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Adventure of a lifetime

Coming from Austria, Italy and Japan, Dario De Caro, Matthias Steinhoefer and Yuya Hirano are getting a taste of farm life in Inverloch taking in all that the region has to offer while learning the tricks of the trade. Full story on Page 37.

Rubbish start to the year



A misjudgement has potentially set back the handover of Carinya Lodge's new front entrance by months.

AFTER three years of COVID construction challenges, the team at Korumburra's Carinya Lodge aged care facility is devastated after their soon-to-be-opened new entrance was struck by a garbage truck.

The accident occurred at 7.15am on Friday morning.

Carinya CEO Cindy Nicholas spoke about the damage to the building's front canopy.

"It was finished and was about to be handed over in the next couple of weeks," Cindy said.

She added that there were just a few finishing touches occurring such as the installation of hand railing.

The damage will need to be assessed to determine its impact on the overall soundness of the new structure.

"He's bent all the beams, so the front canopy is potentially going to have to be pulled down and replaced," Cindy said.

She said after a series of construction holdups, everyone was hoping for a smooth start to 2023, but now further months of building work appear likely.

The CEO expressed her disappointment for locals affected by the latest setback.

"We were so close to opening and we really wanted the facility to be finished for the community and we want to express how sorry we are that we cannot open when we planned," Cindy said.

Over the last three years, around \$10 million worth of redevelopment has occurred at Carinya Lodge.

That includes the addition of a new 20-room wing, refurbishment of all the old rooms, building of new staff space and refurbishment of existing staff facilities.

The handover of the front entrance and administration area was to signify the completion of the overall project.

Cindy said the damaged canopy was intended to enable family members and ambulances to pick up and drop off residents under cover.

"The steel that runs into that canopy runs all the way back into the admin area, and because they've bent that steel beam and pushed the canopy one way, potentially all the posts have got to come out," she said.

With workers already attending to the site on Friday morning, Cindy said the immediate priority is to ensure it is safe.

The latest incident follows a break-in at four recently completed independent living units at Carinya Lodge.

"2023 is not our year," Cindy said, adding that kitchen appliances including cooktops and dishwashers were stolen from the units, with \$4,000 worth of items taken.



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Café hit twice by cruel crooks

NORTH Store Café Wonthaggi has had an unfortunate start to the new year after being broken into for a second time.

The café was previously the target of a burglary in November 2022, when thieves took a significant amount of cash including from their tip jar.

And to add to their woes, just as they were about to re-open last week after having a well-deserved break, crooks broke in again but this time causing more of a nuisance than stealing items.

While the situation is incredibly frustrating for mother-daughter team Fiona and Ally Cengia, who own the business, their spirits were high when the Sentinel-Times visited.

Fiona said during the first incident, the offenders had managed to break in through the rear of the business.

"The tip jar was pretty well full and I had a couple of takings from the day," she said.

"Then this time (2023) they've come through and because there was no money on the premises, they've stripped all the lollies, chips and drinks.

"Because we closed for a week and a half everything was spick and span ready to go to reopen.

"I reckon they were a little



Despite being targeted twice by thieves, North Store Café Wonthaggi owners Fiona and Ally Cengia were all smiles and aren't letting anything deter them from serving their valued customers. Ns040223

more agitated and they egged the place... they opened the freezers and pulled everything out."

Instead of being able to re-open to customers last Thursday, the team had to spend the day cleaning the mess left by the intruders, who are believed to have broken in the previous night.

"This time they threw our iPad, which is our cash register system, and shattered

that and took our business phone," she said.

"So it's been a lot more inconvenient this time.

"Last time we tidied up a bit and started trading.

"But this time it was more the inconvenience of the eggs, there would have been two dozen eggs thrown on the walls.

"It's bloody heartbreaking, especially when it's a family business and even my

76-year-old mother was cleaning for us to trade."

As a result, the café has ramped up its security measures to ensure it doesn't happen again.

Bass Coast police are investigating the incidents and seeking any CCTV footage from surrounding properties.

Anyone with information should contact Bass Coast CIU on 5671 4100 or Crime Stoppers.

Hospital celebrates birth of first baby for the year

BASS Coast Health is proud to announce Adeline Grace Crowder of South Dudley is the first baby born at Wonthaggi Hospital in 2023.

Adeline was born at 9.20am on Tuesday, January 3, to Jayde Kelly and Michael Crowder who were overjoyed.

Adeline weighed 3300 grams. "It's pretty exciting to know that Adeline is the first baby born here for the year. It will be great to look back at in years to come," Michael said. The new parents praised the

care they received from the Maternity team.

In 2022, 180 babies were born at Wonthaggi Hospital, up slightly from 173 in 2021.

If you would like to discuss BCH's free and bulk-billed Maternity Services close to home, please contact (03) 5671 3201

RIGHT: Adeline Grace Crowder, the first baby born at Wonthaggi Hospital in 2023, with delighted parents Jayde Kelly and Michael Crowder.



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POLICE BRIEFS

Serious crash in Leongatha

TWO Kilcunda residents sustained serious injuries after the driver of the vehicle crashed into a power pole in Leongatha on Sunday, January 8.

The driver was taken by ambulance to Dandenong Hospital, while the passenger had to be cut from the vehicle and was taken by helicopter to The Alfred Hospital in a critical but stable condition.

The investigation is ongoing.

Hoon joy ride on motorbike

POLICE are appealing for information after a black and orange YCF dirt bike was being used by teenagers riding on public roads around the Leongatha township during the evening of January 3, 2023.

It appears the bike has broken down and was hidden in bushes where it was later located by police. Anyone with any information, or if the owner of the bike wishes to claim it, contact Sergeant Campbell at the Wonthaggi Police Station on 5671 4128.

Lucky rescue at Jam Jerrup

EMERGENCY services rescued a 31-year-old man from waters at Western Port Bay on January 8.

It is believed the man was at the beach in Jam Jerrup and entered the water about 9pm.

The man was taken by a strong current and unable to get out of the water when emergency services were called.

The Korumburra man was winched to safety and taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Vehicles being targeted

BASS Coast police are urging locals to keep their cars locked at all times after a rise in thefts.

Police have noticed an increase in cars being targeted by opportunistic thieves attempting to steal personal belongings and licence plates.

Unfortunately, some vehicles have also been stolen, with one member of the public taking to social media last week stating their parents Nissan Patrol was taken from their property at Wonthaggi North.

Police believe the increase may be due to school holidays with more youths on the streets.

Motorists are urged to:

- Never keep valuables in your car
- Make sure it is always locked
- Park it inside a garage or car port if possible

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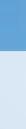
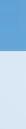
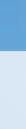
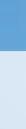
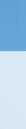
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Wind AM: E 20-30km/h
Wind PM: E 20-30km/h

16° 28°



THUR | Jan 12

Mostly sunny.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: SE 15-25km/h

15° 27°



FRI | Jan 13

Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: E-SE 15-25km/h

16° 28°



SAT | Jan 14

Mostly sunny.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

17° 31°



SUN | Jan 15

Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: SW 15-25km/h

17° 25°

IN BRIEF

"Now and Then" exhibition

THE Embroiderers Guild, Victoria - Leongatha Branch will be holding an exhibition of members embroidery, antique needlework and tools, quilts, class work and demonstrations.

The event will be held on Saturday, January 21, 9.30am-4pm and Sunday, January 22, 9.30am-3pm at the Dakers Centre, Smith Street, Leongatha.

Boutique items for sale. Devonshire tea and lunch available.

Further information contact, Penny 043 7042 084 or Helen 0417 328 202

Italian celebration in Korumburra

EVERYONE is encouraged to enjoy a night out at the Korumburra Italian Social Club as it celebrates its 50th anniversary on Saturday February 4.

Dinner will consist of Italian favourites pizza and pasta, with dessert, tea and coffee and a celebration toast and cake also included.

Melbourne-based J & C Duo will provide the evening's entertainment, with an Italian flavour.

Doors open at 6pm, with adult members \$35 and non-members \$40.

Non-member children aged 5-12 years are \$25, with member children \$20, and children aged under five years admitted free.

Dress is semi formal. Bring your own drinks.

The club is located at 38 Bridge Street Korumburra. Please RSVP by January 30.

For tickets and information, please email korumburraitalianocialclub@gmail.com or call Maria Condoluci on 0437 288 822, Arc Gammaldi on 0419 507 410, or Frank Parini on 0456 056 507.

Korumburra Italian Social Club holds luncheons on the second Wednesday each month, with

the next at the town's Top Pub on January 11.

Contact Arc Gammaldi on the above number if wanting to join the lunch and experience the friendly atmosphere.

Club members would also love to see some new faces at their AGM on February 15, with everyone welcome and encouraged to arrive at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.

All welcome at Poowong Community Garden

POOWONG Community Garden was established to bring people together, which it continues to do, and is inviting everyone to attend its start of the year barbecue on Friday January 20.

The garden is centrally located behind All Saints Anglican Church.

It was noted in 2019, that many new people were moving to the district and looking for opportunities to engage with others, and local Charlie Hall suggested establishing a community garden.

All Saints Poowong was delighted to offer the space once occupied by its Sunday School hall for use.

Those working in the garden grow fresh produce for everyone in the area.

The garden began to flourish after keen gardener and Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien turned the first sod in November 2020.

Anglicare funded plans for a children's play area with sandpit so young families can enjoy the area.

The Poowong Primary School provided brightly coloured bollards for the garden's entrance to welcome passersby.

The barbecue begins at 4.30pm.

Shire traineeships now open

A WORLD of opportunity is now open for six young Bass Coast residents, as Council calls for applicants for its 2023 traineeship program -

offering combined paid education and work experience across departments from Arts & Culture to Tourism & Business Development.

With support from Westvic, a group training authority that specialises in apprenticeships and traineeships, the Bass Coast Shire Council traineeship offers six successful applicants the chance to build their skills and experience over a full time, 12-month period, to support their future career goals.

For 2023, Council offers available traineeships in Arts & Culture, Customer & Visitor Experience, Finance, IT, People & Culture, plus Tourism & Business Development. Successful candidates will be enrolled in a Certificate III course in a range of subjects including business administration, live production and technical services, hospitality or tourism.

In 2023, Council extends its training opportunities with VCAL and school-based traineeships.

Applications close January 11, for the Arts & Culture role, then January 18, for all other programs.

To learn more and apply go to www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/2023traineeships

Nyora trail open for riders

COUNCIL is pleased to announce that the Great Southern Rail Trail extension between Nyora and Leongatha has been completed.

The project increases the total span of the trail from 72 kilometres to a touch over 107 kilometres, making it one of the longest rail trails in Victoria.

Construction of this new section involved rail track removal, gravel placement, drainage, road crossings, a viewing pad at Hilda Falls, and new bridges, decks and railings.

The only piece left of the puzzle is to erect new wayfinding and feature signage across the

entire stretch of the trail.

An official opening for this section of the trail is earmarked for mid-2023.

This extension project was funded by South Gippsland Shire Council and the Victorian Government with \$500,000 from the Regional Infrastructure Fund and \$800,000 from the Local Sport Infrastructure Fund.

For more information on the project, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/gsrt Works are continuing on the Welshpool to Alberton section extension, in partnership with our neighbours at Wellington Shire Council.

Dumped tyres cost shire

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council was called on to remove a substantial number of dumped tyres last month from the side of Yannathan Road, Nyora.

Council was notified of the situation in December, using a caged tandem trailer to collect the large number of tyres.

A council spokesperson said the removal cost \$880, not including staff time.

While many of the dumped tyres appear to be speedway tyres, council said the Nyora Raceway operators indicated they are not directly responsible for the situation but are helping council with its investigations.

Stay safe this summer

VICTORIA Police have released five top ways to stay safe this summer.

1) Be aware of alcohol-free zones and only leave behind sandcastles on our beaches

2) Avoid driving personal watercrafts too close to boating zones, the shore or near swimmers.

3) Be mindful of your noise levels and behaviour in public and residential spaces.

4) Avoid leaving valuables unattended on the beach or in your car.

5) Watercraft stick to 5 knots when near other boats, ramps, jetties, swimmers and surfers, and the shore.

Dog rules at Bass Coast beaches back in force

BASS Coast Shire's summer regulations relating to dogs on beaches is now in effect.

Dog owners are encouraged to make sure they are following the regulations by checking the signs at the access points to beaches and reserves or by visiting Council's website at: www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/dogwalking.

There are several off-leash areas across Bass Coast, including four on Phillip Island, one in San Remo and several others from Inverloch through to Grantville. Dogs must be kept on a leash when walking along tracks through the foreshore.

A few things to remember when using the off-leash areas with your dog include:

- You must carry a leash and use it immediately if the situation calls for it;
- Your dog must be under effective voice control at all times;
- Your dog mustn't rush, jump on any person or attack any person or animal; and



Summer regulations for dogs on beaches is now in effect in Bass Coast.

- You must keep your dog in sight at all times.

Additionally, dog owners using off-leash areas on Phillip Island and San Remo must also bring their dog under effective control when within 50 metres of a signed threatened species wildlife refuge area.

This helps to protect Hooded Plover nesting sites, which may be located within a designated off-leash area. Failure to follow these rules could result in

enforcement action.

Council Officers will be patrolling beaches, off-leash areas and parks throughout the summer period to make sure everyone is doing the right thing and having a great time. Where appropriate, Council Officers will issue infringement notices to dog owners who are found doing the wrong thing.

All dogs must be on a leash when out in public and not in a designated off-leash area.

Failure to do so can result in an infringement of \$185.

You must also pick up after your dog when out in public and carry bags with which to do so. Failure to pick up after your dog or carry bags carries an infringement of up to \$370.

For more information, please contact Council's Community Safety Team on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211 or visit www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/dogwalking.

PICAL making the most of its new home

THE Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL) has relocated and is now open weekdays. But while the construction is complete, the centre is only currently operating at minimum capacity and the volunteers need all the help they can get.

Chairperson Jeff Floyd said they are thrilled to be on site and open, but ask the community to remain patient as the committee of management and volunteers are working tirelessly to get the centre up and running at full capacity.

"Our doors are open, and we are welcoming the community to access the food pantry, the library and the Centrelink agency but we are working to bring in our employment training and assistance programs, women connect and job services, as well as getting our public computers online," said Jeff.

"The planting is underway at the community garden that has been re-located to Blue Gum Reserve where horticulture and other training courses will also take place, and we hope to have everything up and running by February."

Services Australia agent at PICAL, Cathy, said the Centrelink service is up and running and they can help the public with issues including proof of identity, support with Centrelink online and phone services.

"Our reception is open, as well as our food pantry but as we navigate this new building, we will open the group cooking program for hot meal preparation, training rooms, and offices to expand our capacity," said Jeff.

Due to the closure of the Phillip Island Library, PICAL has become a temporary drop-in centre for library services and Myli staff ask for the community to call San Remo library on 5644 3320 for book orders, and pick up will then be arranged at the Cowes PICAL reception.

The new PICAL centre will be open weekdays at 16 Warley Avenue, Cowes.

Reception: 9am until 2pm

Services Australia: 9am until 2pm

Food pantry: 10am until 2pm

To become a volunteer at PICAL visit www.pical.org.au/volunteer and follow the link to sign up.



Volunteers Lorraine and Pauline onsite at the new PICAL food pantry sorting the donations and preparing for the daily operation of the new centre. Z03_0223



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Hospital part of innovative skin cancer trial

A WONTAGGI man who faced the prospect of death due to severe skin cancer is urging the community to join an innovative trial at Bass Coast Health (BCH) that could save lives.

Paul Kennedy battled melanomas that threatened his life, with one appearing on his big toe despite rarely wearing thongs and working night shift for more than 30 years, limiting his exposure to the sun. His doctor believes his melanomas were caused by a genetic predisposition.

"When I received the news that the skin cancer was malignant, I thought 'That's it. At my age I'm done,'" he said.

"I had six surgeries and spent nearly 12 months off work while I recovered."

Paul has since joined a trial that collects data about the incidence of melanomas in Australia.

His body has been scanned for melanomas and skin spots using the latest technology in skin imaging, the Vectra machine.

Under a new trial run by the Australian Centre of Excellence in Melanoma Imaging and Diagnosis (ACEMID), Wonthaggi Hospital is fortunate to be one of 15 sites in Australia to receive a Vectra machine funded by the Australian Cancer Research Foundation (ACRF).

The 3D imaging system uses 92 digital cameras to take simultaneous photos of a person. The cameras photograph skin spots and moles in high-resolution detail.

The system then stitches these images together to create a 3D avatar model of the patient that is assessed by the clinical research team.

Using the 3D imaging system, the clinical research team is able to photograph and digitally document a patient's skin spots and moles over the course of the study, and can refer to images from previous visits to assess if changes have occurred.

BCH is now seeking expressions of interest from people willing to be part of the ACEMID trial early in the new year.

You'll be photographed and assessed for suspect skin cancers.

To lodge your expression of interest, email vmtrials@basscoasthealth.org.au

Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan



THE spate of tragic drownings across our state so far this summer is distressing but should be avoidable. Life savers constantly advise us to swim between the flags and not to swim alone. The tragedy is many people do not understand beach safety and do not heed the advice.

Surf lifesaving clubs dot the coastline of Gippsland and provide an essential service of patrolling the beaches, providing beachgoers with advice on where to swim safely and, most importantly, rescuing those who get into trouble. Most surf lifesaving clubs run a Nippers program which has the dual purpose of teaching children aged 5 to 13 how to stay safe at beach whilst also training them to eventually become surf lifesavers themselves when they are old enough.

This week I caught up with James Langlands from Cape Paterson Surf Lifesaving Club to chat about the Nippers and Starfish program that they run over a two week period in January. He stressed the importance of teaching kids the skills not only to stay safe in the water, but to help others and maybe even find a career as a lifesaver.

I watched the program and could see the wonderful benefit of the program with young people progressing through the program to become budding lifesavers themselves. I saw children supporting each other making friendships and developing a wonderful supportive leadership ethic. It is about participation, friendship and support for others. So while every parent wants their child to learn to swim and stay safe around water these programs provide a great opportunity.

A wonderful part of Nippers program is the Starfish Nippers program that provides kids with disabilities

the opportunity to participate in the program supported 1-on-1 by trained helpers. I was in the water at the time and could see the joy on the child's face as they rode a small wave into shore. The program is designed for young people aged 6 years and above who have a disability, including physical and intellectual disabilities and learning difficulties. The program is modified to suit an individual participant's needs so everyone can be included.

This season, Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) has a record number of over 300 kids enrolled in the Nippers program running from December 27 to January 14. The Club is going from strength to strength following the completion of their new clubhouse in 2021 which provides a fantastic vantage point to watch the sunset.

At the end of the Surf Education program, nippers will have a good awareness of beach hazards such as rocks and surf conditions (eg. rips) and also increase their proficiency in the surf. Nippers activities are designed to be age appropriate and include swimming, board paddling, wading, running, beach flags and relays with a focus on having fun, learning new skills and teamwork, the program also includes a day of competition that culminates in the Iron Nipper race: a run, swim and board paddle.

2023 has also seen the return of inter-club activity – with Cape Paterson SLSC hosting Inverloch SLSC on Saturday January 7 at the Cape Paterson 'First Surf' beach for a friendly nipper carnival.

It's fabulous to see these programs being run across our region. These programs wouldn't be possible without hundreds of volunteers and parents.

Huge ramifications for housing strategy due to policy delays

CRUCIAL strategies that will determine how Bass Coast Shire manages future housing and residential growth could be delayed until 2024.

The shire had released the draft Neighbourhood Character Study, Residential Development Framework and Housing Strategy in late 2022, with the first stage of community consultation undertaken.

However, due to the delays of the finalisation of the Statement of Planning Policy as part of the Distinctive Areas Landscape Program (DAL), being undertaken by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP), the projects may not be adopted by council until 2024.

The Neighbourhood Character Study involves a detailed assessment of neighbourhood character in Bass Coast's residential areas and the preparation of preferred character objectives, and design guidelines that will guide the character of new residential developments.

The Housing Strategy will be a long-term plan to manage housing growth and change across all residential areas.

It will identify what housing needs are required, where housing growth will take place and changes to residential density.

Over the next 15 years, projections indicate that between 534 – 656 additional dwellings will be required per year, resulting in the need for approximately 10,000 additional dwellings in the Shire by 2036.

The mainland areas are projected to accommodate the majority of population and dwelling growth over the period, with substantial growth projected in Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Waterline townships.

"The Neighbourhood Character and Housing projects are being undertaken concurrently to ensure the Shire's future 15 years of housing supply respects preferred



Formal adoption of the shire's Neighbourhood Character Study, Residential Development Framework and Housing Strategy may not be able to take place until 2024 due to delays of the government's Distinctive Areas Landscape Program.

neighbourhood character. To carry out this work the settlement boundary of each town is required to be known," the shire stated.

"While Bass Coast has settlement boundaries illustrated in its planning scheme, the draft SPP proposes a number of additional "protected settlement boundaries", which in some cases differ to what is shown in the planning scheme. Unfortunately, it was unknown up until the draft SPP was released where these differences would occur.

"As the location of the proposed settlement boundaries will not be finalised until the Minister of Planning has reviewed the Standing Advisory Committee's recommendations, it would be inappropriate to design the Neighbourhood Character Study and Housing Strategy around draft boundaries and ask the community to comment on something which may change following the Standing Advisory Committee's recommendations.

"Once the settlement boundaries are confirmed by the Minister for Planning, the second stage of community engagement on the Neighbourhood and Housing projects can commence."

Community feedback

The shire has also released the

results of community engagement for the draft strategy.

This saw 344 individual responses, with the majority coming from residents aged between 60-69.

The main locality of respondents was Cape Paterson, followed by Coronet Bay, Inverloch, Wonthaggi and Cowes.

For Cape Paterson, responses had included 'mixed views' on The Cape Eco Village, with some supporting the project as a good example of new residential development.

Others felt that it was inappropriate due to lack of infrastructure, increased impact of traffic and impact to the environment.

There was also ongoing concern expressed about the potential for the future expansion of the 'northern area'.

Overall, the top 10 threats to neighbourhood character included:

- Subdivision into smaller lots
- Lack of supporting infrastructure
- No space for gardens around houses
- Dominant built form
- Development not respecting wildlife
- Suburban style development
- Built form not in keeping with landscape
- Views and natural landscape
- Tree removal and vegetation loss
- High density development

Cruising in and out of Western Port Bay

THERE'S been a stream of cruise ships stopping off in Western Port and visiting Phillip Island in the past month.

On Sunday night, January 8, the Seabourn Odyssey was back again for a one-day stay, and with all lights on, cruised out again at 11pm, headed for Melbourne.

Today, Tuesday, January 10, at 8am, the Oceania

Cruises Regatta arrives from Portland, also headed for Melbourne, sailing out again at 11.59pm after a visit to the world-famous Phillip Island Penguin Parade.

Thankfully the weather has been kinder to the latest cruise passengers, stopping off for the penguins, helping to a "sell out" season for the penguins during the first few weeks of the year. Be sure to book ahead.



The Seabourn Odyssey, pictured anchored off Silverleaves, has gone but the Oceania Cruises Regatta arrives in Western Port on Tuesday.



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Veronica Danieli with Nadia and Bianca Biesuz-Stefani. A07_0223

From Italy to Gippsland

ITALIAN visitor Veronica Danieli has time to take in the sights of South Gippsland and Bass Coast, having been gripped by her father's passion for cycling.

While she has travelled some of the way from Sydney by bus and train, Veronica has covered 500 kilometres on her push bike, having elected not to adopt the modern trend of motor-

assisted riding.

Fish Creek sisters Bianca and Nadia Biesuz-Stefani have made her welcome since meeting Nadia by chance.

With the sisters born in Italy and speaking Italian, it's not surprising they had plenty to talk about with Veronica.

The Sentinel-Times met the intrepid rider at Bianca's Stefani Hilltop Gallery.

While the South Gippsland

Highway was understandably not a highlight, she has discovered some of the delights of South Gippsland such as Walkerville.

Wollongong, Nowra, Jervis Bay, Batemans Bay, Merimbula and Bermagui are a few of the places she's seen on her two-wheel adventure.

She hit the road with a backpack and a baby cart filled with other belongings,

hoping motorists may slow down a little due to the possibility of a young passenger.

This scribe commented on her choice to forego an electric bike, saying it is rare these days, with Nadia responding, "That's why she has such good legs."

Those legs will power her on as she explores Inverloch, Phillip Island and Melbourne.

Pedestrian safety at risk in McCartin Street

A LEONGATHA resident believes McCartin Street desperately needs a pedestrian crossing upgrade after a horror experience late last year.

Christine Seggie was attempting to cross the busy street in her wheelchair when she was accidentally hit by an oncoming vehicle, causing significant injuries including fractures and bruising.

"In McCartin Street there's no crossing like a zebra crossing," she said.

"I was crossing the road near the post office and as I was heading across to the other side, a car came around the corner and hit me in my wheelchair.

"I've spoken to a number of people and they've said there has been a few incidents happening in that street because it's so busy.

"We can't understand why there's three crossings in Bair Street but none in McCartin.

"We're hoping we can do something about this."

Since the accident, Christine's confidence has greatly suffered as she is now fearful of being outside and being struck again.

"That was only my second time out in a wheelchair, and you've got to take your time to cross the road," she said.

"There desperately needs to be a zebra crossing or something for people to get across."

Bair Street had undergone a significant renewal over two years which saw upgrades to its overall streetscape including new lighting, landscaping, street furniture and car parking spaces.

The street also became a pedestrian shared zone with zebra crossings installed at three locations.

"McCartin Street Leongatha is an arterial road managed by the state Department of Transport – not council," South Gippsland Shire stated.

"However, council appreciate the need for a pedestrian crossing on McCartin Street and have been supporting the Department of Transport in their efforts to seek funding for the construction of a new crossing."

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Long road ahead for ambitious shared path

THE Cowes to Rhyll Shared Path has been set into five stages of development with construction ramping up this year.

The project aims to connect Rhyll to the main township of Cowes and improve pedestrian access.

Previously, the project was identified in Bass Coast Shire's Aspirational Pathways Plan and will now transition to being part of the newly adopted Track and Trails strategy.

Stage one, Oswin Roberts Reserve to carpark has been completed with stage two, Cowes - Rhyll Road to Conservation Hill set to commence in February.

This stage will include the upgrade of an 800-metre section of boardwalk, widened paths to shared trails and upgrading of some gravel sections to concrete.

It is expected to be completed by April.

Conservation Hill to McIlwraith Road (stage 3) has been funded and is underway as well as McIlwraith Road to Beach Road (stage 4).

The McIlwraith Road to Beach Road will allow users to travel from the existing Phillip Island Nature Parks (PINP) trail at the north end of McIlwraith Road, to the Rhyll Shopping Precinct located at the Lock Road/Beach Road intersection.

Council intends to construct the pathway along the road reserve on the west side of McIlwraith Road.

Users will then cross Reid Street before continuing east along Reid Street to the



The map pictured depicts major and minor pathways as well as proposed paths as part of the Cowes to Rhyll Shared Pathway project.

Rhyll Playspace.

When users have reached the Rhyll Playspace they will then turn south to travel along the existing pathway. This existing path will be upgraded.

The pathway will proceed east crossing Walton Street before turning to connect to an additional crossing on Lock Road.

The existing pathway along the south side of Lock Road will be widened.

While a Feasibility Report and Alignment was completed for (stage five) Redwood Drive to Coghlan Road to determine the preferred alignment.

According to the report, the path alignment connects to existing council path networks with two options:

- Option 1 – alignment along northern road reserve of Cowes - Rhyll Road from Redwood Dr to Coghlan Rd.

to Coghlan Rd.

- Option 2 – alignment along southern side of Cowes - Rhyll Road through (yet to be confirmed) rural and school properties utilising the land acquisition process from Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School (school crossing) to Coghlan Road.

Option 1 was the preferred alignment, with the next step to present this project to councillors with a recommendation for adoption.

Cost estimates for the path, as per option 1, indicate an approximate construction cost of \$600K, with additional supervision and provisional costs bringing the total to approximately \$702K.

The report also notes that a road safety audit, detailed biodiversity assessment report and cultural heritage due diligence report should be undertaken.



The Fish Creek Carnival brought world class performers to town. A14_0223

Vibrant carnival in Fish Creek

THE FISH Creek Carnival has captured the imaginations of locals and visitors, with its blend of professional performance and community involvement.

