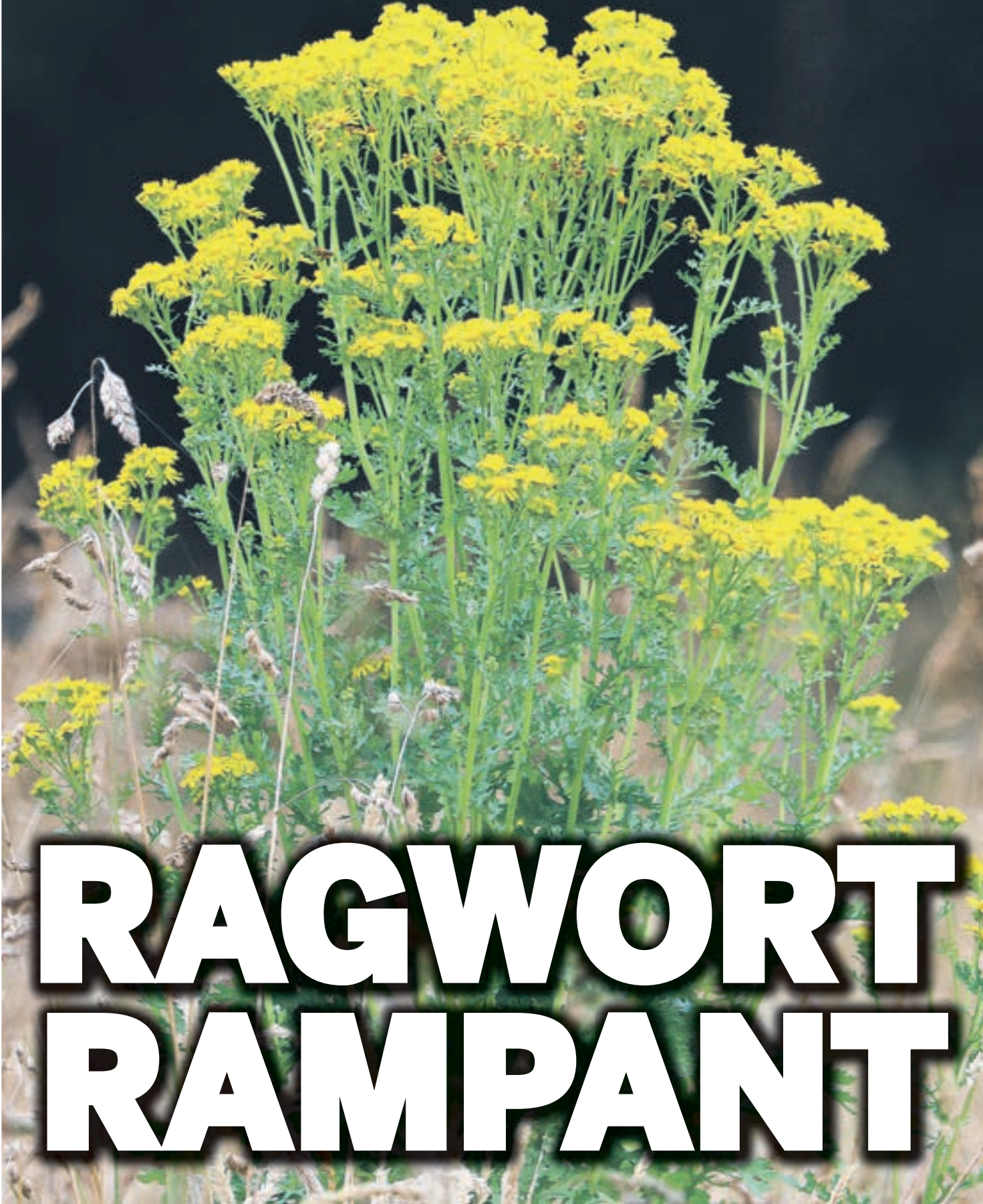


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# RAGWORT RAMPANT

## Yellow peril invades Loch, Poowong, Nyora

PARTS of Poowong, Loch and Nyora are headed for one their worst ragwort infestations on record this summer season.

And they're not on their own. Other areas in the South Gippsland Shire are similarly impacted.

But if a number of particularly shocking sites of ragwort growth in the Poowong, Nyora, Loch area aren't sprayed out in the next few weeks, a disastrous situation is looming for dozens of the district's high-value, high-producing grazing and dairy farms.

An absentee-owned farm on the south side of Poowong, a dairy farm at Poowong North, another farm to the north of the Loch township, the Henry Littledyke Reserve between Poowong and Nyora managed by Parks Victoria, shire and Vicroads' managed road-sides...

The sites of ragwort infestation in the area are well known to local farmers, especially the neighbours, but they've been reluctant to speak out publicly in a close-knit community.

But last weekend, the Sentinel-Times was taken on an extensive tour of the problem areas, not only looking at farms lousy with the yellow peril but also along roadsides, in the area of the Loch cutting on the South Gippsland Highway, and on the Coal Creek corners, as just some of the examples.

It's been left to local Landcare groups, and its parent body the South Gippsland Landcare Network, to carry the can on education and activation, but with nowhere near enough funds for the task at hand.

Western Landcare Facilitator for the South Gippsland network, Jane McKenzie-Smith, said the organisation was well aware of the problem and was doing what it could with very limited resources.

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# Yellow peril invades Loch, Poowong, Nyora

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"SGLN has identified weeds and pest animals as a key challenge for South Gippsland and has committed to facilitate weed and pest animal control as part of its 2020-2030 Strategic Plan," Ms McKenzie-Smith said this week.

"Ragwort is a priority weed throughout Gippsland and requires Regional Control. In late 2023, SGLN was successful in securing \$17,500 to deliver it's 'All About Ragwort' project via funding from Agriculture Victoria's 'Partnership Against Pests' program. This project aims to engage with landholders and the wider community to build their capacity and understanding of how to manage ragwort and other similar weeds.

"It will provide opportunities for landholders to connect with weed experts; gain insights and understanding into the latest weed management technology and provide support materials to promote and assist landholders in weed management activities.

"It will also provide opportunities for SGLN to gain further understanding of how SGLN and the AgVIC can better support landholders and the community to manage ragwort in the region."

Ms McKenzie-Smith said SGLN was aware of an ever-widening gap between farmers and lifestyle landowners in the region, often with a mismatch of understanding of weed control obligations and techniques. Providing an opportunity for both groups to meet, network, learn and develop strategies for weed management in the region together will be achieved through this project, she said.

As part of this project SGLN has already delivered a weed management seminar (with renowned soil scientist, Declan McDonald Hallston November 25 attended by 40 people).

"The second seminar will be held in early 2024 and anyone interested in attending the seminar is encouraged to subscribe to SGLN's e-news for updates. In addition to the two seminars SGLN will use the funding to collate, prepare and update existing ragwort control resources on the SGLN website," said Ms McKenzie-Smith.

"But the big problem for us is a lack of funding to deal with what is a real and ongoing problem."



**This is what you are up against if the land manager next door to you doesn't do the right thing and treat a ragwort infestation. Each adult plant can have upwards of 250,000 viable seeds which can blow up to kilometres away. Once established it is difficult to eradicate, requiring a long-term management program of 10 or more years.**

President of the Loch-Nyora Landcare Group Malcolm Brown concurs. He believes the state government has dropped the ball on weeds education and management.

"You can't control weeds from behind a computer scene," Mr Brown said.

"You've got to get out and call a meeting at the local hall and get some contractors in to deal with it. It's not that hard.

"When I was younger, the government agencies used to get out and talk to people. They had extension officers who used to come out and talk about what needed doing.

"We had a mulch spreading day at Hilda Falls last weekend and everyone was talking about it, but there's not much we can do beyond managing our own problems."

South Gippsland Shire Councillor Scott Rae has first-hand experience with areas of shocking infestation in the Foster North hills.

"We've got it on both sides of us up here which makes it pretty hard," said Cr Rae.

"One of the problems this year has been the constant rain. We haven't been able to get machinery into the paddocks or find a good day to spray."

He noted, however, that a change to the shire's controversial

General Local Law 2024 (under Section 33 Unsightly and Dangerous Properties) would put more pressure on landowners to deal with their weeds.

But he acknowledged while local councils and government departments, including VicRoads and Parks Victoria weren't managing their own responsibilities it was hard to prosecute private landowners.

"I'd like to see more of those small, hard-to-manage pieces of public land, including unused road reserves, offered to adjoining landowners to incorporate into their properties for better management."

According to Agriculture Victoria "a large ragwort plant can produce 250,000 seeds, a high proportion of which are viable".

While most of the seeds will be deposited between five metres and 40 metres from the host plant, it is believed they can be blown much greater distances, spreading to neighbouring farms.

If left untreated, they quickly proliferate and become difficult to eradicate, requiring a long-term management program of 10 or more years.

It's a curse visited on otherwise clean neighbouring properties that can cost a good land manager 10s of \$1000s a year to treat, for a decade or more.

## Blow for Hastings, boon for Barry Point

THE chances of Barry Point near Toora biting off a bigger piece of the estimated \$40 billion cost of building up to six wind farms off the coast of Gippsland just got a whole lot better.

As revealed in the Australian newspaper on Monday this week, the Federal Environment Minister Tanya Plibersek has comprehensively rejected an application to "develop and operate a port facility to serve as a base for the assembly of components for offshore wind farms" at the Port of Hastings as "clearly unacceptable" on environmental grounds.

And the immediate past president of the Phillip Island Conservation Society, Jeff Nottle, believes a movement that has been building over the past decade or so to protect Western Port, which helped defeat plans for both a container terminal and a gas importing facility, has been a major factor.

"There has been a movement of people and organisations ready to speak up and defend the environmental values of Western Port and that's what we are seeing here," Mr Nottle said this week.

"I believe that it is a culmination of efforts over the past decade or so to oppose other developments like the container port, rejected by Infrastructure Victoria, and AGL's gas plant, rejected by the planning minister, where more than \$200 million was wasted on failed projects, that has promoted the Federal Environment Minister to intervene early before it fails again."

In a notice, signed by Minister Plibersek on December 18, 2023, it has been determined that: "The proposed action will have clearly unacceptable impacts on a matter protected by Part 3 of the EPBC Act (relevant controlling provision is Section 16 & 17B - Wetlands of international importance)."

The notice has put paid to the centrepiece of the Victorian Government's green energy plan for a 600m-long, 100m-wide wharf at the Port of Hastings to act as the terminal for the assembly of wind turbine components bound for Victoria's offshore wind farms.

Initial estimates by the state-owned Port of Hastings corporation in October priced

the project at between \$0.8 billion and \$1.4 billion.

But Gippsland South MP, Danny O'Brien, believes Hastings's pain might prove to be South Gippsland's gain.

"The Federal Government's decision to veto the Port of Hastings as the offshore wind farm construction port puts Barry Beach in South Gippsland squarely back in the picture," Mr O'Brien said this week.

"Barry Beach should never have been dismissed by the Labor Government so easily in the first place.

"While it would also require some dredging, there are few alternative port options for this industry. The Commonwealth's decision confirms what I've always said: 'Hastings was never as simple a proposition as State Labor made out'.

"The next closest option in terms of steaming time is Bell Bay in Tasmania and that would be a disaster for Victoria's interests.

"If Gippsland is going to see the full benefits of these projects, then Barry Beach must be considered for both construction, and operations and maintenance.

"If this industry is to go ahead off our coast and with transmission lines through our landscape, Gippsland must get the maximum benefit from jobs and economic activity," Mr O'Brien said.

As stated by the Minister for Energy and Resources Lily D'Ambrosio in September last year, the State Government, backed by the Federal Minister for Climate Change and Energy Chris Bowen, aims to make Victoria "the home of Australia's first offshore wind farms".

"We aim to achieve our offshore wind targets of at least 2GW by 2032, 4 GW by 2035 and 9 GW by 2040 - and help us deliver more than 6000 jobs as we work towards net zero by 2045."

At an estimated cost of between \$8 and \$10 billion, the most advanced of the Victorian projects, Star of the South, is expected to deliver 2.2GW, with an additional three or four similar size plants needed to meet the state's goals ahead of the closure of its coal-fired power stations by 2032.

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IN BRIEF

Bass Coast emissions data released

BASS Coast Shire Council has published its FY2022/2023 corporate greenhouse gas emissions data, revealing a slight overall increase of around two per cent in emissions from last financial year. While direct emissions from Council's activities decreased from 11,785 tonnes (CO2-equivalent) to 11,702 tonnes; indirect emissions increased from 134 tonnes to 481 tonnes. The major reason for this increase was a more detailed and sector consistent approach that changed the way indirect emissions are calculated for the extraction, production, and transport of liquid fuels such as diesel and petrol. Consistent with previous years, the major source of Council's emissions is the Grantville landfill, which Council manages on behalf of the community, and fuel use. More information about progress towards a net zero Bass Coast is available in the annual Climate Action Snapshot.

Star of the South operators sum up 2023 accomplishments

STAR of The South outlined its highlights for 2023 as offshore wind energy production in the Gippsland region moves closer to reality. "Importantly, we were able to apply for a Feasibility Licence from the Australian Government to continue developing Star of the South within the declared Gippsland offshore wind area, and we hope to learn the outcome of this application soon," the organisation stated. Promoting Gippsland Businesses through a Supplier Showcase, talking to hundreds of locals and hearing feedback, and studying the marine life in Bass Strait were among the highlights listed.

Help keep babies and parents together

EACH year Monash Newborn, Casey Special Care Nursery provides care to more than 750 unwell babies. The nursery can especially be vital for families living in Bass Coast and South Gippsland, despite the long distance. Monash Health is asking you to help keep unwell babies and their carers together, by considering a donation that will go toward funding new recliner sofa beds. These beds allow carers to sit and sleep cot side, ensuring the most beneficial special care stay for both baby and carer. Currently, Monash Newborn, Casey Special Care Nursery only has access to three of these recliner beds – however, they want to increase this number dramatically so that every single baby admitted to

the nursery can have their carer cot side for the duration of their stay. At times, these sick babies require prolonged stays in the special care nursery of up to 60 days, and the toll constant travel takes on parents from a financial, emotional and physical perspective can be enormous. To support this appeal, visit monashhealthfoundation.org/2023-festive-appeal-donate/

Giving our industry space to grow

BASS Coast Shire Council is examining the challenges and opportunities facing industrial land use in the region. Bass Coast Shire has several designated industrial precincts, including those in Cowes, Grantville, Newhaven, Inverloch, and Wonthaggi. Each of the industrial precincts in Bass Coast are unique and play different roles in the local economy with their own sets of challenges. Council is actively seeking feedback from industrial operators, business owners, and residents in the vicinity of these industrial precincts to understand the challenges they face. Council is also seeking input on potential solutions to enhance existing industrial precincts and encourage the development of additional industrial land or tenancies. Mayor Clare Le Serve emphasises the importance of the precincts to our local economy, stating, "The pockets of industrial land across the shire provide services and employment that benefits our community. Like our town centres, we need to ensure they are supported to reach their full potential. I encourage our local businesses to have their say."

To share your thoughts and participate in this important process, visit engage.bass-coast.vic.gov.au/industrialland. Council encourages you to have your say, and you can also sign

up for future updates to stay informed and engaged throughout the planning process.

**Damaged toilets set for repairs**

WORKS to restore the public toilets at the Cape Paterson foreshore will commence at the end of this month after vandals damaged them during September last year. Emergency services attended the scene after a member of the public discovered the damaged facilities on Surf Beach Road about 7am on Saturday, September 16. At the time, it was understood two people set alight multiple amenities along the Cape Paterson foreshore sometime between 12.40am and 4.20am that morning. Since then, temporary toilets have been in place, however, members of the public queried when the toilet block would reopen.

According to Bass Coast Shire, their insurer has appointed a contractor who will commence works at the end of January. A spokesperson highlighted the insurance process takes some time and that additional portables were installed prior to the busy holiday period. "It's disappointing this vandalism has caused so much inconvenience to our community and our visitors," a spokesperson said.

Police praise for NYE

POLICE have praised the behaviour of holiday crowds at Phillip Island. And they've especially noted the good behaviour at Cowes on New Year's Eve. There were still some illegal fireworks at midnight, after upwards of 5000 revellers packed The Esplanade for the spectacular 9.30pm fireworks display where police were out in force.

"A significant police presence was also in place at key areas across the state, including the St Kilda foreshore, Mornington Peninsula, Surf Coast and Phillip Island." This included several of the distinctive black Victoria Police Public Order Response Units being stationed in the Cowes main streets and elsewhere. But there were few if any incidents locally.

Firearms and drugs seized from home on French Island

DIVISIONAL Response Unit (DRU) members from Southern Metro Region have seized firearms and drugs from a rural property on French Island. Detectives attended the Mosquito Creek Road property on Thursday, January 4 about 8.30am, as part of an investigation into the illegal possession and use of firearms. A 36-year-old man was arrested before warrants were executed by detectives with support from the Dog Squad and Water Police. An extensive search of the property uncovered eleven firearms, a large quantity of ammunition and alleged methamphetamine and cannabis. The French Island man has been charged with various offences including:

- unlicensed person possess unregistered firearm
- unlicensed person possess registered firearm
- fail to store firearms in a secure manner
- possess ammunition, and
- possess cannabis.

He has been bailed to appear before Frankston Magistrates' Court on February 9. A 39-year-old woman also spoken to at the property is expected to be processed in relation to drug related offences.



Flooded falls

AGNES Falls is a marvellous sight after an unexpectedly wet South Gippsland summer. Friends of Agnes Falls president Shannon Roelink and secretary Kathy Whelan were at the Seadays Festival in Port Welshpool on the weekend encouraging people to visit the attraction. The Sentinel-Times did so, accessing the falls via Silcocks Hill Road due to part of Hazel Park Road being closed following significant damage resulting from recent flooding.



# 'Boil water' continues 'at least' this week

THE 'Boil Water Advisory' issued by South Gippsland Water, on Wednesday, January 3 for the townships of Nyora, Poowong and Loch will continue "at least" until the end of this week.

That's the latest word from the water authority which is working with the Department of Health to test the water and flush the system ahead of lifting the ban.

On Wednesday last week South Gippsland Water received three sample results from January 2, detecting low levels of E. coli, a type of bacteria indicating potential contamination, in the Poowong-Loch-Nyora system.

Following consultation with the Department of Health, South Gippsland Water issued a Boil Water Advisory for the towns of Poowong, Loch, and Nyora. This does not affect any other systems or towns.

Managing Director, Robert Murphy, emphasised that the health and safety of customers were at the centre of this decision.

"Our decision to issue a Boil Water Advisory wasn't one we took lightly. We know the effects it has on our community, from businesses to individual households, and to our workforce," Mr Murphy said.

"An Advisory was the best way forward, as we do not to take risks with the health of our customers," he said.

Mr Murphy said that South Gippsland Water is working closely with the Department of Health to identify conditions that will enable the Boil Water Advisory to be lifted.

He said the Boil Water Advisory is expected to last at least until the end of the week, with an update to be provided on Friday, January 12.

"We don't take risks with public health. Over the next few days, we ask that our customers continue to boil their water or fill up their food-grade containers from our water trailers. The Boil Water Advisory will only be lifted once we are fully confident that there is no E. coli in the Poowong-Loch-Nyora system.

"We want to thank the Poowong-Loch-Nyora



Managing Director of South Gippsland Water Rob Murphy was out and about over the weekend chatting with customers and visitors about what prompted the 'boil water' advice last week for Loch, Poowong and Nyora and what happens next.



Nyora resident Tom D'Arcy stopped off at the Poowong Recreation Reserve to collect some bottled water for an elderly neighbour, from Tom Robinson of South Gippsland Water.

community for working with us and for remaining patient as we conduct further testing and continue corrective measures," he said.

Water trailers will remain available 24/7 throughout the whole Boil Water Advisory period at Nyora Recreational Reserve, Poowong Recreational Reserve, Main Street Loch, and Speight Street in Loch. These water trailers will be staffed on a sporadic basis throughout business hours.

Mr Murphy said: "We are pleased to advise that the first steps of the corrective actions have now been completed. Flushing will continue over the next couple of days to draw fresh water through the distribution system. Following flushing of the whole system, samples will be collected from various points in the Poowong-Loch-Nyora system to re-test for E. Coli and other water quality parameters. When these water quality results

show that the water is safe for consumption, we will be able to lift the Boil Water Advisory."

To stay up to date, please follow us on Facebook and Instagram or visit our website [sgwater.com.au](http://sgwater.com.au). For further questions, please call our service centre on 1300 851 636."

## Boil water FAQ

- Customers should bring water to a rolling boil by heating it until a continuous and rapid stream of air bubbles is produced from the bottom of a pan or kettle. Electric kettles/jugs with automatic cut-off switches are suitable for producing boiled water.
- \* Customers should boil all water used for: Drinking and preparing beverages; Brushing teeth, gargling, and cleaning/soaking dentures; Washing and preparing food; Preparing baby formula; Making ice; Drinking water for pets.
- Unboiled water can be used for: Showering and bathing (but residents should avoid swallowing water. As a precaution, babies and young children should be sponge-bathed); Washing dishes by hand or in a dishwasher, providing dishes are air-dried before being used after washing. Stock animals.

## It's still beer o'clock at the Poowong Hotel

ONE place where the 'boil water' advice wasn't holding them back during the week was at the Poowong Pub.

The beers and meals were still flowing strongly on a busy day last Friday and management couldn't have been happier with the support they had received from South Gippsland Water, which issued the boil water advice last Thursday.

"They've given us two water carts to use, and we've put it out on our Facebook page that people can come in here and get their water supplies if they need to," said Ben Hall, behind the bar at the Poowong Hotel.

"Of course, you can always drink beer!"

Several groups of people had found their way off the beaten track for a counter lunch and a beer or two last Friday, blissfully unaware that there was any problem with the water.

"Really, we're not drinking water anyway," said one of the visitors Rod Higgins.

Out front, a motorcycle riding club had stopped off for lunch, also unaware there was a problem with the local water.

"It's just a nice quiet place to stop for a while," they said, the chrome of a high-quality selection of motorcycles gleaming in the background including half a dozen Harleys, a couple of late-model BMWs and a modern version of the classic Triumph Bonneville.

## Loch stocked but it's water by the barrel

THEY soldiered on, at the height of the tourism season, at Loch village last week and over the weekend, but having a "Boil Water Advisory" issued for Poowong, Loch and Nyora last Thursday, January 4 was far from ideal.

Relatively new proprietors at Loch and Key Restaurant in Loch Village, Tamara Cruddas and husband chef David Michie, could have done without it.

"We've been able to cope with bottled water and sparkling water for our guests, but we've got the ice machine and dishes to wash. Fortunately, the coffee machine is ok because the water reaches boiling point," said Tamara, her restaurant and outdoors filled with diners last Friday.

"You've got to wonder if there's sufficient safeguards on the system."

Ms Cruddas said she didn't believe there was enough support for small business and she wondered about compensation.


Managing Director of South Gippsland Water, Rob Murphy, toured around the temporary water supply sites at Loch, Poowong and Nyora last Friday and was sympathetic to the issues being dealt with by local traders.

"We are waiting for the results from our latest sampling but we'll need to get two or three clear days of testing before we can go ahead and turnover the whole system which could take another couple of days," he said last Friday.

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Driver well over alcohol limit in Wonthaggi police allege

ABOUT 12.40am on Wednesday January 3, police from the Wonthaggi Police Station were patrolling Graham Street Wonthaggi when they allege that the driver of a white Hyundai i30 hatchback disobeyed traffic signs.

Police intercepted the vehicle, which was allegedly driven by a 50-year-old female from Wonthaggi.

As a result of a preliminary breath test, the driver accompanied police to the police station where it is alleged that an evidentiary breath test returned a result of 0.223.

The driver's licence was immediately suspended for a period of 12 months.

The driver will soon receive a summons to go to the Korumburra Magistrates' Court.

The vehicle was impounded for a period of 30 days, at a cost of \$1290.

An aspect of this matter that greatly concerned attending police was the presence of two children in the vehicle.

Early morning hurry in Dalyston

JUST before 1am on Thursday January 4 police from Wonthaggi Police Station were doing speed detection on the Bass Highway in Dalyston, when a Toyota Camry sedan was detected allegedly travelling at 99 kilometres an hour in the 60 kilometres per hour zone.

The vehicle was intercepted, at which time it is alleged that the driver was a 49-year-old female from Wonthaggi whose driver's licence was disqualified.

The vehicle was impounded for 30 days, at a cost of \$1290.

The driver will soon have to appear at the Korumburra Magistrates' Court.

People are advised not to speed or drive when they shouldn't, being warned they will be detected, with local police in Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shires conducting mobile and static speed detection and intercepting vehicles.

Prioritise safety when enjoying inland waterways

POLICE urge people to be careful of hidden hazards when swimming and exploring rivers, creeks or lakes this summer.

Inland waterways have many hidden dangers such as submerged objects, debris and strong currents.

To stay safe on the water this summer:

- Read safety signs to understand the dangers and check out the weather forecast.
- Watch out for unstable edges on river and creek banks.
- Wear a lifejacket when boating.
- Always tell friends or family where you're going and when you plan to return, and fill in a trip intention form by visiting [police.vic.gov.au/outdoor-and-bush-safety](http://police.vic.gov.au/outdoor-and-bush-safety) so someone can raise the alarm if you do not make it back in time.

# 'Viciously anti-Israel' sign ignites fury

IT'S DIVIDED people around the world, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and now an 'Israelis are the dogs of war...' sign, on a property at Fish Creek, is doing the same locally.

It has also caught the eye of the Anti-Defamation Commission.

"The vicious anti-Israel rhetoric that we have seen in our capital cities has now invaded the streets of Gippsland and it seems that this epidemic of hate continues to spiral out of control," said Dvir Abramovich, Chair of the Anti-Defamation Commission, Australia's leading civil rights organisation fighting antisemitism.

"Make no mistake: This sign is incitement and vilification pure and simple. And will only contribute to the climate of escalating hostility that justifies violence against Jews and anyone who supports Israel.

"Words are bullets, especially during this dangerous atmosphere in which stomach-churning demonisation of Australian Jews has reached fever pitch.

"Such targeting, a slow-burning poison, can take a life on its own with tragic consequences. This is not just a banner scrawled by a coward who seeks to sow division and instil fear in our communities, it is an assault on our sense of safety."



Despite raising eyebrows locally and prompting a reaction from the Anti-Defamation Commission, this sign, posted on private property at Fish Creek, has not been able to be removed by the authorities.

Mr Abramovich whose cousin, Police Inspector Chen Amir, was murdered in a terrorist attack in Tel Aviv in August, and whose family in Kibbutz Reim hid in a safe room while Hamas terrorists stalked and killed their neighbours, issued the statement after the sign was brought to his attention.

"What was unthinkable five years ago has become a terrifying reality, and the hurricane of antisemitism that has defiled our nation continues to shred to pieces our shared values and subject the Jewish community to a torrent of racist abuse that is chilling in its intensity.

"It may be an uncomfortable truth for some, but this runaway problem is skyrocketing, and this latest incident tells us once again that there are troubling signs that cannot be ignored. The situation is getting worse as pro-Hamas advocates continue to fan the flames of intolerance with their expressions becoming more aggressive.

"This individual, who took the time to deliberately express their cruel slanders is walking amongst us with evil in their hearts. There is no room in Gippsland for such sickening intimidation, and I hope that the Council can act to remove

this disgusting sign."

