



Photograph by Terry Melvin

*We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the lands and waters on which we live and work. We pay respect to Community Elders and Respected Peoples of the past, present and future.*

## Events

### Annual General Meeting

Sunday 9 January 2022 2.00pm  
St Phillips Anglican Hall  
Cnr Thompson Ave and Church Street, Cowes

A great opportunity to hear the annual reports and catch up with other members.  
Covid requirements necessary.

### Animals of OZ – Free Event

Saturday 8 January 2022  
10.00am – 12.00noon  
Phillip Island Football Club area  
Phillip Island Recreation  
8 Church Street, Cowes  
Covid requirements necessary.  
See article on page 13.



### Scenic Estate Reserve

Wednesday 15 December 2021 10.00am-12.00noon  
Extra thistle working bee.

Sunday 20 February 2022 10.00am – 12.00noon  
Weed control Stinkwort.

### Red Rocks Rubbish Clean Up

Sunday 23 January 2022 10.00am-12.00noon  
Meet at Red Rocks carpark.

See page 8 for further information on working bees.

## December 2021

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# President's Report

JEFF NOTTLE



Climate change, environmental and conservation issues, carbon emissions, Global COP 26 commitments and energy options are all dominating mainstream media. I believe the media coverage is a positive shift for the environment and the importance of conservation has emerged from being seen by many as a fringe issue. Unfortunately a lot of the rhetoric has become politicised and vested interests are clinging onto the past.

Nevertheless, at the community level initiatives to conserve and protect our part of the world are flourishing. PICS has been most active on a number of fronts.

PICS is a member of a newly formed alliance, the Westernport Conservation Group, that is looking at ways Westernport can be further protected from industrial threats posed by industry and political initiatives. The alliance includes PICS, Environment Victoria, Westernport Biosphere, Victorian National Parks Association and Save Westernport. Long term goals will include seeking an inaugural strategic and management plan for Westernport. As the alliance settles key issues around the scope of the protections and engagement with traditional owners further information will be available in the near future.

PICS has been active in providing input into transport issues on the Island. All of our recommendations for new speed limits have been incorporated in Council recommendations to RRV. PICS is now actively involved in the first stage of a focus on bicycle paths, tracks and trails and integrating transport options to reduce reliance on car travels. Council will release a draft for community input in the near future.

Josie presented a wonderful 10 minute and 10 photo presentation as part on the Landcare 'Connecting Community for Social Resilience in Changing times' future homes webinar. Josie certainly captured many of PICS key achievements to highlight to our community.

Carmen, Meg and Laura have been attending Environment Victoria workshops directed at enhancing People Power. As part of that initiative, Carmen has been assisting with developing an open letter to be directed to Federal politicians for fairer and faster Victorian Climate Action.

Our planning team have presented at VCAT hearings where well resourced development applications are being evaluated. The amount of detailed analysis presented by PICS has been outstanding. We thank the planning team for such dedicated work on these planning concerns.

Our outdoor working group have been most active and co-ordinator Meg and Nick Stephens leading plantings and weed eradication whilst engaging with the local communities.

Our arts working group including Laura and Anne is actively engaged in discussions with Council and Nature Parks in developing key initiatives combining arts and culture with science and conservation.

PICS appointments and engagement on key forums on the Island continue and include representation on the Phillip Island Nature Parks Community Advisory Group, Council community group for the Visitor Economy strategy, Council Transport Group and Friends of Scenic Estate.

As we move closer to our AGM this is the ideal opportunity for our members and friends to consider joining the PICS committee or assisting with one of our specialist groups in the New Year. Just make contact with our Secretary or any committee member.

I wish you all a safe and happy festive season.

# Planning Report

## **Newhaven Caravan Park, VCAT Hearing. Proposed Use and Development and Caravan Park, Creation of Road Access and Removal of Vegetation 1285 Phillip Island Road, Newhaven**

The hearing ran from Monday, 18 October 2021 to Friday, 22 October 2021.  
An extra day is scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2021.