Children's circuses and workshops were among the highlights, held in the newly refurbished Memorial Hall, along with a weekend parade.

"It's exciting to bring performing artists into our town so families can access that without driving to Melbourne," locally based carnival committee member Samara Cunningham said.

She spoke of the importance of combining the chance to see world class performers with giving locals the opportunity to participate and show their own creative flair.

Sal Frances ran workshops during the carnival, with different sessions catering for particular age groups, allowing young children through to adults to find something to suit.

She said people are often surprised what they can achieve,

whether juggling or helping to create a human pyramid.

Sal loves seeing people's reaction and enjoyment and has made a career of running community circus programs.

She said the idea of including workshops is to enhance the level of community involvement beyond what is possible through only staging a show.

Performing artists even ventured into the local primary school, helping youngsters from Fish Creek and surrounds to prepare for their starring role in the town's weekend parade.

They became Zombie Vikings, having their own moving ship.

Committee member Samara said the young students were fully involved in the creative process, making their own costumes.

Local businesses were enthusiastic supporters of the Fish Creek Carnival, including feeding performers.

The Carnival finished on Wednesday night with an adults only puppet show.



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Residential expansion earmarked for Bass

A SIGNIFICANT parcel of land could be set to be rezoned to Low Density Residential Zone at Bass Road, Bass with a proposal for an almost 50 lot subdivision.

Bass Coast Shire has prepared Amendment C162base to the Bass Coast Planning Scheme, which is on public exhibition until Monday, January 16, 2023.

The amendment proposes to rezone the land from Farming Zone (FZ) to Low Density Residential Zone (LDRZ).

This land is located at the south-east of the intersection of Statter Mission Road and Bass Road.

The amendment had received Ministerial authorisation by the Minister for Planning to be prepared, following a council resolution in June 2022.

All submissions will be considered by Council, and if there are submissions that raise issues which cannot be resolved, Council may refer the submissions to an independent Planning Panel for recommendations about how to proceed.

According to a planning report, the site is currently used for farming and consists of a series of cleared paddocks utilised for cattle and horse grazing.



An amendment proposes to rezone the land at Bass Road, Bass from Farming Zone (FZ) to Low Density Residential Zone (LDRZ), with a huge subdivision proposed.

The site is located adjacent to residential zoning of Township and Low Density Residential development.

The site does not form part of a viable farm and contains no dwellings and the only structure on the site is a dilapidated hay store/shed.

The report highlighted that the issue of rezoning was raised in a panel report in 2010, and considered that the land, known as the Katelya Pastoral Land, should be

identified for short-term development.

This was due to an established demand for low-density development and no other land is likely to be available in the foreseeable future.

Based on current expectations, it was submitted that the proposed amendment will meet supply for approximately five years.

The site has a total land area of approximately 23.6 hectares, is generally flat

and contains low lying vegetation of prominently pastoral grasses and weeds.

"The rezoning provides an opportunity for future subdivision that will appropriately reflect a low-density residential zone," the report notes.

An engineering report proposes a subdivision of up to 50 lots ranging from around 4000m².

For more information, visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/c162

Historical dumpsite finally cleaned up after years of delay

By John Lippmann, Corinella Foreshore Committee of Management

AN ARTICLE in the Sentinel-Times in June 2020 highlighted contaminated waste on a portion of the beach at Settlement Point, Corinella.

The rubbish, which was from an historical illegal dumpsite at the top of adjacent cliffs, included asbestos, car parts (e.g. engines, gear boxes), concrete and glass was deposited onto the beach after the collapse of part of the cliff.

There was concern that it posed an environmental hazard and some members of the Corinella Foreshore Committee of Management (CFCoM) resolved to try to clean up the site.

Bass Coast Shire Council, Parks Victoria and the Department of Environment, Lands, Water and Planning (DELWP) were all approached for assistance.

Finally, a Coastal Public access and Risk (CPAR) grant of approximately \$70,000 was received from DELWP.

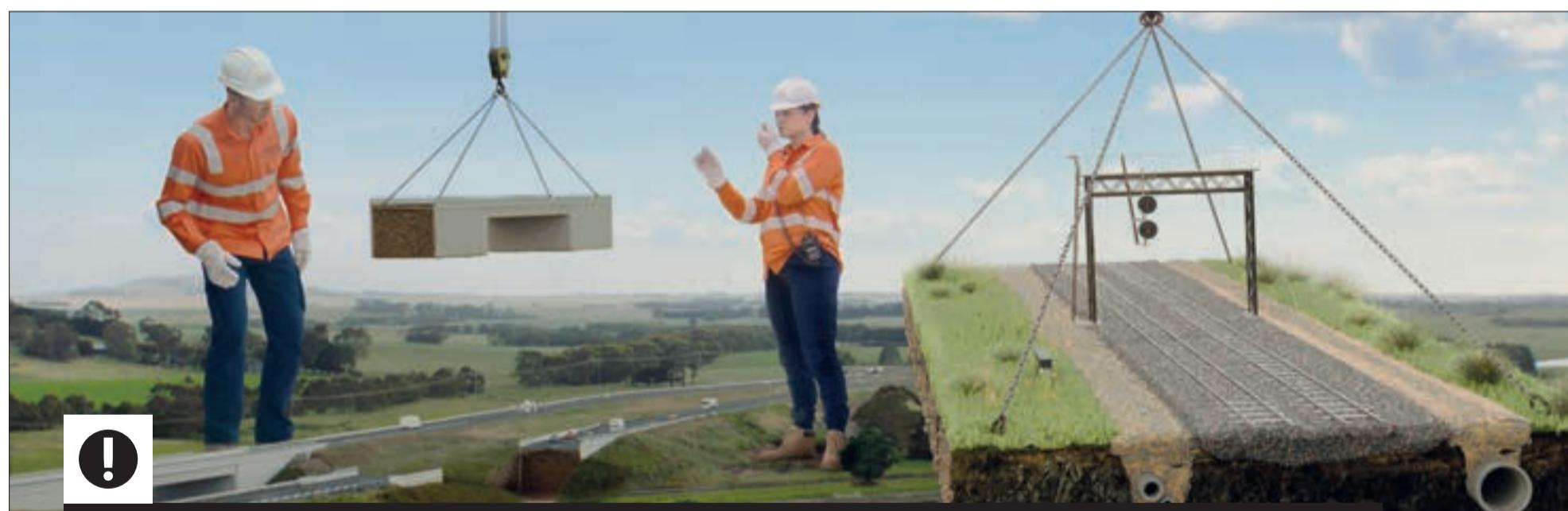
An environmental consultant was engaged, a risk assessment conducted, and after around 20-odd months of COVID-related delays, an accredited environmental clean-up contractor was commissioned.

Site access was limited to periods of sufficiently low tides, so careful planning was required to ensure efficient and economical use of the required machinery, which needed to be driven along the beach from Coronet Bay.

Finally, several days were allocated during late October and the rubbish was successfully removed.

The CFCoM, and no doubt beach users, are very grateful to DELWP for the grant funding to enable the removal of the rubbish and associated contamination hazard.

A plan has been created to monitor the site for further deposits.



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Updated Customer Service opening hours

Happy New Year! We would like to wish you a safe and wonderful 2023.

This year we are making some changes to the opening hours at our Customer Service counter located at 9 Smith Street in Leongatha.

From 9 January, reception hours will be **10.00am to 3.00pm, Monday to Thursday.**

These days and times were selected as they are when most people visit our Customer Service counter.

The phone service is unchanged and will operate from 8.30am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

The changes will help with preparations for a new Customer Service counter that will be opened at the Korumburra Community Hub later this year.

This means there will be soon be two Customer Service counters available in South Gippsland where our friendly team can assist you with Council information, payments and applications.

Additionally, we will soon be introducing online appointment bookings for our Planning, Rates, Building and Environmental Health Teams as well as new ways to pay for applications online via Council's website. You can contact Council on 5662 9200 or www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

South Gippsland Australia Day Photography Competition

South Gippslanders are encouraged to embrace their inner photographer and submit a photo that fits the theme of 'Australia Day: Reflect, Respect, Celebrate - We are all part of the story.'

All photos must be taken in, or in close proximity to, South Gippsland. There are two prize categories - an open category with an \$800 prize and junior category (under 15) with a \$200 prize.

For more information and to enter before Wednesday 18 January, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiadaycompetition



REQUEST FOR TENDERS

Council is seeking submissions from qualified companies/applicants for the following:

RFT/343 – Retaining Wall Construction; Mirboo North Transfer Station
Closes Tuesday 31 January 2023.

RFT/351 – Design & Construct New Toilet Block; Baromi Park, Mirboo North
Closes Thursday 2 February 2023.

All tenders close at 2.00pm. Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders

IMPOUNDING OF VEHICLE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1989

Council impounded the following vehicle in accordance with Schedule 11 of the Local Government Act 1989 on 21 Dec 2022 from Markleys Road, Mirboo North.

Vehicle Details: 2000 Grey Ford Sedan
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Unless the vehicle is collected and relevant fees paid within fourteen (14) days of the date of this notice, the vehicle will be offered for sale to the public.
For enquiries, please contact Yvonne Constantine, Local Laws Officer on 5662 9200 during office hours.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Join us on Wednesday 18 January at the Meeniyan Hall to help us celebrate this year's South Gippsland Australia Day Award nominees. There are 12 nominees in the following categories: Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year. The event starts at 6.30pm. All welcome. Light refreshments provided.

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Keeping the community safe as GSHS's Leongatha Urgent Care Centre Kylie Ashton- director of Nursing, Karen Scott- acting nurse unit manager, Cindy Munro- After Hours coordinator and Rory Sumalinog- Ambulance Victoria.

Huge demand and more presentations at GSHS

GIPPSLAND South Health Service's (GSHS) Leongatha hospital has recently dealt with several unexpected emergencies requiring staff to perform life-saving treatment.

The critical emergencies at the Leongatha Urgent Care Centre follow record demand with more than 4000 presentations over the past year, and a sharp rise in acuity.

GSHS Interim CEO Chris Trotman said the life-threatening emergency incidents included a seemingly fit and healthy man in his 20s who had a cardiac arrest, a man in his 70s who collapsed unconscious outside the hospital and a woman who arrived in labour and delivered a very premature baby with no time to transport her to a larger maternity service.

"While cases like these occur

every day in major Melbourne hospitals, GSHS also treats many life-threatening emergencies and our community is lucky to have these skilled and caring clinical and non-clinical staff with their professional teamwork," she said.

"The community is also lucky to have a helipad that can quickly connect critically-ill people to larger hospitals when needed. Ambulance Victoria Gippsland has been a great clinical support for GSHS, providing extra clinical support during active emergency scenarios and in ensuring timely transfer of critically unwell patients to tertiary centres where patients receive the specialist care they require."

Director of Nursing Kylie Ashton said that over the past six months GSHS's Leongatha

Urgent Care Centre had dealt with more people with more severe illnesses.

"We have seen more critical emergencies walk in the door and they have been managed really well in our small service with limited resources," she said.

"Demand is definitely increasing but it's not just the numbers, it's the acuity. There have been instances where we haven't had great expectations of outcomes but the people have thrived because of the care given here."

My Emergency Doctor is now successfully embedded for overnight urgent care services.

Ms Trotman added that a number of emergency surgeries had recently been performed at GSHS.

She praised staff for a "team

effort" in dealing with the run of emergencies. "Without this teamwork and high-level clinical care, the outcomes may have been very different," she said.

"It's timely to remind people about the need to consult your doctor if you're feeling unwell and the need for COVID-19 precautions in the community and in our hospital," she added.

"We also ask people to be patient at our Urgent Care Centre. Like many health services, we are often short-staffed due to COVID-19 and other illnesses. We have seen many examples in recent week where our Urgent Care staff have had to give priority to life-threatening cases."

GSHS is currently recruiting staff in several areas and more details can be found at <https://www.gshs.com.au/careers>.

New local council laws – not so easy for dog walkers



Dog walkers have a structured set of rules and maps in Bass Coast but South Gippsland is still getting up to speed.

opted a new Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) but many aspects of the plan are yet to be implemented.

During the consultation phases, 84% agreed that "there will be a need for designated off-leash areas should a dog leash order be introduced" and the shire plans to provide designated, fenced off-leash areas with appropriate facilities in townships across South Gippsland, including at ovals, parks, reserves and beaches.

While Bass Coast has a very structured approach to where and when you can walk your dog, including a full set of maps, locations and times at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/dog-walking, at South Gippsland, they are just coming to terms with that approach.

At the November 2022 council meeting, the South Gippsland Shire Council ad-

opted a new Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) but many aspects of the plan are yet to be implemented.

So, for now, the old Local Law applies, you can basically walk your pooch off leash in any public places including recreation reserves and parks (unless otherwise signposted) provided the dog is "under effective control" (or on a leash) at all times.

The South Gippsland Shire Council doesn't have any rules around walking dogs on the beach, and at present, defers to Parks Victoria on that.

Parks Victoria allows dogs to be walked on the beach in a few locations of South Gippsland, but they must be on-leash at all times.

Locations where you can walk your dog include (but not between the hours of 9am-6pm December 1 to March 30):

- Walkerville North and South
- Venus Bay No.1 Beach to No.5 Beach
- Waratah Bay township to Cook Creek

South Gippsland plans to introduce a Leash Order this year "to reduce the incidence of wandering/unrestrained dogs in public places and number of dogs causing nuisance".

It's worth noting there have been precious few cases where dogs have caused nuisance, beyond owners not picking up after their pets.

In the financial year 2020-21 there were 37 cases of dog rushes or attacks in South Gippsland, six successful prosecutions, 124 dogs impounded and nine euthanised.

Not bad out of a resident dog population (registered dogs) of 5710.

Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey

HAPPY New Year and welcome to 2023!

I recently took the opportunity to camp at Yanakie Caravan Park with some friends, making the most of what we have on offer in our own backyard and exploring parts of our amazing coastal region.

We are fortunate to have a magnificent coastline that we can all enjoy, but our coastal regions will continue to face pressures that we must plan and prepare for.

To help us do this, we are providing you with an opportunity to let us know how you believe our coastal areas should be engaged with and treated.

To get the conversation started, Council staff have developed a Discussion Paper that, along with your invaluable feedback, will be used to create a draft Coastal Strategy.

I encourage you to get involved. The more feedback we receive, the more likely we are to get a strategy that truly reflects the views, and expectations, of our local community.

The engagement process is now open until 31 January 2023 and will include pop-ups at markets and events, an online survey and forums, and written submissions. To find out more and provide your feedback, please visit <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/coastal-strategy>

Entries for the Australia Day Photo Competition close on Wednesday 18 January. This year's theme is Australia Day: Reflect, Respect, Celebrate. We're All Part of the Story. It can be interpreted however you like, but images should be captured in South Gippsland. There is a generous prize for both the open and under 15 categories.

To upload your entry, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiadaycompetition

Thursday 26 January there will be a number of Australia Day events held across South Gippsland. One of these is our Citizenship Ceremony in Leongatha. This is often a large event and many new citizens wish to become Australians on this day.

More information will be released soon about all the events, so keep your eyes peeled.

A recent and exciting announcement is that the Great Southern Rail Trail project between Nyora and Leongatha is now completed! This means that you can now walk, cycle or ride from Nyora to Port Welshpool – experiencing over 100 kilometres of beautiful South Gippsland scenery. An official opening will take place shortly, but I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank the Council staff and contractors who worked through some unfavourable conditions to get this project completed. There are also works underway to extend the trail further past Port Welshpool, but this extension is being managed by our neighbours at Wellington Shire Council.

Thank you to all business operators and staff who worked through the Christmas and New Year break. You have and continue to do fabulous work for our community, enhancing our local economic vibrancy and providing goods and services for locals and those who come to visit.

I am confident that 2023 will be a big year here at Council. I look forward to continuing to connect with the community and sharing the work that is being done for the benefit of South Gippsland and our community.



The Studio/Gallery and Zulu's home all in one at Cape Paterson.

What do you see in your mind's eye?

By Bruce Christison

WHAT do we see when we look at an artistic work? How you answer that question determines the things that may excite you or provoke you. Either way it means that you are thinking about it and that's the hope of Heather Towns, when you visit her Gallery. Her artworks include a surprising range of creative expression. Inspired at times by her nickname 'Zulu', (self-selected she adds), the artworks you find in Heather's home/gallery express a rhythm and feeling of colour and life.

Whether it's an oil painting or a water colour you will be surprised at the wide range of work that comes from Heather's creative mind. And it doesn't stop there: a visit will expose you to photography, tapestries and papier mache sculptures as well. 'Zulu's' gallery is like a full art gallery, except that in this case it's all Heather's own work.

"I take my ideas from the things I see in my mind, and I am excited by colour and what it can do to lift the spirit" says Heather. And with the recent years we have been having, a colourful burst of energy and creativity maybe your own perfect start to a wonderful new year.

Beginning her artistic career as a graphic artist, and going on to run a very successful graphics art business, since partial retirement 'Zulu' has been able to concentrate more on her truly artistic urges and inspirations. "Over the years I became more and more interested in the use of colour to create movement and rhythm in my art. And I now look at many forms of visual art – not just paintings but sculpture, tapestry and more recently photography."

Visitors are surprised to find that everything in my home and gallery is my own work. I enjoy working across different media as each has its own challenges. And each provides a new way to inspire my creativity."

Heather's home and gallery are



Zulu in her element... covered in paint.

purpose built as the one premise. Very careful attention has been paid to how the use of natural light allows Heather to see her creations in perfect conditions. The presentation of her work is both a gallery and a work shop giving a rare look into the creative mind at work.

A visit to see Heather's gallery is great way to see things that may inspire and excite your own creative view of the world. Heather would love to meet you and has opened her gallery to anyone who wants a new view of their mind's eye.

Paintings, both framed and unframed are available to purchase together with a wonderful range of other artworks, from tapestries to delightful papier mache sculptures and photographic creations.

'Zulu's' gallery will be open every day from 12 – 5pm until January 26th, 2023. If you want a stimulating start to the New Year you can do no better than kick it off with a visit to 'Zulu's' Gallery.

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The Fire Danger Period has been announced for South Gippsland which will commence on Monday, January 16.

Fire restrictions to begin next week in South Gippsland

THE Fire Danger Period (FDP) will begin on Monday, January 16, for South Gippsland Shire.

FDP restrictions already apply across many parts of Victoria and these restrictions are based on assessments of the amount of rain, grassland curing rate and local conditions.

The return of a La Niña weather pattern has led to widespread rainfall and flooding in parts of the state, however that doesn't mean communities can become complacent about the increasing fire risk this season.

The Seasonal Bushfire Outlook for summer identified potential for increased grassfire conditions for the 2022/23 fire season, due to significant grass growth and delayed harvest activities.

Based on the latest outlook, the fire season is expected to be normal in Victoria, except for parts of central, north east and eastern Victoria where the potential is below normal.

CFA Acting Deputy Chief Officer South East Region Bryan Russell said while some parts of Gippsland remain quite wet, other areas are rapidly drying due to the recent warmer weather.

"Grassed areas are beginning to dry off and this increases the risk of grassfires," he said.

"While there are no restrictions in East Gippsland and Bass Coast shires currently, we are closely monitoring the seasonal conditions and expect to see the introduction of the Fire Danger Period in the coming weeks."

CFA firefighters have been preparing for the bushfire season and they are urging the community to use common sense and take responsibility for

preventing fires.

Residents in these areas should take this opportunity ahead of the FDP to conduct safe private burn-offs to reduce fuel loads and clean up their property.

If you are using fire to clean up your property ahead of the FDP, you should notify authorities of the burn-off at the Fire Permits Victoria website at www.firepermits.vic.gov.au, or by calling ESTA on 1800 668 511. No burning off is permitted during the FDP without a Permit to Burn, which can be applied for through the Fire Permits Victoria website.

There are very strict conditions attached to these permits and the liability sits with the permit holder to ensure they always act safely.

Monitor weather conditions and do not burn-off during days of high winds. More information about burn-off restrictions specific to your area can be found by consulting your local council.

More information and restrictions are published at www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/

fire-danger-period-restrictions.

Victorians can find out "Can I or Can't I?" information at www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can or by calling VicEmergency Hotline on 1800 226 226.

As of 1 September, the fire danger rating system changed and is now nationally consistent across every state and territory.

The system reduces the number of danger levels from six in the previous system, to four; Moderate, High, Extreme and Catastrophic.

Victorians can learn

more about the new fire danger rating system on the CFA website.

Fire Danger Period information

- A written permit is required to burn off grass, undergrowth, weeds or other vegetation during the FDP. This permit may be issued by the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer or the CFA District Office. You can apply for a permit at firepermits.vic.gov.au.
- Lighting a fire in the open without a permit is an offence and can bring a penalty of over \$21,800 and/or 12 months imprisonment. Barbecues and fires for cooking and warmth do not require a permit, but must be lit in properly constructed fireplaces (to view complete conditions visit cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can)
- The use of an incinerator, chainsaw/lawn mower, welding/grinding equipment and vehicles that come in contact with vegetation and machinery with an internal combustion/heat engine are permitted provided conditions are followed.
- Farmers can find legal guidelines and practical advice at cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/farms – this information is important especially for new farmers, bush block owners or hobby farmers.
- A Total Fire Ban declaration means no fires can be lit for the declared district for that day unless there is a specific exemption or special permit issued. This applies irrespective of the Fire Restriction status for a given municipality. Further details at cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can



The Pegs perform at the Pearl Park Music Festival. A24_0223

Pearl Park Music Festival roars back

FOSTER delivered glorious sunshine and an array of talented performers for the return of the Pearl Park Music Festival.

Many of the attendees took advantage of the shade of the trees as they relaxed to the sounds of musical styles including blues, rock, and folk.

The passion of one of the event's organisers, Rebecca Bone, shone through whether singing, playing an instrument or telling the audience that all musicians providing the day's entertainment were paid fairly.

Rebecca was in action with The Acquaintances, which combined humour with her talent and that of other singer/songwriters including Fiona Curram.

In the evening, Blind Cobbler's Thumb injected a touch of the Irish into the festival, with Rebecca combining flute, tin whistle and vocals, again with plenty of banter.

The lively group had attendees up and dancing, especially for an energetic version of Rattlin' Bog.

Those wanting more history, particularly with a local element, could check out Foster's museum, open for the day at the bargain price of a gold coin donation.

The visitor information centre, Stockyard Gallery and some of the town's shops

stayed open for much of the day, adding to the experience for those who ventured from further afield.

While musicians were paid, volunteers were crucial to the festival's success, whether selling food, beverages, programs or raffle tickets.

Manna Gum Community House volunteers Liz Hurst and Jan Power were selling the latter items, also providing an enthusiastic greeting.

Swiss mum Livia with young daughter Marla was pleasantly surprised to stumble on a music festival when she popped into Foster after a visit to Wilsons Promontory.

"We wanted to stop for lunch and now we have a whole party," Livia said.

Plenty of locals attended, with Pat and Jim Smith there early, having enjoyed the Pearl Park Music Festival prior to the pandemic.

"It's fabulous and draws people to the town and it's a great atmosphere," Pat said.

The festival received financial support from the Australian Government through its Regional Arts Fund, along with the South Gippsland Shire Council and the Bendigo Bank, while Mana Gum Community House assisted in securing grants.



Korumburra Rotary Club members Peter, George, Beck, Allan, Lyn and Bernie were part of the annual swap meet at the Korumburra showgrounds on Sunday. Z46_0223

Korumburra's 38th annual swap meet

VISITORS travelled far and wide for the South Gippsland Historical Automotive Club's 38th annual swap meet at the Korumburra Showgrounds on Sunday.

Gates opened at 6am and the streets were lined with car enthusiasts waiting to sell or showcase their old classics.

South Gippsland Historical Automotive Club organiser Matt Sherry said due to pandemic restrictions and recent floods, interstate swap meets have been cancelled, bringing everyone to Korumburra.

"We saw a crowd of over 6000 patrons and the grounds were jam-packed with over 300 vendors selling anything from restored motorcycles to collectable model cars and spare parts," said Matt.

"Anything mechanical, including farm machinery was on display, including antiques, bric-a-brac, books and of course vintage and classics lined up on the showgrounds."

The Korumburra Lions and Korumburra Rotary Club volunteers were catering the annual event and were thrilled with the vast turnout.

Car enthusiasts from any car club were welcome to attend without registering.

Stephen Wilson has been a member of the South Gippsland Historical Automotive Club member since 1991 and showcased his 1960 Austin-Healey Bugeye Sprite.

Whilst Jeff Shawcroft is a regular to the swap meet and displayed his 1952 International L110 Coupe Utility, after he completed an 18-month restoration during the pandemic.

"We currently have a membership of over 140 people and being our first year back since 2020, it's great seeing so many people, both local and interstate supporting the event," said Matt.



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Nicky Chung (President) and The Dinner Auction Committee.

Foster care call in Gippsland

AN increase in the number of children and teenagers in State care and a decrease in the number of foster carers has prompted a call for people to consider the opportunity to foster young people in need.

Heidi Reid, Berry Street's executive director of strategic engagement, spoke of the myths about foster caring, saying many people who would make ideal carers have ruled themselves out due to misconceptions about what is required.

She said many believe that to be foster carers they need to not be working, perceiving it as something older people do.

You don't need to have a particular relationship status, with some foster carers single and others in same-sex relationships, as well as heterosexual couples.

Carers can be as young as age 21.

Many people believe you need a large house to be a foster carer but that is not the case, with children just needing their own room.

Having your own children does not preclude you from also caring for foster children.

Those considering foster caring are often concerned about the level of training and support they will receive and whether it will enable them to be good foster carers.

However, both training and support are extensive.

Tim Pedlow, the organisation's regional director for south east Victoria, including Gippsland, spoke about the negative impact of the pandemic on foster carer numbers.

"Off the back of COVID, we've seen a reduction in foster carers with people focusing more on their own children and their own lives because of the additional pressures that Covid brought," Tim said.

Increased cost of living is one of those additional pressures.

Heidi also talked about the reduction in foster carer numbers, saying many older carers have cared for dozens of foster children over the years, with a number of those carers having recently retired.

Heidi said that during the COVID period there were less eyes on children's welfare and less notifications of those in unsatisfactory home environments as children were not going to school and were less likely to visit doctors.

Since restrictions ended, the number of children having to be removed from unsafe home



Berry Street's regional director for south east Victoria Tim Pedlow is calling on people to consider fostering children.

environments by child protection workers has risen sharply, with increased cost of living and mental health issues often placing strain on families.

Heidi said Berry Street is lobbying for more programs for early intervention, explaining there are situations in which children are not getting the support they need that can be overcome if assistance is provided promptly.

Regional director Tim stressed that foster caring comes in different forms, making it adaptable to the needs of carers in various situations.

He also explained that those interested in becoming foster carers have a say in matters such as the age of those they are wanting to care for.

"I think on any given night at the moment there are around 12,000 Victorian kids who can't live safely at home with biological parents," he said.

Tim acknowledged that considering becoming a foster carer is a "huge decision" but said it is one that can bring fulfilment and the knowledge you have made a real difference in a child's life.

Tim encourages anyone considering the possibility of becoming a foster carer to call Berry Street on (03) 9429 9266.

Further information is available by visiting berrystreet.org.au including details of the types of foster care roles, diverse backgrounds of carers, the support they receive and profiles of some existing foster carers.

Foster care reaps huge rewards for local couple

CHOOSING to become foster carers is a decision Lee-Anne and Greg of South Gippsland are glad they made.

The couple has felt well prepared for any challenges that arise thanks to the support and training provided by the staff of Berry Street, an organisation that strives to put children into environments where they are safe, thriving and hopeful.

Lee-Anne explained what motivated her and Greg to become foster carers, something they did about 18 months ago.

Lee-Anne, who has two grown children, said she and Greg felt they have something to give and realised there are a lot of kids out there doing it tough.

The pair prove it is possible to become successful foster carers while leading an already busy lifestyle, with both employed full time with a one-hour commute to work.

Unsure how much of a commitment they could make, a respite carer role appealed as a starting point.

Lee-Anne explained that could mean being assigned one or two children over a weekend once a month.

As it turned out, they were given the opportunity to care for a child for what initially shaped as possibly a three-week period.

However, such has been the success of the arrangement, they've now had that first child in their care for 18 months.

The junior school aged youngster has since been joined by his two younger sisters who were previously in a shorter-term placement.

The young trio were recently able to enjoy their first Christmas together.

