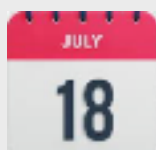


RHYLL REPORTER

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



Congratulations Rhyll!

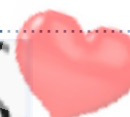
The Rhyll Community Association has been successful in obtaining a \$10,000 grant from the Bass Coast Shire Council for upgrading the 'access and amenity' to the Rhyll Hall.

This money will go towards the creation of inset parking spaces in front of the Rhyll Hall in Lock Road, with an additional sealed path leading up to the hall for easy access. Works are scheduled to begin in July 2026.

The Rhyll Community Association will also be complimenting the pathway with sensitive planting and levelling of the area next to the hall. (See sketch below)



Thanks to Bass Coast Shire Council for their assistance.



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

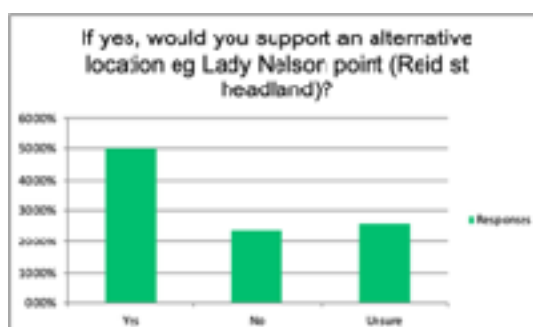
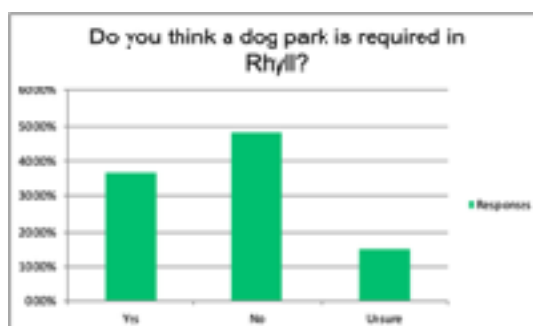
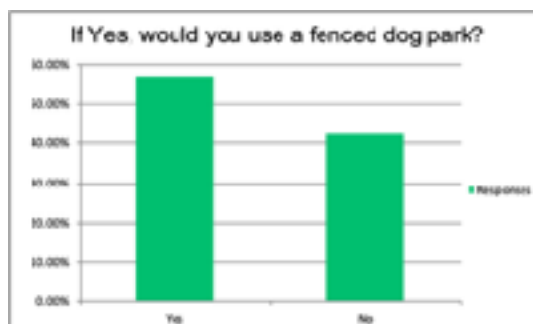
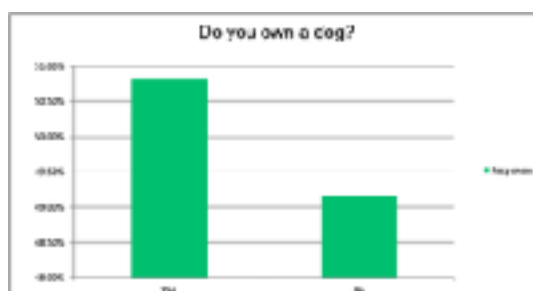
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Dog Park Survey results for Rhyll residents

The survey is to allow us to understand the feeling of residents towards a **fenced** dog park in Rhyll. We received 122 responses from Rhyll residents, the data of which is summarised below.

The full survey answers with all comments will be available on our web site rhyllcoa.com.au under "newsletters and meetings"





Protecting Western Port Bay

Sunday June 21st at Berninneit at 1pm

Hear about the threats facing our bay particularly from developments such as the Victorian Renewable Energy Terminal, the strategy for future development at Port of Hastings, and the urgent need for a similar protective management framework currently in place for **Port Phillip Bay**. Western Port's Ramsar wetland, Biosphere status and unique marine environment are justification enough for the application of 'guardrails' preventing inappropriate developments.

Phillip Island 2050

Monday June 22nd at RSL at 5.30pm

Phillip Island Conservation Society joins with Island Voice and the National Trust to support a community forum to consider "**Phillip Island 2050**" - how Phillip Island residents can manage the challenges of the next twenty-four years while retaining the Island's special character; register your interest at islandvoice@islandprogress.com.au



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 2025	Carnival Adventure	2200	1100	8.00am	5.00pm
Tuesday, 15 December 2025	Naardam	1970	811	8.00am	11.00pm
Tuesday, 12 December 2025	Naardam	1972	811	7.00am	11.00pm
Wednesday, 23 December 2025	Seren Sea Explorer	700	510	7.00am	5.00pm
Friday, 5 March 2027	Botnia	1200	800	8.00am	6.00pm
Friday, 11 March 2027	Norwegian Spirit	2100	912	7.00am	7.30pm
Saturday, 3 April 2027	Norwegian Spirit	2100	912	10.00am	7.00pm