### **Phillip Island Conservation Society Inc (PICS) Presentation**

On day two, Jeff Nottle, Terry Nott, Jane Jobe and Phil Wright read out the PICS submission. This included the latest Phillip Island Nature Park (PINP) observation results for the Eastern Barred Bandicoots, which recorded observations in April and May 2021 in the vicinity of the proposed caravan park.

The other presenters made significant contributions, among them the National Trust.

Day one was devoted to the Council barrister who generally did a thorough job covering all the Planning Overlays, traffic issues etc. He also mentioned that this application was the fourth attempt. He “put to bed” the suggestion that Council had once decided to rezone the land as Rural Activity.

### **Presentations By and Cross Examination of Applicant’s Experts**

Days three, four and five.

All experts were cross examined by Council barrister. The panel members and other presenters, including PICS, also asked many questions.

### **Some common themes and questions raised:**

- The proposed use is not appropriate for the Farming Zone.
- Exactly how much vegetation will be removed on both sides of the Phillip Island Road, especially near the deceleration lane?
- What effect will storm water runoff, from a “constructed” site, have on the Scenic Estate Conservation Reserve?
- How will the sewer connection work, where will it be?
- The applicants have applied to Council for the recent fill on site. Recently this has been moved away from near the dunes.
- How will the entrance and reception work in regards traffic, trailer parking and pedestrian movement?
- Earth mounds at the sides and throughout the park are required for drainage and privacy. How will they be landscaped and maintained?

### **Conclusion**

On the last day the Panel members advised that they had not been provided with sufficient information about the increased run off under Phillip Island Road and into the Scenic Estate Conservation Reserve and from there into the RAMSAR site. The Panel has requested that parties provide more information about the effects. This is required 5 days before the VCAT hearing on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December.

## **Actions**

- PICS to prepare additional information about the adverse effects on the Scenic Estate Reserve vegetation and on the RAMSAR site.
- PICS to discover more background information about the Council approved works at Cape Kitchen Spa Resort.
- In the long term, PICS should ask Council to make changes to all Planning maps showing the Scenic Estate Reserve, including the removal of the overlaying pattern of subdivision and roads.

*By Terry Nott*

## **Vietnam Veterans Museum Development**

I attended the Open Session on the proposed development of the land opposite the airport for the Vietnam Veterans Museum. The Board have worked hard to design a building with maximum sustainability and minimum energy needs. It is an impressive building.

The building only occupies 14% of the site and the remainder of the site is planned for walking paths, ponds and parkland. I do have concerns about the use of land that is in the Farm Zone for this purpose and what protection will ensure that, in the future, the site is not further subdivided for small holdings etc.

This is yet another encroachment from the east along Phillip Island Road. The township boundary for Newhaven extends to William Amess Drive (to Churchill Island) and vacant land here will inevitably become residential land.

Please have a look at the proposal on the Bass Coast web site. Search for Bass Coast Shire Planning Applications and then look under Newhaven.



*Proposed new museum building*

## **85 Thompson Avenue, Cowes**

PICS is also making a submission to Council in opposition to the proposed six storey development in Thompson Avenue for a 46-room hotel and apartment complex.

*By Penny Manning*

# Getting to Know Your Committee

Our Committee was asked to answer three questions.  
See how well you know your Committee. Can you identify the first three respondents?  
Go to page 15 to see how well you have done!

## Profile #1



*Why do you enjoy Conservation?*

Knowing that people care and act to protect the amazing environment where they live.

*What is something little known about you?*

I made a childhood dream come true by taking up Ballet and Jazz ballet at age 24 and continued for a decade. Even did a little tap dancing.

*What would you like to see on Phillip Island?*

Less intensive developments and more sustainable living. I look forward to the time that the Island will be a carbon neutral community by 2030.

## Profile #2



*Why do you enjoy Conservation?*

Conservation of our natural world often results in ensuring our natural world survives exploitation by mankind. Conservation matters now and for future generations. I enjoy working with like minded volunteers and community to ensure our natural world survives and flourishes for future generations.