Allowing the siblings to be reunited has been one of the rewards for Lee-Anne and Greg.

Seeing behavioural issues overcome as the children become more comfortable and confident in their environment has also been satisfying.

Enabling the children to try new things is enjoyable, seeing the positive effect it has after trauma they have experienced.

The older child has been snow skiing and water skiing and learned how to use a kneeboard.

"Showing them life can be happy," is one of the opportunities foster caring brings, Lee-Anne said, adding it is great seeing children allowed to be themselves.



South Gippsland's Lee-Anne and Greg are delighted they chose to become foster carers.

couraged to get whatever was needed and were then reimbursed.

"That's making the world of difference for Greg and me and for the kids," Lee-Anne said.

She noted Berry Street strives to ensure the fostering experience isn't too difficult for carers and that they are not left out of pocket, but also works to make certain they aren't weighed down or overwhelmed by challenges they face in the role.

Other help Berry Street provides includes identifying appropriate services for the needs of the children when requested.

Lee-Anne noted training provided is personalised and you have the chance to ask whatever questions you need to.

"You want to know the ins and outs of everything because these are little people, and you need to make sure that any question or doubt that you have you feel confident in the answer you are getting, and they were fantastic," Lee-Anne said.

She noted there are training sessions offered all the time and that she has undertaken trauma-based training.

Anybody considering becoming a foster carer is encouraged to explore the possibility.

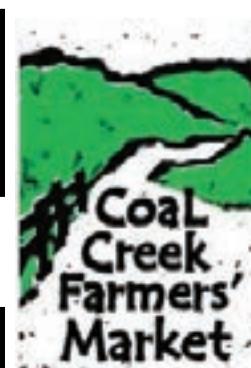
"If there's anybody out there who thinks they'd like to give this a go and they're nervous doing so, it doesn't hurt to do the training and to ask questions and find things out," Lee-Anne said.

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Live music and a sustainable future

THE grounds of Churchill Island were bustling on Saturday as the gates opened for the 2023 Ocean Sounds music festival.

The festival was officially opened with a smoking ceremony - welcoming the crowd to the land of Millowl; thousands of festival goers rose to their feet to partake in traditional dance before welcoming the first act, local artists - The Laing Brothers.

Singer, songwriter, and storyteller Carissa Nyalu followed with an enthralling performance - singing of her connection to land, culture, and sky.

Local musician and international performer Steph Strings then took to stage with a compelling and electric performance - a young acoustic artist singing of her connection to her hometown in San Remo and drawing in the crowd with her thrilling talent on guitar.

Mama Kin Spender kept the atmosphere high and the crowd on their feet, enticing all to sing, dance and connect to their music before welcoming Australian rock folk band The Waifs and headline act John Butler.

Founder and Director of The Hills Are Alive Group, Aidan McLaren said they've waited nearly five years to have John Butler perform at Ocean Sounds.

"This festival is run by local people for local people,

and this is the year we get to experience these unbelievable artists on the beautiful land of Phillip Island," said Aidan.

The Waifs harmonica player, guitarist, and vocalist Vikki Thorn performed with John Butler and singer-songwriter Mama Kin in an alluring act - John Butler storytelling through his music and connecting with the crowd in a powerful performance.

On stage John Butler acknowledged the collaboration of Ocean Sounds with the B alternative initiative - a sustainable pathway to zero waste at festivals.

B alternative aim to eradicate waste by incorporating a wrist band system - where each vendor supplied their food on re-usable plates and bowls.

THAA director Aidan said the system runs as a return cycle, so all patrons purchase a wrist band with their ticket, wrist bands are then given to the food vendor when purchasing food, you bring your plate back to the B alternative tent to be washed and they'll return the wrist band back to each patron.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Local artist Steph Strings put on an electric performance at Ocean Sounds music festival on Saturday, getting the entire crowd to their feet. Z39_0223



Ocean Sounds summer music festival welcomed headline act John Butler to the grounds of Churchill Island on Saturday afternoon. Z43_0223



Proud history and new location for Wakley Sculptors

BARRY Wakley Sculptors and Monumental Masons have been designing professional granite monuments in Korumburra for the past 37 years and this year the business will operate from Wonthaggi.

Owners Barry and Rose Wakley have re-located to 18 Inverloch Road, Wonthaggi and will continue to design or restore granite monuments for loved ones; offering a vast selection of colours and sizes.

"Everything is created onsite in Wonthaggi, we work directly with each client to develop a personalised design and all inscriptions are 23 carat gold on pure granite with a 20-year warranty," said Rose.

With over 70 years' experience in the trade after seven years of initial training, Barry's

expertise can restore sculptures and monuments following deterioration or damage, enabling restoration to historical pieces. Barry was trained by the family when he was 12 years old.

The Wakley family have extensive history in the masonry profession, with the business initially being established in the UK in 1530 before beginning operation in Australia from 1882.

"I have a true passion for crafting sculptures and masonry; I am connected to the history of the trade with generations of my family working in the industry," said Barry.

"I will continue to provide my expertise to the local community and design new monuments to honour those lives lost; our

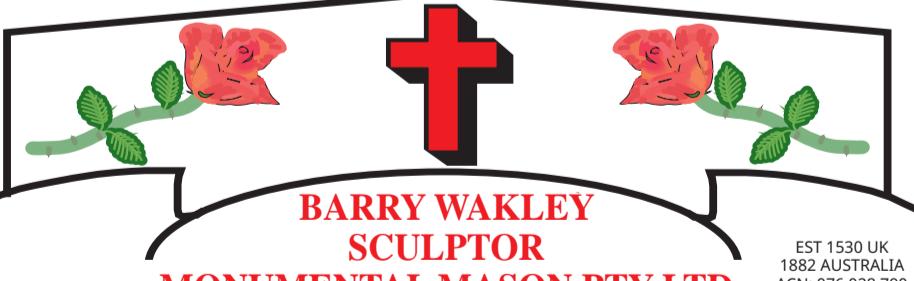
service is also available for those who require additional inscription to represent couples or families."

Previously operating on acreage, Barry and Rose made the decision to downsize their operation and work closely with the community and local funeral homes to continue their family legacy.

Barry Wakley Sculptors and Monumental Masons specialise in unique granite monuments for any budget, for more information call 5657 3341 or email wakley.sculptor@outlook.com

RIGHT: Barry Wakley Sculptors and Monumental Masons have relocated to Wonthaggi and specialise in unique granite monuments of any size.





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"Memorials of Distinction"

Animal cruelty hotspots revealed

AN ONLINE interactive map launched by RSPCA Victoria lets the community track rates of animal cruelty in their own local government area (LGA) and across the state.

The interactive animal cruelty map on the RSPCA Victoria website shows where LGAs rank for animal cruelty over the past two financial years, with Geelong and Casey holding the unfortunate top spots for overall number of reports received for the second year running.

When it comes to number of cruelty reports per capita, Pyrenees and Strathbogie Shire Councils were in first and second place.

In Bass Coast, for 2021-22 there were 100 reports, scoring 45 of 79 for rankings by number of reports.

While in South Gippsland there were 82 reports, ranking 47 of 79.

Latest data from the 2021/22 financial year shows neglect continues to be the most common type of report received.

During the year RSPCA Victoria's Inspectorate responded to 10,577 cruelty reports, with neglect the basis for almost half (46%), meaning members of the community had reported knowledge of animals subjected to lack of food, water, shelter or veterinary care.

Other types of neglect included poor husbandry, lack of appropriate hygiene and insufficient grooming, shearing and farriery for horses.

Animals most commonly reported Welfare concerns for dogs, cats and horses continued to make up the majority of the 10,577 cruelty reports in 2021-22:

- 6,846 reports involved dogs and puppies
- 1922 reports involved cats and kittens
- 1,070 reports involved horses

Offences in the 2021-22 reports

In 2021-22, RSPCA Victoria's Inspectorate issued 287 notices to comply, finalised 74 prosecutions, resulting in 68 guilty findings and 46 disqualification orders.

Firefighting fleet ready for the season

VICTORIA'S aerial firefighting fleet is prepared to respond to any fires that may happen over summer, with the 50-strong fleet ready to be deployed across the state.

A new addition to Victoria's base fleet of 50 aircraft is the Black Hawk, which can hold up to 4000 litres of water and can also drop fire retardant and foam.

The CH47 Chinook returns for a second year - capable of holding 11,000 litres of water.

The fleet also includes two Large Air Tankers, other Type 1 helicopters including a Super Puma and an Air Crane and 14 single engine air tankers including one Fireboss.

Victoria also has a surge capacity of up to 100 aircraft that can supplement the core fleet and be called upon when needed.

For more information on how to prepare for fires and other emergencies download the VicEmergency app or visit emergency.vic.gov.au.

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WITH a return to school in 2023 it's a great time to make sure your child is given the best possible learning opportunities for the year ahead.

Kids are spending more time with digital devices, and this can affect their vision. Research shows that:

- Short-sightedness (myopia) is increasing with digital device use, bringing greater eye health risks.
- Children with vision problems have reduced attention capacity compared to their peers.
- Children with learning problems commonly have vision problems which affect their learning. Optometry can play an important role in assisting them to achieve better results.
- A study of primary school children in QLD showed that 25% of those tested had confirmed vision problems, and these kids had lower NAPLAN scores than their peers.

Regular vision checks for all children are important.

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Myopia in Children

Myopia, or short-sightedness, is an eye condition that makes it difficult to see distant objects clearly. Regular eye examinations give children the best opportunity of success in the classroom, sports field and playground.

Kids with myopia will have trouble seeing the board at school and it is

known that kids with vision difficulties can fall behind their peers in school work. Aside from vision difficulties, there are also health implications for myopic patients due to their elongated eye. For kids, myopia tends to continue to worsen each year.

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It is important for all children to have regular vision checks from an early age, and certainly during school years. Parents should look out for signs of their children squinting, reporting headaches, rubbing their eyes and getting close to objects and/or the TV to see. A visit to the optometrist will quickly show if there is a problem and a plan can be made to help.

It is recommended for children...

Get a vision check – optometry visits are covered by Medicare and are painless and can even be fun.

Get outside - at least two hours per day is essential for kids, especially before the onset of myopia. Time outdoors has been shown to help prevent myopia from progressing.

Get some variety - reduce screen time or near-vision work and take breaks (remember the 20/20/20 rule – focus on something 20 feet away for 20 seconds every 20 minutes).

Get further away - don't hold books or devices close to the eyes and adopt a Harmon working distance (closed fist to elbow).

Get more sleep - ideally, more than nine hours per day for children. Staying up late in bed with a tablet or phone is a bad idea.

If you have any concerns or would like to book an appointment for your child, please call our practice on 5662 3485.



Art Show committee member, hanger and artist Bob Hickman with the show's Secretary Michael Hogan and its Chair David Panther hold some of the works entered in the show. A19_0223

Dahlstrom to judge Leongatha Rotary Art and Photography Show

LEONGATHA Rotary Club's Art and Photography Show will again prove popular as it takes over the town's Memorial Hall with a wide range of artistic mediums and styles and works by artists from across Gippsland and further afield.

The event is a major fundraiser for the Rotary Club, supporting projects locally, nationally and internationally.

Over 630 works will be on show, with \$7300 worth of prizes across 16 award categories.

Inverloch artist Ray Dahlstrom is this year's judge and is looking forward to the challenge.

Although he has judged art shows elsewhere, he's never tackled so many categories.

"I've got the best part of a day to do it," Ray said, acknowledging a lot of the process is "subjective".

He said as a non-trained artist he may bring a different perspective to that of some other judges.

"As long as you can jus-

tify your choices, hopefully everyone walks away happy," Ray said.

"A lot of my work is about telling a story and when I look at a painting, I want it to tell me something and give me some insight on how people see the world and be more than a technically brilliant picture."

Ray shifted focus in his own art after surviving the Black Saturday bushfires in 2009, placing an emphasis on raising issues about the causes of change to our environment.

Some of his works highlight the potential impact of climate change on the ocean in his local region, including the loss of many sea animals.

Ray's family property at Steels Creek in the Yarra Valley was destroyed in the fires, along with around 100 paintings completed over 25 years.

He works mainly in oils.

Ray said that being asked to judge such a large and well-estab-

lished art show is an honour.

The Art & Photography Show's Chair David Panther spoke of the late David John, who previously filled the role, lamenting his loss and saying he has left big boots to fill.

He noted the "explosion of entries", saying this year has set a record.

It's the third year in which the event is being held at the Memorial Hall and during the Christmas holiday period.

It previously took place in spring at Mesley Hall, then just a three-day event, but now extending over three weeks.

The expanded event requires an army of keen volunteers to succeed.

David said that in addition to the team of Rotary members and partners, many artists have put up their hands to fill shifts.

The hard-working committee starts preparation a few months ahead of the show.

Being one of Gippsland's largest art shows, possibly the biggest, the event attracts a mix of sponsors and in-

dividual donors.

Attendees will be able to snap up artworks and photos that take their fancy, and they might even take home a prize-winning piece.

"Every item is judged and every one is available for sale," David said.

Rotary earns a commission on each work sold, boosting its fundraising total and enabling it to contribute to an array of important projects.

In addition to the works of experienced artists, young locals are encouraged to be part of the show, with an expanded emphasis on youth entries through Leongatha schools and other organisations such as Yooralla.

Details:

Where: Leongatha Memorial Hall

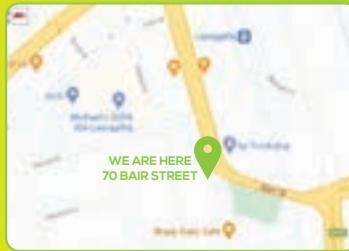
When: January 14 until February 4. Artwork is judged on January 13, with the event opening to the public the following day.

How much: It costs just \$5 for adults and kids are free.

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OH WHAT A FEELING



Max Wood

LEONGATHA



If you're looking for a chap to lend a helping hand, Max is your man!

Originally a dairy farmer in Welshpool, Max can remember making cement bricks for the hall, pouring wheelbarrow loads of concrete for the Welshpool tennis courts, and putting hundreds of nails into the floor of the basketball stadium in Welshpool.

Raising five daughters with his late wife Rosemary didn't stop Max from being involved in various committees including the Welshpool Hall, Welshpool Tennis Club, Port Welshpool Museum, and Welshpool Golf Club. His life in Welshpool was heavily rooted in volunteerism, like with the Welshpool CFA where he spent 39 years and as a boundary umpire, and later goal umpire for the Welshpool Football Club.

In 1989, Max and Rosemary retired from dairy farming and moved into Leongatha where Max quickly became involved in the community by joining the Woorayl Golf Club Committee, South Gippsland Golf Classic Committee and the Leongatha Men's Shed where he is currently the President.

Max helped establish the Leongatha Men's Shed in 2012. Men's sheds have been and continue to

be a great place for men to come together to have meaningful conversations, all while they share skills, enjoy activities, and a sneaky cuppa or two. Connection is important in organisations like this and the work they do for the community through their woodworking and other skills is phenomenal. Many of us have been the recipient of something created in a Men's Shed.

Max was front-and-centre helping to raise funds for the new Leongatha Men's Shed that was opened earlier this year. The members worked hard to raise \$400,000 by selling their own products, having sausage sizzles, obtaining grants from Council and the State Government, as well as seeking donations from local businesses. 72 per cent of the cost of the new facilities was raised by the Men's Shed themselves.

Max's most recent achievements are made more spectacular by his limited mobility and loss of an eye during a car accident seven years ago that sadly took his wife of 52 years. After two months in hospital and rehabilitation, Max returned to his community – his Men's Shed and the Woorayl Golf Club. He is well loved and described as an inspiration.

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINEE:

Kira Waldron

MEENIYAN



A bubbly and supportive Mary McKillop year 10 student, 16-year-old Kira has lived in Meeniygan her entire life.

With parents who are community minded, you can imagine Kira has followed in their footsteps. She has assisted with making and hanging Christmas decorations in the town and organising children's activities during the Meeniygan Garlic Festival.

Kira is involved with a number of community organisations including:

- Meeniygan Stony Creek Fire Brigade where she is part of the Junior CFA program.
- Korumburra Gun Club – Kira is a keen and accurate shooter who enjoys volunteering at the Club and competing at multiple local and state events, including the Gippsland Sports Academy.
- Korumburra Scouts as a Venturer.

Earlier this year, Kira represented Mary McKillop at the Model United Nations Assembly Competition. She

instantly put her hand up when she heard she could advocate on behalf of Haiti, one of the most impoverished countries in the world. She put her hesitancy aside and spoke in front of this state-wide competition. Kira also put her leadership skills on full display leading the entire assembly of 40 students from 15 schools across Victoria to adopt a new resolution of tackling the prevalence of rising sea levels and destruction of small island nations around the world.

For the last four years, Kira has volunteered with the Meeniygan Stony Creek Fire Brigade. She has helped recruit new members and is looking forward to transferring to a senior CFA member when she qualifies. This work has sparked a passion for working in emergency services and an ambition to become a paramedic or police officer once she completes school.

For this eloquent and confident young lady, the world is her oyster.

NOMINEES for the 2023 South Gippsland Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year awards will be recognised at an awards ceremony on **Wednesday, January 18 from 6.30pm, at the Meeniygan Hall**.

The achievements of each nominee are outlined below, and the names of the overall winner in each category will also be inscribed on the Australia Day Honour Board in Memorial Hall.

Clive Hope

MEENIYAN



Clive moved to Meeniygan in 1981, so you could say he has earned the title of local by now.

Since that day he has worked tirelessly for the local community. In his time, he has been part of the:

- Meeniygan Sports Stadium committee fundraising and co-trustee for Debentures.
- Meeniygan Tennis Club secretary between 1982 and 1989.
- Meeniygan Hall Committee Treasurer between 1994 and 2004.
- Chairman of the Red Shield Appeal for the Salvation Army – Leongatha branch from 1995 to 1997.
- President, Secretary, Treasurer and committee member of the Meeniygan Progress Association between 2002 and 2022.
- Meeniygan Australia Day Committee Chairman between 2006 and 2016.

Clive is always putting his hand

up to get things done for Meeniygan. His positive attitude has helped the community achieve many outcomes. One of these has been the Stony Creek Wetland's Bird Hide.

Clive liaised with South Gippsland Water for two years during the pandemic to establish a bird hide along the Great Southern Rail Trail.

The Hide utilises a piece of land between the Meeniygan Wastewater Treatment Plant wetlands and the Rail Trail to showcase the wetlands natural habitat.

It has become a popular destination along the Rail Trail, which would not have been achieved without the leadership and relationships formed thanks to Clive.

Clive embodies honesty, empathy, integrity and respect for other community members and their rights and differences. He leads by example and reminds us all to better support our community.

YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINEE:

Abbey Nicholls

KORUMBURRA



Abbey is a rolling environmental leader in Korumburra. A keen roller-derby participant, Abbey is described by many as a young superstar with a passion for advocating for the climate and environment, social justice issues, and helping other students make their own changes whether they be big or small.

Abbey has been considered an environmental leader in the Korumburra Secondary College since she started high school.

In 2020, Abbey ran a 'School Strike 4 Climate' event that was inevitably forced online due to the pandemic. To host the event, she completed some development training and is still heavily involved in the School Strike 4 Climate network.

She has a passion for leadership

as a member of the Student Leadership Team. As part of this team, she has spoken at assemblies and assisted with organising casual dress days. One of these casual dress days was organised to raise awareness about gender-based violence.

To extend her leadership capabilities, Abbey participated in the Gippsland Student Leadership Network during 2022. As part of this, she created a website to tackle issues of discrimination in Gippsland. The website provides resources on inclusivity for LG-BTQIA+, culturally, religiously, physically and mentally diverse people.

For a student just 16 years of age, Abbey is well-versed in some extremely complex issues which shows her natural ability to educate those around her.



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COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Carols by Glowlight MEENIYAN

Janine Alexander

MIRBOO NORTH



Tiny but mighty – that's how people describe Janine.

The pandemic was a difficult time for us all, including our committees and community organisations. Janine ensured that both the Walter J Tuck Recreation Reserve and the Mirboo North Football Netball Club not only survived the demands of the pandemic, but thrived in her role as Treasurer. Thanks to her determination, there are now facilities to enable the live streaming of events held at the reserve so that those in aged care or around the world can watch the footy, cricket or special event live.

Over the past few years, Janine has also been part of the sub committee tasked with overseeing the construction of the new Mirboo North Medical Centre by the Mirboo North and District Community Foundation. With Janine's help, this project was delivered on budget during a particularly challenging time with

increasing manufacturing costs and construction constraints.

Janine has also been heavily involved in the kindergarten, school and junior sports clubs' committees. As a single mother of two, she may not have had much time to spare, but she has always been passionate about helping others of all ages.

You know you have been incorporated into the fabric of a community when a saying is invented in your name. Apparently 'will it pass the Janine test' is a common phrase in Mirboo North encouraging you to ensure you have factored everything in.

Janine is an empathetic fighter for others who empowers people to do their best. She is a queen of compromise if it means the project gets done, but never loses sight of the goals. She willingly gives her time to others, even participating in the occasional mentoring session to help everyone discover their super power.

Carols by Glowlight was held on 23 December 2021 in Tanderra Park, Meeniyian.

It was organised by the combined churches of Meeniyian with the aim of bringing the community together to celebrate Christmas en masse for the first time since the pandemic.

More than 200 people attended the event, all gathering on chairs and blankets with a glowlight in hand.

During the event, music was provided by local artists and all attendees were encouraged to sing along to the Christmas carols. A Christmas story was narrated and

plenty of sweet treats for the children to enjoy.

A Christmas message was delivered by the Venerable Graham Knott from the Anglican Church Leongatha, Meeniyian and Tarwin Lower.

Locals and visitors alike commented on how lovely the venue was and the spirit of the occasion.

The pandemic took many things from us, including a feeling of community, and this event helped locals and visitors feel more connected and a strong sense of togetherness that we have all missed.

Loch Village Market KORUMBURRA

Ben Ellis

KORUMBURRA



Ben may be a so-called new comer to Korumburra, but he has made a significant impact on the town in his time particularly in regards to the Korumburra Botanic Park.

Ben worked tirelessly in collaboration with Council and the Korumburra Community Development Association to be removed as a Section 86 committee and become an incorporation. This included many meetings with interested community members, finding information from past committees and details of the Indigenous people of the area. He also ensured the securing of funding to help make improvements to the Park and return it to its former glory.

The work didn't stop there. Ben had continued to run working bees that include specialists in native plants and Landcare volunteers. He has also helped identify plants in the Park, both weed and otherwise to ensure they are documented and improved the safety of the Park for not just users, but those who neighbour it.

Ben is extremely passionate about the environment and loves enhancing the natural beauty of the places he lives in.

He has vast knowledge of what is required in achieving the best outcomes possible and his friendly, approachable manner makes Ben a pleasure to deal with and assist.

The Loch Village Market was the first project of the Lions Club of Strzelecki with the first of these being held on the second Sunday of November 1997.

Initially it was held at the Loch Memorial Reserve and is now held at the Lions Loch Railway Reserve and is still held on the second Sunday of the month between October and April.

To enter the Market, a gold coin donation is encouraged, with between 750 and 1,000 people regularly attending the market. Over 100 permanent stallholders from South Gippsland and further afield come along rain, hail or shine. However, this would not be possible without the Lions Club

members and volunteers who contribute approximately 200 hours of work for each market event.

Over the past five years, more than \$100,000 has been raised benefitting local schools and community services, Victorian Charities and Lions National and International charities.

Regardless of the growth of the market, it seems to have kept its friendly atmosphere for both stallholders and attendees.

Visitors to South Gippsland often use the Market as their first stop before exploring the rest of what we have to offer. It also strongly benefits local Loch businesses by helping spike the economy.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

Congratulations!



South Gippsland Shire Council would like to thank and congratulate all nominees in this year's South Gippsland Australia Day Awards.

The awards recognise people in South Gippsland who dedicate their time, skills and energy for the benefit of their local community.

Australia Day events will be held across South Gippsland on Thursday 26 January. For details, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/AustraliaDay



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Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival CORNER INLET

The Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival was a series of events held over nine days to promote Fish Creek as a vibrant, creative and hospitable community.

The Festival aimed to, among other things:

- Strengthen existing partnerships and develop new ones.
- Create connections between locals, tourists and the art and craft community.
- Bring visitors into South Gippsland outside of the traditional tourist season and boost business activity, which was particularly important after the pandemic.
- Provide a forum to showcase the diverse talents of the South Gippsland community.
- Provide a funding source for Fish Creek community projects and future festivals.

During this year's festival, over 174 entries into the tea cosy competition were received from across Australia and overseas. There was also an attempt for the biggest tea cosy, which really drew people in. You could say that they felt weaved into the story of the cosy.

Hosting COVID safe events was challenging for many, and this was not lost on the organisers of the Tea Cosy Festival.

Across the nine days, approximately 5,200 people were in attendance, with the tea cosy exhibition being a particular favourite.

Over \$4,500 of the money raised was given to the Fish Creek Community Development Group to put towards bike repair and water stations near the Great Southern Rail Trail, upgrading town welcome signs, upgrading recreational facilities in the tennis court precinct in the CBD. There was also a number of other funds raised for the South Gippsland Hospital Auxiliary, Fish Creek and Foster Community Gardens, Fish Creek Primary School, Bowling Club, Union Church, Scouts and Rotary Clubs.

The Festival also attracted the interest of a number of publications, including ABC who broadcast the event far and wide across Australia.

The Festival provided a much needed boost of morale for the local community, tea cosy crafters, local businesses and the festival committee and volunteers.



Korumburra Cenotaph KORUMBURRA

This event was held in Coleman Park and conducted to mark the centenary of the Korumburra Cenotaph being a monument to those whose bodies were laid to rest elsewhere after losing their lives in battle.

To mark the centenary, flowers were laid at the base of the cenotaph by various attendees including Member for Monash Russell Broadbent.

Locals took the opportunity to remember the history of their forefathers who never returned home. The cenotaph is the only place of recognition in Korumburra of those who were lost in action in World War 1.

Korumburra well and truly sacrificed, with 78 per cent of citizens eligible to enlist doing so compared to the national average of 50 per cent. As such, the loss felt by this community was extremely palpable on the day.

People were moved by the ceremony and the service, which included a lone bagpiper, bugle player, a service from the combined churches with hymns such as "Nearer My God to Thee" accompanied by the Royal Australian Navy band who are based at HMAS Cerberus.

During the service, a rededication commemorating the lost and never returned was held. This gave the community a chance to lay wreaths making it a particularly memorable occasion.

An estimated 250 people attended the service – there wasn't a spare seat in the hall!

Perhaps most impressively, no profits were raised as the RSL sub branch simply wanted to make the occasion memorable and allow those who had family members who did not return a place to quietly reflect on their service and demonstrate that they are truly never forgotten.



Brush and Bubbles KORUMBURRA

A limited number of locals came along to enjoy the Brush and Bubbles event held by the Korumburra Lions.

The purpose of the night was to raise funds for the Korumburra Lions Club to be used in the community.

Fifty local ladies came along and were also treated to pizza at the Burra Brewery.

The event was a blast, with lots of giggles – maybe due to the bubbles!

Two of these have been run during 2022, both selling out very quickly, indicating to the organisers that they have hit the mark for many locals.

The painting was led by Koonwarra artist Bob Hickman. There was even an art quiz to give the paint time to dry onto the canvases. Everyone took home their very own painting, and some lucky painters scored some raffle prizes. The prizes were from local businesses who wanted to be associated with the event.

Burra Brewery may have been the venue, but the bubbles were courtesy of the Gippsland Wine Company in Loch. A fantastic example of local businesses working together for the greater good.

All of the money raised will go towards local projects, potentially infrastructure on the Great Southern Rail Trail.

It sounds like the money was great, but the night was even better with lots of laughs, chatter about what's going on in their lives, questions and comments about their individual paintings. An all-round fantastic community social event.

Mirboo North Winterfest MIRBOO NORTH

It is easy to think that the first Mirboo North Winterfest was held in 2022 – in fact, you would be correct. However, this is the revitalised version of Arty Gras, that was celebrated in Mirboo North for many years.

Over 4,000 people flocked to the streets of Mirboo North on an icy winter's night to experience a vibrant celebration of community and the arts after a couple of years locked down due to the pandemic.

With moving the event to the middle of the year, the organisers wanted to celebrate the warmth and light that we all forge to help us through the cold and dark of winter. With fire and ice, light and art, and food and drink aplenty, Winterfest seemingly managed to hit the mark.