All welcome, simply
Donate on the Day

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

**Every dollar raised helps support
those impacted by cancer.**

When: Wednesday June 3, 2026

Where: Rhyll Mechanics Hall, 54 Loch Road, Rhyll

Time: 10.30 - 12.30

Details: All Welcome - Enquiries 0418 301 662

Enjoy a great morning tea, meet new friends while
raising funds for Australians impacted by cancer

Donate directly on the day or use our QR Code

biggestmorningtea.com.au





Partnership against Pests

Bass Coast Landcare Network are hosting a demonstration day on Best practice management of rabbits. Invasive Species team of Aaron Stephens (Coordinator) and Jack Harriss (Project officer) will do demonstrations of rabbit proof fencing, how to lay bait stations and manage a baiting program, as well as fumigation of burrows. This session will help landholders better understand techniques and timing for control, with plenty of time for questions, discussion and information sharing.



Partnerships Against Pests

Demonstration day

Best practice Rabbit Management

Event Details

Dates/Time: Friday 5th June – 10.00 am to 1.30 pm

Venue: River Garden Bass – Starting with a cuppa at Bass Hall 2-4 Bass School Rd. Bass 3991

Catering: Morning tea and Lunch provided (Make sure to RSVP)

RSVP: Please book your place at <https://www.trybooking.com/DMEKY>

For all enquiries please contact: lisa.wangman@basscoastlandcare.org.au



Partnerships Against Pests

Webinar – Technology and Invasive Species Management

Event Details

Dates/Time: Tuesday 2nd June – 7.00 pm to 8.30 pm

Online webinar: Link to be sent to registered participants

RSVP: Please register to be emailed the link at <https://www.trybooking.com/DMHLA>

For all enquiries please contact: lisa.wangman@basscoastlandcare.org.au

The Loss of the Vision

By Pamela Rothfield

For many years, Captain Erik Fridolf 'Fred' Jansson a well-known and much respected resident of Rhyll, earned his living plying the waters of Western Port as master of the ketch Vision. The sturdy wooden trading vessel, measuring 54 feet in length and 24 tons gross, regularly carried cargo between Melbourne and Western Port communities and was a familiar sight around the district.

Born in Sweden in 1865, Jansson arrived in Melbourne in May 1888 as a cook aboard the barque Orient — and it is said that he promptly “jumped ship,” eventually making his home in the Western Port district. After settling in Victoria, he went on to become a master mariner, following a path taken by many members of the seafaring Jansson family.

Like many early seafarers and pioneers, Fred Jansson lived a rugged and often dangerous life. A newspaper report from June 1905 noted that, “While Mr F. Jansson, of Rhyll was chopping an overhead limb, the axe slipped and severely gashed his foot. Exhausted from loss of blood, he was conveyed by boat to San Remo where he was attended by Dr Manly.”

On Sunday morning, 8 July 1917, Captain Jansson left Melbourne aboard the Vision with a mixed cargo bound for Western Port. Towing a small motorboat destined for the French Island penal settlement, the vessel departed at 9am under weather conditions that would soon deteriorate dramatically.

At around 10pm that evening, near Cape Schanck, the Vision sprang a serious leak during a fierce north-westerly gale and heavy seas. Realising the danger, Captain Jansson immediately ordered the deck cargo thrown overboard in an effort to save the vessel. However, the water continued pouring in at the alarming rate of a foot every five minutes.

Seeing that the Vision could not be saved, Captain Jansson instructed his mate, Peter Hemming, to place a mast and provisions into the small motorboat so they might attempt to reach safety. In the confusion and darkness, however, the mate failed to carry out the captain's directions. Within an hour the Vision filled with water, rolled over, and disappeared beneath the stormy seas.

Captain Jansson and Hemming escaped into the open motorboat, but without supplies or proper equipment they were completely at the mercy of the weather. For fifteen harrowing hours they drifted through the gale before finally being driven ashore near Anderson. The pounding surf smashed the little boat against the rocky coastline near Kilcunda, where it capsized in the heavy seas. Hemming was last seen clinging desperately to a rock before a wave swept him away. His body was never recovered.



Captain Jansson somehow managed to reach shore alone. Exhausted and deeply shaken by the loss of his mate and vessel, he walked for four hours before arriving at Anderson Railway Station at around 4pm in a state of collapse. There he informed stationmaster Mr Dunne that the Vision had been wrecked the previous night and that Hemming had drowned while attempting to land.