*What is something little known about you ?*

I played in the inaugural team of the Moorabbin Rugby Union club in the under 12's. The local paper reported 'Rugby team had a UN atmosphere' as most players' families were from overseas. I received an award for Captain and Outstanding Clubman from Olympian Herb Elliot. Standing on the dais I was so overcome I cried. I went on to play for Haileybury College and Monash University.

*What would you like to see happen on the Island?*

I would like to see Phillip Island as a protected sanctuary of the natural world. It would be an island where all residents and visitors respect and protect the Island. It would be an Island in harmony and balance based on sustainable living.

## Profile #3



*Why do you enjoy Conservation?*

The planet belongs to future generations and working with PICS gives a feeling of contribution and connection to the place we can never go.

"Your children are not your children. They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself. You cannot go there even in your dreams. (Kahil Gibran)"

We will win the battle eventually.

*What is something little known about you?*

Five years in Fiji running sewerage system for entire country. In that time had 4<sup>th</sup> child born, completed MBA, formed a rock + roll band, Formed and Manager of National Surfing team which competed strongly in Tahiti.

*What would you like to see on Phillip Island?*

Whole of island coastal path based on the Prom Principle. Give people paths and they will stick to them and protect the natural environment. It will enable maintenance work to be completed. The concept that paths = erosion is incorrect.

# Totally Renewable Phillip Island (TRPI)



Keep the lights on and transition to a future of local, clean energy.

*Mary Whelan, Chairperson of Totally Renewable Phillip Island.*

*Totally Renewable Phillip Island (TRPI) commenced in 2018. It is a community organisation with island-based partner groups & members who share the vision of becoming Carbon Neutral by 2030. Visit our TRPI website & Facebook page.*

*Neroli Raff, Chairperson of The Energy Innovation Co-operative.*

*Energy Innovation Co-operative Ltd (EICo-op) is a non-trading, not-for-profit co-operative operating in Bass Coast and South Gippsland since 2009 with the mission 'working together towards a zero emissions community'.*

The Phillip Island community will benefit in two significant ways with the announcement from Ausnet of their intention to build a 5MW battery on Phillip Island. This battery, known as Phillip Island Community Energy Storage System (PICESS) is designed to increase the reliability of power supply to Phillip Island in peak periods and stabilise the grid. It also removes the current need for large fossil fuel generators to be put into service by Ausnet to generate the extra power needed in the peak holiday and summer periods. It will be located at the Bass Coast Shire Council site in Gap Road and be completed by October 2022. It will be powered by the grid.

The second significant benefit comes with the allocation of 0.05 MW of the battery for a 12-month pilot Neighbourhood Battery project. Locally produced renewable energy from household solar, which is excess to the households' needs, can be sold to the Neighbourhood Battery. People without solar, or battery storage, who want to use locally generated renewable energy will be able to purchase it from the Neighbourhood

Battery. And this is not all about Cowes, a second Neighbourhood Battery grant was also obtained for a trial of smaller batteries

suitable for smaller communities. Widespread community input and engagement are integral to both projects.

The two successful funding applications for these projects were made to the Victorian Government Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) for a total of \$550,000. The applications were a collaboration of local community groups Totally Renewable Phillip Island and the Energy Innovation Co Op, with Ausnet & their subsidiary Mondo with support from Bass Coast Shire Council.

In 2020 TRPI commissioned a report by David Coote from Analytical Engines to identify how Phillip Island can transition to a 100% Renewable Energy Community by 2030. Both Neighbourhood Battery projects are vital pieces of the transition by looking at how locally generated and stored renewable energy can benefit our community. In his report, David Coote identified the four pillars needed for this transition:

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**Decentralise** – generate energy locally & distribute power amongst the local community

**Decarbonise** - generate renewable energy, to replace dirty power from the grid

**Democratise** - citizens have more say how their power is made and used

**Digitalise** - embrace new technology

These battery projects tick all 4 of these boxes for Phillip Island’s transition to 100% Renewable power by 2030.