The beating heart of Arty Gras was retained, with the street parade being braved by families. To team with the theme of winter and in the lead up to the Winterfest, locals were invited to make their own lantern to display during the parade. A sea of lights all created by locals was a sight to behold.

Activities during the event included a market, live ice sculpting, drum and dance workshops, fire twirlers, live music, plenty to eat and plenty to see.

All money raised through grants, sponsorship and fundraising activities were used to run the event. Where possible, all expenditure to make the event a success was spent in South Gippsland on local artists, performers, businesses, equipment hire and promotion.

Due to the success of the event, the organisers hope to continue this annually and continue shining light in the depths of South Gippsland's moody winter.



The Historical and Artistic Perspective of Karmai KORUMBURRA

The purpose of the event was to bring the community of Korumburra together to engage in a reflective discussion about the Karmai Festival that was successfully run in Korumburra from the 1970s to the mid-1990s.

To accompany the discussion, an art exhibition was held showcasing historical pieces that were themed around Karmai.

The exhibition created great excitement, celebrating and acknowledging a piece of Korumburra's history. Karmai is, in itself, a fantastic example of community coming together to achieve great things. It has a warm place in many people's hearts. The exhibition seemed to refresh these fond memories and provide a space for people to share them with others in Korumburra.

The art pieces used in the exhibition were the result of a public art competition that

included three adult award-winning pieces and three children's award-winning pieces. These were judged by local artists and there was a people's choice award that successfully engaged the Korumburra community.

During the event, 437 people attended over the 22 days it was open – 60 of those on opening night. Visitors included locals from South Gippsland and visitors from Queensland, New South Wales, Adelaide and 'Grey Nomads' passing through the area at the right time. Three school groups also visited the exhibition.

Profits from the event were directed to prize winners, cover costs, and donate to the children's centre.

This event was a great example of the willingness of local businesses to support events in our region and the community impact events have on South Gippsland.

PICES presents 2023 pop up art show

THE Phillip Island Contemporary Exhibition Space committee held their grand opening of the 2023 pop up art show at the Ramada Resort on Tuesday, January 3 leading the four-week exhibition that will showcase 210 pieces by 26 artists.

Opening the doors to the first day of the exhibition on Wednesday, PICES president Sandra Peeters and Warren Nichols welcomed the community to share in the work of the renowned artists both locally and across Victoria.

The exhibition launch unveiled a range of mediums from artists Pauline Grotto, Cassie Leatham, Jenny Loft, Jillian Mitchell, Kim McDonald, and David Bell.

"We have a vast selection this year, exhibiting works of ceramics, drawing, painting, photography, printmaking, pyrography, sculpture, weaving, and woodturning – all presented with a statement to reveal what inspired each artist to create their individual pieces," said Warren.

"A part of the 26 featured artists is 11 from Bass Coast and 10 from South Gippsland, all providing a copy of their curriculum vitae for visitors to sight and gain an understanding of



Local artist Jillian Mitchell displayed her photographs from Surf Beach, Phillip Island at the first week of the PICES art exhibition at the Ramada Resort. Z01_0223

their education, exhibitions and awards throughout their careers – truly an inspiration for amateur artists."

Local artist from Surf Beach, Phillip Island, Jillian Mitchell was in attendance on Wednesday, volunteering her time at the exhibition to assist the PICES committee in managing the event.

"I've always had a passion for photography and the designs exhibited at this event were images taken at Surf

Beach during the change in tides, I have captured the imprints that were left in the sand – this natural beauty that we so easily bypass," said Jillian.

"By capturing these in black and white we're able to focus in on and draw out the interplay of light contrasted across the sand patterns and because of the unique pattern I will be selling this series as limited edition signed prints."

The 4th series PICES pop

up weekly exhibition was designed to provide artists with the opportunity to showcase their work, and encourage the community to gather and appreciate the detail in fine art.

The exhibition will continue throughout January at the Ramada Resort Phillip Island located at 2128 Phillip Island Road, Cowes and open daily from 10am until 4pm (closed Tuesdays) with raffle prizes to be drawn on Monday, January 30.

BRIGADES OF CFA: Fish Creek

FISH CREEK & District Fire Brigade Captain Kerry Senior has built strong connections with her local community through her "Cuppa with a Captain" initiative.

Kerry came up with the idea after seeing Victoria Police do something similar on social media. She knew it would be a great way to communicate and interact with the community away from the fire station.

Kerry said she realised over the years that the fire station can be a very daunting place for some to walk into.

"It can be seen as a private club or a place that is rarely open, so I thought if I advertised myself as a younger female Captain, offering a chance for the community to come to a local café for a chat, it might appear more approachable," she said.

"It's also an opportunity to promote and answer questions about recruitment, general fire safety, or maybe they just wanted a free coffee and that's ok too!"

Kerry first joined the Fish Creek & District Fire Brigade in 1999 when she was just 16 years old. She became a CFA volunteer because living in the small town of Fish Creek back then only had a population of around 250 people with not much to be involved in other than sport. Kerry said she was never a sporty person, so she looked for something else.

Kerry has always enjoyed helping people and thought CFA might be something she would enjoy.

After 23 years with CFA, Kerry became the first woman Captain of the brigade, which



Fire stations can be a daunting place for individuals, so Fish Creek & District Fire Brigade Captain Kerry Senior established "Cuppa with a Captain".

she says has been an honour and a great achievement.

"I have reached this milestone by working hard, being a productive team member, respected by my peers and being a great firefighter and, I believe, not chosen because of my gender, but because I was the right person for the role."

Kerry said what she enjoys most about being a CFA volunteer is helping her community in their time of need.

"I would like to think that if I called Triple Zero (000) and needed assistance that someone would be there to help me, especially in small rural communities sometimes there are not that many people there to help, but all you need is one or

two people initially and the rest will come, and I am glad that I can be someone's one-person," she said.

"You also develop friends within the brigade, you share memories, train with people every week, and sometimes it is those people that you have closer bonds with that you might not have ever met had you not joined CFA."

Kerry is currently an Advance Life Support Paramedic with Ambulance Victoria and is also a mechanically minded person.

Fish Creek has been heavily involved in many campaign fires over the years, locally, and throughout Victoria and interstate, and the brigade also

currently has four new members undertaking their general fire-fighting training.

"I do remember vividly my first campaign fire in 2005 when we were sent to Mt Hotham and my Strike Team were tasked to protect Hotham Airport. We ended up being surrounded by fire, unable to leave the area for hours, we were exhausted, hungry and tired but our efforts were well worth it as we managed to save the Airport," Kerry said.

The Fish Creek Fire Brigade was established in 1944 and amalgamated with Sandy Point 20 years ago to become the Fish Creek & District CFA. They encompass the townships and communities of Fish Creek, Sandy Point, Waratah Bay and Buffalo, and their Road Rescue response area covers approximately 170km, all the way down to the most Southern Point of Victoria within Wilsons Promontory National Park.

The brigade offers fire response but also has a specialist response in road crash rescue response and steep angle rope rescue with 22 active firefighters.

The Fish Creek & District Fire Brigade was one of the very first brigades in CFA to have road crash rescue and still to this day they have some members with over 50 years of volunteering to CFA who continue to turn out on the truck and help support their community in their time of need.

Kerry said the brigade has had some great leaders and advocates over the years and she hopes they continue to be strong into the future and grow with their local community.

Community project receives \$10,000 to get South Gippsland active

TEN organisations from across Australia, including South Gippsland, have been selected to develop new and innovative ways to encourage their communities to be heart healthy.

Local not-for-profit arts company (It's No) Drama was one of this year's winners, with their community project Everyone Can Dance.

Everyone Can Dance is an accessible program involving six months of community dance workshops in Leongatha culminating in a relaxed community performance at the end of July.

Everyone Can Dance is open to anyone in the community, especially people with disabilities, and vulnerable and marginalised people of all ages.

More than half of Australia's adult population and almost all Australian children are not meeting the recommended guidelines for daily physical activity, placing those Australians at an increased risk of cardiovascular disease including heart attack and stroke.

To encourage more movement and help improve the heart health of these Australians, the Heart Foundation with support from the Department of Health and Aged Care runs the annual Active Australia Innovation Challenge in which schools, universities and community organisations are encouraged to submit innovative new ideas to get more people moving more often.

Each winner receives \$10,000 to make their project a reality. Artistic director and (It's No) Drama program manager, Samara Cunningham, said the Active Australia Innovation Challenge was highly competitive and involved a written application, as well as an online zoom pitch in front of a national panel of judges.

"Emily Ardley and I did the pitch together, and were extremely proud to represent our company," Ms Cunningham said.

"We encourage any schools, groups, or individuals to get in touch if they would like to get involved. The project will run on Wednesday mornings between February and July 2023 and take place in Leongatha."

Renewable energy advisory group formed

AUSNET Services (AusNet) has established a community advisory group to help inform its Gippsland Renewable Energy Zone™ project (G-REZ™).

The G-REZ Community Advisory Group (GCAG), which met for the first time last month, is a key part of AusNet's commitment to involve the community in the development of the project.

A range of individuals have been appointed to the group representing landowners proposed to host infrastructure, local communities, community groups, agriculture, local government, environmental, business and industry groups.

Experienced senior executive and Gippsland local, Mary Aldred, was elected by members to serve as the GCAG's inaugural Chairperson.

Members also elected Wendy Bezzina to the role of Deputy Chairperson. Wendy has a keen interest in projects that benefit the community and leave a positive legacy for the next generation.

The GCAG will assist the team by providing local input and feedback about key elements of the project, supporting the development of the project's community benefits scheme and creating an effective forum for discussion and exchange of ideas and views regarding the G-REZ project.

The group will meet every two months. For a full list of members visit www.grez.com.au.

Sentinel-Times COMMENT

Traffic trouble in paradise

MOST people are patient and courteous on the road but over the busy holiday season in Bass Coast and South Gippsland, we've also had complaints and seen plenty of incidents where drivers are behaving badly.

Hoons revving up the back streets in Cowes, drivers in front drifting across the highway as they take calls on their mobile or fumble for directions, impatient travellers or tradies darting forward through traffic to get where they want to go...

There have been plenty of incidents by others, and some impetuous moves by ourselves that weren't needed.

Make no mistake, these incidents can lead to crashes, and so far this year, all six deaths on the state's roads have happened in country Victoria.

It's not a huge figure historically but one fatality is one too many and indicates there is something fundamentally wrong with the way we are approaching driving on country roads, and failing to take seriously the task of driving from Point A to Point B.

It's dangerous out there, and in many cases, we have precious cargo on board. So put away the mobile phone, stop taking liberties with the road rules and have a bit of respect for other road users.

Find some other outlet for your excess energy, frustrations and destructive tendencies.

Show us your support

And this Saturday, January 14 is showtime in Wonthaggi. Looks like being a warm and fine day so make plans to go to the show early and maybe hit the beach in the afternoon or evening. The show is back after three years in the COVID wilderness and could do with plenty of community support. See you there!

Cemetery woes continue

Wonthaggi Cemetery maintenance contract, Sentinel Times, December 28, 2022

What grabbed me about this article was the following Bass Coast Shire Council Statement: "Whilst prolonged periods of wet weather have impacted the ability to undertake works". It is as if the issues of maintenance at the Wonthaggi Cemetery are relatively new. Don't mislead the Community you have had five years to do at least some work. You have sat on a consultant's report during much of that time. Funds for drainage did not just become available. Is there a works program or a project management plan? Likely not. You had the "Friends of the Wonthaggi Cemetery" doing maintenance work, but you sacked them for telling you how it "was" in terms of the poor condition of Wonthaggi Cemetery.

You stopped crosses going on the unmarked veteran graves, but when asked in writing what you required as a standard grave marker you offered up no response. Some of your councillors were just plain ill-mannered during at least one Wonthaggi Cemetery Trust meeting when people reported on the cross project. Causing resignations, I was totally ignored by at least three councillors at another Wonthaggi Cemetery Trust meeting when making a presentation on behalf of the Wonthaggi RSL for a proposed Veterans Memorial for the Wonthaggi Cemetery



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

Vox Pop

What's your best money saving idea this year?



Sue Hooper
"Shop in community op shops. All the donated items are in good condition and the prices make shopping more affordable."



Tania La
"Budgeting is key. Monitor the family budget to ensure you are living within your means, especially with the current interest rate rises."



Sam La
"Pull back on eating out, it just limits the spending and start preparing meals that will stretch out through the week, including stews and pastas."



Tracey Davey
"Don't hesitate to ask your bank to help lower your interest rate and keep an eye on petrol prices so you can fill up when the price is low."

Big welcome for CEO

I hope everyone noticed the highly capable interim CEO at Gippsland Southern Health Service Chris Trotman, is handing over to a highly credentialled CEO Louise Sparkes, with an equally competent board chair, Athina Georgiou (Sentinel Times 26/22).

Women rule!

Congratulations to the three of them and the contribution they have - and are - making to our health services, not to mention the cause of the advancement of women.

Jane Ross, San Remo

Slow down please

I have lived here for many years and am horrified how fast the holiday makers are speeding both around town and our beaches this summer making it very hard on the locals.

Keep in mind 640 veterans are buried in the Wonthaggi Cemetery, they, plus the other 6000 odd burials deserve much better than the respect they have received to date from BCSC. And yes there are volunteers who spent seven years surveying the Wonthaggi Cemetery and have updated burial records, but your managers walked away from that survey, thus the data.

Besides Cr Larke, as Les knows, a number of people have raised the issue of the poor state of the Wonthaggi Cemetery since 2015. Did the BCSC managers listen? No. Did they understand these people were acting in good faith? No. Did they try to positively engage with these people? Well again no. It was BCSC way or the highway. As for any respect shown to us for the work being done, again no, we were troublemakers. The Wonthaggi RSL was forced to move the Dawn Service from the Wonthaggi Cemetery because it was too dangerous in the dark, particularly on wet mornings.

So a statement now. It's a bit late. A statement is not a plan, nor a commitment. And if the work moves ahead, will the community be consulted, doubt it. If the BCSC had been prepared to really listen to people in the past then the cemeteries would not be a mess and an orderly plan, supported by the community would be by now in place to look after them.

Rod Gallagher, Inverloch

Tasmanian tigers in the Strzelecki Ranges?

Recently I contacted Hancock plantation's regarding their staff having claimed of seeing a Tasmanian Tiger in the Strzelecki Ranges.

I received a reply which was welcome and informed that they had no information on the matter.

What I was not told, and I recently uncovered was the fact they contract out the on ground work to Hazelwood forestry.

A month ago, I contacted the owner of this company via email and asked have any of their staff claimed to have seen a Tasmanian tiger in the Strzelecki Ranges.

I have sadly not received a reply, so maybe Hazelwood forestry can reply to this email publicly via here.

Alleged sightings go back in that catchment to at least the 1950s, and in 1998 I have no doubt I videotaped one from a distance on the South Gippsland edge of the Strzelecki ranges.

Scientifically it's possible as there has not been mammal surveys completed for this creature in the Strzelecki's etc.

I contacted the local member for South Gippsland also recently Mr Danny O'Brien and was informed quote "what do you want me to do about it?"

Michael Moss, Morley

The 'Sentinel-Times' encourages readers to write with issues of interest or concern but letters that have a local reference point will be given priority. Writers are also urged to be brief where possible. Letters may be edited for space and legal reasons, and must be submitted with the author's name and contact details of which only the name and town location will appear.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES



Whilst enjoying a quick dip, Chloe's pooch loves people watching.

Home is where the heart beats

IT WAS the 90s, and as we were a little older, adventures from our grandparent's house in Coronet Bay no longer centred on the beach down the hill, instead adventures further afield meant crashing into the waves at Cape Paterson and swimming laps in the rockpool, head under water with snorkelling gear watching all the fish.

It was a time of old beach shacks and a couple of 'new' houses across Bass Coast. Even once we were teenagers living on Phillip Island, the magic of Coronet Bay and Cape Paterson never ceased.

Teenage years were spent enjoying the waves at Cape Woolamai – the surf beach when you wanted the 'washing machine' and the 'safety' beach when you wanted something a little calmer and could hack Norman "Spew" Hill and the seaweed.

Adult life may have moved me from beachside living into 'town', but Cape Paterson is visited on regular occasions.

Loading the dog into the car it's our little adventure outside the ever-expanding walls of Wonthaggi.

As she has aged the walk along the beach and back through the Cape Paterson Coastal Reserve path has shortened, but it's still

By Chloe Kent

impossible to leave without a quick dip into the rockpool where she can stretch her old legs and loves splashing in the water; often a smile escaping her eyes as she saturates us.

The beach and waves therapy to both of us during COVID when months of looking at the same white walls drove us insane.

Whether grabbing a picnic and heading to Cape Paterson, Harmers or Shack Bay there are many memories to be had with friends, family and loved ones, just don't forget your four-legged friends (and don't forget to clean up after them and yourselves!).

When the beach isn't calling but the weather is it's time to get the old beauty out of the shed, dust her off and take her for a spin. Hair blowing in the breeze, as she swings around the bends on Cape Paterson-Inverloch Road along the Bunurong Coastal Reserve, the old Chev Impala is an incredible memory back to yesteryear – the old hot rod shows and rock n' roll skirts growing up.

And it wouldn't be complete without an ice cream stop in Inverloch before the journey home.

It may not seem like a town of farmers would but

behind many doors are old treasures, an old toy or hot rod that comes out when the weather brightens, and the fear of leaking roofs dissipates.

Don't be surprised if you see random locals (and even strangers) waving at each other between cars.

It's also the season when the many Ag shows start reappearing and Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve comes to life the second weekend of January.

Alongside day hikes to Wilson's Prom and 4WD adventures to Walhalla these may be a few of my favourite summer things, but don't be mistaken there is nothing more satisfying than a surf in the cold freshness of winter with like-minded women or a night walk around town to keep fit.

And if you happen to see a large group walking the town after work do not fear, it's just some of your local fire crew staying fit and catching up – often stopping for a frozen treat along the way.

You never lose your sense of home or growing up by the water, even thousands of kilometres away in London, the simplicity of the Thames could still calm a racing heart.

Underrated Gem: Wonthaggi Coal Mine and Gardens



Happy trails for horses and riders

WITHOUT doubt, the South Gippsland and Bass Coast region has some of the best rail trail rides in Victoria, if not Australia, and there's always plenty to see with a surprise or two just around the corner.

There's also bridges to cross, kilometres to pass and some lovely stopping off points in towns like Meeniyan, Fish Creek and Foster, not to mention Kilcunda and the spectacular view from the old timber rail bridge.

There are three main rail trails locally.

The Great Southern Rail Trail stretches 74km from Leongatha to the Long Jetty at Port Welshpool and soon to extend east to Yarram and west to Korumburra first, and then Nyora later.

Stops at Koonwarra for coffee and

cake, Meeniyan's bakery, Fish Creek's arts, pub and cafés, a unique view of the Prom and down the big hill to Foster are all on the itinerary.

You've got the 23km Bass Coast Rail Trail from Wonthaggi to seaside Kilcunda with its trestle bridge spanning a magnificent, wild ocean vista, cafés, pub and access to the pathway to San Remo and Phillip Island.

There's also the delightful 13km run from Mirboo North to Boolarra but consider doing it from Boolarra so you can cruise back down the hill on the way home.

Up country, you've got your Murray to the Mountains trail taking in Beechworth and Bright, your High Country trail at Tallowangatta and the O'Keefe trail at Heathcote but really, they're not a patch on what we've got right here in Prom Country.

Keep the kids entertained this weekend

WOOLAMAI Races Kids Day Out is back this Saturday, January 14.

Gates open at 11am, so get in early to grab the best spots under the avenue of Elm Trees for all day shade.

Kids under 17 are free - Adults \$15. Free face painting, free supervised activities by Kelly Sports and the always popular free Country Racing Back Packs filled with great items.

And of course, horses thundering down the straight with "edge of your picnic chair" racing!



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BNS Utes will be among those featured.

Ute lovers delight

UTES and four-wheel drives of all varieties will star at Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve on January 14, ranging from lovingly polished vehicles to the most feral of beasts, and it's for fun and a good cause.

The Bass Coast Wonthaggi Ute & 4x4 Show adds to the entertainment of the Bass Coast Summer Agricultural Show, with all types of four-wheel drives now welcome to enter, not only utes.

The Royal Flying Doctors Service will benefit from funds raised.

Ute Show organiser Jarrod Witherow is over the moon about the event's return after a couple of forced years off.

"It's a ripper day," he said, noting it is made possible by a team of enthusiastic volunteers and that it's great to be part of the Agricultural Show.

A diverse range of prize categories add to the excitement of the day.

The famous, or infamous, Aussie tradition of the Bachelors and Spinsters Ball will be recognised, with judges selecting the 'Best BNS Ute'.

There'll be close assessment of bull-bars, aerials, lights, mud flaps and even BNS stickers.

Officials will also be on the lookout for the rustiest, dirtiest ute as they scour the contenders for the 'Most Feral' entrant.

The 'Best Old Farts & Tarts', and 'Best Young Drivers' utes will also be chosen.

Other ute categories include Best Classic, Best Trade, and Best Town.

'Weekend Warriors' will compete in four-wheel drive judging in a category far removed from the Toorak tractor.

Best Touring four-wheel drive will be another accolade awarded.

There's even a prize for the 'Best Dog in Vehicle'.

Those entering vehicles and their passengers get free admission to the Agricultural Show, with owners paying instead for each category they compete in.

The Ute Show ran for three years prior to Covid, with the number of competition entrants increasing each time.

Jarrod said the not-for-profit event is now self-sufficient, generating the funds it needs to run in addition to funding a chosen organisation.

There'll be a raffle and merchandise sales.

Gates open from 7am, with entries taken from 7.30am until 9.30am.

Entries cost \$10 per main category and \$5 for each novelty category.



Some of the entrants in the Bass Coast Wonthaggi Ute & 4x4 Show demonstrate the passion of their owners.

Showtime: Taking a look at Wonthaggi's best choooks

WHAT'S great about the annual Bass Coast Summer Agricultural Show?

Is it the carnival rides and the other entertainment and attractions that surround the horses, cattle, dogs, chooks and pavilion (usually) events that are iconic activities of any country show day?

Or do you like to see the horses parading and jumping?

Perhaps it's the woodchop, the typical show-time food or the showbags?

Whatever it is you like about the local show, the most important thing about the show is the virtual handful of people who run the show, and take responsibility for the various sections, effectively the 'shows' within the show, that make up the spectacle.

Among them are life members of the Wonthaggi & District Agricultural, Pastoral & Horticultural Society, husband and wife team, Michael and Coral Jones.

They take responsibility for the excellent poultry show which makes its return, after two years out for COVID, at the Wonthaggi show this Saturday, January 14.

"The entries are starting to come in now in good numbers; from the local area, from the Latrobe Valley, Churchill, Lang Lang, San Remo... all over," said Michael this week.

"We've also got a few to enter ourselves, along with other family members."

In the pecking order of country poultry shows, it's a pretty good one at Wonthaggi, they say.

"We always try to get a good



Life member of the Wonthaggi & District Agricultural, Pastoral & Horticultural Society, Coral Jones, with husband Michael, helps organise the poultry exhibition at the Bass Coast Summer Agricultural Show.

judge and we've got a good one this year, Secretary of the Warragul Poultry Club, Ken Bjorksten, a senior member of the VPFA Judges Panel."

Most of the entries come from the 'Soft-feather Large' chickens including the traditional breeds in sections including: Australorp, Ancona, Sussex (any colour), Langshan, Rhode Island Red, Plymouth Rock (barred), Plymouth Rock (any other colour), Leghorn (black), Leghorn (any other colour), Hamburg (any colour), Wyandotte (any colour) and Silkie (any colour).

The Soft-feather Bantams are also popular, with a good sprinkling of waterfowl, including Muscovy, Indian Runner, Khaki Campbell, Mallard and Saxony ducks.

Rosettes are offered for the



The Wonthaggi Show poultry shed will have a highly qualified judge, Ken Bjorksten, officiating this Saturday.

following champions in each division and overall: Champion Bird in Show, Reserve Champion Bird in Show, Champion Bird Junior, Reserve Champion Bird Junior, Champion Hard-feather Bantam, Champion Hard-feather Large, Champion Soft-feather Bantam, Champion Soft-feather Large, Champion Waterfowl, Best Eggs and Best Novice.

"We were one of the first shows to offer an egg category which a lot of shows have adopted now," said Michael Jones.

There's prizes for the best duck eggs (1/2 doz), best chicken eggs in large brown, white and tinted sections, and several sections for Bantam eggs.

And the Wonthaggi poultry shed is very fortunate to have a generous sponsor of long standing, Green Valley Grains.

Show needs your support

Michael and Coral Jones have been associated with the Wonthaggi show for a lot of years now and Michael believes annual shows generally are important to rural and regional communities because they remind us of our heritage and because they're something a little different from the usual run of sporting and cultural events or simply going to the beach.

"Away from a particular interest in football, cricket and the other sporting and community events, agricultural shows appeal to the broader community whether it's the horses, the poultry, the carnival rides or something I'm going to miss this year, the craft, cooking and produce in the pavilion.

"I always love going in there. We've got such a lot of talented people in the community; whether it's photography, art, cooking, preserves or in the garden," said Michael.

"But shows have struggled in some areas, mostly because there's not enough people helping."

"If you like the show and want to see it continue, you've got to get involved."

The show has been slightly modified this year after missing two years for COVID but it's back this Saturday, January 14 and hopefully going from strength to strength again.

Whatever you do, don't miss visiting the poultry shed where you will see a fine array of chickens and waterfowl. Maybe you'd like a few chooks to lay eggs at your place.

Eggsellent entries at Wonthaggi Show

THE Bass Coast Summer Agricultural Show was one of the first country Victorian shows to add an egg competition to its poultry shed and they haven't looked back.

It now attracts a truly eggsellent array of home-grown eggs; everything from large brown and large white to tinted eggs, duck eggs and bantam eggs. There's a section for all of them.

Regular supporter of the egg section in the poultry pavilion, John Luke of Glen Alvie, often won the event in the early days but acknowledges there's plenty of competition these days.

He'll be putting his best eggs in again on Saturday and hoping for the best.

It's all part of the fun of the show, says John.

Entries are taken in the following categories: Duck Eggs

(1/2 doz), Eggs large Brown (1/2 doz), Eggs large White (1/2 doz), Eggs large Tinted (1/2 doz), Eggs large any other colour (1/2 doz), Bantam Eggs (1/2 doz) and Eggs any other variety (please state variety on entry form).

RIGHT: John Luke of Glen Alvie is a regular entrant in the best eggs competition at the Wonthaggi Show.



Long and proud history with Bass Coast Summer Show

ALEX Scott and Staff have been huge supporters of the Bass Coast Summer Show from almost its inception all the way back in the 1800s.

Alex Scott and Staff director Greg Price (Cowes) said the company had been sponsoring and supporting segments of the show since 1886 and have continued the proud tradition.

"We've had an association with the show for all that time and we've been a major sponsor for almost 20 years," he said.

"It started off as an agricul-

tural show and of course, many of our clients were involved in showing their livestock.

"And we wanted to support the show while also supporting our clients.

"They do an incredible job (show committee) and it's very hard to get volunteers now; it's a huge job to put on a country show and I take my hat off to Rosemary Loughnan (secretary) and her team."

Mr Price highlighted that as Bass Coast and surrounds continue to grow, the show is an important event for the

community to remember its history.

"It's very important to our community and new members to show where we've come from and that we're still very much a rural community," he said.

"We lost obviously so many country shows because of COVID and the (Bass Coast) show was suspended in 2021-22, so it's great to have it back this year."

"The whole committee do an incredible job and it'll be an exciting day for everyone."



Greg Price of Alex Scott and Staff has been a long-time supporter of the Bass Coast Summer Show and highlighted the company's more than 100-year association with the show.



Wonthaggi ready to turn it up for Summer Show

THE Bass Coast Summer Agricultural Show kicks off this weekend after years of trying to get back on its feet due to the pandemic and lockdowns.

It will be held at the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve this weekend on Saturday, January 14 as a one day show.

While organisers are still very mindful of COVID, they want to celebrate how far they have come and feel optimistic for the future.

And to make the show even better this year, the Wonthaggi AP & H Show Society Inc were awarded a grant to support free entry for children, through the Victorian Government's one-off investment in the Children Entry COVID Recovery Grants program.

