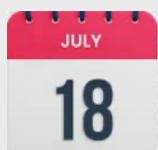


# RHYLL REPORTER

## RCA Meeting



The next Rhyll Community Association **Meeting** will be held at **10am**

**Saturday 18th** July 2026

Rhyll Mechanics Hall

All residents welcome

## Cleaner Wanted

Want to earn a few extra  
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The Rhyll Hall & Parks Committee is looking for a reliable cleaner for our lovely Historic Hall.

The job is for 2 hrs per week but more details can be gained by ringing 0491 641331



## RHYLL HALL PARKING AND LANDSCAPING

You may have noticed that works on the new indented parking off Lock Road have commenced at the Rhyll Hall. This is being done to restore some of the parking that was removed when the concrete ramp was installed by Bass Coast Shire Council.

A small tree on the nature strip outside the hall is being removed at the request of BCSC to enable the off street parking to be moved up the hill. This will provide better visibility of approaching traffic for motorists leaving the car park.

The work includes four new parking spaces, a gravel path to the hall and levelling the area in front of the hall to provide more room for tables and chairs on market days.

Andy Mcfee is installing the retaining walls and Dave Mcfee constructing the parking areas and path.

This work is being paid for by a \$10,000 community grant from the Council and \$18000 from the Rhyll Community Association using proceeds from the markets.

Who knows what might happen after that? Watch this space...



## Businesses in Rhyll

### Beauty Therapy

Bombshell Betty 0400 120777

### Electricians

Electrical Insight 0418 100389

Silverleaves Elect 0401 929977

### Cafes/Restaurants

My Seaside Cafe 5900 0666

Tides Fish & Chips 5956 9230

Rhyll Tavern 5956 9370

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 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

### Rhyll Hall Bookings

Phone 0491 641 331

### Thermomix Consultant

Contact

Carolyn May 0409 252 099

## RSL Community Grants



Whilst on the subject of markets and extra seating, the Rhyll Community Association would like to give thanks to the Phillip Island RSL for their generous grant of \$1,820 to purchase extra tables and chairs. The RCA was one of a number of local recipients of grant money, including Girls on Tools at PICAL,

Phillip Island CFA and Cowes Probus Club amongst others.

Carolyn May attended the morning tea and was pleased to accept the cheque on behalf of the RCA Committee from local RSL Treasurer, Michael Crump. Thanks to Cheryl Overton for submitting the grant application on behalf of the RCA Committee.

This is a good opportunity to encourage residents and visitors to support our local RSL, who in turn, support not only Returned Service men and women, but also the broader local community.

## RHYLL ART SHOW

An exhibition of work by local artists will be held in the Rhyll Hall on the last weekend of September (25th - 27th). It will be a great show – mark the date in your diary!



The Art Show will build on the very successful exhibitions that were held in the hall from 2016 to 2022. The organisers hope to attract a wide range of creative works including painting, sculpture, ceramics, textiles, woodcraft and photography. To be eligible the work must be original and for sale, and must be handcrafted by a full or part time resident of Rhyll 3923.

Detailed Guidelines for prospective artists will be posted on the Rhyll Community Association website shortly <https://rhyllcoa.com.au>. Anyone interested should contact Peter Balfe ([peter.balfe@bigpond.com](mailto:peter.balfe@bigpond.com))

## WARNING: PLEASE STAY ALERT

Bird flu has been detected in Western Australia and South Australia. While the current risk to people is considered low, the virus is highly infectious and can spread easily among birds and some animals.

Avoid sick or dead birds and do not touch or go near them, as bird flu can infect pets and, rarely, humans. If possible, take a photo, record the location, and report the sighting to the Emergency Animal Disease Hotline on 1800 675 888, especially if you find multiple dead birds.

More information is available here: [Bird flu \(avian influenza\) | Australian Centre for Disease Control](#). Please take care.

Rhyll Resilience Team



## Rhyll Tennis Club & Pickleball

### Anyone can play!

Pickleball is easy to learn, great fun, and full of laughs and during our colder months, weather dependant. Wind breaking banners for our fences are being planned to make our outdoor courts more user friendly.