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## Open Letter Campaign - Westernport

Are you concerned about Climate Change? Do you want to take some action? Then keep your eye out for Environment Victoria’s Open Letter Campaign which is community based in various Regions around the State.

“Victorians from regions right across the state are getting together to show how widespread the support for climate action is in the lead up to the federal election. In the coastal villages around Westernport, community members are reaching out to local businesses, community groups, schools, sporting clubs and other groups – asking them to sign onto the EV website [Environment Victoria | Westernport Open Letter](#)

Below are merged photos from both sides of Westernport (Scenic Estate and Woolley’s Beach) to show solidarity and unity in a shared vision for our Region.



*Both sides of Westernport*

More details coming soon through press releases in local Newspapers.

# Outdoor Working Group Report - October – November 2021

*Meg Anderson*

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our wonderful volunteers who have made the effort to get out in all weathers throughout this challenging year to care for our environment and make a positive difference!

Many thanks also to John Eddy for his continued huge contribution and support of PICS Outdoor Working Group and to Dave Martin (BCSC Natural Resources Officer) for his ongoing support and encouragement.

We've been very fortunate that our scheduled activities this Spring have all gone ahead in fine weather for a productive season of outdoor work!

## What's been happening at SCENIC ESTATE RESERVE?

### • Thistle Working Bee

In early November, a willing team of 9 volunteers worked hard to remove thistles and onion weed from 4 main areas of the reserve. Many bags of flower heads and whole plants were bagged and removed. As restrictions had eased by then we were fortunate to finish off with a morning tea and a good chat at the northern-most picnic shelter!

However, thistles are an ongoing problem at SER, with new thistles popping up across the reserve and still a large infestation in the SW corner of the reserve, which we were unable to access last time due to the water-logged conditions.



- Extra working bee on **Wednesday 15 December, 10am – 12noon** to tackle more thistles!

### • **Working Bee Schedule for 2022: Here are some dates for your diary!**

While all scheduled working bees will be on Sunday mornings from 10am to 12noon, meeting at the Scenic Estate Reserve car park, any follow up work, if needed, will be held on weekdays and advertised via special call outs for volunteers.

20 Feb	Weed control – Stinkwort
20 March	Clean Up Day
24 April	Woody Weed control
19 June	Planting Day – there are 200 plants to go in!
21 August	Gorse control
25 Sep	SER OPEN DAY – Invite Public and Volunteers to walk the reserve
6 Nov	Thistle control

For more information on these working bees, or if you're interested in joining the FOSER Committee, please contact the new FOSER Coordinator Jan Fleming on 5956 6903 or Meg Anderson on 0401 370 406.

## What's been happening at RED ROCKS and SALTWATER CREEK?

- We held one Spring working bee in late October to remove weeds from amongst the undergrowth in the coastal reserve along the fire access track off Red Rocks carpark. With a fantastic turn out of volunteers (18 in total), we made a huge impact by removing 10 bags + 1 large organics bin full of weeds including onion grass, blue periwinkle creeper and thistles. We are very pleased to have welcomed four new volunteers to the group, and it is wonderful to see our volunteer numbers growing.



- A lovely morning tea attended by 9 volunteers was held in glorious weather on Sunday 28 November at Red Rocks Picnic area. It was a great opportunity for volunteers to meet and have a good chat with a cuppa and piece of cake or two!



- Working Bee Schedule for 2022: Here are some dates for your diary!**

Next year, while the 7 scheduled working bees will be on Sunday morning from 10am to 12noon, any follow up work, if needed, will be on weekdays and via special call outs for volunteers!

Red Rocks Meet at the Red Rocks Car Park	Saltwater Creek Meeting point TBA
23 Jan: Rubbish clean up	22 May: Weeding
10 April: Weeding	24 July: Planting
26 June: Planting – sand dune infill planting	
10 July: Planting – along fire trail	
9 Oct: Weeding	

A total of 250 plants, including grasses, shrubs and trees, have been ordered for planting across the two locations next year.

