinema at certain times of the year.

The planning for this exciting project started in early 2017 with Council allocating funds for the refurbishment works to be completed in the 2017/18 year. The entire project is expected to take up to four months with cinema, live performances and community events to return once it is completed.

The key items in this refurbishment project are:

- Seating and auditorium refurbishment
- Technical systems upgrade including lighting, sound and rigging
- Building works including improved access, toilet refurbishment and orchestra pit upgrades

To enable this the Centre will be closed to the public from 22 December 2017 to 30 April 2018.





## Supporting women in sport

**It's been a big year for women in sport. Shortly after Serena Williams showed the world you can win a grand slam tournament while pregnant, the AFLW kicked off.**

This year has also been a significant year for supporting women in sport in Bass Coast with the establishment of the first Bass Coast women's football team, equal prize money at the World Surf League (WSL) Phillip Island Pro, and women included in the Cycling Victoria's Tour of Gippsland for the first time.

The Bass Coast Breakers launched the first local women's AFL football team in May this year. With the support of sponsorship from local businesses and Council, the Breakers completed a stellar first season, finishing undefeated until the final match, where they were beaten by one point in the grand final. Mayor, Cr Pamela Rothfield, explained that the Breakers are a team made up of women from across Bass Coast, who had a dream of one day playing AFL, and this year were able to turn that dream into reality.

"The success of this team highlights that we have amazing sports women in our community," Cr Rothfield said proudly.

"I am thrilled women were finally given the opportunity to play football, and congratulate them on making it happen and paving the way for young sports women in Bass Coast!"

In October, Bass Coast hosted a WSL Qualifying Series event, the Phillip Island Pro. Council committed to promoting gender equality by supporting an increase in prize money to ensure it is equal for men and women. This resulted in being one of the few surfing events in the world which offers equal prize money.

The winner of the women's division thanked Council after her win in an Instagram post which read, 'Thanks to everyone who made it possible and especially Bass Coast Shire for pushing women's surfing with equal prizemoney for both men and women!' The Tour of Gippsland visited Bass Coast again in 2017, with a criterium (short speed circuit) race in Inverloch. This year, Cycling Victoria increased their riders by around 50 per cent by adding a women's field for the first time.

"It's wonderful to see a national shift towards equality in sport, and I am very proud that Bass Coast is taking the lead through promoting and supporting women in sport," said Cr Rothfield.

"Our young female athletes have a promising future ahead and I look forward to watching Bass Coast's young guns take up the increased opportunities and support from Council in their sporting pursuits."





Phillip Island 2018

# Phillip Island 150<sup>th</sup> Sesquicentenary

Next year marks the 150th anniversary of farmland and town lot sales through a public ballot that occurred on Phillip Island in 1868.

Known as the sesquicentenary, the 150th milestone will be respectfully acknowledged through a series of key community events during the year and the encouragement for all of the Phillip Island community, both past and present to be involved.

The Phillip Island 150th Celebrations Planning Committee, made up of Phillip Island community leaders and Council representatives, have been working together for many months to ensure the year

is recognised by the significance of the occasion. The Committee will be supporting the staging of various events, including the Rhyll Wooden Boat Festival in March 2018, the Bendigo Bank Community Day in November 2018, the re-enactment of land sales and street parade in November. A major dinner event is also planned in November. Throughout the year, local clubs and organisations are encouraged to stage their own event with its own 150th touch. For more information or to register your event on the Phillip Island 150th Calendar of Events, go to [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/phillipisland150](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/phillipisland150).

## Bass Coast wins Industry Awards for Tourism and Community Engagement

At this year's RACV Victorian Tourism Awards and Local Government Professionals Corporate Planners Network Awards, Bass Coast Shire Council was recognised for achievements in Tourism and Community Engagement.

Bass Coast won the Local Government Award for Tourism and received a Silver Award for Visitor Information Services. Also recognised were local businesses with various awards. Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor, Cr Pamela Rothfield, explained that a healthy tourism industry is the result of a collaborative effort from local and state government, and local businesses.

"Tourism is a major economic driver in Bass Coast," Cr Rothfield said. "We have many small and medium sized businesses who work hard at contributing to and improving our tourism market, and it was wonderful to see some of these businesses recognised at the Awards."

Council was also announced as the winner of 2017 LGPro 'Best Practice and Innovation in Council Development Award' that is offered every four years for its Council Plan Community Engagement. LGPro is the peak body for Local Government professionals in Victoria. The award recognises continuous improvement in project planning, innovation and best practice when developing Council Plans.



(l-r) Manager Advocacy and Engagement, Christian Stefani, Mayor Cr Pamela Rothfield and CEO Paul Buckley PSM.