The entry for adults and teenagers is \$5 but cash only.

Honorary Wonthaggi Show Secretary Rosemary Loughnan highlighted this year will have a big focus on kids, with a carnival and show bag trucks returning.

"There will also be plenty of food and coffee trucks," she said.

To make it even more appealing for families, there will also be an animal nursery.

"The donkey show is also very interesting, they come in all shapes and sizes," Rosemary added.

"The mules can be as big as horses."

The Alex Scott and Staff Equestrian Exhibition will be returning much to the delight of crowds (Sunday to feature Equestrian only).

Equestrian judges for the show are as follows:

Saturday, January 14

- Section one: Open Leds and Ridden Tina Marshall (Hennel)
- Section two: Leds Breeds and Coloured

Chris Hartigan

- Section three and four: Local and Pony Club Catherine Schwarz
- Section five: Fun Beginners Jodie Prosser
- Section six: Harness Show Tina Marshall (Hennel)
- Section seven: Donkey Show Jan Murray

Sunday, January 15

- Section eight: Hack Ring 1 Nicole Morrison
- Section nine: Hack Ring 2 Sharon Lewis Tipping
- Section 10: Hack Ring 3 Kim Bilton

The Poultry Exhibition is sure to also be a hit this year, with sashes to feature:

- Champion Bird in Show
- Reserve Champion Bird in Show
- Champion Bird Junior
- Reserve Champion Bird Junior
- Champion Hardfeather Bantam
- Champion Hardfeather Large
- Champion Softfeather Bantam
- Champion Softfeather Large
- Champion Waterfowl
- Best Eggs
- Best Novice

Other features of the show include:

- A massive ute and 4x4 show
- An amusement carnival
- Showbags and novelties
- Buskers with their live music
- Stilt walker
- Barnyard babies mobile farm
- Poultry exhibition
- Face painting
- An equestrian show with horses and ponies in harness as well
- Special will be donkeys and mules show
- Diverse food vans plus coffee

While the committee has their fingers crossed for pleasant weather, their big plan is to get back in 2024 to something grand.



Crowds will once again be able to enjoy amusement rides and much more at the 2023 Bass Coast Summer Agricultural show. (Pictured is the show from 2019).



Bass Coast Summer Agricultural show will return better than ever in 2023.



Farm animals are sure to make a strong appearance at this year's show.



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Animal Nursery, Donkeys, Horses, Chooks, Carnival Amusements, Food, Buskers, Ute 4x4 Show



Manna Gum Community House volunteers Liz Hurst and Jan Power enjoy helping at Pearl Park Music Festival, selling programs and raffle tickets. A20_0223



Pat and Jim Smith of Foster at the town's music festival on Saturday. A21_0223



Locals Lisa, Django and Jasper relax at the Pearl Park Music Festival. A22_0223



Livia and Marla of Switzerland stumbled on Foster's music festival after a visit to Wilsons Promontory. A23_0223



Andy and Anna were supporting Max at the Cape Paterson and Inverloch Nippers' competition event on Saturday morning. Z12_0223



Joe and Caroline supported Jack as he took part in the Inverloch and Cape Paterson nippers' competition on Saturday. Z14_0223



Under 10 nippers' competitors Eleanor and Gabby enjoyed their morning in the ocean competing in the Inverloch and Cape Paterson event. Z16_0223



Sean, Sarah and Matilda McNeilly soaked up the sun at the Ocean Sounds music festival on Churchill Island on Saturday. Z19_0223



Sharon and Vanessa spent their Saturday afternoon with friends at the Ocean Sounds music festival on Churchill Island. Z23_0223

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at The Pearl Park Music Festival, Cape Paterson and Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club nippers competition, Ocean Sounds Music Festival on Churchill Island and the Korumburra Swap Meet



Layla, Greta, Nick, Evie, and Amelia enjoyed their afternoon at the Ocean Sounds music festival on Churchill Island on Saturday. Z20_0223



Jo and Rory attended the Cape Paterson Surf Beach on Saturday morning to support Romi participating in water safety and Clement in competition. Z13_0223



Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club nippers' Zach and Emma enjoyed their morning of competition in Cape Paterson. Z15_0223



Valentine supported daughter Anna as she took part in the Inverloch and Cape Paterson nippers' competition on Saturday morning. Z17_0223



Bronnie and Megan enjoyed the company of friends at the Ocean Sounds music festival on Churchill Island on Saturday. Z21_0223



Jeff Shawcroft displayed his 1952 International L110 Coupe Utility at the swap meet on Sunday at the Korumburra showgrounds. Z26_0223



Steve Wells showcased his 1959 Ford Zephyr Mark at the Korumburra showgrounds for the annual swap meet on Sunday. Z27_0223



Cousins Bob Newton and Billy Harbour held a stall at the Korumburra showgrounds for the 38th annual swap meet on Sunday. Z28_0223

Oz Day at the Daly is back

THE Dalyston Football Club is very pleased that it was again successful in receiving a grant from the National Australia Day Council to hold the Oz Day at the Daly family festival.

The Dalyston Recreation Reserve will come to life as it hosts another great family day on January 26, where the community can reflect, respect and celebrate.

Now in its third year this event showcases quality local talent and creates an affordable, safe day out for families from throughout Bass Coast.

The program from the previous events has been expanded with some new activities and another amazing fireworks display planned to finish off the night.

Once again there will be carnival rides, face painter and other kid's activities together with live bands and a super screen.

Dalyston Football Netball Club president Andy Thomas is rapt with the fantastic community days the previous festivals created, and the great feedback received.

"I loved the sight of the Dalyston families walking through the gates and as the town continues to grow we expect OZ Day to continue to grow also. The car loads of families that made the trip out really appreciated the entertainment, the relaxed atmosphere and room to move on the oval. We are proud of the role the Dalyston Football Netball Club plays in bringing the community together and events such as Oz Day at the Daly build and strengthen this connection."

A key consideration when selecting the bands is to engage local groups and if possible young emerging performers.

The quality of local talent is outstanding and this event continues to give great exposure to these performers.

The line-up is still being finalised so stay tuned for more information.

Oz Day at the Daly is a ticketed event and tickets are now available through Try Booking via <https://trybooking.com/CFAKR>

Summer by the Sea back for the school holidays

SCHOOL holidays have started, and the iconic Summer by the Sea program is back this January, with the theme 'Coastal Connections'.

With a mixture of in person and online events, everyone can connect with the coast, wherever they are across the state.

Victorians are encouraged to get online and check out the program over the summer holidays running between January 4 and February 5, 2023.

Summer by the Sea is an annual program delivered by Coastcare Victoria with the support of providers including government agencies, local experts and volunteer groups.

The 2023 program includes something for everyone with some highlights being: a boat tour of the Gippsland Lakes, learning about the coastal dynamics of the Inverloch Surf Beach, rock pooling and a geology walk at Walkerville, live online events covering topics such as great white shark ecology, places to go snorkelling this summer, a panel on ways to help the coast, and more.

Summer by the Sea activities will be held on the Country of many Traditional Owners from across the state.

Videos will be presented with captions in English and several other languages.

Bookings for coastal walks and live online events are essential.

For more information and a full program of activities, visit <http://www.summerbythesea.vic.gov.au>

Andy Scott's honky tonk swing band

THIS year Andy Scott and band are back on January 15, with a more String based Western Swing Band in the tradition of Billy Jack Wills and brother Bob Wills.

The more Jazz based Swing Bands of the 1920s thru to late 50s shared a fair amount of Repertoire with western swing bands of the era.

The Western bands included country music, fiddle tunes and blues played on stringed instruments as well as Piano, Bass, Drums and Trumpet.

Expect melodic standards with vocals by Andy and Matt and instruments western style.

Lineup: Matt Kirch on Guitar and Vocals, Sam Lemann on Guitar, Steve Grant on Piano, Lachland Wallace on Drums, Steve Temple on Trumpet and leader Andy Scott on Bass and Vocals

For those not aware Western swing music is a sub-genre of American country music that originated in the late 1920s in the West and South among the region's western string bands.

It is dance music, often with a tempo beat, which attracted huge crowds to dance halls and clubs in Texas, Oklahoma and California during the 1930s and 1940s until a federal war-time nightclub tax in 1944 contributed to the genre's decline. The movement was an outgrowth of jazz.

The music is an amalgamation of rural, cowboy, polka, old-time, Dixieland jazz, and blues blended with swing; and played by a hot string band often augmented with drums, saxophones, pianos and, notably, the steel guitar.

The electrically amplified



Andy Scott and band are back on January 15 at Phillip Island.

stringed instruments, especially the steel guitar, give the music a distinctive sound. Later incarnations have also included overtones of bebop.

Western swing differs in several ways from the music played by the nationally popular horn-driven big swing bands of the same era. In Western bands, even fully orchestrated bands, vocals, and other instruments followed the fiddle's lead. Additionally, although popular horn bands tended to arrange and score their music, most Western bands improvised freely, either by soloists or collectively.

Prominent groups during the peak of Western swing's popularity included The Light Crust Doughboys, Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys, Milton Brown and His Musical Brownies, Spade Cooley and His Orchestra and Hank Thompson And His Brazos

Valley Boys.

Contemporary groups include Commander Cody and His Lost Planet Airmen, Asleep at the Wheel, Big Sandy and His Fly-Rite Boys and the Hot Club of Cowtown.

According to country singer Merle Travis, "Western swing is nothing more than a group of talented country boys, unschooled in music, but playing the music they feel, beating a solid two-four rhythm to the harmonies that buzz around their brains. When it escapes in all its musical glory, you have western swing." And does it swing? You betcha!

Venue is at Phillip Island Bowling Club, 40 Dunsmore Road, Cowes, commencing at 2pm.

Cost of entry is \$20.00 for members and \$250.00 for visitors.

Please contact Robin 0432 814 407 or Jill 0417 416 300 to arrange purchase of tickets.

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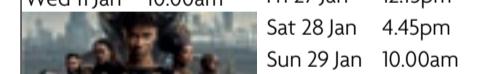
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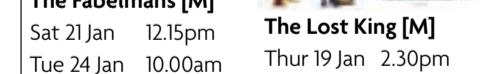
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Get regular checks for cervical cancer

WHILE the cervical screening rate in Gippsland (51.4%) is lower compared to Australia (55.7%), the proportion of the population screened in general practice in Gippsland was the equal highest for Primary Health Network regions nationally.

Latrobe recorded the highest rate of cervical screening in general practice in Gippsland.

The data is highlighted in the Medicare-subsidised GP, allied health and specialist health care across local areas in a 2021-22 report that Gippsland Primary Health Network (Gippsland PHN) Chief Executive Officer, Amanda Proposch, said clearly demonstrated the important role general practices played in improving cervical screening.

About 43.8% of females aged 25 to 74 years in Gippsland had a cervical screening test recorded in their GP record within the previous five years (July 2022), compared to 38.2% across Australia.

In Australia, it accounts for almost 2% of all female cancers. Two human papillomavirus (HPV) types are responsible for nearly 50% of high-grade cervical pre-cancers.

Women and people with a cervix aged 25 to 74 years of age are invited to have a Cervical Screening Test every five years through their healthcare provider.

Alternatively, all cervical screening participants now have the choice to self-collect their own Cervical Screening Test sample.

See the Department of Health website for more information.

Cancer patients to benefit from exercise expertise

CANCER patients in the Bass Coast will benefit from an advanced training program to be undertaken by a senior Physiotherapist at Bass Coast Health.

Michelle McMahon will complete the EX-MED cancer training program, with support from the Gippsland Regional Integrated Cancer Service.

The program provides training in delivering safe and effective exercise for people with cancer, and complements Michelle's role as a Physiotherapist and Lymphoedema Practitioner, and her passion for Oncology/Cancer care.

"The evidence for integrating exercise into all phases of cancer, pre-treatment through to palliation, is overwhelming and is recommended as part of evidence-based treatment for all people experiencing cancer," Michelle said.

"Bass Coast Health has an amazing Oncology team which supports our community with cancer care, and having the opportunity to improve skills and knowledge to complement this is terrific."



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Two thirds of young people feel lonely

NEARLY two thirds of young people say they feel lonely and left out, new research from headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation has found.

While the holiday season generates excitement for many, it can trigger feelings of loneliness for those not able to connect with friends or family.

Young women are more likely to feel greater feelings of isolation from others (62%) compared to young men (53%).

Feelings of isolation were also higher among LGBTQIA+ young people (77%), and young people living in regional parts

of Australia (62%).

Any young person, family, or friends in need of support are encouraged to visit their local headspace centre - 5b Murray Street, Wonthaggi.

Support is also available via headspace's phone and online counselling service seven days a week between 9am-1am (AEST). The number is 1800 650 890.

If you're looking for someone to talk to immediately, Lifeline (13 11 14) and Kids Helpline (1800 551 800) are available to talk 24/7.

To learn more visit headspace.org.au.

Removing the stigma on men's health

NOVEMBER sees a fun charity event called Movember - where men are encouraged to grow moustaches and raise awareness of men's health issues, such as prostate cancer, testicular cancer and men's suicide.

Whilst a fun event, the campaign highlights that men's health is often an under-serviced area of community health, one that requires awareness for men to look after their health.

A major policy initiative is the Government's National Men's Health Strategy 2020-30 has identified five priority health issues:

- Mental health
- Chronic conditions
- Sexual and reproductive health and conditions where men are over-represented
- Injuries and risk taking and
- Healthy ageing

The strategy recognises that in the past - too often, men have been reluctant to seek help with health issues - and mental health issues in particular - but that culture is changing, and men recognise that 'soldiering on' does no-one any good.

Community pharmacies play a pivotal role in this area, providing advice and confidential counselling for these specified health issues. Men's health has often been either neglected or narrowed down to urological issues, but it is important that among the ten most common causes of death among men are heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, cancers, and mental health issues.

Mental health is an area of growing concern and community pharmacies are playing an increasing role in addressing it. Community pharmacists are in the position to identify the first

signs of mental health deteriorations and start a confidential conversation as they are one of the most trusted health professionals within the local community.

Community pharmacies are the most accessible healthcare in Australia so men feeling anxiety, depression, loneliness, and other mental health issues can feel at-ease and confident in speaking to them for advice and help. With 6000 community pharmacies across the country and many pharmacies open late and on weekends, they can be accessed when and wherever a man needs them.

While community pharmacies help manage patients experiencing mental illness across the broad spectrum, depression is the most common presentation, affecting one in eight men at some stage of their lives.

The need to recognise

and help patients suffering from depression is that it is a leading cause of suicide - which in Australia claims some nine lives every day.

The ability of pharmacies to help these patients was recognised in the House of Representatives Select Committee on Mental Health and Suicide Prevention report released late last year.

Noting the Committee recommends that the Australian Government evaluate the efficacy of pharmacy mental health training programs and strengthen funding to support an expansion of best practice training in mental health and suicide prevention for all pharmacists and pharmacy staff.'

The report also included "Pharmacists are often the most accessible health professionals the public encounter and a pharmacist is among the most trusted professions in Australia."



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3 Paris Crescent Venus Bay: Increased in value from \$240,000 in April 2019 to November 10, 2022 when it was sold for \$460,000.

Paris end of Venus Bay has been a great investment

CORELOGIC'S national Home Value Index says property prices across regional Victoria have risen by an average of 35% since the trough, early in the COVID period, but have since come off that peak by 6%.

The ups and downs, however, have not been uniform.

In some areas of regional Victoria, values have either held up, or even gone against the trend and enjoyed increases in the past 12 months including the Latrobe Valley (median house value \$398,196) where values are up 3.8% in the past year and in the Wellington Shire (median value \$388,213) where values were up by 3.4%.

In some of the more desirable locations, including Inverloch and Phillip Island, values increased by more than the 35% after the COVID trough, but have since eased back on lower volumes.

Of course, some coastal locations, including Venus Bay, have seen stellar increases in value in the past four to 10 years and the 'Paris end' of town has been one of the best performers.

Here are a couple of examples:

* 3 Paris Crescent Venus Bay had doubled in value from \$240,000 in April 2019 to \$460,000 when it was sold in November 2022.

* 6 Paris Crescent Venus Bay increased by almost \$1/2 million from \$222,000 in November 2013 to \$700,000 when it was sold on October 28, 2022.

Elsewhere, increases have been more gradual and falls more modest.

CoreLogic says prices in regional Victoria fell a further 0.7% in December, down 2.9% in the past three months and off 1.3% in the past 12 months.

Here are the top 10 regional Victorian areas with the highest growth rates (dwellings) for the past 12 months:

1. Colac-Corangamite (Warrnambool and South-West) median value \$508,873, annual change 10.9%
2. Wangaratta - Benalla Hume \$473,493 10.2%
3. Moira Shepparton \$443,919 9.2%
4. Campaspe Shepparton \$443,358 8.1%
5. Glenelg - Southern Grampians Warrnambool and South West \$383,544 7.8%
6. Heathcote - Castlemaine - Kyneton Bendigo \$795,249 7.3%
7. Shepparton Shepparton \$453,984 6.8%
8. Wodonga - Alpine Hume \$574,535 3.9%
9. Latrobe Valley Latrobe - Gippsland \$398,196 3.8%
10. Wellington Latrobe - Gippsland \$388,213 3.4%

Strong property growth

Of course, what happened in the past three years isn't the whole story with

house prices showing phenomenal growth in the past decade locally, lately boosted by the COVID surge, when materials and tradesmen were heavily in demand, and because of a lack of rental accommodation, but tempered now by inflation and the resulting interest rate hikes.

Here are a few examples of that growth in values:

- 19 Peninsula Views Cowes sold for \$1,060,000 on November 8, 2022 rising from \$653,000 in December 2017.
- 13 Miners Drive Wonthaggi. Sold December 10, 2022 for \$530,000, up from \$245,000 in January 2016.
- 11 St Elena Court Wonthaggi (1960m²). Sold December 2, 2022 for \$790,000, up from \$205,000 in September 2001.
- 39 Bayview Avenue Inverloch. Sold November 22, 2022 for \$685,000, up from \$515,000 in December 2019.
- 3 Paris Crescent, Venus Bay (1053m²). Sold November 10, 2022 for \$460,000, up from \$240,000 in April 2019, and \$197,500 in February 2004.
- 5 Gray Street (372m²), Leongatha. Sold 17 October, 2022 for \$445,000, up from \$82,500 in July 2001.
- 18 Shellcot Road, Korumburra. Sold December 9, 2022 for \$505,000, up from \$85,000 in October 2000.

For those who've owned a house for five years or more, the news is all good, despite the recent easing in value.

Alex Scott and Staff Director Greg Price acknowledged it's not all doom and gloom in the property market, especially locally in Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

"Anyone who has owned a house for four to eight years or so has done extremely well and good property is still selling well in Bass Coast as more and more people discover what the area has to offer," said Mr Price.

"And right across South Gippsland there are pockets in the hills, at Loch, Archies Creek, Glen Alvie and Kernot for example, that are doing well."

"They may not have seen the rises we've seen at our office in Venus Bay, but interest remains strong," he said.

Modest falls in regional Victoria

After the monthly rate of decline moderated between September and November, housing markets finished the year on a weaker note, with CoreLogic's national Home Value Index falling 1.1% in December, taking values 5.3% lower over the 2022 calendar year.

Although housing values across the combined regional areas of Australia were roughly unchanged over the year (+0.1%), results were more mixed across the states. Annual falls across Regional NSW (-2.7%) and Regional Victoria (-1.3%) offset annual gains across the remaining regional markets.



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Features include:

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- Generous open plan kitchen/dining area with plenty of room for the growing family
- Formal lounge
- Fully appointed kitchen and a large breakfast bar
- A generous lounge with ducted heating
- Lovely central bathroom with separate toilet
- A large laundry with abundant storage
- A gorgeous, outdoor undercover decked area
- A 2 car garage with electric roller door, and an additional garden shed for tools or extra workspace
- Established garden beds, and manicured lawns

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Don't miss the opportunity to inspect.

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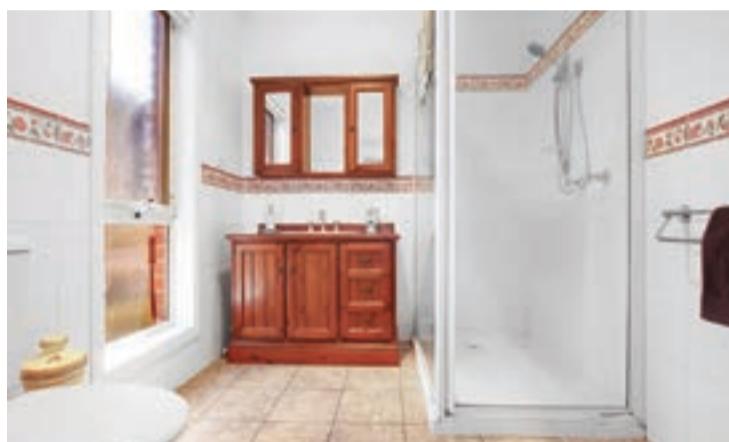
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The loft design home, featuring three bedrooms, two upstairs and a third downstairs.

Downstairs is where you will find that exclusive coastal feeling of the living, dining and entertaining area leading off the superbly fitted out kitchen complete with Bosch dishwasher, induction electric cooktop, wall oven, corner pantry and hand-crafted Blackbutt timber benchtops.

The family bathroom and laundry is complemented by the separate powder room.

Outside is pure joy. The property is fully fenced with a craftsman designed timber remote controlled entry gate. A massive 15m X 12m shed complete with remote roller doors, woodheater, concrete flooring, power and two personal access doors.

The studio is perfect for a number of uses.

Home office, home business, music jam sessions or a separate living area.

It is fitted out with sound-proof 150mm thick walls and ceiling, split system air conditioning, led lighting and glass sliding door behind a secure roller door.

The grounds are manicured and landscaped with approx. 30 fruit trees, an amazing Elm tree, children's play area including swings, trampoline and cedar cubbyhouse with lighting and its own deck.

A further 4.5m X 12m carport is attached to the shed, 45,000 litres of tank water pumped into the home and a huge concrete apron with drainage connecting the house, studio and shed neatly together.

There are more trees, timber boardwalks, firepit area and still enough land for your pets of all descriptions. Woolamai is set at the base of the Woolamai hills in the beautiful countryside of South Gippsland on the Bass Coast.

The property is walking distance to the famous Woolamai Picnic Races, 10 minutes drive to the golden beaches, cafes and specialty shops of San Remo and Phillip Island and just 50 minutes drive to the South East suburbs via a dual lane highway.

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\$585,000

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17 Lower Gordon Street

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Contact: Korumburra Office

VENTNOR



603 Ventnor Beach Road

- Situated on 1600m² (approx.) allotment
- Short stroll to the beach
- 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 3 cars

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Contact: Cowes Office

ARCHIES CREEK



120 Archies Creek Road

- Quiet country retreat on 1650 sqm
- Well maintained 4BR family home
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Contact: Wonthaggi Office

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10 Roughead Street

- 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom
- Super cute cottage
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Contact: Leongatha Office

KORUMBURRA



33 Riflebutts Road

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- Secure backyard, new 5.5 x 5.5m shed

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COWES



2/8 Park Street

- Central Cowes location
- Double storey, open plan living
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\$680,000-\$720,000

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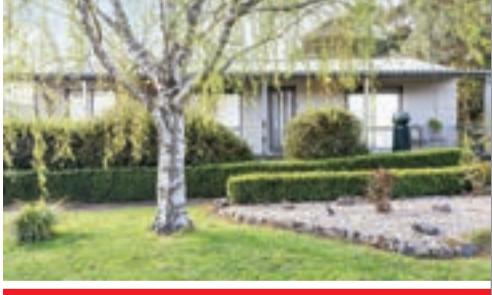
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QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

GENERAL KNOWLEDGE QUIZ

- [\$100] Which legendary surrealist artist is famous for painting melting clocks? A. Pablo Picasso. B. Frank Marsden. C. Salvador Dalí. D. Andy Warhol.
- [\$200] In which part of your body would you find the cruciate ligament? A. Arm. B. Knee. C. Neck. D. Shoulder.
- [\$300] Which of these was the name of the Coffee shop in US sitcom Friends? A. Central Perk. B. Bedford St Brew. C. The Warren. D. Bandits Diner.
- [\$500] In what US State is the city Nashville? A. Kentucky. B. Tennessee. C. Georgia. D. Alabama.
- [\$1000] How many chukkers are there in a polo match? A. 3. B. 4. C. 5. D. 6.
- [\$2000] What element is denoted by the chemical symbol Sn in the periodic table? A. Sodium. B. Tin. C. Scandium. D. Potassium.
- [\$4000] In which European city would you find the Rijksmuseum? A. Amsterdam. B. Brussels. C. Copenhagen. D. Dubrovnik.
- [\$8000] Which of these is not a colour of the Olympic rings? A. Blue. B. Yellow. C. Red. D. White.
- [\$16,000] How many permanent teeth does a dog have? A. 22. B. 32. C. 42. D. 52.
- [\$32,000] Which English football club plays its home games at Plough Lane? A. Queens Park Rangers. B. Fulham. C. Charlton Athletic. D. Wimbledon.
- [\$64,000] Street artist Banksy is originally associated with which British city? A. Bristol. B. Birmingham. C. Brighton. D. Bath.
- [\$125,000] Matt Goss, Luke Goss and Craig Logan made up which band? A. A-ha. B. Bros. C. The Cure. D. Dollar.
- [\$250,000] On average how far away is the moon from the earth in kilometres? A. 274,000. B. 334,000. C. 384,000. D. 524,000.
- [\$500,000] How did Robert De Niro and co-star John Savage almost die during filming for a scene in The Deer Hunter? A. There was a real bullet in the Russian Roulette gun. B. Almost captured by Thai rebels. C. Helicopter cut safety cables. D. Mortar shell explosion.
- [\$1,000,000] Which rock band was founded by Trent Reznor in 1988? A. Throbbing Gristle. B. Ministry. C. Skinny Puppy. D. Nine Inch Nails.

Quiz answers: 1. C. Salvador Dalí. 2. B. Knee. 3. A. Central Park. 4. B. Tennessee. 5. D. 6. B. Tin. 7. A. Amsterdam. 8. D. White. 9. C. 42. 10. D. Wimbledon. 11. A. Bristol. 12. B. Bros. 13. C. 384,000. 14. C. Helicopter cut safety cables. 15. D. Nine Inch Nails.

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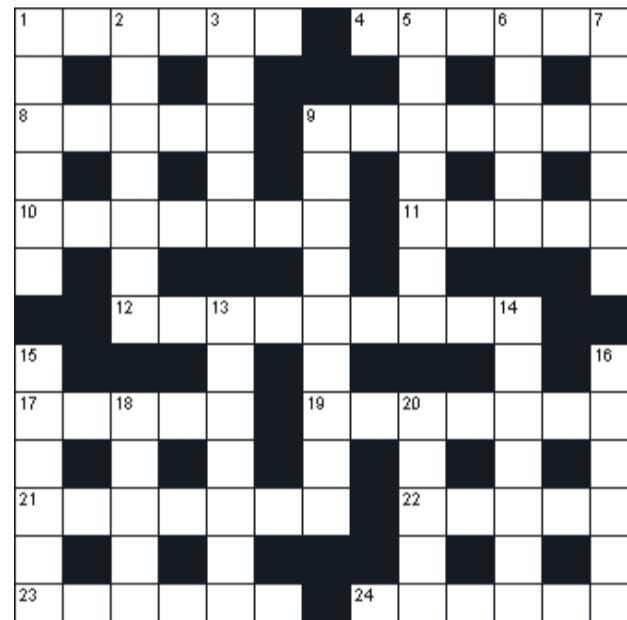
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Only the numbers from 1 through to 9 can be used. Each 3x3 box can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once. Each vertical column can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once. Each horizontal row can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once

QUICK CROSSWORD



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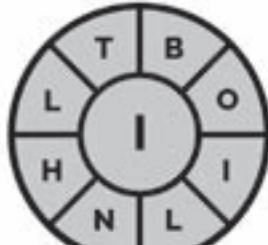
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- Futile (7)
- Female relative (5)
- Lawyer (9)
- Incorrect (5)
- Satan (7)
- Long (7)
- Allowed to enter (3,2)
- Die (6)
- Courageously (6)

DOWN

- Explode (4,2)
- Victory (7)
- Signalling code (5)
- Opposed (7)
- Corner (5)
- Unhappier (6)
- Fundamentally (9)
- Of less weight (7)
- Disproved (7)
- A dozen (6)
- Spirit distilled from wine (6)
- Confess (3,2)
- Large stringed instrument (5)

WORD WHEEL



Create as many words of 4 letters or more, using the letters once and always including the letter in the middle.