- For more information on volunteering activities at Red Rocks/Saltwater Creek, or if you would like to get more involved and join the RRSWC Coordinating Group, please contact the Coordinator, Nick Stephens on 0481 265 534.
- RRSWC Coast Care is now organised by a Coordinating Group, with Nick Stephens as Coordinator, Meg Anderson as OWG Rep, and we thank Marilyn Shaw and Heather Liney for kindly offering to join the group.

The Outdoor Working Group very much look forward to welcoming back our FOSER and RRSWC Coast Care volunteers from off the island to working bees next year, now that everyone is able to travel to the island – I know our volunteers are really keen to join us again!

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## Speed Review

*Jeff Nottle*

### The need for less speed

PICS has been involved with Regional Roads Victoria (RRV) and Council in the Phillip Island speed review and will continue to advocate for integrated transport options. PICS primary focus was wildlife and the need to reduce speeds as far as practicable. [PICS PI Speed review submission](#)

PICS believes the new speed limits should be supported with creative signage that includes a very prominent gateway sign in Newhaven, and elsewhere on high-risk corridors, with bold symbolic legends depicting wildlife and a simple message to Drive Carefully for Wildlife.

PICS believes key wildlife corridor roads particularly the Cowes-Rhyll Road, should have dynamic speed signs, sunset to sunrise speed differentials to highlight the high risk and the time dependent nature of that risk. If PICS is successful it will be a first for Victoria to have speed differentials for wildlife protection.

To further reduce wildlife collisions PICS believes the grass verges and vegetation need to be well-maintained on roadsides to reduce grazing adjacent to roads.



## Words from the Woodlands

Dr Laura Brearley

This is an adaptation of an article which first appeared in the Bass Coast Post

<https://www.basscoastpost.com/laura-brearley/words-from-the-woodlands>



Photograph by Terry Melvin

As a community, we've been doing a lot of walking in the Western Port Woodlands lately. We've been in good company and have been guided by experts in birds, trees, flowers and fungi. Catherine Watson from Save Western Port Woodlands has been organising the walks and inviting us into new ways of experiencing and appreciating the Woodlands. The walks are a sensory delight and have deepened our sense of connection with each other and the more than human world.

We recently extended a creative invitation to the community to share their experience of the Woodlands in 150 words or less. A lot can be said in a few words. Here are 111 words about trees from Pulitzer Prize winning author Richard Powers, from his 2020 book 'The Overstory'.

'We found that trees could communicate, over the air and through their roots. Common sense hooted us down. We found that trees take care of each other. That a tree learns to save water. That trees feed their young and synchronize their masts and bank resources and warn kin and send out signals to wasps to come and save them from attacks ... A forest knows things. They wire themselves up underground. There are brains down there, ones our own brains aren't shaped to see. Root plasticity, solving problems and making decisions. Fungal synapses. What else do you want to call it? Link enough trees together, and a forest grows aware.'

And here are some words from our community in response to the creative invitation.

Linda Cuttriss has written ...

'Dear Woodlands

The other day I wandered among your tough, rough barked trunks. I watched a kookaburra fly between your outstretched limbs. Insects buzzed around your wattle blossoms. Little birds flitted through your shrubbery. A purple orchid peeked up from a drift of fallen leaves.

I felt your beauty and your power. I breathed in your pure air. I thought of all the plants and animals you protect and provide for. And I wondered how our government leaders could allow you, the region's last substantial wildlife corridor, to be cut apart to mine the sand that you are rooted in.

You are irreplaceable. You are priceless. You nourish our wellbeing. You are vital to threatened species with nowhere else to go. You breathe in our CO2 emissions storing carbon as you grow. Stand strong Western Port Woodlands. We are fighting for you. We are calling out your name.'



And from our own Josephine Allen ...