Captain Jansson later expressed the view that the sinking may have been caused by a faulty plank fitted during recent repair work undertaken when the Vision was overhauled at Knight's Slipway. The loss proved financially devastating. The vessel was uninsured, and the sinking left Captain Jansson burdened with heavy debts, forcing his wife and daughter to also seek employment to help support the family.

Later that same year, the wreck of the Vision was believed to have been located when Captain Hartley Watson, engaged in minesweeping operations aboard H.M.A.S. James Paterson and Koraga, fouled a large, submerged object with trawl wires. The object was towed into Waratah Bay and destroyed with a depth charge, with wreckage brought to the surface identified as belonging to the unfortunate ketch.

In later years, Flinders resident Eric Lucas added another intriguing detail to the tragedy. His aunt, who lived in a fisherman's cottage on the Flinders foreshore, recalled hearing sails flapping violently in the gale during the night the Vision was lost. The light on Flinders Jetty had reportedly been extinguished by the storm. If the sound she heard was indeed the Vision, it suggests Captain Jansson may not have realised just how close he was to shore. Had he known, he may have attempted to beach the vessel and save both the boat and his crewman.

The Marine Board took no further action regarding the loss of the Vision, but the story remains one of Western Port's enduring maritime tragedies — and a reminder of the courage and resilience of Captain Erik Fridolf Jansson, one of Rhyll's respected seafaring identities. Captain Jansson died in 1944 and is buried in the Phillip Island Cemetery.

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



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



RHYLL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION INC.
GENERAL MEETING 16/05/2026
10am Rhyll Hall
SUMMARISED MINUTES

Present: J Kiley (Chair), C Bush (Minutes), S Inness, P Foden, D Parkinson, J Brentwood, I Pascoe, L Heflingers, S Maddigan, H Dennis, Jude M, H McKinley, A Walker, L Martin, R&P Olsen, K Kiley, S& R Kemp, T&D Roberts, D Harrison, H Gillies, J Hood, V Cunningham, ML Burt, L&G Milner, R Blackman, P Phillips. (30)

Apologies: S Dougherty, P&A Balfe, J&P Lawrence, C&B Overton, E Burt, G&C May, E Fletcher, F Warren, A McWaters, K Parkinson, J Inness, K&G Perkins. (19)

Minutes from previous meeting: Motion to confirm minutes of 14th March 2026 - Moved: J Kiley
Seconded: A Walker. Carried.

BUSINESS ARISING – Updates:

- Parking at the Hall – for 4 cars. Local contractor to start in July, \$10K Grant received from BCSC.
- Resilient Community Report by Carmen: The Hall is now fitted out with wi-fi Sky Muster to ensure communications during an outage. Solar Panels and Battery storage are being organized through Jim at the Hall, with council support. I met with someone who has ground zero experience so we can work on the details of operation during an event. Our group has become a sub-committee of the Hall & Park Committee for legal and practical reasons.

Correspondence:

Outgoing: BCSC grant: BCSC re the Jetty Shed Carpark: PIRSL Grant application:

Incoming: BCSC re grant

Financial Report: provided by Judy Lawrence. J Kiley reported Bank Balance is approx. \$28K and the Term Deposit is \$40K. Motion to accept the Report Moved: K Kiley. Seconded: D Parkinson. Carried.

General Business

- Cruise Ship dates for 26/27: 6 starting 2 Dec – 3 April.
- Trivia night for the Tennis Club on 23/5/26 postponed until October as part of the Seniors Month, Winter Program now, Accessibility being looked at as well as including other groups. All Abilities Week planning as well as working with Tennis Victoria. Windbreaks to be hung on the fences.
- Dog Park Survey: 112 responded with a mixture of comments and recommendations.

Rhyll Coast Action: Roadside weeds spread by passing traffic it is an increasing problem, everywhere. Anything that flowers and turns to seed can be spread by passing traffic as well as natural elements. This increases the invasive risk which becomes an eyesore in the landscape. Please be aware of what is growing around you and cut off flowers before they seed.

Other Business:

Cancer Council Morning Tea: to be held Wednesday 3 June from 10.30-12.30. Posters for the Noticeboard and elsewhere. QR code for donations.PI 2050:

22 June at the RSL 5.30pm to consider what the Island could be like in the future: Register at islandvoice@islandprogress.com.au. ACTION: Carmen to post on Noticeboard.

Walking Track: BCSC seeking funding for the project.

Cash for Cans: David reported close to \$1,000.00 has been collected so far for the PI Hub.

Meeting Closed: 10.40am.

Next meeting 18th July 2026 at 10am. (if required) Apologies: R&S Kemp

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land of which we are meeting and pay our respect to their Elders, past and present.



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

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