

RHYLL REPORTER

RCA Meeting this Saturday 18th January

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The Rhyll Community Association **Meeting** will be held at 10am
Saturday 18th January 2025
Rhyll Mechanics Hall
All residents welcome

The Rhyll Community Association will be holding their first meeting of the year this Saturday 18th at 10am at the Rhyll Hall.

Peter Balfe will update us with the latest on the Rhyll Ramp demolition issue.

Information regarding the BCSC's 'takeover' of the Rhyll Hall & Parks control and the progress of it being reinstated under our own Rhyll Community management.

We will also have an approximate figure of profit from the Rhyll Markets.

Please come along and support your community.

Residents Afternoon Tea

The scheduled **RCA Afternoon Teas** will be held at the **Rhyll Hall** at 2pm on the following date
Thursday 6th February 2025
Everyone is welcome

Rhyll Cruise Ship Arrival - This Sunday

The Regatta Cruise Ship arrives in Rhyll on Sunday 18th around 9am. This ship carries approximately 800 passengers and almost 400 crew.

The Rhyll Community Association will be providing the normal Welcome by supplying the tables, chairs and marquee together with arranging the band, Island Jazz.

Shuttle buses will be arriving and departing continuously to take passengers to Cowes, so expect the Cowes-Rhyll Road to be a bit busier than normal.

Snake Alert

A reminder to all of our residents and guests... Snakes are out and about enjoying the warm weather just like us.

Please just keep your eyes peeled and watch your dogs and children when playing around the parks.



Businesses in Rhyll

Beauty Therapy

Bombshell Betty 0400 120777

Electricians

Electrical Insight 0418 100389

Cafes/Restaurants

Wild Food Farm 0406 153143
Foreshore Restaurant 5956 9520
My Seaside Cafe 5900 0666
Tides Fish & Chips 5956 9230
Rhyll General Store 5907 6796

Garden Maintenance

Kerrin Sutherland-Parker 0484 145252

Hairdresser

Elements 5900 0811

Home Maintenance

John Kroon 0433 319716

Mechanics

Phillip Island Motorcycles 0400 567424

Marine Supplies

Phillip Island Marine 5956 9238

Rhyll PickleBall/Tennis Courts

Available for casual hire. \$15 per hour (plus \$5 refundable key deposit) from the General Store. Racquets can also be hired. For more information call Cheryl 0427 680483 or Mandy 0409 186521

Come and join us for Pickleball at Rhyll Twilight Market Friday 17th January 4pm



The Rhyll Tennis Club is proud to be the home of the first outdoor Pickleball court on Phillip Island.

Pickleball is a relatively new game (to most of us) and is something that can include all the family.

Pickleball is played indoors and outdoors. It was invented in 1965 as a children's backyard game in the United States, and in 2022, Pickleball was named the official sport of Washington State.

The Rhyll Tennis Club Committee are inviting new members and players to keep our courts busy and the club active.

Rhyll Tennis Club was granted funds through the Bass Coast Shire Quick Response Grants to purchase the new equipment needed.

Paddles and Balls can be hired at the General Store when collecting the key to the court. Membership is available for avid and frequent players, or the court can be hired for \$15 per hour. Courts can be booked through the Rhyll General Store phone: 5907 6796.

Usually, four players get together to play this fun game making court hire very affordable. The rules are simple, and the game is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a fast-paced competitive sport for those who like a challenge.

There is plenty of interest from those who play indoors, at the Cowes Leisure Centre. Many attended the recent Open Day to play and enjoy what Rhyll Tennis Club has to offer. They also have the experience to pass on "hacks and tips" to those who are new to the game.



Come along and join in the fun at the next **Rhyll Twilight Market, Friday 17 January**, when the courts and Pickleball players will be available for our Free Open Evening from 4-6pm. For more details you can ring Mandy 0409 186 521.

General Enquiries and Membership Contact:
rhylltennis@gmail.com

Last Twilight Market for the Season!! This Friday



Celebrate Community Spirit at Rhyll Park on Sunday, 26th January 11am

The Phillip Island and District Historical Society, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo, warmly invites you to a community gathering at Rhyll Park on Sunday, 26th January. Starting at 11 am, this family-friendly event promises a day filled with music, fun, and reflection on the unique privilege of calling this beautiful region home.

Rhyll Park will come alive with live music, laughter, and the tantalizing aroma of a complimentary sausage sizzle, plus a variety of foods vans. While adults can have beverages and enjoy the relaxed ambiance, kids can have their faces painted and enjoy the thrill of an entertaining stilt walker.