Council's community engagement campaign titled 'Help shape a better Bass Coast' was well received by the judging panel with feedback provided that it was, 'a great example of genuine engagement and collaboration with the community that all Councils should emulate'. Cr Rothfield said the award reflected Council's commitment to listening to our community and our unique approach.

"Our process of community engagement was diverse, varied, in-house with no consultants and quite simply - heartfelt. I was thrilled when the authenticity and hard work behind our Council Plan was recognised with this award. It was a great collaboration between the community and Council!"



Councillors and Council staff receiving the Local Government Tourism award

# Swimming pool safety

In 2016/17, 29 Australian children aged 0-4 years drowned. Of these drownings 45 per cent occurred in backyard swimming pools.

With a long, hot summer ahead, Council is urging home owners to abide by pool and spa safety regulations in order to prevent backyard pool drownings.

Evidence suggests that many deaths caused by drowning are due to faulty or non-compliant barriers.

Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Pamela Rothfield, suggests pool owners put time aside to ensure that safety fencing and barriers around pools are maintained and are in perfect working order.

“Check the locks and latches are working and that rust hasn’t eroded the self-closing or latching devices”, she explains.

“And always ensure there’s nothing

around the pool or spa that a child can climb on to gain access to the pool”, urges the Mayor.

Council can assist with advising home owners and tenants on their rights, responsibilities and regulations around pool construction and fencing, and specific information can be found at [www.vba.vic.gov.au/consumer-resources/building/pages/swimming-pools](http://www.vba.vic.gov.au/consumer-resources/building/pages/swimming-pools)

If you’re not sure, get in touch with Council or ask a registered building surveyor or building inspector for advice.

And remember, active adult supervision of children around water is key to keeping children safe around water - it only takes 20 seconds for a child to drown and the drowning is silent. Let’s keep our kids safe this summer.

## Travel happy this summer

Roads in Bass Coast – major highways in particular – are busy during summer. Getting stuck in traffic can be frustrating, but remember the only behaviour you can control is your own. Be patient, courteous to others and enjoy the stunning scenery Bass Coast has to offer!

Travel tips:

- allow plenty of time for travel, especially when driving long distances with children and pets
- try to avoid travelling in the middle of the day when temperatures are at their highest
- pack enough food and water for your trip
- plan plenty of opportunities to stop, get out and stretch your legs

Check out VicRoads Travel Happy website for more great tips on sharing the road this summer at [travelhappy.vic.gov.au](http://travelhappy.vic.gov.au). Road works and road closure information can be found online at [traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au) to help you plan your journey. In the event of a significant vehicle accident leading to a road closure on one of our major highways, keep checking this website for updates. These incidents can mean it takes several hours for the road to be opened and you should consider visiting other local towns while the traffic clears.



# Swim between the flags

Lifeguards will be on duty every day from 10.00am to 6.00pm at Inverloch, Smiths Beach, Cowes and Cape Woolamai over the summer school holidays. In addition, volunteer lifesaving patrols will operate each weekend and public holidays from 1 December 2017 to 1 April 2018 at these beaches as well as Cape Paterson Bay Beach and First Surf.

In case of an emergency, call 000 and quote the number on the yellow triangle sign you will find at all our beaches. Quoting this number will help emergency crews locate you quickly. Visit Surf Lifesaving's Beachsafe website at [beachsafe.org.au](http://beachsafe.org.au) for expert advice on beach safety and beach conditions to help you find the right beach for you.



## Do you have a bushfire survival plan?

If you live, work or travel near bush, grassland or coastal scrub, you need to be aware of and prepared for fire risks this summer. Make sure you know what to do when the Fire Danger Rating is Severe, Extreme or Code Red. As the ratings increase, so does the risk of a fast moving and uncontrollable fire. Fires in Bass Coast will start and spread very quickly in these conditions, threatening homes and lives within minutes.

If you live in a high fire risk area, leaving early is the safest option. Talk to the people you live with and decide what you will do, where you'll go and when you're going to leave. On Severe or Extreme Fire Danger Rating days, it's safer to stay in built up areas and never travel into bush or grassland areas where a Code Red has been forecast. Download the VicEmergency App or visit [www.emergency.vic.gov.au](http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au) for alerts and the latest information on emergencies and conditions in your area. You can contact the VicEmergency Hotline – 1800 226 226 – for specific information on bushfires.



## Phillip Island Nature Parks Open Day

Bass Coast residents are invited to enjoy free entry to Phillip Island Nature Parks' annual Community Open Day on Sunday, 4 March.

Discover and experience more about what's new at the Nature Parks, while meeting the dedicated staff and volunteers. Free entry includes general admission to the evening Penguin Parade, Koala Conservation Centre, Churchill Island and the exciting 'Antarctic Journey' at the Nobbies Centre.

There will also be half-price Eco Boat Tours along with walks, talks, demonstrations and kids' activities. Further information and the full event program will be available at [www.penguins.org.au](http://www.penguins.org.au).