SOLUTIONS: Jan. 4, 2023

Crossword:



CODE CRACKER

Each letter in this puzzle is represented by a number 1-26.

Every letter of the alphabet is used at least once. Three letters are already in place to get you started.

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WORD SEARCH SUMMER HOLIDAYS

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Keeping birds safe from disease this summer

AGRICULTURE Victoria is urging bird owners to help prevent emergency animal diseases through the routine use of biosecurity measures at home, sales, bird shows and race events.

Victoria's Chief Veterinary Officer Dr Graeme Cooke said poultry farmers, and bird and backyard chook owners need to be vigilant for disease in their birds, such as avian influenza.

"Signs of avian influenza include breathing difficulties such as coughing, sneezing, or rasping, while ruffled feathers, dopeness, diarrhoea and closed eyes can also be evident.

"Other signs include swelling and purple discolouration of the head, comb, wattles and neck, and a rapid drop in eating, drinking and egg production."

Dr Cooke said infected birds shed avian influenza in saliva, nasal secretions and faeces.

"Wild birds including waterfowl are a natural host for the virus and don't usually show any symptoms. They need to be kept away from domestic birds, their food and water.

"Domestic poultry, chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, guinea fowl, quail, pheasants, emus and ostriches are most susceptible to being affected by avian influenza."

Dr Cooke said an on-farm biosecurity plan is the best management tool poultry farmers can use to reduce the risk of introducing infectious diseases.

"Other actions include maintaining a high level of hygiene, rodent control



Wild birds can be a natural host for diseases which can affect domesticated birds and pets.

around poultry sheds and feed-bins, and avoiding contact with non-commercial poultry and wild birds.

"New birds should be quarantined prior to being integrated into existing commercial or backyard flocks. Disease transmission should be minimised between poultry farms by cleaning vehicles, equipment and clothing after visiting another farm."

Poultry farmers and bird owners with backyard flocks are urged to report cases of unexplained sudden increase in bird deaths or a sudden drop in egg production to the 24-hour Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline on 1800 675 888, to your local vet or to Agriculture Victoria.

Dr Cooke also reminded all livestock owners, including those with poultry, of the need to have a Property Identification Code (PIC), which allows Agriculture Victoria to trace and control disease outbreaks.

"Getting a PIC is free and easily done online via the Agriculture Victoria website," Dr Cooke said.

A full list of biosecurity measures for poultry producers is available on the Agriculture Victoria website.

More information on avian influenza and protective measures is available at [Avian influenza | Poultry diseases | Animal diseases | Biosecurity | Agriculture Victoria](#).

State Duty on sheep sales up

FROM January 1, 2023, the State Duty which applies to the sale of sheep and goats will rise from 27 cents a head (or carcass) to 35 cents (\$0.35).

From January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 the rate was 19 cents (\$0.19).

Prior to January 1, 2021, the rate was 12 cents (\$0.12).

Residents reported illegal dumping

A DANDELONG South company is facing 21 charges over a major waste dumping incident at Woodside North quarry.

The EPA was alerted to the incidents by local residents.

Environment Protection Authority (Victoria) has charged Renex Op Co Pty Ltd and its director Marinos Angelodemou with 21 offences under the state's Environment Protection Act.

It follows an "extensive investigation" into dumping at Woodside North Quarry in June 2021, the EPA stated.

According to its website, Renex treats an array of industrial waste including contaminated soil, masonry, liquid waste, sludge and oils, organic contaminants and PFAS molecules.

The EPA is ensuring the waste has not escaped the site during heavy rain periods and has removed the soil under an environmental notice.



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Protect pigs and horses from mozzies

HORSE and pig owners are urged to protect their animals from mosquito-borne illnesses this summer after recent heavy rain and flooding.

Victoria's Chief Veterinary Officer Dr Graeme Cooke said bite prevention and mosquito control were the key to keeping animals free from mosquito-borne diseases including Japanese encephalitis (JE), Ross River fever, Murray Valley encephalitis and West Nile virus (Kunjin strain).

"It is reasonable to anticipate that JE may again affect livestock in Victoria, however there have been no reported animal cases in Victoria since pig cases were seen last summer," Dr Cooke said.

The most common signs of Japanese encephalitis in pigs are mummified and stillborn or weak piglets, some with neurological signs.

Very young piglets may exhibit signs of central nervous system disease, however, the majority of pigs appear unaffected.

Japanese encephalitis

virus is not spread directly from pigs to people, and there is no risk to humans from eating pig meat.

Horses may show no signs of illness from arbovirus infections, but these diseases can present with fever, loss of appetite, jaundice, lethargy, neurological or musculoskeletal signs such as staggering, incoordination, weakness and depression.

Hendra virus infection must always be ruled out in cases of neurological disease in horses. Hendra and West Nile virus clinical disease can have human health implications, so it is important to report suspect cases and get an accurate diagnosis to ensure the appropriate response.

Horse owners can protect their animals by ruggng and hooding them to prevent bites and stabling them between dusk and dawn, as the mosquito most likely to carry diseases of concern is a night-time feeder that stays outdoors.

Reducing mosquito breeding sites by removing

stagnant water or fixing dripping or leaking taps and water troughs, is critical in reducing the risks of arbovirus.

"Where it's not possible to fully eliminate breeding sites, people should treat them with an appropriately registered larvicide," Dr Cooke said.

Animal owners suspecting JE, Hendra and West Nile virus clinical disease should notify their vet or the Agriculture Victoria Animal Health and Welfare team, the Emergency Animal Disease Watch Hotline 1800 675 888 or the Notify Now App.

People with increased exposure to mosquitoes may be at a higher risk of infection, particularly people working or living on or near pig farms.

For information about the JE in pigs and horses visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/JE.

For more information about Japanese encephalitis virus and human health contact your GP or phone NURSE-ON-CALL on 1300 606 024, or visit the Better Health channel.

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1 Jones L & B 1 Fish Creek	710.0	420.0	2,982
7 Harris Pastoral Dumbalk Nth	639.3	420.0	2,685
8 Pocklington EF & RM Loch	681.9	420.0	2,863
1 Schuhmann S Mt Best	705.0	410.6	2,894
10 Cook GK & JA Yanakie	663.0	400.0	2,652
1 Wise IM Buln Buln	605.0	390.0	2,359

Steers

5 Couch KR & A Bass	437.0	510.0	2,228
2 Nicholls M & K Toora	422.5	498.6	2,106
1 Svenson R Tarwin Lower	385.0	480.0	1,848
1 Jarvie G & R Hazelwood	460.0	470.0	2,162
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Wonthaggi	365.0	470.0	1,715
1 53rd Mayalda Bass	355.0	453.2	1,608

Heifers

1 Jarvie G & R Hazelwood	410.0	470.0	1,927
1 Svenson R Tarwin Lower	395.0	463.6	1,831
2 Couch KR & A Bass	425.0	460.0	1,955
2 Littlejohn N & Son Mirboo Nth	485.0	460.0	2,231
5 Nicholls M & K Toora	366.0	456.6	1,671
1 Bowman LP & SL Foster	355.0	453.2	1,608

Cows

3 ABC Trotman	595.0	332.0	1,975
8 Campkin Smith M	628.8	330.0	2,074
Leongatha South	597.5	321.6	1,921
2 Murdica J&VF Korumburra	720.0	350.0	2,520
1 Court N & McJames	870.0	349.6	3,041
Tarwin Lower	765.0	300.0	2,295
1 Nicholls M & K Toora	745.0	325.6	2,425
2 Kelly R&C Nerrena	385.0	320.0	1,232

Bulls

1 Campkin Smith M	1,155.0	360.0	4,158
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1 Kelly R&C Nerrena	720.0	350.0	2,520
1 Hengstberger Kathryn	870.0	349.6	3,041
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1 Jans J Nerrena	385.0	320.0	1,232
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Renowned biodiversity scientist speaks to South Gippsland

By ACF Prom Area Climate Action

PROM Area Climate Action hosted a webinar about biodiversity on farms as its last event for 2022.

Members were joined by local Landcare groups to hear renowned forest ecology and conservation scientist Professor David Lindenmayer.

Professor Lindenmayer is a world-leading expert in forest ecology and resource management, conservation science, and biodiversity conservation.

He runs five large-scale, long-term research programs in south-eastern Australia, to conserve biodiversity in farmland, wood production forests, plantations, and reserves. He has maintained some of the largest, long-term research programs in Australia from the Fenner School at the Australian National University.

He began by outlining how critical farmers are to managing biodiversity in the Australian landscape. Fifty five percent of Australia's land mass is used for farming, most of it based on clearing land for food and fibre production.

With the continuing collapse in the ecological systems which sustain us, it is critical that we integrate agricultural production with biodiversity on farms. Sixty percent of the world's biomass is livestock, 36% is humans and only 4% is wildlife. This has to change now or whole systems will collapse. In particular we must conserve all remaining forests systems as a matter of urgency.

The aim of his work is to improve the condition of natural assets on farms to recover biodiversity and increase production on farms.

More information can be found at Natural Asset Farming written by Lindenmayer, Macbeth, Smith and Young, available through the CSIRO, and on the website www.sustainablefarms.org.au.

And you can watch Professor Lindenmayer speak about the critical importance of forests at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TiMi2eXls1E&t=349s>



Matthias Steinhoefer, Dario De Caro, Yuya Hirano and Ray Dahlstrom take a break. A29_0223

WWOOF important source of farm labour

WHILE Willing Workers on Organic Farms has become World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms, the acronym WWOOF remains, as do the benefits for farmers and travellers, with Inverloch's Bron and Ray Dahlstrom long-term advocates of the program.

They provide horse agistment on their property as well as growing non-certified organic produce that keeps them largely self-sufficient, and have had around 200 WWOOF workers, with three recent arrivals.

Austrian Matthias Steinhoefer, Dario De Caro of Italy and Yuya Hirano from Japan are combining work on the Dahlstrom property with seeing the local sights.

"It's the smartest way to travel because locals show

you the best spots," Dario said, having worked on farms in other countries through the WWOOF program.

While the trio are performing tasks such as helping with hay and gathering wood from a large fallen tree, they have also visited Cape Woolamai with Bron where they viewed a large number of shearwaters, something they enjoyed but would not have done on their own.

Ray showed them a local dinosaur fossil they would not have found without his guidance.

They were also taken to a winery they otherwise wouldn't have visited, an enjoyable experience, particularly for winemaker Dario.

Surfing at Inverloch has also been part of the fun.

The workers have taken to their farm tasks enthusiastically, travelling around the property on the quad bike, with Yuya the only one not to have had a go at driving it.

Ray quipped that being from Japan, Yuya is the only one of the three used to driving on the left.

Matthias particularly liked cutting wood with the chainsaw.

Ray suggested eating also appeals to him, something Matthias happily confirmed is the case during his stay with the Dahlstroms.

"The food is really good," he said.

The three new arrivals help with meal preparation, something they are all happy to do.

They work four and a half hours a day, usually from

morning until early afternoon, allowing time to explore the local area, with meals and accommodation provided in return.

Ray and Bron are delighted to have WWOOF workers back after the substantial extra work they had to take on themselves during the pandemic, and clearly enjoy the company of enthusiastic travellers and learning about their cultures and countries.

Those registered to work through the program apply for the properties they want to be placed at, with farmers choosing those they wish to take.

Ray and Bron would usually have only two WWOOF workers at once, but extra hands were needed due to the current hay period.

Production costs to bite

RURAL BANK'S Australian Agriculture Outlook 2023 report delivers a mixed outlook for farmers heading into the first half of 2023, with global economic challenges and continuing high production costs cited as the main dampeners.

Following recent bumper seasons, the industry navigated a challenging period through the latter half of 2022 with a third consecutive La Niña event bringing damaging rainfall and flooding on the east coast, impacting producers across a range of agricultural sectors.

The new report analyses the performance of six industries – cattle, cropping, dairy, horticulture, sheep and wool – and anticipates improving seasonal conditions, which combined with high commodity prices, will assist producers to offset potential quality issues, particularly across the cropping and horticultural sectors.

Andrew Smith, Rural Bank Head of Agribusiness Development said: "Four major factors will impact Australian agriculture in the first half of 2023, with seasonal conditions, production costs, trade conditions and global economic headwinds all featuring prominently in the findings".

"We expect trade conditions to continue improving in 2023 with the UK Free Trade Agreement anticipated to take effect in 2023 and the Australia-India Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (IA-ECTA) coming into force this month. Sheepmeat, almond, wool, lentil, and wine producers are set to see the greatest benefits from improved access to the Indian market.

"We see farm input costs persisting as a key issue in 2023 across every sector. Tight global fertiliser supply combined with high fuel and labour costs will weigh on grower margins, however, a generally weaker Australian dollar in comparison to the first half of 2022 should lift the overall competitiveness of our agricultural exports.

"Near perfect seasonal conditions in Western Australia and South Australia has growers on track to produce a record winter cereal crop. Harvest is advancing well with minimal delays at this stage and canola yields are at record levels with very good oil content.

"High production costs are expected to remain an ongoing challenge for producers with input costs and the cost of labour forecast to remain elevated while visitors on working holiday visas remain well below pre-pandemic levels.

"Geopolitical uncertainty is supporting global grain prices and Russia's ongoing invasion of Ukraine is expected to continue driving volatility across grain and oilseed markets as uncertainty regarding exports from two of the world's largest grain producers continues."

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Mirboo North's Italian Festa returns for 2023

THE Mirboo North Italian Festa is returning to Gippsland to showcase the best of all things Italian.

The free, family-friendly event will bring together a collection of your most-loved Italian food, produce and drinks.

The 2023 Festa highlight will be the return of crowd favourites, the flag throwers and musicians from Faenza in Italy.

This will be the only event in Australia where you will see this unique and spectacular exhibition of internationally acclaimed performers.

Mirboo North Italian Festa co-ordinator Rosie Romano and her team of 10 women have led the Festa in its current format since 2016.

"That year happened to be a

beautiful summer's day, and we estimated that were about 5000 people, and we were just blown away by that," Mrs Romano said.

"And the following year, we had even more people, even though it rained."

Each year since then, apart from a break due to COVID, the Festa has become bigger, with more community involvement and infrastructure needed to put on the event.

As with every year of the Festa, there will be a line-up of authentic Italian food stalls to satisfy everyone's appetites, including traditional arancini, handmade gnocchi, salty tasty arrosticini meat skewers, pizza, calamari, spicy barbecue salsicce and the Italian favourite, pasta with all

kinds of sauces.

For dolce, Italian for dessert, indulge in gelato, zeppole, tiramisu, biscotti, cannoli and numerous sweet treats.

Everything can be washed down with Italian beers, wines or an Aperol Spritz (or two).

For those looking for a non-alcoholic beverage, fresh fruit juice, milkshakes and mocktails will be on hand, along with every type of coffee.

Altogether, over 30 genuine food and drink options will nourish your inner Italian.

"Our aim from the beginning has always been for people to learn something about Italian culture, whether that's through food, dancing, music, Nonna's cooking, the exhibitions or displays," Mrs

Romano commented.

"This year's live music line-up will be sure to have everyone up and dancing," she said.

The music line-up will include Siesta Cartel and Top Self Duo, MC on the day by James Liotta.

Following on from the successful 'Nonna's Secret Recipe' Cookbook, cooking demonstrations will be running throughout the day for you to discover the recipes and secrets of Nonna's kitchen.

Learn how to roll pasta, make traditional pizza the way Nonna does, or unearth the secrets of how Italians make their salami.

Performances by magician Luigi Zucchini will keep the kids entertained, along with free children's activities and games.

The Mirboo North Italian Festa is made possible by the Victorian Government through the Multi-cultural Festival & Events Program, and the Gippsland Events Acquisition Fund supported by Regional Development Victoria and South Gippsland Shire Council.

The committee would like to thank the Community Bank Mirboo North and District, the Mirboo North and District Community Foundation, and many other local businesses and individuals for their event sponsorship.

The Mirboo North Italian Festa, 10am to 4pm, Sunday, February 12, 2023, in Baromi Park, Mirboo North.

<https://www.italianfesta.net/> or find the event on Facebook

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DEATHS

BRUNSDEN (nee Slater), Wilma Edna:

08.03.1941 - 04.01.2023.

Passed away peacefully at Kirrak House.

Loved and loving wife of Joe.

Very much loved Mother of Josephine, Colin, and Tam and Kristy.

Treasured Nan of Joel, Tom, Josh, and Sally.

Forever Loved "R.I.P."

CAUGHEY, Spencer:

04.01.2023.

Died unexpectedly.

Beloved son, brother, uncle, treasured husband and father.

*In life we loved you dearly,
In death we love you still.
In our hearts you hold a place
no-one will ever fill.*

Never forgotten, forever missed.

-- Ruth, Kate and Noah.

DEATHS

JACKSON, Graham:

06.03.1947 - 08.01.2023.

Dearly loved and loving husband of Alison for 50 years.

Loving father of Matt, Paul and Renee, father-in-law of Carly and Aaron.

Loved Pa of Marlon, Lennox; Bailey and Xavier.

We will miss you and love you forever.

Our hearts are broken but we're glad you're not suffering anymore.

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DEATHS

KNOX, Winifred Joan:

06.11.1932 - 06.01.2023.

"Mum", You brought us happiness, joy and knowledge

Till the very end, Resting peacefully with Dad forever,

Miss you very much,

Sleep forever.

Love and sadness, thanks for memories.

-- Rob and Merle.

Grandsons Brad and Jason, Gary, Rohan, Paul, Tim.

Great Grandmother of Aiden, Mikaylah, Lucas, Rory, and Kez.

*Goodbyes
Are not forever,
Goodbyes are
not the end,
They simply mean
we'll miss you,
Until we meet again.*

Loved mother of Sherrill

Nana of Bee, Amber, Bianca, Nick

Great Grandmother of Jarah, Meika, Lannia, Ravi, and Mia.

We'll always have the memories of the life you shared with us.

You will be missed by us all, But never forgotten.

You were my best friend.

Reunited with Dad.

Much loved Mum of Judy.

Nana Knox to Tyneil and Leigh, Renee, Klete, and Kellie.

Nana Joan to Nullah, Iluka, Layki, Tylah, Mataya, Kiahra and Tanah, Jaida and Zahli.

Loved Mother to Doug.

Nana to Ash and Ben, Cait, and Adam and Brittany (dec.).

Great Nana to Jayla, Logan, Brooklyn, Jordi, Tanner, and Reeve.

Forever in our hearts you will always stay.

Loved and remembered every day.

Fly High Mum / Nana Knox.

DEATHS

MULLINS, Ronald Graeme:

15.11.1938 - 04.01.2023.

Passed away peacefully in hospital aged 84 years, after a long illness.

Beloved son of Beryl and Raymond (both dec.).

Now at Rest.

With sincere thanks to the medical staff at Peter Mac and more recently at the Leongatha hospital.

DEATHS

TREVISI, Rosina:

You were the matriarch of our family and had the ability to make an amazing meal out of nothing.

Your strong presence, beautiful smile and amazing sense of humour will be sadly missed by all who had the pleasure to know you.

On behalf of all the family we would like to thank the carers who did the best job looking after Mum and caring for her in the most beautiful way.

We can't thank you enough. We would also like to thank all the staff at Wonthaggi Hospital for the amazing care of our beautiful Mum in her last days.

Most of all we would like to thank Steve for going above and beyond taking care of Mum over the years.

Thank you to Handley & Anderson Funeral Directors for your guidance and support throughout this difficult time.

We would also like to thank the local community, family, and friends for all of your support and kind words.

As per Rosina's wishes there will be no service and a private cremation will be held.

WEBSTER, Allan:

25.08.1930 - 03.01.2023.

Passed away peacefully.

Loved Dad and father-in-law of Debbi and Kevin, Chris and Lyn.

Loving Pop to Glynn, Kelly, Jaimie, Josh; Steven, Michael, and their partners.

Great Pop to 14 great grandchildren.

Sadly Missed.

WEBSTER, Allan:

Eldest son of Fredrick Percy and Alice Mary.

Brother of John (dec.), Frank, Dorothy (dec.), Joyce (dec.), Jean (dec.), and Phillis (dec.).

Uncle Allan to Ray, Kerry and Jodie and their families.

Rest in Peace Brother.

FUNERALS

JONES:
The Funeral Service for Mr. Andrew Jonesy Jones will be held at Handley & Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi on Thursday, January 12, 2023, commencing at 2pm. A Private Cremation will follow.

JONES:
A Funeral Service to Celebrate the life of Mr. Evan James Jones will be held at the Woodleigh Hall, 86 Woodleigh-St. Helier Road, Woodleigh on Monday January 16, 2023, commencing 11am.

The Funeral will leave after refreshments for a Service at the Korumburra Cemetery to commence at 2.30pm.

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A Memorial Service to Celebrate the Life of Mrs. Robyn Parfett will be held at Handley Funeral Services Chapel, 24 Anderson Street Leongatha on Tuesday, January 24, 2023, commencing at 10.30am.

FUNERALS
BRUNSDEN (nee Slater):

Funeral Prayers for Mrs Wilma Edna Brunsden (nee Slater) will be offered at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 31 Phillip Island Road, San Remo on Friday, January 13, 2023, commencing at 11am.

At conclusion of Funeral Prayers, the Funeral will leave for the San Remo Cemetery.

WEBSTER:
The Funeral Service for Mr. Allan Webster will be held at the graveside, Korumburra Cemetery, Kardella Road, Korumburra **TOMORROW**, WEDNESDAY, January 11, 2023, commencing at 11am.

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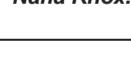
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KNOX, Joan:

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TREVISI, Rosina:

20.02.1932 - 05.01.2023.

Rosina passed away peacefully.

Dearly loved wife of Fiorello (dec.), married 68 years.

Mother to Stephen, Robert, Glen, and Linda.

Nonna of Clinton, Bree, Jake, Jedd, Jay, and Hayley.

Bis Nonna of Rubin, Xabi, Nate, Kelly, Jay, and Logan.

We will miss you every minute of every day and love you with all our hearts.

FUNERALS

BRUNSDEN (nee Slater):

Funeral Prayers for Mrs Wilma Edna Brunsden (nee Slater) will be offered at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 31 Phillip Island Road, San Remo on Friday, January 13, 2023, commencing at 11am.

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IN MEMORIAM

BAUDE, Thelma:
11.01.2016.

Memories are still with us all.

Love Brenda, Jason, Suzz, and Fraser, Kelvin, and Kate.

BEREAVEMENT THANKS

BEASLEY, Allan:
Irene, Lauren, Michael, Graham, John, and Helen would like to thank everybody for their kind words and for sharing so many wonderful stories about our dearly loved Al, following his death.

The attendance at the gathering, phone calls, tributes, messages, cards, visits, flowers, and food were truly amazing, so comforting and deeply appreciated.

We sincerely thank the Ambulance Victoria paramedics and the Victoria Police officers who showed such care for Al and kindness to us.

We also thank Handley Funeral Services, particularly Rebecca, Gary, Kiran and Matthew for their caring support and assistance.

Thanks to Brent Sinclair Catering for the food.

Many thanks also to Leongatha Football Netball Club for the use of the rooms for our celebration of Al's life. It was all just as he wanted.

THANKS

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The applicant for the permit is: Planning Central.

The application reference number is: 2020/438

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Sentinel-Times

Dinosaur search ideal for cool Inverloch days

THE beach on sunny days and Anderson Inlet on windy days have been the first choices for Inverloch holidaymakers, when they haven't been lining up for their morning coffees or lunchtime pies.

But, even on the cooler days, there's been plenty of cool stuff to do at Inverloch – with the emphasis on "cool" for good reason.

The Bunurong coast, at San Remo, is the place where Education Officer at the Bunurong Coast Education Centre in Inverloch, Mike Cleeland, a local palaeontologist, and Melbourne Museum research associate, Lesley Kool, found the fossilised jaw of a polar dinosaur ultimately named after them, *Koolasuchus Cleelandi*.

The "Kool" part of the name is a play on words, for Dinosaur Dreaming co-ordinator Lesley Kool, and also for the prevalence of polar dinosaurs being found along the Bass Coast. But it's cool right, to have a dinosaur named after you!

And a lot of that cool day activity revolves around the Bunurong Environment Centre where day tours to the polar dinosaur diggings near Eagles Nest, relaxing strolls along the coast to see native animals and plants, and 'Wildlife at Night' tours meet and head off.

Last Wednesday Mike Cleeland took one of his Dinosaur Discovery groups out and while everyone got a chance to see the dinosaur footprint, the 120-million-year-old trunk of a petrified tree and the location where dozens of polar dinosaurs have been identified, some of the visitors got a little more than they expected.

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what we think it is, it will be extracted from the rock and added to the collection.

"Could it be something new? It could easily be," said Mike.

"There's tremendous interest in dinosaurs of course, and we're very fortunate to have these amazing sites here, which would not have been on the coast back 126 million years ago.

"The dinosaur footprint for example is from a medium-sized, polar theropod, a carnivore roaming in the forests of this area.

"He's stepped in the mud and that muddy footprint has hardened into mud stone that we now find down by the sea here at Inverloch."

Ultimately the Bass Coast polar dinosaurs will be the subject of a \$40 million dinosaur trail stretching from San Remo to Inverloch with design and feasibility work continuing through 2023 as a result of a \$500,000 grant from the Victorian Government.

The Bass Coast Shire Coun-

cil has already spent \$1.5 million including the purchase of a 7-hectare site in Wonthaggi for the main interpretive centre.

What to get involved? Here are a few of the nature-based activities on at Inverloch:

- Wednesday, January 11 at 9.30am. Dinosaur Discovery at Flat Rocks. Meet at the Bunurong Environment Centre corner Ramsay Boulevard and The Esplanade, Inverloch.
- Thursday, January 12 at 10am. Amazing *Koolasuchus*
- Saturday, January 14, 2023 11am Rockpool Ramble Bunurong Environment Centre, Inverloch.
- Sunday, January 15, 2023 from 8pm-110pm. Wildlife of the Night. Meet at the Bunurong Environment Centre corner Ramsay Boulevard and The Esplanade, Inverloch. The majority of Australia's small mammals are nocturnal and the best time to see them is at night. Join Mike Cleeland, Education Officer at Bunurong Coast Education, to go on a guided night walk and search for nocturnal animals and find out what goes on out in the bush after the sun goes down. Meet at the Bunurong Environment Centre at the corner of Ramsay Bvd and The Esplanade in Inverloch. Following an introduction to the activity and a safety briefing the group will go to the Screw Creek Reserve in Inverloch for a night walk. Participants will need their own transport. Warm protective clothing may be advisable depending on the weather. Bring a torch.
- Wednesday, January 18 at 9.30am. Making Art from Nature.
- Wednesday, January 18 at 2pm. Junior Ranger Rockpool Life.
- Thursday, January 19 at 8pm. Dancing with the Stars.



Discovered near Inverloch, the fossilised remains of a *Koolasuchus cleelandi*, a car-sized cross between a newt and a crocodile, has been named as Victoria's official State Fossil Emblem.

\$20 million dinosaur trail is on the way

IN SEPTEMBER last year, the Victorian Government backed the Bass Coast Shire Council's plans to establish a \$40 million Dinosaurs Trail with a \$500,000 funding boost under its Enabling Tourism program.

The funding was designed to accelerate a project which celebrates Bunurong culture, supports sustainable tourism and showcases the work of scientists and volunteers in the region.

And in 2023, the shire expects to complete detailed designs and feasibility studies on a Museum Discovery Centre and Sound and Light installation for a 7 hectare site. It has already purchased in Wonthaggi.

Under Stage 1 (\$20 million) the following components are planned:

- Design and delivery of Gondwana Garden (Wonthaggi)
- Design and delivery of Dinosaur Playground (Inverloch)
- Design and delivery of 5 art installations along the trail (San Remo, Kilcunda, Wonthaggi, Eagles Nest, The Caves)
- Design and delivery of Sound and Light Experience (Wonthaggi)

Stage 2 - \$20 million investment

- Design and Delivery of Museum Discovery Centre
- Design and Delivery of Stargazing Observatory

The project is expected to support 418 new and existing jobs and generate \$36 million in direct value to Bass Coast economy by 2035.

"The Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail will be a unique and valuable tourism asset that celebrates and promotes the global significance of the region's prehistoric heritage. Bass Coast has the most diverse range of polar dinosaurs in the world and coal reserves in Kilcunda and Wonthaggi were formed from the forests these creatures inhabited."

The Bass Coast Shire Council has already invested more than \$1.5 million in the Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail project.

You can follow progress on this project online at: <https://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/dino>

Jawbone fossil just the tip of the iceberg

IT'S a busy time of the year for education Officer at Inverloch's Bunurong Coast Environment Centre, Mike Cleeland, but the region's polar dinosaur history tends to put day-to-day tasks into perspective.

Each day, there's one or more activities for visitors and locals from dinosaur discovery tours to Flat Rocks and Eagles Nest, to rock pool rambles along the coast, and even 'Dancing with the Stars' tours at night.

It's all about appreciating the natural world around us and Mike Cleeland, with

long heritage himself in the local area, is fully immersed in it.

"It's a tremendously exciting time, planning for the development of the Bass Coast Dinosaur Trail with a lot of progress on the design expected this year," said Mike Cleeland this week.

"There's a lot of interest in it and ultimately it will be a big thing for Bass Coast," he said.

The trail, stretching from San Remo, where Mike Cleeland and Melbourne Museum research associate Lesley Kool found the

four-metre *Koolasuchus cleelandi*'s fossilised jaw in 1990, past sites at Kilcunda, through Wonthaggi where there will be a major interpretive centre and on to Inverloch will involve an investment of some \$40 million.

It will complement the permanent dinosaur display at the Melbourne Museum and also the natural attractions at Phillip Island and Wilsons Promontory.

For more information on the Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail, visit www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/dinotrail



Education Officer at the Bunurong Coast Environment Centre Inverloch, Mike Cleeland, shared the discovery of a previously unknown polar dinosaur, *Koolasuchus cleelandi*. Its fossilised jaw is one of the things you'll see during holiday activities at the centre.

Tightlines



Ava wanted to catch a fish to go onto the photo wall in the shop with her dad and her brother. A 43cm whiting will do it.

Around The Bay

IT WAS a sensational couple of days weather to finish off the end of the traditional two weeks of Christmas holidays.

And during that 2 weeks we have had many of our customers back for the first time since we moved. From Mel and I we would like to say a huge thanks to everyone for the positive comments over the last few weeks, both about the shop and our social media content, we appreciate the comments as they let us know we are going in the right direction.

Stock update for those waiting, King Brown Teasers, Halco Laser Pro in the King Brown colour, 160 and 190, this might be the last delivery of these for a while with stock shortages.

We have all sizes in the cooler bags including the small one for the bay fishermen. Wind-on leaders for those waiting to have their gear rigged, 100lb mono for top-shot and we are now in a position to take rod and reel repairs.

We will have other deliveries of terminal stock, rods and reels over the next week or so but have been told from our suppliers they are expecting a shortage again because of the closures in China.

With all the extra people around there has been far more out fishing, boats and from the land so naturally we have had lots of reports.

As usual the fish in the bay this time of the year can be a little harder to find with so many boats around but there is still some quality to be had.

It seems to be a combination of boat traffic and the sun because the best of the reports have all been coming from very early morning or late evening.

As for where to fish, it's a bit of anybody's guess and we always recommend you just head to the places you are familiar with, new to the area we do have maps in store to

With Jim's Bait and Tackle

help you out.

The corals are always a good starting point, especially if it's an office hour fishing trip with the kids as there is always something happening there and easier to fish than the deep water.

Whiting have been slower and better on the Rhyll side both shallow and deep with dickies bay a little inconsistent. Big snapper have gone and the trick is getting past the undersized ones to get to the bigger pinkies, when you work it out let me know.

We are seeing the pinkies caught in just about every corner of the bay and while a bit bigger than last year they are still very small.

When you do find a patch of bigger ones some are over the 40cm and a welcome change from catching 26cm ones.

Gummies are the same with the majority of the reports about pups and not that many bigger ones showing up.

Offshore and the opportunity was limited for most but those who persevered were rewarded with a tuna or two.

This year has started exactly like last year with the tuna very patchy to start and very frustrating as you watch them sunning themselves but not interested in taking a lure.

Lures haven't changed and everyone has a favourite, skirts, small, still the favoured, unless you are using a king brown coloured diving one it seems and some swear by teasers while others say you don't need them, those using them are so far in front for numbers than those without them. Whichever way you go to be successful you must put in the time, have plenty of variety and make sure your gear is up to scratch just in case you pick up one of the 40kg models or a kingfish decided to jump on.

SPORT | BOWLS

INVERLOCH

OUR 10- day Summer Barefoot Bowls Program for visitors and friends was a huge success.

Hundreds of participants enjoyed themselves on our greens. Many thanks to all the volunteers that made this possible.

Our first Social Bowls for 2023 was enjoyed in pleasant weather.

Runners Up were Daryl McStravick, Rob Howard and Carol Waters on 29 points.

The eventual winners were Bill Selby, Joyce Arnold and Wally Mays (Visitor from Healesville) on 33 points.

KORUMBURRA

ALTHOUGH we have had a break from pennant there has still been plenty happening around the club.

Firstly Tommy Brown once again did a marvellous job selling tickets in the hamper raffle raising some \$1700 for the club, well done Tommy the winners were Michael Hopkins and Andrew Rickell.

We held our monthly triples on January 2.

Winners on the day were the Pakenham side of Ash Graham, Keith Archer and Stephen Bentley.

Runners up were Ross Lomagno, Charlie Edgerton and Ross P Lomagno.

Best last game went to Robin Provin Bill Dorling and Wayne Bogg.

Club Champions Joanna Lomagno and Robert Cosson represented the club very well in the champion of champions at Wonthaggi.

Joanna got knocked out in the Semi Final whilst Robert made it into the Grand Final going down by the narrowest of margins.

Don't forget Wednesday night bowls is on again this Wednesday names in by 6 for 6.30pm start.

MIDWEEK

WE started the year at Koo Wee Rup, and can I say what a pleasure it was.

The weather was lovely, the green was in tip top condition and the company was, well, excellent.

It was good to see everyone laughing and having fun. Friendly banter was overheard across the greens, but very few, if any, wrong bias bowls were put down this week.

It is always good to get new bowlers playing as we did today.

It was also great to see some Koo Wee players turn up to show us how it's done. But win or lose it was great to be back and playing.

Winners on a score of 35 were: Mark Andreatta (S), Luke Monckton (3), Chris Brooks (2), George Crynes (L)

Runners Up on a score of 32 were: Tony Heppleston (S), Frank d'Unienville (3), Michael Saunders (2), Peter Thorley (L)

And the Best One Game winners on 23 were: Terry Floyd (S), Gillian Harper (3), Bill Williams (2), Cheryl Floyd (L)



Inverloch social bowls winners Bill Selby, Joyce Arnold and Wally Mays (visitor from Healesville).



Midweek bowls winners Mark Andreatta (S), Luke Monckton (3), Chris Brooks (2), George Crynes (L).



Wonthaggi Bowls Club Turkey Triples winners Michael Cosgrove Inverloch, Phillip Connell Irymple and Ron Burge Inverloch.

Thank you very much to George who looked after us behind the bar and also for Luke who cleared up the green when we finished.

Looking forward to next week when we play at Lang Lang.

We look forward to seeing all our players on site by 10:00AM for a 10:30AM start.

WONTHAGGI

ANOTHER busy week at the club with the run up to our Triples on Wednesday.

Once again, the Triples was a success, with twenty four teams playing, which is a good result for this time of the year.

The best game went to the team of Trevor Teer, Rob Aitken and Gavin Butler with a score of 17 shots up.

The runners up were Ray Hin (Wonthaggi), Darryl White (Philip Island) and Keith Cousins (Inverloch) with a score of 3 wins and 36 points.

There was only one team that won four games. That team was Michael Cosgrove and Ron Burge, both from Inverloch and Phillip Connell, a visitor from Irymple, with a score of 4 wins and 30 points.

Saturday saw a very big and

busy day with the first round of the Champion of Champions being played in warm conditions.

Jan Jeeves and Bryan Donohue both won their matches and then moved onto Sunday with the weather perfect for bowls.

However, Bongo went down in his Semi Final match in a very close match. Jan made the final and with the scores locked on 24 each, with the winner needing to be 25, the last end was a cliff hanger with Jan able to get one shot to seal the victory. Well done to both bowlers, you have made Wonthaggi proud.

Bowls this week: Tuesday Mid Week Pennant starts, Wednesday social bowls at 1.00 pm, Thursday social bowls at 10.00 am and Saturday Pennant starts back. Also note Bare Foot Bowls starts Tuesday 17.

Vale Jacko

After a courageous and long battle with illness, Graham Jackson has sadly died.

If we had a hall of fame, Jacko would be an immortal. One of the greatest bowlers to play for Wonthaggi, his contribution to our club over many years is immeasurable.

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woolamai (Same), Tooradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stoney Point +40

TUESDAY	January 10
3.29am	1.58m
9.06am	0.68m
2.59pm	1.33m
9.06pm	0.30m

WEDNESDAY	January 11
4.00am	1.59m
9.45am	0.63m
3.40pm	1.34m
9.42pm	0.33m

THURSDAY	January 12
4.31am	1.59m
10.20am	0.58m
4.19pm	1.35m
10.15pm	0.37m

FRIDAY	January 13
5.01am	1.58m
10.55am	0.54m
5.00pm	1.36m
10.46pm	0.42m

SATURDAY	January 14
5.32am	1.56m
11.27am	0.50m
5.41pm	1.36m
10.46pm	0.49m

SUNDAY	January 15
6.03am	1.53m
11.59am	0.45m
6.25pm	1.36m
11.58pm	0.56m

MONDAY	January 16
6.36am	1.48m
12.32pm	0.41m
7.15pm	1.36m
11.58pm	0.56m





Wonthaggi Golf Club Medal of Medallist's contenders on 7-1-23 including the winner Matt Dawson, Michael Scott, Eric Van Agtmaal, Kevin Bayley, Brad Pinal, Mick Bourke, Peter Thomson.



Korumburra's winners last week were Kerri Besley, Trudy Olden and Barb Walker.

KORUMBURRA

WINNERS Last Week: Men's Competition

Tuesday, January 3
Stableford (46 Players)

A Grade: Zac Scholte (14) 38
C/B

B Grade: Terry Maskell (23)
39 Points

Thursday, January 5
Stableford (19 Players)

A Grade: Roland Rees (8) 37

Points

B Grade: Blayke Spokes (19)

43 Points

NTP's: 1st Steve McNamara,
7th Iain Riddell, 10th Brian

Clasby & 13th Neil Spargo

Saturday, January 7

Monthly Medal (54 Players)

Sponsor: Laurie & Sandra
Webster

Monthly Medal Winner: Athol
Worthy (25) 67 C/B

A Grade: Chris Clements (12)

70 C/B

B Grade: Athol Worthy (25)

67 C/B

Scratch Winner: Steve Bromby (0) 74 off the stick

NTP's: 1st Ray Ludenia, 7th

The "Guv", 10th Andrew Sceney

& 13th Paul Hopkins

Ladies

LAST Wednesday, there were terrific scores recorded, resulting in reductions of many handicaps.

A Grade was won by Kerri Besley (21) after a c/b with Barb Twite (24), both finishing with 41 pts. Trudy Olden (34) had 46 super pts to win B Grade and Lynne Schwennesen (53) was runner-up with 38 pts.

Place getters were Judy Webb (24), 40 pts and Trudy Mantell (25) and Julie Hillberg (24), both with 38 pts. Barb Walker (27) had 19 pts to win the 9-hole comp. Julie was NTP on the 1st and Kerri was closest on the 13th.

In Thursday's Open competition, Dianne Maskell (30) won a BDTL, with a very nice 39 pts.

Twilight golf resumed on Thursday. Betty Thomson and Allan Perks won with 23 pts after a c/b with Jennie Loughnan and Chris Rickard.

Bob Stiff and Chris were NTP on the 1st green.



Sue Hoskin has been awarded a Life Membership at the Meeniyan Golf Club.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, January 5, Stableford.

A Grade: R Ferlmingham (17)
44pts.

B Grade: R Hoskin (30)
42pts.

DTL: R Pentland 41, M Woodall 39, J Smeriglio 38, E Woodall 38, P Cummaudo 37.

NTP: 4th M Payne, 16th W Reynolds.

Birdies: 4th M Payne, N Spark, R Thompson, 6th, R Matthews, D Woodall.

Saturday, January 7, Stroke.

A Grade: D Scurlock (2) 72

B Grade: N Whichello (18) 67

DTL: P Cummaudo 69, J Kus 70, S Duff, M Richter, S Hill-Smith 73.

NTP: 4th, T Bradshaw, 6th S Beitz, 13th T Bradshaw, 16th D Scurlock.

Birdies: 4th J Mc Farlane, 6th S Beitz.

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MEN'S results January 5.

Competition type: Stableford

18 Hole, SR. 71

Winner: Ian Murrells 43

Runner up: Shaun Stirton 43

Men's results January 5.

Competition type: Stableford

Front 9 hole, SR. 34.5

Winner: Paul Cornelis 23

Runner Up: Secondo Tiziani 21

Men's results January 7, S.R

72.

Competition type: Stroke

Monthly Medal and putting.

A Grade: Jason Sartori 69

B Grade: Brad Pinal 67

C Grade: Matt Dawson 61

(Monthly Medal and Medal of

Medallists).

Ladies

THERE were 17 players enjoying the fine but windy day for a round of stableford.

A Grade winner was Jan Beaumont (21) with a lovely 40 points, but the round of the day was Wendy Cross (43) 47 points. Great score and a new handicap of 39 well done.

BDL Marg Ryan 40, Anne Poulton 39, Sally Evans 36, Marion Walker 35, Marg Johnson 35, Chris Hamilton 35.

Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun

By Julia Groves

THE Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun hosted a special New Year Day event, in an otherwise very quiet town.

With 31 participants it was a joy to meet and talk to many visiting faces.

Regardless of the time it takes, the distance remains the same every week, and many acknowledge that the act of getting out of bed on a Saturday or getting out and socialising with an active community is a highlight of the weekend.

Mirboo North was certainly bustling afterwards, and many visitors were spotted checking out the town afterwards.

It would certainly seem that parkrun enables Mirboo North to become a very welcoming town, with so many visitors being greeted like old friends as they explore what the stores and cafes have to offer.

Thank you to the volunteers for helping out so regularly and ensuring parkrun is a free event that welcomes everyone!

Phillip Island Bridge results

MONDAY, January 2, saw players return to bridge for the new year.

Greg Nicholson and Deb Anglim had another winning day on 71.67%.

Leng Haggith was missing a partner, but with some creative movements stayed and played and came second on 60.83%.

Third place was shared by Clare and Jim Murphy, and Bron Sund and Shirley Stewart on 46.67%.

On Wednesday, January 4, a visitor to the island, Denis Loft came by hoping for a game.

Shirley Stewart kindly came and partnered him.

They made a formidable team, winning the day on 74%.

Molly Downing and Miranda Sage were next in line on 55% followed by Bron Sund and Leng Haggith on 53%.

Paddlers need to be prepared

PADDLERS are being urged to heed safety advice before heading out on the water, following two separate rescues on Port Phillip Bay late December.

Paddleboarding is becoming an increasingly popular pastime and Safe Transport Victoria is urging paddlers to stay safe by wearing a lifejacket, using a leg rope, carrying two waterproof communication devices and checking weather conditions – particularly for strong coastal winds.

Paddleboards are more likely to be affected by strong winds than any other kind of watercraft and can easily be blown out into deeper water.

Paddlers should always be alert to wind speed and direction and be constantly monitoring how far from the shore they are.

Although paddleboarders are only legally required to wear a lifejacket when more than 400 metres from shore, conditions can change quickly, and it is strongly recommended to wear a lifejacket at all times.

Securing a leg rope is vital as it prevents the paddleboard floating away if a paddler falls off into the water.

Safe Transport Victoria has a series of safety tips and information for paddlers here: <https://transport.vic.gov.au/campaign-hub/paddlers-need-to-be-prepared>



In the latest West Gippsland league appointment, local netball stalwart and umpire, Ricky McNaughton, has been appointed WGFNC netball co-ordinator.

McNaughton joins Tessari in key league roles

THE West Gippsland Football Netball Competition has welcomed newly appointed operations manager Brett Tessari into his new role as well as Ricky McNaughton as netball co-ordinator starting this week.

Season 2023 will see the league administered by these two recent appointees for the first time.

"Brett will be a fantastic addition to our league, he comes with experience at both club level as well as league level," said Chris Greenall, chair of the WGFNC selection panel.

"With Brett and Ricky in place, the league is in a strong position moving forward," he said.

The season kicks off on April 1 when Tooradin play host to Cora Lynn.

"All teams are reporting good numbers at training and the clubs are eager to get going. This is a new chapter for the league and the competition is in a strong position, but there is a power of work to do between now and then," Brett Tessari said.

"I'm looking forward to the role."



Sale Cup winner Jarick Bale with Mark and Lisa Delridge.

Back-to-back Jarick!

NOT even inclement weather could dampen the excitement surrounding the first of the Gippsland Festival of Racing's trilogy of Country Cups, the Group 1 Sale Cup, on Boxing Day.

The 1750-strong crowd enjoyed live music, food trucks, the Party Paddock and an appearance from AFL great Gary Ablett who socialised with the large crowd having photos taken and signing autographs with those on track.

Balliang's "Team Delbridge" juggernaut rolled on when middle-distance marvel Jarick Bale steamrolled his rivals in the feature race, the \$120,335 Group 1 TRFM Sale Cup (650m), claiming back-to-back victories in the only Country Cup in Victoria that carries Group 1 status.

Jarick Bale became only the second greyhound to secure successive Sale Cups, joining Wylie Boy (1995-96).

Trained by Mark Delbridge, Jarick Bale accelerated quickly from the 'black' trap (Box 7) to score a commanding 4.4L win over Dookie Devil with his kennelmate, Group 1 Melbourne Cup winner Yachi Bale.

In the lead-in to the final, Delbridge couldn't 'split' his dynamic duo.

"I think they can both win it... they're much of a muchness, the only difference is that Jarick Bale is proven over 650m, while Yachi Bale is the up-and-comer," he said.

The Warragul Cup is up next on Friday, January 13, and Gary Ablett Junior will be back on track to meet and greet the locals.

The Warragul Cup is always a great feature of the Gippsland Festival of Racing, and the 2022 edition promises to be a highlight once again with more live entertainment for racegoers to enjoy.

Korumburra Junior tennis tournament



The Recruitment Alternative Section 1 singles: Riley Nave (Willow Grove) def Matthew Mizera (Elsternwick Park) 6-3



Burra Foods Section 1 doubles: William Chu (Bentleigh) and Matthew Mizera (Elsternwick Park) def Riley Nave (Willow Grove) and Jono Conlon (Mardan) 6-4



Lyon & Bair Section 2 singles: William Chu (Bentleigh) def Tom Wood (Neerim South) 6-5



SG Civil Crete Section 2 doubles: Matthew Mizera (Elsternwick Park) and William Chu (Bentleigh) def Xavier Bruning (Leongatha) and Toby Nicholas (Korumburra) 6-1



Core 'n Saw Section 3 singles: Tom Wood (Neerim South) def Toby Nicholas (Korumburra) 6-1



Burra Foods Section 3 doubles: Tom Wood (Neerim South) and Matilda Nave (Willow Grove) def Eamon Archibald (Korumburra) and Toby Nicholas (Korumburra) 6-4



SG Civil Crete Section 4 singles: Zayden Hanslo (Tooradin) def Becky Ray (Fish Creek) 6-2



South Gippsland Tennis Coaching Section 4 doubles: Mila Cocks (Korumburra) and Edie May-Trent (Poowong) def Ella Skelton (Fish Creek) & Becky Ray (Fish Creek) 6-2



Leongatha Subaru Section 5 singles: Angus Wilson (Korumburra) def Edie May-Trent (Poowong) 6-3



The Recruitment Alternative Section 5 doubles: Madi Van Den Broek (Korumburra) and Averie Hughes (Korumburra) def Archar Hughes (Korumburra) and Angus Wilson (Korumburra) 4-2



The Recruitment Alternative Section 6 singles: Madi Van Den Broek (Korumburra) def Averie Hughes (Korumburra) 6-1



Burra Foods Section 6 Doubles: Ryan Perry (Leongatha) & Ari Boogaert (Korumburra) def Declan Russell (Leongatha) and Lucy Carter (Leongatha) 4-1

A bang on New Year's Day

WONTHAGGI Clay Target Club's first competition of 2023, New Year's Day with a Bang 100 Target Double Barrel, was a massive success.

With 11 squads and a total of 62 shooters turning up, Wonthaggi turned up the heat with not a puff of wind and a scorching 35 degrees. Not only was the temperature hot but we managed to scorch 72 possibles on the board for the day.

Results:

Overall went to Kevin Gillespie after a shoot off with Ian Kent and Dennis Comelli. Kevin shot a Perfect 117/117 to take the win.

AA - 1st Hecta Crawford 99/100.

A - 1st Ian Kent 116/117.

B - 1st Dakota Suckling 99/100.

C - 1st Chris Bone 98/100.

D - 1st Grant Curtin 90/100.

Junior - 1st Ben De Pedro 97/100.

Ladies - 1st Mel Treller 95/100.

Veterans - 1st Ian Findlay 97/100.

Raffle Winners - 1st Warren Roberts, 2nd Billy Woodward, 3rd Cranky McCall and 4th Ian Kent.

We'd also like to thank Aussie Disposals Wonthaggi, Mandy and Brendan McRae and Sam White from Cut n Edge Lawn and Garden for their donations to our raffle. Over \$600 was raised in the raffle and donated to Jack Gow to assist the young family in memory of the late Shylah Johnson.

Next shoot on Saturday February 4, 11am. 50tgt Continental Graded Cash Divide, 50tgt Double Barrel Championship.



Wonthaggi Clay Target Club was honoured to be able to donate their raffle takings (\$600) to Jack Gow to assist the young family during this extremely difficult time.



Overall New Year's Day winner Kevin Gillespie took out a perfect 117 for the win.



Dakota Suckling took out the win in B Grade for Wonthaggi Clay Target with 99/100.



Wonthaggi Clay Target's own Chris Bone secured a 98/100 in C Grade.



The Green Goblins team is the youngest in the senior competition.

Leongatha Knights Football Go Fives competition Round 6

AS we near the end of LKFC's first summer 5-a-side competition the competition is heating up! (Much like the pitch.)

In the junior competition, Extra and Life is Short continue to prove to be the teams to beat.

Over in the senior competition, it was a big matchup between top two teams Mighty Migrants and Unburrable, that generated a big crowd with Mighty Migrants narrowly taking the win.

Next week is our final competition week with finals the following week.

Junior competition

The A Team def. Blue City
Life is Short def. Blazers
Mirboo North Minotaurs def.
The Curve Ball Kickers
Extra def. Boo Summer Crew

Senior competition

Mighty Migrants def. Unburrable 5-4
BBQ Chicken def. Green Goblin 11-2
SUUUUIII def. Lady Knights Champions 10-8
Tone Setters United def. The Reds 8-4



BBQ Chicken took the win against Green Goblins this week.

LDCA juniors put up good fight

THE LDCA under 15s team travelled to Sale on Sunday January 8 to play Sale Maffra (SM), this was a rescheduled game after the Round 1 game back in November was washed out. Sale Maffra won the toss and elected to bat on an evenly grassed and hard Stephenson Park Pitch.

George McCausland (Phillip Island) and Isaac Bolge (Imperials) bowled really good early spells to have SM 3/42 after 20 overs.

This was when very good young cricketer Harry Tatterson formed a partnership with Ryan Wells of 64 when Wells was dismissed by Hearth Womersley the score was 4/106 off 37 overs.

At this stage of the game the LDCA boys dropped several chances that would prove to be costly, but they stuck to their task well and dismissed SM for 148, a decent total with the very slow outfield, the SM innings was dominated by Tatterson with a very well made 82.

After the lunch break the LDCA opened up with Andot Mankhong and Riley Harris (Inverloch), both boys received good deliveries from SM opening bowler Walker to have us 2/18 after 7 overs.

Rhys Newman 18 (Inverloch) and Roy Checkley 12 (Korumburra) both looked in good touch playing some nice shots but unfortunately couldn't kick on to big scores, our middle order had a really tough time against a very good young leg spinner Navdeep Singh his control and prodigious spin was impressive, and he did the damage through the middle overs to end up with 4/16 off his 10 overs.

Clayton Quaife 33 not out (OMK) showed a great temperament to get through this period and when he was joined by Fletcher McLennan 15 not out (Leongatha) both boys batted with great aggression playing some great shots in their 36-run partnership to give the LDCA boys a shot at victory, but unfortunately ran out of overs ending on 9/127.

Despite the loss the boys had plenty of positives to take from the match.

The under 15s next match is Sunday January 15, against Traralgon at the Inverloch Turf.



David Kimmings and John Colomiere. A winning team in the Winter comp.

Wonthaggi Table Tennis Presentation Night

A HAPPY crowd of players and supporters turned up for the Wonthaggi Table Tennis end of season barbecue and presentation night at the Wonthaggi Table Tennis Centre.

Trish Denier made a last-minute dash to get all the trophies on time, the food was great on the night (thanks to our first ever lady chefs) and several tables were left out for the keenest players to have a hit.



Siobhan Paxton and Poppy Duff. Poppy is standing in for her brother Jack. Siobhan and Jack were winners in the recent Open Doubles tournament event. Jack was also runner up to Braden Andriguetto in a stunning Open Singles Final.



Wonthaggi Croquet Club Vice President Tom Lacey, Treasurer Paul Andrews and President Gerrit Kool are excited about the club's upcoming project. B09_0223

Exciting times ahead for Wonthaggi Croquet Club

THE Wonthaggi Croquet club has recently been given the all clear on a new project that will see them granted brand new clubrooms by the end of the year.

Club Vice President Tom Lacey was in attendance at the council meeting back on December 14 last year to hear the verdict of the project, he spoke to the *Sentinel Times* last week.

"The project was approved at the council meeting on December 14, most of the money comes from the State Government, then us, and then council do the rest, we've put in quite a lot," he said.

The *Sentinel Times* also spoke to club President Gerrit Kool and Treasurer Paul Andrews about the plans for the project and what is actually taking place.

"We're getting new clubrooms which will be situated where the old sheds are now and the new rooms will be very similar to the ones that Phillip Island got," Kool said.

"It'll be similar also to the new rooms at the tennis club, with a good-sized kitchen, huge amenities with a common area and dedicated storage and toilet spaces, we're also getting a six by four storage shed for our equipment, there'll be a veranda there overlooking the courts, huge glass windows!" said Lacey.

The trio also explained what they hope the new facility will do for their club.

"All of this will enable us to attract more members because right now, particularly with COVID, we can't hold our general meetings in the current clubrooms," they said.

"There's a little bit of kitchen space and not much else so when we run tournaments, it sometimes it's a little bit embarrassing because we can't have 30 people in there, but we will be able to once the new ones are up and running."

The need for the new clubrooms and a bit of a refreshing update to their current, crammed space is obvious, and has been for some time according to Andrews, Kool and Lacey.

"We get a lot of people come and play from all around Victoria really, we've had a couple of tournaments recently and the place has been chocka, at our last tournament, we had people from Lakes Entrance, Ballarat, Geelong, Melbourne and down in Mornington, so they come from all over," they said.

Construction on the new clubrooms is set to start prior to the end of the month and is

scheduled to be completed by the conclusion of August this year.

The three happy representatives also explained the many ways they're looking to use their new and long-awaited rooms.

"It can become a social hub, we play at least three times a week here, but with the new facilities we can hold our committee meetings, general meetings or come down and celebrate milestones and have social events inside in the new building and it won't be weather dependant," the trio agreed.

Croquet, although it may not be as popular as some other summer sports, has a famous and rich history and is well renowned as a game for all, especially in Wonthaggi where the club is thriving according to the trio.

"In itself, the club is going really well, it gets a bit quiet over the Christmas and New Year period, but it gets a lot of use, we have three club days a week, everyone has a key so anyone can come and have a hit seven days a week if they want to, we've got two pennant teams too," they said.