### ***Shifting Sands***

*I've heard stories of invasive settlers  
Landing on the tide at Bass's  
Muddy Mangroves  
Taking days to reach the hill tops  
Through dense twirls of forest*

*They didn't know the pathways  
Clearing their dominions*

*For years the hills lay like nudes  
Rounded curves  
Hairy armpits  
When once a family could live  
In the hollows of the giant trees  
Ferns and hear the song lists of Lyre birds*

*Now, a remnant – an echo  
Delicate flowers  
Grass trees  
Banksias cones*

*On weekdays - grating sounds  
Wheels shifting sands  
Unfit cuts!  
Destabilizing*

*Sundays and Public holidays  
The highway swings  
Until up deep in the bush  
In the sandy steps  
Of time chants  
A bush call  
As birds call  
Continuation  
Rehabilitation  
Reclaiming our ancient threads.*

And the final words go to Ed Thexton, the new President of the South Gippsland Conservation Society ...

'The wonder of the woodlands. A near lost resource. The very scarcity being the thing that makes it invaluable.

When I walk the woodlands, it is with a sense of marvel. I can take the long view. The wide tree spacing, low ground cover and dispersed groupings of shrubs allow for that. Its low nutrient soils hardly support a weed, which in and of itself is remarkable.

Walking through the compact dune swale landform and the little creeks, you can come across discrete patches of *Melaleuca squarrosa* for example and along the creek, stands of distinctive *Pomaderris aspera*.

Subvert the dominant paradigm is a term that I enjoy for some reason, and the Westernport Woodlands by a curious twist of fate, have subverted the dominant paradigm of regional land clearing. That in and of itself is a reason in 2021 to keep this example of a vestige of the lost.'



## ANIMALS OF OZ COMES TO PHILLIP ISLAND AGAIN

PICS has been hosting Animals of Oz for a number of years, each January. This is a free event, assisted with a grant from Bass Coast Shire Council. It is a great way to keep kids immersed and captivated!

Animals of Oz provides the best event displays that will keep the children engaged as they hear our stories and meet our animals. And the adults will love it too!

PS Our programs are **educational**, but the kids will be having too much fun to even realise. Animals of Oz has extensive experience in delivering fun, entertaining and educational animal displays. Our displays have proven time and time again to be enormously popular with both the adults and children alike.

Like last year it will be held at the Phillip Island Recreation Reserve, Football Club area, which has lots of parking and shade and cover if needed.

Please be covid safe with the usual requirements.



Jesse from [Animals of Oz](#) telling stories about these animals up close, last year.



Bookings to Secretary – [phillipislandconservation@gmail.com](mailto:phillipislandconservation@gmail.com)

## Bass Coast Landcare Sustainability Festival Webinar

PICS was one of five community groups to be part of the 'Connecting Community for Social Resilience in Changing times' future homes webinar on Wednesday 24th November 7.00-8.30pm.



The Webinar was in the style of a modified 'Pecha Kucha' using 10 photos in 10 minutes for each conservation group. It was a challenge fitting in 53 years of PICS activity into this format. In preparation for the webinar, committee members were asked to think of their personal highlights over the years.

Here is the list in no particular order:

- Western Port Bay and the Preserve Western Port Action Group campaigns like AGL and the Container Ships.
- Friends of Scenic Estate Reserve (FOSER)
- Saved the area from a Marina in Rhyll in 1968
- SWAG in 1989 (another proposed Marina)
- Won the VCAT Appeal against 12 storey Isle of Wight proposal in 2000
- Two books: An Island Worth Conserving and Women In Conservation on Phillip Island
- Huge Public Meeting in Parish Hall against Car Ferry, 2018.
- PICS awarded an Environment Victoria 50th Anniversary Community Environment Award in 2019
- Stopped town boundaries expansion
- Sixteen Noise Free Weekends per year from racetrack
- Phillip Island Integrated Transport Strategy
- Five days online with VCAT trying to persuade panel to reject 220 site caravan park at Forrest Caves.
- Major role is preventing Cadogan subdivision.
- What have been your highlights? PICS welcomes contributions from our members for the newsletter.