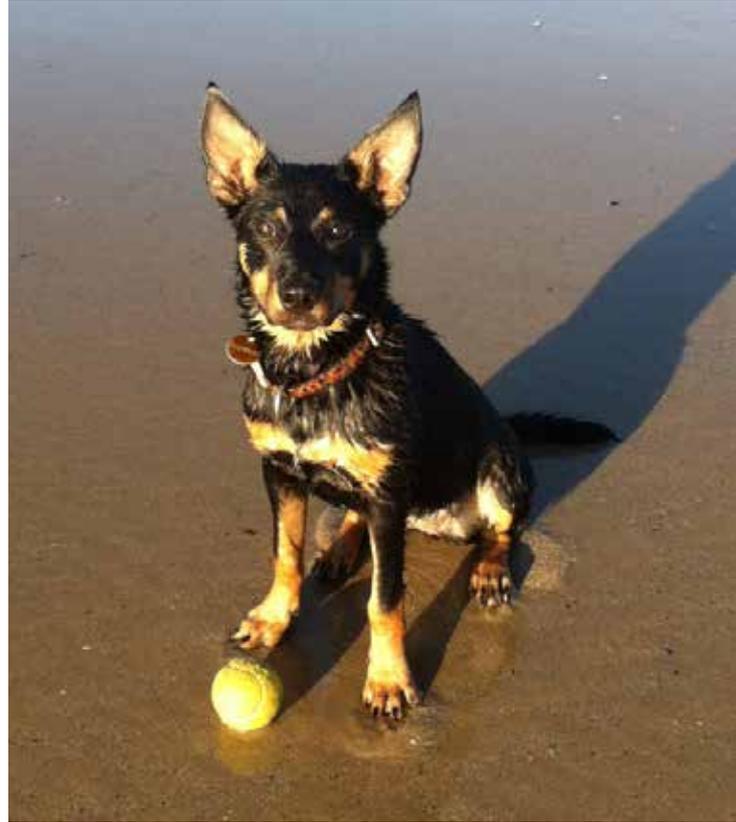
To gain free entry, please bring proof of residency.

# Dogs, cats and the Domestic Animal Management Plan

## So, what is the Domestic Animal Management Plan?

Council's Domestic Animal Management Plan looks at how we live with cats and dogs and gives Council a direction for management of these domestic animals until 2021. The Plan identifies further work on cat containment to compliment the current sunset to sunrise cat curfew and to increase the number of dog off-leash areas on beaches and on the mainland. Council will begin place based consultation about off-leash beach areas in Cape Paterson, Kilcunda and San Remo using online surveying and location pop-ups in these towns during summer 2017/18.

Dogs are welcome at most parks and beaches in Bass Coast, with some designated off-leash areas so they can run and swim freely. You are responsible for knowing where your dog is allowed to be and to follow signs when visiting beaches and parks with your dog, as there are some time restrictions in place over summer. Some busier Council-managed beaches have times when dogs are not allowed on the beach and there are some identified off-leash beach areas in Bass Coast. When using these areas, dog owners must always carry a leash, keep their dog in sight and be in effective voice control of the dog at all times. Unless you are in an off-leash area, you must keep your dog on a leash not only for their safety, but for the safety of others around you and to protect the unique environment in Bass Coast. You can find out more information about off-leash areas and beach time restrictions in Bass Coast at [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/dogwalking](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/dogwalking).



### Did you know?

Around 900,000 dogs in Victoria produce 90 tonnes of dog poo each day.

In Bass Coast you must carry an appropriate bag or scoop to remove dog poo whenever you are walking your dog in a public place. Dog poo can be put in to any general waste bin. You can be fined for not complying.

Council Rangers will be patrolling beaches, off-leash areas and parks throughout summer to make sure everyone is doing the right thing and having a great time – dogs and people alike!

Don't risk a fine – please do the right thing. Further information on the Domestic Animal Management Plan and consultation in relation to off-leash beach areas in Cape Paterson, Kilcunda and San Remo can be found at [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/pets](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/pets)



# What's on at your library?

West Gippsland Regional Libraries have a huge range of programs and events to suit all ages and interests throughout summer. Browse and book our events for free online at [www.wgrlc.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.wgrlc.eventbrite.com.au)

## **Dreadful Dragons with CARP Productions**

Enjoy an interactive 45-minute performance with music, dancing and costumes based on different themes.

Wonthaggi Library, 17 January, 11.30am

Phillip Island Library, 17 January, 2.00pm

(Supported by the Friends of Phillip Island Library)

## **Learn to Science!**

Wonthaggi Library

Tuesday, 9 January, 11.00am – 12.00pm

Tuesday, 9 January, 2.00pm – 3.00pm

Join a real-life scientist for a fun and interactive demonstration of all things science. This session is suitable for ages 7 - 12. Places are strictly limited. Please book for either the morning or afternoon session.