South Gippsland Shire says it is working to find a solution, however, at this stage it claims its hands are tied as the sign rests on the individual's property.

"Council is aware of the sign and will initiate action to have it removed," a spokesperson for the shire stated.

"South Gippsland Shire Council encourages inclusivity and does not support intolerant messaging or behaviour."

The ADC is a not-for-profit Non-Government Organisation (NGO) and is registered as a Harm Prevention Charity.

## Keep cars locked and valuables in safe places

A SILVER Ford ute was recovered late Wednesday (January 3) after being stolen earlier in the day from a residential property in Hagelthorn Street, Wonthaggi.

It's alleged the vehicle was involved in hoon activity at a school on Korumburra Road.

Police are continuing to investigate.

The latest theft comes as police are actively walking and driving the streets at night, and placing flyers on cars during daylight hours in a bid to deter the unsavoury behaviour.

"We are encouraging people to ensure their vehicles and belongings are locked – a few recent offences have occurred when vehicles were

left unlocked," Sergeant Ryan explained.

The consistent reminder comes as police patrolling the beach car parks in Cape Paterson, handing out crime prevention brochures highlighting the risks of preventing theft from motor vehicles, came across the exact thing they were out trying to prevent.

A mobile phone left visible on a dash mount.

"Often people do not even realise they have left valuables in their vehicles.

"The easiest way to prevent opportunistic crimes is to remove the opportunity. Lock your vehicles, remove valuables from vehicles, and ensure all windows are closed."

If valuables must remain in

a vehicle insure they are out of sight and secure – in a locked glove box, do not leave house keys or garage remotes in your car as they may be used in home burglaries.

"It is an offence to leave your car unlocked in Victoria and we can issue infringement notices."

Investigations remain ongoing into a spate of recent thefts and attempted motor vehicle break-ins – anyone with information please contact Wonthaggi Police Station or Crimestoppers.

And whilst police continue to be highly visible during daylight and nighttime hours in a bid to deter crimes, residents and visitors can do their part simply by removing the opportunity and leaving vehicles locked.



Bass Coast police are urging residents and visitors to keep their valuables out of sight and cars locked as a spate of vehicles are targeted.



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# Inverloch wetland dispute heads to VCAT

THE Residents and Friends of Ruttle Estate Inc group will join a VCAT hearing related to land in Inverloch they hope eventually will be fully open to the public to enjoy once again.

This hearing will take place on January 16 and 17.

The 22-acre wetland reserve in the Ruttle Estate was set aside as the original developers standard agreement as an 'open-space contribution' in return for developing housing lots in the Estate.

This approval was given following a Victorian planning panel hearing back in 1993.

The land has a section 173 agreement on it, going back to that date, to ensure that Lot 28 in Albert Ruttle Drive is maintained as a wetland reserve as was originally intended.

The current landholders are hoping to build a dwelling on the site and argue that the Section 173 agreement should not prevent this.

Bass Coast Shire Council has a view that counters that position.

Council's view, as per the report on the land, is that the building of a dwelling is not consistent with the Section 173 and other planning controls for the land.

The Residents and Friends of Ruttle Estate (RaFoRE)



The Residents and Friends of Ruttle Estate group has been fighting to retain Lot 28 as public land for several years.

group agrees with this position.

Whilst not part of the VCAT hearing, the South Gippsland Conservation Society (SGCS) has been involved in supporting RaFoRE's position over many years, as it was originally involved when the wetlands was first established in the '90's.

SGCS has identified the wetlands as a vital wildlife and flora corridor in Bass Coast.

The land has previously been enjoyed by Inverloch community members, walkers and bird watchers over the years.

As the Inverloch township grows to the north-west along Ullathornes Road, open space is becoming increasingly important for the Inverloch township, and Bass Coast in general.

An outcome that goes against council and RaFoRE's position puts an important community and wildlife asset at risk.

If you would like more information or to help the Residents and Friends of Ruttle Estate maintain the 22 acres of wetland reserve for the wider community, head to the website at [ruttlewetlands.org](http://ruttlewetlands.org).

## Skate learn and connect these school holidays

JOIN IN an afternoon of skateboarding fun featuring a competition for 12-24 year-olds, skills workshops, youth employment support and advice, free snacks, giveaways and prizes.

"We are running two Skate Learn Connect Days on January 16 at the Wonthaggi Skate Park and January 17 at the Cowes Skate Park," Leading Senior Constable Nick Carlson explained.

"Both sessions run for two hours from 2pm to 4pm, and everyone is welcome."

Made possible in conjunction with YMCA, Crime Stoppers, Victorian Skateboard Association and Victoria Police, skaters and their families will be treated to sausages by Rotary and have what promised to be a fun filled afternoon.

These free skateboarding jams are for any level of skaters – beginner, intermediate, and advanced.

So grab your board (or bike or scooter) and head down to the park.

And even if you don't skate, come on down anyway and say hello.

## 'Skate Sesh'

YMCA Victoria have partnered with Bass Coast Skate Parks, YES Youth Hub, Gippsport and FReeZA to hold a number of 'Skate Sesh' events in Bass Coast this school holidays.

The sessions will also include street games, music and a sausage sizzle.

Get outdoors this summer and visit the following locations for a summer of skating.

- January 9: Corinella, 10am-12pm.
- January 9: Grantville, 12pm-2pm.
- January 15: Inverloch, 11am-1pm.
- January 16: Corinella, 10am-12pm.
- January 16: Grantville, 12pm-2pm.
- January 22: Wonthaggi, 11am-1pm.
- January 23: Corinella, 10am-12pm.
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# Marketta Festival delights

CONDITIONS were gusty but the sun shone on Venus Bay for the local surf life saving club's third Marketta Festival, the event drawing an estimated 4000 people.

"It gets bigger each year and we've established the event into the summer calendar for the community," Marketta organiser and Venus Bay Surf Life Saving Club (VBSLSC) Life Member Sim Seri said.

People browsed market stalls selling plants, jewellery, clothing, chilli sauces and other items.

Attendees also enjoyed the tasty selection available from food trucks as well as the dumplings, cakes and other sweet treats sold by VBSLSC volunteers.

Inside the club, the lineup of individual musicians and bands, including Cycad and Skamp Vera proved a hit as did the volunteer-run bar that offered a selection of gins showcasing different makers and botanicals.

Many also opted for a refreshing Korumburra-brewed beer, the balcony offering a great spot for people watching and the chance to take in the music and relax in the glorious conditions.

Sim said Marketta Festival's hilly location presents challenges in terms of stall placement but also provides a beautiful setting, something that was especially apparent when perched on the balcony.

She expressed her gratitude

to all those who contribute, including musicians who generously provide their services, some of whom are drawn back by their connections to VBSLSC, other people who donate raffle prizes, all those who volunteer on the evening and the small group that helps her bring the festival together.

The community support is greatly appreciated.

Courtney Dalvean carried young son James, who looked to be having a ball, while she explored the Marketta offerings during a holiday in Venus Bay.

She has been visiting the town for 20 years, having patrolled for VBSLSC at times, and has been to every Marketta Festival, saying there is a greater variety of stalls each year and, like Sim, has observed the event's growing popularity.

Money raised through the festival goes into ensuring ongoing life saving patrols at Venus Bay's Beach 1, with significant equipment and other costs having to be met despite the fact life savers volunteer their time.

A healthy life saving club is vital at a beach that has hazards such as rips and sudden changes of depth.

Sim also highlighted the social value Marketta Festival delivers.

"We want to raise money but it is also about creating a strong community by having an event open to everyone," she said.



Leanne Gates, Linda Latto and Anna Manion raise funds for Venus Bay Surf Life Saving Club, selling delicious treats at the Marketta Festival. A39\_0224



Queenie, Grace and Irene from Melbourne check out the Marketta Festival. A40\_0224

## Calling on citizen scientists

CFA is calling on locals to become 'citizen scientists' to help contribute critical information about the state's fire risk.

The 2023-24 fire season is expected to be hotter and drier than recent years and grassland curing observers play a vital role in collecting ground information.

The ground observations are combined with satellite imagery to produce maps that show how dry the grass is across Victoria.

CFA remote sensing analyst, Dr Danielle Wright said CFA needs more observers trained to provide readings of grass curing.

"There are parts of the state where we really need more eyes on the ground like the North-East, the North-West and South-West where we have fewer observers participating.

"Our volunteer grassland observers are an incredibly valuable resource that helps to inform a lot of our decision-making over the fire season.

"We can't rely on satellite imagery alone. It is the best performing model available to us, but it can overestimate and underestimate the curing levels.

"Across bare sand and soil, the model over-estimates curing. In areas of new growth from rainfall, the satellite sensor can pick up the green growth and underestimate curing.

"Observers can adjust the satellite readings which means we can provide more accurate information to inform decision making when it comes to fire risk over summer."

Danielle said it's a great way to contribute to CFA and Victoria's understanding of the landscape for this summer and beyond.

"Anyone who is interested in the role can participate, not just CFA volunteers.

"The readings from the observers will better help our fire behaviour models for this coming summer," she said.

For more information: visit [cfa.vic.gov.au/grass](http://cfa.vic.gov.au/grass) or email [grassland@cfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:grassland@cfa.vic.gov.au)

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## South Gippsland Shire Council News

### Have Your Say on the Second Draft of the General Local Law

Be sure to have your say on the second draft of the General Local Law.

In response to community input, Council has released a revised second draft of the General Local Law, incorporating valuable feedback from residents.

The new draft includes a number of clauses that have been modified to better align with our community's needs. These include:

- Changing an excessive vegetation clause to exclude grass or other crops grown for the production of fodder on land greater than 1 acre. This clause generated significant feedback, and Council recognised the need for it be amended.
- A change to the dilapidated buildings clause so that the focus is on public safety rather than appearance or character.
- Removal of a clause stating domestic bins should be brought in within 24 hours of collection.
- Updated wording around stock crossings to

provide clarity. The General Local Law does not require a permit for stock crossings as long as it is undertaken in accordance with the Manual for Traffic Control at a stock crossing. Permits are only required if the manual cannot be complied with or if you are crossing a highway (in which case a Regional Roads permit is required). A permit is also required if permanent signs are to be installed on a Council road – this is to ensure road safety and that they meet the relevant signage requirements.

In accordance with the *Local Government Act 2020* General Local Law's must be updated every 10 years and Council's is due for renewal this year.

The second draft is now available for review and feedback at [yoursay.vic.gov.au](https://yoursay.vic.gov.au)

Act now, as the feedback period is drawing to a close. Your input matters in shaping the regulations that directly impact your community.

The feedback period ends Monday 15 January 2024.

### Australia Day Photography Competition



South Gippsland Shire Council is once again running the Australia Day Photography Competition.

The theme of the competition is Australia Day: South Gippsland – Our people and places.

There are two prize categories – an open category with a \$500 prize and junior category (under 15) with a \$300 prize.

To find out more about the South Gippsland Australia Day Photography Competition, or to submit an entry, please visit:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiadaycompetition](https://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiadaycompetition)

Entries close Wednesday 17 January 2024.

Winners will be announced on Friday 26 January 2024.

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council will be in recess for January 2023, there will be no Meetings conducted.

Meeting dates for 2024 are listed on Council's website.

The first meeting of the year is scheduled for 21 February 2024 at 2.00pm.

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates](https://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates)

To watch the 'open' part of the meeting live or when it suits you, visit:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live](https://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live)

### COMMUNITY GRANTS INFORMATION SESSION

Not sure of what the process is for applying for grants? What is SmartyGrants?

To help community groups with their Community Grants application, Council is holding an in person and online information session on Monday 29 January.

**In person:** 11.00am to 12.00pm at Council Chambers, Leongatha

**Online:** 7.00pm to 8.00pm

The sessions will brief prospective applicants on what can and can't be funded and provide a demonstration of the Smarty Grants online application process.

Registrations are essential. Please advise

how you would prefer to attend the session, whether online or in person. Registrants will be notified one week before the event with details on how the event will be hosted.

If you need assistance, please phone 5662 9200 or email [grants@southgippsland.vic.gov.au](mailto:grants@southgippsland.vic.gov.au).

To register for one of the Community Grants information sessions, please head to:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/information-session](https://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/information-session)

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# Help determine Venus Bay's transport future

PEOPLE living in or visiting the Venus Bay area can help design a transport service that meets local and visitor needs, with Venus Bay Community Centre (VBCC) holding a midday meeting on Saturday January 20 to discuss ideas for the use of its recently arrived electric bus 'Sunny'.

It is one of two identical buses with wheelchair hoists, the other, 'Sandy' to service the Sandy Point community, and both are to be part of a two-year trial.

VBCC manager Alyson Skinner is keen to learn what people want to see 'Sunny' used for and is also encouraging anyone interested in being a volunteer driver to get in touch.

The community centre has upgraded its micro grid, adding extra battery storage capacity and three-phase power, enabling it to fast charge its electric bus.

The bus initiative sprang out of the energy project VBCC has been developing, seeking to address issues relating to lack of transport while reducing reliance on fossil fuels to decrease the running costs of hosting such a service.

In its January 'Matter of Fact' newsletter the community house put forward a few ideas for how the bus could be used but stresses it is up to people to determine what is suitable.

One idea floated is to have a couple of trips a week to meet the V/Line service in Koonwarra, Leongatha or Inverloch.

A weekly shopping trip to Wonthaggi or Leongatha is another possibility.

Outings and events and private hire are other suggestions, as is the prospect of a couple of trips a week from Venus Bay's second estate to the Tarwin Lower shops.

While 'Sunny' currently looks like any other small white bus, she is set for a spruce up with eye-catching signage to be added, showing her name and that she is the community energy e-bus.

La Trobe University, I Move Corporation Research Centre and the Department of Transport and Planning are partners in the e-bus project, with VBCC owning 'Sunny'.

The 12pm meeting on January 20 at Venus Bay Community Centre will give people the opportunity to learn more about the e-bus as well as contributing their ideas.

## 'Take two' for draft local laws

FOLLOWING significant public interest in South Gippsland Shire Council's 'Draft General Local Law 2024' during late 2023, the second draft has been released.

The shire received 366 submissions and the second draft includes a number of clauses that have been updated following consultation.

This includes:

- Changing an excessive vegetation clause to exclude grass or other crops grown for the production of fodder on land greater than one acre. This clause had generated significant feedback.
- Updated wording around tree removal on or in a municipal place so that pruning can be undertaken, if required. A safety exemption was also added. As part of this clause blackberries can still be removed, weeds can be sprayed and trees overhanging fence lines can be pruned.
- A change to the dilapidated buildings clause so that the focus is on public safety rather than appearance or character.
- Removal of a clause stating domestic bins should be brought in within 24 hours of collection.
- Updates around stock crossings. The General Local Law does not require a permit for stock crossings as long as it is undertaken in accordance with the manual for traffic control at a stock crossing. Permits are only required if the manual cannot be complied with or if you are crossing a highway (in which case a Regional Roads permit is required). A permit is also required if permanent signs are to be installed on a council road.

For more information, visit [yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/gll-review-r3](https://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/gll-review-r3)



The Chaiyot and Sriraksa families of Inverloch and Stony Creek were setting up camp for the weekend at Bear Gully delighted to be back after their previous booking was cancelled at Easter. C09\_0224

# Bear Gully booked out and in full swing

CARAVANS and tents were popping up on Friday at Bear Gully as visitors welcomed back the recent reopening of the site.

A favourite amongst locals, located at Walkerville near Cape Liptrap and overlooking Wilsons Prom, the site had been closed since February 2023 before reopening in time for Christmas.

Locals and visitors were looking forwards to their weekend away even if it was only down the road for locals like the Chaiyot and Sriraksa families who were busy erecting their tent on Friday just after lunchtime in glorious weather.

"We're from Inverloch and Stony Creek and it's our fourth and second times (respectively). We were meant to come over Easter, but it was closed, so we are glad to have been able to come down again now."

Less than 40 minutes from home, it's the perfect escape.

Melbourne visitors Vivian,

Kim, Pip and Matt with little ones Alfred and Max were staying at Bear Gully for the first time.

"A mate who is a ranger at Tidal River recommended Bear Gully to us," they explained, looking forwards to their stay of three nights.

"We lucked out – as the bookings opened, we got in."

Next door it was another trio of first timers to Bear Gully – the two Steve's, originally from the UK, and Darcy, who all reside in Melbourne now.

"We wanted to be somewhere near the beach but didn't realise camping is an institution in Australia over summer with no campsites available until March," Steve explained.

Down for two nights the trio also drew the lucky straw jumping in the queue when they realised it was the only spot left in Victoria not booked out yet – with bookings only opening that same day.

"We're not sure why it

was closed – maintenance or something, but glad we got in!"

The Parkes family, set up on the hill are yearly regulars to the popular site.

"We come every year at this time – we are glad to be back," Sarah explained.

"As locals it is a great place to go and allows us to still check in on the farm and go to work if we need too."

"Lots of friends come down and join us over the new year period," Sarad added noting that their stay was from December 30 to January 10 – a well deserved break away from home for the family of five.

"It would have been nice to know why it was closed when it was closed. There was not enough transparency."

"(As campers) we want to know we are doing the right thing."

The reopening couldn't have come at a better time and was very much welcomed by locals and holiday makers alike.



First time Bear Gully campers Vivian, Matt, Kim and Pip with boys Alfred and Max had settled into camp after being advised by a Tidal River Ranger that Bear Gully was the place to be. C10\_0224

## Mayor's Message



Cr Clare Williams



HELLO South Gippsland.

Our community has shown its strength after flooding devastated parts of our Shire on Boxing Day. Welshpool, Hedley, Toora and Port Franklin were hit particularly hard, with many businesses and homes impacted.

I would like to sincerely thank everyone who has lent a helping hand, including emergency services, community members, local businesses and Council staff. Everyone has played their part in helping those affected, getting roads fixed, and ensuring our community stays safe.

If you need to contact Council in an emergency, please make sure you use Council's main number – 5662 9200. This number is attended 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and will ensure all requests are triaged appropriately so help can be sent out.

Now that it is safe to do so, you might also like to consider taking a drive to these coastal areas to show your support by making a purchase at a local business.

Summer is traditionally a busy time for South Gippsland shops and services and the flooding incident has impacted this important trading period for many, so any additional support will be appreciated.

### Events

There is plenty happening in our region during this time of year. Events such as the Coal Creek Summer Nights bring locals and visitors together to embrace everything we have to offer.

If you're looking for something to do with your family, you can view South Gippsland markets, festivals and more by visiting <https://visitsouthgippsland.com.au>

If you are an event organiser, you can also pop in a request to add your event to that page – a great option if you would like to expand those who come along to your event.

### Grant Opportunities

Tiny Town Fund grants of between \$5,000 and \$50,000 are available until Sunday February 25, 2024 at 5pm through Regional Development Victoria. Towns with a population of 5,000 or less are eligible to apply to help deliver community facilities and quality tourism projects. Co-contributions are required. For more information and to apply, please visit: [www.rdv.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/tiny-towns-fund](https://www.rdv.vic.gov.au/grants-and-programs/tiny-towns-fund)

Council's Community Grants Program is also open now. Closing on March 31, 2024, grants of up to \$10,000 are available in the following four categories: Minor Projects and Equipment, Major Projects and Equipment, Planning and Development Reports, and Festivals and Events. Keep an eye out for information sessions for a helping hand in getting your application ready, which will be released soon.

A grants information session is also scheduled for Monday January 29 to provide an overview of the application process. It's also a great opportunity to ask questions and get helpful hints and tips.

To learn more about the South Gippsland Shire Council Community Grants Program, the information session and other grant opportunities offered through Council, please visit: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants](https://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants)



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## Churchill Island lights up for Ocean Sounds



Xavier Rudd headlined Ocean Sounds Festival 2024 at Churchill Island. Z01\_0224



Felipe Baldomir performed live at the 2024 Ocean Sounds on Churchill Island. Z02\_0224



Ocean Sounds summer festival was a sell out for 2024. Z03\_0224



Locals and tourists alike gathered on Churchill Island on for a stellar line up of live music. Z04\_0224



## Perfect once again for The Hills

Founder/Director of The Hills Are Alive Group Aidan McLaren said "Our NYE in on the Hill 10 Year Anniversary edition definitely felt like one of the most special so far! 3000 friends-of-friends bringing in the new year with some of the best up-and-coming acts in the country. Thanks again to everyone involved and a special thanks to all the local community groups and volunteers for making it the wonderfully unique and much-loved event that it is."

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# Churchill Island lights up for Ocean Sounds

OCEAN Sounds 2024 was an unforgettable music festival for Phillip Island. A wave of talented artists took to the stage – performing live in front of an electric 5000 strong sold-out crowd on the picturesque Churchill Island.

The 24-degree weather on the January summers day really set the tone for a stellar line up that was to come; but first to get everyone moving was the remarkable welcome to country performers Millowl Dreaming - a traditional passage welcoming those to the island of Millowl.

Local artist Fonzie; a proud Gunai man who has music in his blood then showcased his talent – a voice known as “honey melting off a hot rock”. Fonzie has performed across the country and was warmly welcomed as the opening artist.

Janie Gordon then stepped on stage capturing the audience with her smooth and angelic tones. Janie is a singer-songwriter from South Gippsland who has been gracing the music scene for a few years now.

With a mix of legendary artists revealed to headline the annual Ocean Sounds Festival since its inaugural event - Xavier Rudd really drew in an enthused passionate crowd that created a moving atmosphere.

Throughout the afternoon the all-ages crowd were entertained by dress-ups and creative art in the ‘children’s zone’, braids by Ocean Soul Hair and exquisite face painting by Ocean Soul Sparkles. All whilst Sunfruits – a psychedelic pop band had the crowd jumping with their impressive new-age take on psychedelia and



A crowd of over 5000 people covered the grounds of Churchill Island for Ocean Sounds.

garage rock – an energetic performance by Winter McQuinn, Evie Vlah, Elena Jones, and Gene Argiro.

Felipe Baldomir then made an imprint to the event, with the crowd in awe of his distinctive talent – performing upbeat sounds on guitar, playing keys, looping and his run on the saxophone; the instrument that sets him apart from other Indi-folk performers – certainly a crowd favourite.

Melbourne Ska Orchestra and Spiderbait then kept up vibe with the crowd set in to dance into the evening, singing along to renowned platinum-selling Black Betty before sharing the stage

with musical legend Xavier Rudd who played into the evening.

The line up of food vendors ensured all festival goers were treated with quality food, including Pellegrino Pizza, Melbourne Paella, Incredible Calamari, Moobaacluck Burgers, Twista Sis, Nem Nem, Lime & Co, Doin Dumplings, Skewer 88, Fleming Berries, Whipped and Messin with Jim.

The introduction of the ‘circus tent’ shade and mist tent were well received by the crowd this year, allowing everyone to cool down in the summer heat.

With the intention to keep Churchill Island litter free during the annual event, Ocean Sounds

established a well-received initiative of \$1 back for each drink sold to ensure the crowd didn’t leave their beer cans behind.

At sundown singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Xavier Rudd spoke of visiting the island as a child, and his connection to the coast. He drew in the entire crowd; alluring those experiencing his talent for the first time and captivating once again those who have followed his tours for years on end.

“This year’s Ocean Sounds was exactly what we envisaged and hoped for when we started the event five years ago,” organisers The Hills Are alive said.

“World class artists coming to

the local area. Music lovers of all ages (including so many families!) partying together and having the time of their lives in a safe and stunning natural environment. Thousands of smiling faces.

“We’d love to say thank you to every single person that has supported this event to grow into what it is today and to the many local businesses involved in making it possible. We’re already excitedly planning for Ocean Sounds 2025.”

Ocean Sounds will be back in January 2025. Head to [oceansoundsfestival.com.au](https://oceansoundsfestival.com.au) and sign up to request your favourite artists for next years annual summer festival.



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The Jones family from Beaumaris, Brett, Stephanie, Asha and Siobhan.



The Bowman family from Melbourne and the Stronges from Brisbane have been meeting up at the Prom for a summer holiday for a number of weeks.



Prom regulars know the best sites at the Tidal River Camping Ground by the numbers.



The full house sign went up a few weeks ago at the gate into Wilsons Promontory National Park.



# The beauty of a holiday at Wilsons Prom

A YOUNG couple from New Jersey in the USA on a working holiday in Australia.

Two families from either end of the country, Melbourne and Brisbane, meeting up again to share their summer holidays.

Travellers from Queensland “doing the east coast”.

Daytrippers from Melbourne, many of them with South Asian heritage, enjoying ice creams out the front of the general store.

The ‘toffs’ with their cars parked all around the exclusive lodges.

And the Jones family from Beaumaris who won the ballot for the first time this year and are enjoying their first January week in 34th Avenue.

It’s a melting pot, the Tidal

River Camping Ground at Wilsons Promontory National Park, at this time of the year, and there wasn’t a single whinge about the weather.

“Look, it was a bit windy the first day we got here but hardly a drop of rain since then,” said Brett Jones from Beaumaris.

“That’s the beauty of the Prom: If it’s cool you can go for a walk, and we’ve done quite a few of those, but it’s also been warm enough to swim and we’ve been out on the beach every day. It’s just so relaxing.

“After you’ve set up the camp, there’s really nothing else that needs doing, and Brett’s doing all the cooking,” said wife Stephanie.

“We’ve got a wombat friend who comes around for a visit each

day and some red and black parrots, not sure what they are, not Rosellas though, who also come around.”

They’ve also seen what they described as “a brown snake” on their walks. If indeed it was an Eastern Brown Snake, they’ve just had a brush with the world’s second-most venomous land snake, after the Inland Taipan, so watch your step!

They’ve done the Lilly Pilly Circuit, the summit walk up Mount Oberon to see the view, the walk around to Squeaky Beach and have a few others in mind as well.

Brett and Stephanie are sitting outside, around their camp table, mid-afternoon, with a cup of tea, a piece of Christmas cake and some light reading.



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***The holiday destination for all seasons, Wilsons Promontory has the best beaches and a shady river when it's hot, and plenty of great walks when it's cool.***

Inside their six-berth Goldstream camper are their teenage daughters Asha and Siobhan playing cards and enjoying a bit of downtime before going back to the beach, over to the river or for a short family walk before dinner.

"We went to the outdoor movies the other night and saw 'Next Goal Wins'. It was pretty good," says Asha.

The family have had a couple of test runs to the Prom with their camper, on two weekends during the year, and reckon the Goldstream, with its solar power, BBQ and all mod cons has performed superbly on their first extended stay.

"It's been great, and I've got to give a shout out to the

people at the Yanakie General Store," said Brett.

"We stopped off there and got most of our supplies and the fruit and veggies in particular, especially the peaches and nectarines, have been great. We got some nice mince too for tacos and they have a good selection of wine at competitive prices."

**All the way from USA**

Summer McSpirit and Tyler Meehan lived in the same street in New Jersey all their lives, went to different universities, the highly-ranked local research university Rutgers for Summer and Penn State for Tyler, but have ended up together, on a working holiday

around Australia.

And they're delighted they discovered the Prom along the way.

Tyler, a qualified finance and mortgage professional found work as a pharmacy assistant in Australia, and Summer, a sexual violence counsellor back home, has worked in a jewellery store.

"We've come down from Queensland, now we're seeing Victoria before going to South Australia and we pick up a campervan in Perth in a few weeks' time," said Summer.