*SWAG beach rally February 1988*

## Get Involved

### GREAT OPPORTUNITIES TO WORK WITH ICONIC PHILLIP ISLAND CONSERVATION SOCIETY INC.

For more than 50 years Phillip Island Conservation Society Inc. (PICS) has been leading conservation issues on Phillip Island. Opportunities to volunteer with a well-established group of likeminded people now exist.

You will be able to contribute to a wide range of issues and assist with the education, advocacy, planning and helping to run the organisation.

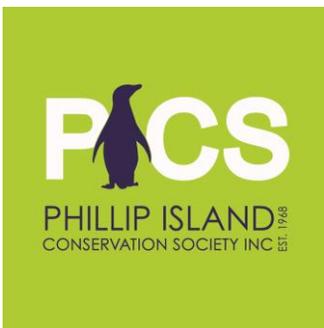
We are currently looking for support in:

**Administration Support / Secretary**  
**Communications**  
**Social media**  
**Research**

You will be given an excellent introduction and handover to ensure you are supported at all times.

If this sounds of interest to you, please email [phillipislandconservation@gmail.com](mailto:phillipislandconservation@gmail.com) with your area of interest/s and a contact number so a committee member can chat with you.

## Memberships



Memberships are due on 31 December 2021 for the year 2022. You will note that we have added another category, Gold Membership - \$200, which is a great way to show that you are dedicated to the cause and the vision of Phillip Island Conservation Society Inc. See page 16 for more information.

Quiz answers: Profile #1 Josephine Kent, Profile #2 Jeff Nottle, Profile #3 Phil Wright

## Committees

### SUB-COMMITTEE OF PICS

#### Red Rocks/Saltwater Creek Coastcare and Friends of Scenic Estate Reserve:

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### OTHER GROUPS:

#### Friends of Koalas (FOK):

Contact Ph: 0419 552 385 or 0484 921 028

#### Friends of Churchill Island (FOCIS):

Email: [secretary@focis.org.au](mailto:secretary@focis.org.au)

#### Bird Life Bass Coast:

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Secretary: Sue Woolley [basscoast@birdlife.org.au](mailto:basscoast@birdlife.org.au)

#### Bass Coast Climate Action Network:

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### PICS COMMITTEE 2021

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**Minutes Secretary:** Carmen Bush

**Treasurer:** Matthew Ingham

**Committee:** Margaret Hancock (planning), Penny Manning (Chair of c/ee meetings/planning), Terry Nott, Lisa Schonberg, Phil Wright, Anne Davie, Pauline Taylor, Dr Laura Brearley, Meg Anderson.

The Committee meets at 10.00am on 1st Saturday of each month.

## Membership

If you like the work we do, why not become a member? By becoming a member of PICS, you help us continue our mission and in return, you will also receive these great benefits:

- Get 25% off entry prices to all Phillip Island Nature Parks attractions including the Penguin Parade
- Receive "The Penguin" quarterly newsletter
- Invitations to exclusive presentations by expert speakers on planning, wildlife and environment
- Access to advice on planning and environment matters that may effect you
- Opportunities to help the environment through volunteering days
- Be part of a like-minded community making a difference
- Public Fund donations are tax free.

Single Membership - \$25/year

Family Membership - \$35/year

Concession Membership - \$15/year

Gold Membership - \$200/year

Or just donate to the Public Fund.

To become a member or to donate go to our website and click on Become a Member

<https://picsvictoria.org.au/become-a-member/>

You can also download a form from the site or contact the secretary Josephine Kent, Ph: 0421 310 204 or Email: [phillipislandconservation@gmail.com](mailto:phillipislandconservation@gmail.com)

***PICS Facebook page is getting a lot of notice in 2021 and items can also be found on our website. Please join the other 2900 people who like our page.***



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