### Social Games

- Tue, Wed & Fri: 9:30 am–12 noon
- Thu Evening: 4:00–5:30 pm

### Come & Try Games

- Wed & Fri: 9:30 am–12 noon only

 **Must Register in case of cancellation** : [rhylltennis@gmail.com](mailto:rhylltennis@gmail.com)

 **Google "Rhyll Tennis"** or scan the QR code for details.

## BASS COAST BUSINESS AWARDS

We are pleased to note that the Rhyll General Store has been named a Finalist in the People's Choice Awards. This is in recognition and appreciation of the service that the Rhyll General Store provides for not only the people of Rhyll, but also visitors to our lovely village.

Well done to Nick, Vyshu and their staff and family that provide such efficient and friendly service, and well done to everyone that took the time to vote for them.

Fingers crossed for the awards night in August, but whatever the outcome, the Rhyll General Store are already winners in our opinion.



## Cruise Ship Visits for Rhyll

We have 7 scheduled cruise ships due into Rhyll from December this year.

Amazingly, we have none over the January/February months, which makes life easier as it's Rhyll market time.

Our 'Cruise Ship Welcome' committee is always looking for assistance. If you can help either with setup or pack up, you will be warmly welcomed. Ring Peter 0417 375584

### 2026 / 2027 Cruise Ship Visits

| Date                        | Ship                | # Passengers | # crew | ETA     | ETD     |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--------------|--------|---------|---------|
| Wednesday, 2 December 2026  | Carnival Adventure  | 2636         | 1100   | 8.00am  | 5.00pm  |
| Tuesday, 15 December 2026   | Noordam             | 1972         | 811    | 8.00am  | 11.00pm |
| Tuesday, 22 December 2026   | Noordam             | 1972         | 811    | 7.00am  | 11.00pm |
| Wednesday, 23 December 2026 | Seven Seas Explorer | 750          | 548    | 7.00am  | 5.00pm  |
| Friday, 5 March 2027        | Riviera             | 1250         | 800    | 8.00am  | 6.00pm  |
| Friday, 12 March 2027       | Norwegian Spirit    | 2032         | 912    | 7.00am  | 7.30pm  |
| Saturday, 3 April 2027      | Norwegian Spirit    | 2032         | 912    | 10.00am | 7.00pm  |

## A Champion in our Midst

*By Pamela Rothfield*

Rhyll locals will be very familiar with John and Rhonda Kroon, a well-known and much-loved local couple. One of their two sons, Brandon, has followed a remarkable path as a chainsaw carver - and many in Rhyll will know his work through the beautiful Ferry Captain carving he created in 2019, after the large cypress tree on the foreshore came down.

Brandon's extraordinary talent has long been admired, but this week it was recognised on the world stage at the Chetwynd International Chainsaw Carving Championship, held in the town of Chetwynd in British Columbia, Canada.

Now in its 20th year, the Chetwynd championship is regarded as the most prestigious chainsaw carving title in the world. Each year, just 12 world-class carvers are selected by the Board of Directors and invited to compete for the honour of being crowned champion.

Brandon was once again invited to take part, having placed in the top three in previous years. His father John mentioned that, before the competition began, Brandon was still mulling over what subject he might carve. Unlike some competitions, Chetwynd has no set theme, giving the carvers complete creative freedom. The resulting sculptures are later displayed throughout the town, adding to Chetwynd's reputation as a remarkable outdoor gallery of chainsaw art.

Each carver is provided with a Western red cedar log, around 100 to 130cm in diameter and 2.5m tall and given 35 hours to complete a sculpture of their own design.

There are three major award categories: the Judges' Choice, the coveted People's Choice, and the prestigious Carvers' Choice, decided by the carvers themselves. Each category recognises first, second and third placegetters.

Before the competition, John spoke to his son on the phone and asked what he had in mind. Expecting something spectacular - perhaps a dragon or an eagle - John was rather taken aback when Brandon said he was planning to carve Lego people. John said, "No way - who'd be interested in Lego?"

Well, John was certainly proven wrong.

Brandon's choice of subject was an absolute sensation. His sculpture featured two Lego pirates fighting over a chest of treasure, with a palm tree in the background — and it won not only first place from the judges, but also the People's Choice award and, wait for it, the Carvers' Choice award as well.

A clean sweep. Congratulations Brandon, from all your fans in Rhyll. What a wonderful achievement.

It is not every day that a small community can claim such a close connection to a world champion, but through the Kroon family, Rhyll can proudly do just that.



Brandon (right) with his winning sculpture



Membership forms are available on our website  
<http://rhyllcoa.com.au>

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