"The Prom? Yeah, it's beautiful. We went up Mount Oberon this morning and we're going for a swim at Whiskey Bay this afternoon. We've heard it's a good place for a swim," said Tyler.



**Landon and Melanie from Brisbane enjoyed a day on the Beach at Norman Bay.**



**Summer McSpirit and Tyler Meehan on a working holiday in Australia from New Jersey.**



**Holidaymakers at Wilsons Prom have given a shout out to the team at the Yanakie Store for their great food and beverage supplies.**



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Land managers  
take note!!

WEEDS aren't sexy... far from it! And you're not going to win an election by providing proper funding to Parks Victoria, Agriculture Victoria, Landcare or the local shire councils to deal with their weeds' problems.

So, under the present cynical, woke approach taken by governments of all persuasions, weeds on the roadsides, in government-owned and shire-managed reserves, and on private property are out of control.

And you've heard it here first folks, a plant that hasn't even been declared a noxious weed in Victoria, the Sweet pittosporum (*Pittosporum undulatum*), is invading the state's landscape like you wouldn't believe, destroying remnant bush, roadside trees and plantations, quietly destroying forests, woodland, heath and coastal vegetation and no one is doing anything about it!

Oh, the responsible government departments know about Sweet pittosporum, a plant that defies all but the most intensive chemical treatment, and the damage it is causing by out-competing all other vegetation, but it's not even on the government's radar.

Take Henry Littledyke Reserve, between Poowong and Nyora, a potentially nice little reserve that would make an ideal picnic spot beside a small lake. There's Sweet pittosporum, of course there is, but there's also a nasty infestation of ragwort on its south side, not to mention a liberal sprinkling of the highly productive yellow scourge through the reserve.

But we're told Parks Victoria has \$5000 to manage the weeds at Henry Littledyke and two other reserves in the area.

Parks Vic, right across the board, is a woefully underfunded service, and if the government is going to continue to create new reserves, while also banning native timber harvesting, the government and their Green mates are going to have to get serious about properly funding Parks Vic, and the attack on weeds including the obvious trio of ragwort, thistles and blackberry but also the looming threat posed by Sweet pittosporum.

One thing the government should do immediately, however, without any additional cost to the taxpayers is to reactivate the practice of forced entry on especially serious weed infestations on private property, engaging contractors to treat the problem, and sending the bill to the recalcitrant landowners.

They either pay the bill, or it becomes a caveat recorded on the title, attracting interest until it is paid, or the property sold.

The trouble with forcing landowners to act however, is state and local government isn't taking responsibility for their own weeds problems.

One family

DAVID Littleproud has surely put into context, what the yes/no voting last year, was all about when he wrote about the proposed abolishment of Commonwealth funded legal advice, for farmers when challenged over native title claims.

We are one family, all Australians and all have the same rights, and I for one, hope this latest stealth tactic by our government doesn't get passed into law.

Malcolm Wadsworth

Vox Pop

What does Venus Bay need most?



Ren Tenaglia  
Melbourne

"It should have e-scooters or e-bikes to hire, which would make it easier to get around."



Ashleigh  
Melbourne and Venus Bay

"It needs more footpaths, like along Canterbury Road so we can walk to the beach safely but all in all it's pretty good."



Kimberley Gee  
Venus Bay

"A footpath is needed between the First and Second Estates."



Venus Bay Visitor

"Venus Bay needs more transport for the old people as there is no regular transport to see doctors in Wonthaggi or Leongatha."

Leongatha mural success?

RECENTLY I happened upon a murals aficionado from Melbourne taking photos of the new Leongatha Railway Precinct mural. He said how he appreciated the mural being elevated and free from the visual clutter associated with ground level murals and commented that such large murals are expensive and how being elevated would increase the cost. He added he was actually a horticulturalist and we proceeded to try to identify the flora, as well as the fauna depicted.

Unfortunately, most of the flora and fauna did not seem to relate to the purported theme of "Leongatha and its Landscape," perhaps it was the scale of the artwork or maybe the "artist's impression" or the fact the artist was from Brisbane. Perhaps a list of the species can be made available, and while at they're at it the total costs of the mural to the ratepayers, and of having an interstate artist for the job.

Your article (ST Dec 27) quotes the project manager saying "...council, which hadn't previously done an arts project on such a scale."

Has whoever at council not seen the murals in Korumburra and Mirboo North? Perhaps they didn't need a bureaucracy to get them painted. I did look at the three preferred murals for the Leongatha Railway Precinct and didn't particularly like them but commented that the job should go to someone who lived in South Gippsland.

Why point all this out now? I don't know who decided on the Brisbane artist, where they live or their expertise but would it be too much to ask that in the future an interested and informed group of local volunteers make such decisions? Any comments from council are welcome.

Steve Finlay, Leongatha

Etching her name in history

("DUCK shooting ban", 19/12) During nine years of duck seasons, Dan Andrews as Premier oversaw the killing of around 2.7 million native ducks.

That's a staggering average of 320,000 native birds destroyed per year.

If she bans recreational duck shooting, Jacinta Allan has the chance to etch her name into history as the Victorian Premier who oversees exactly none shot.

Debbie Lustig, Elsternwick

Listen to the ratepayers

BRILLIANT article in The Sentinel Times (19/12/23) by Michael Giles.

So Michael Whelan wants to throw away up to \$175,000 of our ratepayers money on his ridiculous climate change ideology that will achieve absolutely nothing for the people of our Bass Coast Shire.

By all means find another bank that does not invest in fossil fuels but find one if you

can that keeps the interest provided on the \$35 million invested by this Council at exactly the same rate.

Just like Directors have an obligation for returns to their company shareholders, so too should Councillors have an obligation for returns to ratepayers without throwing our money away. This borders on negligence. This is our money .... not yours to just throw away!

With the cost of living the way it is at the moment maybe we can ask Bass Coast Councillors to freeze next year's council rates for the local ratepayers and any shortfall in Council coffers can come directly out of Michael Whelan's own pocket.

And a final message to Whelan: Do what your ratepayers want, not what your ideology dictates! No wonder your Council satisfaction survey plummeted right down.

Rob Parsons, The Gurdies

Genocide and religion

I UNDERSTAND that PM Netanyahu of Israel has used passages from the Torah to justify some of his actions in Gaza. Given that South Africa has taken Israel to the International Court for possible genocidal actions in Gaza we need to acknowledge that most religions can and have been used in the past to justify acts of genocide.

In South Africa religion was previously used to justify apartheid and throughout the world religion has been used to suppress local cultures as this was regarded as being in those people's best interest.

To be fair I also note that Christians led the fight against slavery and the Pope has recently referred to the children of Gaza as little Jesuses, so religion can also be a force against genocide.

Kevin Walsh RFD, Cape Paterson

The holiday season is upon us and the Bass Coast is buzzing with activity

NOW that New Year's Eve is over, there's a sense of ease despite an influx of holiday makers as they converge upon the area. There is plenty to enjoy and explore on the Bass Coast, whether it be relaxing with friends, reading a book or more adventurous activities.

Congestion, especially access onto the Island, escalates as vehicles towing caravans and boats increase, and learner drivers cautiously navigate the roads.

Bicycles, gifted at Christmas and ridden by excited children, overtake pedestrians on shared footpaths. Beach houses accommodate family, friends or vacationers as yards overflow with additional cars. Colourful beach towels flap in the breeze and sandy shoes are kicked off outside front doors.

Cafes offer tempting treats with the aroma of coffee drifting outdoors, queues form out-

side ice-cream parlours and tourists explore the shops eager for post-Christmas bargains.

Scattered along family friendly beaches, bright sun shelters provide shade from the searing heat and despite every attempt to wrap sandwiches in foil, the crunch of fine sand still finds a way to infiltrate the most secure container. Children squeal in delight in the cool water and build sandcastles adorned with shells.

The undeniable smell of salt, seaweed and sunscreen permeates the air as seagulls eagerly seek a tasty morsel of discarded food. Ocean breakers offer a selection of waves from beginners to experienced surfers, whilst smaller bays have calmer waters ideal for paddleboarding, kayaking and swimming.

Wooden and concrete jetty's accommodate social fishing while boat craft venture out to deeper waters in search of snapper and flat-head.

There are picturesque walks along ocean cliffs that challenge and invigorate the soul. The George Bass Coastal Walk, Cape Woolamai and Cape Liptrap Venus Beach are picturesque at any time of the year.

There is an abundance of live music, art galleries, local markets and tourist attractions throughout the region, and Berninnet at Cowes, offers a kaleidoscope of artistic talent and culture.

Locals brace themselves for a month of busier supermarkets, fewer carparking spaces, celebratory parties at Air B and B's, overflowing household bins and an upsurge in litter. The introduction of the 10-cent bottle recycling program has been a welcome incentive to keep spaces cleaner.

And it goes without saying, it's imperative to be extra vigilant driving during the holiday season with additional vehicles, speed cameras, random drug testing units, and roadkill highlighted. Please be mindful of the local and often unpredictable wildlife that scurry, hop, waddle, meander and slither across busy thoroughfares and nature paths. Many of the animals have had their habitat demolished in order for humans to build their own homes. On that note, Wildlife Victoria do an incredible job rescuing, removing and rehabilitating injured birds and animals that have been hit by vehicles or attacked by dogs off leash.

Enjoy the summer break and remember, we all need to play our part in maintaining this beautiful paradise by respecting the environment, taking our rubbish home, creating wonderful memories and leaving only footprints.

[Wildlife Victoria phone 8400 7302]

Clare Chitty

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## Noel Laing

### LEONGATHA



NOEL has learnt lots of things during his 80 years on Earth, in particular, the value of contributing to his community.

For more than 40 years, Noel has been a pillar of the Leongatha community – nearly everyone knows Noel. He has been a valued member of the:

- Leongatha Lions Club for over 35 years serving multiple times as President and Secretary.
- Leongatha Returned Services League (RSL) for over 40 years, with 11 of those as Secretary.
- Leongatha Football Netball Club for approximately 10 years.

As many of us who volunteer would know, being Secretary is often a thankless job, but is vitally important to the day-to-day operations of the group or organisation.

For the Leongatha Lions Club, Noel has served multiple positions including President three times, Secretary five times, been on the district cabinet of District V3 which encompasses some 60 clubs, Zone Chairman of four clubs in his zone and more. Perhaps most notably, he was a member of the Lions Club when it was first charted in 1968.

During his time at the Leongatha

RSL, Noel has visited the RSL nearly every day – checking in on staff and any members in attendance, and ensuring the smooth running of the facility. He actively participates in any and all fundraising and memorial activities that are essential to the welfare of Veterans including ANZAC Day appeals, Remembrance Day poppy sales, education at local schools, speaking to community groups and representing the Leongatha RSL at funerals and memorials of local Veterans. Some of these are not easy tasks, but Noel handles everything with good grace, charm, aplomb and care for all involved.

Like many selfless volunteers, Noel describes himself as simply 'a good person' and passes on accolades he receives to others who he feels are more deserving.

When asked if he would be comfortable with being nominated for the 2024 South Gippsland Citizen of the Year award, he needed some convincing, but agreed on one condition – please don't tell Faye. Faye is the great woman behind this terrific man and who has provided support to this icon of the Leongatha community.

**NOMINEES for the 2024 South Gippsland Australia Day awards will be recognised at an awards ceremony on Wednesday, January 17 from 6.30pm, at the Meeniyah 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.**

## Avis Tilley

### KORUMBURRA



BORN and bred in Korumburra, Avis was brought up during the Great Depression and from a young age was put to work on her family's dairy farm.

Now 98, Avis has dedicated much of her time and energy as a valued volunteer to the Korumburra community.

She is a humble lady who will modestly call herself 'just an ordinary granny'. However, Avis's remarkable life supporting her beloved community will tell you otherwise.

She has kept history alive volunteering over 20 years as a spinner at Coal Creek Community Park and Museum, been a passionate member of the Country Women's Association and is a valued part of the RSL, Senior Citizens Club, Garden Club and Legacy Australia. She will tell you just how proud she is to be

a part of the fabric of Coal Creek, however, her proudest moment to date, is a recent achievement taking part in the Centenary Legacy Commemoration Relay in Sale.

If you can't find Avis at one of the many gatherings or luncheons she attends, it will be safe to say she's on her feet serving coffee and tea, and doing more than her bit in the kitchen at these events.

When asking Avis what her secret is to living a lovely long life, she will simply tell you that she is 'stubborn'. If being stubborn is indeed the antidote, then we thank Avis for her stubbornness as it has given the Korumburra community many years of her skills, experience and time.

Dedicated to her family, friends and community, Avis's significant contributions to everyone she encounters leaves a lasting legacy.

## Kathryn Smith

### MEENIYAN



KATHRYN and her late husband John moved to Meeniyah from a farm in Toora North back in August 2003. They were looking for a small country town a little closer to Melbourne and specialist services. Little did they know they would find three acres and a beautiful home in Meeniyah.

Since coming to town, Kathryn has devoted herself to her community. She has been and continues to be involved in a myriad of organisations and initiatives including:

- Meeniyah Christian Fellowship (2003 to present).
- Meeniyah Table Tennis (2007 to present).
- Meeniyah Area Community Shop volunteer (2007 to present).
- Meeniyah Progress Association Inc (2007 to present).
- Meeniyah Community Plan update (2020 to 2023).

Over the last 20 years, Kathryn has been part of 36 organisations and initiatives that have greatly benefited Meeniyah.

Kathryn is described by many as a

people person who is reliable, hard-working, loyal and always willing to put up her hand to help. Her love for Meeniyah and the people in it whether they be residents or visitors is never more apparent than when you see her in action. Baking goods for a church fundraiser, working at Lacy's Jewellery Studio and Gallery, emceeing the Meeniyah Australia Day celebrations or even sitting around a table talking about Meeniyah's future – Kathryn does it all with a smile.

Through her work with the Meeniyah Christian Fellowship, Kathryn is an Elder who helps to lead, manage and nurture people spiritually, emotionally and physically when they need help. When someone needs a hand, they know they can call Kathryn.

For nearly 10 years, Kathryn was President of the Meeniyah Progress Association Inc. Now a member, she continues to do all she can for her beloved town.

Meeniyah would not be the same without Kathryn and her tireless volunteerism.

## Heather Butler

### MIRBOO NORTH



HEATHER has a long history of volunteering that dates back before she moved to Mirboo North.

Since making the move, Heather wasted no time getting involved and has continued giving back to her community.

As her son made his way through school, Heather volunteered on the School Council at both the Mirboo North Primary School and Mirboo North Secondary College. During this time, Heather also volunteered on the Chaplaincy Committee where she worked closely with students, assisted with fundraising events and offered a hand when it was needed. In particular, Heather offered her services as head seamstress at Debutante Balls in case of a wardrobe malfunction or emergency – of which there have been many.

Heather has also committed hours upon hours of her time to other groups and organisations in Mirboo North including:

- The Grainstore Committee;
- Mirboo North Times Newspaper;

- Mirboo North Scout Group;
- Mirboo Music; and
- Mirboo Country Development Inc. (MCDI)

Her contribution to the Mirboo Country Development Inc is possibly one of her most well-known. As part of this organisation for the last 12 years, Heather has been a vital cog that has kept the organisation running. She has undertaken a variety of committee and executive roles as well as being a willing representative on behalf of MCDI on a number of Shire networks including the Town and District Associations Network, Halls Network, and Community Planning Network. She has also supported programs and events such as BooFIIT, Christmas in the Boo, Mirboo North Italian Festa, Grand Ridge Rail Trail Park Run and the monthly market.

Heather is eloquently explained as a selfless woman who puts her community before herself, which is easy to see with all she has done for Mirboo North.





South Gippsland  
Shire Council

## COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR AWARDS



### Vietnam Veterans Day LEONGATHA

Vietnam Veterans' Day was held at the Leongatha RSL on August 18, 2023.

2023 was the 50th anniversary of the end of this conflict, so an event was held to commemorate the service of all Vietnam veterans and their families.

Despite inclement weather, the community rallied behind the event showing their support and appreciation for those who served. Over 100 adults and more than 40 students from Leongatha Primary School attended with the school children singing in front of the large crowd.

The event also assisted in bringing the knowledge of the Vietnam

War to the fore, with the school children learning about this horrible and divisive war.

The event involved a wreath laying and ceremonial proceedings at the cenotaph in Leongatha.

When asked about the event, a local Vietnam veteran remarked on how understood he has felt in the years after his service. By attending this event, he has felt more respected, appreciated and welcomed than ever before.

Over \$700 was raised at the event, which the Leongatha RSL is hoping to use to put in a lovely park bench where people can reflect on the service of our men, women and families.

### Perry Neil KORUMBURRA



PERRY grew up in North Fitzroy during the manufacturing boom and at age 18, he made the move with his family to the Korumburra countryside.

Perry has since volunteered much of his time and skills to the community, playing an integral role volunteering at Coal Creek Community Park and Museum. Remembering the park when it housed nothing more than a courthouse, he has seen the parks collection of historic relics come together over the years.

Perry, a painter by trade, has volunteered copious amounts of time painting, restoring and breathing life into the park. A jack of all trades, you could find Perry demonstrating joinery with the old-fashioned tools, creating metal keepsakes as a blacksmith and resorting tins and household goods in the old general store.

As well as continuing to give his all to Coal Creek, Perry is a Vietnam War veteran who is heavily involved with the Victorian

Legacy, volunteering and assisting to raised funds to help war veterans and their families who have been doing it tough in the South Gippsland Shire.

Adding to Perry's impressive CV, he was recently awarded the RSL's highest honour, the Meritorious Service Medal. Awarded to life members who have demonstrated outstanding service as part of the RSL, he has gone above and beyond for his veteran community.

If you're looking a Perry thinking "my gosh he looks familiar", that's because you've probably seen him before helping out Father Christmas during the holiday season. Dressing up as Santa for the Korumburra Business Association, he sprinkles joy throughout the community.

Perry is an unsung hero, who shines light throughout the Korumburra community. Passionate, selfless and joyous he continues to donate his radiant energy to his hometown.

### YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINEE:

### Laila Witteveen LEONGATHA



LAILA has been an active Girl Guide and volunteer in her local community for many years, working enthusiastically as a Junior Leader and an active representative of the Leongatha Girl Guides.

Since 2015, she has energetically participated in various service activities, embodying a positive and friendly attitude as a devoted Girl Guide. Leila's contributions extend to organisations such as:

- Leongatha Guides (Lyrebird Guides);
- Clean Up Australia;
- Greatest Morning Tea for Cancer Council;
- RSPCA;
- WWF;
- Australia Day and ANZAC Day services.

In 2021, Leila took on the role of Junior Leader for the Lyrebird Guides, committing her Wednesday afternoons to mentoring and being a considerate role model for her group aged six to eight years. Her efforts include organising activities, fundraising for crucial causes including the RSPCA through

initiatives like making and selling dog biscuits at local markets. She has also contributed to Clean Up Australia, Greatest Morning Tea for Cancer Council and assisted with Australia and ANZAC Day services. She was a founding member of the Leongatha 'Pre-Ranger' group that started in 2022 and participated in the Rotary Model United Nations Assembly. She also demonstrates strong support for her local volunteer emergency services including SES and CFA during their group visits.

Described as a considerate, kind and positive leader, Leila currently juggles completing a Certificate III in Childcare, pursuing her VCE, being a Junior Leader for Lyrebird Guides, and managing a part-time job.

She exemplifies the traits of a Girl Guide, upholding the Promise and Law while nurturing younger guides into patient, fun and caring contributors for the future. Leila's selfless dedication significantly enhances the Girl Guide's role in her local community.

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 Friday 26 January. For details, please visit:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/AustraliaDay](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/AustraliaDay)





## Meeniyen Community Plan

MEENIYAN

WITHOUT a plan, we plan to fail and that is exactly what Meeniyen wasn't going to do.

During 2023, Meeniyen went through the process of updating its Community Plan, which was originally drafted in 2012.

Setting off on the adventure of community planning can be a difficult one, and even with a really engaged community like Meeniyen, this process did not happen without its challenges.

A Community Planning Meeting was held at the end of February with over 80 people in attendance. To get people there it was widely advertised in the local newspaper, letters to community groups, notices around town, website notices, an information table set up in town on Saturday's, and all businesses being approached directly.

During the meeting, ideas were collated and compared against the current list. While some were identified as a bit too difficult to achieve, they were left with 92 items to further narrow down.

Along the way, the entire community were given multiple opportunities to submit their top eight from the list. These were then analysed and a list of the top 30 were grouped into five categories.

To ensure this Plan and the actions within it don't sit in a document forever, a spreadsheet was created with all items having a person or group responsible, who they need to partner with, actions, timeframes and status.

The Meeniyen Progress Association led this project, and received ample amounts of positive feedback from individuals and businesses who were involved in the project. Many remarking on how grateful they were to be involved and listened to as part of the future of their town.



## Southern Lights Festival

KORUMBURRA

WE CAN all agree, South Gippsland in the winter isn't the best time to venture outside, particular at night.

The Southern Lights Festival was first held in 2019 and encourages people of all ages to embrace the cold and enjoy a winters evening with their family, friends and community.

In 2023 it was held at Coal Creek Community Park and Museum on June 11 2023, with over 5000 people enjoying an evening of entertainment, music and food. Many more wanted to enjoy the event, but capacity of the Park was exceeded quickly, causing organisers to have to turn people away.

Later in the evening, a bonfire was lit by South Gippsland Shire Councillors and fireworks were set off to mark the end of the event.

As event goers walked through Coal Creek, there were roving neon entertainers, fire twirlers, large puppet bugs, face painters, stilt walkers, laser light displays, light drums, lights on trees, lighting along walkways, lanterns and two stages with live music and DJs.

The event has not always been hosted at Coal Creek, but with the event being cancelled or inhibited due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it gave the event organisers a chance to rethink this event for the future.

It was a great showcase of how multiple organisations could work together to create a really successful event for Korumburra. Over the weekend in Korumburra, Spendmapp data showed visitor spending increased by 42 per cent, with residents spending also increasing by 22 per cent on the same weekend the previous year. The success of the event was made even sweeter by the contributions of more than 50 volunteers who made the night possible.



## Open Studio Art Trail

KORUMBURRA

THE Art Connect South Gippsland Open Studio Art Trail was held over four weeks commencing on 23 September and ending on October 15, 2023.

The event was a unique showcase of the creativity that exists in South Gippsland. It covered multiple towns across the region including Loch, Meeniyen, Korumburra, Kardella South, Arawata, Leongatha, Mirboo North, Meeniyen, Venus Bay, Tarwin Lower Fish Creek, Foster, Toora, Agnes, Woorarra East, Walkerville and Sandy Point. The Open Studio Art Trail had multiple objectives including drawing art lovers to our region and making the work of artists in South Gippsland more accessible.

Due to the terrific planning of the event organisers, 33 venues and approximately 70 artists were involved in making the event a success. With so many artists taking part in the Art Trail, there was art created by various age groups and featuring mediums including painting, ceramics, sculpture, installations, photography, silk printing, woodwork, pottery, lacework and basket weaving.

An estimate 2900 individuals visited a studio as part of the Art Trail, with one studio having 180 on one weekend. Not only did those participating in the Art Trail benefit, but the entire South Gippsland region due to the increased visitation with some businesses having to hire additional staff to cope with the influx of individuals coming through.

The event helped to increase knowledge and create a greater awareness about South Gippsland and what this region can offer as a regional Victorian destination worth exploring.



## Biketoberfest LEONGATHA

THE second annual Biketoberfest was held on Saturday, October 14.

The event brought together over 1500 people with petrol running through their veins and a passion for two-wheeled transportation. Bringing together motorcycle enthusiasts from across the country, it raised money for the Black Dog Ride Foundation, which aims to raise awareness of depression and suicide prevention.

The event brought people together in Leongatha, closing down Bair Street to accommodate for the event. It featured a plethora of food trucks, entertainment and activities for all

ages, so it was truly a family-friendly event.

The added benefit of events like this is for the local businesses that opened on the day and welcomed their patronage.

While shining a light on mental illness and the impacts of suicide, Biketoberfest illustrates a commitment to promoting safety, education and responsible bike riding whilst encouraging alternative transportation methods. By bringing together people from all walks of life, it provides a safe space for everyone to share in the spirit of camaraderie, celebration and appreciation for motorcycles.





## Now that the 25th is over

By author Claire Chitty

NOW that 25th December is over, a sense of calm prevails. Personally, and I'm not alone in this, that it's quite ridiculous that life centres around one day of the year. There's a lot of living to do in the other 364 days.

I've noticed a trend where like-minded people are turning away from commercialism. The build-up, stress, old triggers and pre-Christmas expectations are fuelled and amplified by corporations and marketing. When hot cross buns appear on Boxing Day, it speaks volumes about revenue rather than respect for sanctity and tradition.

My philosophy for years has been, 'Christmas is not what's under the tree or the amount of money spent. It's about connection and coming together to celebrate with loved ones.' Gifting handcrafted items or experiences, and creating lasting memories are far more meaningful than purchasing 'stuff.'

As we transition into 2024, we need to rethink how we do life, all 365 days.

Life is an amazing adventure that doesn't need the expensive car, the double storey house, the boat, the caravan, or the huge mortgage. I'm seeing numerous young people struggling with financial obligations, turn away from mainstream expectations and the dream of owning their own home, realising the detrimental effects upon their mental health.

There's a quiet movement occurring as people start to return to a more relaxed simpler way of being. Small communities are appearing around the country as individuals find connections that are mutually respectful, empowering and supportive. And many are happier without all the trappings.

So how do we go from a state of anxiety and stress to contentment given that mental health is vital to our physical and emotional well-being?

I feel contentment and gratitude is a choice that can be cultivated by finding joy in the simple pleasures; a walk along the beach, a dip in the ocean, creative hobbies, volunteering in many capacities, starting a local interest group, switching off reality TV and social media.

More importantly, we don't need to compare ourselves to anyone, including what we own or what we may or may not have achieved in life.

Sometimes the simplest joy can be having a conversation with neighbours, friends and strangers which may open the door to friendship and opportunities. Communication can lift someone's mood, provide support and give hope. I believe we never truly know what another person is experiencing, aware that a smile can hide pain, insecurity and feeling alone.

As you move into the new year, reflect how you would like to see the year unfold. Do you want to stay on the commercialism treadmill or, do you want to contribute to a more sustainable natural way of being that is mutually beneficial for all? There is power in numbers and collectively, we can make a difference.

For me, I'm resisting the temptation to buy hot cross buns until Easter, and gifting experiences where memories are made.



Break down new habits in smaller steps and keep track of your progress. Photo by Artem Beliaikin | Unsplash.

# Psychologist tips to keep new year goals on track

AUSSIERS kicking off their New Year resolutions could need help staying on track, as over half (57 per cent) admit they find it difficult to maintain healthy habits, according to new research.

The data from global nutrition and food tracking app, MyFitnessPal, found that while nine in ten Gen Z (82 per cent) and millennial (80 per cent) Australians have set themselves a New Year's resolution for 2024, only one in ten (12 per cent) will maintain them this year.

Psychologist, nutrition and fitness expert, Leanne Hall said; "There's no doubt this is a popular time of year to make some lifestyle changes, the problem is that we tend to set ourselves ambitious and unrealistic resolutions that are difficult to maintain. Aussies are more likely to achieve their goals by focusing on making small changes, and taking small steps to a healthier lifestyle."

Leanne's top five tips to stay on track this year.

### 1. Focus on creating new habits

The concept of a New Year's resolution is outdated. It encourages people to set themselves a huge target that's often unrealistic and the result

is that, more than often, they give up. Instead, focus on how you can create new habits that will help you reach your goals for the long-term.

### 2. Break goals down into small steps

The first step to creating a new habit is to break your goal down into smaller steps. For example, rather than 'losing weight', try being more specific and including more sustainable changes such as 'adding more leafy greens' or 'adding more regular exercise into my day'. Focusing on something positive you can add to your lifestyle, rather than removing 'bad' foods will also be helpful.

### 3. Get to know your current routine

Everyone's health goals and lifestyle are different. The only way you can make positive long-term change is by gaining an understanding of your current nutrition and exercise habits. By logging and tracking these habits, you can see more clearly the steps you can take to make a change.

### 4. Keep track of your progress

When asked how to stick to healthy habits, Aussies cited setting clear and achievable goals as the most important factor (25 per cent), followed

by general repetition (18 per cent) and visible progress tracking (14 per cent). Positive reinforcement works. One of the best ways to monitor your progress is through a tracking app like MyFitnessPal that will highlight the importance of rewarding progress, especially the small wins.

### 5. Play the long game

It's important to challenge yourself but by making small changes that add up over time, you're much more likely to stick to them.

To help Aussies maintain healthy habits, MyFitnessPal has launched a free seven day 'Small Steps, Big Wins' plan which contains tips and recipes to help Australians understand both the quantity and quality of what they're eating - to kick off their New Year right.

Rather than requiring a lifestyle overhaul, the plan is designed to be approachable, helping Australians make small changes and reach their health goals in 2024.

To find out more about the 'Small Steps, Big Wins' plan and help keep track of nutrition and exercise, download MyFitnessPal on apple, Google and other android platforms.

## Victoria's biggest pet lovers revealed

THE Lost Dogs' Home has revealed Victoria's top hot spots for pet lovers in 2023.

Data from The Lost Dogs' Home showed Victorian's were prepared to travel far and wide to find their special companions with adopters coming as far as the Bass Coast and all the way to the Macedon Ranges.

With its expanding population, the City of Casey topped the highest number of overall adoptions followed by the City of Melbourne and the City of Merri-Bek respectively.

In regional Victoria, the top three performing areas were the Mornington Peninsula Shire Council, Yarra Ranges Shire Council and the Greater Geelong City Council.

With more than 8200 animals adopted so far this year, The Home's spokesperson Suzana Talevski said the big adoption numbers were a clear indication that animals are playing a big part in our hearts and homes.

"Now more than ever, Victorian's are showing that we are a passionate community of animal lovers and we are extremely grateful for that," she said.

"Our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who took in one of our beautiful animals and made a wonderful change in their lives, the impact can never be underestimated."

### • FAITH FACTOR

## Hope for the New Year

By Captain Amanda Hart, South Coast Gippsland Salvos

AS THE new year unfolds, I find myself reflecting on the anchor of hope, a concept beautifully captured in Hebrews 6:19. The verse speaks of hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. This imagery resonates deeply with me, especially as I glance down at the tattoo on my ankle — a delicate anchor accompanied by the word "hope".

In a world often characterised by uncertainty and tumultuous seas, the anchor symbolises stability and resilience. The permanence of the anchor etched into my skin serves as a constant reminder that, just as ships rely on anchors to stay grounded amidst turbulent waters, I too can find grounding in hope. It's a testament to the enduring strength of the human spirit and the belief that no matter the storms I face, hope will keep me steady.

Hebrews 6:19 suggests that this hope is not arbitrary or fleeting but is anchored in something greater — something beyond ourselves. This biblical perspective encourages me to cultivate a hope that transcends immediate circumstances, one firmly rooted in faith and a belief in a better tomorrow.

As I embark on the journey of a new year, my ankle tattoo becomes more than ink on skin; it becomes a symbol of resilience, a visual affirmation that hope is not just a wishful sentiment but a profound anchor for my soul. Just as my tattoo serves as a personal reminder, I encourage you to discover or strengthen your own anchor of hope. Let it be a symbol that transcends individual challenges and becomes a shared source of inspiration. In times of doubt, may you look to the anchor and find encouragement, knowing that hope is a powerful force that can unite and uplift us all.

1 Peter 1:3 'Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.'

## Kirrak House welcomes Max

A FOUR-LEGGED friend is already bringing joy to the residents of Kirrak House Aged Care Service after moving in recently.

Max the Golden Retriever pup is now living at Kirrak House – part of Wonthaggi Hospital – with his presence already improving residents' wellbeing.

Rebecca Grant, acting operations director at Bass Coast Health (BCH), which operates Kirrak House, said Max will be a new friend for residents, visitors and staff.

"Companion dogs have proven to be valuable for diversional therapy in residential aged care centres, particularly in helping to reduce depression and anxiety among residents," she said.

"Based on the feedback during this short time thus far, Max is already making a positive impact and is enhancing everyone who lives and works at Kirrak House.

"He is already an amazing talking point for residents and visitors."



Max the Golden Retriever shares a moment with Kirrak House resident Graham Neason and diversional therapist Gai West.



# BASS COAST SUMMER AGRICULTURAL SHOW



Wonthaggi's Melanie and Chantelle Dickison picked up a prize at the Bass Coast Summer Show.



Xavier, Clinton and Isaac Rigby of Wonthaggi enjoyed a day out at the Bass Coast Summer Show.



Inverloch's Ben and Hudson Thomas on the teacups at the Bass Coast Summer Show.



Outtrim's Lily Balfour, Holly Hall and Maddy Bourke explored the Bass Coast Summer Show together on Saturday.



Zoe and Ella Smith picked up a showbag each at the Bass Coast Summer Show.



Wonthaggi SES volunteers had some strong interest from potential newcomers during the show – from left, Jye, Justin, Ryan, Naomi and Dave. C24\_0224



Graham Wood and John Harris of Tarwin Lower with John's Mitchell and Co stationary hand wire square baler. C35\_0224



Newborough local Peter Donnet brought his 1956 FJ Holden along for the show having taken home a second in last year's Best Restoration. C37\_0224



Hot jam donuts were one of the delights on offer by Wonthaggi Fire Brigade with Imogen, Bec, Jess, Jaci, Ian and Judi. C14\_0224



Brendan and Matt of Dalyston catch up with Wonthaggi Fire Brigade Community Safety Coordinator, John Simmons. C15\_0224



Securing second place in the Gelding Under Two category was Archie and Cheryl Windsor of Tonimbuk. Whilst it was Archie's fifth show Cheryl had only recently started showing ponies. C28\_0224

## Locals' produce on 'show'

- HOMEGROWN veggies as well as a decorated gumboots were given the recognition they deserved as part of the Bass Coast Summer Agricultural Show's garden and farm produce competition.
- Winners and categories included:
- Open: Rachel Bennet; scarecrow and decorated gumboot
  - Open - Children 12 Years and Under: Amelie Horsburgh; scarecrow and decorated gumboot
  - Any other vegetable: Rachel Bennett; garlic
  - Hay: Y. Morrison
  - Apricots: Rachel Bennett
  - Any other fruit: Janice Coldebella
  - Lemons: Lyn Goodwin
  - Eggs: Filsell Family (any other colour and white categories). Rachel Bennett (brown). Filsell Family (any other colour).
  - Zucchini: Lyn Goodwin
  - Rhubarb: Rachel Bennett
  - Fresh herbs: Lyn Goodwin (savoury). Amelie Horsburgh (fragrant)
  - Cucumber: B. Lamers
  - Beans: Dot Harland (any variety)
  - Silverbeet: Amelie Horsburgh
  - Carrots: Dot Harland
  - Onions: Dot Harland
  - Root beet: Dot Harland
  - Potatoes: M. Lamers
  - Collection of home garden produce: Rachel Bennett



There was no shortage of delightful and colourful produce for the Show's garden and farm produce competition.



# Show thrills in Wonthaggi

THE Bass Coast Summer Agricultural Show enjoyed great success on Saturday.

Despite the hot weather, entries were up on last year with many turning out to be amongst the fun atmosphere of the beloved community event.

In anticipation of the hot afternoon, crowd numbers swelled during the morning at the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve.

The show featured an impressive ute and tractor displays, more equestrian entries than last year and an informal poultry exhibition which has prompted the introduction of a poultry competition for 2025.

“We had some friends bring along their chooks for the exhibition and we received some great feedback,” organiser Rosemary Loughnan said.

The shed will be renovated to help accommodate the competition before next year’s event.

Terrific fruit and vegetable stalls also made a return to the show, and as always showgoers enjoyed the thrill of the carnival attractions.

The Wonthaggi and District A.P & H Society thanked the wonderful volunteers who made the show a success.

“We had many people give their time to allow the show to go ahead. All the catering was done by volunteers, and we had the Inverloch CWA and the Inverloch Bendigo Bank helping us out,” Rosemary said.

“All the tractor and ute displays were run by volunteers, and the gatekeepers were all volunteers as well. They really must all be commended because there would be no show without them.

“It really is humbling to see people coming along to give us a hand and do the best they can to support the show for Wonthaggi and Bass Coast.”

Volunteers were back at the recreation reserve on Sunday for the cleanup, ensuring the grounds were back in prime condition following the event.

Rosemary also thanked Bass Coast Shire Council for its ongoing support and the showgoers for contributing to the wonderful day.



Wonthaggi's Jess McGuirk and Isabelle Wells with horse Lily at the Bass Coast Summer Agricultural Show.



Leongatha's Andrea Whiteside took part at the Bass Coast Summer Agricultural Show with her horse Princess Leia.



Danielle Ramm, Rohan Lucas and Carter Brown had fun on the teacups at the Bass Coast Summer Agricultural Show.



Justine and Rith Bradley checked out the Barn Buddies mobile animal farm at the Bass Coast Summer Agricultural Show.



Marlowe Pedersen with the Sandy Creek Clydesdales at the Bass Coast Summer Agricultural Show.



Jaimie and Matthew Thompson with their blacksmithing display at the Bass Coast Summer Agricultural Show.

## Bass Coast Wonthaggi Ute & 4x4's biggest show yet

THE Bass Coast Wonthaggi Ute & 4x4 Show for 2024 saw the group break last year's numbers with 60 entries on the day.

Jarrod Witherow said, "this was our fifth event since I was given the task of getting the Ute show going again."

The Wonthaggi weather turned it on for a magic day.

"All our competitors brought their A game with some beautiful machines on show. Our charity the Royal Flying Doctors Service will be receiving a donation of \$1000 this year."

Ute Show winner was awarded to Max Grigg with his beautiful Ford Ute and the runner up ute of show was Noah Gilbertson with his Toyota HJ Landcruiser.

"It was another amazing year running alongside the Bass Coast Summer Show. I love running the show as it's a passion project of mine. Personally, I would like to thank my amazing team of helpers and judges along with the sponsors, without them this event doesn't happen.

"We are already in talks for expansion in 2025."



Jarrod Witherow presenting Max Grigg with best in show award.



Ute Show Winner. Max's Grigg. Ford Ute. Photo: A Moment in Time.





**Cheryl Glowrey speaks about maritime history during the Seadays Festival in Port Welshpool.** A28\_0224

## Seadays Festival highlights local history

INTRIGUED visitors explored Port Welshpool & District Maritime Museum during the Seadays Festival, also hearing interesting talks about the region and its connection to the sea.

The Sentinel-Times popped in on Saturday afternoon, just in time to hear Cheryl Glowrey outline interesting historical details regarding Wilsons Promontory, George Bass, and local ports, along with other related topics.

She spoke of surgeon Bass' exploration of the region after his arrival on a ship named Reliance aboard which he formed a strong friendship with young midshipman Matthew Flinders, and the fact Bass named places such as Shoal Haven, Sealers Cove and Corner Inlet as well as describing his efforts to determine if Tasmania was connected to the mainland.

Cheryl said Bass viewed Wilsons Promontory as a barren piece of land not worth settling.

The avid historian spoke of Bass' sighting of Aboriginals at Yanakie and the importance of the area to indigenous people.

She also mentioned that Sealers are believed to have been at Wilsons Promontory for about 30 years at the time of Bass' 'exploration' but were largely illiterate, some being ex-convicts.

Cheryl reflected on white settlement of the region in 1841, initially in Port Albert, and spoke of the live cattle trade that involved transporting Gippsland animals to Hobart providing food for convicts in Tasmania, and the fact places such as Sealers Cove became timber mill areas.

The importance of sea trade in a period of impassable 'roads' was highlighted, goods being transported including fish dried by Chinese people in the area.

"The Prom was a place of people and industry," Cheryl said.

The land boom of the 1880s included an attempt to establish the town of 'Seaforth' at the Prom, something that never got far with the onset of the depression the following decade.

Attendees also learned of the later prospect of Snake Island becoming a cannery and the waters around Wilsons Promontory the exclusive fishing grounds for 15 years of an advanced Scottish fishing industry that intended to establish a community in the area, and the fact local lobbying helped see the Prom declared a National Park.

Interestingly, while the fishery idea wasn't adopted, the Prom becoming a National Park didn't prevent subsequent tin mining at Mount Hunter.

Visitors to the museum read an account of the 1957 mass stranding of pilot whales at Port Welshpool, said to number approximately 200.

Excerpts from the memoirs of local fisherman Arnie Smith, whose family home is now the Maritime Museum, recall the daring rescue of a fishing boat he carried out aboard his vessel the Janet Isles, now on display at the museum.

Unusual cures for sea sickness were also discussed in the memoirs, such as a young woman being wrapped in brown paper, something that was surprisingly deemed a success.

The museum's expanding collection detailing the history of Promair was also on show.

# Seadays Festival fun and learning in Port Welshpool

THE Old Ferry Terminal in Port Welshpool was a bustling hub of activity during the weekend's Seadays Festival, with children thrilled to meet local aquatic creatures and animals from further afield.

Adults too were intrigued by the animals on display, while also learning about Agnes Falls, the progress of wind energy generation in the region, and picking up tips from Welshpool Garden Club members.

Kids were taught a lesson in patience during fishing clinics.

Melbourne's Elsie Hill was brought along to Sea Days during a family camping trip to Walkerville and the enthusiastic youngster was fascinated by animals such as a sea star, often referred to as a starfish.

She didn't mind one bit when squirted by a baby scallop, volunteer Julianne Stuart assuring her that no damage had been done to her impressive face painting design although she hadn't expressed any concern.

Another volunteer, Ivan Lee, showed this scribe a snapping shrimp, one claw much larger than the other, and held a small moon snail alongside its much larger egg sac.

Elsie also met Harriet, a stunning Golden Huntsman from the north of Australia, one of the array of animals brought to Seadays by Black Snake Productions based in the Yarra Valley's Warburton.

Young Ayla Facey, on a caravan trip from Sydney, was introduced to Stimson's Python 'Simon', among the smallest pythons in the world and seemingly at ease with all the attention.



**Brylie and Heidi Hamilton of Fish Creek work on their fishing skills, with Robin Street on hand to answer questions.** A35\_0224

A masked owl, lizards, frogs and a wallaby were among the menagerie on show.

Port Welshpool Coast Guard representatives Malcolm Ellis and Mark Leeworthy were on hand at the festival to provide information on legal fish sizes, bag limits, boating safety and marine radio communications.

Myli Libraries encouraged children to show their creative flair rock painting, while letting them know about the library resources and holiday programs.

Recently appointed Friends of Agnes Falls president Shannon Roelink and secretary Kathy Whelan were delighted to share information with visitors about the spectacular attraction that has benefited from recent prolific rain.

"We're here to support Parks

Victoria and maintain our local treasure," Shannon said, adding that she is keen to get more young people involved.

Kathy said that while some visitors shared their stories of visits to Agnes Falls, others were unaware of its existence and were offered maps and park notes.

Seadays attendees heard that an announcement is expected soon on which companies will be able to move forward with wind energy projects, also learning about matters such as maintenance and the expected lifespan of relevant infrastructure.

Fish Creek's Brylie and Heidi Hamilton were among the young brigade learning to fish, local coast guard Robin Street an organiser of the event and volunteer preparing bait and offering advice

when required.

"They love it, especially if they can catch a fish, and they get to take a rod home," Robin said.

While a couple of fish were caught during Saturday's morning session, an easterly wind combined with the presence of a fishing trawler with its engine running, and a low tide provided a multitude of excuses for any participants unable to snare a catch in the afternoon.

Brylie and Heidi had fished a couple of times previously but picked up new tips such as keeping a finger on the line to feel if any fish are nibbling the bait, with the girls also slowly developing their patience.

Seaday's Festival offers a perfect blend of fun and learning.

## Circus engages young audience in Fish Creek

**By Andrew Palocz**

STUNNING circus performances engaged audiences of children and their family members when 'Are We There Yet' hit Fish Creek Memorial Hall, the show part of the Fish Creek Carnival and running twice a day last Wednesday and Thursday.

The adventure took the form of a road trip, filled with fun, frivolity and audience engagement as the cast incorporated their varied talents to great effect, with those putting on the show having also entertained an adult audience during the New Year's Eve Cabaret event at the Fish Creek Hotel.

Director Kate Fryer outlined her role of bringing together the diverse talents of the performers to form a harmonious ensemble.

"How do we contextualise it and make it work within the world?" was the question she successfully answered as highlighted by the delight of the kids in the audience.

They relished the routines of Leongatha's Lili Akers, who displayed her aerial skills and ability on the Roue Cyr wheel, Hannie Helsden's expertise as she simultaneously controlled



**The cast of 'Are We There Yet' get the show underway, with Richard Sullivan, Hannie Helsden, Tash York, Lili Akers and Bede Nash.** A06\_0224

many hula hoops, the juggling of Richard Sullivan and the extraordinary feats of strength and mastery shown by Bede Nash.

Tash York also thrilled the young audience members, quickly turning their suggestions of a character name and traits into an upbeat song in which she got them to participate.

The resultant adventure of

'Poo Poo Pants' was entertaining, even for the adults.

All too soon the entertainment finished, but not before everyone enjoyed a jam-packed show.

After the show, Hannie spoke about her love of entertaining kids, seeing and hearing them getting involved.

"It's really fun for us," she said.

While fun, such shows

require substantial dedication from cast members, with Hannie practising for many years with her hula hoops, including a three-year period of training for two hours a day.

She explained that she always goes in the same direction with the hoops and needs to do stretching and Pilates to keep her body in balance.

As well as the 'Are We There Yet' performances, kids and some adults threw themselves into workshops, learning circus skills.

One of the workshop facilitators, Karina Schiller said it's fun watching kids try something new.

She delights at seeing participants return the next year, some surprisingly remembering what they did previously and building on that.

"Kids who don't get an opportunity to shine at school shine in circus," Karina said, adding that being distracted, running around and climbing on stuff mightn't be looked on favourably in an academic environment but it's a different matter in the circus world.

There's no doubt many Fish Creek locals and visitors are already looking forward to next year's Fish Creek Carnival.



# Circus excitement comes to town

THE circus is coming to Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

Maxine Gigliotti will be sharing her circus expertise as part of a school holiday program set to be held in Loch, Newhaven and Dalyston during January.

The program will run over two days for an hour and a half at each location.

The first day will introduce participants to a range of circus skills including hula hooping, acro, tumbling and juggling.

Their newfound skills will be put to the test on the second day, as they will be tasked with creating their own routines.

"I find some children really thrive during this activity. They love putting on their own performances," Maxine said.

"However, if there are children who are feeling a little more reserved, I will be there to help them put together their sequences."

Family and friends will be invited along to watch the performances during the last 15 minutes of the second session.

A former Cowes local – and soon to be a resident of Loch – Maxine discovered her passion for circus arts during a school holiday program held in Frankston.

"I've been involved in circus arts for the last 15 years," she said.

"I went on to study circus arts at the National Institute of Circus Arts, gaining a Bachelor of Circus Arts degree. Once I knew it was an option, I decided it was something I wanted to pursue. I've loved developing new skills and meeting friends with similar interests."

Maxine has been running circus workshops for the last 10 years, but this will be the first program in the local area.

These workshops will gauge the interest in circus arts.

From there, Maxine hopes to run regular after school and holiday programs.

The Loch and Newhaven sessions have already sold out, but there are still places available for the Dalyston sessions.

The workshops are aimed at children aged between eight and 14, costing \$30 per child.

Loch's session will be held on January 15-16, followed by Newhaven on January 18-19 and Dalyston on January 22-23.

Those interested in attending the Dalyston sessions are urged to contact Maxine via maxinegigliotti@gmail.com to reserve a place.



Maxine Gigliotti will be sharing her circus skills with local children during school holiday programs in Loch, Newhaven and Dalyston.



## Mary Wilson's Spinach Salad

By Meg Viney

A DELIGHTFULLY tangy dressing introduced to me by Mary Wilson.

### Ingredients:

- Baby spinach leaves
- A green apple or a firm pear (my preference) finely sliced
- Spring onion (optional) chopped

### Dressing:

- ¼ cup cider vinegar
- ¼ cup olive oil
- A few drops sesame oil
- 1 teasp Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon Major Gray's Chutney (can use your own)
- Pinch curry powder
- A drizzle of cream

Mix well together then toss the salad in the dressing

Photo: Photo by Andrijana Bozic on Unsplash

# Bass Coast Fine Film Group presents "EO"

ON SUNDAY, January 14 at 10.45am, the BCFFG is screening "EO", from acclaimed auteur Polish writer/director, Jerzy Skolimowski.

Jerzy Skolimowski's "EO" is a unique and captivating film that tells the story of a former circus donkey embarking on a long and lonely journey across modern Europe. The plot follows the donkey as he encounters both human kindness and cruelty, making for a moving and thought-provoking viewing experience. The film is a rare animal picture that is not aimed at children, with the director emphasising the animality of the titular character. Overall, the plot of "EO" is a beautifully crafted adventure that explores the complexities of

human-animal relationships and the universal search for a sense of belonging.

The cinematography and visuals of "EO" are simply stunning. Skolimowski's use of lustrous and witty projection creates a sharper way of seeing than what we're used to, making the whole world look more vibrant and alive. The film's unique visual style adds to the sense of adventure and wonderment, making it a feast for the eyes. The stunning landscapes and cityscapes that the donkey traverses are captured in a way that immerses the viewer in the journey, creating a sense of being right there alongside the donkey.

The acting performances and characterisation in

"EO" are both moving and puzzling. The director's emphasis on the animality of the donkey means that there are no human actors in the film, with the donkey being the only character with a physical presence. Despite this, the donkey's journey is filled with a cast of human characters who are both kind and cruel to him, adding depth and complexity to the story. The donkey's character is also well-developed, with his emotions and motivations being conveyed through his actions and expressions. Overall, the acting performances and characterisation in "EO" are a testament to the power of storytelling and the ability of film to convey complex emotions and ideas.

To find out more head to: [bcffgfilms.weebly.com/eo.html](http://bcffgfilms.weebly.com/eo.html)

Now is the best time to join or renew your membership to the Bass Coast Fine Film Group. For \$65 a year, members get free entry to all BCFFG screenings, as well as other benefits throughout the year. It's great value for money, and makes a wonderful gift for film fans.

BCFFG Members entry is free on presentation of membership card; general public welcome with tickets at usual box office prices.

Film screening at Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, 96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

The Bass Coast Fine Film Group is proudly sponsored and supported by the Bass Coast Shire.



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Nellie and Andy Bloye love the music at the Marketta Festival, with Andy praising the bar and Nellie keen on the ice cream and slushies. A21\_0224



Christy Robertson of Welshpool gets acquainted with a sea star at the Seadays festival. A36\_0224



Malcolm Ellis and Mark Leeworthy represent the Port Welshpool Coast Guard service at the Seadays Festival. A37\_0224



Shannon Roelink and Kathy Whelan from Friends of Agnes Falls promote the attraction at the Seadays Festival in Port Welshpool. A38\_0224



Rita runs a Marketta Festival stall selling plants from Nature Grow and her Grow Heirloom seeds. A22\_0224



Melissa Selby and Alex Zymaris from Melbourne discovered the Marketta Festival after settling into Venus Bay Caravan Park. A23\_0224



Aliah and Kerry sell a range of Hill Billy Chilli products from Bacchus Marsh at the Marketta Festival in Venus Bay. A24\_0224



Rod Vawdon sells his pottery at the Marketta Festival in Venus Bay, with his works normally available at markets in Kongwak and Tarwin Lower and at the Thirsty Work Gallery. A25\_0224



James and Courtney Dalvean enjoy the Marketta Festival, an event Courtney comes to every year, which she says continues to offer greater variety and become increasingly popular. A26\_0224

# Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Marketta Festival, Seadays Festival, Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club 25 Year Anniversary and Cowes Foreshore Market.



THE Wright and Torcs families of Melbourne, who have been holidaying at Cowes for 30 years, enjoyed an evening at the Cowes Foreshore Market on Saturday.



Marta Ingles and Lily Reeves sell Fish Creek Carnival T-shirts. A43\_0224



Alan Bolton and Maureen Ansell make up two thirds of the founding trio who thought up the Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club. C48\_0224



Inverloch SLSC ex-president Waz and bar manager Warren enjoyed a spectacular celebration on Saturday. C49\_0224



Members since 2000, Jessica Ransom and Bec Morris have seen through the programs at Inverloch initially dipping their toes in with Nippers. C50\_0224



Andrew and Ollie Cameron from Leon-gatha North have turned steel sculpture into an artform over the past five years and they had a wide range of their garden art pieces at the Cowes Foreshore Market last Saturday.



Debbie Dal Bosco of Phillip Island has turned an interest in the arts into a business, graduating from furniture painting to setting up a business called Coastal Dreaming Décor producing cost-effective artworks from photography. She is a regular at local markets.



Former president David Schultz, Alan Driver and former committee member Andy Schrape celebrated 25 years of Inverloch SLSC with friends and family. C51\_0224





Trevor Cochrane from Garden Gurus promoting fuchsias.



Fuchsias are back – what's old is new again. Photo: Bob Gibbons.



Photo: Zav Avetisyan on Unsplash

## Growing healthy plants using natural pesticide

HAVING healthy plants is dependent on a variety of factors. Before commencing this activity, be sure to identify the pest species on your plants. Certain pesticides are only suitable to treat specific pest species. The natural pesticide featured in this learning activity is to treat sucking pests such as aphids and scale.

### Checklist:

- Online or printed guide to invertebrates and pests
- First aid kit, sunscreen, allergy plans
- Natural soap flakes or grated natural soap
- Warm water
- Medium sized saucepan or heatproof bowl
- Wooden spoon with long handle
- Emptied and washed spray bottles for filling with natural pesticide solution
- Printable activity sheet
- Pencils
- Clipboards (optional)
- Magnifying glasses (optional)

### STEP 1: Provaction

What do plants need to be healthy to grow and create the produce we eat? We have some new plants in our food garden. We would like to have the best results possible from these plants, what can we do to keep them healthy? Use the activity sheet to help build

the discussion. What does a flowering plant need to grow? Water, sunlight, air, soil, care. What helps to keep plants healthy? Rich nutrients in the soil, lots of beneficial pollinators, mulch, lots of care, pest, and disease control. What are some of the threats to healthy plants? Pests, disease, weather variations, planting in the wrong season, neglect.

### STEP 2:

What is a pesticide? Discuss that a pesticide is a solution created to treat, deter, or destroy pests and diseases that attack plants. Why should we use a natural pesticide? Discuss that while treating plant pests and diseases, we do not want to harm the soil, water sources, other plants, beneficial insects, wildlife, or people. Pesticides are often pest species specific. Discuss how to identify plant pests. Use the online guides or a book for background information. Aphids and scale are common garden pests so we will look at ways to manage aphids by preparing a solution using environmentally friendly ingredients. Children can investigate these and other insects in their garden, using magnifying glasses to look up close. Refer to the online and printable resources to learn and help with identification.

### STEP 3:

Keep in mind what resources you need to make the natural pesticide. Outline safe practices when using heating utensils and pesticide ingredients. To create the natural pesticide: add two tablespoons of soap flakes to one litre of warm water in a saucepan or in a heatproof bowl. Stir carefully with a wooden spoon until soap flakes are completely dissolved. Allow time to cool. Your solution is now ready to be poured into a spray bottle.

### STEP 4:

Apply the solution by spraying the top and the underside of each leaf and along the stems. Aphids normally congregate on the underside of the leaf so pay special attention to this area. The natural pesticide should immediately destroy the garden pests. Reapply should the aphids or scale reappear on your plants. Children can use the activity sheet to reflect on what actions they will take to monitor plants and assess if the natural pesticide has been effective.

### Extension Activity:

Investigate companion planting as a way to manage plant pests. Find out how you can use bugs to control unwanted pests. For more information visit the Junior Landcare website.

# What's old is new again this January

By Karen Haw,  
Mirboo North Garden Centre

ANOTHER year has been and gone and even though it is January we are still trying keep the weeds under control and the grass mowed. There are still plenty of flowering plants available. Looking good at this time of year with natives are the banksias, strawflowers, kangaroo paws and some grevilleas such as moonlight. To complement them are Leucadendrons, especially safari sunset that are colouring up well and will do so for many months. Safari sunset is the gold standard of Leucadendron, producing stunning burgundy red flowers that will change over time to lighter shades. It has long stems and is perfect for cut flowers. Safari sunset can grow to around two metres but if you do not have the room there are smaller growing varieties like Jack Harre or red countess that grow to one to one and a half metres tall and are also good for cutting. The good thing about Leucadendron's is that as a cut flower they go well with natives, proteas or any ornamental flower.

Many perennials also make good cut flowers and will flower for many months over summer. The humble Shasta daisy or Leucanthemum x superbum is one of my favourites. It will cover a large area and is the perfect, low maintenance perennial for naturalising and filling in bare spots in the garden. There are several cultivars available most have white flowers with bright yellow centres but there are some that are lemon/yellow, others with shaggy flowers and some with double white flowers. All flourish in a sunny spot that is well drained and if they become too big can easily be divided and replanted or given away. Deadheading the flowers occasionally will encourage heavier blooms and a more abundant show.

Plants that complement the Shasta daisy include Russian sage (Perovskia atriplicifolia). This is a hardy perennial and a great addition to a garden. It has attractive blue flowers over grey foliage and is extremely drought and frost hardy. Achillea or yarrow is another plant to complement the Shasta daisy and also another bullet proof plant that survives and thrives in the garden. It comes in many colours including yellow, pink, terracotta, red and white. Yarrow prefers to grow in full sun but can tolerate some shade. It is extremely easy to grow and requires little maintenance to thrive and another benefit is that the flowers will dry well.

What is old is new again and this applies to fuchsias. They are back and very popular again and no wonder as there are some very pretty specimens out there. Beautiful, delicate looking fuchsias come in hundreds of varieties and colours, with multi-coloured blossoms that hang and droop beautifully from baskets, planter and pots. Wild fuchsias, native to central and south America, as well as a few from New Zealand and Tahiti grow profusely in the Andes where temperatures are cool and the air is moist. Fuchsias were named after a 16th century German botanist – Leonard Fuchs. Some fuchsias have an upright and bushy habit while others have a graceful trailing and cascading form ideal for hanging baskets. The flowers vary from single to fully double and some have tubular flowers and come in multiple colour combinations. When planting in the garden they like a well-drained, fertile, moist soil with some compost or animal manure added before planting. Plant in a sheltered position that is in part shade preferably a spot that gets the morning sun. Keep well-watered during periods of active growth for the best result and fertilise regularly with a general-purpose fertiliser.

In January it is important to make sure your garden stays well hydrated as we enter the warmer and drier months so be sure to add or top up mulch. Mulch will help retain moisture in the soil and hence decrease the amount of watering required. It does not matter which mulch but an organic mulch that breaks down improves the soil. Sugarcane is ideal for the vegetable garden or if your soil needs improving. Other jobs in the garden include summer pruning of stone fruit after they have finished fruiting. This reduces the amount of water they need over summer and the new growth will be fruiting wood for next season. Roses will benefit from deadheading, a light prune and then giving them a good feed. It is also a good time of year to see if you need more shade in the garden and plan if you want/need more fruit trees. This is the ideal time to order trees for bare root in winter as nurseries are doing their orders now and supply cannot not always be guaranteed if you wait until later in the year.



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# Arborists protect local wildlife

LOCAL arborist Evan Enbom is encouraging biodiversity within the community.

With his company South Gippsland Tree Care, Evan offers habitat carving for his tree removal clients – a passion project that has taken off in the last couple of years.

“Back in 2016, a large group of Victorian arborists went over to Tasmania to carve habitats for the critically endangered Swift Parrot, and that has stuck with me ever since. I wasn’t part of the team that went, but I have much respect for the people that did,” he said.

“Arborists are the only people who have the skills to do this sort of work and to know we could have a tangible impact is really exciting, I think.”

Evan said the habitat carving aides local wildlife, as natural hollows in suburban trees can take 100 years to form.

“Many birds and marsupials will only nest in tree hollows. With widespread land clearing, there are much fewer trees for them to nest in,” he said.

“It’s also a great way to make a dead tree useful for a bit longer and clients can actually save money by not having the trunk of a tree chopped down and



Evan Enbom has been an arborist for 10 years and includes habitat carving as part of his services.

carted away.”

Arborist-carved hollows closely mimic the way trunk hollows form in the wild. A hollow entrance is naturally caused by a failed branch leading into a larger decay column inside the tree.

Depending on the size of the nesting box and the species of tree, the service usually takes 15 to 30 minutes to complete.

“We generally stick to roughly the same sized boxes, which suit the size of the tree we generally encounter in suburbia. They’re a great size for most small to medium sized species,” Evan said.

Evan said he’d love to take on more carving projects and has recently garnered some interested on social media.

“Although I haven’t advertised it widely, we have had a positive response to our social media posts, so that’s encouraging,” he said.

Based in Jumbunna, Evan and South Gippsland Tree Care can provide the habitat carving service across South Gippsland and Bass Coast.

Evan can be contacted on 0477 131 599 or [info@sgtreecare.com.au](mailto:info@sgtreecare.com.au) for more information.

# Create a worm farm these school holidays

DIVE into the world of sustainable waste management by creating your own worm farm—an eco-friendly and rewarding way to recycle kitchen scraps and contribute to a healthier environment.

### Checklist:

- First aid kit
- Sunscreen
- Protective footwear
- Allergy plans
- Polystyrene box (try sourcing from a green grocer)
- Scissors or screwdriver to create a hole in the box for the garden hose/pipe
- Garden hose or pipe (about 10 cm in length)
- Gravel or small rocks (enough to fill in the bottom layer of the box)
- Geotextile fabric or fly wire and hessian fabric (enough for one layer)
- Garden soil mixed with organic matter such as compost and coconut fibre or both (enough for one layer)
- Composting earthworms, including castings (buy, or ask a friend)
- Straw mulch – sugar cane or lucerne
- Lime or dolomite
- An available water source, watering cans
- Bucket for collecting ‘worm wee’
- Food scraps
- Old house bricks (approximately 4 bricks)
- Printable activity sheet (optional)

- Pencils (optional)
- Clipboards (optional)

### STEP 1

On one side (use the smallest side) of your polystyrene box, carefully create a hole big enough to fit your garden hose/pipe. This will form the drainage, so our worms don’t drown. To further assist with drainage, place the gravel or small rocks over the base of your polystyrene box. Next, place your geotextile fabric or fly wire and hessian over the rocks.

### STEP 2

Add bedding materials for the worms - this may be garden soil mixed with organic matter such as compost and coconut fibre. Water this layer. Add a layer of composting earthworms to the bedding. The worms will congregate in the scraps or tunnel beneath the surface. Add an insulation of damp straw mulch on top of this layer. Water this layer to moisten. Make sure you have a bucket to catch the ‘worm wee’ coming out of the garden hose/pipe. This liquid gold ‘worm wee’ would be good to irrigate your existing garden beds. Place the lid on your polystyrene box. Make sure you place a couple of aeration holes on the lid. Find a nice shady place for your worm farm. Rest your worm farm on bricks.

### STEP 3

Now that your worm

farm has been built, it can be good to wait a couple of weeks before feeding your worms with food scraps. Ensure that your worm farm is kept moist, about the consistency of a wet sponge. In the meantime, discuss what type of food scraps your worms would enjoy. What is good for them? Why? Complete the activity sheet to create a poster to raise awareness of your worm farm and the food scraps that you are collecting!

### STEP 4

After a couple of weeks, add small pieces of food scraps in heaps on areas of the bedding surface. To maintain your worm farm, you will need to: Ensure that citrus peel, onions, garlic and artichokes are NOT given to the worms. Ensure that the bedding remains a neutral environment, around pH 7. Sprinkling the surface with lime or dolomite will help keep the pH neutral. Keep the worm farm in a cool well-protected shady place, this can be either inside or outside.

### Extension Activity:

Investigate how worms grow, change, and have offspring similar to themselves. Now you know how to make a worm farm-make one for a neighbour, a community house, or a sports club!

For more information visit the Junior Landcare website.



The state government announced a successful crackdown on underquoting violations in Victoria. Photo: AAP Image

# Underquoting taskforce ramps up

A DEDICATED taskforce established by the Allan Labor Government to crack down on underquoting is getting results – issuing more fines, attending auctions, and carrying out inspections across Victoria.

Minister for Consumer Affairs Gabrielle Williams recently announced that the taskforce in 15 months of operation has issued more than \$1 million in fines to estate agencies caught underquoting and breaching the Estate Agents Act, up from a total of \$360,000 in fines issued in 2021/2022.

Underquoting occurs when a property is advertised at a price that is less than the estimated selling price, less than the seller’s asking price or less than a price already rejected by the seller.

Victorians responded strongly to the taskforce’s work, submitting record numbers of underquoting reports to Consumer Affairs Victoria. Reports have averaged more than 225 per month since July.

One-quarter of reports are now submitted by real estate agents themselves, demonstrating that most in the industry want to do the right thing and are sick of having to compete against unfair practices.

The taskforce uses reports from the public and other intelligence to identify agents who may be breaking the law. It has tracked 1051 sales campaigns,

conducted 157 onsite inspections and attended 124 auctions to investigate suspected underquoting and collect evidence of breaches.

In addition to issuing fines to 47 agents, the taskforce has handed out 89 official warnings since it was established in September last year.

Agents who underquote risk fines of more than \$11,000 for each breach, or penalties of almost \$38,000 under the Estate Agents Act. Higher penalties of \$50 million for corporations and \$2.5 million for individuals apply under the Australian Consumer Law for the most serious misconduct.

As part of the Labor Government’s Housing Statement, tougher penalties will be introduced for real estate agents and sellers who break the law. This will provide more protections for Victorians looking for a home and ensure agents who do the right thing are not unfairly disadvantaged by those who break the law to get ahead.

There will also be mandatory ongoing training for real estate industry professionals under the Housing Statement reforms, to ensure standards and requirements are understood.

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- Central bathroom, separate toilet and generous laundry
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# Youth Cattle Camp revived

THE Western District Youth Camp has been revived for 2024 to introduce a new generation of young people to the world of dairy cattle.

The camp at the Noorat Showgrounds from January 3-5 is the first since 2020 and is fully subscribed with 50 people aged eight to 16 attending from Gippsland, Northern Victoria, South Australia and locally.

It is being supported by major sponsor DemoDAIRY Foundation.

Organising committee member Lucy Collins said the new-look camp had returned with a broader emphasis.

"Historically, the camp had a strong focus on teaching children to show cattle, but this year's event has been expanded into a more inclusive opportunity for young people to be exposed to cattle handling, care and husbandry," Ms Collins said.

"It's much more than just showing and there is a strong focus on farming careers."

Traditionally there was a close affiliation with Holstein cattle but this year's event also includes Jerseys and other breeds.

Ms Collins said there was a strong demand for the camp.

"Unfortunately, we had to turn some people away, which is indicative of the appetite for learning about cattle and have this type of experience with other young people," she said.

"It's about connecting kids to other kids to share similar experiences and interests and also expose young people who haven't had the opportunity to experience the agricultural lifestyle."

The local organising committee includes former participants of the camp.

"They have benefited from the camps in the past and have now volunteered to share their experiences as group leaders," Ms Collins said.

Ms Collins said the organising committee was grateful for the contribution from major sponsors DemoDAIRY Foundation.

"The DemoDAIRY Foundation support has been an essential part of reinvigorating the event," she said.

Visit the DemoDAIRY Foundation website [demodairy.com.au](http://demodairy.com.au), or contact secretary Ian Teese on 0427 358 987 or [itag@bigpond.com](mailto:itag@bigpond.com) for more information.



The Western District Youth Camp will introduce young people to dairy cattle.



The Western District Youth Camp is back to inspire the next generation of farmers in 2024.

## Steady result for F1 sale

By SGSAA

AGENTS yarded 1000 head at this year's VLE Leongatha Annual F1 female sale in a good quality yarding.

Buying support mostly came from south and west Gippsland with a couple of processor orders putting a floor in the market in a sale that was in line with expectations.

The top pen of heifers and calves made \$2800 with most of the better end making \$1600 to \$2000 and the balance \$1100 to \$1400.

Springing heifers made to a top of \$1700 with the best types making mostly \$1300 to \$1600 and the balance \$900 to \$1200.

A single pen of cows and calves made to the top price on the day of \$2810 with the rest making \$1100 to \$1750.

A run of PTIC cows made \$1000 to \$1200.

Un joined heifers nearing joining age made around the \$950 to \$1100 mark with the younger ones mostly making \$600 to \$900.

## MARKET REPORT

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Willawa Grazing 6x6 Angx + Limo Calves	\$2000
Willawa Grazing 6x6 Angx + Limo Calves	\$1980
Willawa Grazing 12x12 Angx + Limo Calves	\$1920
P & K Eden 7x7 Angx + Limo Calves	\$1920
J & D Keogh 10x10 Angx + Limo Calves	\$1880
J & D Keogh 10x10 Angx + Limo Calves	\$1860
B & P Kersten 5x5 Angx + Ang Calves	\$1820
B & P Kersten 6x6 Charx + Ang Calves	\$1720

### Heifers - PTIC

JP Oloughlin 10 Angx	\$1700
JP Oloughlin 10 Angx	\$1690
JP Oloughlin 10 Angx	\$1600
C & M Amor 11 Angx	\$1580
JP Oloughlin 10 Anhx	\$1500
J & L Jenkin 10 Angx	\$1500
JP Oloughlin 10 Angx	\$1470
JP Oloughlin 10 Angx	\$1360
JP Oloughlin 10 Angx	\$1300
A & R Van Der Heyden 9 Angx	\$1200
A & R Van Der Heyden 13 Angx	\$1020
G & L Webster 7 Angx	\$1020
Glen Alvie Dairies 8 Angx	\$1020
G & L Webster 12 Ang X	\$1000

### Cows & Calves

Hillridge Farm Limousin	
10x10 Angx + Limo Calves	\$2810

### Cows - PTIC

Glen Alvie Dairies 8 Angx	\$1200
Glen Alvie Dairies 6 Angx	\$1140
Glen Alvie Dairies 10 Angx	\$1250
Glen Alvie Dairies 10 Angx	\$1150

### Unjoined Heifers

Cr Kemsley 13 Angx	\$1120
D & J Bowler 11 Angx	\$1090
B, D & M Calder 13 Angx	\$1080
S & B Michalaidis 12 Ang	\$1040
B, D & M Calder 12 Angx	\$960
Dowling Dairies 6 Angx	\$920
Dowling Dairies 10 S/H X	\$820
S & B Michalaidis 9 Ang	\$870

## Government funds on offer to showcase regional produce

Regional towns are being called on to get creative and show off their locally produced food and drinks as part of the State Government's \$1 million Regional Activation Grants Program.

Minister for Agriculture Ros Spence opened the first round of grants under the new program, inviting Regional Tourism Boards, food and fibre groups, and regional bodies to apply for funding.

Grants of up to \$70,000 are available to hold local events that showcase local food and beverages in the regions where they are produced.

This new initiative aims to shine a light on the high quality food and beverages produced in Victoria's regions and connect local producers with local consumers.

Events may include vibrant farmers' markets, immersive food and beverage festivals,

or collaborative tasting sessions, directly engaging local communities with producers.

Businesses involved will also have their products showcased on the Vic Grown website.

The webpage serves as a comprehensive hub, showcasing diverse producer profiles, offering insights into the rich stories behind local products, and facilitating easier access for consumers seeking locally

sourced produce.

To learn more about the diverse local produce Victoria has to offer visit, [melbourne-foodandwine.com.au/vic-grown/](http://melbourne-foodandwine.com.au/vic-grown/).

Applications close February 16, 2024, to apply for a grant and view program eligibility and guidelines visit, [agriculture.vic.gov.au/support-and-resources/funds-grants-programs/vicgrown-regional-activation-grants](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/support-and-resources/funds-grants-programs/vicgrown-regional-activation-grants).

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## Exotic pest found in Melbourne's south-east

AGRICULTURE Victoria has urged Melburnians to report suspected exotic pest animal sightings following the discovery of an Asian black-spined toad (*Duttaphrynus melanostictus*) on Boxing Day.

Agriculture Victoria Biosecurity Manager Adam Kay said a resident noticed the toad during an afternoon walk along the Djerring Trail near Huntingdale train station.

'The resident collected the toad in a cup and took it home, then reported the discovery via our hotline as a suspected cane toad,' Mr Kay said.

'We have since confirmed the species as an Asian black-spined toad.'

The toad was in poor condition when discovered and has since died and been appropriately disposed of to minimise biosecurity risks.

This is the 18th Asian black-spined toad discovery reported to Agriculture Victoria since 1999.

'These toads are widespread and abundant throughout south-east Asia, including Bali, Thailand, and Papua New Guinea,' Mr Kay said.

'They do not naturally occur in the wild within Australia, however, the species is frequently intercepted at Australian borders in shipping containers and in personal luggage as stowaways.'

'They are poisonous,



**Key features of the Asian black spined toad.**

and compete with native species for food and habitat, with the potential to cause environmental impacts like those of the cane toad in Queensland.'

Mr Kay said that Agriculture Victoria is now focused on determining how the animal came to be in Melbourne's south-east.

'This is a serious biosecurity threat, and we are seeking help from Huntingdale area residents and business owners who may have information on how this toad came to be in the community.'

Asian black-spined toads can breed up to twice each year, with females producing up to 40,000 eggs per cycle.

They produce a poisonous milky substance much like cane toads and can cause serious illness or death in native species

and domestic pets which may attempt to prey on them.

The milky toxin has a pungent odour and may cause itching in the nose and eyes when handled by humans. The consumption of Asian black-spined toad skin or eggs can cause serious illness or even death.

Asian black-spined toads are classified as prohibited pest animals under the Victorian Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994.

Any exotic vertebrate pest animal found or sighted in Victoria must be reported to Agriculture Victoria via email at [highrisk.invasiveanimals@agriculture.vic.gov.au](mailto:highrisk.invasiveanimals@agriculture.vic.gov.au), or report online at [go.vic.gov.au/WmmQ21](http://go.vic.gov.au/WmmQ21).

For more information on pest animals visit the Agriculture Victoria website, [go.vic.gov.au/VMH8ej](http://go.vic.gov.au/VMH8ej).

## Dairy infrastructure experts bound for Australia

SOME of the world's leading experts in the design and management of dairy feeding and housing infrastructure are coming to Australia in February.

They will share their knowledge with Australian farmers at the Raising the Roof 2024 event.

Presented by Dairy Australia and Agriculture Victoria, Raising the Roof 2024 will run from Tuesday, February 27, to Thursday, February 29, in New South Wales' Hunter Valley.

It is the only Australian dairy industry event dedicated exclusively to intensive farm systems and is designed to help Australian dairy farmers learn global best practice from international and local experts.

A stellar lineup of global industry experts has been lured to Australia to present at the event according to Karen Romano, Dairy Australia's National Feeding and Farm Systems Lead.

'Dairy Australia recognises the importance of helping our farmers make informed decisions before investing in feedpad and contained housing

infrastructure," she said.

"These can be multi-million-dollar investments. Having the opportunity to draw on the expertise of a panel of international experts, who have an intimate understanding of how this sort of infrastructure has been successfully built and managed in Europe and America is a unique opportunity that can help our farmers avoid making costly mistakes.

"We have coaxed four renowned international experts to come to Australia to present at Raising the Roof 2024."

Michael Heinrich from GEA Farm Technologies in Europe will present on designing automatic milking systems in contained housing.

Alain Houle from the Valmetal Group in the United States will talk on reducing emissions and renewable energy solutions.

The topic of 'making housing systems an animal-centred environment' will be covered by US experts Dr Mike Wolf of VES-Artex and Karl Burgi from SaveCows.

The four international speakers will bolster an already strong lineup of local Australian experts including Professor Ian Lean (Scibus), Dr Steve Little (Capacity Ag Consulting), Scott McDonald (Agriculture Victoria), Professor Richard Eckard (University of Melbourne), Clare Fitzpatrick (Progressive Rural Solutions), Tony Anderson (Rural Bank), Claire Waterman (Agriculture Victoria), Sheena Carter (NSW Department of Primary Industries) and Brian Crockart (Agribusiness Solutions).

Attendees at Raising the Roof 2024 will also hear firsthand from a number of Australian dairy farmers who have already successfully transitioned their farm systems.

The event will also feature virtual and in-person farm visits showcasing the latest innovative thinking in a range of intensive farm systems.

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40 Angus steers, 15-16 mths

A/c D Layton, Yanakie (SEJ)

30 Hereford steers, 14-15mths, East Gippsland bred

A/c CW Littlejohn, Mirboo Nth (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus steers, 14-15 mths

A/c N & J Stringer, Foster (SEJ)

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A/c Sandy Hills (ELDERS)

47 Angus & BB mixed sex, 14-16mths, VB, GF & ABF

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A/c DJ & C Webb, Arawata (SEJ)

120 Angus mixed sex weaners, 10-11mths, Dunoon sires, VB, GF, ABF

A/c GS Pastoral (ELDERS)

100 Angus steers, 11 mths, weaned 3 mths, Moorunga & Merlewood blood, GF & ABF

A/c K & E Heggen, Hedley (SEJ)

100 Red Angus steers, 9-10 mths, Hicks Beef blood

A/c Katelea Pastoral, Glen Alvie (SEJ)

80 Angus steers, 10-11 mths, tops of the drop, Rennyalea & Banquet blood lines, (All up to date with treatments), VB, GF, ABF.

A/c Neil Smith, Pound Creek (SEJ)

76 Angus & Euro X mixed sex weaners, 9-10mths

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A/c A & A Missen, Woodside (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus steers, 12-14 mths

A/c J Diggerman, Nerrena (SEJ)

20 Speckle Park mixed sex weaners, 10-12 mths

A/c G & R Scanlon, Berrys Creek (NUTRIEN)

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A/c D & J Bowler, Woodleigh (NUTRIEN)

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A/c J Oakleigh (ELDERS)

10 Angus/Friesian X steers, 16 mths

10 Hereford/Friesian X heifers, 16 mths

A/c M Conn, Hedley (SEJ)

18 Friesian steers, 2 yo

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Colour, ceramics and a tasty bite to eat at Fish Creek's Little Oberon



Little Oberon owner 'Flick' Jones loves the vibrant colours used by artist Laurel Foenander, especially those featured in her King Parrots. A42\_0224

VISITORS to Fish Creek's Little Oberon are being treated to its monthly art exhibition, with the paintings of Laurel Foenander featuring throughout January.

She is a contemporary realist painter working in oils but also delves into the areas of abstraction and surrealism to express her creativity.

"My one constant theme is an exploration of the natural world," Laurel stated in her written introduction to the current exhibition, adding that she hopes her art will help inspire people to think about climate change and species preservation.

'Flick' Jones has been running Little Oberon with her partner Pat Connolly for three years, the business occupying the space previously filled by the renowned Gecko Gallery.

Already parents and with another child on the way, the business has allowed the couple to combine work and home life by living behind the combined gallery and café.

It's the third time Little Oberon has held an exhibition of Laurel's paintings.

"We get her in summertime because the paintings are so colourful and inspiring," Flick said of the Drouin artist who has moved to Tarwin Lower.

"She recently came back from a trip through central Australia and up north and that's what inspired her new work; usually it's native birds and bush features but now we've got these lovely red cliff faces."

Flick also noted the interesting textures the artist has achieved in some of her outback paintings using a palette knife.

All the paintings on display are for sale and there is also the chance to buy cards displaying prints of Laurel's work.

Laurel has been a practising artist for over 25 years, with many of her paintings held in collections Australia wide and overseas.

She has exhibited in numerous solo and group exhibitions, winning over 100 art show awards.

Little Oberon generally holds shows highlighting the work of Gippsland artists.

It also sells pieces created by local ceramicists.

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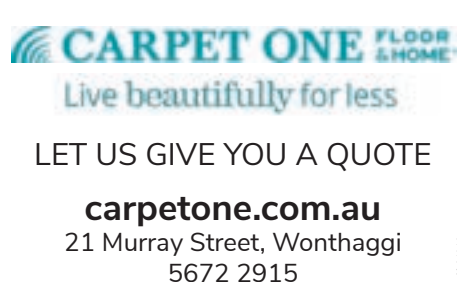
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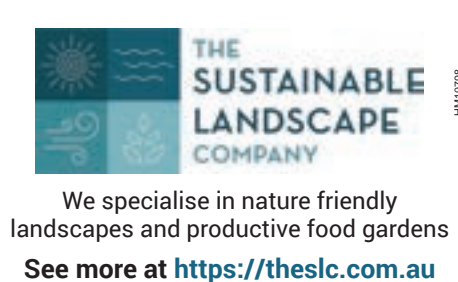
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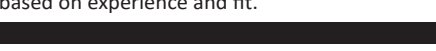
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Cr Leticia Laing joined Matt Charlesworth and Shana Bremner who were handing out the world's most 'rubbish' showbags – filled with all things waste. C16\_0224



Bass Coast Health's Jo (Graduate Coordinator), Steve (Community Relations Manager), Lauren (Midwifery Educator) and auxiliary volunteer June were chatting with show visitors as they came through the gate in what was a highly successful first show for them. C21\_0224



Dalyston's Charlie Cook was part of the Ferguson display with his 135 and 148 Massey Fergusons. C36\_0224



Enviro-friendly Island beach towels

CHERYL Griffiths started out doing a market stall for a friend and liked it so much, she looked for a product she could make and market herself and settled an environmentally friendly product that's right up Phillip Island's alley, microfibre beach towels made out of recycled plastic bottles. "They're really absorbent, like a chamois and the sand doesn't stick. They're also ideal to take travelling." Island Beach Towels are also available online at [islandbeachtowels.com.au](http://islandbeachtowels.com.au).



Boomerang bags didn't come back

'BOOMERANG Bags' were a great concept for people who forgot their shopping bag when they got to the supermarket. But, according to Wendy Rich, who was at the Rhyll Market last week selling those same Boomerang Bags, the idea worked a little too well.

"People were supposed to bring the bags back but they liked them so much, they kept using them. It saved on 'one-use' bags but we kept having to make new ones."

The bags are still made from recycled clothing, but they're now for sale at markets and also at the Rotary Opp Shop in Cowes.



Rhyll Hall works progressing

THE Rhyll Mechanics Hall benefitted from a Victorian Government 'Universal Design' grant in October 2022 and finally the work is going ahead with new accessible toilets and an improved storage area, pathways from an expanded car park to the hall and better access for vehicles.

For a busy hall in a growing community, the works have been warmly welcomed by the community.

"There a lot of events at the hall from the annual arts show, to a community afternoon tea on the fourth Monday of every month, celebrations, wedding and funerals among other things," said booking officer Sandra Inness, taking a look at the project with granddaughter Alana Inness last week.



## No. 119





Beach safety tips at Venus Bay

VENUS Bay locals and visitors picked up handy tips for staying safe in the sea at a Tuesday information session held by the local surf life saving club.

First aid primary assessment was outlined, with information provided on airways, CPR and use of a defibrillator.

Attendees learned about general beach awareness and how to understand the different beach signage.

That includes being able to give the appropriate beach location number to emergency service providers when required.

Identifying rips and what to do if you are stuck in one was another important facet of Tuesday's session, with facilitators providing insight into local conditions in Venus Bay.

Venus Bay Surf Life Saving Club (VBSLSC) President Kimberley Gee told the Sentinel-Times what people heard about spotting a rip and what to do if they end up in one.

"Often it's a darker colour because the water is deeper; it's usually calmer and the waves will be breaking on either side of it, not directly where the water is funnelling back out to sea and you might have sand or debris floating out to sea or moving in that body of water," Kimberley said.

"The number one thing if caught in a rip is not to panic; people think that a rip is going to drown you but it's the panicking that drowns you.

"Rips don't pull you underwater; they take you out to sea, or sometimes across the beach or in a circular motion," Kimberley said, advising anyone stuck in a rip to float and signal with one arm above their head to notify rescuers.

While ideally people will be swimming when lifesavers are present, and staying between the flags, VBSLSC is working with Life Saving Victoria and Parks Victoria to instal public rescue equipment at the entrance to all five Venus Bay beaches, with an extra one planned for the considerable stretch between beaches 2 and 3.

"It will be a rescue tube that is attached to a box that activates a signal when the tube is removed, and they will get connected to Life Saving Victoria or to Triple Zero," Kimberley said, explaining people will be asked about the situation and whether they feel confident using the equipment, with signage at the beach instructing them how to do so.

The tube will support the weight of the rescuer and the person in difficulty. Kimberley stressed that even strong swimmers should take a floatation device of some kind when performing a rescue due to the risk of being pulled under by someone who is panicking.

The need for publicly accessible rescue equipment was sadly highlighted when a bystander drowned at Venus Bay's Beach 1 while attempting to rescue someone caught in a rip.

The rescue equipment units for Venus Bay's beaches have been ordered, with construction having started.

A risk audit was carried out, with Parks Victoria having to determine whether to grant approval.

Venus Bay Nippers delighted with rescue chopper visit

By Andrew Palocz

NIPPERS at Venus Bay Surf Life Saving Club were in for a treat on Wednesday with a Beach 1 visit from the Westpac Rescue chopper and the chance to hear from aircrewmn Jack Slykhuus and pilot Pete Nelson and ask them questions.

Jack told the excited youngsters that he too started out as a Nipper, leading to his involvement in life saving and ultimately the opportunity to patrol from the sky, something he has relished doing for the past eight years, having started aged just 19.

"It's a great job," he said of the volunteer role, with only pilots paid.

People not swimming in patrolled areas and being towed out to sea by rips result in the largest number of rescues the helicopter crews carry out.

Coming to the aid of people whose boats have flipped, and land rescues are other situations that crop up.

Victoria is serviced by two Westpac Rescue helicopters and the larger of the pair, 'Life Saver 30', was the one visiting Venus Bay.

Jack showed his audience the chopper's winch used in rescue operations, sharing interesting facts such as the aircraft's ability to fly at over 200 kilometres per hour and that it has two engines.

"If we land in the water, that's a bad day for us," he responded when asked if that could be done.

However, he added that crews are trained in evacuation procedures should a forced water



Aircrewmn Jack Slykhuus, Venus Bay Surf Life Saving Club president Kimberley Gee, the club's Director of Nippers Ben Grown, Willow and Eva Grown and Parker and Angela Dawson with the Westpac Rescue chopper. A05\_0224

landing occur, a challenging situation with the chopper's top-heavy nature certain to flip it upside down.

Jack told the Sentinel-Times the rescue helicopter volunteers make a big commitment, with most doing around 200 hours per year in addition to their study or paid employment.

"Providing the community with a service and knowing I'm keeping people safe is the most rewarding aspect of the job," he said.

Jack was inspired by a rescue helicopter visit while undertaking his Bronze Medallion course as a teenager, that being the moment he realised that life saving qualifications could lead to air patrol opportunities.



The Westpac Rescue helicopter comes in to land at Beach 1 in Venus Bay. A02\_0224



Winners are fishy grinners

WONTHAGGI Angling Club recently announced the winners of their December competition. Winners included: Junior female, Holly Carr with a whiting, weighing 339g. Seniors female, Maxine Kelly with a whiting weighing 511g. Senior male, Steven Howell with a whiting weighing 445g, Junior male, Jack Howell with a whiting weighing 462g, Veterans, Allan Bentick with a whiting weighing 578g, Sponsor of the Month Gippsland Cranes and Cartage.



Abalone on the menu

NOW that's a greenlip abalone and five-year-old Christine looks pretty pleased with it! Measuring in at 16cm and caught near Inverloch by family-friend Tony, it was an eagerly awaited part of dinner that night along with other fresh seafood caught and collected locally. Christine and her folks are on holidays from Shanghai and can't quite believe recreational divers in Victoria can catch abalone of this quality so close to home. Keen on a meal of abalone yourself this summer, but need a refresher on the rules? Here they are - [vfa.vic.gov.au/abalone](http://vfa.vic.gov.au/abalone). Photo: Facebook - Victorian Fisheries Authority

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, Stony Point +40

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9.20am	1.28m
3.32pm	0.39m
11.17pm	1.39m

WEDNESDAY	January 10
4.20am	0.97m
10.20am	1.25m
4.37pm	0.35m

THURSDAY	January 11
12.23am	1.46m
5.38am	0.96m
11.29am	1.25m
5.46pm	0.30m

FRIDAY	January 12
1.23am	1.53m
6.45am	0.90m
12.41pm	1.28m
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SATURDAY	January 13
2.16am	1.60m
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1.45pm	1.35m
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SUNDAY	January 14
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MONDAY	January 15
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# A quarter of a century for Inverloch SLSC

"TONIGHT we are here to celebrate a major milestone for the Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club," president Glenn Arnold stated in his opening address on Saturday evening in front of the 350 strong crowd of members, supporters, family and friends.

"This club would not exist without the many people past and present who have contributed their time, expertise, energy and passion.

"It's pretty great that we have seven of eight presidents here tonight, plus many of our past committee members and club captains.

"This season has kicked off quickly and this team, like the many people before them, have worked very hard to make it a success."

Glenn thanked the club's sponsors without whom they couldn't function as they do, before reminiscing on his own memories joining the club and the friendships, skills and camaraderie he has witnessed over the years in the club.

David Schultz, former president, then elaborated on the history of the club.

Inverloch SLSC was the brainchild of workmates Glen Hibberd and Alan Bolton with Maureen Ansell. What started as an idea spurred into the first patrol shy of 12 months later in 1998.

"Before the (first patrol) could happen the club was required by SLSV to be self-sufficient and own our own equipment which included one IRB, one rescue board, two rescue tubes and a set of beach flags," David explained.

Maureen and Alan recalled the early days with great memories and laughs.



**Former president David Schultz, founders Alan Bolton and Maureen Ansell, and current president Glenn Arnold celebrated 25 years of Inverloch SLSC on Saturday with a strong sold out crowd. C55\_0224**

"We didn't know what we were doing!

"To go from one boat to five boats and our own \$1.3 million clubhouse and own every piece of equipment is an incredible feat."

"We used to come down to Inverloch on a Friday and take the boat down, asking those along the way to help get it in the water, and later at 4pm to help us get it out of the water.

"We'd tow it back to the caravan park – we couldn't have done it without the support of Isabella Massaro and others..."

From rat infested containers to the new premises the memories of those involved in the 25 years are endless.

"There has been a lot of

fundraising and can rattling over the years – it's been a hard battle," Alan and Maureen explained.

"We were the first life saving club in Victoria for 41 years."

As David highlighted in his speech there were plenty of people advocating for the club.

"Imagine that first patrol group of fifteen members for the full season carrying the IRB, motor and all the other equipment over the dunes with no shelter during the day – five members of that first patrol group are here tonight," David smiled.

"We did have a second hand 2WD donated a little later which was bogged regularly. The IRB moved around town being stored wherever the driver lived at the

time."

The first bronze camps saw boys camped at the Schultz/Jungwirth house whilst the girls camped at the Kerr's. Later upgrading to Western Beach Caravan Park.

From 15 patrolling members to 160 today, 20 nippers to 260 today, 370 members to 900 and no shelter to a multi-million-dollar clubhouse there is no denying the determination of all those involved right from the beginning with one simple desire – to help save lives – are why the club stands strong today.

Life Saving Victoria CEO Cath Grieves was a special guest for the evening joining in the celebrations.

## Nippers boost skills and confidence

ABOUT 190 enthusiastic Nippers are taking to the water at Venus Bay's Beach 1, having started their two weeks of intensive training on December 27, with participants aged from under six to under 13.

Venus Bay Surf Life Saving Club director of Nippers Ben Grown said the program provides a fun and safe environment and builds confidence and skills in the water for those taking part.

Nippers learn how to get into the water quickly, including porpoising under waves and grabbing the sand underneath when possible to avoid being swept back, boosting future rescue skills.

All participants were required to undertake a swim assessment before joining the Nippers program.

Elements assessed include how long kids can swim and whether they are comfortable being submerged.

"You don't need to pass the swim assessment but we need to know why you haven't passed," Ben said, explaining a special needs participant may require a couple of Water Safety volunteers supervising but is encouraged to participate.

"The idea is that no one misses out," Ben said.

After completing Nippers at age 13, people can pursue their Surf Rescue Certificate, the first step of their Bronze Medallion that once successfully completed means they become lifesavers.

## Pink Roses Day wash out at Stony Creek

THE PINK Roses Day race meeting scheduled for Tuesday January 9 at Stony Creek Racecourse is unable to proceed due to Monday's heavy rainfall, with the club making the decision on Monday afternoon.

"There have been 40mm of rain today and no signs of it stopping and some parts are underwater," Stony Creek Racing Club CEO Adam Olszanski said.

Earlier in the afternoon he told the Sentinel-Times that the track was still safe for racing but there was a lot of water in other areas including the carpark.

While Pink Roses Day won't be rescheduled, Olszanski said the forecast is looking more favourable for the School Holidays Race Day scheduled for Thursday January 18.

## South Gippsland Bridge

RESULTS: back from the Christmas break.

January 5 at Inverloch with eight tables competing:

North/South pairs:

First with a brilliant 72.62 per cent were John Currier and John Sutton.

Second Alan Johnston and Clive Hope with 61.63.

Third Hannah Martin and Ruth Stevenson 51.49.

Fourth Ruth Harvey and Sue Edwards 46.73.

East West pairs:

First Julie Perriam and Anne Gibson with a fine 63.99.

Second Moya Crowley and Mike Dooley 51.19.

Third Mary Brewis and Carol Sowden 49.4.

Equal fourth Melbourne visitors Sheena Ellis and Anita Goulding 48.81.

Equal fourth Faye Rowlands and John French 48.81.

## Hoy! A game for all ages

IT'S the kid-friendly competitive game that is believed to have started under the watchful eye of Allan Birt, the then president of Wonthaggi Life Saving Club.

Ask anyone in attendance today and they all remember playing it as a kid.

The Wonthaggi Life Saving club formed in 1938 and back in the earlier days the club hosted bingo. Hoy came about as the child-friendly non-gambling version.

Each player is dealt 13 cards from a deck – with one deck shared between four players.

A caller up the front has a shuffled full deck in front of them and one-by-one calls each card – think bingo but with a deck of cards. The first with no cards left is the winner.

A fun night out for the family, young and old alike, Life Member George Scott had the privilege of calling Thursday's game, and president Mark Scott recalls he's been calling it for many years.

"It's a great night out with the family – a few laughs – cheating is not permitted," Mark laughed.

"It's been played every year for well over 50 years, except during COVID."

Joan Scott recalling the cream sponges played for, lovingly made by Marion Gilmour.

Sarah recalls playing Hoy as a teenager on her visits to the area with family, whilst the next generation of Scott's, in Alexis and Freya, play their hand alongside mum, Sadie and younger brother Charlie.

The prizes vary, sometimes a goodie bag, sometimes fun toys, an adult only event in the past included alcohol.

"We also have lucky dip prizes and door prizes," Mark explained.

"Parents are often the most competitive against the kids, especially when they don't win!"

With limited seating it is first in best dressed but there's no doubt you'll be in for a great night. A \$5 door entry goes towards the club with new or upgraded equipment always needed.

Wonthaggi Life Saving Club are also hosting movie nights over the summer, alongside Hoy each Tuesday and Thursday from 7pm up to Australia Day with details available on their Facebook page.

The club will also be hosting an information event in conjunction with Birds Australia today, January 9, for dog owners with freebies given out. Head to Wonthaggi Life Saving's Facebook page for more information.



**A good night was had by Harrison, Pat, Zak, Sienna, Sophie and Issy whilst down on holidays. C05\_0224**



**Zian, Chace and Tyreak joined in the Hoy fun at Cape whilst down on holidays. C01\_0224**





Alicia Marshman and Keerah and Matt Pocklington enjoy playing a part in running Korumburra Tennis Club's two-day junior tournament. A12\_0224

## Junior tennis fun in Korumburra

JUNIOR players enjoyed the chance to work on their games and have fun during Korumburra Tennis Club's tournament for those up to Under 18 level, with all participants getting lots of court time, the action taking place on Wednesday and Thursday.

The event, in its sixth year, attracted record numbers with over 50 entrants, and the well-maintained En Tout Cas courts drew favourable comments.

Players competed in singles and doubles, being graded on ability rather than divided by gender, grades 1, 3 and 5 hitting the court on the opening day and the other three sections in action on day two.

The first day was an epic one, with play getting underway at 8.30am and finishing at 9.15pm after a rain delay, the deluge sufficient that parents and other volunteers pitched in to dry the courts and enable the completion of the opening day schedule.

Many players came from the local region, Leongatha, Poowong, Korumburra and Inverloch represented, others making the trip from Melbourne.

Head coach Matt Pocklington coaches about 60 per cent of those in the tournament.

"You can see what you need to work on," he said of the opportunity to see his charges in competitive situations.

While the older kids played a knockout event, they were

all guaranteed plenty of tennis across the singles and doubles formats with the chance for consolation wins.

Younger participants played a round robin tournament using special orange tennis balls that contain lower pressure and are easier for inexperienced players to hit.

Matt said juniors taking part in tournaments is a "great way to accelerate their tennis".

He had the assistance of Alicia Marshman who helps run the event, updating results and draws and scheduling.

Having done some coaching, Alicia loves seeing the kids having fun playing matches.

Matt's daughter Keerah does a bit of assistant coaching and helped in the kitchen during the tournament, enjoying being a part of the event with her dad.

While tournament play encourages a competitive element, Matt stressed that enjoyment is important too, saying he chatted to a disappointed Melbourne-based participant about the positives he can gain from his tournament experience despite being outplayed in a match.

The head coach also told a young player that no matter the result of his upcoming matches, he would learn something positive he can bring into his game next time he plays.



Poowong's Lily Van Den Broek and Leongatha's Harley Langstaff and opponents Olly Ramsbottom of Leongatha and Roy Philp from Clyde North show the friendly spirit of competition in Korumburra. A11\_0224



Olly Ramsbottom of Leongatha pursues the ball during the Korumburra junior tournament. A16\_0224



Wonthaggi Pony Club's 2024 camp was a big success thanks to the hard work of many local businesses and volunteers who were involved.

# A galloping success for pony club camp

WONTHAGGI Pony Club frantically prepared for their recent annual camp which was a resounding success.

With this year falling on January 2, it meant very little business days to organise deliveries and services.

The camp had 90 riders aged 8-66 from far and wide across Gippsland including Bairnsdale as well as metropolitan Melbourne and Williamstown.

The club had approximately 300 people camping. Some in their horse floats, tents, swags and caravans.

Nine professional instructors were employed to coach, who are very highly regarded in the professional horse industry.

Instructors included Adam Wootten, Mark Griffiths, Antony Bartlett, Matt Archibald,

Brooke McLaren, Emily Hill, Ethan Height, Bec Ham and Andy Rouget.

The lessons focused on the three disciplines of Horse Trials: Dressage, Show Jumping and Cross Country.

"I learnt about horse recovery rates and warm up techniques for cross country from Ethan Height. He explained ATP (Adenosine triphosphate) a source of energy and recovery within two-minutes of fit horses. I also found the camp invaluable for bonding with my new horse," participant Bryn (aged 15) said.

"Wonthaggi Pony Club camp was an extremely fun experience; the instructors were fantastic and I learnt so much. I was on a new horse that I had only owned for a few weeks and the camp really pushed us to work together as a

team, and my confidence and skill set has grown immensely," participant Zoe (aged 19) added.

"We were also lucky enough to have a stall at the event promoting our families new business venture 'RW Equestrian' which is a small business selling equestrian clothing."

"A big thank you to the members of Wonthaggi Pony Club, the instructors, riders and all the volunteers who made the camp such an incredible experience with memories that I will cherish for many years to come."

The club is open and welcome new members.

They have Horse Trials event coming up February 17-18, run by Suzanne and Carly Heislars.

They are the only single club in the West Gippsland Zone running a Horse Trials this year.



Camp participants were able to learn from expert instructors.





Korumburra Bowls Club's best last game winners Mark Bansch, Ross Lomagno and Mike Gallagher with sponsor Eddie Hams.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Turkey Triples winners were Mike Yeats, Jan Jeeves and Bryan Donohue.



Inverloch Bowling Club's December social bowls winners were Bruce Corrigan (skip), Laurel Lee and Alan Johnstone



George Hams, Peter Spark and Bob Snooks were Korumburra Bowls Club's runner up team in the triples. They were pictured with sponsor Eddie Hams.



John Hutt, Kevin Jones (skip) and Arthur Newsome were the December Triples winners at the Inverloch Bowling Club.

INVERLOCH

THE summer bowls program ran over 11 days from December 27 until January 7. It was an outstanding success with more than 1200 visitors and friends attending.

The sessions ran from 5-8pm with bowls supplied and assistance with techniques provided.

Many thanks go to the organisers and volunteers that made this possible.

The club also provides another type of activity that enables groups of people to book a barefoot bowls session.

Ring the club and leave a message and someone will get back to you.

The last Thursday social bowls session for 2023 had Christmas theme.

The competition as always was tough.

Skipper Bruce Corrigan and his team won the day. The team consisted of Bruce Corrigan, Laurel Lee and Alan Johnstone. They finished with two wins and 50 points.

Runners up were Carol Waters (skip), Jenny Haydon, Reg Varty and Jeff Curwood.

The next social bowls session is on Thursday, January 11.

The December Triples competition was very successful. Kevin Jones (skip), John Hutt and Arthur Newsome were the successful team.

They finished with four wins and 70 points.

Runners up was the team of John Newcombe, Peter Forrest and Graeme Cornell.

Best first game went to the team led by Wayne Parks.

Best second game went to Daryl White's team.

The best third game went to the team led by Geoff Coleman.

Tony Mc Kiernan's team had best fourth game.

KORUMBURRA

WITH New Year's Day falling on Monday, the normal triples day was moved to Tuesday.

Twenty teams participated for the day.

Winners on the day were the Pakenham team of Keith Archer, Steve Bentley and Ash Graham.

Runners up were the local team of George Hams, Bob Snooks and Peter Spark.

Best last game went to Ross Lomagno Mike Gallagher and Mark Bansch.

The club's thanks go to sponsor Nutrien AG Solutions.

The club congratulates Charlie Edgerton and Joanna Lomagno on progressing to the semifinals of the Champion of Champions for the region.

WONTHAGGI

IT was another good week with the Turkey Triples being the focus.

A good field of 24 teams played in mixed weather conditions with the third game played in very light rain.

All four games were completed, with bowlers looking forward to a nice cold drink at the end of the day.

There were a number of teams that were four game winners, with the runners up being a team from Wonthaggi.

They were Rod Beech, Colin Ormerod and Craig Fisher with a score of four wins and 43 shots up.

The winners, also a team from Wonthaggi, were Mike Yeats, Jan Jeeves and Bryan Donohue with a score of four wins and 53 shots up.

Best game went to a team from Foster and Inverloch, Ross Gabb and Michael Cosgrove from Inverloch and Maureen Taylor from Foster with a score of plus 17 shots.

The Naba award went to a team from Phillip Island which was Dave Hoffman's team. At least they won something each, receiving a nice cap from The Wonthaggi Club.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 1pm, Thursday social bowls at 10am and Saturday social bowls at 1pm – also names in by 12pm.

Don't forget to look at the Facebook page to see how Craig and Jan went in the final of the Champion of Champions on Sunday.

Have a good week and good bowling.

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**Camp 21 swimmers: Harper Perry, Ava Lucas, Darby Smyth, Anna Mileto, Callum Hackett, Gemma Cook, Reece McRae**

# Swimmers dive in at Warragul

ALMOST 52 South Gippsland Bass swimmers raced at Warragul on the weekend as part of the GSI series.

For many of the swimmers, it was a chance to get back into race mode ahead of a busy few weeks of racing after the Christmas break.

There were a number of younger swimmers who have just started racing and for them, it was a chance to work on those skills they have been developing over the past few months before they start their school swimming competitions.

Most of them now have

competed in three GSI's and will be able to represent the team at the Gippsland Championships in March.

Coaches Dylan and Lorri were pleased with the swimmers' efforts on the day.

"It is good to see all the work they did in the weeks leading up to Christmas has paid off for the older swimmers," said Dylan.

"The older swimmers are still tracking well heading to next weekend's State Sprints.

"There's also been a few more swimmers getting qualifying times for our team to compete at the Country Championships

the weekend after, which hopefully will help us be top three again."

Nine swimmers from SGB were selected as part of Camp 21, a Gippsland Swimming training program.

The seven Gippsland clubs were all given the chance to nominate swimmers, who attended two training and time trial sessions to try to achieve qualifying times for upcoming Championship competitions. Several of the SGB competitors had success and look forward to racing at the Country Championships.

## KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, January 2. Stableford: 49 players.

A Grade: Mat Wrigley (2) 42 points.

B Grade: Bob Newton (22) 38 points.

NTPs: first Shayne Harland, seventh Trevor Herbert, 10th Kevin Dixon and 13th Peter Van Agtmaal.

Thursday, January 4: Stableford: 29 players.

Winner: Zac Scholte (15) 40 points.

NTPs: first Jaarl Enbom, seventh Ian Cash, 10th Shayne Harland and 13th John Hermens.

Saturday, January 6: Monthly Medal: 55 players.

Sponsor: Laurie and Sandra Webster.

Monthly Medal Winner: John Stein (22) 66 net.

A Grade: Neil Spargo (14) 70 C/B.

B Grade: Peter Van Agtmaal (17) 70 C/B.

C Grade: John Stein (22) 66 net.

Scratch winner: Mat Wrigley (1) 73.

NTPs: first Rob Gallagher, seventh Mick Belvedere, 10th Peter Johnson and 13th Roy Fleming.

## Ladies

TRUDY Olden (30) had a great score with 42 points to win last Wednesday's competition.

Runner up was Judy Webb (25) 39 points and BDTL went to Julie Hillberg (24) and Kerri Besley (18), both with 35 points.

NTP went to Julie first and Beryl Brown, 13th.

Saturday's RB Monthly Medal was won by Kerri Besley (18), 71 net, winning the Luscious Café voucher.

Kerri also had the best Scratch Score with 89.

Runner up was Trudy Olden (28) 72 net and BDTL went to Diarne Maskell (32), 77 net after a 3-way c/b.

NTPs were Colette Pearl first (Kelly's Bakery award), Kerri seventh and Trudy 10th.

## LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, January 2: Stableford.

The first Stableford comp round for 2024 kicked off with 85 members/guests enjoying the Leongatha Golf Club course in top condition, with the new first green in play.

A Grade winner: Peter Hart (14) with a score of 40 points.

A Grade runner up: Michael Westaway (6) with a score of 38 points.

B Grade winner: Gary McGrath (18) with a score of 42 points.

B Grade runner up: Nicholas Byrne (19) with a score of 41 points.

C Grade winner: Thomas Simon (23) with a score of 40 points.

C Grade runner up: Conor Hosking (20) with a score of 39 points on a countback.

D Grade winner: Delia Perry (47) with a score of 47 points.

D Grade runner up: Peter Omond (25) with a score of 39 points.

NTP 5th second shot: Michael O'Rafferty at .60m. NTP 14th: Michael Westaway at 2.15m. NTP 16th: Delia Perry at 1.70m.

Extra Balls Comp prizes went to Will Norden, Mitchell Gin, George Hendry and Chris Indian.

Thursday, January 4: Stableford.

One of the top fields for the summer saw 144 members/guests continue the rich run of outstanding results in this Stableford event.

A Grade winner: Winton Knop (11) with a score of 42 points.

A Grade runner up: Ron Young (14) from Cowes Golf Club with a score of 41 points.

B Grade winner: John Housey (19) with a score of 44 points.

B Grade runner up: Michael Taylor (16) from Cowes Golf Club with a score of 42 points.

C Grade winner: George Hendry (21) with a score of 40 points on a countback.

C Grade runner up: Liam Keating (23) from Cowes Golf Club with a score of 40 points.

D Grade winner: Neil MacKenzie (28) with a score of 40 points.

D Grade runner up: Gerald Taylor (25) from Cowes Golf Club with a score of 38 points on a countback.

NTP fifth second shot: Frank Gill at 1.00m. NTP 14th: Ron Young at .26m. NTP 16th: Trevor Rickard at .35m.

Extra Balls Comp prizes went to John French, Ian Miller, Scott Keane, Will Norden, Peter Read, Shane Harding, Trevor Rickard and Ian Murchie.

Saturday, January 6: Stableford.

The momentum of quality fields continues at Leongatha Golf Club with 113 members/guests playing in Saturday's Stableford event, and again recording excellent results across all grades.

A Grade winner: Josh De Groot (12) with a score of 39 points on a countback.

A Grade runner up: Dean Kellett (10) with a score of 39 points.

B Grade winner: Ian Murchie (17) with a score of 41 points.

B Grade runner up: Dave Brownnett (17) with a score of 38 points on a countback.

C Grade winner: Gordon Allan (20) with a score of 40 points on a countback.

C Grade runner up: Nicholas Hill (21) with a score of 40 points.

D Grade winner: Rene Zeller (24) with a score of 37 points.

D Grade runner up: Mandy Moyle (30) with a score of 36 points on a countback.

Congratulations on great scores with Anthony Sparkes scoring an eagle on the 18th and Malcolm Ginn scoring an eagle on the third.

NTP fifth hole second shot: James Clyne. NTP 14th hole: James Clyne at .95m. NTP 16th hole: Lynda Bassett at 2.27m.

Extra Balls Comp prizes went to Anthony Sparkes, Peter Hart, Steve Vuillermin, Garry Rotteveel, Stuart Harry and Gary McGrath.

## MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, January 4: Stableford.

A Grade: M. Payne (13) 40 points.

B Grade: J. Hughes (19) 45 points.

DTL: J. Gunn 42, J. Smeriglio 39, J. McFarlane, N. Casboult 37 and T. Whitrelaw 36 c/b.

NTP: fourth P. Woodall, sixth G. Shandley, 13th G. Renwick and 16th M. Thompson.

Birdies: sixth M. Payne, G. Shandley and R. Pentland, 13th G. Renwick, and 16th M. Heiberg and M. Thompson.

Saturday, January 6: Stroke.

A Grade: M. Payne (12) 71 net.

B Grade: N. Rutledge, (14) 71 net.

C Grade: C. Le Page (30) 67 net.

DTL: R. Clark 68, N. Baker 70, J. Smeriglio 72, J. Hughes and G. Dawson 73 c/b.

NTP: first J. Taylor, fourth P. Draper, sixth S. Beitz, 13th P. Draper and 16th J. Hughes.

Birdies: fourth N. Baker and R. Robbins, and sixth T. Webb, S. Beitz and B. Bradshaw.

Eagles: T. Webb on 11th hole.

## PHILLIP ISLAND

Tuesday January 2: Mens Stableford 18-hole

Overall Winner: Ian Huther (34) 41 points

A Grade winners: A-1 Ben Walsh (13) 41 Points. A-2 Brady Ross (11) 39 points C/B

B Grade winners: B-1 Vince Colella (18) 39 points. B-2 Peter Moloney (20) 38 points

C Grade winners: C-1 Ian Huther (34) 41 Points c/b. C-2 Neil Donoghue (30) 41 Points BDL to 36 points C/B

NTP: fifth Adrian O'Gorman, seventh Adrian O'Gorman, 10th Rob Wood, 17th John McKechnie

Mens Nine-Hole Stableford

Winners: Graham Robinson (27) 26 pts from Robert Pascoe (11) 22 pts

BDL to 18pts

Womens Stableford 18-Hole

A Grade winner: Deb Orr (16) 37 pts

B Grade winner: Joan Nicholson (43) 40 pts

BDL to 35 pts

NTP: fifth Ada Anglin, seventh Emma Hall, 10th Pip Holloway, 17th Emma Hall.

Thursday January 4: Open Comp Stableford 18-Hole

Overall winner: Paul Walsh (24) 41 pts

A Grade winners: A-1 Max Walton (12) 40 pts C/B.A-2 Brent White (10) 40 pts

B Grade winners: B-1 Garry Thompson (20) 40 pts c/b. B-2 Chris McKinney (16) 40 pts.

C Grade winners: C-1 Paul Walsh (24) 41 pts. C-2 Nigel Firth (22) 40 pts.

BDL to 35 pts C/B

NTP: fifth Christian Lloyd, seventh Greg Keith, 10th Ian Berryman, 17th Lucas Piera.

Open Nine-Hole Stableford

Overall winners: Graham Robinson (27) 19 pts C/B Ian Bray (27) 19 pts and Reg Browne (32) 28 points.

BDL to 16 pts c/b

Saturday January 6: Mens 18-Hole Stableford

Overall winner: Paul Cashman (15) 43 pts

A Grade winners: A-1 Steven Bann (4) 40 pts. A-2 Lucas Piera (3) 39 pts

B Grade winners: B-1 Paul Cashman (15) 43 pts. B-2 Owen Jolly (13) 37 pts C/B

C Grade winners: C-1 John McKechnie (19) 41 pts. C-2 Allen Sherlock (20) 38 pts c/b

BDL to 35 pts C/B

NTP: fifth Heath Grace, seventh Lucas Piera, 10th Isaac Batty,17th Steven Bann

Womens 18-Hole Stableford

A Grade Winners: A-1 Lesley Meadowcroft (14) 38 pts c/b to Barb Haydon (32) BDL to 33 pts C/B

NTP: fifth Mary Taylor, seventh Ada Anglin, 10th Christine Janson, 17th Ada Anglin

Sunday December 17: Open

18-Hole Stableford

Overall winners: Jack Taylor (23) 44 pts from Daniel Hall (14) 43 pts

BDL to 37 pts

Open Nine-Hole Stableford

Overall winner: Paul Beckham (33) 18 pts C/B

## WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: January 4, SR. 71.

Competition: Stableford 18-hole.

Winner: Gary Youtlen 44.

Runner up: Warwick Judkins 38.

BDTL to 35 C/B.

Ball sweep: Graeme Campbell 37, Andrew Cox 37, Jonathan Wade 36, Jim McEachern 36, Connor Ireland 35, Graeme Crawford 35, Terry Fox 35 and Craig Charles 35 C/B.

Results: January 4, SR. 34.5.

Competition: Stableford front nine-hole.

Winner: Bill Howard 20.

BDTL to 18.

Ball sweep: Willy Williams 19, Ray Hender 18 and Keith Ridout 18.

Results: January 6, SR. 72.

Competition type. MM stroke and Putting 18-Hole

Winner: A: Michael Scott 67. B: Craig Charles 66 (Monthly Medal). C: John Geyer 67.

BDTL to 70 C/B.

Ball sweep: Doug Putt 66, Sam Horvath 67, Graeme Rodgers 68, Inoke Baudromo 68, Peter Hanley 69, Phil Waugh 69, Ian McDonald 69, Bill Blanch 70, Frank Huber 70 and John Walsh 70 C/B.

Eagles: Glen Turner first and Jason Sartori 11th.

NTPs: Shaun Stirton second, Kevin Jamieson fourth, Ian McDonald eighth propin, Michael Scott 13th and Michael Scott 17th money hole.

Putting: Jim McEachern.

## Ladies

DOWN, down, down, down.

No, it's not an ad, but the sound of some of the ladies' handicaps tumbling after Wednesday's round of Stableford.

The winner Anne Poulton had an amazing score of (39) 48 points.

That score has dropped four shots off her handicap.

Runner up was Chris Hamilton (32) 41 points by c/b from Kathy Geyer.

BDL Kathy Geyer 41, Karen Sheerin 39 and Marg Ryan 37.





Holly Williams was selected to play in the U15s Gippsland Pride cricket team recently.

# Holly opens batting for Gippsland Pride

HOLLY Williams represented Leongatha and District Cricket Association in the U15s Gippsland Pride team recently. The U15s progressed to the grand final at Junction Oval on Sunday, but unfortunately the game was washed out after 14 overs. Due to its higher position on the ladder, the Central Highlands team was named the overall winner. The experience of playing at Junction Oval was a memorable one for Holly, who opened the batting for Gippsland Pride and was not out when the match was abandoned. Gippsland Pride made it through to the grand final after playing in the Country Cup Carnival from December 18 to 21. The carnival featured two 40 over matches and two T20s. Gippsland Pride won three out of the four matches, ending up on top of the Eastern Victoria pool. The carnival was held in Wodonga. "It was a great carnival and special for Holly to get to play at Junction Oval," Holly's father Warren said.

"They stayed at a boarding school with the other teams during the carnival, so it was a good opportunity to form more friendships." The selection process for Gippsland Pride started in June and resulted in a 13-girl squad in September. Training in preparation for the carnival took place at the Moe Indoor Cricket Centre and the Yinnar Recreation Reserve. Inspired by her father and brother, Holly has played and loved cricket since she was 10. She currently plays for Inverloch's U15 side, as well as with the Stingettes every second Sunday. She is an opening batter but proving to be an all rounder on the field. Holly aims to continue pursuing her cricket career. She can continue playing with Inverloch's junior squad through the U17s and may also consider competing in the Margaret Jennings Cup. This is an U18 Premier Competition with Dandenong likely to be her club of choice.



Holly Williams batting for Gippsland Pride, representing Leongatha and District Cricket Association.

## Women's cricket celebrated in double header



Kilcunda-Bass' Lil Crump prepares to play a shot against the Inverloch Stingettes.



Town's Gen Anderson bowls with success as she gets a wicket against Nyora on Sunday.



Emma Szymanski gives herself room to play an expansive shot.



Kilcunda-Bass' Elyse Fisher and Ash Harper take off for a quick run.



Nyora batter Erin Mantel watches carefully as she prepares to play a shot.



## Sale Maffra too good for Leongatha

THE Sale Maffra team has taken out the Gippsland Cricket League Junior Country Week for the 12th time with a resounding five wicket victory against the younger opponents from Leongatha at the Western Park oval in Warragul.

In what proved to be a very even competition over the weekend, Leongatha, Sale Maffra, and Warragul finished the preliminary rounds equal on points; but separated by percentage with two victories and a draw while Latrobe Valley finished a close fourth with two significant victories against Sale Maffra and Bairnsdale.

With Leongatha winning the toss, it chose to bat on what was a well-prepared wicket and magnificently restored outfield.

After an opening stand by Max Carter (3) and Eamon Berryman (20), Leongatha's middle order struggled against the spin partnership of Blake Rowley (3/13) and Mitchell Robinson (2/22) to be 5/32. The Sale Maffra bowling attack was superbly supported by the ball magnet, Patrick Horan who clutched five catches in the Leongatha innings.

Requiring just 14 runs at the final drinks break, Thomas Young 7\* and Xavier Hurley 11\* steered the team home with 31 balls to spare.

Following a most successful under 15 Carnival hosted by The Warragul District Cricket Association, The Gippsland Team for 2024 has been announced.

The selected team comprising Patrick Horan (Sale Maffra), Ashton Ceeney (Latrobe Valley), Artie Davidson (Warragul), Ty Debono (Leongatha), Jobe Williams (Leongatha), Harrison Forbes (Bairnsdale), Dylan Van Der Stoep (Latrobe Valley), Macauley Pendergast (Sale Maffra), Jacob Dunn (Latrobe Valley), Ed Dieu (Warragul), Cooper Newman (Leongatha) and Beau Cottrell (Sale Maffra) were presented with their certificates.

### Round results:

Round 1: Warragul 8/155 d Latrobe Valley 10/126, Sale Maffra 4/174 d Bairnsdale 9/173

Round 2: Leongatha 8/163 d Latrobe Valley 10/126, Sale Maffra 5/149 d Warragul 8/148

Round 3: Latrobe Valley 10/99 d Bairnsdale 10/70, Warragul 9/140 d Leongatha 10/109

Round 4: Matches abandoned

Round 5: Leongatha 7/165 d Bairnsdale 10/69, Latrobe Valley 10/168 d Sale Maffra 10/148

Final: Sale Maffra 5/123 d Leongatha 10/121

### Seeding finals:

Third place: Latrobe Valley 166 runs – Best: Jacob Dunn 2 overs 4/8

Fourth place: Warragul 123 runs – Best: Artie Davidson 35 runs

Fifth place: Bairnsdale 108 runs – Best: Campbell Moncrieff 84 runs

Campbell Moncrieff's score of 84 runs of 60 balls was the highest recorded score for the carnival.

# Riley Harris masterclass seals it for Inverloch

## B GRADE, DIVISION 1

CRICKET was back on Saturday, January 6 in the Leongatha and District Cricket Association, earlier than a lot of other comps, and they got a clear run, on a sunny day for a change.

And setting the bar high in the Inverloch versus Korumburra T20 match at the Thompson Reserve was opener Riley Harris.

Inverloch won the toss and elected to bat and Harris survived the early loss of captain Brett Debono to steady the ship with John Richardson 12 and Andot Mankhong 17 to knock up a run-a-ball 55 not out, easily the top score of the whole round in B Grade Division 1.

Korumburra made a good fist of their reply to put up the third-highest total of the weekend with the top order, including captain Trevor M Allen 14, Jacob Wrigley 21 and Matt Allen 21, all having good starts. But they just fell behind in the run rate, with John Richardson the best of the Invy bowlers with 1/13 off four overs, and finished with 8/102 off their 20 overs. No one in either side hit a six.

### Town hit out at Rhyll

Josh Williams 37 and Colin Bruce 25 brought it home for Leongatha Town against Phillip Island at Rhyll on Saturday after a shaky start and some controversial moments and both knocks featuring towering sixes.

However, two soaring sixes were lobbed high over the sheds at Rhyll and into long grass on the first good day for snakes this summer.

No problem though and Town went on to pass the Sharks' 89 total in the 19th over in an unconvincing display.

Island bowler Peter Francis took two wickets in his first over, through good catches by young Harry Arceob and a juggling snare by Luke Ashton in slips but a vigorous shout early in Bruce's innings was turned down, much to the disgust of the Island players, and the moment, defending a small total was lost.

### Other matches

In other B1 matches, OMK and Imps played out a good-standard match at the East Campus oval



Phillip Island slipper Oliver Duggan reached high to knock down this errant shot by Town's Luke Ashton in B Grade Division 1 before effecting the juggling catch off the bowling of Peter Francis.

with OMK's worthy target of 6/116 set up by its top order of Kris Kerr 31 (ret), Luke Jones 22 and Jaxon Hayes 19, with Robert Quaife contributing a nice cameo of 18 at the end.

Imps didn't get the start they wanted but run-a-ball batting by captain Kristian Gray 21, Jack Ballagh 20 and Clint Honeysett 22 had them back in the boxseat midway through. However, someone needed to go on and they fell short with Jaxon Hayes 1/12 off four and Nick Auddino 3/16 off three miserly at the end.

Meeniyan was (almost) never in doubt during its match against Koonwarra-RSL at Meeniyan with Kurt Sinclair 2/9 off three and Clayton Fisher 3/9 off four cutting the heart out of the Koony batting and reducing them to 9/77 off their 20 overs.

Meeniyan survived a collapse in the top order, with Gary Webster 4, the captain Wayne Prosser out for a first-ball duck and Jai Bright 4, to run away with the match on the back of 33 by Mike Olden and Kurt Sinclair 30 not out, passing the Koony target in the 17th over.

Olden had a good game taking 2/14 and making 30.



HOWZAT! Town's Colin Bruce appears to feather one through to the Phillip Island keeper in B1 prompting some dissent from the Sharks when the appeal wasn't given out. He went on to make a useful 25.

# Game abandoned for Gippsland Goannas

## OVER 60S

FOR the first game after the festive season, the Gippsland Goannas Over-60 cricket team travelled to Koo Wee Rup for the round eight clash on the Koo Wee Rup High School ground.

Koo Wee Rup batted first, in fine conditions, with rain forecast for later in the day.

Bernie Symons and Peter Anton opened the bowling and things were going smoothly for the first four overs.

On the fourth ball of the fifth over Symons went down with an upper leg injury, which was severe enough for him to take no further part in the game.

Rob Bachetti completed the over, and he and Anton bowled

through their overs.

Each took a wicket as Koo Wee Rup struggled to 2/32 at drinks.

Chris DeVent bowled a couple of overs, then took over the wicket keeping duties for the second half of the innings.

Rino Metlikovec and ('keeper) Ian Gibson resumed the attack after drinks, and the Koo Wee Rup batsmen started to show a bit more intent.

The next wicket fell at 68, in the 27th over as Rino earned an lbw decision, which was followed by another in his next over. Barrie Nunn had relieved Gibbo and DeVent made a stumping from his bowling in

the 30th over.

The score was 5/78 after 30 overs.

Andrew Smith came into the attack as Nunn removed the obstinate opening batsman; Graeme Davey had made 35 runs, from 93 balls faced.

Smith bowled S Nadj for a golden duck and Ray Floyd and Mark Brown bowled the last few overs as Koo Wee Rup reached 7/122 after 40 overs.

The last few overs had been played in drizzling rain and during the afternoon tea break it was decided to abandon the rest of the game.

The Goannas had bowled well, with Bacchetti taking 1/14 from 7.2 overs, Metlikovec 2/27, Nunn 2/18 and Smith 1/7.

Metlikovec and Anton both took catches and the fielding had been good.

Anton DeVent had fielded well for the entire innings, as the Goannas had just 10 fit men after Symons unfortunate injury.

The Goannas >70 team are due to play the West Gippsland Wombats at Toongabbie this coming Tuesday, while the >50 team will resume on January 21, although they do have some rescheduled games to play.

The Over-60 and Over-70 teams travel to Bendigo for a double-header against the Vic Country veterans this coming weekend in a trial situation, with two slightly reduced games to be played on the one day.





OMK's Whiteside and Matthews pushed hard for runs in their unbeaten partnership. Ns050224

# Club go down four runs short

B GRADE, DIVISION 2

WONTHAGGI Club fell short to OMK in Saturday's T20 match at Digger Park. Top of the table OMK continued on its winning way after the Christmas break, starting with the toss.

OMK elected to bat first and opening batsman Russ White set the standard with 20 runs on the board before he was bowled by Alan Babu.

Sam Matthews contributed 38 not out later in the innings, which would secure the match for OMK.

Luke Anstey and Sam Liddle were Club's multiple wicket takers.

OMK were tasked with defending 6/127.

The partnership of Mitchell Davey and captain Liam Sawyer kept Club competitive, adding 27 and 25 runs to the tally respectively.

Sawyer was bowled by Justin Greenwood at 2/37, which allowed Jayden Burns to step up to the crease.

Burns top scored at 32 not out.

A couple of ducks to Anstey and Callum Prosser – bowled by George Lomagno – slowed Club's run.

Club was sent home four runs short at 7/123.

## Tigers outperform the Cobras

FOSTER outclassed Korumburra at home on Saturday.

After winning the toss, Foster put on a consistent batting performance, which would prove effective against the Cobras.

Opening batsman Brandon Busuttill provided the top score of 36, with vice captain Richard Johnston, Shaun Chaseling and captain Mitchell Allott adding 21, 25 and 27 respectively.

Korumburra's Noah Belvedere challenged Foster by taking a catch that dismissed Johnston and bowling Busuttill.

Darren Scott was Korumburra's multiple wicket taker.



Sam Matthews plays late and squeezes the ball through the off-side. Ns030224

Foster finished its innings at 5/136.

A quiet innings from Korumburra saw Foster run away with the win.

Scott continued his performance with a top score of 21, but Foster refused to let anyone else break double digits.

Chaseling dominated Korumburra's line up, taking 4/2. Johnston also claimed two wickets.

Korumburra's run came to an end at 7/68.

## Bass undone by Nerrena bowlers

WITH four batsmen sent off for a duck, Kilcunda-Bass conceded defeat to Nerrena.

Kilcunda-Bass started its innings strong with the opening partnership of Brett Joseph and Bradley Waldron contributing 36 and 40 runs to the account respectively.

The wickets began to topple quickly thereafter, finishing Kilcunda-Bass' 20 overs at 9/108.

Multiple wickets were

claimed by Nerrena bowlers Cameron Baudinette, Charlie Dougherty and Roy Checkley.

Scott Checkley harassed Kilcunda-Bass out on the field, taking three catches.

Brian Gannon and Scott Checkley stepped up to the challenge and produced 34 and 35 runs respectively.

Kilcunda-Bass upped the pressure and had Nerrena nervous with a couple of quick dismissals, sending the Red Caps down the same path as the home side.

Roy Checkley ensured victory for Nerrena with 18 not out to round out the innings.

Nerrena surpassed Kilcunda-Bass with 5/112 after 18.3 overs.

## Phillip Island dominate

PHILLIP Island proved too strong for Glen Alvie, producing a tough batting lineup on Saturday.

The Sharks' opening partnership of Stephan McIntyre and John Manning made an impressive start to the innings

with 30 and 34 runs respectively.

McIntyre was caught and bowled by Vijai Kumar Gopal at 1/63.

Michael Cleary entered, and top scored with 50 before a catch from Gopal sent him back to the sidelines.

Darcy Tiziani was Glen Alvie's top bowler for the day, claiming 2/8.

Phillip Island completed its 20 overs with 4/154.

The target was set too high for Glen Alvie, and the home side struggled to gain enough momentum to stay competitive.

Opening batsman Archie Moore contributed a hopeful 18 runs early before he was dismissed at 3/37.

Nathan Thatcher and Gopal battled to keep Glen Alvie in the game but finished the 20 overs with 17 and 28 respectively, both not out.

Jackson Allan claimed 2/10 and captain Tarryn Allan kept the pressure up on the field by taking two catches.

Glen Alvie was defeated with a final tally of 3/82.

## B GRADE

## DIVISION 1

### MDU 5/79 d Koonwarra L/RSL 9/77

Koonwarra L/RSL - 1st INNINGS: M Thomas 21, A Hunt 10, K Scrimshaw 0, S Hughes 0, N Grimes 0, B Anderson 11, P Buckley 5, H Scrimshaw 18\*, A Drury 0, W Cashin 2, B Smith 3\*

Bowling: K Brown 1/10, D Zuidema 0/18, K Sinclair 2/9, C Fisher 3/9, M Olden 2/14, G Cocksedg 1/5, R Prosser 0/8

MDU - 1st INNINGS: G Webster 4, W Prosser 0, J Bright 4, M Olden 33, K Sinclair 30\*, D Zuidema 1, C Fisher 0\*

Bowling: W Cashin 2/17, P Buckley 1/14, A Drury 0/7, R King 0/21, B Smith 1/15, M Thomas 1/5

### Inverloch 5/115 d Korumburra 8/102

Inverloch - 1st INNINGS: R Harris 55\*, B Debono 4, J Richardson 12, A Mankhong 17, I Seuren 0, J Rowe 17, J Bowring 2\*

Bowling: SHead 1/20, M Olden 1/13, M Allen 0/7, B Riddell 0/24, G Edwards 1/13, C Allport 2/22, A Damon 0/12

Korumburra - 1st INNINGS: T M Allen 14, J Wrigley 21, M Allen 21, Private player 11, T Jenkin 5, C Allport 13, S Head 2, M Olden 0, A Damon 2\*, B Riddell 3\*

Bowling: J Richardson 1/13, I Seuren 0/27, D Cashin 1/21, J Bowring 1/20, T Debono 0/5, C Newman 1/12

### OMK 6/116 d Imperials 8/101

OMK - 1st INNINGS: K Kerr 31\*, L Jones 22, J Hayes 19, Z Lamers 3, N Wylie 5, S Taylor 9, R Quaife 18, H James 3\*, N Auddino 0\*

Bowling: A Casey 0/11, J Jeffery 1/23, A Meyer 1/20, J Ballagh 2/18, K Gray 1/38

Imperials - 1st INNINGS: J Jeffery 4, F Botha 6, K Gray 21, J Ballagh 20, C Honeysett 22, A Meyer 3, C Richards 7, A Casey 5, C Reid 4\*, G Sauvarin 5\*

Bowling: H James 0/16, S Taylor 2/20, Z Lamers 0/16, B Maguire 2/19, J Hayes 1/12, N Auddino 3/16

### Town 7/91 d Phillip Island 10/89

Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS: T Asurumuni 6, O Duggan 2, H Peppard 8, K Lane 16, A Finlayson 1, A Tolley 17, J Williams 0, Fill-in 16, H Arceo 1, CWilson 13\*, P Francis 1

Bowling: L Hickey 2/9, F McLennan 0/18, J Williams 3/15, A Fixter 1/14, L Gill 0/19, E Smith 2/12

Town - 1st INNINGS: AFixter 2, E Smith 2, L Ashton 5, J Williams 37, C Bruce 25, L May 0, L Hickey 12\*, F McLennan 3, R Edward's 0\*

Bowling: K Lane 1/5, CWilson 0/5, P Francis 2/28, H Arceo 0/27, J Williams 2/21, A Tolley 0/1

## B GRADE

## DIVISION 2

### OMK 6/127 d Club 7/123

OMK - 1st INNINGS: R White 20, M Nicholas 14, J Greenwood 19, G Lomagno 8, S Matthews 38\*, M Sawyers 7, P Harper 3, M Whiteside 11\*

Bowling: A Babu 1/24, L McRae 1/24, L Anstey 2/17, W Speed 0/8, S Liddle 2/24, C Fraser 0/25

Club - 1st INNINGS: M Davey 27, M Chisholm 3, L Sawyer 25, J Burns 32\*, W Speed 16, L Anstey 0, C Prosser 0, C Fraser 8, S Liddle 0\*

Bowling: M Whiteside 1/26, R White 1/18, J Greenwood 1/15, M Sawyers 1/25, G Lomagno 2/21, S Matthews 0/11

### Foster 5/136 d Korumburra 7/68

Foster - 1st INNINGS: R Johnston 21, B Busuttill 36, S Chaseling 25, M Allott 27, A Pattie 4, J Chaseling 10\*, J Guganovic 0\*

Bowling: T Sorrell 0/26, S, McKinnon 1/22, N Belvedere 1/30, M Foote 0/35, D Scott 2/18

Korumburra - 1st INNINGS: C Turton 2, T Sorrell 9, D Scott 21, T Morrison 4, J Dunn 2, P Edwards 9\*, N Belvedere 0, R Butler 7, M Foote 1\*

Bowling: R Johnston 2/4, A Pattie 0/5, J Guganovic 0/17, D Clearihan 1/11, S Chaseling 4/2, J Chaseling 0/9, B Cripps 0/11

### Nerrena 5/112 d Kilcunda-Bass 9/108

Kilcunda-Bass - 1st INNINGS: B Joseph 36, B Waldron 40, S Williams 1, R Gardiner 13, D Clay 0, J Havetta 8\*, R Duff 5, E Magnussen 0, S Tapscott 0, A McBride 0, T Stacey 1\*

Bowling: C Baudinette 2/32, C Dougherty 2/19, S Checkley 1/11, R Checkley 2/26, D Grigg 1/7, J Donohue 0/13

### Nerrena - 1st INNINGS: B Gannon 34,

E Berryman 4, S Checkley 35, R Jefferis 0, C Dougherty 9, C Baudinette 3\*, R Checkley 18\*

Bowling: S Tapscott 0/12, R Duff 1/11, D Clay 0/18, J Havetta 0/13, B Waldron 1/22, A McBride 2/17, TStacey 1/15

### Phillip Island 4/154 d Glen Alvie 3/82

Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS: S McIntyre 30, J Manning 34, M Cleary 50, W Paterson 18\*, J Parry 6, A O'Brien 0\*

Bowling: L McRae 0/40, J Brown 0/18, Z Scholz 0/25, V Kumar Gopal 1/39, A Brown 1/19, D Tiziani 2/8

Glen Alvie - 1st INNINGS: I Thorn 7, A Moore 18, J Brown 6, N Thatcher 17\*, V Kumar Gopal 28\*

Bowling: S Sirirathnag 0/11, T Allan 1/9, M Cleary 0/2, J Allan 2/10, A Williams 0/16, J Manning 0/23, A O'Brien 0/11





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A2: Emmet Dempsey (Club) 139 ; Mitch Rowe (Nyora) 6/29

B1: Riley Harris (Inverloch) 55\* ; Clayton Fisher (MDU) 3/9

B2: Michael Cleary (Phillip Island) 50 ; Shaun Chaseling (Foster) 4/2

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A GRADE, Division 1			A GRADE, Division 2		
Phillip Island	66	1.843	Nyora	78	1.743
Club	66	1.647	Foster	78	1.617
Town	66	0.977	Glen Alvie	66	1.578
OMK	54	0.949	Koonwarra L/RSL	54	1.059
Korumburra	54	0.784	Club	42	0.821
Imperials	54	0.737	MDU	42	0.805
Inverloch	42	0.935	Kilcunda-Bass	42	0.740
Nerrena	30	0.667	Nerrena	30	0.491
B GRADE, Division 1			B GRADE, Division 2		
OMK	90	2.265	OMK	78	1.295
Inverloch	78	1.559	Phillip Island	66	1.165
Phillip Island	78	1.313	Nerrena	66	1.128
Town	54	0.805	Kilcunda-Bass	54	1.176
Korumburra	42	1.141	Foster	54	0.828
MDU	42	0.801	Club	42	1.264
Koonwarra L/RSL	30	0.604	Korumburra	42	0.629
Imperials	18	0.458	Glen Alvie	30	0.660

NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES  
& UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

RND 10 - SATURDAY  
JANUARY 13

A GRADE, Division 1

Imperials v Town	Leon Turf	Ashleigh Stride
Nerrena v OMK	Nerrena	John Schelling
P-Island v Korumburra	Newhaven	Ken Scrimshaw
Inverloch v Club	Inv Turf	Ian Salmon

A Grade, Division 2

Foster v Club	Foster GC	Geoff Parkinson
MDU v Nyora	Meeniyon	Graham Wightman
Kilcunda-Bass v Nerrena	Bass 1	Brad Phillips
Glen Alvie v Koon L/RSL	Won Turf	Les White

B GRADE, Division 1

Town v Inverloch	Scorpion 1	Neil Grabham
Koon L/RSL v Imperials	Koonwarra	Michael Ryan
OMK v Phillip Island	Outtrim	Ozzie Williams
Korumburra v MDU	Kor Turf	Geoff Wyatt

B GRADE, Division 2

Phillip Island v Foster	Rhyll	TBA
Club v Kilcunda-Bass	McMahon	TBA
Nerrena v Glen Alvie	East Campus	TBA
Korumburra v OMK	Poowong	TBA

C GRADE

Korumburra v P-Island	K'burra SC	TBA
Inverloch v Nyora	Inverloch Rec	TBA
Koon L/RSL v K-Bass	Leongatha Vel	TBA
Glen Alvie v MDU	Glen Alvie	TBA
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Jacob Strickland takes a moment to decide whether his shot is enough to make a run. Ns170224

# Club claim convincing win

## A GRADE, DIVISION 1

WONTHAGGI Club overpowered Nerrena in Saturday's one day match at Wonthaggi's McMahon Reserve.

Club started on its winning way when it won the toss and went in to bat first.

Entering at 1/17, Ben Walsh added 50 runs to the account before a catch from Josh Checkley had him sidelined.

Batting midway through the order, captain Joel Brann led his team to victory with an impressive 87 runs.

Multiple wickets were claimed by Josh Trease and Jarrod Hoy.

Club was sitting comfortably at 7/210 after its 40 overs.

Captain Mitchell Clark opened the batting for Nerrena and added 26 runs to the account.

Club's fielding kept the pressure on Nerrena and dwindled the batting order down until Caine Salmon rounded out the innings with another 23 runs.

Mark McCall caused the most damage against Nerrena, claiming 4/20, whilst Jarvis Harvey took 3/23.

Nerrena was defeated with a total of 10/108.

## Town threatens ladder leader

LEONGATHA Town held firm and managed to come away with a win over ladder leader Phillip Island at Scorpion Park.

Phillip Island won the toss and sent Town in to bat first.

Ron Abeysinghe started the innings strong with 38 runs before the wicket was taken by Timothy McNiven.

Dulaj Lakshitha Mendis Polwaththa Gallage and Rob Eddy contributed 29 and 27 runs respectively.

McNiven and Heath Womersley took three wickets each, leaving Town to defend 10/161.

A wicket claimed by Town's Rhett Hume sent Brodie Johnston back to the sideline at 1/10 at the beginning of Phillip Island's innings.

Daniel Mock stepped up to the crease and top scored with 55 runs.

Shiran Rathnayake contributed 34 runs.

Darcy Hume was Town's leading bowler, taking 4/28.

Ron Abeysinghe also performed well, taking 3/24.

Phillip Island ended the innings 10 runs short with 10/151.

## Brann shines but Imps too strong

CAPTAIN Koby Brann produced a 92-run effort, but OMK still went down to the Imperials on Saturday.

Brann's innings fell short of a ton, as his wicket was claimed by Lachie Wright at 6/183.

Wright posed a threat to OMK's line up, taking 4/42, backed by captain Jack Ginnane, who was responsible for three more fallen wickets.

Mudassar Riaz and Noel Creed increased OMK's tally with 34 and 31 runs respectively.

OMK wrapped up its innings with 8/201.

Unfazed by the challenge ahead, Imperials' opening batsmen Luke Rogers and Nick Eddy combined well to reach 34 and 55 runs respectively.

Mark Lafferty completed the innings with 46 not out.

Riaz, Peter Dell and Jake Cochrane were OMK's multiple wicket takers.

The Imperials surpassed OMK's score with 6/202.

## Cobras outclass the Stingrays

A DETERMINED Korumburra side thwarted Inverloch at the Korumburra Recreation Reserve on Saturday.

Five wickets fell due to the bowling prowess of the Cobra's Thilakarathna Dilshan, knocking out much of Inverloch's batting side before any real damage could be done.

Jacob Strickland kept the Stingrays in the game with 20 runs before he was stumped.

Inverloch's was left to defend 10/100 at the end of the innings.

Dilshan continued his run with a game winning 33 runs before Jesse Dugard took the wicket.

Tom Crocker and Shane Dole added 14 runs each.

Dugard was Inverloch's top bowler, taking 2/27.

Other wickets were claimed by Harry Butcher, Andrew Donohue and Jake Dennerley.

Korumburra recorded the win with a score of 5/101.



A GRADE DIVISION 1

<b>Town 161 d Phillip Island 9/151</b>	
<b>Town – 1st INNINGS</b>	
Ron Abeysinghe c: H Womersley b: T Niven .....	38
Amila Ratnaike c: S Rathnayake b: T Niven .....	18
Jesse Giardina c: T Niven b: H Womersley .....	4
Darcy Hume c: K Beaumont b: H Womersley .....	4
DLMP Gallage run out: S Rathnayake .....	29
P Jayasinghe b: T Niven .....	0
Rob Eddy c: B Johnston b: M Royal .....	27
Jack Hume lbw: H Womersley .....	2
Samuel Clark b: M Royal .....	4
PG Rajapakshage c: K Beaumont b: S Rathnayake ..	13
Rhett Hume not out .....	0*
Extras (21w, 1nb) .....	22
<b>Total 10 / 161 (37.5 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: M Royal 8-0-33-2 (5w, 1nb),	
S Rathnayake 7.5-1-37-1 (4w), T Niven 8-1-29-3 (3w),	
H Womersley 7-1-27-3 (7w), Z Brown 5-0-23-0 (2w),	
D Mock 2-0-12-0	
<b>Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS</b>	
Brodie Johnston c: DLMP Gallage b: R Hume .....	8
Heath Womersley lbw: R Abeysinghe .....	6
Daniel Mock c: J Giardina b: D Hume .....	55
Shiran Rathnayake c: R Eddy b: D Hume .....	34
Thomas Blackwell b: PG Rajapakshage .....	1
Kohen Beaumont lbw: D Hume .....	2
Max Royal c: D Hume b: R Abeysinghe .....	10
Max Arceo c: J Giardina b: D Hume .....	1
Connor Epifano c: R Hume b: R Abeysinghe .....	11
Zac Brown not out .....	11*
Timothy Niven not out .....	2*
Extras (8w, 1nb, 1lb) .....	10
<b>Total 9 / 151 (39.1 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: PG Rajapakshage 8-1-25-1 (3w, 1nb),	
R Hume 3-0-16-1 (2w), A Ratnaike 5.1-0-17-0 (1w),	
R Abeysinghe 8-1-24-3 (1w), J Hume 4-0-29-0,	
D Hume 8-1-28-4, DLMP Gallage 2-0-11-0 (1w)	

<b>Imperials 6/202 d OMK 8/201</b>	
<b>OMK – 1st INNINGS</b>	
Jake Cochrane c: DW Arachchige b: L Wright .....	5
Ethan Lamers c: DW Arachchige b: L Wright .....	1
Paul Fermanis lbw: J Ginnane .....	0
Mudassar Riaz c: K McGrath b: N Eddy .....	34
Koby Brann c: DW Arachchige b: L Wright .....	92
Jacob Lamers c: I Bolge b: L Wright .....	22
Noel Creed b: J Ginnane .....	31
Adam Busana b: J Ginnane .....	0
Clayton Quaife not out .....	1*
Adam Trotto not out .....	2*
Extras (9w, 3nb, 1lb) .....	13
<b>Total 8 / 201 (40 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: L Wright 8-2-42-4 (2w), J Ginnane 8-0-32-3	
(4w, 2nb), I Bolge 3-0-17-0 (2w), A Williams 3-0-27-0,	
N Eddy 8-1-26-1 (1w), D Ginnane 5-0-32-0 (1nb),	
T Sauvarin 4-0-16-0, M Lafferty 1-0-8-0	
<b>Imperials – 1st INNINGS</b>	
Luke Rogers b: M Riaz .....	34
Nick Eddy b: J Cochrane .....	55
Timothy Sauvarin c: P Fermanis b: J Cochrane .....	21
Mark Lafferty not out .....	46*
Jack Ginnane b: P Dell .....	6
Damon Ginnane lbw: P Dell .....	0
DW Arachchige c&b: M Riaz .....	25
Aydan Williams not out .....	5*
Extras (4w, 2nb, 4lb) .....	10
<b>Total 6 / 202 (32.4 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: M Riaz 8-1-36-2 (2w), J Lamers 2-0-37-0	
(2nb), E Lamers 5-0-43-0 (1w), A Trotto 1-0-8-0,	
P Dell 8-1-33-2 (1w), J Cochrane 8-0-36-2,	
K Brann 0.4-0-5-0	

<b>Korumburra 5/101 d Inverloch 100</b>	
<b>Inverloch – 1st INNINGS</b>	
Jack Butcher b: T Dilshan .....	10
Walter Taberner c: H Ratnayake b: T Crocker .....	9
Andrew Donohue lbw: S Dole .....	1
David Newman lbw: T Dilshan .....	1
Jake Dennerley b: T Dilshan .....	2
Rhys Newman c&b: H Ratnayake .....	8
Jacob Strickland st: R Rangana b: T Dilshan .....	20
Jack Donohue c: T Crocker b: H Ratnayake .....	6
Callum Asbury b: T Dilshan .....	16
Jesse Dugard run out: T Dilshan .....	6
Harry Butcher not out .....	3*
Extras (13w, 3lb, 2b) .....	18
<b>Total 10 / 100 (39.2 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: J Whiteside 8-3-16-0 (1w), T Crocker 7.2-	
1-20-1 (5w), T Dilshan 8-1-17-5 (2w), S Dole 8-2-9-1	
(1w), H Ratnayake 8-0-33-2 (4w)	
<b>Korumburra – 1st INNINGS</b>	
Tom Crocker c: J Butcher b: A Donohue .....	14
Jason Richards lbw: H Butcher .....	2
Thilakarathna Dilshan c: ? b: J Dugard .....	33
Jacob Whiteside c: J Butcher b: J Dugard .....	11
Shane Dole not out .....	14*
Rumesh Rangana c: J Butcher b: J Dennerley .....	11
Hemal Ratnayake not out .....	8*
Extras (5w, 3lb) .....	8
<b>Total 5 / 101 (34.2 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: C Asbury 8-3-20-0 (2w), H Butcher 5-0-14-1,	
A Donohue 8-1-23-1, J Dugard 8-0-27-2 (3w),	
J Dennerley 4-1-6-1, J Donohue 1.2-0-8-0	

<b>Club 7/210 d Nerrena 108</b>	
<b>Club – 1st INNINGS</b>	
Mitch Thomas b: T Wightman .....	38
Stewart Beaumont b: J Trease .....	2
Ben Walsh c: J Checkley b: M Clark .....	50
Ryan Thomas c: ? b: J Hoy .....	13
Josh Andrighetto lbw: J Hoy .....	0
Joel Brann c: J Hoy b: J Trease .....	87
Lochlan Mclean not out .....	6*
Alexander Geyer run out .....	1
Jarvis Harvey not out .....	0*
Extras (2w, 3lb, 8b) .....	13
<b>Total 7 / 210 (40 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: J Trease 8-0-32-2, M Clark 7-1-41-1 (1w),	
R Clark 8-2-20-0, T Wightman 8-0-38-1, J Hoy 7-0-55-	
2 (1w), D Berryman 2-0-13-0	
<b>Nerrena – 1st INNINGS</b>	
Mitchell Clark c: S Beaumont b: M McCall .....	26
Loc Roberts c: J Andrighetto b: R Thomas .....	3
Jarrold Hoy c: ? b: J Harvey .....	8
Timothy Wightman c&b: M McCall .....	7
Josh Checkley c: L Mclean b: J Harvey .....	5
Darcy Berryman c: J Andrighetto b: M McCall .....	1
Kade Berryman c: J Sheerin b: J Harvey .....	7
Joel Renden c: ? b: M McCall .....	4
Caine Salmon c: S Beaumont b: J Sheerin .....	23
Ryan Clark run out: M Thomas .....	3
Josh Trease not out .....	11*
Extras (7w, 3nb) .....	10
<b>Total 10 / 108 (27.3 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: R Thomas 4-0-22-1 (4w, 2nb), J Brann 4-0-	
19-0, J Harvey 8-0-23-3 (1w, 1nb), M McCall 8-1-20-4	
(1w), A Geyer 2-0-15-0 (1w), J Sheerin 1.3-0-9-1	



Kilcunda-Bass' Ash Larcombe made an incredible 118 runs against Nyora.

Dempsey steals the show

A WHOPPING 139 runs from Emmett Dempsey secured Wonthaggi Club's stunning victory over MDU on Saturday.

Club and MDU went head-to-head in a one-day match at Dalyston Recreation Reserve, returning to the game after the Christmas break.

Dempsey opened Club's innings with David Britt, who contributed a respectable 31 runs.

Dempsey was a force to be reckoned with, breaking well into triple digits before he was stumped by Mitch McGrath at 4/220.

Jake Palmer held his own for MDU, bowling 4/32, including a golden duck that dismissed Jai Williamson.

Zak Bright also sent off Ryan Birkett for a golden duck.

Regardless, Club finished its innings at 10/254.

MDU's innings lacked the momentum following Dempsey's classy performance.

Matt Martin and Sam Bright were MDU's top scorers with 38 and 32 respectively.

Birkett posed a challenge for MDU, claiming 3/25.

Williamson, Sean Roche and Heath Dobbie were also multiple wicket takers.

No match for Club, MDU went home with a final score of 10/171.

Glen Alvie triumph

GLEN Alvie stepped up to the challenge against Nerrena on Saturday.

Played at Nerrena's home ground, Nerrena won the toss and elected to bat first.

A quick dismissal of the opening partnership saw the partnership of James Kelly and Brandon Tauro at the crease.

The pair made 38 and 41 runs respectively.

Captain Stephen Kennedy led the winning campaign for Glen Alvie, taking 3/32.

Wicket taking was shared between five other bowlers. Nerrena was left to defend 10/165.

Glen Alvie was raring to go with the opening partnership of Matthew Donohue and Scott Peatling making a statement.

They opened the account



It's a balancing act as Smith hits out a solid shot.

with 45 and 41 runs before catches from Billy Trotman sent them both back to the sidelines.

Kennedy and Matthew Dakin ensured Glen Alvie would take the win, rounding out the innings with 28 and 31, both not out.

Wickets were taken by Nerrena's captain Dave Trotman, Tyson Harris and Jayke Hoy.

Glen Alvie won the day with 3/166.

Ton not enough to save the day

DESPITE a heroic 118 run effort from Ash Larcombe, Nyora comfortably defeated Kilcunda-Bass on Saturday.

Nyora bowler Mitch Rowe matched Larcombe's competitive edge by claiming 6/29, taking out much of Kilcunda-Bass' lineup.

Kilcunda-Bass travelled to Nyora Recreation Reserve ready to challenge the home side.

The Sharks won the toss and elected to send Nyora in to bat first.

Number four batsman in Nyora's line up, Jake Hackett took control of the game when he made 69 not out.

Aaron Kaddatz also performed well, making 47 runs before he was bowled by Todd Smith.

Kilcunda-Bass' wicket taking was shared between Smith, Steven Dillon, Chris Peckett and Matthew Grayson.

Nyora ended its 40 overs

with 5/221.

Opening batsman Larcombe made his 118-run haul before he was bowled by Lochie Row at 9/152.

Unfortunately, little else was added to the total.

Three batsmen were sent back to the sidelines for ducks, bowled by Rowe and Daniel Blackney.

Kilcunda-Bass conceded defeat with a total of 10/168.

Cougars overthrow the Tigers

KOONWARRA L/RSL stifled Foster's innings during Saturday's one game match.

The game played out at the Leongatha Recreation Reserve, with Foster winning the toss and electing to bat first.

Bowling for the Cougars, Jason Kennedy had a day out, claiming 4/13.

Azhar Mehmood also performed well, taking 3/11.

Captain Josh Toner and Jake Staley shared Foster's top score, contributing 11 runs each to the final tally.

Foster was left to defend 10/78 at the end of the innings.

Koonwarra L/RSL opening batsman Amad Mujtaba sealed the deal, making 49 runs before a catch by Toner finished his positive knock at 1/70.

Harvey Griggs took 2/24 and Toner claimed 1/7.

The damage was done and Koonwarra L/RSL secured the points as it finished the day with 3/82.

A GRADE DIVISION 2

<b>Glen Alvie 3/166 d Nerrena 165</b>	
<b>Nerrena – 1st INNINGS</b>	
Dave Trotman c: N Findlay b: M Dakin .....	1
Billy Trotman run out: S Kennedy .....	9
James Kelly c: N Findlay b: R Sinclair .....	38
Brandon Tauro run out: D Williams .....	41
Mitchell Croatto c: A Donohue b: B McRae .....	9
Shaun Sparks c: M Dakin b: D Williams .....	14
Tyson Harris b: S Kennedy .....	0
William Croatto c: N Findlay b: S Kennedy .....	10
Jayke Hoy not out .....	7*
Jaxon Checkley b: N Findlay .....	6
Patrick Johnston lbw: S Kennedy .....	8
Extras (16w, 2nb, 4lb) .....	22
<b>Total 10 / 165 (38.5 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: N Findlay 7-1-16-1 (3w), M Dakin 8-0-33-1	
(3w), B McRae 5-0-38-1 (6w, 1nb), R Sinclair 8-0-25-1	
(1w, 1nb), S Kennedy 7.5-0-32-3, D Williams 3-0-17-1	
(3w)	
<b>Glen Alvie – 1st INNINGS</b>	
Matthew Donohue c: B Trotman b: J Hoy .....	45
Scott Peatling c: ? b: D Trotman .....	41
Rohan Slade b: T Harris .....	7
Stephen Kennedy not out .....	28*
Matthew Dakin not out .....	31*
Extras (13w, 1lb) .....	14
<b>Total 3 / 166 (32 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: J Checkley 5-2-7-0, W Croatto 5-0-44-0 (5w),	
B Tauro 5-0-15-0 (3w), P Johnston 4-0-16-0 (2w),	
M Croatto 2-0-13-0 (2w), D Trotman 4-0-17-1 (1w),	
T Harris 4-0-33-1, J Hoy 3-1-20-1	

<b>Nyora 5/221 d Kilcunda-Bass 168</b>	
<b>Nyora – 1st INNINGS</b>	
Henry Dolphin c: ? b: S Dillon .....	24
Daniel Esler b: C Peckett .....	17
Gavin Hackett run out .....	18
Jake Hackett not out .....	69*
Aaron Kaddatz b: T Smith .....	47
Jake Henry c: C Peckett b: M Grayson .....	25
Aaron Thompson not out .....	3*
Extras (12w, 4nb, 2lb) .....	18
<b>Total 5 / 221 (40 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: T Smith 7-0-35-1 (1w, nb), H Berry 3-0-19-0	
(1w, 1nb), S Dillon 8-0-18-1 (1w), C Davidson 6-0-39-0	
(2w, 2nb), C Peckett 5-0-13-1, J Tregear 4-0-45-0 (5w),	
B Rookes 4-0-22-0 (1w), M Grayson 3-0-28-1 (1w)	
<b>Kilcunda-Bass – 1st INNINGS</b>	
Matthew Grayson c: J Henry b: A Kaddatz .....	4
Ash Larcombe b: L Row .....	118
Jaydan Tregear lbw: M Rowe .....	4
Steven Dillon b: M Rowe .....	0
Fill-in c: L Row b: M Rowe .....	4
Todd Smith c: J Henry b: M Rowe .....	2
Allan Bedford c: H Dolphin b: M Rowe .....	0
Harrison Berry c: A Simmons b: H Dolphin .....	4
Chris Peckett b: D Blackney .....	0
Ben Rookes b: M Rowe .....	9
Cameron Davidson not out .....	9*
Extras (10w, 3nb, 1lb) .....	14
<b>Total 10 / 168 (35.5 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: A Kaddatz 6-0-22-1, L Row 2-0-32-1 (7w),	
M Rowe 7.5-1-29-6 (3w, 2nb), A Simmons 8-0-40-0,	
A Thompson 4-1-15-0, H Dolphin 4-0-12-1 (1nb),	
D Blackney 4-0-17-1	

<b>Koonwarra L/RSL 3/82 d Foster 78</b>	
<b>Foster – 1st INNINGS</b>	
Jack Gay b: J Thomas .....	2
Josh Toner b: B Perry .....	11
Jake Best b: J Kennedy .....	8
Mitchell Jones b: J Kennedy .....	0
Ben East b: J Kennedy .....	3
Brad Coates b: J Kennedy .....	5
Jack Weston c: B Perry b: A Mehmood .....	6
Jake Staley b: A Mehmood .....	11
Eddie Smith b: A Mehmood .....	8
Harvey Griggs run out: J Rushton .....	3
Tex Dyson not out .....	1*
Extras (7w, 6lb, 7b) .....	20
<b>Total 10 / 78 (31 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: J Thomas 5-1-15-1, M Cooke 4-0-10-0,	
B Perry 6-3-6-1, J Kennedy 5-0-13-4, N Arnup 5-2-10-0,	
A Mehmood 6-1-11-3	
<b>Koonwarra L/RSL – 1st INNINGS</b>	
Matt Cooke c: H Griggs b: J Toner .....	10
Amad Mujtaba c: J Toner b: H Griggs .....	49
Isuru Darshana c: B Coates b: H Griggs .....	0
Ben Perry not out .....	3*
Azhar Mehmood not out .....	9*
Extras (9w, 1nb, 1lb) .....	11
<b>Total 3 / 82 (19 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: J Weston 4-2-2-0 (1w), J Staley 2-0-17-0,	
J Gay 2-0-10-0 (1w), B Coates 2-0-18-0 (6w), B East 2-0-	
3-0 (1nb), H Griggs 4-0-24-2, J Toner 3-1-7-1 (1w)	

Club 254 d MDU 171	
Club – 1st INNINGS	
David Britt c: S Bright b: M McGrath .....	31
Emmet Dempsey stumped b: M McGrath .....	139
Jy Hull c: ? b: J Palmer .....	9
Harry West c: S Bright b: Z Bright .....	25
Jason O'Reilly b: J Palmer .....	23
Ryan Birkett b: Z Bright .....	0
Luke McGuirk b: J Sinclair .....	2
Heath Dobbie c: M Olden b: J Palmer .....	3
Jai Williamson b: J Palmer .....	0
Fraser West lbw: S Bright .....	1
Sean Roche not out .....	0*
Extras (17w, 3nb, 1lb) .....	21
<b>Total 10 / 254 (37.1 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: S Bright 6.1-0-46-1, Z Bright 7-0-58-2 (13w, 1nb), M McGrath 8-0-33-2, S Arnup 8-0-46-0 (1w), J Palmer 4-0-32-4 (1nb), M Cantwell 2-0-30-0 (1w), J Sinclair 2-0-8-1 (2w, 1nb)	
MDU – 1st INNINGS	
Joel Sinclair c: J Hull b: L McGuirk .....	8
Mitch McGrath b: J Williamson .....	16
Paul Le Page b: R Birkett .....	15
Matt Olden b: J Williamson .....	10
Steve Arnup b: R Birkett .....	14
Matt Martin c: H West b: H Dobbie .....	38
Troy Sinclair b: R Birkett .....	3
Sam Bright c: D Britt b: S Roche .....	32
Zak Bright lbw: H Dobbie .....	0
Mark Cantwell not out .....	13*
Jake Palmer b: Sean Roche .....	10
Extras (5w, 3nb, 3lb, 1b) .....	12
<b>Total 10 / 171 (39.2 Overs)</b>	
Bowling: F West 6-1-22-0 (1w), L McGuirk 4-1-13-1 (1w), R Birkett 8-1-25-3 (1w, 3nb), J Williamson 8-0-34-2 (2w), S Roche 7.2-0-51-2 (1w), H Dobbie 6-0-22-2 (1nb)	





## Women's cricket celebrated in double header

THE rise of women's sport continues to gather momentum and was celebrated on Sunday with Leongatha and District Cricket Association women's double header.

Rounds five and six of the women's competition was played out in Leongatha in front of great crowd.

The games were played out at Scorpion Park, Leongatha's East Campus and the Leongatha Velodrome.

Town president Cameron Dowling was proud to have the opportunity to showcase the local talent.

"The decision was made to bring all the games into one town, and get together to promote women's cricket," he said.

"It's been a great competition and it was awesome to see so many people hanging round. It was a big turnout."

The teams represented included Phillip Island, two sides from Kilcunda-Bass, Inverloch, Leongatha Town, Koonwarra L/RSL, Nyora and Foster.

The interest in the competition has grown massively with more than 80 players turning out for the double header.

"It was (Town's) first year in the competition this season. We started off wanting to put in a team but thinking we might not get enough players. We ended up with a team of 16," Dowling said.

"I think the Matildas having a

good year has really inspired women to get involved with all sports. It's amazing having the girls come back to the club after a game or training. It's a totally different vibe around the club."

Leongatha Town suffered a blow when its clubroom burnt down in February last year.

However, from that tragedy came an outpouring of community support and the motivation for the club to further increase its inclusivity and get a women's team up and running.

"We put the word out there and we got a lot of interest. It has been an amazing first year," Dowling said.

"The smiles on the girls' faces as they are playing is awesome to see. A lot of them have said that now that they play cricket they really feel like they are part of the club now, not just partners of the club. It's great to have everyone involved."

The day was successful the first game finished before lunch, starting at 9.30am.

Three out of four games were played after lunch, with only the clash between Leongatha Town and Nyora abandoned due to the inclement weather.

Round seven will played on January 21 ahead of the finals series.

The semi final is scheduled for February 4 with the grand final set to be played on February 18.

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Nyora's opener Amanda Linford takes a confident stride towards the ball.

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