Historical Society President Doug Waugh highlights the theme of the day: "Reflect, Respect, Celebrate." These principles guide the society's mission. Doug explains, "We reflect on and share our rich history, respect the incredible legacy of those who came before us, and celebrate our good fortune to live in such a special part of the world."

This is the third year the Historical Society and the Rotary Club have teamed up to host this event, which is as much about building connections as it is about celebration. The Australian Government, through the National Australia Day Council, has supported the day, ensuring it remains inclusive and welcoming for all.

Bring along your family, friends, and even a picnic blanket. Take the opportunity to connect with your neighbours, enjoy the festivities, and share in the spirit of community.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, 26th January, at Rhyll Park. Let's come together, celebrate, and reflect on our shared journey.

The Arrival of Electricity in Rhyll

By Pamela Rothfield

It's hard to believe, but in 1957 while the rest of Australia was relishing the arrival of television, our little hamlet of Rhyll stepped into the modern era with the arrival of electricity.

It was a transformative moment for our small community. For Rhyll's few residents—a population numbering just around 50 across the central and outlying areas—electricity was a game-changer, bringing light and convenience to homes that had long relied on traditional methods of illumination, heating and cooking.

Local resident Raymond Jansson recalls the days before electrification vividly. "Over the kitchen table hung a petrol lamp," he says, a single source of light that cast flickering shadows across the room. This lamp, like so many others in Rhyll, was an essential part of life in a village untouched by the conveniences of modern energy. Its glow marked the centre of family life, illuminating evening meals and quiet conversations in a time when electricity was still a distant prospect.



Petrol Lamp

The electrification of Rhyll came nearly three decades after electricity became commonplace in Melbourne. The Victorian capital began its electrification journey in the late 19th century, with the first electric streetlights installed in 1894 and household connections becoming widespread by the 1920s. By the time Rhyll saw its first electric lines, Melbourne's suburban sprawl was already alive with the hum of modern appliances and entertainment.

For Rhyll, however, the change was as profound as it was overdue. In 1950, the village was a sleepy hamlet with only 11 houses in its central area and a scattering of others in the surrounding reaches. The introduction of electricity in 1957 marked not just an improvement in daily life but a sign of progress, as Rhyll began to embrace change alongside larger shifts happening on the island.



Coal heated Iron

That same year, 1957, the Rhyll Progress Association formally named the village streets, reflecting a growing sense of identity and order as land subdivisions began to attract more interest.

Electrification not only illuminated homes but also helped pave the way for modern conveniences, thereby enabling the small village to look ahead to the future. Coal heated irons were replaced by electric models, modern washing

machines replaced fire coppers and Coolgardie safes evolved into refrigerators, things that we take for granted today,

The arrival of electricity was a transformative moment for families like the Jansson's. Radios crackled to life in living rooms, refrigerators hummed in kitchens, and the glowing screens of televisions soon became a centrepiece of family entertainment. The petrol lamp that once hung in Raymond's kitchen became a memory of a simpler time, replaced by the steady, reliable light of electric bulbs.



A 'modern' radio



Rhyll's electrification stands as one of the milestones in our history. It reminds us of how the spread of technology transformed our village, back almost 70 years ago.

It was a spark that ignited change, connecting our quiet fishing village with the broader progress across Australia.

Have you considered joining the Phillip Island & District Historical Society?



Did you know that the Phillip Island & District Historical Society relies almost entirely on the support of its members to continue its important work? For just \$30 a year—that's only 57 cents per week — the Society preserves and protects the stories, artefacts, and sites that make our island unique. Email j.gittus43@gmail.com for details



2024 / 2025

Cruise Ship Visits

Date	Ship	# Passengers	# crew	ETA	ETD
Sunday 29 September 24	Diamond Princess	2670	1100	0800	2300
Sunday 20 October 24	Diamond Princess	2670	1100	0700	2300
Sunday 10 November 24	Diamond Princess	2670	1100	0700	2300
Tuesday 26 November 24	Silver Nova No welcome required	728	556	1600	2300
Sunday 1 December 2024	Diamond Princess	2670	1100	0730	2300
Sunday 8 December 2024	Coral Adventurer No welcome required	120	900	0630	2359
Sunday 19 January 2025	Regatta	803	372	0900	2359
Tuesday 11 February 2025	Seabourn Quest	540	330	0800	2300



MEMBERSHIP FORM

NAME

ADDRESS

EMAIL

PHONE

\$5.00 per year

Date

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I would like to become a member of the Rhyll Community Association and agree to be bound the Rules of the Association.

Bank Details: Rhyll Community Association

BSB: 633 000

Account: 131 997 751

Signed:

Please return this form to the Rhyll General Store

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Rhyll 3923

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