Andrews, Kool and Lacey are all extremely devoted to their beloved club and are looking forward to more projects and events in the future.

"We will look at trying to get some lights in the next few years, that's our next project, because you just have to light this small area and you've got bright coloured balls, it'd just look fantastic under lights," Andrews said.

The WCC trio have done a mountain of work to get the project underway and all thanked each other as well as all of those who chipped in to get the development up and running.

"Mainly we'd like to thank the State Government, MP Jordan Crugnale has been helpful and Brett Tessari when he was mayor, he was right behind us," they agreed.

"Also these two gentleman Paul Andrews and Gerry Kool who have both worked tirelessly on this project for at least four or five years," Lacey said.

The Wonthaggi Croquet Club is located opposite the YMCA/Wonthaggi Pool off Wentworth Road and new members and players of all ages are always encouraged to come down and join.

"It's a game that's suitable for all, from ages eight to 98 you could say, anybody and everybody can play, it's a great game," they said.



In one of the closest finishes of the day at Stony Creek last week, Jake Noonan on Oreo Twist just holds off Miss Russia to win Race 3.

Pink and perfect for Stony Creek's New Year's racing

THERE was a big crowd in and there was plenty of action on and off the track at Stony Creek Racecourse for the club's first meeting of the New Year.

The horses jumped out of a new set of starting gates in Race 1, with the Robbie Griffiths trained Night Sun, ridden by Carleen Heffel saluting in fine style, by 1.5 lengths, from Redskin Jimmy.

It set a pattern for clear results in most races, with close

finishes the exception, including the Jacques Luxe ridden Rock Melody which just outlasted Star Magic in the second race, and Oreo Twist ridden by Jake Noonan holding off Miss Russia in the third.

All the other winners on the day; Makbeel in the fourth for trainer Dean Krongold and jockey Robbie Downey easily won the *Sentinel-Times* sponsored maiden plate, Sarnia (T: Reece Good-

win & J: Teo Nugent) easily in the fifth, Bifrost (T Emma-Lee and David Browne & J: Will Gordon) in the sixth, Mir impressively in the seventh (T: Nick Ryan & J: Tom Prebble) and Tiara Jewel by almost three lengths in the last (T: Reece Goodwin & J: Michael Poy).

The club was delighted with the day's success and are set now for an important midweek meeting on Tuesday, January 31.



Inverloch and Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club nippers participated in a competition event at Cape Paterson on Saturday morning. Z29_0223

Nippers take on championships

THE Cape Invitational championships were underway for the inaugural annual event on Saturday morning with more than 300 patrons congregating at the local surf beach in Cape Paterson to participate in competition and assist with water safety.

Events kicked off at 9am with under 8s competing in beach relay, flags, wade, wade relay, swim game, and sprint and under 9s to 14s also taking on a Cameron event, as well as a board race and board relay.

Inverloch SLSC competition director David Morris and Cape Paterson SLSC junior coordinator Charlie Crawford said for quite a while, they've looked at running a local friendly competition for all the

nippers, so they can develop connection between the two clubs.

"This is our first competition event in nearly ten years and the turnout has been incredible, we've got huge participation from volunteers who are directing the juniors through each event and our water safety volunteers who are assisting the kids out in the ocean," said David.

"There are different competitive events at different nippers' sessions, but this experience is about competing for your club against other clubs, and we hope to continue this championship as an annual event."

Medals were awarded to each age group for those competitors who showed resilience and

good sportsmanship throughout the afternoon.

The nippers' schedule runs as a two-week program welcoming registration from under 6s to under 14s across Melbourne, but each club is looking at attracting more local participation.

The water safety team consisted of SRC (Surf Rescue Certificate) and bronze medallion volunteers - young representatives that put their hands up to assist in the nippers' program and participate in this new community event.

Registration for SRC (13+ years) and bronze medallion (15+ years) is available online at www.lsv.com.au so contact your local club today to get involved.



Brett Thorson punts for Georgia.

Dumbalk's very own kicks off in America

By Aiden Box

THE College Football playoffs have come and gone, and the University of Georgia is making headlines once again, as they look to for back-to-back National Championship titles behind superstar quarterback Stetson Bennett IV.

Although, despite finishing his fantastic season as a Heisman Trophy finalist trophy awarded to the most outstanding player), Bennett IV wasn't the only Georgia Bulldog making headlines in 2022/23.

Another key cog to the Georgia machine is their freshman punter Brett Thorson, who hails all the way from Dumbalk, and is having a sensational season himself in his role for the Championship favourites.

The Aussie prodigy went viral earlier in the season, when he let rip on an absolute rocket of a punt in Georgia's season defining clash with Tennessee, sending the ball a whopping 75 yards (that's 68 metres!).

The punt went down as the longest by any Georgia player in 13 years and the 10th longest in the University's history, at the time of



After growing up playing Aussie Rules, Brett Thorson committed to Georgia University at the start of the season and is set to play off for a National Championship title later this morning.

the punt, Tennessee was the number one ranked team in the country and Georgia third, and the Bulldogs held a slim four-point first quarter lead.

So, when Thorson's punt pinned the opposition on their own one-yard line, the football world, and his teammates were understandably amazed.

But Thorson is certainly not a one hit wonder, he's punted 33 times this season for an average of 44.9 yards (41 metres) with 18 of his punts being downed inside the opposition 20-yard line (which

is an indication of a solid punt for those who are unfamiliar with American football).

Thorson's booming right foot, the brilliance of his quarterback and a stout season on defence has helped the Bulldogs reach the College Football Playoff once again, as the number one ranked team in the country in the midst of an undefeated run.

And after a thrilling come from behind win over number four seed Ohio State, in which the latter missed a potential game winning field goal, the 'Dogs have earned a trip to Los Angeles to defend their crown.

Meeting Georgia in LA is surging challengers Texas Christian University (TCU), who came into the College Football Playoff ranked third in the nation and shocked last year's runner's up Michigan in a Semi Final shootout, they're led by Heisman Trophy runner up Max Duggan at QB.

Thorson will look to cap off his first year in the USA with a National Championship and you can watch him, and the Bulldogs take on TCU from 11:30am AEST today January 10 across the screens of Foxtel, Kayo and ESPN.



Construction is well underway on the Wonthaggi District Tennis Club's new club facility. B02_0223

2023 shaping up to be exciting year for Wonthaggi Tennis Club

By Aiden Box

and their latest coaching change can have his club striving again.

"COVID really knocked us around a bit, especially the juniors, they got halfway through a season and had to stop and then missed a whole season, it's been hard to get people back but this year we've found that it's turned a corner and we've started to get a few back," he said.

The Sentinel-Times spoke with president Russell Cargill recently on the project.

"We're getting our very own tennis rooms which are much needed after a long, long time being stuck in behind where the gym is at the pool," he said.

"They'll now be our own standalone tennis rooms down next to the courts more importantly, so they'll be a connection there where there wasn't before with the carpark in between the rooms and the courts."

He also mentioned what the new facilities will do for his beloved club.

"We have a good strong junior comp on a Saturday, but we don't have an adult one on a Saturday so that's one of our aims to get back to a bit of Saturday tennis, our main tennis comp is on a Tuesday night," he said.

"But it's compact, you play for two and a half hours, and it's all finished, and you go home, we just want to give people more options and make the game of tennis a bit more prominent in Wonthaggi, and we think the rooms should attract more players, it should be a drawcard we hope."

The new rooms, boasting a balcony and plenty of usable space for various events, will grant the WDTC with an opportunity to host several different events as Cargill mentioned.

"For our night comp it'll be great because you can sit on our beautiful deck out the front and you'll be right there watching instead of stuck up over the carpark, so we'll use it that way, he said.

"It'll be very social we'll have more social events and might even have some charity matches and things it'll be fantastic, it's something that's well needed for the club."

"There's many things we can do, we can even rent it out if people want to have their events there, it's another space for Wonthaggi that other people can use too, not just us."

Like many grassroots sporting clubs, the WDTC was deeply impacted by COVID and is still on the repair, but Cargill is positive the rooms

Gippsland Summer Series starts with a bang

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Pocklington was bullish on how tennis is going and what it does for anyone who plays and encourages anyone looking to get involved to do so.

"It's more of an individual sport, whereas your team sports you've got support from your teammates out on the field, but tennis is more of a mental game, and for those who don't like those contact sports tennis is great," he said.

"And it's a very rewarding sport, you do get to meet new people and travel and the exposure you get and the people you meet is awesome, it's a sport you'll play for life, it's a wonderful thing."

This year's tournament was run over two days with the inclusion of section six singles & doubles. Play commenced from 8.30am on Wednesday morning in near perfect playing conditions, with section one, three and five singles and

doubles events.

Thursday morning play kicked off at 8.30am in perfect conditions again, featuring sections two, four and six singles and doubles events.

All but two entrants played both days, a total of 61 singles matches and 18 doubles matches (80 total) were played on Thursday.

"Of the 35 entrants it was great to see 27 who have come through South Gippsland Tennis Coaching programs. For 7 of those players, it was their very first tennis tournament, for Lucy Carter (Leongatha) it was her first time playing a competitive match and she even won a trophy," Pocklington said.

"Eight players made the effort to travel and all parents and players had nothing but positive feedback for the tournament."

Pocklington also gave his thanks to all of those who chipped in to help set up and run such a terrific couple days of tennis.

"Thanks to the Korumburra Tennis Club, assistant directors Alicia Marshman and Keerah Pocklington, Trenton Hughes for helping prepare the club the night before," he said.

"Thanks to Marty Nicholas, Steve Wood and Trenton Hughes for helping during the day with bagging courts, watering courts and sweeping lines both days to ensure optimum playing conditions for players."

Following this tournament and the Leongatha one last weekend, Gippsland Summer Series action continues at Drouin (January 9-10), Newhaven College (January 11), Warragul (January 12-13), Moe (January 14), San Remo (January 15) with the final tournament Beaconsfield on January 16-17.

In total there's eight tournaments from January 4-17.

For further information on any of these tournaments' head to www.southgippslandtenniscoaching.com

yet for the new courts that we got in the middle of COVID so we're going to combine that with the opening of the new rooms, so we'll have a grand opening day and get Wonthaggi interested in tennis!"

Cargill finished off by giving his thanks to those that have pitched in along the way.

"I'd like to thank the Bass Coast Shire Council of course they've been excellent; Tennis Victoria have been quite good helping us out with planning for tennis and our members that play all the time," he said.

"Also, the committee, our committee is a very good committee they're hard workers and there's no fights or anything we all get along pretty well so that's been good too, it makes a difference."

The Wonthaggi District Tennis Club is located behind the YMCA off Wentworth Road in Wonthaggi and can be contacted via their email wonthaggitennisclub@gmail.com for any inquiries.

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A1: Andrew Donohue (Inverloch) 85 ; Tom McQualter (Inverloch) 6/38

A2: Jake Hackett (Nyora) 77* ; Clint Wilson (Phillip Island) 3/20

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Nerrena	72	1.5604	Korumburra	90	2.5118
OMK	72	1.1541	Phillip Island	72	1.3017
Inverloch	66	1.0870	Club	60	0.7728
Town	60	1.1129	Kilcunda-Bass	48	0.9343
Phillip Island	60	1.0833	Foster	48	0.8483
Imperials	36	0.8219	Nyora	36	0.9601
Club	36	0.7833	MDU	36	0.8985
Koonwarra L/RSL	30	0.6163	Glen Alvie	30	0.5549

NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES & UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

SATURDAY
JANUARY 14

A GRADE, Division 1

Town v Phillip Island
SCORPION 1
Ashley Stride
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Mitchell Thomas plays a shot on his way to a well-made 59. B13_0223

History repeats itself as cricket returns

• A Grade, Division 1

CRICKET returned on Saturday as the LDCA's two A grade divisions continued the 2022/23 season with some one day, 40 over a side, matches.

Highlighting the day was some repeated history as last season's Grand Finalists Leongatha and Phillip Island both lost to OMK and Inverloch respectively, as they had back in Round 6.

Koony's strong total too much for Imps

Koonwarra L/RSL welcomed the Imperials down to Koonwarra Recreation Reserve and the hosts won the toss and chose to bat first.

The Cougars were in trouble early, both openers missed out and they fell to 2/8 as Lachlan Wright (5/36 from 8) got into his work.

With the dismissal of the Koony skipper Ben Walsh (19 from 30), Wright had three wickets and it looked as though the hosts were in trouble, however this is when the tide changed.

James Rushton (51 from 65) and Sam Hughes (58 from 82) both notched half centuries as their side climbed all the way back into contention of a big score with a brilliant 79-run stand.

Rushton eventually fell with the score just over the century mark, but Hughes kept on going with Sam Sperling (46 from 37) to advance it over 180 when the Imps captain fought back with Wright.

Jack Ginnane (4/36 from 8) finished off nicely to lead his team back in with a chance, as Wright capped off his five-wicket haul and the Cougars finished all out for 208.

Unfortunately for the Imps, despite a good start by openers Luke Rogers and Damon Ginnane, they were dismissed for 152.

Clark dominant again for Nerrena

NERRENA hosted Wonthaggi at Leongatha Recreation Reserve as the visitors won the toss and chose to bat first.

They lost Stewart Beaumont (3) early, but that didn't faze Mitchell Thomas (59 from 72) who was hitting them nicely all around the park on his way to a half century.

Unfortunately, though, Thomas' half ton was the only real highlight for Club as they only had two other batters scratch double figures.

In reply, the visitors were set the tough task of stopping the dangerous Mitchell Clark (59 from 82) and they were able to do so but only after he'd notched another half century, which helped guide his side to the win with six wickets to spare.

Joel Brann (2/21 from 8) was the pick of the bowlers for Wonthaggi.

Diggers take down Town again

OMK welcomed Leongatha down the road to Outtrim Recreation Reserve and Town won the toss and chose to bat first.

The visitors started well with all of their top three getting starts in Darcy Hume (31 from 59), captain Jesse Giardina (30 from 24) and Amila Ratnaike (49 from 56) although none of the three could go on to a big score.

With their side 4/120 and their innings in the balance, Madura Madusanka (78* from 55) and Dulaj Polwattha Gallage (38 from 36) put together a huge 99-run partnership to push the score over 200.

Madusanka finished with an unbeaten half century as his side posted a strong total of 7/238, Thomas Wyatt (2/25 from 4) claimed a couple of wickets.

In reply, needing 239 to win, the

Diggers put the early nerves and doubt to rest and burst out of the blocks, reaching 99 before the loss of their first wicket.

The hosts were able to weather a small middle order collapse and see themselves to their second win over 'Gatha on the season, pulling off the huge chase with five wickets to spare thanks to strong unbeaten knocks from their skipper Koby Brann (45* from 39) and Daniel Lloyd (35* from 28).

McQualter's six sinks Island

THE reigning premiers Phillip Island hosted Inverloch at Cowes Recreation Reserve and the visitors won the toss and chose to bat.

Young openers Jacob Strickland (9) and Jack Butcher (43 from 63) looked to be digging in before Strickland fell to a blinder of a catch at second slip.

The innings grew in substance with contributions from Andrew Donohue (85 from 91) along with the Inv' captain David Newman (25 from 28) coming off a masterful century last time he faced the Island.

Inverloch finished 7/198, setting the Sharks 199 for victory.

The Sharks enjoyed a bright start with Cleeland dominant. However, Inverloch pulled off the win over the bridge by 40 runs when Stingrays spinner Tom McQualter (6/38 from 8) took over.

Starting by dismissing the Sharks skipper Daniel Mock (16 from 25), McQualter began to tear the game apart, taking an incredible match-winning six wicket haul to rip through the Island middle order and wrestle all the momentum Inverloch's way, and complete the sweep of the reigning premiers, who now sit outside the top four!

West Gippsland Football Netball Competition

AGM

Tuesday, January 31
at 7.00pm

Kilcunda-Bass
Football Netball Club
Social Rooms



A GRADE

DIVISION 1

Inverloch 7/198 d Phillip Island 158

Inverloch – 1st INNINGS	
J Butcher b SL Rathnayake	43
J Strickland c T Keily b M Baxter	9
A Donohue c DP Mock b C Keerthisinghe	85
D Newman c DP Mock b M Royal	25
W Taberner c L Cleeland b M Royal	4
JB Dennerley c & b SL Rathnayake	5
T McQualter run out (C Keerthisinghe)	5
K Joske not out	8
CW Asbury not out	1
Extras (nb 0, w 8, b 4, lb 1)	13
Total 7/198 (40 overs)	

Bowling: S Kirton 0-0-25 (3w), T Keily 4-1-0-12, M Baxter 4-0-16 (1w), M Royal 8-0-2-41 (2w), SL Rathnayake 8-1-2-36, C Keerthisinghe 8-0-1-43, DP Mock 3-0-0-20 (2w)

Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS

L Cleeland b CW Asbury	35
J Black b CW Asbury	6
DP Mock c J Butcher b T McQualter	16
SL Rathnayake c & b T McQualter	13
T Keily b JB Dennerley	23
BD Johnston c J Butcher b T McQualter	0
M Baxter c J Butcher b T McQualter	0
S Kirton c K Joske b T McQualter	1
M Royal st J Butcher b T McQualter	39
HW Womersley c & b A Donohue	3
C Keerthisinghe not out	0
Extras (nb 3, w 18, b 0, lb 1)	22
Total 158 (34 overs)	

Bowling: CW Asbury 5-0-2-39 (1nb, 1w), L Rankin 6-0-20 (7w), JB Dennerley 5-0-1-29 (2nb, 6w), T McQualter 8-1-6-38 (2w), A Donohue 7-2-1-12, J Donohue 3-0-0-19 (2w)

Koonwarra 208 d Imperials 152

Koonwarra L/RSL – 1st INNINGS	
BF Davison c D Perera b L Wright	0
I Darshana c AR Williams b L Wright	1
B Walsh c T Sauvarin b L Wright	19
J Rushton c S Sameera b D Ginnane	51
S Hughes c L Anderson b J Ginnane	58
S Sperling c D McLennan b L Wright	46
K Weeranga c D Perera b J Ginnane	11
H Hoekstra c JM Wilson b L Wright	4
J Hughes b J Ginnane	1
J Kennedy b J Ginnane	1
I Wickramasinghe not out	0
Extras (nb 0, w 14, b 0, lb 2)	16
Total 208 (40 overs)	

Bowling: L Wright 8-2-5-36 (4w), J Ginnane 8-0-4-36 (4w), L Anderson 3-0-0-20 (1w), S Sameera 8-1-0-13 (1w), D Ginnane 8-0-1-50 (3w), T Sauvarin 3-0-0-32, AR Williams 2-0-0-19 (1w)

Imperials – 1st INNINGS

L Rogers b K Weeranga	24
D Ginnane b H Hoekstra	51
J Ginnane b I Wickramasinghe	4
S Sameera c J Hughes b J Kennedy	0
D Perera b J Kennedy	18
JM Wilson c J Rushton b S Sperling	3
T Sauvarin c J Kennedy b H Hoekstra	36
L Wright st J Hughes b S Sperling	3
AR Williams not out	1
D McLennan lbw b K Weeranga	1
L Anderson b K Weeranga	0
Extras (nb 1, w 3, b 5, lb 2)	11
Total 152 (32.5 overs)	

Bowling: K Weeranga 4.5-0-3-19, H Hoekstra 6-0-2-34 (2w), I Wickramasinghe 8-0-1-29 (1w), J Kennedy 8-0-31 (1nb), S Sperling 6-1-2-32

Nerrena 4/164 d Club 161

Club – 1st INNINGS	
S Beaumont c LJ Giliam b J Trease	3
M Thomas c R Clark b T Harris	59
J Brann b T Harris	18
RG Thomas b M Clark	27
M Waller c J Renden b M Clark	3
A Geyer run out (D Berryman)	16
J Sheerin b M Clark	8
J Hull b M Clark	0
R Birkett c M Clark b T Wightman	4
J Sheerin not out	10
M McCall run out (T Wightman)	2
Extras (nb 2, w 4, b 4, lb 1)	11
Total 161 (39.1 overs)	

Bowling: J Trease 8-1-1-26, J Hoy 5-1-0-25 (1nb, 2w), R Clark 5.0-0-20, T Wightman 8-1-1-25 (1w), T Harris 5-0-2-30 (1nb, 1w), M Clark 8-0-4-30

Nerrena – 1st INNINGS

M Clark c J Sheerin b J Brann	59
R Clark b J Hull	28
LJ Giliam c & b M Waller	10
T Wightman not out	31
D Berryman lbw b J Brann	1
S Vagg not out	10
Extras (nb 3, w 13, b 5, lb 4)	25
Total 4/164 (39.2 overs)	

Bowling: R Birkett 6.2-1-0-30 (1nb, 9w), J Brann 8-1-2-21, A Geyer 3-0-0-14, J Hull 6-0-1-26 (2nb, 1w), J Sheerin 7-0-0-32 (1w), M Waller 5-0-1-18 (2w), M McCall 4-0-0-14

OMK 5/244 d Town 7/238

Town – 1st INNINGS	
D Hume c RL Williams b T Wyatt	31
J Giardina b PJ Dell	30
A Ratnaike b T Wyatt	49
M Riaz lbw b N Auddino	1
M Madusanka not out	78
DL Polwattha Gallage c T Wyatt b J Lamers	38
P Jayasinghe c K Brann b J Lamers	0
S Clark run out (A Rose)	1
F McLennan not out	0
Extras (nb 0, w 6, b 2, lb 2)	10
Total 7/238 (40 overs)	

Bowling: PJ Dell 8-1-1-33, E Lamers 8-0-0-47 (1w), RL Williams 8-0-0-48 (2w), T Wyatt 4-0-2-25 (1w), N Auddino 5-0-1-33, J Lamers 7-0-2-48 (2w)

OMK – 1st INNINGS

T Wyatt c A Ratnaike b D Hume	47
E Lamers lbw b M Riaz	80
J Lamers b DL Polwattha Gallage	8
RL Williams b DL Polwattha Gallage	10
A Rose c J Giardina b M Riaz	3
K Brann not out	45
D Lloyd not out	35
Extras (nb 1, w 9, b 0, lb 7)	17
Total 5/244 (37.2 overs)	

Bowling: M Riaz 8-0-2-27 (3w), L Gill 4-0-0-34, A Ratnaike 7.2-0-48 (1nb, 1w), D Hume 6-0-1-48 (1w), M Madusanka 6-0-0-46, DL Polwattha Gallage 6-0-2-34 (4w)



Tharindu Nuwan plays a shot to the offside for MDU. B16_0223

Lane's knock helps Island over Nyora

A Grade, Division 2

NYORA hosted Phillip Island at Nyora Recreation Reserve and they won the toss and sent the visitors in to bat first.

Overall, Nyora put together an excellent first innings with plenty of contributions, first from Henry Dolphin (45 from 51) their skipper and capitalised by an unbeaten half century from Jake Hackett (77* from 99) at number four.

This saw them finish 186 all out, after their tail failed to wag. Island skipper Clint Wilson (3/20 from 6) was the best with the ball.

In reply, after stumbling out of the blocks at 2/1, the Islanders were able to recover thanks to an 80-run partnership between David Womersley (14 from 10) and Kurt Lane (71 from 29).

Lane's aggressive half century included eight fours and four sixes and proved the difference in driving the Sharks to the chase, that was nicely finished off with plenty of overs to spare by Geoff Odgers (28* from 30) and Tom Niven (4*).

Spencer Wilton (2/42 from 8) was the only one to take multiple wickets for Nyora, they lost by three-wickets and will look to get back on track next week against Kilkunda-Bass.

Phillip Island will host Glen Alvie.

Demons cull Sharks

MDU played hosts to Kilkunda Bass at Meeniyan Recreation Reserve and the visitors won the toss and sent the hosts in to bat first.

It proved to be a brilliant decision, as the Alvie struggled from the outset, losing regular wickets throughout their innings to finish all out for just 67 in a dominant display from the Cobras bowlers.

Four different Cobras took two wickets, including Inshaka Siriwardena (2/7 from 6) who was extremely economical in doing so.

Alvie captain Lachlan Harris (14) top scored in a tough innings.

In reply, the Cobras had next to no issues chasing the miserly total, losing just two wickets on the way to win by eight wickets.

Cameron Davidson (55) and Shannon Rozario (29)



Kilkunda Bass' opener Todd Smith bowls at Meeniyan on Saturday. B17_0223

got them off to a good start and Cameron Chasemore (36) chipped in along the way but neither of the three could stop the Demons attack from ripping through.

Sam Bright (3/28 from 8) did most of the damage as the Sharks lost 8/50 after passing the 120 mark.

Killy Bass will hope to get back on track this weekend when they head over the bridge to face Phillip Island, while 'Burra will host Wonthaggi.

Cobras feast on the Alvie

GLEN Alvie welcomed Kilkunda Bass down the road to Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve and the visitors won the toss and chose to bat first.

With steady contributions from almost the entire batting order, the visitors were able to post 8/185 on the back of Welles Jenkins (42 from 49) and Billy Davy's (34* from 34) top scores.

Heath Dobbie (2/28 from 8) was the pick of the bowlers for Wonny'.

In reply, needing 186 for victory, Club got off to a superb start with opener Emmet Dempsey (59 from 60) reaching a half century.

The Tigers were able to fight back and claim seven Wonthaggi wickets, but they could not stop the runs from flowing as Club finished off the three-wicket win with three overs remaining.

Harvey Griggs (3/36 from 8) was the best of the Foster attack, they'll host MDU this weekend, while Wonny' will head up to Kilkunda-Bass.

Jacob Whiteside (27* from

A GRADE

DIVISION 2

Club 7/186 d Foster 8/185

Foster – 1st INNINGS	

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Local talent Ari Bogaert takes to the air to play a nice forehand on his home court. B07_0223



Neerim South's Tom Wood plays a shot in his tight match with William Chu. B06_0223

Summer Series starts with a bang

By Aiden Box

GIPPSLAND'S summer of tennis kicked off last week with some incredible matches being played on the courts of Korumburra in the 5th Annual 'The Recruitment Alternative Korumburra Unisex Graded Tennis Tournament' on Wednesday and Thursday.

The man behind the tournaments is coach Matt Pocklington and he was good enough to talk to the Sentinel Times recently about tennis in the Gippsland region, and what's coming up in the next month.

"In general, I think participation is just as high as it was a couple of years ago, COVID and that has probably helped it bounce back due to being a non-contact sport, our juniors' comps and Saturday morning comps are going well, all the clubs have teams in those, in the area," he said.

"Say, Leongatha has eight teams, Korumburra's got six teams, that's 14, in South Gippsland alone there's probably 35 teams involved in Saturday morning competition.

"Obviously the tournaments are a bit different so and we have kids come from far and wide, so we've got kids from Melbourne way that train at Elsternwick Park, Tooradin, Berwick as well as our local guys from Fish Creek, Leongatha and Korumburra, plus others."

"We're running a big tournament series, so I run the Korumburra and Leongatha tournaments and then there's Phillip Island and West Gippsland, a good spread of

tournaments over January.

"We've called it the Gippsland Summer Series of tennis and we've all come together as coaches in the region to offer a tournament every couple of days so there's eight over January, so between them all we're talking 500-600 kids playing."

At the Korumburra tournament there were 85 matches played on Wednesday alone, playing from 8:30 in the morning until 6:15 at night over the five courts, showing that the participating kids were getting plenty of experience on the courts, an invaluable asset to have.

Pocklington did admit it takes a mammoth workload to get the tournaments up and running, although was positive the benefit for the kids is worth every effort.

"We run tournaments a bit different over here, we just have the kids playing tennis all day if they're winning or losing it doesn't matter, they're still guaranteed three to four singles matches and three to four doubles matches," he said.

"A lot of these guys wouldn't have played more than two or three sets of tennis in a day in their normal competition so to come out and play seven matches on both days is a huge volume of tennis and that's why they improve so much."

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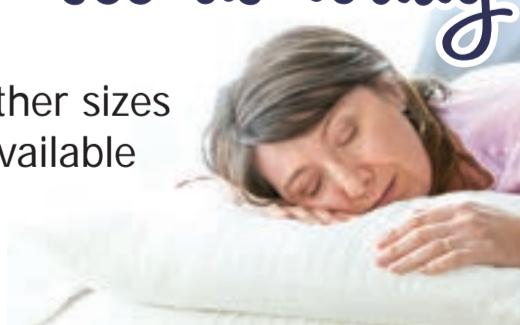


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