## **The Amazing Mr Twist the Magician**

Wonthaggi Library

Wednesday, 10 January 10, 2.00pm - 3.00pm

Join Mr Twist for some side-splitting comedy and brilliant magic tricks, including his one of a kind magical talking bird.

Suitable for children aged up to 12 years and the adults too.

## **Kids' Movie Club**

Phillip Island Library

Wednesday 10 January, 11.00am and 2.00pm

Friday 19 January, 11am and 2.00pm

A free movie screening for kids. Contact the library to find out what's showing.

## **Newspaper Geodesic Dome Construction**

Phillip Island Library

Thursday 25 January, 3.00pm - 4.00pm

Inverloch Library

Tuesday 23 January, 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Use newspaper as a building material and see where your imagination takes you!

Follow us at [www.facebook.com/wgrlc](http://www.facebook.com/wgrlc) or [www.instagram.com/wgrlc](http://www.instagram.com/wgrlc) to stay in touch.

# *Intra//liminal*

## Youth art project

Funded by Council, supported by Bass Coast businesses and viewed by almost 2,000 people, Intra//Liminal is a youth-driven art project in full-steam. The brain-child of Phillip Island siblings Shasta Stevic and Caigan Meade, and involving almost 30 young artists, Intra//Liminal has held six exhibitions in just over eight months. They're even planning an exhibition in Iceland in 2018. The project came about after a conversation with Shasta, Caigan and some other young artists "We wanted to exhibit our art but needed a few things to get started - a space, some financial assistance and a bit of professional support", explains Shasta. The siblings approached Council, who agreed to seed-fund the project.

"Council linked us with local businesses and have been a sounding board along the way." Shasta is passionate about using art as a vehicle for self-expression and this is evident in the strong sense of place that features in much of the exhibiting works.

Intra//Liminal has been a positive youth engagement project for Council with many benefits to young people and to the broader community.

"They're building so many skills along the way", Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Pamela Rothfield said. "From working with businesses, to speaking with the media and presenting to Council."

Project participants are also encouraged and supported to take on leadership roles within the project.

Lily Hakansson first exhibited with Intra//Liminal in October 2017 at the Wonthaggi Artspace. Having completed Year 12 in 2016, Lily was keen to develop a portfolio experience during her 'gap year'. "It's been a great confidence booster for me and something I can include in my resume", Lily said.

Intra//Liminal are planning a series of exhibitions in 2018, working with young artists and musicians.

For more information or to get involved email [info@intraliminal.com.au](mailto:info@intraliminal.com.au) and follow Intra//Liminal on Facebook or Instagram.



# What's on in Bass Coast?

## December

- 10** BCB Triathlon  
Inverloch
- 15** Inverloch Community Carols  
The Glade, Inverloch
- 15** San Remo Celebrates Christmas  
San Remo Foreshore
- 17** Carols by Candlelight  
Wishart Reserve Wonthaggi
- 19** Carols by the Bay  
Erehwon Point Cowes
- 29** Sounds of Summer  
Inverloch Recreation Reserve
- 31** Inverloch NYE Fireworks  
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- 31** Coronet Bay NYE Fireworks  
Coronet Bay Foreshore
- 31** Cowes NYE Fireworks  
Cowes Pier
- 31** BCB Triathlon  
Cape Paterson

## February

- 3** Phillip Island Swim -Cowes Classic  
Cowes Jetty Triangle
- 17** Bendigo Bank San Remo Channel  
Challenge  
San Remo Foreshore
- 17** Cowes Night Market  
Erehwon Point, Cowes
- 24** BCB Triathlon Twilight race  
Inverloch
- 23-25** World Superbikes Championship  
Phillip Island Grand Prix

## January

- 5-7** Kustom Nationals  
Phillip Island
- 6** Music in the Glade  
The Glade, Inverloch
- 13** Cowes Night Market  
Erehwon Point, Cowes
- 13-14** Phillip Island Model Railway Show  
Cowes Cultural Centre
- 13** Bass Coast Agricultural Show  
Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve
- 20** Cape Family Festival  
Bay Beach Reserve, Cape Paterson
- 21** Cape Paterson Aquathon  
Cape Paterson
- 26** Pioneer Bay Aussie BBQ Bash  
Daisy Ave Res, Pioneer Bay
- 26** Australia Day  
See Council's website
- 26-28** AMCN International Classic  
Phillip Island Grand Prix
- 26-28** Inverloch Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta  
The Glade, Inverloch
- 27** Cowes Night Market  
Cowes Jetty Triangle
- 28** Kilcunda Lobster Festival  
Kilcunda
- 28** Wonthaggi Power Car Show and Shine  
Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve