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Tragedy at our beaches

YOU'D need a magnifying glass to see the "swimming not advised, unpatrolled location" sign as you walk up the steps from the carpark at one of the most treacherous surf beaches in Victoria, Kilcunda.

It's hardly surprising then that most people don't see the sign, and visitors, especially the uninitiated from Melbourne, arrive with towels and provisions, ready for a day at the beach.

Last Friday, January 12, shortly after 8pm, tragedy struck when a man aged in his 20s was swept out.

It was one of three drownings in the region on the day; one at Surf Beach on Phillip Island and another off Port Welshpool, both on Friday afternoon, and a third at Kilcunda in the evening.

Emergency services responded following reports the man had gone missing near the rocks at the trestle bridge end of the beach at Kilcunda.

Officers were told the man was with a group of friends in the water, when he tried to retrieve a pair of sunglasses.

Surfers were alerted to the incident, reporting later that they had seen the man in the water, but by the time they got across to him, he had disappeared under the waves.

The police air wing joined the search, making sweeps of the beach and waves before dusk and then using their search light to continue their efforts.

It was more than an hour later that the man was found unresponsive on the beach.

It's not the only time swimmers have come to grief at Kilcunda this year.

Bruce Sherlock posted this message on the Sentinel-Times' Facebook page: "This season we have seen more people than ever before taking to the surf beach here at Killy and why wouldn't they. The thing is, the rips here are incredibly strong, dangerous and deadly. Please, if you want to swim in the waves, go to a patrolled beach."

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Salvage contractor Noel Duffy attaches flotation bags and barrels to the submerged car as it is brought up from the murky depths in front of the Rhyll Boat Ramp on Thursday morning.

Shire defends 'slippery' Rhyll ramp's design

THERE is unlikely to be a review of the operation and maintenance of the \$5 million Rhyll Boat Ramp after the Bass Coast Shire Council defended its design and maintenance schedule last week.

The comments from the shire come after a serious mishap at the ramp last Wednesday night, January 10 when a car and boat trailer slid off the end of the jetty while in gear with its handbrake on.

Local users of the boat ramp say there have now been four such incidents since the new ramp was opened in September 2022.

On this occasion, a 2012 Toyota HiLux Twin Cab was being used by a couple from Pakenham to retrieve their boat after a day's fishing at about 5pm.

"I've launched and retrieved boats from here, Newhaven and Corinella hundreds of times," said Chris Norman, while watching his car and boat trailer being salvaged by Noel Duffy of White Realm Diving, from the murky depths in front of the boat ramp the following morning.

"We had the car and trailer in position on the ramp, no problem, but as soon as the trailer started taking the weight of the boat, the car and the trailer started slipping backwards.

"Aleisha was doing the winch and I called out for her to stop

and jumped across the bonnet and opened the drivers' side door to put my foot on the brake.

"But the car was in gear and the handbrake on, and I realised I wasn't going to stop it that way.

"I thrashed around for a knife and found a filleting knife but by the time I cut the boat loose, it was too late."

An experienced boat owner, Chris has blamed the slippery state of the ramp for the incident.

But the Bass Coast Shire Council's Acting CEO, Jodi Kennedy, has defended the performance and design of the ramp.

"The Rhyll Boat Ramp was designed and built in accordance with Australian Standards with grooves to reduce slipperiness and provide grip to boat trailers and cars.

"An additional 'scabbling' treatment was also applied. This 'scabbling' treatment roughens the concrete surface.

"Council is not aware of any other incidents of this nature at the Rhyll Boat Ramp.

"Our boat ramps are maintained on a cyclical schedule and the Rhyll Boat Ramp was pressure washed on 20 December 2023 in preparation for the busy Christmas period.

"Boat ramps by nature are submerged often. The tide on the day of this incident was particularly

low and it follows that the surface exposed may have had more seaweed and algae build-up than parts of the ramp that are more regularly exposed.

"Boat users should always observe and assess the conditions prior to accessing the ramp. Boating Vic's website has up to date and useful information on safe boating.

"Thank you to those who attended the incident and ensured the safe retrieval of the vehicle and enabled the swift return to service of the boat ramp."

Owner of the HiLux, which has been declared a total write-off after the incident, and the boat Chris Norman, blamed the slippery boat ramp for the incident, and there's been plenty of corroboration locally.

But as costly as it was in terms of property, there had been some hairy moments for Chris and his partner Aleisha.

There was a cheer from the onlookers, and those waiting to launch their own boats last Thursday morning on what looked to be a pristine day for fishing.

The incident happened at low tide on Wednesday, so the retrieval trailer and the car were at their closest point to the end of the ramp, which is a detail worth taking into account when picking up or retrieving your own boat.



Bass Coast police continue the search for a missing swimmer at Kilcunda last Friday, while further down the beach, the local surfer who went to the man's aid is consoled.

Tragedy at our beaches

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"Unfortunately, this disaster has been on the cards as the local surfers have performed countless rescues all summer. More than ever before. my condolences go out to the man's family."

He also praised local surfer 'Luke' for his efforts.

Others say there should be more signs, in a variety of languages, education, swimming lessons and even that the beach should be permanently closed to swimming.

But they've ruled out life-guards.

Christopher Head: "It's just not a beach for swimming at. The lifesavers would need to tape the flags together on the beach and say swim between the flags."

Deep drop-offs and active rips are always present.

Amber Holland summed it up: "Sad news. Also, another drowning down the road at Surf beach as well today. I live in Kilcunda and don't even swim here, unless I had a surfboard attached to me. Two drownings on one summer's day in the Bass Coast, is two tragedies too much."

Drowning at Phillip Island

Police will prepare a report for the coroner following the death of a man at Surf Beach on Phillip Island last Friday afternoon, January 12.

Emergency services responded after a man was pulled to shore by passers-by just after 3.30pm.

CPR was commenced, but the man, who has yet to be formally identified, died at the scene.

Those who administered CPR and paramedics have been praised on social media.

Diane McAskill: "To the paramedic who walked past my place after shaking hands with the chaplain. I asked

if you would like to use our bathroom, or like a drink. You said maybe a wine next time. First responders, you tried so hard. Heartbreaking to see SES team and the coroner in our carpark."

Deb Henderson: "I would like to say that young men who performed CPR on the gentleman today, until the paramedics arrived, did an outstanding job."

The Mayor of Bass Coast, Cr Clare Le Serve has since issued a statement: "We are deeply saddened by the two drownings in our region on Friday. Whilst we live in a beautiful region, this is sadly a reminder of how dangerous the water can be. We extend our deepest condolences to the families and friends of the victims and express our sincerest thanks to the first responders and volunteers who tried desperately to save these people. We encourage all beach users to always assess the environment and take precautions to prevent tragedy by swimming on patrolled beaches, checking signs and swimming between the flags."

Diver's body retrieved

Police will prepare a report for the Coroner after the death of a man at Port Welshpool on Friday, January 12.

Emergency services responded after a diver was reported missing at about 3.45pm.

It has been reported that the 'freediver' lost his flippers in the incident and was located deceased, 20 kilometre's off-shore with his body retrieved by Water Police.

He is yet to be formally identified.

Peter McDonnell of Lifesaving Victoria said the deaths last Friday brought the number of deaths by drowning in the state to 12, two more than the same time last year.

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SOUTH GIPPSLAND



TUE | Jan 16
Shower or two.
Wind AM: E 15-20km/h
Wind PM: Light
15° 29°



WED | Jan 17
Shower or two.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: S 15-20km/h
17° 25°



THUR | Jan 18
Shower or two.
Wind AM: NW 15-25km/h
Wind PM: S-SW 20-30km/h
15° 22°



FRI | Jan 19
Possible shower.
Wind AM: W 15-25km/h
Wind PM: SW 15-20km/h
14° 22°



SAT | Jan 20
Mostly sunny.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light
12° 24°



SUN | Jan 21
Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: SW 15-25km/h
17° 27°

IN BRIEF

Victorians warned of mosquito risk

REGIONAL Victorians are being urged to take precautions against mosquito-borne disease. This comes in response to recent flooding and warm weather, which creates the perfect breeding environment for the insect. Communities may be at risk of diseases such as Ross River virus, Murray Valley encephalitis and Japanese encephalitis. While mosquito-borne disease cannot spread from person to person and most cases will be mild, for some, transmission can lead to severe and long-term health conditions.

Poowong, Loch, Nyora water “all clear”

TEN long days after it was introduced, the ‘boil water’ advisory notice was lifted off the communities of Poowong, Loch and Nyora, last Friday, January 12. Managing Director of South Gippsland Water, Robert Murphy, declared tap water in the three towns safe to drink at 5pm, while recommending customers flush internal taps for two minutes to draw fresh water into their internal plumbing. He thanked the people of the three communities for their patience and cooperation, the authority’s contractors and members of his own team.

“Over the past week and a bit, our dedicated teams worked tirelessly, demonstrating an extraordinary level of commitment. We would like to express our gratitude to everyone who contributed, sacrificing weekends and evenings, and putting in extra hours to address the issue as promptly as possible,” Mr Murphy said.

“I would also like to acknowledge and express my appreciation for O’Neills Bulk Tanker Services for the water tankers, Melbourne VMS Hire for signage and Colemans Ice Leongatha for bottled water.

“Ultimately, my biggest thanks go to our customers in Poowong, Loch and Nyora. Your quick

response and acceptance are greatly appreciated.” He said the lifting of the advisory would trigger a \$10,000 community grant, details of which are yet to be provided.

Community grants to open in February

LOCAL community groups across Baw Baw shire are encouraged to start preparing for the second round of the 2023/24 community grants. The community grants program includes two funding streams, including community projects and minor capital works. Applications for the second round of community projects will open on Monday, February 5, and can be made for projects valued up to \$5000. Applications will close at midday on Friday, February 23. As community groups begin preparing their applications, they are reminded that they must make an appointment with council’s grants team as part of the application process. Information about this can be found on council’s website at bawbawshire.vic.gov.au/CommunityGrants.

Holiday racing at Stony Creek

THE next race meeting at Stony Creek is the ‘School Holiday Race Day’ on Thursday, January 18 with fun for the whole family. After wet weather forced the cancelation of the popular Pink Roses Day on Tuesday, January 9, the weather looks ideal for this Thursday’s event. “Relax on our expansive lawn, or get in early and grab a public picnic table under the gum trees. The kids will be kept entertained all day with Kelly Sports supervised activities, Little Ryders pony rides, Airy Fairy face painting and more.” In between races, the lawn will the place to be with live music by Rick Gauci and ‘Influence Clothing Fashions on the Field’ taking centre stage.

Gates open 12.30pm, first race 2pm. Tickets and packages available at country.racing.com/stony-creek/calendar/2024-01-18/school-holiday-racing

Hazel Park Road repairs to take time

REPAIRS to Hazel Park Road in the Toora vicinity are not expected to be complete for a number of weeks due to the magnitude of the damage following torrential Boxing Day rain that saw a large hole form in the middle of the road. A section of the road has been closed since. That has meant those wishing to access Agnes Falls must do so via Silcocks Hill Road, with the intersection of Slades Hill and Hazel Park Roads closed. South Gippsland Shire Council indicated culvert replacement and road restoration is required on Hazel Park Road.

“We appreciate everyone’s patience and will work to get the road reopened as soon as possible,” council’s acting CEO Renae Littlejohn said. Silcocks Hill Road was briefly closed due a landslip on Boxing Day triggered by the downpour. However, council was able to quickly clear the mud and debris that fell across both sides of the road, enabling it to be reopened, but stressed that additional remedial works will be required.

Leongatha stalwart passes

LOCAL primary school teacher, farmer, shire councillor, stalwart of the CWA and long-time member of the Leongatha and District Historical Society, among other things; Joy Hoy (nee Watson) was a great servant of the community of South Gippsland. She passed away on December 24, 2023, aged 91. Joy played a significant role in the historical society securing use of the Leongatha Mechanics’ Institute as its home, being elected to the Woorayl Shire Council

in 1982. Along with Joyce Joyner and Mary Checkley she was one of the first women to be on the council, serving through until the shire’s centenary in 1987-88. Dearly loved wife of Bill (dec) and mother and mother-in-law of Cathy and Adrian, Jen and John, David and Sally, John and Sandra she was the elder daughter of Richard and Alice Watson (both dec.), and sister to Elizabeth (dec). A funeral service was held at St Peters Anglican Church

Save the Italian Festa date

IT’S coming around rapidly, the 2024 Mirboo North Italian Festa, on Sunday, February 11. Here’s a selection of what you might like to see; pre-entertainment by singer Illana Massaro, performance by Mirboo North Primary School students, entertainment by ‘Top Shelf Duo’ Dean Canan and Lisa Asta, flag throwers from Italy, Spaghetti Eating and Grape Stomping competitions and more. It all kicks off in traditional fashion with an outdoor mass to celebrate St Paul followed by a procession through the park.

Creative projects announced

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council is pleased to provide ongoing support to a variety of creative projects through Council’s Arts Culture and Creative Industries Strategy, aimed at supporting local people, businesses and community groups with their creative endeavours. Council received a strong response with a total of 30 project proposals submitted. Eleven unique projects were selected for support. This support includes two projects receiving \$500 and nine projects receiving \$1000 to assist their development. A list of successful recipients is available online at sgst.com.au.

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Victorians offered emergency relief

SOUTH Gippsland, Wellington and Baw Baw shires are among those eligible for jointly funded disaster assistance.

The assistance was activated for communities impacted by Victorian floods and storms, starting on December 23, under the Commonwealth-State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA).

Emergency Recovery Victoria (ERV) is continuing to work with local councils to understand the assistance required to support communities following the floods and storms. Councils can notify ERV of impacts via the Claims Management System.

“We’re working hand in hand with the Commonwealth Government to make this funding available for community members and councils who need support during this incredibly difficult time,” Minister for Emergency Services Jaclyn Symes said.

“By making emergency relief assistance available it goes some way to help with the immediate needs of Victorians who in many cases are still recovering from previous significant emergency events in recent years.”

Eligible community members whose homes have been impacted by the Victorian floods and storms can access emergency relief assistance through the Personal Hardship Assistance Program (PHAP) led through the Victorian Department of Families, Fairness and Housing.

You are eligible for a relief payment if you have unmet immediate relief needs and your principal place of residence is, or was, in an evacuation area and the floods or storms have damaged your home, or your home has flooded above the floor.

Assistance under PHAP includes a one-off payment of \$640 per adult and \$320 per child up to a maximum of \$2240 per eligible family to cover the costs of essentials like food, clothing, medication and accommodation. Payments are a fixed amount for each member of a household and are not calculated based on how much money you earn.

“This type of support is designed to help people meet immediate needs like food and clothing, and we’ll continue to work with the Victorian Government to make sure assistance gets to where it’s needed,” Federal Minister for Emergency Management Murray Watt. “I want to assure those affected that we are working as quickly as possible to make assistance available and I want to thank emergency services personnel and volunteers for their efforts.”

Support from the Federal and State Governments will also provide for local governments’ counter disaster operations, including making residential properties safe and habitable, and emergency works for urgent transport, infrastructure and public assets restoration.

If you think you may be eligible for a relief payment, visit an emergency relief centre or call your local council.

If your business has been impacted, reference your insurance policies or contact your local council for support.

Information on disaster assistance is available on the Australian Government’s website at disasterassist.gov.au and the VicEmergency website emergency.vic.gov.au/relief.



At 82,897 tonne and with 1918 passengers and 800 crew, the Holland America Line ship, the Noordam, carried quite a payload into Western Port last Wednesday.

Ships steam in with Island holiday bonus

PRE-COVID, Phillip Island had 15 cruise ship visits in 2019-20 with 14,452 passengers and 7780 crew. 5000 passengers joined organised tours and 2500 visited the penguin parade.

This year, the cruise ship schedule is getting back to something like those numbers with the next ship, the Regatta, due in Western Port on Friday, January 19.

Last Wednesday it was the Holland America Line 82,897 tonne ship, Noordam, that sailed into port

off Cowes with a significant number of the 1918 passengers and some of the 800 crew coming onshore via the ship’s tenders to enjoy what the island has to offer.

Built in 2006 and flying the Netherlands’ flag, the Noordam was named for the northern compass point.

The 2024 cruising schedule at Phillip Island is as follows:

- January 9 Seabourne Odyssey, 458 passengers, 335 crew
- January 11 Noordam,

1918 passengers, 800 crew

- January 19 Regatta, 684 passengers, 400 crew
- January 28 Grand Princess, 2590 passengers, 1100 crew
- February 11 Viking Sky, 930 passengers, 550 crew
- February 14 Viking Neptune, 928 passengers, 465 crew
- February 17 Seabourne Odyssey, 458 passengers, 335 crew
- April 27 Pacific Adventure, 2636 passengers, 1100 crew

Victoria’s container deposit scheme hits over 100 million returns

VICTORIAN’S in every corner of the state have thrown their support behind the Government’s Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) – returning more than 100 million containers, and pocketing over \$10 million in refunds in just two months.

Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale marked the milestone at the new Return-It depot at Wonthaggi.

The CDS is breaking records every week, the biggest day to date was Friday, January 5 with 3.18 million containers returned. The CDS is processing an average of around 10 million cans, cartons, and

bottles across the state every week, with Victorians returning an average of 129 containers per transaction.

Victorians can choose to pocket the refund or donate their containers to one of the 1600 participating charities, sports, community, environmental or educational groups.

Returned drink containers can be transformed into all kinds of new things, including material for roads, furniture, construction, textiles and more – creating new economic opportunities and will support more than 600 jobs across Victoria.

Of all the containers returned since the scheme commenced, aluminium cans have been the most popular making up 53 percent of returns, followed by PET (26 percent), glass (18 percent).

“The new Wonthaggi and Cowes depots and the Reverse Vending machines across Bass including in Koo Wee Rup and Lang Lang are such a fabulous opportunity for our local community to make a big difference to the environment – supporting local organisations and also putting money back into the hands of Victorians,” said State Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale.

Council investigate fireworks incident

BASS Coast Shire Council is responding to an incident at Inverloch’s New Year’s Eve fireworks.

A child was injured by debris during the 9.30pm display and was treated at the Wonthaggi hospital.

Acting general manager Shannan Little said council is looking into ways to ensure safety at future celebrations.

“Bass Coast Shire Council is taking the New Year’s Eve fireworks accident at Inverloch very seriously,” he said.

“The night was intended to be a celebration and coming together of community. The accident should never have happened.”

Mr Little said he had personally spoken with the family of the impacted child, and had offered council’s full support.

“I will stay in touch regularly to continue the discussion on how council can help and to keep the family fully informed as we progress,” he said.

“The pyrotechnics company have delivered fireworks in Inverloch for 19 years and operate within a sector that is heavily regulated. The company have reported the incident to Worksafe, which will inform council’s findings for future events.”



Tools stolen in overnight theft

IT IS alleged that overnight between Thursday January 11 and Friday January 12 a vehicle in Drysdale Street, Wonthaggi was broken into and tools were possibly stolen. The investigation into this theft is ongoing and police encourage people to keep their vehicles locked.

Drive to the speed limit

POLICE have been heavily targeting roads both overtly and covertly in Dalyston and Kilcunda and report that many people have been caught excessively exceeding the speed limit, with instances of people found to be between 20 and 30 km/h over the speed limit. Police commented that this has been due to both driver inattention and wilful speeding and ask people to be safe and drive to the speed limit.

Swim between the flags

BASS Coast Police have been proactively policing areas of the coastline, particularly San Remo and Phillip Island, but also from Port Welshpool through to Coronet Bay. The aim is for patrols to educate the general public on water safety. Police are highlighting the dangers of rock fishing and rock swimming, rip tides and swimming at unmanned beaches. Police commented that their resources along with other emergency responders over summer can be largely taken up by preventable rescues. This education strategy is a proactive way police are addressing this issue.




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Mayor's Message

Cr Clare Le Serve

HELLO Bass Coast Community

As we farewell the past year and embrace the opportunities that 2024 brings, I wish you all a happy new year with positivity.

I am always thrilled to see the increase of visitors over the summer period to our region. Our region's charm and natural beauty draws visitors from near and far, contributing to the growth and vibrancy of our local economy. I extend my thanks to the businesses and residents who warmly welcomed these guests, creating an atmosphere of hospitality that leaves a lasting impression.

Looking ahead, the new year promises even more exciting events and opportunities for us to come together as a community. Keep your eye out on our website and social media channels to get involved in events happening throughout the year.

This year, I hope we can all shape the future together. We have some significant investment and plans for our region, and I encourage you to actively engage with Council on various projects that will shape the future of our beloved region.

Our Engage Bass Coast website serves as a platform for you to voice your opinions, share ideas, and actively participate in decisions that will impact our community. Your input is invaluable, and I look forward to seeing the positive changes we can achieve when working together. The Engage Bass Coast website provides updates on current projects and is a great place to stay up to date with what infrastructure is being upgraded or built.

Understanding the needs and priorities of our community is of upmost importance to myself, Councillors and Council staff. I hope you will get involved and play a part in determining how our region is moving forward. There will be many opportunities to do this over the coming year and we will do our very best to make your voice count.

Wishing you all a prosperous and fulfilling New Year.

Overwhelming: Pick up our red bins, they say

THE response has been deafening on social media to the seasonal question about whether or not the Bass Coast Shire Council should pick up the red, 120 litre (landfill) rubbish bin every week of the summer school holidays.

Overwhelmingly, it has been a big, smelly vote of "yes".

And Phillip Island Councillor, Ron Bauer, says it's time to stop the nonsense, in fact, in a local government election year, he has declared he'll make red bin collection between Christmas Eve and Australia Day an election issue.

"Just going around town today and the number of people who put their red bins out on the wrong week is an indication of what they think. They are voting with their bins, if you like," said Cr Bauer.

"I've always said we should pick up the red bins every week of the summer holidays, from December 24 right through to the Australia Day weekend.

"On Phillip Island, in the water-line towns which are busy right through January, and at Inverloch and Cape Paterson in particular it's an absolute necessity.

"We are a tourist destination and we've got to have our towns looking their best at this time of the year, not having unemptied bins out and also people just leaving their rubbish around because there's no point putting it in the bin."

Cr Bauer said Bass Coast's attitude to red bins, offering only



What's wrong with this photo? Confusion reigned supreme around coastal settlements in Bass Coast in the past week when dozens of occupiers put out all three bins; red, yellow and green in the hope they would be collected.

a fortnight collection during the busy summer holidays was out of step with all other coastal municipalities in Gippsland; South Gippsland, Wellington (Sale) and East Gippsland which all offered weekly red bin/landfill waste collection weekly right through the year.

"I'm only talking about red bin collection from Christmas Eve to Australia Day. We should simply put it in the contract and be done with it," Cr Bauer said.

Social media frenzy

Here's a selection of the feedback on social media to the question of resuming red bin pickups over the summer holidays (12,000 hits, 170 comments):

- Melissa Drager: We went away and missed red bin week, so we've had toddlers' nappies full of poo in our red bin for almost a month. It's lovely.
- Elsie Dimo: We're a big family and sometimes the weekly red bin gets filled very quickly,
- Alison Wallace: Ron Bauer gets my vote next election!
- Sue Breeden: Yes, for hygiene alone, keep the bins cleaned out regularly regardless of if they are full or not.
- Lyn Chadwick: Yes, especially when you have extra people visiting.
- Joe Bogan: Yes, they used to do, what happened to it?
- Cheryl Baker: We have been saying this for years. It's a tourist destination for the summer holidays! Why do recycling weekly and not waste?
- Tracey Harrison: Most definitely! We pay enough in our rates.
- Colin Matthies: Baw Baw Shire does it 52 weeks.
- Josephine Roberts: Yes, all year round. I, probably like many, have two kids in nappies and that alone fills the small red bin.
- Sarah Jane Moore: No fortnightly is perfect.



Technical difficulties close Antarctic Journey permanently

PHILLIP Island Nature Parks has made the difficult decision to close the Antarctic Journey at the Nobbies Centre, due to ongoing technical issues.

"It is with sadness that we close this experience, which has connected and educated visitors to Phillip Island through an interactive and audio-visual journey across the Great Southern Ocean, for the past eight years," Phillip Island Nature Parks CEO Catherine Basterfield stated.

"The Nobbies Centre itself will remain open, and visitors can still access the scenic boardwalks and wildlife viewing platforms, Nobbies Café, retail store, Ben & Jerry's ice cream and toilets.

"Customers with existing tickets to the Antarctic Journey will receive a full refund."

Whilst visitation varies seasonally, the attraction hosts on average 500 people per day.

"Although this has been a hard decision, we now have an exciting opportunity to plan for a new chapter in the life of the Nobbies Centre, with another exciting experience for visitors to enjoy.

"From today, customers will be able to purchase a three Parks Pass ticket, which includes the world-famous Penguin Parade, the Koala Conservation Reserve and Churchill Island Farm, and will be provided information about visiting the Nobbies Centre."

If you have booked tickets previously for the Antarctic Journey Experience including a four Parks Pass, the Nature Parks will provide a full refund for the Antarctic Journey component of your ticket.

Other attractions tickets on a four Parks Pass will remain valid.

Car crashes into Wonthaggi shire office

SES personnel, tow trucks and building contractors responded to a car crash at the Bass Coast Shire Council offices in Wonthaggi on Monday morning this week.

At about 9.30am on January 15, an elderly woman driver crashed into the front reception area of the shire offices in Wonthaggi, taking out one of the pillars holding up the front verandah of the building.

The car did not crash into the office windows. The customer service centre at the shire was closed temporarily while necessary works were carried out.

The woman was shaken but uninjured in the mishap and walked away from the incident.



In a car accident on Monday this week, an elderly driver has crashed into one of the pillars holding up the front veranda at the shire offices in Wonthaggi.

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New appliance for Wonthaggi Fire Brigade

WONTHAGGI Country Fire Authority (CFA) volunteers have a new ultralight to help them continue their incredible work supporting the local community, thanks to the Government's Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program (VESEP).

Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale formally handed over the keys at the fire station on Wednesday evening and congratulated Captain Arnie Marion and the brigade's dedicated volunteers.

"This new ultralight gives our wonderful and super dedicated volunteers the ability to effectively carry out their duties to keep us all protected, supported and safe," State Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale said.

The new vehicle holds 500 litres of water, can be driven on a standard car licence, draws water quickly and is highly manoeuvrable for rapid response to grass and scrub fires.

"I want to take this opportunity to thank the Brigade also for their myriad of fundraising events and our local community for their generosity which has enabled them to put in their required contribution and upgrade their service fleet."

Wonthaggi CFA Fire and Hazmat received \$125,000 through this program with the total project cost being \$147,500. Under the program, the Government matches every \$1 paid by volunteer groups with a \$2 co-contribution up to \$150,000 per Project.

More than \$14.3 million has been invested as part of the Volunteer Emergency Services



The new ultralight vehicle for Wonthaggi Fire Brigade has been a work in progress over many years and is a welcome addition to the fleet replacing an outdated, not-fit-for-purpose ultralight. C01_0324

Equipment Program (VESEP), with twelve local units receiving funding as part of the overall 303 grants allocated, to ensure all are well-equipped to provide emergency support to the local community and surrounding areas.

The brigade is supported by its membership of 56 volunteers and responded to 214 callouts in 2023, including rescues, fires and explosions, and hazardous conditions.

Located in District 8, the brigade forms part of the CFA Bass

Coast Group along with Bass, Corinella, Dalyston, French Island, Glen Alvie, Kernot-Grantville, Kilcunda, San Remo and Phillip Island brigades.

The annual grants program gives volunteer emergency service groups the opportunity to apply for grants of up to \$150,000 to purchase equipment including vehicles, trucks, tankers, watercraft and trailers, and minor improvements including refurbishments and amenities, such as kitchens

and change rooms.

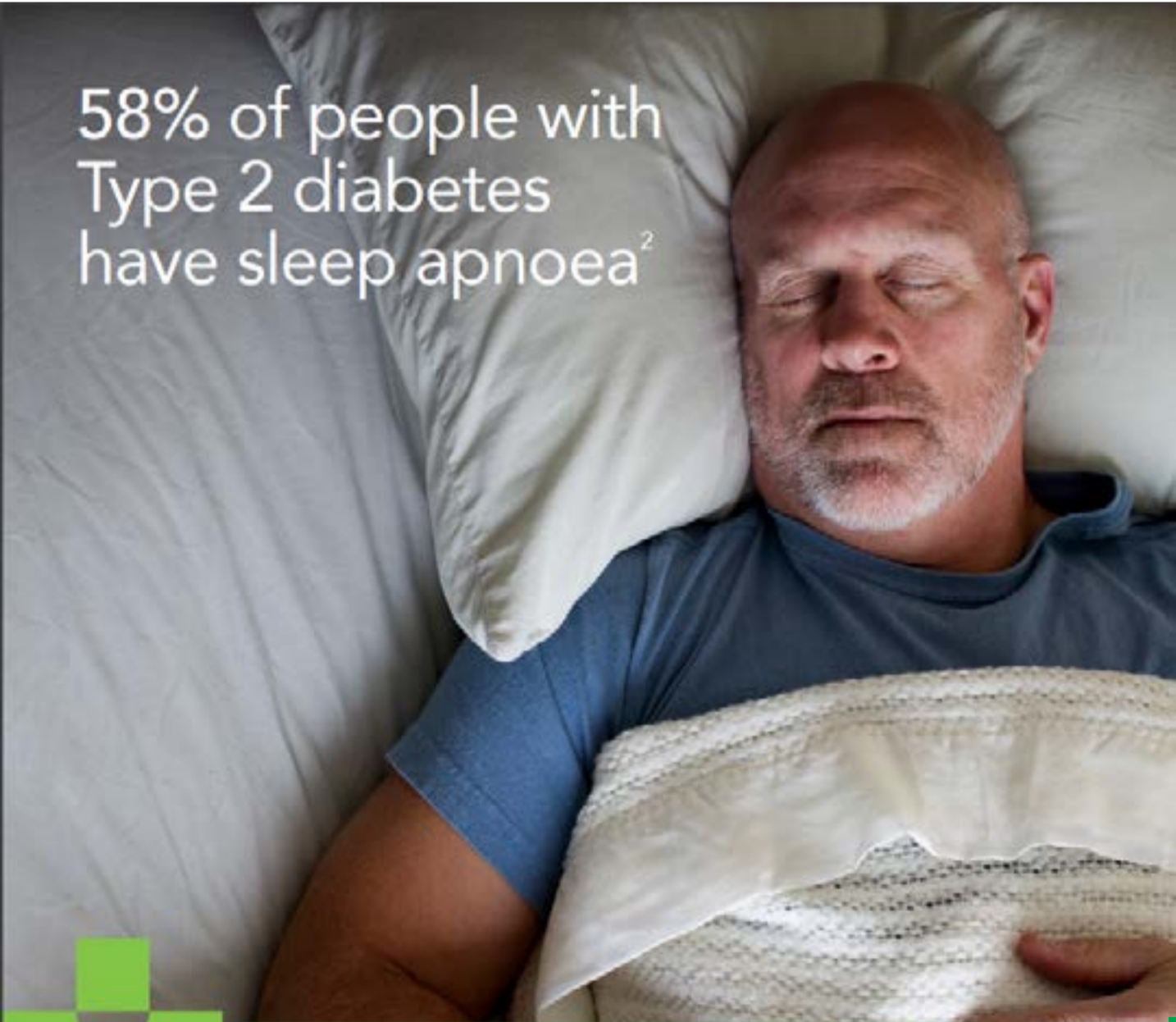
Other operational equipment that can be funded includes chainsaws, generators, quick fill pumps and inflatable rescue boats and engines.

"The Volunteer Emergency Services Equipment Program is an important annual program which provides a critical boost to our hard working, selfless and all community CFA, SES and Life Saving Clubs to make sure their equipment and facilities are up to date,"

Ms Crugnale added.

Other successful recipients in that round included:

- Kilcunda CFA - Field Command Vehicle. VESEP Contribution \$56,667. Total Project \$85,000
- Bass Coast CFA - Three Thermal Imaging Cameras (rural). VESEP contribution \$6,026. Total Project \$9,040
- Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club - First Aid equipment. Inflatable rescue boat and beach patrol trailers. - VESEP Contribution - \$16,138. Total Project - \$24,208
- Venus Bay Surf Life Saving Club - 2x Tohatsu Outboard engines - VESEP Contribution \$8,460 - Total Project - \$12,690
- Wonthaggi Surf Life Saving Club - 4x4 Toyota Hilux and radio communications. VESEP Contribution \$35,967. Total Project - \$53,950
- Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club - 4x4 Toyota Hilux. VESEP Contribution \$34,941. Total Project - \$52,412
- San Remo SES - Toyota Hilux. VESEP Contribution \$73,953. Total Project \$110,930
- San Remo CFA - Thermal Imaging Camera. VESEP Contribution \$6,808. Total Project - \$10,212.
- South Gippsland CFA - Ultra-Light Tanker. VESEP Contribution \$125,000. Total Project - \$147,500
- Foster SES - Toyota Hilux. VESP Contribution \$66,472. Total Project - \$104,208



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Koonwarra L/RSL cricket club set back

KOONWARRA Leongatha RSL Cricket Club suffered a significant setback overnight on Friday January 12 with the theft of two mowers from a locked shipping container near its clubrooms.

The container was locked about 6pm on Friday, with club president Nick Ar-nup discovering it open and the mowers missing when he arrived just before 8am on Saturday.

One is a large gang mower, formerly owned by Richmond Football Club, that is used for the cricket ground, while the other is a smaller Toro ride-on mower to cut the surrounds.

Both are red.

Police are investigating and the club has to speak to its insurer.

Depending on the timeframe involved, the Cougars may need to rely on the generosity of another club to lend it a mower to keep the Koonwarra ground playable.

Nick said someone must have scoped out the scene, with the shipping container behind the clubrooms and not easily visible.

He spoke of how common such crimes have become.

"It's been happening not just to us, but a lot of sporting clubs around the area getting stuff knocked off," Nick said.

"We've been broken into at least five times."

Items have been stolen in previous incidents, while in one case entry was forced into a storage shed with nothing taken but the door kicked in.

"Everyone's busting their backsides to try and keep clubs up and running and then you get these people who knock off lawnmowers or money, alcohol and TVs and stuff, and it's frustrating," Nick said.

"Some people just wreck it for everyone else."

Anyone with information is encouraged to call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or Wonthaggi Police Station on 5671 4100.



Fred Dekunder, Peter Walker, Neil and Kaye Coxon, and Kelvin Smart volunteers of Milpara Men's Shed Hospital Garden hope that people stop taking from the garden and if in need, just ask. ob02_0324

Disappointing theft from a charity garden

MEMEBERS of the Milpara Men's Shed Hospital Garden were left with a bitter taste in their mouth after soil, seedlings and plants were stolen on three separate occasions from the garden over the past two weeks.

The volunteer gardeners discovered at least four wheelbarrow loads of top quality soil had been taken from one garden bed that was ready for seeding.

Two large tomato plants had also been taken from another

bed, along with a shovel full of lettuce seedlings, and a few days later, bean seedlings were also missing.

The garden was set up about 15 years ago and has been supplying fresh and nutritious food to those in need since.

It is the first time the gardeners have experienced theft on this scale and are very disappointed by these blatant acts and would rather people didn't take things from the garden.

The fresh fruit and vegetables grown at the Milpara Men's Shed Hospital Garden are donated to the Milpara Food Bank at the Milpara Community House in Korumburra.

Produce is also sold and funds go directly back into the garden and towards buying meat to go into casserole dishes which the group also make for Milpara Food Bank; cooking over 100 casseroles last year.

While the cost of the theft

amounts to approximately \$100 dollars, it is taking from a charity that disappoints the volunteers as it ultimately means less food for those in need and is a disregard for the effort put in to maintaining the garden.

The volunteers commented that if people are struggling, they just need to come and ask, as they are happy to give; and the Milpara Food Bank is also a wonderful resource with a range of fresh and dry food for those in need.

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East Gippsland park visitors praised for their summer safety smarts

PARKS Victoria has praised holiday-goers across East Gippsland for practising their summer safety smarts following a wet start to the season.

Authorised Officers were out in full force last week as part of Operation Vergo, contacting hundreds of visitors across Cape Conran Coastal Park, Corringale Foreshore Reserve, Lake Tyers State Park, Snowy River National Park, Alpine National Park, Gippsland Lakes Coastal Park and Croajingolong National Park.

Responding to earlier reports of illegal and anti-social activity in the region, they were pleased to see most people doing the right thing while enjoying popular park trails, visitor areas, waterways, beaches and camping sites.

Authorised Officers issued 38 infringement notices and eight official warning letters to multiple offenders for several incidents including illegal firewood take, unattended campfires, illegal camping and illegal off-road driving. This follows the successful seizure of 16 firearms as part of Operation Black Pearl.

Parks Victoria, Victoria Police and the Game Management Authority led this late December crackdown, targeting illegal hunting in the Alps. It resulted in eight infringement notices issued with investigations against an additional eight alleged offenders underway.

"It is no secret Australians

love camping over the Christmas and New Year holidays. We love seeing visitors explore East Gippsland for the first time or return to the local parks and forests they know and love," Michael Treanor, Parks Victoria District Manager stated.

"While it was encouraging to see people enjoying the great outdoors and keeping an eye on each other, disappointingly, a small number continue to ignore information and signage in a way that harms the environment and disrespects the enjoyment of other park users.

"Parks Victoria is grateful to those who continue to do the right thing, particularly as we work through the complexities of recent flooding across important cultural and ecological landscapes in a region already impacted by multiple, severe weather events."

Parks Victoria is encouraging all visitors to parks and forests to thoroughly research the rules that apply to the location of their upcoming trip prior to departure to get the most out of their holiday and avoid possible penalties.

Visitors can brush up on their camping and campfire skills through our step-by-step online guides and video series.

Remember to check the Parks Victoria website for change of condition notices and download the VicEmergency app for alerts on emergency weather conditions and incidents.



Felled tree in Lake Tyers SP.



An unattended campfire in Lake Tyers SP.

Cat vax shortage

A WORLDWIDE shortage of cat vaccinations are leading local vets to warn kitten and cat owners to take extra care of their feline friends health. The shortage, which is expected to ease in this first quarter of 2024, according to Inverloch Animal Doc has developed due to a number of factors.

Vaccination production facilities have shifted more largely to manufacturing COVID vaccines and global supply issues post-COVID, together with the increased adoption of cats over the last few years.

According to Pet Circle a number of cat vaccines are in short supply including those that protect cats against Feline Panleukopaenia (Parvovirus), Feline Calicivirus, Feline Herpesvirus and Feline Immunodeficiency Virus.

Felines that are considered high risk and are a priority to vaccinate are kittens requiring their primary vaccination course, a cat or kitten that has only had their primary kitten vaccinations but no adult booster (a vaccine given at six months or older), adult cats whose booster vaccinations are due in the next few months and unvaccinated adult cats. For an adult cat who have at a minimum had their initial series of three kitten vaccinations and their first adult booster, a delay of less than three months is unlikely to be of concern.

Will Hume, Practice Owner at Inverloch Animal Doc has offered a few tips to owners while vets await resupply of the vaccinations.

Monitor your cat's health and get regular check-ups, if you cat is not up to date with vaccinations, keep them indoors for safety and reduce exposure to other cats.

If putting your feline into a cattery, check requirements, some catteries will accept a vaccination certificate from the veterinarians that shows the last vaccination and blood tests are available for your cat to look at immunity levels for the diseases that are vaccinated against.

Phillip Island Kennels and Cattery owner Tanya Bradford commented that their business hasn't been affected by the shortage, as the cats they've had come in have all been up to date with their vaccinations and she doesn't anticipate at this stage that it will be an issue.



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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Community Grants

South Gippsland Shire Council is pleased to announce the second round of Community Grant's for 2023/24 is now open until Sunday 31 March.

Community Grants aim to support our local community by providing funding for local and eligible not-for-profit community groups.

The program focuses on projects and initiatives that enhance mental and physical wellbeing, promote social connection, facilitate cultural development and most importantly, celebrates the goodness of our local community.

Funding of up to \$10,000 is available under the following categories:

- Minor projects and equipment
- Major projects and equipment
- Planning and developing reports
- Festivals and events

To help community groups with their Community Grants applications, 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. When registering please advise how you would prefer to attend the session (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.

To apply for a Community Grant or to register for one of the Community Grants information sessions, please head to:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants

The Future of Coal Creek up for Discussion



At the final Council meeting for 2023, the Coal Creek Discussion Paper was endorsed for community feedback.

The Discussion Paper outlines the Parks current situation, including key issues, strategic planning and proposes potential options for the future of the community facility to get the conversation started.

Community consultation is scheduled to open Monday 22 January 2024. In the meantime, we invite everyone to read the Discussion Paper at: yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Feedback will close Sunday 31 March 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

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

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

AUSTRALIA DAY IN SOUTH GIPPSLAND

Australia Day is coming up and there are a host of events happening to bring our community together.

We kick off with an Awards Ceremony to celebrate some of South Gippsland's leading citizens on Wednesday 17 January at the Meeniyan Town Hall from 6.30pm.

Everyone is welcome and it is a great opportunity for us all to acknowledge the fabulous work of those who love to put community first.

On Friday 26 January there will be many community events occurring across South Gippsland. From morning

teas and BBQs to duck races on the river, you'll be sure to find something to do.

For information on all the events, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/Australiaday

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GSHS unveils new executive team

GIPPSLAND Southern Health (GSHS) has unveiled a new-look executive team and structure designed to improve the quality of local services.

The five-person executive is led by CEO Lou Sparkes and includes Executive Director Clinical Services Jenny Dempster, Executive Director Finance and Corporate Services Jason O'Reilly, Executive Director People, Culture and Experience Kimberley Roberts and the newest member of the team, Executive Director Medical Services Dr Angela Williams.

"Jenny is providing experience and oversight to increase the quality of our clinical services and ensure they are in line with our strategic plan," Ms Sparkes said.

Ms Dempster is focusing on improving aged care services in line with reforms, working with the team to develop a new medical model to enhance GSHS's urgent care service provision, and looking at ways to increase local inpatient medical and surgical care.

As part of the new role, acute and primary care services at both Leongatha and Korumburra campuses have been brought together under Ms Dempster's oversight to improve connection and coordination.

While Mr O'Reilly takes on a broader role under the expanded finance and corporate services banner, the newly created People, Culture and Experience portfolio focuses on staff and the experience that patients, clients



Executive Director Medical Services Dr Angela Williams has joined the executive team at Gippsland Southern Health.

and families have when they use GSHS services.

This includes oversight on the new GSHS quality team, Best Care, which has been created to support clinicians to provide the best possible care.

The latest addition to the team is Director of Medical Services Dr Williams, who has come to GSHS after a long career in forensic medicine. Dr Williams said she was enjoying her new role working as part of a team to ensure GSHS delivers high quality healthcare to the community.

"My role involves contributing to the medical and organisational culture, and supporting all the treating teams to ensure people

coming to the hospital feel like their care is all about them."

Dr Williams said she had been looking for a fresh start after working for nearly 25 years in forensic medicine.

"I wanted to work in a setting where healthcare is delivered directly to the community and you can connect with people," she said.

This is Dr Williams' first rural appointment. She is undertaking a similar part-time role with Yea and District Memorial Hospital and has a number of board governance appointments.

Ms Sparkes said the new team structure had a strong focus on improving services and experiences.

Mayor's Message



South Gippsland
Shire Council



Cr Clare Williams

HELLO South Gippsland. I love hearing about the fantastic people that make our community tick.

Every year, Council runs the South Gippsland Australia Day Awards where we hear about some of the amazing people who contribute really meaningfully to our community. As a result, they are recognised through an awards nomination. This year's nominees are:

- **Citizen of the Year:** Avis Tilley, Heather Butler, Kathryn Smith, Noel Laing and Perry Neil.
- **Young Citizen of the Year:** Laila Witeveen.
- **Community Event of the Year:** Art Connect South Gippsland Open Studio Art Trail, Biketoberfest, Meeniyen Community Plan, Southern Lights Festival and Vietnam Veteran's Day.

I would like to warmly congratulate all the nominees in their respective categories, and thank them for their contribution to South Gippsland.

An Awards Ceremony is being held to celebrate these nominees on Wednesday, January 17 from 6.30pm at the Meeniyen Mechanics Institute Hall. All community members are welcome to attend.

interests, and there is no better place to appreciate their creative work than in an exhibition. The Leongatha Art and Photography Show is happening from January 13 to February 3, and is always of an incredibly high standard. I really encourage you to pop in and check out the amazing displays.

As school holidays continue, you might be thinking 'I need to get my kids out of the house'. If you are, a South Gippsland event may be exactly what you need! Find them 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.

Community Engagement

Thank you to everyone who read the changes and provided their feedback on the second Draft General Local Law. Submissions on this have now closed, with feedback being considered now before coming to Council for adoption before the current Local Law sunsets in April.

Starting on Monday, January 22, our community will have the opportunity to provide their feedback on a new direction for Coal Creek Community Park and Museum. To help start the conversation, Council has created a Discussion Paper that highlights the Park's rich history, purpose and three potential pathways for the future – a revitalisation approach, transformation into a new sustainable tourist attraction, or ceasing current operations.

This is an extremely important conversation for our entire community to have so we can truly understand how everyone feels about the Park. I encourage you to get involved by sharing your thoughts and insights. There will be online and face-to-face opportunities available, which I'll tell you all about in a future message.

To view any current or past engagement run by Council, please visit: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

Flooding Update

Council has continued to support residents and businesses impacted by the flooding on Boxing Day. Staff have been working with the Gippsland Emergency Relief Fund (GERF) to provide financial support to aid the recovery of South Gippsland residents impacted by over floorboard flooding to their house or business.

The Fund has been supporting Gippsland residents impacted by natural disaster since 1978, and is run completely by volunteers. Donations to the GERF can be easily made via their website: www.gerf.org.au

Council staff are available to provide advice in relation to flood recovery by calling 5662 9200.

Events

Whether you are a music, arts or fresh produce lover, there is so much to do in South Gippsland.

We are a community of people with diverse talents and

Leongatha Railway Precinct Mural details outlined

A LETTER from Leongatha local Steve Finlay published in the January 9 edition of this paper queried the flora and fauna depicted in the recently completed Leongatha railway precinct mural, prompting the Sentinel-Times to request details from South Gippsland Shire Council.

Steve pondered whether the plants and animals illustrated met the required theme of 'Leongatha and its Landscape'.

Council's response detailed animal and plant species that can be observed in the mural when looking from left to right, these being:

- Bulbine Lily (Bulbine bulbosa)
- Running Postman (Kennedia prostrata)
- Orange-bellied Parrots (Neophema chrysogaster)
- Shrubby Glasswort (Tecticornia arbuscula)
- Golden Wattle (Acacia pycnantha)
- Large-leaf Bush-pea (Pultenaea daphnoides)
- Eastern Bristlebird (Dasyornis

- brachypterus)
- Purple Coral Pea (Hardenbergia violacea)
- Sugar Glider (Petaurus breviceps)
- Gippsland Mallee (Eucalyptus kitsoniana)

Steve also questioned the cost of the mural to rate payers and the decision to engage a Brisbane artist rather than one from South Gippsland.

The mural, which cost \$50,000 including project management and scaffolding, was funded as part of the \$6 million Great Southern Rail Trail Railway Precincts Project (Leongatha and Korumburra).

\$3 million of that came through the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Fund, with \$2 million from the Victorian Government's Regional Infrastructure Fund and \$1 million from South Gippsland Shire Council.

Council's Leongatha Railway Precinct Mural Engagement Report stresses that an open

expression of interest process was undertaken for the mural project, with any artist who met the selection criteria invited to apply.

The report described the site of the mural as "incredibly complex due to access," noting applicants were therefore required to have previous experience, and insurance, to attempt the work.

"Only one submission was received from within South Gippsland and it did not meet the selection criteria," it was stated.

While some community members expressed disappointment that highly regarded local artist Melanie Caple wasn't considered to paint the mural, she was engaged by council as the project manager for the work.

In that capacity, Melanie played a part in the expression of interest process, being on the assessment panel, and then worked with the chosen artist Ash Taylor to ensure the smooth running of the project.

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Bassine Cheeses hosted the Wonthaggi RSL Active group this January.

RSL Active kicks off at Bassine Cheeses

THE Wonthaggi RSL held their first RSL Active event for 2024 with a trip to Bassine Cheeses last week with President Dan Lucas sharing that it was a great turnout with over 17 people in attendance.

"It was a great morning, enjoyed by all," said Dan.

The group sat down for a nice morning tea of scones and coffee, before taking a walk through the cheese factory – learning of the cheese making course that will now be an RSL active indoor event for the winter.

"Bassine Cheese need 12 people to run the cheese making course, so register your interest and keep an eye out for all the upcoming events over the next few months – with all updates on our Facebook page."

What's on for January:

Friday sippers each week from 4pm-7pm

January 18: Morning tea at the hall.

January 27: Military Market including sausage sizzle at the hall from 10am.

The next big RSL Active event will be a 'target shoot competition' run together with Phillip Island and Inverloch RSL Active, held at the Wonthaggi Gun Club in March.

So, get active and get involved in your local RSL Active group in 2024.



President of Wonthaggi RSL Dan Lucas practicing milking at Bassine Cheeses.



Save Kongwak Group is determined to prevent development its members see as inappropriate for their small town.

Save Kongwak Group continues fight against Butter Factory development

THE 'SAVE Kongwak Group' seized on a buck's party held on Saturday January 6 at the current Kongwak Butter Factory accommodation as an example of things to come should the planned large-scale development of the Kongwak Cheese and Butter Factory into a wedding venue proceed.

"Constant yelling day and night did nothing for the ambience of Kongwak on Saturday," local resident and Save Kongwak Group spokesman Michael Knowles said.

"This unfortunately is just a taste of how the owners' future plans will destroy the amenity of Kongwak for residents."

The angst is sparked by plans to convert the cheese and butter factory, which ceased operation in the 1960s, into a 130-seat wedding and convention venue with 39 accommodation cabins on the factory site and neighbouring farmland.

Mr Knowles questioned how the developers propose to manage such a large venue if they can't control a buck's party, raising concerns about amplified music close to houses and patron behaviour as people return to their cabins following a function.

"Saturday's events show a failing of management and that there is an inherent risk of this property becoming a party house," Mr Knowles said, stressing the developers are not permanent residents

and don't understand the impact of Saturday night's events or the planned development on locals.

He noted the potential for the situation on Saturday to have got out of hand if word of the party got out on social media and prompted others to arrive.

"I call upon the owners to restrict future guest numbers to more family friendly limits and to abandon their inappropriate future development plans," Mr Knowles said.

As previously reported in the Sentinel-Times, another member of the Save Kongwak Group, Carolyn Rowson, spoke on ABC radio about the proposed development, saying "It would spoil the landscape, serenity and atmosphere of our little community."

The group has put up signs around town with messages including 'Save Kongwak' and 'Preserve Our Valley of Peace'.

A change.org petition has now attracted over 3000 signatures according to the site, a staggering leap from the 350 received by the time of a December 27 article in this newspaper.

That article outlined a list of concerns expressed by the Save Kongwak Group.

These included an indication that access roads for a car park will be cut through the town's Avenue of Honour, initially planted in 1918 and paying tribute to local fallen soldiers and others who have

served in both World Wars.

The proximity of a planned septic tank processing facility to the nearby Foster Creek is another concern identified, along with fears of litter, unruly behaviour and the fact the wedding venue would be just 40 metres from the nearest house.

Additionally, concerns are expressed that required infrastructure for the intended project, such as roads, curbs, gutters and lighting will drive up rates for all South Gippsland Shire residents.

The Save Kongwak Group has stressed that it is not opposed to all development and would support smaller scale projects such as the creation of a restaurant, café or art gallery.

The group has also called for the planning permit for the butter factory project to be removed from the direct application stream through the Victorian Government's Development Facilitation Program and returned to the South Gippsland Shire Council to enable residents to have their say.

Council's Acting CEO Renae Littlejohn responded to this publication's request for an update of the situation.

"Council has not been advised that a planning application has been accepted by the Minister for Planning for the redevelopment of the Kongwak Butter Factory," she said.

Ms Littlejohn also addressed

the reason it is possible for the Victorian Government to bypass council in the decision making process.

"The Minister for Planning has the authority to make decisions on applications that are part of the Development Facilitation Program (DFP), an accelerated assessment pathway for priority projects in identified sectors, including those that are viewed as having significant economic benefits," she said.

Furthermore, it was explained that that provision was introduced to planning schemes across Victoria in September 2023 as part of the Victorian housing reforms.

Applications must demonstrate that they meet the relevant DFP eligibility criteria to qualify for this assessment pathway, although meeting the DFP criteria does not guarantee that the Minister for Planning will approve the project, Ms Littlejohn stated, noting a merits-based planning assessment is still required.

"If an application is formally accepted by the Minister, the usual public notice provisions will apply; council and the community will have an opportunity to view the application material and provide feedback, but will not be involved in the final decision making," she said.

Ms Littlejohn stressed that under this assessment pathway, there are no appeal rights once a decision is made.



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Award-winning heart health checks in Inverloch, Wonthaggi and Cape Paterson

RESIDENTS and visitors aged 18 to 50 are encouraged to get their free heart health check locally in January thanks to Latrobe Health Services and its partnership with Shane Warne Legacy, Wesfarmers Health and SiSU Health.

The free heart health checks are delivered by a health professional and will be held on Thursday, January 18 to Saturday, January 20 at the Wonthaggi Plaza and on January 24 and 25 at the Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club.

Latrobe Health Services CEO, Ian Whitehead, said that regional communities have some of the poorest cardiovascular health outcomes in Australia.

"This initiative is one way to help our members, and community check if they are at risk," said Mr Whitehead.

"We're passionate about supporting better health. Regional communities have some of the worst heart health outcomes in Australia, so if you're aged between 18 and 50, we really encourage you to participate in the heart health screenings."

The heart health checks are free and will run from 9am to 4pm each day. No booking is required. Key heart health indicators checked during the screening include blood pressure, heart rate, body composition, diabetes risk and non-fasting cholesterol levels.

Last week, Latrobe Health held their free heart health



Participant Brooke Lewis is taken through the heart screening process by pharmacist Linda Novyen.

checks event at Anderson Inlet Angling Club, Inverloch.

A trained clinician completed over 100 15-minute tests to check key heart health indicators including blood pressure, heart rate, body composition, diabetes risk, and non-fasting cholesterol levels.

"Like all our heart checks, results at the Inverloch event were provided to participants immediately following the

test. The clinician provided key insights on the results, advice on how to keep their heart healthy, and informed participants on how to follow up with their GP if further action is required," Mr Whitehead said.

Latrobe Health's free heart health checks initiative has seen some astounding results so far.

SiSU Health has reported

that 29.7 per cent of participants have recorded high blood pressure, triggering 683 patients to be referred to their GP for a follow up appointment.

Other results from the heart health checks have shown that 71.8 per cent of participants were overweight, 6.3 per cent are predicted to develop Type 2 Diabetes in the next five years, and 37 per cent of participants had not received a blood pressure check in the previous 12 months.

Additional free heart tests to detect preventable underlying heart conditions are rolling out across the country – that's thanks to a new partnership with private health insurer Latrobe Health Services, Wesfarmers, SiSU Health and the Shane Warne Legacy Trust.

For more information about Latrobe Health Services free heart health checks visit latrobehealth.com.au/healthyhearts.

To review your private health insurance cover or for new cover enquiries call Latrobe Health Services on 1300 362 144 or visit latrobehealth.com.au.

If you're interested in our health checks coming to your workplace or community event, please contact marketing@lhs.com.au

Should you have any concerns about your heart health or any other health concerns, please seek the advice of your trusted healthcare professional.



Dyonn and Pete see the light as Fixit Café enter their fifth year of saving items from landfill.

Fixing in February

IF YOU'RE like me in the New Year, you've had a big sort out and either thrown out or re-purposed a tonne of stuff. Perhaps you found things which needed fixing – well, never fear because the Fixit Café Wonthaggi returns on Sunday February 18 between 11am and 1pm at the Harvest Centre behind Big W car park.

If you have something small enough to carry, our team of volunteers (including members of the Men's Shed) will have a go at fixing it. The exception to the rule is a mower – but we will know nearer the time if we have a volunteer available to look at mowers.

Electrical goods, small furniture, knife sharpening, garden tools, and mending are all tackled. Bookings of a half hour slot are essential by calling in or telephoning the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House on 5672 3731.

Sometimes at Fixit Café there is a bit of a wait, but you are welcome to have a coffee and cake and make new friends in the meantime. Newcomers to the area have a chance to get to know locals. Children (accompanied by adults) are always welcome.

Everything is free but a donation to help running costs is much appreciated if possible. Fixit Café takes place on the third Sunday each month between February and November. Updates and information can be found on Facebook, in the library, and shop noticeboards.

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Gippsland people want access to health care when they need it

GIPPSLAND people want to access health care that meets their needs and stage of recovery, when they need it, according to a new report released by Gippsland Primary Health Network.

The comprehensive report, 'What Gippsland community want for their mental health and wellbeing', is a compilation of insights and priorities collected from various Gippsland PHN projects from 2020 to 2022. The report also includes insights from partner organisations.

Gippsland PHN projects includes codesign of the Primary Mental Health Care and Alcohol and Other Drugs Commissioning strategies, community consultation to inform chronic disease risk factor screening for the Latrobe Health Innovation Zone and placed-based suicide prevention trials.

Partner organisations insights which helped inform the report include the Latrobe Health Assembly's work to codesign a mental health café and a social prescribing model and insights from the Latrobe Health Advocate engagement activities between 2020 and 2022.

Gippsland PHN Acting Chief Executive Officer, Angela Jacob, said the report provided clear and consistent information about what communities want from their care.

"They want a more holistic approach to their health – looking at physical and mental health together and working with multiple chronic conditions at the same time," Mrs Jacob said.

"They would like comprehensive health-related support for both the physical and mental implications of their conditions. This includes non-judgemental and supports for smoking reduction."

The report reveals that some community members are deterred from accessing health care by unpleasant experiences with some health professionals. This includes experiences of language or cultural barriers; difficulty or overly complex systems and processes; being rushed or judged.

They want health care professionals who listen, establish trust and care about the relationship so they understand the patient's journey in navigating services.

People also want increased mental health awareness from their health professionals and clinicians who understand trauma and its far-reaching health impacts.

Service cost is reported as the biggest barrier for health care access, particularly for people experiencing multiple challenges. This includes cost of general practice, cost of prescription medication and cost of specialists. People want screening and preventative services to be free of charge to increase uptake.

The importance of equipping all healthcare professionals with the ability to support individuals experiencing suicidal or self-harm ideation was raised, along with improved screening and support for suicide risk is a priority.

People believe community members with lived experience should be embedded in the wellbeing support system, with the aim of both providing assistance and fostering collective healing in the community. Lived experience expertise should be integrated into community, into organisations, into policy research, system reform, and all aspects of support and development.

Mrs Jacob thanked everyone in Gippsland who provided feedback across multiple engagement activities.

"There is a consistent theme in the report of people wanting to be heard, they want affordable care and barriers to accessing health and wellbeing services removed," she said. "This valuable feedback will assist the sector design services that meet the needs of their communities."

"We have already demonstrated this is achievable with some significant projects rolled out this year in response to community needs and Gippsland PHN is looking forward to continuing this important work with our partners."

Read the report at on the Gippsland PHN website.

If you or someone you know needs help, contact: Lifeline 13 11 14, Beyond Blue Support Service 1300 659 467, MensLine 1300 789 987, Kids Helpline 1800 551 800.

Bass Coast Health responds to holiday emergencies

BASS Coast Health (BCH) staff were bustling over Christmas as holiday-makers and locals in need of medical attention turned to the health service for aid.

BCH operates the Urgent Care Centre (UCC) at the Phillip Island Health Hub and Emergency Department (ED) at Wonthaggi Hospital, providing care during medical emergencies, 24/7.

BCH CEO Jan Child said the surge in demand highlighted the importance of the health service's skilled staff and expanded facilities, as more people permanently move to the Bass Coast or enjoy holidays here.

The ED is only a year old and features more treatment spaces, including a Fast-Track unit that enables patients with less complex conditions to be seen as soon as possible. The UCC is well equipped by contemporary standards and will be expanded by construction of the Phillip Island Community Hospital.

"Our UCC and ED are busy places throughout the year, but their pace certainly steps up during the summer holidays when our beautiful Bass Coast and South Gippsland welcome tens of thousands of visitors to the region," Ms Child said.

"Our community is fortunate to have such modern medical facilities, staffed by expert clinicians who are ready to treat the various conditions that come



Registered Nurse Scott Fuller helps Charlotte Tedge feel relaxed after she presented to the Emergency Department at Wonthaggi Hospital for treatment.

through the door. They also help stabilise patients with more serious and complex injuries or illness for transfer and treatment at Latrobe or metropolitan hospitals.

"Because it is busier, our local residents and visitors may experience some delay in getting seen if they have a non-urgent condition, because our staff will be helping the sickest patients first. We apologise in advance for any delay and encourage people who are waiting to let the staff know if their

condition worsens."

The UCC in Cowes saw 524 patients between December 23, 2023 and January 2, 2024, and the ED in Wonthaggi saw 846 patients between December 23, 2023 and January 2, 2024. The Urgent Care Centre is at the Phillip Island Health Hub, 50 Church Street, Cowes. The Emergency Department is at Wonthaggi Hospital, 235 Graham Street, Wonthaggi. If you need immediate care, always phone 000 for an ambulance.



Sarah Long, a midwife and lactation consultant in partnership with Leongatha Community House, will be holding group and one-on-one breastfeeding support sessions for local women.

Breastfeeding Support Sessions

PRE AND post-natal women in South Gippsland will have the opportunity to access reliable and affordable breastfeeding support services with an experienced lactation consultant via the Leongatha Community House (LCH).

The current cost and lack of access to a lactation consultation in the area presents a barrier for women from receiving breastfeeding support.

LCH have partnered with midwife of six years, lactation consultant and mother of two, Sarah Long, to create both group and one-on-one sessions for women to learn and gain support around the pre and post-natal aspects of breastfeeding.

The sessions will provide an accessible and friendly space for women to learn about breastfeeding in all stages of their pregnancy, including the postnatal stages of weaning and expressing milk.

"There's a lot of education that goes into preparation of the labour and birth. I think preparing for breastfeeding is really important as well," Sarah said.

"It's one of the things that is often overlooked. It can be very challenging, especially the first time, so there's group sessions to prepare people for breastfeeding, and then I'm also doing some half an hour one-on-one support for people who have had their babies."

Common issues that women face with breastfeeding include low supply, engorgement, mastitis/blocked ducts, poor weight gain and nipple trauma.

The benefits of breastfeeding include great bonding, support for the baby's immune system, temperature control, as well as nutrition, security and comfort.

Sarah will provide an overview of all the breastfeeding basics, common problems, and also antenatal expressing in the group sessions.

The one-on-one sessions will be specific to the issues or challenges that the woman is facing, whether it be mastitis, low supply, poor attachment and positioning issues, or how to wean, for example.

The sessions will begin on Tuesday January 30.

To book a spot or for further enquiries, email office@leongathacommunityhouse.org.au.

New dental equipment thanks to our volunteers

NEW dental equipment is now being used at Wonthaggi Hospital thanks to community support of the Bass Coast Health San Remo Opportunity Shop.

The dental team at the hospital was excited to receive new electrical handpieces that are state-of-the art and help the team to provide even better care to patients.

The Bass Coast Health San Remo Opportunity Shop contributed \$50,000 towards the purchase of the equipment.

Dental Manager KyShen Tang thanked the op shop volunteers for their significant donation.

"We are most grateful to the Op Shop volunteers for their tireless work in sorting and selling quality used goods in order to raise funds for Bass Coast Health. They have such a positive impact on our delivery of services to the community," he said.

"In recent years, approximately half of our dental handpieces have been worn beyond repair or repairs have exceeded the cost beyond the value of a new handpiece.

"Now, we are fortunate to have the latest technology in electrical handpieces that are quieter, which is better for patient comfort. The electrical handpieces also provide more consistent power, which decreases the risk of injury for the dental clinicians using the equipment."



Bass Coast Health Dentist Dr Roshine Linus and Dr Bonnie Chung with the new electrical handpieces partly funded by proceeds from the Bass Coast Health San Remo Opportunity Shop.

Bass Coast Health Dental Clinic relies on handpieces to provide essential restorative care such as fillings, root canal, emergency treatment, denture maintenance and surgical extractions.

Bass Coast Health San Remo Opportunity Shop President Sara Fleisner said the Auxiliary members were proud to donate funds to the dental service at BCH.

"We believe dental health is an important part of community health. Our shop volunteers thoroughly enjoy their work but the fact that money raised goes towards improving health services for us all makes it really worthwhile," she said.

To book an appointment at Bass Coast Health's Dental Clinic, phone 5671 3268.

Eligibility criteria applies. To learn more about our Dental service, go to: basscoasthealth.org.au/services/community-dental-services/public-dental-care

The San Remo Opportunity Shop is open Monday-Friday, 10am-2.30pm, at 65D Back Beach Road, San Remo. You'll find clothing, treasures and more.

Donations can be left at the San Remo Opportunity Shop. Please limit donations to no more than two bags per person and no electrical items.



Harper Baddock prepares her crown during Bluey's Big Bash at Leongatha Library. A01_0324

Bluey a hit at Leongatha Library

BLUEY and Bingo are still the top dogs in town, the heeler pair proving a smash hit at Leongatha's Myli Library as holiday activities got underway on Tuesday January 9.

Bluey's Big Bash featured a variety of stations enabling young attendees, with some help from accompanying adults, to display creativity and even test the accuracy of their throwing.

Library programs officer Kate Lochlin had as much fun putting together the stations as kids did completing the activities at each one.

Puppets, masks, crowns and wands were made at the various stations, with 'pizza' production at the Fancy Restaurant creation station.

While cutting out her crown, Harper Baddock responded enthusiastically when asked her favourite thing about Bluey.

"I like her dancing," she declared.

The bean bag tossing station challenged youngsters to aim for the holes on the Bluey board.

While universally popular, Bluey isn't everyone's favourite.

"I like Bingo because she's the little one," local Eevee Coleman said, something she can relate to as a little sister.

After the fun-filled session participants each took home a Bluey Pack that included a 'Backyard Camping Adventure' and instructions on how to make a Bluey and Bingo balloon using a provided template.

Bubbles calm children in urgent care

CHILDREN and their parents are finding their anxiety levels drop when they present to the Urgent Care Centre at Cowes thanks to an innovative addition to the treatment room – a bubble machine.

Paediatric patients can be surrounded by bubbles to distract them from their condition and while they are being treated in the stimulating clinical environment.

The Urgent Care Centre (UCC) has had the services of the bubble machine for two months and, according to nurse unit manager Linda Goltz, it's already paying off.

"It's a great distraction for distressed children who are in pain or feeling unwell, especially when doctors need to physically examine them," she said.

"While our staff take great care to make a trip to the UCC as least stressful as possible for children and their families, it's a better experience for everyone if they are as calm as can be.

"That's why the bubble machine is so beneficial. Everyone loves the fun and magic of bubbles, and in many cases children and parents soon forget they're in a medical setting and ill or injured. It means children can be treated sooner and return home to recover further or return to playing."

Young Fletcher Wilson appreciated the machine when his mother Hannah brought him into the UCC recently.

"The bubble machine kept Fletcher distracted and entertained. It stopped him crying and he was focusing on the bubbles rather than his toe while they were bandaging it up," she said.



Patient Fletcher Wilson is entertained by bubbles, seemingly unaware of being treated by Dr Caleb Lin at the Urgent Care Centre at Cowes while his mother Hannah Wilson watches on.



Our Land, 40 x 40 cms French Acrylic on canvas.



Zulu (Heather Towns)
Photo by Christian Heffernan

The Process

Zulu explains her great love - Painting

I DO get asked... Can I watch you paint please? The answer is OK, but it's very boring. If you like to watch grass grow or watch paint dry...yep go ahead and watch.

Truthfully because I am obsessed with every colour being perfect and sit exactly as I want it next to yet another perfect colour with perfect straight lines and perfect flat matt colour it can be a slow and repetitive process.

For me that is not a problem because I am happy to keep going over and over a colour or a shape until it's 'just right'. Unlike watercolour or oil painting, I am not dabbing and brushing as those styles require. I am caressing and concentrating on small and exact shapes and linking them together to form the overall pattern and energy that I am pursuing.

Art school was 4 years of heaven on earth for me. Everyday drawing, designing, painting, photography, printing, pottery even metal work with some bloody awful required English

classes thrown in, but I loved it. Surrounded by people that shared the same humour, who were as besotted with images as I was and completely absorbed in everything we were learning. Fantastic.

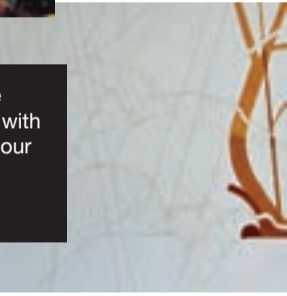
But then as everyone else I had to work and earn a living and adjust my art and dreams to meet the needs of clients etc. However I still loved art and design and never lost the passion to create. However I did have to unlearn some of the disciplines that were instilled in me at Uni. I had to find my style, my material, my direction. So I decided that if I forget the colour wheel and all the rules, forget 3D perspective and lose myself in the way I see objects, people, landscapes etc. and trust in myself more, I can do it. I can paint my way, not like anyone else.

I must admit it has taken many years for my work to develop and for art critics to see value, but at last I am gaining ground there as well. Phew. So here is a quick teaser as to my process.

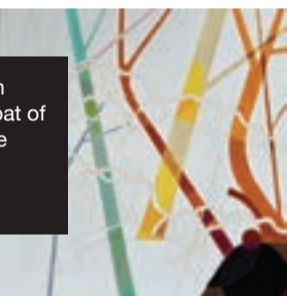


The Process
Work from an original, sketch, painting, or photo

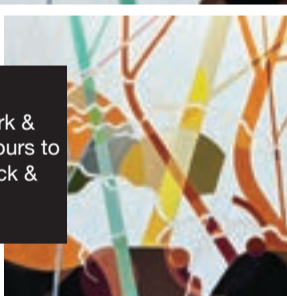
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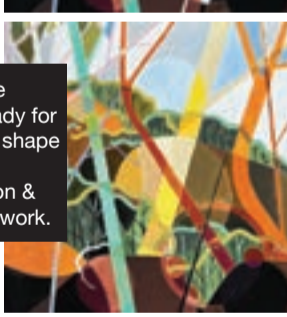
2. Thin base coat of possible colour



3. Add more dark & light colours to push back & forth



4. Base work ready for detailed shape & colour correction & fine line work.



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Contribution etched into the district's history

2024 marks the 30th year of Australia Day celebration and community awards for the Wonthaggi Rotary Club and the volunteers will commemorate the occasion with their annual event at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre on Friday, January 26.

The Rotary Club under their president Bob Johnstone and past president John Owens organised the community breakfast and followed with well-deserved community awards in 1994.

The event has been hosted by the Rotary Club proudly since then, and over 240 community awards have been presented, recognising the significant contribution of many fine citizens who have made Wonthaggi a better place to live.

John Duscher shared that other awards have recognised business excellence and leadership, special events, sporting achievements, contribution to the arts, heritage and conservation, and also recognition of significant milestones in various organisations across the district.

"This year Rotary would like to invite those who have received awards in the past or families of those who have been recognised through these awards. We wish to reconnect with these families and organisations to again celebrate their contribution that has been etched into the district's history," said John.

"It promises to be another great day starting with the community breakfast at 7.30am and the main program kicking off at 9am."

The wider community are invited to attend the annual celebration, that will include live entertainment, an address by the Rotary Australia Day ambassador, followed by the Rotary community awards.

Scams: How to protect personal information

THE circulation of scams is becoming all too overwhelming and having social media at our fingertips doesn't help the situation. We're all using technology in some way or another, whether it be use of a mobile device, computer, or tablet – so the team at In2 Technology in Wonthaggi are warning consumers to not be complacent when it comes to providing personal information.

Owner of In2 Technology Mark Lamers has over 12 years' experience in the industry, alongside his tech specialist Ryan Spatz and the two shared that 'we are all at risk of being scammed, whether it be through a phone call, text message, email or on-line shopping – don't be frightened by it, it's just crucial that we all take extra precaution in every situation.'

"If you were sent an email link but weren't expecting a package – don't click on the link," said Mark.

"The Aus Post and Linkt text messages are ones that have caught people off guard."

"A new online shopping platform, Temu should also be avoided at all costs," said Ryan.

"Yes, you'll receive your items, but your personal information is at risk of being sold on."

Mark and Ryan work day-to-day helping consumers combat viruses and avoid scams. Together they provide locals with tech support, data recovery, virus removal and PC health checks.

Servicing the town of Bass Coast and the South Gippsland region for the past 15 months, In2 Technology are located in the Wonthaggi arcade for instore



Ryan Spatz and Mark Lamers of In2Technology are protecting consumers from viruses on their devices. Z01_0324

advice, but also provide in home tech support for custom PC builds, gaming builds and mobile and tablet repairs.

"We provide secure antivirus software and can scan any device that may have been compromised," said Mark.

In the current day and age, technology is a part of everyday, so Mark and Ryan shared that it's important to prevent scams from happening in the first place.

"Don't provide personal information over the phone, never allow those over the phone to get remote access to your device, don't fill out online surveys on Facebook or any social media platform – these are all ways for scammers to gather personal

information for passwords etc," Mark said.

"And certainly, don't sign up to anything that is 'free'," said Ryan.

"If you're not paying for the service, you are the service – meaning you're willingly giving out personal information that could potentially be sold off to third parties."

Mark accentuated that it's so important to have two-factor authentication on all devices to provide that extra level of security.

In2 Technology provide friendly, expert advice on computer sales, mobile sales and new device set up, as well as mobile repairs and tablet repairs.

"We always back up everything

to ensure nothing on the device is lost," said Mark.

Mobile and tablet repairs include new screens, screen protection, data recovery and tech support including backing up photos, and ensuring the device is working efficiently.

The team can also provide that extra level of protection on a device for those underage - to avoid explicit content appearing on the screen, as well as restrict any apps, or provide screen limits to help monitor screen time. This software ensures all devices are used safely and appropriately for all ages.

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- Foster Rotary's Volunteer of the Year Award
- Historical Society's new exhibition
- Sausage sizzle, lamingtons and cool drinks

Contact: Marg Haycroft 0409 338 352

KONGWAK

8.30am - 10.30am Australia Day Breakfast

Kongwak Public Hall

- Flag raising ceremony
- Egg and sausage breakfast
- Guest Speaker: Barry Charlton from Berry's Creek Cheese. Winner of the Supreme Specialist/Artisan Cheesemaker at the International Cheese and Dairy Awards.

Contact: Bill Brown 0407 881 025

KORUMBURRA

11.00am - 2.30pm Australia Day BBQ and Activities

Coleman Park, 39 Queen Street, Korumburra

- Flag raising ceremony
- Live music - Terry Lay from Begg2Differ and flautist Christine McKenzie
- Recognition of South Gippsland award nominees
- Sausage sizzle

Contact: Shirley Cowling 0400 976 248

LEONGATHA

8.30am - 10.30am Australia Day BBQ and Activities

McIndoe Park, Turner Street, Leongatha

- Citizenship ceremony
- Guest speaker Lyn Skillern (OAM)
- Children's activities
- Free sausage sizzle and lamingtons
- Music by South Gippsland Shire Brass Band and Jennifer Holm

Contact: Leonnie McCluskey 0400 153 092

47th Leongatha Art & Photography Show presented by the Leongatha Rotary Club

- Leongatha Memorial Hall from 10.00am to 4.00pm
- Entry - Adults \$5.00, Children and Youth Free
- Announcement of the 'Luciblooms Memorial Youth Award' at 2.30pm

MEENIYAN

9.00am - 11.00am Australia Day Breakfast Activities

Meeniyan Hall, Whitelaw Street

- Flag raising and presentation ceremony acknowledging our Meeniyan award nominees

- Entertainment by Serenity
- Guest speaker MP Melina Bath
- Readings from local identities and the Meeniyan Primary School
- Free Meeniyan muffin breakfast by the CFA
- Cuppa by the CWA

Contact: Tarnya Wilson 0427 647 473

MIRBOO NORTH

10.30am Australia Day Celebration and Morning Tea

Baromi Centre, 38 Couper Street, Mirboo North

- Awards ceremony acknowledging Mirboo North nominees
- Morning tea and entertainment
- Children's activities

Contact: Joy Koh 0407 058 638

11.00am - 7.00pm Australia Day at the Pool

Mirboo North Pool, Jordan Way

- Live music
- Food trucks
- Pool inflatable

Contact: Mary Baker 0417 148 619

POUND CREEK

11.30am - 2.00pm Australia Day BBQ Lunch

Pound Creek Rural Fire Brigade, 686 Inverloch-Venus Bay Rd

- Free BBQ lunch
- South Gippsland Shire Brass Band
- Guest speaker
- Fire safety demonstrations
- Raffles

Contact: Ivan Smith 0428 160 095

TARWIN LOWER

12.00pm - 2.00pm Australia Day BBQ

At the long table, Tarwin River Boat Ramp

Adults \$10, Children age 12 to 18 \$5, Children age 11 and under, free

- BBQ: Sausages and burgers with onions, bread and salad
- River Duck Races
- Raffles - drawn on day
- Classic and veteran vehicles on display
- All proceeds will go to the Tarwin Lower Mechanics Institute

Contact: Lisa Breen 0412 105 004

VENUS BAY

9.00am - 12.00pm Australia Day Breakfast

Venus Bay Surf Lifesaving Club

- Free Australia Day breakfast
- Flag raising ceremony
- Entertainment

Contact: Kristian Bradford-Clark 0456 257 058

WELSHPOOL

11.00am - 2.00pm Australia Day Family Day

Welshpool Park

- Free BBQ
- Children's yard games

Contact: Madelaine Mason 0409 976 211



Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

Strong support for Leongatha Art & Photography Show opening

By Andrew Palocz

A STEAMING hot Friday evening couldn't deter people from flocking to the opening of Leongatha Rotary Club's Art and Photography Show, attendees enjoying more than 600 works and hearing how judge David Taylor selected winners across a broad range of categories.

The renowned watercolour artist, teacher and experienced judge, who lives on Phillip Island, chose Inverloch local Susan Hall's 'Receding Sandcliffs, Inverloch' oil painting as Best in Show.

"It had all the elements of nature painted in a simple, free manner without any hesitation," David said of Susan's winning piece.

He praised the artist's sense of colour and said he was repeatedly drawn to the painting, seeing something new each time.

The triumph came as a happy shock for the winning artist.

"I said 'Good God', I couldn't believe it," Susan said of her reaction when she learned of her success while resting at home after running a busy printmaking workshop.

That followed last year's Best in Show winner Meg Viney who got a pleasant surprise while home watching the tennis.

Susan, who has been painting since the 1970s, believes she began entering her works in the Leongatha Art Show as far back as the 1980s, continuing to do so every so often since.

She was thrilled when she heard of her success and said she loves painting the sandcliffs featured in her winning work.

Having moved to Inverloch 20 odd years ago, Susan has seen much alteration in the appearance of the cliffs at the surf beach.

"Nothing stays the same in nature forever," she said.

When a natural setting grabs her attention, Susan quickly visualises how she would like to capture it in a painting, saying she has virtually painted it before she begins.

"I work on it until I've got it how I want it," she said.

Having ventured into using acrylic paints some years ago, Susan produces less oil paintings than she used to, now finding the smell of oil paints a little overpowering.

As well as painting and print-making, she enjoys drawing in charcoal.

Judge David was not only impressed by the efforts of experienced artists such as Susan.

He expressed delight at the sizeable focus on youth art that the show's organising committee has fostered and commended the courage of everyone, young and old, who exhibited their works for the first time.

The work of young first-time entrant Lucinda Calder of Leongatha, whose oil painting depicted an owl, captured David's eye.

Another young talent, Georgia Perry of Kongwak, also achieved success with a



Susan Hall with her Best in Show winning work 'Receding Sandcliffs, Inverloch'. A16_0324



Sophie, Millie, Viv and Maia Enbom of Korumburra with Viv's watercolour 'Sea Pelicans'. A18_0324

bird-themed piece, titled 'Blue Wren', earning herself a couple of free lessons with renowned Korumburra artist and previous winner of Best in Show in Leongatha, Fiona Bilbrough.

Georgia's subject presented itself to her.

"There were lots of blue wrens outside my window and they're really noisy," she said.

While he is a painter, David was impressed by the standard of photography and sculptures included in the show.

He believes that across his broad judging experience, the current Leongatha exhibition required him to determine the winners of a record number of categories, a challenge he clearly embraced.

David looks for artists to put themselves into their work, making an effort to show originality.

Composition, the depth of the work, its sentiment, and the artist's knowledge of the use of colour are all considerations.

David explained to the Sentinel-Times that depth is more important than colour, saying a work of art needs to have the "right tonal volume" with elements of light, middle and dark, or tends to have a flat appearance.

With the Leongatha Rotary Art and Photography Show run by an enthusiastic band of volunteers, all proceeds go towards local rotary projects as well as those further afield.



Lucinda Calder of Leongatha with her oil painting of an owl. A17_0324



Heather Veltri of Korumburra with her collagraph print 'Before the Storm'. A19_0324

Award Recipients for Leongatha Rotary Art and Photography Show 2024

- 1. Best in Show**
Awarded to Susan Hall
Title: *Receding Sandcliffs, Inverloch*
- 2. Pat West Award for Best Oil**
Awarded to Do Noble
Title: *Afternoon Warmth*
- 3. Richard Pegler Memorial Award for Best Watercolour**
Awarded to Bob Pelchen
Title: *Beach Scene at Walkerville*
- 4. David John Memorial Award for Best Ink, Pencil, Charcoal, Other**
Awarded to John Reeve
Title: *Arduous*
- 5. Ron and Joy Stanley Memorial Award for Best Flora and Fauna**
Awarded to Harris Smith
Title: *Among the Blooms*
- 6. Best Acrylic**
Awarded to Tania Moscript
Title: *Lace Monitor*
- 7. Best Pastel**
Awarded to David Alldridge
Title: *Shell*
- 8. Best Mixed Media**
Awarded to Leilani Hoey
Title: *Ocean*
- 9. Best Monochrome Photograph**
Awarded to Jack Gargas
Title: *Silent Echoes of Fortitude*
- 10. Best Colour Photograph**
Awarded to Frank Flynn
Title: *Cape Sunrise*
- 11. Best Digitally Modified Photograph**
Awarded to Chris Tuttle
Title: *Clockmaker*
- 12. Best 3D**
Awarded to Andrew Noble
Title: *Peregrine Falcon*
- 13. Best Youth Award Under 13 yrs**
Awarded to Maddy Clark
Title: *Bee Yourself*
- 14. Best Youth Award 13 to 18 yrs**
Awarded to Alexandra Lawry
Title: *Untitled*
- 15. Fiona Bilbrough Youth Encouragement Award**
Awarded to Georgia Perry
Title: *Blue Wren*
- 16. Luciblooms Memorial Youth Award:** to be announced on Australia Day
- 17. Best All Abilities Award Under 18 years**
Awarded to Jazmin Magda
Title: *Maddie*
- 18. Best All Abilities Award**
Awarded to Amber Betts
Title: *Cat on the Beach*
- 19. Phil Riseley Memorial Award - People's Choice:** to be announced February 3
- 20. South Gippsland Shire Resident Award**
Awarded to Andy Welsh
Title: *Heavy Metal*
- 21. Highly Commended**
Awarded to Julie Lundgren - Coulter
Title of entry: *Magic Hillside*
- 22. Highly Commended**
Awarded to Wendy Fletcher
Title: *Crossing the Blue Mountains*
- 23. Highly Commended**
Awarded to Vanessa Kelly
Title: *Gum Leaves*
- 24. Highly Commended**
Awarded to Vida Pearson
Title: *Adaption - Gang-gang Cockatoos*
- 25. Highly Commended**
Awarded to Angus Wishart
Title: *The Artist's Materials*
- 26. Highly Commended**
Awarded to Adrian Johnson
Title: *Kilcunda Dune*
- 27. Highly Commended**
Awarded to John O'Connor
Title: *Rapid Water*



Alan Fraser, Rob Hart and Andy Wilson were raising money for prostate awareness at the Korumburra Swap Meet.



Stallholders George and Renee Horvat were set up for the day at Korumburra's Swap Meet on Sunday.

Swap meet draws in a crowd

AROUND 350 stalls enticed the crowd at Korumburra's 39th annual Swap Meet on Sunday.

The Korumburra Show-ground was filled to capacity with both regular and new stallholders eager to sell a broad range of goods including auto parts, machinery, antiques and collectibles.

A drawcard this year were the Diecast Model Car stalls

set up in the Saunders Pavilion.

There was also a stall set up with all proceeds going towards prostate awareness.

This stall was manned by members of the South Gippsland Historical Automobile Club, with the aim to raise as much money as possible to the worthy cause.

Swap Meet goers were also keen to check out the vintage

and classic car display, with an exciting array of makes and models represented.

The Rotary and Lions Club were on hand serving food, continuing their ongoing and valued support of the Swap Meet.

The Second Korumburra Scout Group also gave its support by providing dinner and drinks to the stallholders who were setting up on

Saturday night.

Next year, the Swap Meet will be celebrating its 40th year, which promises to be a big one to mark the milestone.

"It's grown a lot over the years. When we first started, it was just one row – probably only about 20 or 30 sites. We are hitting our capacity now," Swap Meet coordinator Matt Sherry said.

Gear up for the new school year: a guide to eye health for kids

AS THE school bells chime for the return to classes in 2024, it's the perfect time to ensure your child is set up for a successful academic journey. With the increasing use of digital devices among kids, safeguarding their vision is paramount. Here are some essentials for maintaining optimal eye health and learning opportunities for the upcoming school year.

The Digital Dilemma:

The surge in digital device usage is linked to a rise in short-sightedness (myopia) among children, posing potential risks to their eye health. Research underlines some critical points:

- Myopia is on the rise due to digital device use, carrying significant eye health risks.
- Vision problems in children are associated with reduced attention capacity compared to their peers.
- Learning difficulties in children often stem from

underlying vision problems, making optometry a crucial player in improving academic outcomes.

- A study in Queensland found that 25 per cent of tested primary school children had confirmed vision problems, correlating with lower NAPLAN scores.

Why Regular Vision Checks Matter:

Ensuring regular vision checks for all children is vital. At Leongatha Optometrists, our experienced Optometrists take a holistic approach to children's eye tests. We consider various factors, including brain function, ocular muscles, nerves, psychology, learning ability, and development.

What You Can Do:

Book your child's eye test online at leongathaoptometrists.com.au or call us at 5662 3485. Our friendly team is ready to assist you in prioritising your child's eye health.

Managing Myopia

Myopia, or short-sightedness, can hinder a child's ability to see distant objects clearly, impacting classroom performance and overall well-being. Regular eye exams play a crucial role in ensuring success in academics, sports, and play activities.

Leongatha Optometrists use the industry leading myopia control options available in Australia. The most effective method varies child to child depending on their binocular vision system. This is why our Optometrists perform binocular vision assessments on all our paediatric patients, enabling us to assess the other factors affecting myopia progression.

Signs to Watch For:

Parents should remain vigilant for signs of vision issues, including squinting, headaches, eye rubbing, and excessive proximity to objects or the TV. Optometrist visits can swiftly identify problems, enabling the formulation of effective plans.

Recommended Steps for Parents:

1. Get a Vision Check: Optometry visits are painless, covered by Medicare, and can even be enjoyable for kids.
 2. Get Outside: Ensure your child spends at least two hours outdoors daily, a crucial factor in myopia prevention.
 3. Get Some Variety: Limit screen time, adopt the 20/20/20 rule, and encourage breaks to promote eye health.
 4. Get Further Away: Discourage holding books or devices too close and maintain a Harmon working distance.
 5. Get More Sleep: Aim for over nine hours of sleep per day, avoiding late-night device use.
- Equip your child for a successful school year by prioritizing their eye health. At Leongatha Optometrists, we're dedicated to supporting your child's vision and learning journey. leongathaoptometrists.com.au



Celebrating 60 years
POOWONG Builder Derek Luke celebrated his 60th birthday with wife Jenny and friends at the Poowong North Hall.

• FAITH FACTOR

Jonah and the Whale

By Janet Snashall-Woodhams,
Pastoral Care Coordinator, Uniting Church Inverloch-Wonthaggi

WE ALL love a good story. Across time and place stories have been told to impart wisdom, lore and history. Stories help us to remember and to understand our world.

In the bible there is a story about Jonah, a Prophet. He was meant to be going to Nineveh, the capital of the Assyrian empire, to tell the people there to stop what they were doing, or it would be the death of them. But instead Jonah headed in the opposite direction, to Spain.

Long story short; on the boat journey there was a wild storm, Jonah gets thrown overboard, gets swallowed by a whale, talks to God and apologises for his poor Prophet behaviour, and is spat up on shore back where he started. Jonah decides it's probably a very good idea to head to Nineveh and let them know what's what. After all he was a prophet.

Prophets, sages, wise women and men across time bring messages of love, peace, justice and hope. Stop warring, stop treating people unjustly, look after our planet. Calling us to be our best selves.

The universal message is to treat each other the way we would like to be treated.

If each of us acts in ways that does no harm, then our families and communities benefit.

Before I say, do or write anything I try to think – is this my ego wanting a say, or am I acting out of love. Let's choose love of the other every time.

And to that I say Amen (so be it)!



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Enhanced GR Yaris hot hatch unveiled at Tokyo Auto Salon

TOYOTA has unveiled an exciting new upgrade for the rally-bred GR Yaris hot hatch at the Tokyo Auto Salon, with an increase in power and torque, renewed driver-focused cockpit and the debut of an eight-speed DirectShift automatic transmission.

Previously only available with a six-speed intelligent manual transmission, the GR Yaris now offers broader appeal for driving enthusiasts with the introduction of the automatic option which has been developed through hardcore use in professional motorsport.

TGR World Rally Team drivers put the new automatic transmission to the test on a range of road surfaces, including in the Japanese Rally Championship and Toyota GAZOO Racing Rally Challenge under the ethos of "breaking and fixing" to help make the new transmission as durable and reliable as possible.

The new transmission's control software has been optimised for dynamic driving, delicately sensing the driver's operation of the accelerator and brakes to anticipate gear shifts before vehicle behaviour changes, providing incredibly fast and intuitive shifting.

The eight-speed automatic has been constructed using highly heat-resistant friction material in the clutch, with close ratios that make the most of the engine's power band.

Complementing the introduction of the automatic transmission is an increase in maximum engine outputs for the GR Yaris' dynamic 1.6-litre turbocharged three-cylinder engine regardless of transmission choice.

Power has been increased from 200kW to a peak 224kW at 6500rpm with torque also boosted by 30Nm to 400Nm from 3250-4600rpm.

Power continues to be deployed to all four wheels with selectable torque distribution and a new drive mode select system which adjusts the electronic power steering, air conditioning and powertrain settings in accordance with user preferences.

Visual upgrades inside and out have been added to the GR Yaris, including tilting the dashboard and multimedia screen towards the driver by 15 degrees to aid operability.

Safety and convenience has also been increased on the new GR Yaris with additional active safety features and Toyota Connected Services added for greater occupant protection.

Further information on the new rally-bred GR Yaris will be shared closer to Australian model production commencing late 2024.

Taking to the air - the future of taxis

HYUNDAI Motor Group's Advanced Air Mobility (AAM) company, Supernal LLC unveiled S-A2, its electric vertical take-off and landing (eVTOL) vehicle product concept at CES 2024 last week. The pilot-plus-four-passenger vehicle marks the latest milestone in Supernal's roadmap to commercialise safe, efficient and affordable everyday passenger air travel.

S-A2 builds on the Company's vision concept, S-A1, which it debuted at CES 2020, bringing together the innovative aerospace engineering and Hyundai Motor Group automotive aesthetic design to create a new mode of transportation to get people in urban areas from point A to point B faster. Supernal will achieve commercial aviation safety levels and enable affordable manufacturing of its vehicles as it prepares to enter the market in 2028.

"From the beginning, Supernal has been on a mission to create the right product and the right market at the right time," said Jaiwon Shin, president of Hyundai Motor Group and CEO of Supernal.

"The unveiling of S-A2 demonstrates our unwavering commitment to deliver on that mission with a safe, efficient vehicle design that provides a clear path to market entry. By leveraging our talented 600-person team, the



Supernal's S-A2 is revolutionising urban air travel with sleek design and efficiency.

vast technical and business capabilities of Hyundai Motor Group and trusted aviation suppliers around the world, Supernal is ready to deliver a new era of flight."

Technical Components

S-A2 is a V-tail aircraft designed to cruise 120 miles-per-hour at a 1500-foot altitude to meet typical city operation needs of 25- to 40-mile trips, initially. It features a distributed electric propulsion architecture and has eight all-tilting rotors. At entry into service, Supernal's vehicle will operate as quietly as a dishwasher: 65 dB in vertical take-off and landing phases and 45 dB while cruising horizontally.

The vehicle is designed with a priority on safety and a focus on sustainability and passenger comfort. Engineered to achieve the global commercial aviation standard of safety, it has a robust airframe structure including redundant components in critical systems such as powertrain, flight controls and avionics. The all-tilting rotor configuration will power the vehicle through both the vertical lift and horizontal-cruise phases of flight with unique efficiency. To maintain superior quality while also being cost-effective, the vehicle will be manufactured leveraging Hyundai's mass production capability.

"Supernal's product concept

vehicle is the result of the creativity and hard work of our world-class team. S-A2 is designed to take full advantage of emerging electric powertrain advancements that will define the next generation of aviation," said Ben Diachun, chief technology officer, Supernal. "From here, we will develop this concept into a revolutionary commercial product."

As Supernal continues to optimise its vehicle for certification, mass production and expanded use cases, the Company is also focused on interior modularity and battery upgradability. This includes the ability to replace the battery module as technology advances.

Classic cars delight at Korumburra Swap Meet



Margaret and Trevor Ducat travelled from Seaford to be part of the vintage and classic car display at the Korumburra Swap Meet on Sunday. They presented a 1964 Vauxhall Cresta, which they have owned for 15 years.



Koonwarra's Chris Anstice had his 1972 HQ Monaro on display at the Korumburra Swap Meet on Sunday.

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Learn to swim,
learn to survive!

THERE are two points that should be made following the death by drowning of two people at Bass Coast beaches last Friday.

But first, our condolences to the families and friends who had to leave the beaches at Kilcunda and Surf Beach last week and go home without their loved ones. And our gratitude to the people who helped with the search at Kilcunda, including the surfers, and those who provided CPR until emergency services arrived at Surf Beach.

Three of the top 10 countries providing migration to Australia today are in South Asia; including India, Pakistan and Nepal, and it is noticeable, especially at Phillip Island, that more and more people of South Asian heritage are visiting Bass Coast beaches, the penguin parade and other popular locations. Same to a lesser degree along the South Gippsland coast.

In the case of the tragedy at Kilcunda, the deceased was of Indian origin and for whatever reason, many new arrivals from these countries either don't know how to swim, are unfamiliar with the dangers that exist at surf beaches, or both.

So, with the increased visitation by people from South Asia, there's an even more pressing need for education and adequate warnings.

The warning signs presently placed at Kilcunda beach, for example, are woefully inadequate for the dangers that exist there and instead of the weak statement "Swimming not advised", the message should scream loud and clear "High drowning risk: Too dangerous, do not swim at this beach". A map pointing the way to our patrolled beaches should be included.

The other point that needs to be made, relates to protecting our own residents.

For their proximity to the coast, both the Wonthaggi district and Phillip Island are woefully provided for when it comes to learn-to-swim facilities. The community clearly stated that an aquatic/sports centre had priority over the need for an arts centre on Phillip Island, but the council ignored the community on that.

We now have a \$31.3 million arts facility that has been the only venue in Cowes not to attract a crowd this summer.

Wonthaggi's old swimming pool is frankly a disgrace for the district's growing population.

In the case of Phillip Island Primary School, they have the benefit of their own pool and kids can learn to swim there, before progressing to Nippers at Woolamai SLSC where they can be properly acquainted with the conditions and risks that exist at our surf beaches. That's the ideal situation.

The rest of the kids in the Bass Coast community, with the possible exception of Wonthaggi Primary which has a small pool – not so much!

The provision of adequate swimming facilities isn't just desirable for health, well-being and sporting pursuits; in a location like ours, where we are surrounded by beaches, some of them the most dangerous surf beaches in Victoria – they're an absolute lifesaver.

Vox Pop

What are your predictions for 2024? Who is going to win the AFL premiership?



Millie Gold

Pioneer Bay

"My goal is to save money and I think West Coast Eagles will win."



Jye Larcombe

San Remo

"I want to see Geelong win another grand final. I reckon Geelong versus Richmond would be good."



Andy Thomas

Krowera

"I hope everybody's lives are a little bit easier than they have been in the last 12 months. Brisbane is going to win. They've got some young ones."



Dean Williams

Leongatha

"Donald Trump will win in a landslide. In the footy, I reckon Collingwood will win again, even though it hurts me to say it."

Women's cricket
– come get amongst it

SOMETHING really special took place earlier this month, with the women's cricket comp double header. Nyora, Phillip Island, Foster, Kilcunda-Bass, Koony RSL, Inverloch, and the mighty Leongatha Town Scorpions. We came together, we took centre stage. It was a powerful sight.

Once upon a time only exceptional women were cricketers, but now it's accessible. T20s every second Sunday. No culottes. All over South Gippsland and Bass, women are playing cricket for the first or second time or coming back after a long break. Some of us are really impressive, some of us are really not. All of us are welcome.

It can be intense, cricket. You think you're doing ok and then one week the ball just sticks to your hand. The ball is hard, proper hard. You don't want to cop it in the face.

But the banter is lively. You forge new friendships and cement old ones, mixing with legendary humans of all ages. You laugh – at yourselves, at each other, at your cricket pants. You become a team.

Guys at the club are invested, contributing numerous volunteer hours. They welcome us with warm grins, tell us about the times the ball stuck to their hand too.

The exceptional women cricketers who came before us did the hard yards, they made women's cricket a thing. Thank you, exceptional women – women's cricket is a bloody wonderful thing.

Come get amongst it! The competition is heating up.

Head out on Sunday and support your local women and girls.

Gen Anderson

Victorian government broke

GREAT article Michael Giles (Sentinel Times 9/1/24). Vic Roads the only thing they are any good at is potholes which they keep making.

The South Gippsland Highway at Koo Wee Rup still down to one lane but the water has been gone for days.

With Parks Victoria, the South Gippsland Highway either side has ragwort for kilometres.

George Bass Coastal Walk at the Park's managed section no longer gets looked after, overgrown trees, blackberries and not being mowed due to lack of funds for Parks Victoria.

Now Labour wants to create this massive new Central Highlands National Park that will be right in the middle of existing National Parks. They are going to lock out all of us tax paying users and why? They cannot afford to manage and upkeep them. They will become overgrown, weed infested, feral animals and when a fire happens, which it will, destroy homes and land.

They will pass the buck onto some other innocent party. It is never their fault.

Our politicians who are local and live in these areas need to step up and take control of their department, not the other way around.

Wayne Churchill, Kilcunda

Grantville Medical
Clinic closure

I AM sure that I speak on behalf of many of the residents of the Waterline, and bordering towns, who will experience the closure of Grantville Medical Clinic as a considerable blow.

Notwithstanding, the GP shortages across the country are a reality, which will impact regional areas in particular, it is the limitations in decision making internally which I would question here.

Quality health services, amongst other measures, is significantly impacted by the benchmark of access and equity for all, as Clare Le Serve says, "regardless of location or socioeconomic status". (Sentinel Times, January 3 2024:5).

Despite State and Federal constraints, is there no capacity for the Wonthaggi Medical Group to have made a decision which would have enhanced the benchmark of access and equity, rather than have diminished it? For example, requiring doctors to travel to various clinics as part of their conditions of employment? Or for another example, consolidating the number of clinics that can feasibly operate to be spread equitably across the whole of Bass Coast Shire, rather than concentrating clinics in relatively close locale?

Warranted, there has been significant growth across Bass Coast Shire in the last five years or so, including the communities of Grantville, Corinella and Coronet Bay, resulting in a seven-day week pharmacy, a new childcare and kindergarten centre, and more recently a supermarket, to respond to this growing need. Isn't it a contradiction that this hasn't also resulted in the continuation of a local medical clinic to service these additional families and children?

At a more micro level, I am disappointed at the lack of respectful communication to existing Grantville patients, about the closure. As a patient of the Grantville clinic, I learnt about it by reading the article in the paper, and upon further query was informed that a notice was put on the clinic door! This is extremely poor, and I would have expected all patients to have been personally informed via email or letter. I will however continue as a patient of Wonthaggi Medical and travel further to see my current doctor at Wonthaggi, because she is caring, communicates respectfully, and is responsive to my needs.

Name withheld, Corinella

Premier Allan, please just
ban the duck shooting now

DEBBIE Lustig's call for Premier Jacinta Allan to ban duck shooting right now would be a winner because it has dragged on for far too long ("Etching her name in history", 9/1). From now onward, the ducks should be our mascots for all of native biodiversity which is an essential part of solving the overall climate crisis.

Barbara Fraser, Burwood

Citizens of the
year special bond

CONGRATULATIONS to the finalists in the South Gippsland Shire Council Citizen of the Year Awards.

What the synopses of the finalists doesn't indicate is that two of them have a very special bond.

Avis Tilley is lucky enough to have Perry Neil as her Legatee. He would do anything for her and she loves him like a son – she'd happily tell you that herself.

I hope they are joint winners.

Jane Ross, South Gippsland Legacy

Careful with your
words, he says

(RE: 'Yellow Peril Invades Loch', 09/01). I am surprised to see your newspaper risking its reputation, such as it is, by employing a well-known anti-Asian slur to describe a weed.

Given that anyone with a primary school education is aware that the phrase "yellow peril" has long been used throughout the English-speaking world as a term of derision toward the Chinese and other Asians, it is difficult to know what your sub-editor was thinking.

Type the phrase into Google and the first hundred or so results all explain how and why it is deeply offensive. So why use it?

Isn't "Ragwort Rampant" sensationalist enough? Do you really need to add a lurid phrase that insults members of the fastest growing community in Australia to make your point?

I wonder how your advertisers, particularly national brands, will feel about being associated with a newspaper that gratuitously employs such racist language. An apology is in order.

Frank Zelko, Venus Bay.

Editor: As you correctly point out, everyone knows the historic association of the term "yellow peril" so there can be no confusion that we are using the words in a completely different context. Thank you for your interest.



Honouring heroes, sharing Afghanistan's profound stories Fred Smith's poignant performance will take to the stage on January 28. Photo: Geoffrey Dunn.



Featuring poignant songs that capture the precarious thread between life and death, Fred's performance is not to be missed. Photo: Gerard Hudson.

Inverloch to welcome Fred Smith: the voice of service and sacrifice

INVERLOCH is set to be captivated by musician and storyteller Fred Smith in a powerful performance on Sunday, January 28.

Sponsored by the Inverloch RSL, Fred takes his audience through an extraordinary experience, detailing his journey as a diplomat with the Australian Defence Forces in Uruzgan Province, Afghanistan, culminating in the major evacuation of visa and passport holders from Kabul in August, 2021.

The purpose of Sparrows of Kabul is to build a sense of connection between the people of Afghanistan, the people of Australia and Australian Defence personnel through the use of song, imagery and story from a deeply personal perspective.

It is to express gratitude for the service men and women who served in the Afghanistan war.

Fred Smith is not your average musician.

His experiences in the conflict-stricken landscapes of Uruzgan province and the emotionally charged withdrawal from Kabul have lent a raw authenticity to his works that resonates with the realism of war, love and loss.

Through his powerful lyrics and haunting melodies, Fred narrates the true stories of our

heroes – stories of courage, camaraderie and the stark costs of war.

The concert will feature some of Fred's poignant songs, including Dust of Uruzgan, which recounts the harrowing tale of Private Paul Warren's brush with death alongside his mate Private Ben Renaudo, who tragically perished due to an IED and Paul lost half his leg.

This narrative captures the precarious thread between life and death that our soldiers tread every day.

Another soul-stirring piece is Sapper's Lullaby.

The song memoirs the sacrifice of Sappers Jacob Moerland and Darren Smith in Afghanistan – a testament to their bravery and the unyielding bonds of brotherhood forged in the face of mortality.

Moerland, known affectionately as Snowy, died instantly from an IED, while Smith, drawing his final breaths, thought only of his family's sorrow, entrusting his comrades with a final loved-filled message to his wife and son.

The concert is also set to underscore the heart-wrenching story of Lance Corporal Jared 'Crash' MacKinney.

In Fred Smith's tribute to MacKinney is a window into

the personal sacrifices made by families, as MacKinney's spouse faced the unenviable reality of going into labour during her husband's funeral and later giving birth to his son – a stark representation of life and death converging in a single moment of profound sadness and beauty.

Fred will also discourse on his experience in Kabul amidst the chaotic Taliban takeover in August, 2021.

The concert will also be used to highlight the extreme mental health challenges faced by ex-services personnel, whether they were directly involved in Afghanistan or not.

Fred's story is designed to help the community and families understand the experiences of loved ones.

"Since 9/11, our ex-service personnel have struggled to find their way back into civilian life, and incidents of mental health issues and suicide have escalated," Inverloch RSL's Gerry Surridge said.

"This is an opportunity for people to learn more about the welfare groups available. As well as the RSL, we will have five groups represented on the day of the concert. There will be tables set up for them to provide advice and information."

Mr Surridge said he had attended a Fred Smith performance before and regarded it as an unforgettable experience.

"It was amazing. He's a brilliant storyteller backed by some really good musicians in the band," he said.

"It is confronting to hear about the people of Afghanistan and the times that they faced, as well as some of the imagery, but he also has engaging humour."

The Inverloch RSL is honoured to host such an evocative evening and invites the community to join in the solemn commemoration of the tales that shape our nation's military legacy.

The concert will begin at 2.30pm at the Inverloch Community Hub, with doors opening at 2pm.

Entry is \$35. To book tickets, head to [trybooking.com/CNLBK](https://www.trybooking.com/CNLBK).

Tickets are expected to sell quickly – don't miss out on the opportunity to be part of an extraordinary afternoon of music, memories and the honour of our soldiers' legacy.

For further information and ticket reservations, please get in touch with the Inverloch RSL on 0421 948 862 or 0490 899 353.

Pets are excellent for our mental health

By Clare Chitty

PETS are excellent for our mental health, whether they are cats, dogs, horses, ferrets, lambs or whatever creature that takes your interest. The physical and emotional benefits are many.

Pets provide unconditional love, companionship, and sense when their owner is upset or unwell. They help lower blood pressure, reduce stress, and ease depression and anxiety symptoms. They also teach children about responsibility and caring for another living being.

Like people, each animal has their own personality and preferences. Some may need to be the centre of attention, whilst others require a more peaceful environment. Some like the outdoors, some prefer to remain inside.

Animals rely on their owner for everything; safety, security, love and food. Therefore, there are a number of factors to consider before taking a pet onboard. Firstly, a pet is for life and a commitment not to be taken lightly. The average lifespan for a cat or dog is approximately 10 to 15+ years.

Ask yourself the following questions: Is the animal suitable for your family's circumstances, now and in the future?

Do you have the ongoing financial means for food, veterinary expenses, annual council registration, grooming and accessories?

Are you able to provide fresh water and nutritious food daily?

Do you have the time to give the animal the attention and playtime it needs? Dogs require daily walks; long haired cats may need brushing each day.

Consider the holiday season. Can you take your pet with you? Would they be more comfortable remaining in a familiar environment and having a house sitter?

Microchipping, neutering and wearing collars with identity tags are non-negotiables for responsible pet owners. Keep your contact details up to date if you move. Dogs may be spooked by fireworks and run away terrified. Contact information makes it easier to reunite owners with animals who become separated.

Dogs bark as a form of communication to express themselves; protection, out of frustration, boredom, and canine socialisation with other dogs. Bear in mind not everyone is a dog lover. Constant yapping can be irritating to neighbours and training your canine companion to respond to specific commands, such as 'sit,' 'come' and 'down' are essential when dogs are running freely.

During the lockdowns, people needed companionship during isolation, and suddenly, animals were in demand. As it happened, our cat had to be put to sleep and the family was distraught. After intense questioning over the phone by the animal shelter, followed by several months on a waiting list, we were allocated a suitable feline. With previous adoptions, we'd always bonded with our rescue fur-babies in person, so we had no idea of the newest family member's personality until we collected him. And he's perfect for our family.

Lockdown was a classic example which demonstrated the ongoing commitment required. Once restrictions were lifted, animal rescues were inundated with seized and surrendered cats and dogs. Sadly, approximately out of 200,000 unwanted pets in Australia, 20 per cent are euthanized annually.

Making the decision to take a pet on fulltime is a huge responsibility and not suitable for everyone. Other options include foster care, house sitting, volunteering at a shelter or even supporting wildlife organisations.

When it comes to animals, my philosophy is: There's a pet for every home. Please don't hurt them as they can't speak for themselves and when it comes to wildlife, we all share the earth. Don't destroy their homes to build yours.

Music excites at Archies Creek Hotel

GREAT vibes and outstanding music were enjoyed at the Archies Creek Hotel over the weekend.

Ash Grunwald had the sold-out crowd up and jumping on Saturday night.

He was in top form throughout the night and well supported by opening act Bobby Alu.

Bobby started the show and warmed the crowd up for a memorable night.

Ella Hooper kept the vibes going on Sunday with a lovely, chilled out performance in front of a family friendly audience.

Ella's gig was also a sold-out event, with listeners enjoying the 'festival feel' of the experience.

Next Sunday, the Archies Creek Hotel and the Caravan Music Club will present The Music of Ennio Morricone and the Spaghetti West.

This iconic music experience has sold out three venues in

Melbourne and is now taking it to the country.

Featuring a collection of dynamic music derived from soundtracks of Spaghetti Western films from the 1960s and 70s, this cinematic show-down is sure to entice the crowd.

It is a fun genre with an interesting instrumental element, and the fine weather forecast will ensure Archies Creek Hotel will be the place to be on Sunday afternoon.

Tickets are also available to see Floodlights on February 2.

Back on Australian soil following a performance at the Meredith Music Festival, Floodlights has made the Archies Creek Hotel one of two venues to host a special tour in regional Victoria.

With a unique sound, evocative storytelling and a dynamic performance, this gig promises to draw in a crowd, so don't miss out on tickets.



Ash Grunwald entertained a sold out crowd at the Archies Creek Hotel on Saturday night.



The South Gippsland Concert Band are seeking musicians to come and join them and help make music this year.

Join in to make music with The South Gippsland Concert Band

THE SOUTH Gippsland Concert Band have a big sound they bring to the community and they're on the lookout for local musicians.

The band covers a range of music genres including jazz, musical theatre, rock, gospel, pop and big band sounds and play to audiences at farmers markets, ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day and church events, at nursing homes and community Christmas carols, just to name a few.

Experienced and beginner musicians are invited to join, with only a need to read music and to have the basics down, and, there is no pressure to perform.

SGCB currently have about 30 members with 20 of those actively performing and a huge range of experience levels and ages, with students from 15 years old, to a 92-year-old musician.

"We desperately need a timpani player, a drum player, any woodwind, we've got a cello player, so we'll take some more strings," said Kath Moodie from SGCB.

The group of musicians would also love to have a double bass player, more brass players, and a flautists to join them.

Kath invites everyone, from new to old members, from students who are learning, to those who might have played an instrument decades ago, to experienced performers, to come and join in.

"We have three players that hadn't played or picked up their instrument for over 20 years - they'd learned at school or as a younger adult - and they thought, oh, why not? They got back into it and they're just loving playing again."

More experienced musicians are also happy to mentor others in the group. SGCB also has some instruments musicians can loan.

For more information or to join the South Gippsland Concert Band, call Kath Moodie on 0400 332 851.



Nevaeh Jackman-Riches displays her pool, house and lemonade stand after a productive 'Planks' session at Poowong Library.

Building skills at Poowong Library

CONSTRUCTION skills and ingenuity were tested during a 'Planks' session at Poowong Library with children and adults participating in different challenges and creating a variety of structures.

"We had skyscrapers, lemonade stands, houses, pools, and playgrounds," library programs officer Megan Le Serve said.

Participants rose to the task when asked to build structures using limited planks.

"The kids had a wonderful time and we joined up three new library members and built some impressive structures while learning about foundations and balance," Megan said.

Warren's pictures worth a thousand words

THE CFA radio chirps away in the background occasionally interrupting Port Albert artist, one time fire brigade captain, Warren Curry, as he explains the heritage of some of his paintings.

The studio at the rear of his historic shop and residence is what you'd expect, a room filled with recent and older works, some on the walls, others leaning against the wall or tables, and an easel with his latest painting, almost complete, of a Murray River paddle steamer.

There's a pallet daubed with a riot of colours, mixed and ready to be applied with expert strokes.

"That's Pretty Boy Healey," says Warren of an especially heinous scene of a man with a menacing face, dressed in a fetching red shirt, having just finished stabbing a hapless individual for a fistful of money. There's a bloodied knife in his other hand, the victim fallen with red paint splashed across his white shirt.

"Apparently his mate had a win at the races and wasn't prepared to share the proceeds.

"They were pretty wild times here in the 1840s and 1850s.

"The story goes that a couple of other people might also have been involved which is why there's the suggestion of others in the picture."

In fact, John ("Pretty Boy") Healey was hanged at the Melbourne Gaol on November 29, 1847 for the murder of Jemmy Ritchie at Tarraville, not much more than a few kilometres away from Warren's gallery.

There's also the story of Scottish laird, Aenes Ronaldson Macdonell, who sold up everything in his native land and moved to the 'land of opportunity', landing at Port Albert in July 1941, to set up a dairy farm locally for the new colony. He brought a herd with him and even a house to be reassembled but he underestimated the



Local artist Warren Curry in his studio at Port Albert, the story that goes with the painting is almost as good.

climate. Where milk could easily be transported in his native Scotland without spoiling such was not the case in Gippsland. The venture failed, he went broke, and went home.

He knows a lot about the history of the Yarram district, from a lifetime living locally, his own interest in the people and places, and also after painting hundreds of works of events, buildings and places of interest.

Recently, a difficult but respectfully rendered scene of the Warrigal Creek massacre was sold, part of a series on the history of the district.

In July 1843, a man named Ronald Macalister was killed by Aboriginal men near Port Albert, allegedly following the rape of an Aboriginal woman. The Scottish colonist and pastoralist, Angus McMillan, led a group of around 20 colonists against the Aboriginal people they believed responsible, across a number of days including an attack on the Brataualung people camped at Warrigal Creek, one of several incidents resulting in loss of life among the Gunai

Kurnai people of the area.

Not to excuse what is the region's most notorious incident, Mr Curry notes the general lawlessness of the time. In fact, the incident may well have brought about change.

When Port Albert was first settled it was part of the Sydney district of the colony and there was no supervision of the area until September 1843 when Gippsland became a district of Port Phillip and was the responsibility of the Commissioner of Crown Lands. Charles James Tyers was appointed as the first Crown Lands Commissioner for Gippsland. He arrived at Port Albert early in 1844 and set about bringing law and order to the Port which up to this time had been lawless with reports of smuggling, sly grogging, robberies, physical attacks and murder. In January 1844, Captain William Moore was appointed Collector of Customs and David Fermaner, who had acted as pilot was officially appointed to this office on January 31, 1845. In 1846 the Port acquired a landing waiter and a

tide surveyor.

There are paintings of Charles James Tyers arriving at the Port and also of Captain Moore in front of the old Customs House, long gone. But there are happy scenes too of Pelekas on the Greek Island of Corfu where Warren takes an annual painting and travel tour.

Also, some of his traditional works of local farmhouses, hotels and interesting buildings, and of course streetscapes and coastal scenes from in and around his beloved Port Albert, including some of its famous shipwrecks.

The paintings are great, but like the provenance of a special wine, the stories that go with them are just as good.

Born in Yarram he studied painting and sculpture at the City and Guilds School of Art London, and drawing at the Byam Shaw Art School, London. His gallery is located at 69 Tarraville Road, Port Albert but as it is open at irregular times, it's best to arrange a visit by e-mail on currystudios@netspace.net.au or 5183 2588. warrencurry.com

Meeniyan Art Gallery to host diverse exhibitions

KOONWARRA artist Bob Hickman's exhibition 'From City to Sea' opens on January 31, running until February 26 at Meeniyan Art Gallery, combining Melbourne scenes with images from across the South Gippsland region.

Wilsons Promontory features, as does an art deco service station in Poowong, the main street in Toora, and a beach scene with an ice cream van.

Bob moved to Koonwarra in 2001, having previously lived in the Melbourne suburb of Bentleigh, and is originally from southwest London.

"I grew up in urban landscapes and I always loved laneways, cities and all the intrigue of what's down that next little lane or road, and I love depicting lanes, streets and buildings," he said.

Widely travelled, Bob has produced paintings showing aspects of many major cities around the world but has stuck to Melbourne for the city aspect of his upcoming



Bob Hickman's work 'Return to Squeaky Beach' is one of the pieces that will be on show at his upcoming 'From City to Sea' exhibition at Meeniyan Art Gallery.

exhibition.

Along with the chance to buy his artwork, his 'From City to Sea' coffee table book will be on sale at Meeniyan Art Gallery during the show.

The book includes a lot of the works included in the exhibition, along with others

Bob has painted.

There'll be a chance to meet Bob at Meeniyan Art Gallery from 2pm on February 4.

Two other Gippsland artists will also be present, with Adam Cochrane and Florence Crighton having separate exhibitions running

simultaneously in the gallery.

Adam's exhibition features portraiture based on images generated through Artificial Intelligence, while Florence is showing her watercolour paintings of the natural world.

Meeniyan Art Gallery curator Jasmin McNeil spoke about the contrasting approaches of the three artists, saying that they tie in well together despite their different styles.

"It's about the human influence on the natural world, going from Florence's paintings which are flora and fauna based to Bob's 'From City to Sea', all the way to the technological advances of AI; they all feel quite different but there's a bit of a story about our place in the world that you can find through the exhibitions," Jasmin said.

Asked to elaborate, she explained that our place in the world relates to how we interact with nature and the kind of environments that we've built for ourselves.

Twilight Market in Korumburra

KORUMBURRA Agricultural & Pastoral (A&P) Society's Twilight Market at the town's showgrounds on Australia Day evening, January 26, combines shopping, tasty food and live music while raising money for an expanded range of free children's activities during next month's Korumburra Show.

Freshly made donuts from a new Waragul business will tantalise tastebuds, as will slow cooked barbecue favourites such as pulled pork, brisket and chicken wings.

Spuds on a stick, potato cakes and samosas are also available, ensuring nobody goes hungry while browsing 30 plus stalls that sell items such as jewellery, candles, barbecue rubs, hemp bags and metal art.

There'll even be a mobile art gallery.

Chatting about the upcoming market a couple of weeks prior to the event, new Korumburra A & P Society president Danial Robbins expressed confidence there'll be lots more stall holders coming on board in the lead up to Australia Day.

Performer Sage Marie will entertain marketgoers, singing and playing her ukelele.

Children's author Mandy Kuhne will be present, her work influenced by a love of nature that was nurtured by her upbringing on the family farm.

Her first book, 'Noisy Nature' received a national award from Speech Pathology Australia in 2017.

Mandy will also be part of the impressive Korumburra Show children's entertainment program on February 10 that offers a host of free activities such as face painting, magic shows, pony rides, whip cracking performances and clinics, and more.

Australia Day events around the local region

Bass Coast Shire Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony

Friday January 26 at Wonthaggi Workmens Club from 2pm.

Leongatha Australia Day BBQ and Activities

Citizenship ceremony, guest speaker Lyn Skillern (OAM), children's activities, free sausage sizzle and lamingtons, music by South Gippsland Shire Brass Band and Jennifer Holm McIndoe Park, Turner Street Leongatha from 8.30am - 10.30am

Wonthaggi Rotary Annual Australia Day Awards

Come on down for a free breakfast on Friday, January 26 from 7.30am before we present the 30th Annual Community Services Awards.

Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, 96 Graham Street.

Oz Day at the Daly

A family day with carnival rides, face painting and other kid's activities together with live bands showcasing quality local talent, a super screen and an amazing fireworks display.

Friday, January 26, at the Dalyston Recreation Reserve. Tickets are available now.

Australia Day BBQ

Aussie favourites on the barbie, salads, plus dessert. The bar will be open as usual

for some cold ones.

Adults \$25, Children under 12, \$12, Children under 5 are free. Cowes Yacht Club, Osbourne Ave and The Esplanade, Cowes from 7pm.

Dumbalk Australia Day BBQ

Children's activities and food will be available. BYO drinks and chairs.

6.00pm - 9.30pm at the Dumbalk Memorial Park.

Foster Australia Day BBQ and Activities

Children's activities, buskers, produce stall and book sale, Foster Rotary's Volunteer of the Year Award, Historical Society's new exhibition with sausage sizzle, lamingtons and cool drinks available.

Corner Inlet from 1pm - 3pm.

Kongwak Australia Day Breakfast

Flag raising ceremony, egg and bacon breakfast and guest speaker: Barry Charlton from Berry's Creek Cheese, winner of the Supreme Specialist/Artisan Cheesemaker at the International Cheese and Dairy Awards will be presenting.

Kongwak Public Hall from 8.30am - 10.30am.

Korumburra Australia Day BBQ and Activities

Flag raising ceremony, live music - Terry Lay from Beg-2Differ and flautist Christine

McKenzie, recognition of South Gippsland award nominees, face painting and a sausage sizzle.

Coleman Park, 39 Queen Street, Korumburra, from 11am - 2.30pm

Leongatha Rotary Art Show

Free admission on Australia Day. Afternoon tea from 2pm to 4pm, with live band 'The Up Beats'

Meeniyan Australia Day Breakfast Activities

Flag raising and presentation ceremony acknowledging Meeniyan award nominees, entertainment by Serenity and a guest speaker, readings from local identities and the Meeniyan Primary School, free Meeniyan muffin breakfast by the CFA, cuppa by the CWA.

Town Hall, Whitelaw Street, Meeniyan from 9am - 11am

Tarwin Lower Australia Day BBQ

BBQ, sausages and burgers with onions, bread and salad, river duck races, raffles - drawn on day, classic and veteran vehicles on display and all proceeds will go to the Tarwin Lower Mechanics Institute.

Adults \$10, Children age 12 to 18 \$5, Children age 11 and under are free.

At the long table, Tarwin

River Boat Ramp, from 12pm - 2pm.

Mirboo North Australia Day Celebration and Morning Tea

Awards ceremony acknowledging Mirboo North nominees, morning tea, entertainment and children's activities.

Walter J. Tuck Recreation Reserve, Strzelecki Highway, from 10.30am.

Mirboo North Australia Day at the Pool

Live music, food trucks and pool inflatables. Mirboo North Pool, Jordan Way, from 11am - 7pm.


Welshpool Australia Day Family Day

BBQ, children's yard games and raffle prizes drawn on day. Welshpool Park from 11.00am - 2.00pm.

Australia Day Photography Competition

The winners of the South Gippsland Australia Day Photography Competition will be announced via a virtual YouTube premiere on Australia Day at 5pm.

Join us as we announce showcase the finalists and see how they have interpreted the theme 'Australia Day: Reflect, Respect, Celebrate. We're all part of the story. Tune in at: south Gippsland.vic.gov.au/AustraliaDay.



SMITH

SUNDAY 28 JANUARY 2024
2.30PM

SPARROWS OF KABUL

"Fred Smith is simply the best folk/country musician working in this country... Beyond writing some of the finest songs about Australians at war (Dust of Uruzgan), he's created a repertoire that is wry, literate, witty, powerfully emotional and insightful."


Bruce Elder, Sydney Morning Herald

Fred Smith and band will be presenting this extraordinary song cycle on Australia's involvement in Afghanistan, culminating in the dramatic evacuation from Kabul in August 2021. Fred was there at the beginning in Uruzgan Province and returned at the end working from Kabul International Airport. We are left admiring the courage and tenacity of thousands of Afghans who braved the human logjams outside the gates of Kabul International Airport, and the soldiers and diplomats who helped them.

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AI and art combine

MEENIYAN Art Gallery presents 'Lace & Light: AI (Artificial Intelligence) Enjoys the Sun,' featuring the artworks of South Gippsland artist and educator, Adam W Cochrane.

Cochrane is set to captivate art enthusiasts with his debut solo exhibition, 'Lace & Light - AI Enjoys the Sun,' hosted at the Meeniyana Art Gallery from January 31 to February 26.

A lifelong resident of South Gippsland, Cochrane's passion for promoting the visual and performing arts within the region is reflected in this groundbreaking showcase.

'Lace & Light: AI (Artificial Intelligence) Enjoys the Sun' delves into the realm of contemporary portraiture, with a twist — each subject is an artificial creation that exists solely in the digital domain. As visitors explore the exhibition, they'll encounter a series of artworks designed to playfully explore the interplay of light.

These pieces capture those moments of sheer satisfaction as the warmth of sunlight kisses your face, whether it's the gentle rays filtering through a morning curtain or the radiant glow of a new day.

The collection, meticulously crafted by Cochrane throughout 2023, comprises fifteen distinct works. Among them are finely detailed small-scale dry point etchings and larger, vividly coloured oil paintings. Drawing from his two decades of experience as an educator, Cochrane seamlessly blends traditional manual techniques with cutting-edge digital methodologies in his art-making process. Each subject is conceived using AI tools, driven by simple text prompts like 'female figure looking left and up.'

Cochrane then employs image editing software to masterfully control lighting, incorporate sumptuous patterns, create near-abstract lacework, and make dynamic colour choices.

Southern Sons' 35th anniversary tour set to shine

SECURE your spot in the ultimate throwback party on February 23 and March 9 as the renowned 1990s band, Southern Sons, reunites for a spectacular series of shows, bringing music lovers a nostalgic journey through their timeless hits.

Formed in Melbourne, the band gained widespread recognition for their melodic rock sound and soulful ballads, showcasing a unique blend of powerful vocals, heartfelt lyrics, and masterful musicianship that resonated with audiences across the country.

Original members Jack Jones, Geoff Cain, and Peter 'Reggie' Bowman will come together to deliver an unforgettable experience, featuring chart-topping classics like "Hold Me In Your Arms" and "Heart in Danger," among others.

Returning to their roots and revisiting the songs that kick-started their music careers, lead vocalist Jack Jones expresses his excitement.

"I'm proud of everything I've done, but Southern Sons is where it all started for me. So, I'm thrilled about these shows. The band represents a remarkable time in my life."

With the addition of Pete Drummond, renowned for his exceptional drumming skills and his contributions to the



Southern Sons invites audiences to celebrate 35 years of their influential music.

legendary band Dragon, the Southern Sons' 2024 tour promises to be an extraordinary event.

Southern Sons' debut self-titled album, which received an ARIA nomination, soared to the top of the charts, captivating audiences with hits like "Always & Forever," and "Waiting For That Train."

The release of their first single, "Heart in Danger," in 1990 solidified their position as a formidable force in the music scene, dominating charts for years to come.

Their 1992 album, "Nothing But The Truth," continued

their streak of success, featuring singles such as "Lead me To Water" and "You Were There."

Additionally, three Southern Sons tracks were included in the acclaimed 1993 Sydney Dance Company production of "Beauty & The Beast."

The band's third and final studio album, "Zone," released in 1996, showcased a guest appearance by Men At Work's Colin Hay on the lead single, "Don't Tell Me What's Right."

Don't miss the opportunity to relive the magic of Southern Sons as they take

the stage on their 2024 tour. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

Friday, February 23, 2024 - The Wedge Theatre Sale
Saturday, February 24, 2024 - Frankston Arts Centre
Saturday, March 9, 2024 - GPAC Traralgon Arts Centre

Prepare to be transported back in time as Southern Sons delivers an electrifying performance, bringing their treasured music to life once again. Secure your tickets early to avoid disappointment and join in celebrating 35 years of sensational sounds from Southern Sons.

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The spectacular Blues Express will be back after a 10 year hiatus on January 21.

Peter Gaudion's Blues Express are back

PHILLIP Island Jazz Club's first gig for 2024 will see the return of the infamous jazz ensemble Peter Gaudion's Blues Express after a 10-year absence this Sunday, January 21. This brilliant group contains some of the most sought-after musos in Australia, namely Peter Gaudion on trumpet and vocals who has played with The Syncopators since day one.

Ash Gaudion on alto sax and vocals. Ash is a charismatic and talented musician who has been immersed in the world of

jazz and blues from a young age. His passion for music shines through in his soulful saxophone playing and captivating vocals.

Bob Sedergreen on keyboards. Bob has been described as the world's best blues pianist. His musical abilities find him leading and working with a plethora of diverse ensembles and groups. Also, Bob is a prolific writer of jazz tunes.

James Clark on bass. James plays bass with The

Syncopators and Shuffle Club and he is much sought after for gigs.

Rod Gilbert on drums. Rod is a regular drummer with the Syncopators and Shuffle club. His version of "Now You Has Jazz" from the film High Society is worth a listen on its own.

Vocalist for the afternoon will be Jacki Gaudion who is a quality vocalist who performs with many bands in Melbourne.

Phillip Island Jazz Club are expecting lots of people for the event, so

suggest that you book your spot. Cost for the day will be \$20 a head for members and \$25 for guests. The entertainment commences at 2pm and concludes at 4.30pm.

Venue is at Phillip Island Bowling Club, 40 Dunsmore Rd, Cowes.

For more information on bookings please contact Robin - 0432 814 407 or Jill - 0417 416 300 to arrange purchase of tickets. Tickets are selling fast, but we still have some available.



The Heisler squeezes through a cutting at Mile Creek.

Model train enthusiasts exhibit their creation

THE Phillip Island and District Railway Modellers will once again hold their annual model train show at the Cowes Senior Citizens Hall, Lions Court Cowes on Saturday, January 20 and Sunday, January 21.

The exhibition will be open to the public from 10am until 5pm on Saturday, and Sunday from 10am to 4pm.

This show always attracts many visitors, and caters for the diehard model railway enthusiast, the budding five-year-old who loves to watch the trains go around and everyone in between.

There will be thirteen model layouts to view ranging from a vintage 1950s trainset to full digital control models complete with authentic sound.

"We will have models ranging in size from the smaller "N" scale, that fit in a cupboard, up to "O" scale, that you would need a large shed to accommodate.

"This year the show features six new model layouts - never seen before - including a completely new model where we invite the young enthusiast to drive the trains, as well as a new exciting large, detailed layout depicting an early 20th century timber mill and township."

The Phillip Island and District Railway Modellers are also pleased to welcome back the very popular "Circus Train" display.

The volunteer group are grateful for their sponsorship from Bass Coast Shire and Westernport Water as well as the support from Branch Line Hobbies in Croydon and Steam Era Models.

Come and enjoy an hour or two, rain hail or shine in airconditioned comfort. Please talk to the exhibitors, they just love talking about model trains and there is a wealth of experience and expertise to call upon.

Exhibition located at 6 Lions Court, Cowes.

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Linda and Mark Bennett of Model Marque were featured at the Korumburra Swap Meet on Sunday.



Phillip Island's Kerri Deaton and Robyn Docker had a wonderful set up at the Woolamai Races.



Coronet Bay's Lily and Meg Stephens had their faces painted at the Woolamai Races.



Cape Woolamai's Bella Rob and Maddi Hartley enjoyed a day out at the Woolamai Races.



Anna Jones, Helen Broad and Elenor Davis explore the Leongatha Art & Photography Show. A10_0324



Tracy Siggins and Alex Jackson of Cape Paterson love coming to the Leongatha Art & Photography Show to look and buy. A11_0324



Nina Kane is delighted to have entered her work in the Leongatha Art & Photography Show, with oil painting 'Red Apples' one of her four pieces. A12_0324



Cassie and Tahlia Raschle of Leongatha enjoy Friday's art show opening, with Tahlia having submitted her painting, 'Australian Places'. A13_0324



Heath Warwick and Lucinda Young of Mirboo North are pleased to see the work of so many South Gippsland artists featured in Leongatha; impressed by the high standard of art on display. A14_0324

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Leongatha Rotary Club Art & Photography Show, Woolamai Races and the 39th Korumburra Swap Meet



South Gippsland Shire Council's director of economy and community Renae Littlejohn, Leongatha Art & Photography Show committee chairman David Panther and South Gippsland Shire mayor Clare Williams enjoy Friday's opening. A09_0324



Lang Lang's Jace, Nicole and Kade Armstrong ventured out to the Woolamai Races on Saturday.



Lauren Robinson and Sarah Lamb made the drive from Melbourne to come along to the Woolamai Races on Saturday.



Ross West from Foster was selling an assortment of goods at the Korumburra Swap Meet on Sunday.



Ann and Neale Jensen had a stall at the Korumburra Swap Meet on Sunday.



Sam Perrett, Graham Lieuwen and Kelvin Holton at the 39th annual Korumburra Swap Meet on Sunday.



Preselected Liberal candidate for Monash Mary Aldred and Leongatha Art & Photography Show judge David Taylor enjoy the opening night. A15_0324



Kath Wilman and Maureen Platt checked out the vintage and classic car display at the Korumburra Swap Meet.

IT'S a buyers' market, with a broad selection of coastal properties on offer across the beach settlements of South Gippsland and Bass Coast highlighted by several prominent auctions this coming weekend, and over Australia Day Weekend.

But, according to Fiona McMahon-Hughes at Ray White Inverloch, the level of interest is still good and properties are selling.

"Certainly, there's a wider selection of properties on the market for people to choose from, so we'd call it a 'buyers' market' at the moment but the interest is still good," said Fiona McMahon-Hughes this week.

"But, due to the proximity of this area to Melbourne and what it has to offer, demand will always be there, and values will continue to be strong.

"We've made this Sunday, January 21 an "auction extravaganza" with four properties on offer, one at Venus Bay and three at Inverloch and of course we're hopeful of selling.

"It's a way for people to get a result, and like we had at Venus Bay recently where we were hoping for a price around the \$400,000 mark, the three-bedroom house at 12 Cantor Drive sold for \$500,000 with two keen bidders.

"But auctions are also a process of attracting interest and they're not always sold on the day.

"Generally, though, it's going well. We closed another four sales last weekend which was good."

As well as the auctions this weekend, there's a feature property being offered on the famous 'Lovers Walk' at Cowes, the address being 5 and 7 Charmandene Court going to auction at 11am on Saturday, January 27.

Described by the selling agents, O'Brien Real Estate, as "a truly exceptional coastal paradise" it offers approximately 1698 square metres of direct beachfront land with water views, exquisite gardens, and incredible development potential (STCA) unequalled in the town.

You'd have to say the property presented many more possibilities than the Justice Road site selected for the next series of Channel 9's The Block production, although longer lead times for the sort of development that

might ultimately grace this prominent site.

But the 20th anniversary of The Block is likely to shine even more light on this coastal region, further underscoring interest in the area.

Upcoming auctions include:

- Auction Sunday, January 21 at 12noon, modern 3br house on 962.17m² at 41 Louis Road, Venus Bay. Agent Ray White Inverloch.
- Auction Sunday, January 21 at 2pm, 3br house, on 1793 m² at 37 Powlett Street, Inverloch. Agent Ray White Inverloch.
- Auction Sunday, January 21 3pm at 4br at 40 Anderson Avenue, Inverloch. Agent Ray White Inverloch
- Auction Sunday, January 21 at 4pm, 3br house, 539m² site at 2 Lohr Avenue, Inverloch. Agent Ray White Inverloch.
- Auction Thursday, January 25 at 2pm, 6br country residence on 44.5ha at 3882 Bass Highway, Kilcunda. Agent Ray White Inverloch.
- Auction Saturday, January 27 at 11.30am, shops to be sold on site at 2A and 2B Ramsay Boulevard Inverloch, Burgess Rawson in conjunction with Ray White Inverloch.
- Auction Saturday, January 27, at 12 noon, 2br house at 28 Hill Street, Sunderland Bay, land size of 579 m². Agent First Choice Real Estate San Remo.

Tim Lawless, CoreLogic's research director, says that capital cities have generally recorded stronger growth conditions relative to regional areas with dwelling values in the capital cities up 9.3 per cent in 2023, more than double the 4.4 per cent rise recorded across the combined regional index.

"Stronger conditions across capital city markets is a reversal of the early COVID trend which saw regional markets experience higher demand amid strong internal migration. Regional migration trends have mostly normalised through 2023, and the significant capital gains recorded through 2020 to 2022 has meant many regional markets have become less affordable," Mr Lawless said.

In fact, while regional Victorian values were up an average of 33.3 per cent during COVID, they've come off 6.6 per cent since May 2021.



A prominent development site (STCA) at 5 and 7 Charmandene Court, Cowes is set to go to auction on Saturday, January 27.



What the publicity around The Block program on Channel 9, focusing on this property in Cowes, will do for ongoing interest in real estate is anyone's guess.

Looking for a career in the industry?

THOSE keen on a career in the building and construction sector can develop their skills through the Victorian Government's Free TAFE program.

Qualifications such as an Advanced Diploma of Building Surveying, a Diploma of Building and Construction and a Certificate III in Civil Construction are among those that can be undertaken through the program.

Such building and construction learning opportunities are some of the more than 80 Free TAFE qualifications and short courses available, even if you already hold a VET qualification or degree.

Visit vic.gov.au/free-tafe to learn more about Victorian course opportunities.

In addition to the Free TAFE courses the Victorian Government has provided since 2019, the Federal Government has announced an additional 300,000 Fee-Free TAFE and vocational education places, available nationally from January 2024.

In November 2023, almost \$107 million of Commonwealth funding was announced, with the aim of providing people with access to education and training in sectors needing workers.

At the time, it was noted that 143 unique occupations in Victoria were experiencing a shortage of employees,



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including in the construction sector.

The Victorian Government indicated that over 4200 enrolments in construction sector courses had already occurred through the Free TAFE program by late last year.

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“Wit’s End” Magnificent Victorian cottage in Loch

“WIT’S End” a late Victorian cottage, is believed to have been built in the 1890’s and is one of the earliest surviving dwellings in the South Gippsland village of Loch. The property comprises three separate titles which totals 2,456m2. The expansive gardens were recently featured by Open Gardens Victoria and attracted many visitors to the village.

The cottage has been maintained and tastefully decorated, keeping in line with all its original features. There are two good sized bedrooms, and the bathroom includes a claw foot bath, vanity and walk-in-shower. A country kitchen features electric cooking, timber benchtops, cupboard space and a split system reverse cycle. The lounge is located at the front of the cottage and includes an open fire and a split system. A separate formal dining oozes charm, character and is ideal for entertaining. Other notable features of Wits End cottage include stained glass, pine lining, original timber flooring and an Australian bull nose verandah.

Wit’s End’s garden is made up of the following areas; the cottage garden, an orchard, open lawn area, the ‘wild side’ and the sundial garden. The outdoor entertaining is always a hit in the strategically positioned pergola and allows for privacy from neighbours. Town water is connected and NBN is available.

‘Wit’s End’ is situated a short 400 metre walk to the centre of Loch village, which is renowned for popular cafes, food stores, the Loch Brewery and Distillery, country markets, local festivals and the award-winning Gippsland Wine Company.

The Great Southern Rail Trail, which is popular for cycling and walking, is easily accessed from the cottage. The property is located 10 minutes to Korumburra, 25 minutes to Leongatha, 30 minutes to Inverloch and just 45 minutes to Melbourne’s south-eastern suburbs.

Wit’s End offers a unique opportunity to purchase a slice of history, don’t miss out on your chance to inspect this extremely rare find.

For further information or to inspect the property, please get in touch with Katrina Griggs on 0428 571 083 or Don Olden on 0417 805 312.

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- Large formal lounge and separate dining area
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Contemporary Victorian home

PREPARE to fall in love as you meander the curved tree-lined driveway, to discover this contemporary Victorian-style country home.

Built in 2009, this quality architecturally designed home, is situated on approximately three acres, overlooking much larger rural properties, with uninterrupted panoramic views across the Tarwin Valley, as far as Wilsons Promontory.

At the end of a country lane, it is secluded, private and quiet, with abundant bird and native wildlife creating the only “noise”.

The family, dining and kitchen are the heart of the home. Spacious, flooded in natural light, with Tasmanian Oak timber floors, and the centrepiece Cheminées Philippe double sided wood fire set in Mount Angus Sandstone.

Comprising of a country style kitchen with beautiful black-wood bench tops, quality appliances, and walk-in pantry, an expansive dining space with four metre pitched roof and soaring glass picture windows, and comforting family lounge.

The east wing, wrapped by the charming veranda, includes a classically styled formal lounge, and across the wide hallway you will find the master suite with spacious walk-in robe, ensuite complete with deep bath set in bay window, walk in shower, and separate toilet.

The additional three queen size bedrooms are located in the west wing, each with generous built-in robes, desks and spectacular views, with their own rumpus/third living room, which has direct access to a north facing deck and is bathed

in natural light.

The family sized bathroom, separate powder room, and enormous laundry with direct under cover access to garage are also in this wing.

Storage throughout the house is plentiful, including a custom storeroom.

Established trees throughout a low maintenance garden including vegetable garden with raised beds, numerous productive apple, and citrus trees, and the tree lined driveway with ornamental Manchurian Pears providing four seasons of spectacular displays.

Quality boundary and internal electric fencing, currently divided into three paddocks, which has until recently, serviced a horse and two companion sheep. Ideally suited to small flock of sheep and/or a

horse or two.

- Separate five bay shed (18m x 7.5m) ideal storage for all your toys, boat, caravan, or horse float.
- 90,000L water tank storage providing ample water for the residence and property.
- 1500 metres to the Great Southern Gippsland Rail Trail, six minutes to Meenyan, 10 minutes to Leongatha, 20 minutes to Inverloch, and an easy 90 minutes to SE suburbs of Melbourne.

This exceptional country home is a rare gem in a magnificent location. If you have been searching for a modern, stylish country residence, then this is most worthy of your consideration.

To arrange a personal inspection, please contact Irene Walker at SEJ Real Estate.

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WELCOME to this stunning property that offers everything you've been searching for in a home. With its impeccable design and impressive features, this is the perfect place to create lasting memories.

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The living zone is a true highlight, featuring timber feature walls, a cosy wood heater, and another split system for added convenience. The built-in TV recess adds a touch of sophistication, while the abundance of natural light creates a warm and inviting atmosphere. The kitchen is a chef's delight, boasting stone benchtops, quality appliances, and ample storage with two pantries.

Entertaining family and friends is a breeze with the large indoor/outdoor area. Relax and read in the comfort of the ceiling fan-cooled space or step outside to the entertainer's paradise. The composite decking, undercover gazebo, and artificial grass surface set the stage for unforgettable gatherings.

Take a dip in the beautifully maintained swimming pool or unwind in the separate spa. For the handyman, there's a workshop with roller door access, and a man-cave complete with a kitchen, bar, and separate toilet and shower.

This property is truly one-of-a-kind, featuring European double-glazed windows imported from Greece, a full alarm system with six cameras, and emergency buttons in each room for peace of mind. The 10-kW solar system, Ethernet and USB points in each room, and two 400 litre hot water services are just some of the additional features that make this home stand out. With so much to offer, don't miss out on the opportunity to make this your forever home.

Seize the chance to own this remarkable property. Contact us today to arrange a private inspection and start living the life you deserve at 16 Daryl Avenue, Wonthaggi.

Livestock or Lifestyle - maybe both?

LOCATED between Korumburra and Kongwak, this superb property is perfect for those looking for that extra parcel to fatten stock or possibly create a dream lifestyle property with excellent building sites (STCA). The property consists of approx. 120 acres of undulating to hill country, ample water supply (dams), hay shed, shearing shed, stockyards and loading race.

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Contact the selling agent, Scott McKenzie (0427 552 898) for further information.

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<div>KOONWARRA</div> <div></div> <div>46 Koonwarra Inverloch Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 4 car• Dual occ opportunity• Land approx. 1.5 acres<div>\$1,069,000</div>Contact: Leongatha Office</div>	<div>KORUMBURRA</div> <div></div> <div>19 Riflebutts Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 bedroom, 2 living, 2 bath• Flat manageable block (665m²)• Outdoor entertaining<div>\$665,000</div>Contact: Korumburra Office</div>	<div>ARCHIES CREEK</div> <div></div> <div>89-91 Archies Creek Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Archies Creek Hotel• Renovated kitchen, wood fired pizza oven• Undercover area with stage<div>EOI closing January 25 at 4pm</div>Contact: Cowes Office</div>	<div>WONTHAGGI</div> <div><div>UNDER CONTRACT</div></div> <div>10 Daryl Avenue</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 bedroom• Close to schools• Loads of parking<div>\$549,000</div>Contact: Wonthaggi Office</div>
<div>ARAWATA</div> <div></div> <div>655 Fairbank Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car• Ultimate lifestyle property• Approx. 123 acres<div>\$1,950,000</div>Contact: Leongatha Office</div>	<div>KORUMBURRA</div> <div></div> <div>18 William Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 bedroom/ 2 bathroom• Outdoor entertaining• Views<div>\$599,000</div>Contact: Korumburra Office</div>	<div>COWES</div> <div></div> <div>2 Glen Isla Court</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Style & sophistication• Beautifully landscaped gardens• 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom, 2 car<div>\$1,780,000</div>Contact: Cowes Office</div>	<div>WONTHAGGI</div> <div><div>UNDER CONTRACT</div></div> <div>14 Carbine Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 bedrooms• 2 bathrooms• Great outdoor and shedding<div>\$759,000</div>Contact: Wonthaggi Office</div>
<div>WOOREEN</div> <div></div> <div>585 Yarragon Leongatha Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 bedroom, 4 bath, 2 car• Home plus 2x B&B cottages• Vineyards, orchard, shedding on 20 acres<div>\$1,700,000- \$1,800,000</div>Contact: Leongatha Office</div>	<div>KORUMBURRA</div> <div></div> <div>27 Radovick Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Centre of town• 1,160m² block• Shedding, rear access<div>\$775,000</div>Contact: Korumburra Office</div>	<div>SURF BEACH</div> <div></div> <div>184 The Esplanade</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corner allotment with amazing views• Private courtyard with saltwater heated pool• Fully self-contained guest pavilion<div>Contact Agent</div>Contact: Cowes Office</div>	<div>WONTHAGGI</div> <div></div> <div>100 White Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corner allotment• Separate bungalow• Close to schools<div>\$449,000</div>Contact: Wonthaggi Office</div>
<div>MIRBOO NORTH</div> <div></div> <div>10 Laura Rise</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 5 car• Spectacular home on 1+ acre• Pool, studio, shedding and more<div>\$1,090,000</div>Contact: Leongatha Office</div>	<div>KORUMBURRA</div> <div></div> <div>9 Riflebutts Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Modern family home• 4 bedroom, 2 Living, 2 bath• Inground heated pool<div>\$665,000</div>Contact: Korumburra Office</div>	<div>SILVERLEAVES</div> <div></div> <div>20a Settlement Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Set on large 4737m² (approx.) allotment• Open living leading to outdoor dining area• In-ground swimming pool<div>Contact Agent</div>Contact: Cowes Office</div>	<div>WONTHAGGI</div> <div></div> <div>21 Ivor Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• ¼ acre block• 3 bedrooms• Cottage style home<div>\$515,000</div>Contact: Wonthaggi Office</div>

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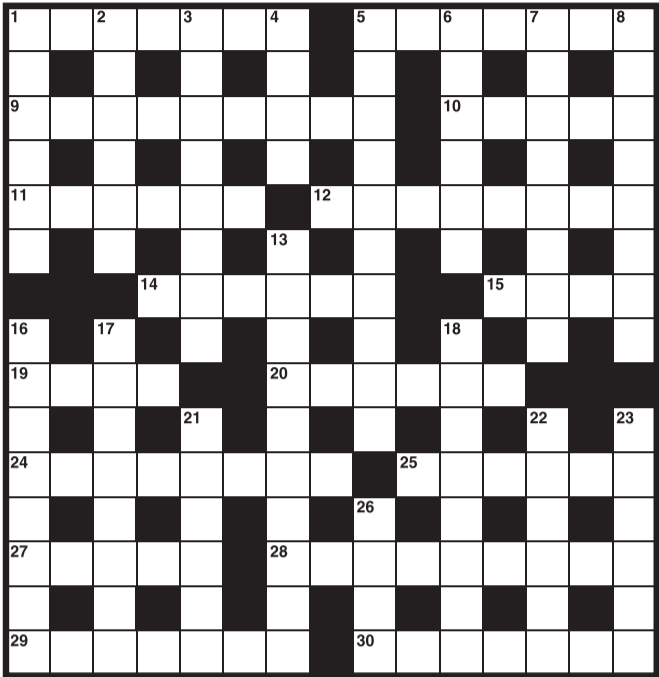
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CROSSWORD

No. 210



- ACROSS**
- 1 Sweet sauce (7)
5 Tableland (7)
9 Gloomy (9)
10 Distort (5)
11 *Sleeping Beauty* protagonist (6)

- 12 Elegant (8)
14 Mother or father (6)
15 Fur (4)
19 Web auction site (4)
20 To present (6)
24 Small blade (8)
25 Marketplace (6)

- 27 Town famed for witchcraft trials (5)
28 Largeness (9)
29 Ocean creature (3,4)
30 Region's natural features (7)

DOWN

- 1 Occasional (6)
2 A planet (6)
3 Relating to cultivated land (8)
4 Speaker's platform (4)
5 Showing something to group (10)
6 Movement (6)
7 Main action of a play (8)
8 Inverted (8)
13 Horrific (10)
16 Fierce storms (8)
17 Flowering shrub (8)
18 Attendant (8)
21 Cloisonné (6)
22 Daughter of Muhammad (6)
23 Stick of coloured wax (6)
26 Neglect (4)



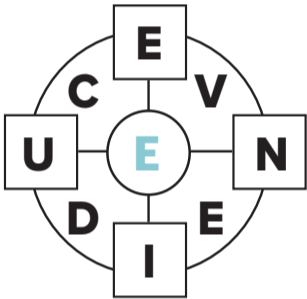
9-LETTER

No. 210

Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural words ending in "s".

Today's Aim:

- 18 words: **Good**
27 words: **Very good**
37 words: **Excellent**

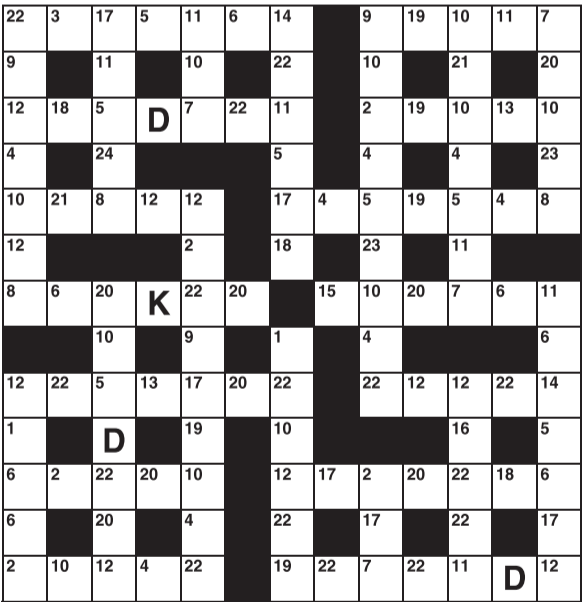


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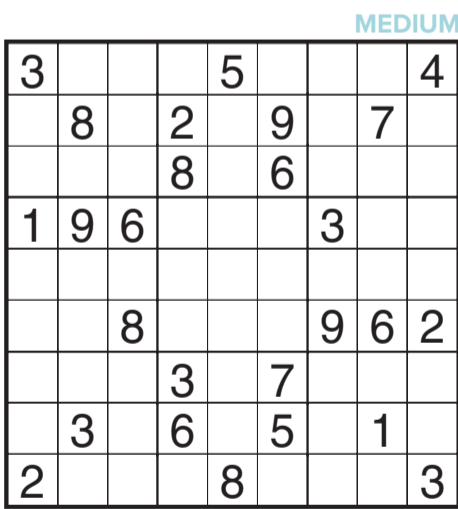
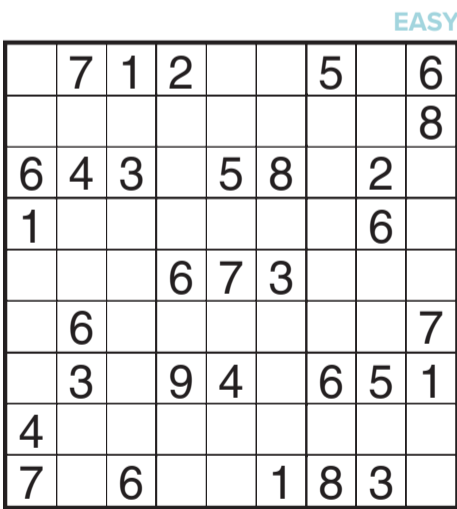
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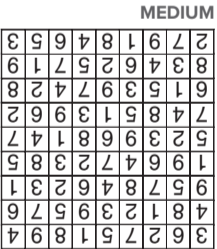
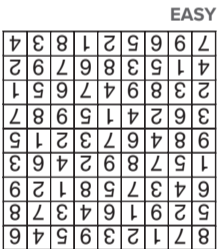
SUDOKU

No. 210

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.



SOLUTIONS



QUICK QUIZ

- Marmosets are native to which continent?
- True or false: Kevin Costner (pictured) has a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame?
- Harissa is what type of food?
- The mausoleum of Madghacen is located in which African country?
- Did Ben or Fred Savage play Cory Matthews in *Boy Meets World*?
- Manama is the capital of which country?
- Which country led the medal tally at the 2012 London Olympic Games?
- Walt Whitman died during which century?
- Andy Griffith received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from which US president?
- A coati is what type of animal?

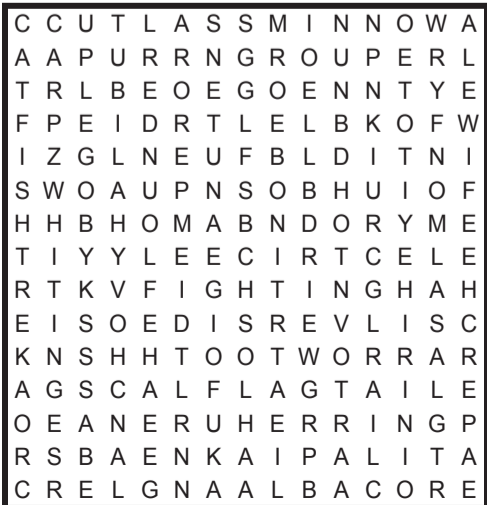


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WORD SEARCH

No. 120

Can you find all the words listed? The leftover letters will spell out a secret message.



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| ALBACORE | DORY | MINNOW |
| ALEWIFE | ELECTRIC | MONK |
| ANCHOVY | EEL | PERCH |
| ANGEL | EMPEROR | SALMON |
| ANGLER | FIGHTING | SHARK |
| ARROW-TOOTH | FLAGTAIL | SILVERSIDE |
| BASS | FLOUNDER | SOLE |
| BLOB | GOBY | TILAPIA |
| CARP | GOLD | TROUT |
| CATFISH | GROUPE | TUNA |
| COBBLER | HALIBUT | WHITING |
| CROAKER | HERRING | ZEBRA |
| CUTLASS | HOKI | |
| | LUNG | |

SECRET MESSAGE: Plenty of fish in the sea



BEEF WEEK 2024



Tarwin Poll Herefords thrive off grass with AI breeding and selective sires. Pop in and have a chat to the Meikle family this Beef Week.

70 years strong at Tarwin Poll Herefords

TARWIN Poll Herefords have been based at the Meeniyan property for over 70 years, taking its name from the Tarwin River that fronts the property. Commenced in 1950, at the request of local agents for sons of Studlea Playmate, purchased at the 1950 Melbourne Royal Show, the stud has maintained its objective of producing sound commercial cattle for Gippsland producers ever since.

"In those early days a lot of emphasis was placed on pedigrees and showing," current owner David Meikle said.

"Now we have tools such as performance recording and DNA testing to predict how our animals should perform."

This is a performance recorded herd with the calves being regularly weighed up to 600 days and the weights submitted to the BREEDPLAN program.

Sale bulls are scanned for eye muscle area and fat cover. These results will be available on the Beef Week open day. Replacement heifers and sale bulls are DNA tested to confirm parentage and polledness.

2023 was also Tarwin's third effort at online selling, with five young bulls offered on Auctions Plus as members of the Gippsland Performance



Tarwin's will showcase their sires, steers, and superior breeding practices at this year's Beef Week.

Herefords group in September. Tarwin Terence T046, a Wirruna Nolan son, made second top price in this sale at \$8500, with Tarwin achieving a 100 percent clearance.

Stud manager David Meikle commented "for this year I'm very happy to get a full clearance."

The stud's objective is to produce attractive, sound, commercial poll Hereford cattle, able to perform off grass.

To achieve this, they use a mix of AI breeding and judicious selection of sires for natural mating. Sires chosen will generally have a modest birth weight coupled with above average growth weights and carcass traits, traits such as eye pigmentation and

hooding are also considered in their sire selection.

To further test the performance of their genetics, the Meikles regularly compete in the Lardner Park Grass Finished Steer trials. This year they have two teams entered, with both teams averaging growth rates of 1.29 kg/day and 1.36 kg/day. Beating the overall trial average of 1.24 kg/day. The previous year Tarwin came second overall in this competition, with a team that achieved 1.5 kg/day

At this year's Beef Week open day, Tarwin Poll Herefords will have on display their sale bulls predominately sired by Wirruna Nolan, Tarcombe Homeland and AI sire Mawarra Terminator.

Next year's crop of bull calves will also be on display with their mothers, these will include the first calves from Hunter Lakes Regal and AI bred sons from Kanimbla Power Quest, Yavenvale Quantitative, Ravensdale Spark M037 and Injemira Fortune P239.

Studs sire, Hunters Lakes Regal R017 will be on display along with home bred sire, Tarwin Regal R014 (son of Wirruna Nolan).

Tarwin Poll Herefords also plan to have unjoined weaned sale heifers on display. Visitors are welcome to enjoy the hospitality of a cup tea and a light lunch as well as to discuss the studs breeding program with the Meikle family.

Provide shelter for your livestock this summer

LIVESTOCK owners are reminded to ensure they provide adequate shelter for their livestock if there are severe weather events forecast over the remainder of summer.

Agriculture Victoria Principal Veterinary Officer, Dr Dianne Phillips, said recent localised severe weather has seen a higher number of deaths in vulnerable livestock in some areas of Victoria.

'Severe weather can include high winds, concentrated rainfall and/or hail and sudden temperature changes, which can impact livestock even in the warmer months of summer.'

Dr Phillips said vulnerable groups of livestock are those which are more prone to the effects of exposure and can include:

- recently shorn sheep
- livestock with newborns or recently weaned animals
- livestock with parasitism or other underlying diseases associated with weight loss, anaemia, or low protein levels.

'Farmers are encouraged to also ensure livestock are up to date with routine stock health management requirements, such as drenching and vaccination programs, and to conduct regular inspections, monitoring for and treatment of diseases.

'This will help your animals stay healthy and be able to better adapt to changing conditions,' she said.

'Cold weather increases an animal's energy requirement to keep warm. As a result, when storms are forecast, additional supplementary feed before the event should be considered.

'Adequate shelter can include paddock shelter belts (often retained vegetation and tree plantings), sheds or other buildings where stock can shelter on the side out of the wind, and undercover yards like those at a shearing shed.

'Isolated paddock trees can provide some shelter for livestock but can also act as a conductor for lightning strikes in a thunderstorm, which, in some circumstances, can lead to sudden death of livestock sheltering underneath the tree', said Dr Phillips.

If you need assistance with livestock losses associated with severe weather events, please contact your private vet, our Customer Call Centre on 136 186, or your local animal health team.

For emergency assistance, phone the Emergency Animal Disease (EAD) hotline on 1800 675 888.

Beef Week 2024 event details

FREE to attend, over 140 studs of leading genetics across the country will open their doors to other producers, breeders and buyers.

Day 1 - Saturday January 27
Day 2 - Sunday January 28
Day 3 - Monday January 29
Day 4 - Tuesday January 30
Day 5 - Wednesday January 31
Day 6 - Thursday February 1
Day 7 - Friday February 2
Day 8 - Saturday February 3



Tarwin



POLL HEREFORDS



The Meikle Family extend a warm invitation to local people to inspect their Tarwin Poll Hereford Stud.

**Time: Day 2
Sunday,
January 28, 2024**

Open 8.30am - 5.30pm

Location: Parrys Road, (3 kms from Meeniyan) on Meeniyan-Dumbalk Rd.
(Signs will be posted)



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Mini sheep sale in Koonwarra

A SMALL sheep and lamb sale was held at the Koonwarra saleyards on Wednesday, the first for some months after the cancellation of the previous scheduled such sale.

Alex Scott & Staff auctioneer Dane Perczyk sold most of the pens of lambs and sheep up for grabs, with Nutrien selling the remaining few pens.

While there has been some improvement in lamb prices elsewhere, the Koonwarra market was geared to the hobby farmer, with the sale lasting just minutes due to the small volume involved.

A number of sheep pens at Koonwarra saleyards have been converted into cattle holding areas as the site prepares for the influx as Pakenham's closure looms.

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Not-so-sweet pittosporum is killing our bush

ONCE you've seen the proliferation of Sweet Pittosporum across South Gippsland, you can't unsee it.

It's everywhere, smothering roadside remnant vegetation, suffocating treasured bush blocks, destroying native fauna links and eliminating the diversity of green wedges.

You don't have to tell Ed Thexton about it.

The President of the South Gippsland Conservation Society has a small native reserve on both sides of his Inverloch property, little more than a hectare in size, and since he moved there in 2011, he has removed "several thousand seedlings each year". Each year!

Imagine then what's going on along the roadside and other native bush locations throughout the region where Sweet Pittosporum is multiplying year on year.

"The seeds are well distributed by Currawongs and Blackbirds and they come up everywhere," said Ed.

"We could do a whole hit piece on Pittosporum," he said, planning to include a feature on the invasive plant on the conservation group's new website.

"I experienced it while working in river management in East Gippsland. It's terribly hard to control, and it's got to be an annual program not a project."

Mr Thexton said that single weed species projects, attacking blackberry for example, were all well and good but you have the situation where contractors walked past a variety of weeds to get to the target species.

"It needs a program of education and management that involves everyone; private



landowners, government departments, shires, Landcare and community groups; all taking action in concert, and it needs to happen every year.

"Once you've hit it hard though, and you know the problem areas, it can be controlled more efficiently with less and less chemicals."

"Roadsides are one of the worst affected areas and hardest to control. We did a program at Ayr Creek with \$10,000 funding from VicRoads and most of it went on chippers, chainsaws and traffic management."

The Wonthaggi Seedbank and Nursery is alive to the problem, and they feature a warning on their website, while promoting a wide range of more suitable natives.

"Sweet Pittosporum is a plant that has historically been planted for ornamental purposes, hedging and screening. It can grow to 15m tall and forms a dense canopy with significant foliage that shades the ground and drops lots of leaves. A chemical inhibitor in the leaves starves surrounding plants. Seeds (when ripe the berries are bright orange) are spread by fruit-eating birds

and commonly through our water ways. Unfortunately, the species has also proven to be very invasive in bushland and is classified as an environmental weed across our region.

"It's a major problem, especially in our established bushland areas. It's one of the few plants that can invade an intact system," said Chris Owens of the Wonthaggi Seedbank.

"It can grow in dense shade and out-compete all vegetation around it, spreading out, shutting out the light and choking everything around it to produce a monoculture."


"It used to be sold commercially, up until the 1980s and 90s, and there's plenty of it about in the urban setting as well."

"If you've got mature trees around you, the seeds would be positively raining down on you at certain times of the year," he said.

Did you know?

- This plant is NOT permitted in your tip green waste to avoid re-infestation through mulching.
- This plant CAN BE disposed of in the organics bin (green lid) that the council provides or at your local transfer station.

MARKET REPORT

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Prices lift in first store sale for 2024

Report by SGSAA

AGENTS yarded around 2500 head at the first VLE Leongatha store sale for 2024.

Prices improved with solid gains over all categories with local graziers competing strongly against the regular feedlot buyers and plenty of central and northern NSW orders in play from commission buyers.

Overall, the quality of the yarding was good with some nice annual drafts of both steer and heifer weaners on offer and good pens of heavier angus feeder steers as well.

There were less Xbred and dairy types on offer and were generally plainer in quality, but all grades lifted in price.

There was a handful of cows and calves, and all sold to a dearer trend.

Leongatha Store Sale on Friday, Jan. 12, 2024			
Grown Steers			
P Johnston 14 Angus	595kg	\$2.92	\$1740
Bimbadeen Angus 22 Angus	586kg	\$3.17	\$1860
Filsell & Smith 15 Angus	552kg	\$3.26	\$1800
Sirrah P/L 10 Angus	552kg	\$2.93	\$1620
Lester Farms 17 Angus	545kg	\$3.24	\$1770
T & M Neesham 18 Angus	529kg	\$3.32	\$1760
Lester Farms 21 Angus	526kg	\$3.26	\$1720
Filsell & Smith 15 Angus	519kg	\$3.17	\$1650
Bimbadeen Angus 24 Angus	514kg	\$3.46	\$1780
Somersleigh P/L 22 Hereford	512kg	\$3.16	\$1620
Somersleigh P/L 13 Angus	505kg	\$3.20	\$1620
R & S Holt 14 Angus X	496kg	\$3.42	\$1700
Melaleuca Past 14 Angus	507kg	\$3.23	\$1640
Sandy Hills 11 Angus/BBP	461kg	\$3.40	\$1570
Melaleuca Past 21 Angus	449kg	\$3.38	\$1520
CW Littlejohn 18 Angus	424kg	\$3.60	\$1530

Weaner Steers			
D Hall 19 Angus	455kg	\$3.45	\$1570
M Russell 20 Hereford	449kg	\$3.40	\$1530
G. Crawford 19 Angus & MG	443kg	\$3.00	\$1330
D Hall 19 Angus	440kg	\$3.52	\$1550
W Rendell 14 Angus X	437kg	\$3.20	\$1400
K Heggen 21 Red Angus	413kg	\$3.51	\$1450
S & M Dakin 12 Ang & Char	413kg	\$3.24	\$1340
D Webb 22 Angus	412kg	\$3.25	\$1340
Tarwin Ridge 11 Hereford	398kg	\$3.26	\$1300
N & G Stollery 31 Angus	397kg	\$3.85	\$1532
Stringer 11 Angus	396kg	\$3.18	\$1260
R Boote 20 Red Angus	395kg	\$3.44	\$1360
K Heggen 20 Red Angus	391kg	\$3.24	\$1270
B Knee 18 Angus	388kg	\$3.27	\$1270
Katelea 20 Angus	387kg	\$3.38	\$1310
J Brennan 16 Spkl X	385kg	\$3.11	\$1200
J Brennan 12 Angus	381kg	\$3.12	\$1190
K Heggen 22 Red Angus	380kg	\$3.15	\$1200
R. Slade 23 Angus	379kg	\$3.61	\$1370
Katelea 20 Angus	378kg	\$3.35	\$1270
B & L Rayner 15 Angus	375kg	\$3.60	\$1350
En Anderson 18 Angus	371kg	\$3.58	\$1330
Belgrano 21 Angus	370kg	\$3.94	\$1460
D Webb 22 Angus	360kg	\$3.55	\$1280
Mejlar 16 Angus X	359kg	\$3.06	\$1100
O'dwyer 17 Angus	357kg	\$3.36	\$1200
Smith 19 Angus X	356kg	\$3.11	\$1110
Ajay Partners 23 Red Angus	356kg	\$3.06	\$1090
K Heggen 20 Red Angus	355kg	\$3.29	\$1170
K Heggen 19 Red Angus	347kg	\$3.17	\$1100
R Boote 18 Red Angus	345kg	\$3.30	\$1140
Katelea 18 Angus	344kg	\$3.40	\$1170
Katelea 18 Angus	333kg	\$3.51	\$1170
Elliott 26 Angus X	333kg	\$3.42	\$1140
D Webb 20 Angus	321kg	\$3.58	\$1150
G-S Pastoral 12 Angus	319kg	\$3.44	\$1100
K Heggen 19 Red Angus	318kg	\$3.14	\$1000
Wildes 18 Angus	316kg	\$3.44	\$1090
Wade 21 Angus	310kg	\$3.22	\$1000
Julander 18 Angus	305kg	\$3.80	\$1160
Katelea 20 Angus	302kg	\$3.44	\$1040
G-S Pastoral 15 Angus	288kg	\$3.95	\$1140
Providence Ridge 14 Angus	283kg	\$3.60	\$1020
G-S Pastoral 15 Angus	275kg	\$3.78	\$1040
G-S Pastoral 14 Angus	249kg	\$4.17	\$1040
Deep Creek Pastoral 18 Charx	358kg	\$3.15	\$1130
Deep Creek Pastoral 20 Charx	309kg	\$3.20	\$990

Heifers			
G & R Scanlon 12 Angus	451kg	\$2.81	\$1270
Sandy Hills 14 Angus	445kg	\$3.25	\$1450
Sandy Hills 14 Angus	429kg	\$3.26	\$1400
D Webb 15 Angus	377kg	\$3.02	\$1140
S & M Dakin 11 Angus	369kg	\$2.71	\$1000
R. Slade 22 Angus	356kg	\$2.77	\$990
R. J Mc Kenzie 20 Hereford	351kg	\$2.70	\$950
W & L Rendell 10 Angus	346kg	\$2.86	\$990
Belgrano 15 Angus	345kg	\$3.07	\$1060
O'dwyer 10 Angus	340kg	\$3.00	\$1020
D Webb 16 Angus	334kg	\$3.17	\$1060
J. Mc Ilwaine 24 Angus	331kg	\$2.75	\$912
Ajay 15 Red Angus X	329kg	\$2.88	\$950
T Bunn 14 Angus	314kg	\$2.86	\$900
Julander 12 Angus	261kg	\$3.29	\$860
Friesian Steers			
P & A Drew 28 FF	407kg	\$2.37	\$970
Cows & Calves			
Garras Angus 5 X 5 Angus			\$2000



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Dane Perczyk - Livestock Manager	0408 176 063	Rob Ould - Livestock Manager	0408 595 183
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		Alan Bolding	0419 723 255
		Dale Atherton	0428 888 300
WARRAGUL		PAKENHAM	
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Wilf Batty with last wild thylacine in Tasmania.

Thylacine here? Surely not!

NEVER mind the fact that thylacines died out on the Australian mainland between 3600 and 3200 years ago, following the introduction of dingoes from Asia between 4000 and 8000 years ago.

Dingoes didn't make it to Tasmania, so thylacines lived there in the wild at least until 1930, when Wilfred Batty of Mawbanna reportedly shot one riffling through his hen house.

But that didn't stop South Gippslaners reporting dozens of thylacine sightings over the years, and the late, great Tom Gannon was more than happy to feature stories about the 'Wonthaggi Monster', especially, it must be

said, during a "slow news week".

This week, if you will allow us, is not a slow news week. There's been a lot going on but there has also been the report of a thylacine sighting between Kongwak and Glen Alvie.

Two local men, both reliable sources, saw what they deduced by a process of elimination to be two young thylacines at fairly close range.

In the interests of full disclosure, they were coming home from a big night out, early on New Year's Day.

They declined to give the exact location, while they take the opportunity to speak with the local farmer.

Working dog training in Welshpool

WELSHPOOLS Beloka Kelpies continues to provide owners of working dog breeds with understanding of effective training techniques through working dog lessons that benefit both farmers and city-based handlers.

Paul Macphail, who runs Beloka Kelpies with partner Anneke Homan, started the kelpie stud in 1992.

The Beloka farm has ideal facilities for training dogs and dog handlers.

"It's all based on owner progress," Paul said, explaining that it is important to learn how to implement structure for working dogs.

Having grown up on a dairy farm surrounded by kelpies, Paul bought land in Welshpool in 1990 with steep Strzelecki hills, presenting a need for good working dogs.

That led to the formation of the Beloka Kelpies stud, with a focus on producing strong kelpies that would handle cattle and sheep in rough country.

Soon Paul found himself in demand, with farmers approaching him to discuss their dog-related challenges, prompting him to branch out into working dog education and travel around various parts of Australia conducting dog schools.

He outlined a key issue that farmers often

face with their working dogs.

"A lot of the time dogs won't listen to them and that leads to controlling them in the wrong way," Paul said.

"A lot of people call them behind all the time, where the dogs should go around to the head and bring stock back, but when you're doing that you need obedience."

It is a process of working with a dog's natural instincts but introducing necessary control.

With the increasing popularity of working dog breeds in the city, many suburban dog owners benefit from a visit to the Beloka farm, learning how to train their dogs appropriately rather than treating them like humans.

"They use treats and love but dogs respond differently and need assertiveness," Paul said, explaining that working dogs require jobs to do.

Incorrect training can lead to dogs becoming demanding or refusing to do anything, with owners needing to learn how to be the leader.

"You've got to create structure, so the owner can take that structure home," Paul said, stressing that without ongoing structure dogs will lapse back into previous habits.

Visit belokakelpies.com.au for more information and training session details.

Australian lamb closes the generation gap in the latest MLA summer lamb campaign

THE hotly anticipated summer lamb campaign developed by Australian Lamb and Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) has targeted the ever-widening generation gap that has separated Australians of all ages.

Graeme Yardy, Domestic Market Manager at MLA said: "Stereotypes would have us believe that the generations are practically different species. Apparently, boomers are unable to master the basics of technology while gen Zs spend every waking moment making TikTok dances and millennials spend too much on avocado toast and craft beer," Mr Yardy said.

"However, there is much more that unites than separates us, and that's what this year's summer lamb campaign is all about."

"Whether it's a love of our sporting heroes or our beautiful landscapes, the best

of Australia always brings us together, and what better way to break down the generational divide than over some Australian lamb, the ultimate unifier," Mr Yardy said.

The annual lamb ad continues to build on Australia's rising, insatiable appetite for lamb. Australian shoppers have been increasingly putting lamb in their trolley as retail prices for beef and lamb fall.

Data from NielsenIQ HomeScan to December 3 2023, shows a 17.5 per cent reduction in the price consumers are paying for lamb compared to a year ago, which is supporting a 22.9 per cent increase in volume of lamb purchased at the cash register.

You can watch the ad via the Australian Lamb Facebook and YouTube page or view the content and access lamb recipes at australianlamb.com.au

National Firearms Agreement a failure

A VICTORIAN MP has weighed into the debate about Australia's gun laws, stating that "recent reporting on inconsistencies in gun laws between Australian jurisdictions highlights the failure of the National Firearms Agreement, but not in the way that the anti-gunners would have you believe."

Jeff Bourman, MP from the Shooters, Fishers and Farmers Party, was responding to recent media reports that purported to highlight problems with different Australian state's interpretation of gun laws.

"Clearly what is presented as common-sense gun control just has no basis in common sense," Mr Bourman said.

One outlet aired a video clip of a firearms reviewer testing a modern pump action rifle. It informed viewers that this type of rifle would be a risk due to some states' inconsistent approach to categorising it.

"It's a slow news week when a story with such little substance is aired in response to nothing," Mr Bourman said.

"The rifle in question, as well as other brands, are nothing more than a pump action rifle in a modern form. Ownership of these rifles does not challenge any

part or intent of the National Firearms Agreement that John Howard implemented in 1996 nor the more recent revision implemented by the Liberals and Nationals in 2018."

Firearms were categorised across various jurisdictions in the 1980s and 1990s in a manner consistent with their functionality, and pump action rifles were placed in a category that left them available to appropriately licensed sporting shooters.

"The National Firearms Agreement in both its forms is a non-binding agreement designed to assist in the consistency of laws across the nation," Mr Bourman said.

"Agreements like these can only work when applied consistently and transparently. If anyone is weakening the laws and offending the intent of the NFA, it is the jurisdictions that are arbitrarily banning firearms based on whether the local police like the look of them or not. This approach is in complete contravention of the NFA.

"I look forward to those who support the NFA joining me in a call to force the aberrant jurisdictions to allow the holders of category B licenses to have firearms like the SCSA Taipan X, the

Wedgetail MPR308, the Ruger Precision Rifle (which is a bolt action rifle yet banned in some states) and all other firearms banned by uniformed bureaucrats making value judgments based on their appearance rather than their functionality."

Interestingly, Mr Stephen Bendle of the Australian Gun Safety Alliance stated that these firearms weren't foreseen when the NFA was drafted in 1996.

"Mr Bendle, who is also on the Victorian Firearms Consultative Committee (FCC) as a supposed balancing view, doesn't even know basic facts about a subject he is consulted as a supposed expert about.

"Pump action firearms are a technology more than 140 years old, so it's impossible that they weren't considered at the time of the NFA. I question why Mr Bendle is on the Minister's advisory committee at all as he, and I'd suggest all those who want to end private firearm ownership, have no idea about the subject matter other than they want to stop nearly a million people across the country from enjoying a highly regulated and enjoyable past time. The Victorian Government need to fix this problem immediately," Mr Bourman added.

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Unique Sandy Point koala population looks to be healthy and well



Sandy Point koalas are closely monitored by WISP to ensure they are healthy and thriving, like this mother and baby koala recently helped.

KOALAS at Sandy Point are genetically unique as the area they inhabit is isolated by surrounding farmland, creating an island like habitat for the koalas. Because of this isolation the koalas have been found to be low diversity, which means they haven't had any kind of new genetic material for quite some time. Being low diversity makes them more vulnerable to disease and illness. While a way to bring greater genetic diversity to the koala population is being worked on, the Wildlife in Sandy Point (WISP) group monitor the koalas. Each year WISP undertakes a survey of the Koalas to check on their numbers and to check

on their health and breeding habits. The annual survey began after research was undertaken from 2017 to 2020 by WISP and Federation University after the group received a \$50,000 grant. An assessment of the koalas and the habitat in the area was carried out, while thousands of manna gums were planted to help create a wildlife corridor and an action plan was put in place. While the manna gums slowly grow, eventually providing a way for koalas to move in and out of the area, the koalas are closely monitored. Numbers have been put at about 30 – 40, according to Christy Fejer, member and coor-

dinator at WISP, and there are a few threats with mange being the most concerning. Mange is bought in by wombats and foxes, and if passed on to koalas, can be fatal. It affects their eating, as it goes from their paws to their mouth and they can drop and die within a matter of weeks, explained Christy. Only one koala died of mange last year, which may also have been due to old age, but up to seven koalas have been lost in other years due to the disease, with an average of five lost each year. "Our strategy is to get it while it's on the ground, that way we can keep it away from the koalas," Christy said the findings from

this year's survey indicate that the outlook is positive. "I really don't see anything concerning. I can say that it looks like everything is okay." Survey findings were presented last weekend to a local and holiday crowd in Sandy Point, with children as the target audience. It provided a chance for WISP to impart messages of how to care for the koalas, to their future carers. "It gets young people involved and kids are our future and (we do it) to also give them some feeling of control in caring for koalas." Christy mentioned the children are very curious about the koalas and always invariably ask, "Where's the pouch? How do they poop?"

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DEATHS

EDEN (Walker), May Connorville:
06.07.1924 - 12.01.2024.

Died peacefully at home in her 100th year. A treasured and much loved mother, nana and great nana.

Gone to tend another beautiful garden. Has left us all with wonderful memories.

Kaye and Gordon, Kent and Shirl, Paul and Kathy, Deven and Paul.

10 great grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren.

Rest peacefully beautiful lady. You will be missed.

DEATHS

HALLAS, George Graham:

Passed away peacefully surrounded by family, aged 80 years.

Much loved husband of Valerie (dec.).

Beloved father and father-in-law of Julie and Chris and Craig (dec.).

Loved Dar to Tash and Trevor, Georgia and Dermott, Joel and Ashleigh, and Great Dar to Will, Alex, and Finn.

At peace with Val and Craig.

DEATHS

LINDSAY, Rayma:
02.09.1928 - 13.01.2024.

Aged 95 years. Daughter of Roy and Elsie Nelson. Sister of Jack Nelson (dec.). Wife of John (dec.) and dearly loved mother of Stephen, Jan Maree (dec.), Kerry and Malcolm. Mother-in-law and dear friend of Marina, Sue and Pauline.

Adored Grandmother and friend of Tayla, Aiden and Kealey, Alice and Jack, Riley and Laura, Sarah and Francis, Eva and Chris.

Great-Grandmother of Bobby, Lettie and Ned.

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There will never be another person who can replace you in our heart and souls.

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DEATHS

LINDSAY, Rayma:

Much loved sister and sister-in-law of Jack (dec.), and Daphney Nelson.

Loved Aunt Rayma to Joanne, Kaylene, Michelle, and their families.

Our deepest sympathy to Steve and Marina, Kerry and Sue, Mal and Pauline, and all the extended family.

DEATHS

SKINNER, Marilyn Kay (Price):

Passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 11, 2024, aged 79 years.

Loved daughter of Jim and Gwen (both dec). Beloved wife of Ron (dec.). Sister of Carole.

Adored mother and mother-in-law of Michael, David and Dani, Daniel and Saskia. Much loved Nana to Claudia and Darby.

In our hearts you will stay. Loved and remembered every day.

IN MEMORIAM

BATH, Stanley Thomas:

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CANTWELL, Brian Samuel:
Passed away peacefully at Latrobe Regional Hospital at 6:30am on January 12, 2024 after a short illness aged 81 years.
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CANTWELL, Brian:
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It is not only what you bring into the world but what you leave behind and May you have left us with a lifetime of beautiful and loving memories.

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So many memories to keep you in our hearts.

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Drovers will be responsible for the movement of cattle throughout the saleyard facilities from receipt, through to weighing and delivery. Cattle handling experience is essential to the role.

Queries about the position can be directed to the livestock manager Tex on 0484 351 847.

Applications, including a cover letter, resume and at least two professional referees should be forwarded to admin@vle.com.au

Multiple Positions Vacant



Asset/Planning Manager, Capital Delivery Manager, SCADA & IOT Senior Lead, Property and Facilities Team Leader, Maintenance & Service Delivery Manager

South Gippsland Water is launching our 2040 Vision and Strategy, guiding us toward our vision to be a trusted partner, advancing water services to support customer and community aspirations. To progress this vision, we are seeking skilled, enthusiastic and community focused people to fill a number of vacancies.

South Gippsland Water is a diverse, community-oriented organisation and offer the following:

- Strong focus on career opportunities, professional development and training
- Highly flexible work options, including modified hours and/or work weeks
- Employee Assistance Program and broad wellbeing offers
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Diversity is celebrated and respected as important for our wellbeing and success. Through our Equity, Inclusion and Diversity Strategic Plan, Gender Equality Action Plan and upcoming Reconciliation Action Plan we are actively working to address the gender pay gap, create opportunities for underrepresented groups and partner with Traditional Owners.

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PUBLIC NOTICES



WESTERNPORT FIELD & GAME

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Dear Members
Westernport Field and Game Annual
General Meeting will be held on:
Saturday, February 17, 2024
at 4pm
1 McFees Road Rhyll

Members are encouraged to attend.

LB1236

Planning and Environment Act 1987 SOUTH GIPPSLAND PLANNING SCHEME

Notice of the preparation of an amendment Amendment C129sgip

The South Gippsland Shire Council has prepared Amendment **C129sgip** to the South Gippsland Planning Scheme.

The land affected by the amendment is all land within the municipality.

The amendment proposes amend various provisions of the South Gippsland Planning Scheme to implement the collective recommendations of the South Gippsland Planning Scheme Review 2023 by introducing new and revised local content in the Municipal Planning Strategy and the Planning Policy Framework, and by amending the schedules to zones and overlays.

You may inspect the amendment, any documents that support the amendment and the explanatory report about the amendment, free of charge, at:

- the South Gippsland Shire Council web page at www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/planning-scheme-amendments ;
- during office hours, at the office of the planning authority, South Gippsland Shire Council, 9 Smith Street, Leongatha; and/or
- at the Department of Transport and Planning website www.delwp.vic.gov.au/public-inspection or by contacting 1800 789 386 to arrange a time to view the amendment documentation.

Any person who may be affected by the amendment may make a submission to the planning authority about the amendment. Submissions must be made in writing giving the submitter's name and contact address, clearly stating the grounds on which the amendment is supported or opposed and indicating what changes (if any) the submitter wishes to make.

Name and contact details of submitters are required for council to consider submissions and to notify such persons of the opportunity to attend council meetings and any public hearing held to consider submissions. The closing date for submissions is February 16, 2024 at 5pm. A submission must be sent to the South Gippsland Shire Council, Strategic Planning, Private Bag 4, Leongatha VIC 3953; or emailed to council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au with a reference to 'Amendment **C129sgip**'.

The planning authority must make a copy of every submission available at its office and/or on its website for any person to inspect free of charge for two months after the amendment comes into operation or lapses.

Lucas Gardiner
Manager Planning and
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SPORT | SWIMMING



A large group of teammates supported each other through the finals.

SGB triumph again in the pool

Fifty-one SGB swimmers swam in the fast 50 metre sprint races at the Victorian Sprints Championships at MSAC over the weekend. Held over two days, the 11-14 year olds raced Saturday and the 14 year olds – Open age on Sunday.

In a 50m race at state level, there is not much between competitors as they fly down the pool in the morning's heats. In a competition where the difference between 10th and 30th can be a tenth of a second, the SGB swimmers can hold their heads up high with their results. Several swimmers made finals in the afternoon and many of the swimmers achieved PBs – an amazing accomplishment.

The relays were also competitive, with SGB able to field two competitive teams in each age section, with the 12 years and Under A team seventh and the 13-14-year-olds coming fourth.

A number of swimmers gained national times, joining the ever-increasing SGB national team list.

Coach Dylan and Caiden were in attendance over the weekend and were pleased not only with the number of competitors swimming, the largest team yet, but of their efforts and large number of PBs.

"It's a good gauge for how they will go over the next few months as we head into the other race championships. We are really pleased with their improvements coming off the Christmas/New Year break and look forward to seeing how they go in the next few weeks," said Caiden.

"For some of them, it was their first finals experience, coming back later in the day to race and they learned a lot from that," said Dylan.

"The relay teams looked like they had a lot of fun and we saw some good results in there. We are working our relays for next

weekend, and they knew that they were swimming for their places today. It's going to be a tough call."

The swimmers have only a short break before next weekend's three-day Country Championships at Traralgon.

The SGB team: Rebecca Barclay, Billy Boyd, Maddi Boyd, Max Brocklesby, Rex Brocklesby, Nyah Chapman, Claudia Croatto, Emily Croatto, Isabel Croatto, Tomei Dal Pozzo, Molly Dettbarn, Billy Fisher, Maggie Fisher, Cormac Flynn, Lachie Grimes, Olivia Holmes, Josh Hunt, Sienna Hunt, Holly Hurst, Lucas Jungwirth, Kiarnah Kranen, Amalia Lofgren, Mostyn Lumsden, Isabella Lynch, Rahni Matheson, Sienna Matheson, Tayah Matheson, Neka Mckenzie, Sophie Mckenzie, Harper McRae, Ruby McRae, Dylan Muir, Hugh Munro, Trinity O'Keefe, Brooklyn Packer, Lachlan Paterson, Maddison Pocklington, Cooper Quaife, Gypsy Quaife, Josie Richer, Miah Roberts, Jemma Rump, Ned Sheahan, Zachary Sherar, William Simmons, Aidan Smyth, Archie Smyth, Lara Smyth, Jarrah Tagell, Jedda Tagell and Mason Wiggins.

Finalists:
Rex Brocklesby, 12-year-old Butterfly 9th, Freestyle 10th

Tomei Dal Pozzo, Girls 19 and over Butterfly 10th

Billy Fisher, 14-year-old Breaststroke 9th
Cormac Flynn, 14-year-old Breaststroke 8th

Olivia Holmes, 14-year-old Backstroke 2nd, Freestyle 8th

Mostyn Lumsden, 16-year-old Butterfly 5th, Backstroke 10th

Rahni Matheson, 15-year-old Breaststroke 3rd

Sienna Matheson, 17-18 year old Breaststroke 9th

Sophie Mckenzie, 19 and over Breaststroke 3rd

Dylan Muir, 19 year and over Backstroke 4th

Miah Roberts, 14-year-old Backstroke 3rd

William Simmons, 14-year-old Backstroke 4th, Freestyle 7th

Archie Smyth, 11-year-old Butterfly 2nd, Backstroke 1st, Freestyle 6th

PUBLIC NOTICES

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APPLICATION TO PERMANENT TRANSFER WATER ENTITLEMENT

SOUTH GIPPSLAND BASIN

Southern Rural Water (SRW) wishes to advise of an application to permanently transfer 10.0 megalitres of surface water for industrial/commercial purposes on land described as 2103 Bass Highway, Glen Forbes.

If approved this water would be utilised within the quarry void and no extraction will occur from the Bass River or its tributaries. Southern Rural Water is committed to an appropriate consultation process to ensure the proper consideration of relevant matters as prescribed by the Water Act 1989.

We therefore seek comment from any interested person or parties that considers they may be affected by these applications. Submissions on this proposal will be accepted until 4pm on 13 February 2024 and will be taken into account in determining these applications.

Please direct enquiries and submissions to:

Alisha Clark
Manager Water Licencing
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Rex and Archie celebrate after their finals.



Matt Kiely recently competed at the Impulse National Championships.

Matt places second at sailing nationals championship

SOUTH Gippsland Yacht Club's Matt Kiely came in second at the Impulse National Championships recently.

Held at Lake Albert in South Australia, the championships ran from December 29 until January 4.

Sailors competed in two races every day, with a rest day in the middle, for their chance take home the win.

"(The Impulse) Class is fairly popular across Australia and is very competitive," Matt said.

"There were 24 entrants in this one. It came down to the last race and I missed out on winning by one point.

"The results are judged on the races you compete in over the series. If you finish first you get one point, if you finish 10th you get 10 points, and the points accumulate. When you get to the end, they drop your worst result.

"I ended up on 19 points and the winner was on 18 points. I needed two boats in between he and I in the last race. I ended up coming second and he came in third."

The course is triangular shaped, and each leg is .4 nautical miles generally.

The sailors complete two triangles and a windward return.

Each race takes 35 to 55 minutes on average.

Matt said the class often attracts world champions and Olympians to compete in the division.

"It's not uncommon to come up against really well known and established sailors from Australia," he said.

"It is interesting when you turn up to an event and you've got a couple of world champions in the mix.

"There was one event I went to where we had 55 entrants and there was just

over 20 people who had won Australian championships in various divisions and a couple of world champions in there. It can be really, really tough."

This was Matt's third time competing at national level, and he said he felt far more experienced and confident this time around.

This was reflected in his achievement of second overall.

At his second national title Matt placed 12th against a high calibre of sailors, and 16th at his first championship.

Matt has been involved with South Gippsland Yacht Club since he was eight years old.

"Most of my family is involved and I love beating my brother. We've sailed with each other and against each other. We've got a brotherly rivalry going on."

You can find Matt out on the water with the club every Sunday.

Leading up to a competition, he wracks up kilometres in the car so he can train in conditions similar to what's expected at the upcoming event.

Matt commended the club for the quality of sailors it has produced over the years.

"This club, for a little club, has had multiple people go through and end up state champions or top five in their divisions," he said.

"Our little club punches above its weight. We have difficult sailing conditions and I think that helps. If you can sail here, you can sail to most venues. We have every sort of condition you can imagine here, sometimes all in the same day."

More information about the South Gippsland Yacht Club can be found on the club's website sgycinverloch.com.au.

Ladies Bowling Gala returning to Loch

LOCH Bowling Club will host a Ladies' Gala Bowling Tournament on Monday January 22.

This event is sponsored annually by Loch resident Sybil Leris, who has been a strong advocate for supporting women in sport, particularly lawn bowls.

The tournament has been run for approximately 15 years.

However, due to a drop off in women's membership and COVID, the event has not been held for a few years.

Nothing is holding back Loch now, with a new turf and a wonderful group of members working hard to increase membership and camaraderie within the club.

This year, there are more than 10 teams entered from a variety of clubs including, Lang Lang, Corinella, Loch,

Korumburra, Inverloch, Mirboo North who will all participate in a Two Bowl Triples competition and enjoy lunch and afternoon tea at the club.

Loch's team is called the Pink Ladies, and will be donning pink shirts for the day.

The 2023/24 season has seen a growth in new women members who are excited to learn a new sport and be in a supportive environment with other women in the community.

Loch Bowling Club would love to encourage all women of any age and ability to come down and have a go.

The club has members from the age of 16 to 85.

You don't need to know how to bowl, we have plenty of experienced members ready to offer coaching, advice and encouragement.



Around the Bay

By Jim's Bait & Tackle

THERE was a small break in the weather this week and many couldn't get the boat hooked up quick enough, there was also a bit of sunshine which bought people out or their accommodation. With the sunshine came some lighter winds and off-shore was the place to be. Tuna was the main target of those who headed off-shore with a couple chasing flathead, mixed results with the flathead and the tuna were frustrating. Several reports of gummies and some good-sized pinkies with as much bait as you wanted.

Back in the bay and whiting were better but still a bit of work needed to get a decent bag. Surprisingly, a couple of 5kg snapper with the rest smaller pinkies and there are 1000's of gummy pups, endless numbers of toadies and when your hook comes up missing half of it you have found the leatherjackets like plenty of other people. We get the question often "where can I go to catch the better-quality fish without the rubbish or small ones", if only it was that easy! It can be very frustrating at times to be catching nothing but undersized fish or fish of no value to the dinner table, but the alternative would be much worse. Many of these fish are here because the bay is in such good health and a good place to get a feed, the same reasons why the fish you want to catch to take home are here, so I would be far more concerned if my customers were catching nothing at all. There is no easy answer or magic trick and all you can do is move around.

For those finding the gaps in both the weather and small fish whiting numbers have been ok, sizes all over the place the same as baits, an evening fish has definitely produced the most fish. We have had reports from dozens of places around the bay and that's why this time of the year is so good. With visitors comes different ideas and ways of doing things. While visitors seek advice, they also try areas and things we probably wouldn't normally do. While the how is not too different, maybe a slightly different rig or baiting up



Heading out for a flathead fish with Island Offshore Charters Darren and Carl were very happy when skipper Craig stopped on a school of tuna in the entrance.

method is where that can differ a lot. We find the freshwater fishermen that visit often have the most success. You can fish in a river/lake for days and in 100's of places along the river or lake but unlike a lot of saltwater fishing where fish often come to you, freshwater you must go to where they are most likely to be to be successful.

Calamari, continue to be disappointing despite there being some patches over the last couple of weeks that showed promise. The reports are very inconsistent and not too many getting their bag with those who do get reasonable numbers reporting they are getting them quickly after they arrived at a spot. This is reflected in our bait sales with us selling more than double the squid than normal this snapper season. We aren't saying there are no calamari because someone is always finding some, but reports are telling us it's not like normal. If you want some fresh baits for your days fishing, trawling a spread of small lures up the bay to your fishing spot might be a better option with lots of salmon, cuta, pike, maceral and yakkas around.

Snapper or should I say pinkies, and gummies have been caught by the 100's just not the right sized ones. We are getting some reports of bigger ones and even snapper size has shown up with those reports coming from people persevering with the smaller ones. The usual spots have been the

best, corals both deep and shallow and the channel along the island, Elizabeth to Gardners. Surprisingly, the weed has been light in the channels despite the southeast winds we have had which make fishing far more enjoyable. We are finding those who have been successful are using the usual baits but if they have four rods out, they will then have four different rigs. Running sinker, a couple of paternosters and a running sinker with a much lighter sinker that sits just below the surface. Big baits, whole baits and small cocktails of baits all doing the trick with a couple trying live baiting small yakkas of salmon.

Offshore we have covered in our social pages but it's mostly about tuna and because it changes often its best to drop in and see us at the shop. The advice I will give is don't over think it, keep it simple and run a spread you can handle, not something you have read that you need. It's a big ocean so give space to others, very limited days to fish offshore and already we have had several complaints. You don't need to drive through a school of fish to catch one. Trawling, drive around the outside of the school and if you want to reach the middle of the school throw surface lures. But most importantly don't drive past fish thinking the grass is greener in a different spot, 90 per cent of the 50 or so tuna we have had reported so far this season have come from 15m to 25m of water and under 10km from the entrance.

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

TUESDAY January 16	WEDNESDAY January 17	THURSDAY January 18	FRIDAY January 19	SATURDAY January 20	SUNDAY January 21	MONDAY January 22
<div>▲ 4.32am 1.70m</div> <div>▼ 10.10am 0.47m</div> <div>▲ 4.29pm 1.51m</div> <div>▼ 10.18pm 0.26m</div>	<div>▲ 5.12am 1.68m</div> <div>▼ 10.58am 0.37m</div> <div>▲ 5.22pm 1.52m</div> <div>▼ 11.06pm 0.35m</div>	<div>▲ 5.50am 1.65m</div> <div>▼ 11.45am 0.30m</div> <div>▲ 6.19pm 1.51m</div> <div>▼ 11.52pm 0.45m</div>	<div>▲ 6.29am 1.60m</div> <div>▼ 12.31pm 0.25m</div> <div>▲ 7.21pm 1.49m</div>	<div>▼ 12.38am 0.57m</div> <div>▲ 7.08am 1.54m</div> <div>▼ 1.16pm 0.24m</div> <div>▲ 8.24pm 1.46m</div>	<div>▼ 1.25am 0.68m</div> <div>▲ 7.51am 1.46m</div> <div>▼ 2.04pm 0.26m</div> <div>▲ 9.26pm 1.44m</div>	<div>▼ 2.15am 0.78m</div> <div>▲ 8.40am 1.39m</div> <div>▼ 2.56pm 0.30m</div> <div>▲ 10.29pm 1.42m</div>

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Kathrine Bray (S), Margaret Hoy (3), David Busuttil (2) and Tony Morris (L) were the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group winners.



South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group best one game winners were Peter Borradale (S), Mark Hanrahan (3), Raff Merante (2) and Elaine Williams (L).



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Saturday winners were John Migliorisi, Heather Blanch and Frank Tagell.



Sponsor Daryl McGannon with Leongatha Bowls Club's winners Janice and Wayne Parks.



Inverloch's social bowls winners were Marg Griffin (skip), John Abbott and Joan McStravick.



Glenda Binch, John Stewart and Lia Smith at Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls, which returned from its Christmas break last week.

INVERLOCH

THERE was an exciting finish to last Thursday's social bowls. The runners up and winners were separated by only one point.

The team led by Marg Griffin, with assistance from John Abbott and Joan McStravick finished on two wins and 35 points. Runners up on two wins and 34 points was the team of Nic Van Grunsven (skip), Jill Kennedy, Mal Marshall and Yvonne Kee.

The holiday break for bowlers is over as both Midweek and Saturday Pennant resuming this week.

Wednesday Triples is also back on the agenda for those who take part in this.

LEONGATHA

THE Leongatha Bowls Club staged the Classic Open Pairs event last Sunday, which was played in ideal conditions for bowling.

The format of the event is as follows:

Four games of 12 ends – game one is 2x2x2x2; game two is 2,4,2; game three is three bowl pairs and game four is 2x2x2x2 and change skipper after six ends.

A total of 24 teams rocked up for the competition and the sponsor was Edney's Leongatha.

The husband-and-wife team of Wayne and Janice Parks collected the winner's prize money.

The runner up team of John Newcombe and Peter Forest finished a close second.

LOCH

FIRSTLY, thank you to all that supported the Christmas raffle.

The winner was Glenn and Shirley-Ann Wright from Leongatha, second prize Flo Luke, and third prize Anke.

Thank you to Craig from Olives for his very generous donations towards the raffle.

As 2023 wound down, the club hosted many Christmas break-ups and many people learnt more of the Loch and District Bowling Club – it certainly was a delight to welcome people of all abilities to the club.

A new year on the new green, and the club has started 2024 off on a great note.

The Loch and District Bowling Club recently hosted its annual three-day tournament, welcoming bowlers from near and far, and they all agreed the green and surrounds were amazing and all enjoyed the new surface to play on.

The McDowell Ambrose pairs was on Friday with a full house. Alan Centre and Ian Sievers were the winners.

Thanks to Julian for being available to present the prizes.

Saturday saw the start of Triples. The players played four games on Saturday, but only managed three games before the rain started on Sunday.

The overall winners were Mick Coran, Mick Cosgrove and Shane O'Loughlin.

Thanks to the very generous sponsor Crypto Chat.

Second place went to Pauline Summerhaze, Danny Wise and Carol Koop from Dandenong.

Third place was Frank Byrne, Doug Boggie and Gary Hunt.

Best game Saturday was Ian Sievers, Glenn Field and Trevor Loughridge.

Best game on Sunday was team from Tocumwal Phil Hodge, Siggi Rempel and Ray Brown.

Thank you to South East Water for their support in providing the club ample drinking water over the three days, much appreciated.

Congratulations to club champions Alan Centre and Jennie Harris.

Monday, January 22 will be a great day for the ladies of the club as they host the gala day again.

The club has maximum entries, so hopefully weather will be kind.

Barefoot bowls continues on with teams being very competitive and always anxious to see the ladder after the games are completed, the club is also hosting burger and bowls on Friday nights and the members drawn will restart on Friday, January 19. Loch and District Bowling Club have created an account with Can Collect at Wonthaggi, if you wish to be free of surplus bottles and cans please feel free to quote our name and monies will go directly to the bank account – thank you in anticipation.

The club has also started the year on a sad note with the news that member Brendan McNamara passed away on Monday, January 8.

Brendan was a person that not only bowled but also was there to assist when required.

Deepest sympathy to his family and many bowling friends.

There will be a memorial service at the bowling club at 2pm on Thursday, January 17.

MIDWEEK

IT was another great day at San Remo. The weather was perfect. The attendance was excellent as 45 of the bowlers turned up to fight it out for team of the week.

There were a few wrong bias bowls, but it was not too easy to see these among all the excellent bowling from all the rinks.

There was lots and lots of laughter from all over the green, along with the usual amount of friendly banter.

A few of the normal bowlers were off with medical appointments.

The bowlers are looking forward to seeing them return in the next couple of weeks.

A big thank you to Haydn for his efforts behind the bar.

Also, a big shout out to Gwen for all her hard work in the kitchen.

The winners on 35 points were Kathrine Bray (S), Margaret Hoy (3), David Busuttil (2) and Tony Morris (L).

Runners up on 34 points were Vern Elliott (S), Wayne Stevens (3) and Peter Taylor (L).

Best one game on 25 points were Peter Borradale (S), Mark Hanrahan (3), Raff Merante (2) and Elaine Williams (L).

Thank you also to Peter and Pauline for all their hard work every week.

Peter struggled through, even though he was not feeling too well himself.

Let's not forget John for all his efforts during the day.

Next week, the bowlers will be meeting at Koo Wee Rup and look forward to being there.

No pennant on this week but to any teams in the Corinella Classic, the bowlers wish you luck.

Please stay safe and catch up next week.

WONTHAGGI

THIS week at the club saw the final of the Ladies Pairs Championship on Tuesday.

The match was played between Jan Jeeves, Caroline Donohue, Kathy Simpson and Denise Silver.

As always, these games have their ebbs and flows during the match.

After a tight match, Kathy and Denise were able to claim victory.

It was good to see Denise win her first Club Championship.

Wednesday saw 20 bowlers grace the greens on a fine day with a slight breeze.

Three bowl pairs were the order of the day over one game of 10 and the other 12 ends.

There were three two game winners, with the scores being 33 and 34, with the winners being Wendy Donohue and Rob Dennis with 34 points.

Thursday social bowls has started again with a good turnout of bowlers after the break in good weather.

Saturday started off with the completion of the final of the men's Champion of Champions singles, after being washed out the previous Sunday, with Wonthaggi's Craig Fisher playing Inverloch's Marty Hannaford.

The match resumed with Craig leading 21 to 18.

The match went down to the wire with Craig able to get two shots to take the title 25 to 24 in front of a large group of spectators.

Saturday also saw a good turnout of 48 bowlers, on a mixed day with a little rain, then a fine afternoon for bowls.

Teams of three bowl triples once again were the order of the day over two games of 10 ends.

There were three visitors, two from Somerville and one from Whittlesea.

There were three teams that were two game winners, also another team with two draws.

The runners up were Michael Raman, Amanda Gray and Rod Beech with a score of two wins and 32 points.

The winners were John Migliorisi, Heather Blanch and Frank Tagell with a score of two wins and 36 points.

Bowls this week: Tuesday Midweek Pennant resumes, Tuesday night Bare Foot Bowls starts for the new year, Wednesday social bowls at 1pm, Thursday social bowls at 10am, Friday coaching at 10am and Saturday Pennant starts the rundown to the finals.

Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

THIS week, Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls started up again after the Christmas and New Year break.

It was great to catch up with friends and enjoy the week of bowling.

There was a good turn up on both days.

Tuesday saw a close finish between two teams the winners with a plus 15 were Pat Smith John Stewart and Jim Rodhi runners up on plus 12 were Judy Sweetnam Linda Newman and Lia Smith.

On Friday, only one team won both games with a plus three.

They were Linda Newman, Glenda Binch and John Stewart.

Runners up on plus seven, winning one game only, were Jean Wylde, Lia Smith and John Stewart.

A reminder United starts next week on Wednesday, January 17 – hope to see you all there.



Cape Paterson SLSC water safety and patrol members planning for next Sunday.

Cape Paterson Aquathon 2024

THE 26th Cape Paterson Aquathon, a 400 metre swim and 4.4 kilometre road race, is to be held this Sunday, January 21 at 10am. The event is organised by the Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club (CPSLSC), with the swim held at Cape Paterson's first surf beach and run through the cliff tops and into The Cape estate with the finish line the first surf carpark.

The Cape Paterson Aquathon is a popular local event and the first in The Bass Coast Series 2024.

CPSLSC president, Ray Rust said conditions on Sunday are

predicted to be ideal, given the weather forecast and mid-tide.

"We are excited by the interest from the community in participating in this event, and I confidently predict the 26th event will have record numbers," said Ray.

"There are many 'regulars' who return year after year and make the event an enjoyable day."

Last year, despite a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, many competitors returned to participate and reconnect with each other.

"It felt like a celebration, and showcased the value such events for all involved," says

Karen Marangio, co-ordinating registration for the 26th time.

"It showcased this incredible community that consists of volunteers, entrants, spectators and sponsors who work together to create the friendly atmosphere on the days."

This sustained support includes many locals, semi-permanent and holidaymakers from the Bass Coast Series and others from afar who simply enjoy ocean swimmers and runners. For example, Kirily Zimmerman completed her 15th aquathon and Steve Hams chalked up his 10th consecutive aquathon last year.

"This year we are looking forward to Gary O'Connor, Cape Paterson local, 20th aquathon."

"The event is our annual standout event, the key fundraiser, with funds raised going directly to life saving operations so that we can continue to safely patrol our beach," said Ray.

Ray concludes "and we look forward to seeing you on the beach. Enter as an individual or a team or come down on the day to cheer and soak up the atmosphere."

More details and link to registration: basscoastseries.com.au/cape-paterson-aquathon

No matter your capabilities be empowered

The Disabled Surfing Association (DSA) Bass Coast branch is thrilled to announce its upcoming All-Abilities Surfing Events in Inverloch and Phillip Island this January to March 2024. This initiative aims to provide an empowering and inclusive surfing experience for individuals of all abilities, fostering a sense of community, joy, and camaraderie.

Hosted at the picturesque Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club and Smiths Beach, the event is set to showcase the power of adaptive surfing, bringing together participants, volunteers, and supporters to celebrate the spirit of inclusivity. With the backdrop of Bass Coast's stunning coastline, participants will have the opportunity to enjoy the thrill of surfing in a supportive and encouraging environment.

Surfers, carers and volunteers alike are welcome to the upcoming events for a fun day on the beach with lunch included, all for free!

Event Time:

- 11am to 2pm | from 10 am for volunteers

Event Dates:

- Sunday January 21 | Inverloch Surf Beach
- Sunday February 11 | Smiths Beach, Phillip Island
- Saturday February 24 | Inverloch Surf Beach
- Sunday March 24 | Smiths Beach, Phillip Island

The Disabled Surfing Association extends its gratitude to sponsors, volunteers, and the Bass Coast community for their support in making this event possible.

For more information or to get involved, please visit humanitix or their social media pages at [@dsabasscoast](https://www.instagram.com/dsabasscoast). SURFS UP!

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11 AM TO 2 PM



It takes skill to glide but with good lifting conditions and the bubble canopy, gliders can see everything and it is very enjoyable according to Chief Flight Instructor, Kevin Owen.

Longer flights on the radar for gliders

THE SOUTH Gippsland Gliders Club (SGGC) are looking forward to more air-time as they are in the process of acquiring a new aircraft to launch their gliders. It will be the first time the club, operating since 1965, will have the benefit of more time in the air, with the new aircraft able to tow on the tag line rather than by a winch launch. A winch launch is dependent on lift conditions and according to Chief Flight Instructor, Kevin Owen, if there are no lift conditions, gliders can only fly for four minutes, although if there is the lift conditions, gliders can stay out for longer. Whereas with the new aerotow, the gliders are able to pick what height they want to take their aircraft and determine the length of time they are in the air, regardless of the lift conditions. “You could have a 14 minute flight or you could have a 30 minute flight, depending on what (height) you go to,” said Kevin. The South Gippsland Gliders have 45 members and about 30 who are regularly active and it was these members who contributed funds to make the upgrade possible, together with a grant from the South Gippsland Shire Council. While the recent rain has made it difficult to find good

gliding conditions, Kevin commented that the sealed runways at the club do help as the grassed areas are sometimes too wet for use. On drier days members aren’t slowed down and are keen to take advantage of their new acquisition when they can. Members hire out gliders from the club’s fleet of four, two of which are two seater trainers and two are single seat boarders. The two seater trainers allow qualified instructors to teach those looking to learn the ropes of flying the aircraft. The club has two 18 year olds who have been flying solo since they were 15 and are looking to go further into aviation; the club are hoping will become instructors as well. Gliding takes technical skill, keeping an eye on the ball and being ahead of the game to safely take off, glide and land, and Kevin commented the best ‘power’ pilots were almost always gliders first. Kevin, who began gliding when he was just a teenager in 1975 said once you get some good strong lifting conditions and you’re climbing away – which will be made easier with the new aerotow – it becomes an absolute joy. “It’s pure flying. It’s just you and the elements.”



The South Gippsland Gliders Club are in the process of acquiring an aero tow which will give the gliders a longer time in the air.

Women cricketer name correction

THE Sentinel-Times wishes to apologise to two women cricketers whose names were printed incorrectly in last week’s edition. ‘Town’s Gen Anderson bowls with success as she gets a wicket against Nyora on Sunday’ should have read ‘Town’s Nat Challis bowls with success as she gets a wicket against Nyora on Sunday.’

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: January 9.
Stableford: 42 players.
A Grade: Blake Cosson (18) 40 pts.
B Grade: Bill Anderson (29) 41 pts.
NTPs: first Jai Van Dyk, seventh Steve McNamara, 10th Alan Twite and 13th Jai Van Dyk.
Thursday, January 11: Stableford: 21 players.
Winner: Zac Scholte (14) 37 C/B.
NTPs: first Greg Wilson, 10th Peter Johnson and 13th Billy Wrigley.
Saturday, January 13:
South African Modified Pairs: 56 players.
Sponsor: Trevor Humphrey.
Winner: Peter Hislop and Murray Webb 71 pts.
Runners up: Dale Caufield and Shaun Spencer 66 C/B.
NTPs: first Luke De Le Haye, seventh Zac Scholte, 10th Athol Worthing and 13th Peter Hislop.

Ladies

LYNETTE McIvor (21) won the January Monthly Medal with a very nice 68 net and was therefore the winner of the Tiny Teapot Café voucher. Lynette also won A Grade and runner up was Merrissa Cosson (12), 74 net on a c/b. The B Grade winner was Karen Sorrell (38) with 73 net and Maree Wittingslow (48) was runner up, 76 net. BDTL went to Julie Hillberg (24) 74 net and Judy Webb (24) 75 net. Merrissa had the best Scratch Score with 86. Julie Cole won the nine-hole comp with 16 pts. Merrissa was NTP on the first (Kelly’s Bakery), seventh (Golf Club voucher) and 10th (KD Barber voucher), and Judy was closest on the 13th (Burra Garden Supplies). Two women finished with a lovely 41 pts on Saturday and Judy Webb (24) won the c/b from Maree Wittingslow (48). BDTL winners were Lynette McIvor (20) 39 pts and Merrissa Cosson (12) 38 pts. Merrissa was NTP on both the first and 13th greens. Thursday Twilight winners were Colette Pearl and Tim O’Neill, 28 pts, with Tim also NTP. Runners up were Diarne and Terry Maskell, 24 pts. A reminder that Beginners Day is scheduled for Wednesday, January 31. If anyone is interested in trying golf out, contact the women’s captain Merrissa Cosson on 0438 552 629 for more information. On that day, people are paired with a member and take turns in hitting the ball over just nine holes. The intention is to gain an idea of the game of golf and more importantly to enjoy the beautiful scenery, gain some exercise and meet new people.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, January 9: Stableford. This Stableford competition round kicked off with 86 members/guests relishing the Leongatha Golf Club fairways, which are in outstanding condition. A Grade winner: Michael Thomas (3) with a score of 37 pts on a countback. A Grade runner up: Dean Kellett (9) with a score of 37 pts. B Grade winner: Mark Dunn (18) with a score of 38 pts on a countback. B Grade runner up: John Housey (18) with a score of 38 pts. C Grade winner: Nigel Corcoran (22) with a score of 42 pts. C Grade runner up: George Hendry (20) with a score of 39 pts.



Korumburra’s grade winners were Karen Sorrell and Lynette McIvor on Wednesday, with Lynette also the Monthly Medallist.

D Grade winner: Frank Keily (34) with a score of 38 pts on a countback. D Grade runner up: Robert Jenkins (27) with a score of 38 pts. NTP fifth second shot: Colin Moyle at .55m. NTP 14th: Renato Monacella at 1.33m. Extra Balls Comp prizes went to Colin Moyle, Juergen Schultz, Gordon Allan, Gary Sharrock, and Michael Snoxell. Thursday, January 11: Stableford. Another quality turnout of 112 members/guests continued with outstanding results in this Stableford event. A Grade winner: Nath Wardle (12) with a score of 38 pts. A Grade runner up: Richard Price (14) with a score of 37 pts on a countback. B Grade winner: Garry Rotteveel (18) with a score of 42 pts. B Grade runner up: Mark Dunn (17) with a score of 41 pts again features in the winner’s circle this week. C Grade winner: Peters Waters (25) with a score of 39 pts. C Grade runner up: Timothy McCarthy (20) with a score of 38 pts. D Grade winner: Ian Miller (38) with a score of 38 pts. D Grade runner up: Michael Street (36) with a score of 36 pts. NTP fifth second shot: Peter Brownlie at 3.00m. NTP 14th: Richard Comerford at 1.12m. NTP 16th: Russell Williams at 2.45m. Extra Balls Comp prizes went to Peter Brownlie, Michael O’Rafferty, David Richards, Anne Larkin, Donald Smith, Andrew Smith and Peter Hart. Saturday, January 13: Monthly Medal Stroke Event. The first monthly medal for 2024 was held on Saturday, playing a stroke event off the black tees, with a good field of 108 members/guests challenged by the quicker greens. Excellent results were recorded across all grades. This was the first week of using the Pro-Stroke setting on Miscore. A Grade winner: Terry Lund (11) from the Woorayl Golf Club with a net score of -6. A Grade runner up: Richard Price (14) with a net score of -5 on a countback. B Grade winner: Patrick McDonauld (16) with a net score of -5. B Grade runner up: Steven Piasente (16) with a net score of -2. C Grade winner: Gordon Allan (20) with a net score of -5. C Grade runner up: Peter Hartigan (22) with a net score of -3 on a countback. D Grade winner: Riley Hilder (26) from the Beaconhills Country Golf Club with a net score of -3 on a countback. D Grade runner up: Allan Briggs (24) with a net score of -3. NTP fifth hole second shot: Dave Brownnett. NTP 14th hole: Matthew Bowey at 3.60m. NTP 16th hole: Renato Monacella at .59m. Extra Balls Comp prizes went to Renato Monacella, Trevor Bowler and Ian Debenham.

MIRBOO NORTH

Thursday, January 11: Stableford. A Grade: T. Makepeace (10) 37 pts. B Grade: G. Williams (17) 38 pts. DTL: D. Woodall, R. Thompson, C. James and R. Pentland 37. NTP: fourth A. Hayes, sixth R. Minichiello, 13th M. Woodall and 16th Tom Traill. Birdies: fourth A. Hayes and G. Williams, and 16th T. Makepeace and Tom Traill. Saturday, January 13: Stableford. A Grade: Tim Traill, (6) 40 pts. B Grade: R. Clark (20) 41 pts. DTL: J. Gunn 40, R. Jenkins 39, D. Woodall 38, and J. Coleman and N. Casboults 36. NTP: fourth P. Woodall, sixth J. Kidd, 13th R. Scurlock and 16th R. Robbins. Birdies: sixth D. Woodall, J. Kidd, J. Woodall, and 16th R. Robbins and T. Bradshaw.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: January 11, SR. 71. Competition: Stableford 18-hole. Winner: Andrew Hooton-Shandley 40. Runner up: Geoff Proud 38. BDTL to 36 C/B. Ball sweep: Glenn Hewlett 38, Malcolm Stevenson 38, Graeme Crawford 37, Colin Banks 37, Archie Fixter 37, Roger Kilpatrick 37, Grant MacKenzie 37, Rod Walker 36, Glen Turner 36 and Peter Kane 36 C/B. Results: January 11, SR. 34.5. Competition: Stableford front nine-hole. Winner: A. Hooton-Shandley 19. Ball sweep: Bob Cornelis 19 C/B. Results: January 13, Stableford 18-hole. Winner: A: Peter Dell 38. B: Michael Craven 41. C: Darren Brown 41. BDTL to 36 C/B. Ball sweep: Gino Hennequin 38, Robert Geyer 38, Paul Cornelis 37, Sam Dennis 37, Phillip Studham 36, Shane Osborne 36, Guy Phillips 36, Gary Lock 36, Brad Andrews 36 and Graeme Rogers 36 C/B. Eagle: Peter Dell 10th. NTP: Ian Gilmour second, Sam Dennis fourth, Dean Winning propin eighth, Brad Andrew 13th and Ross Lovette 17th money hole.

Ladies

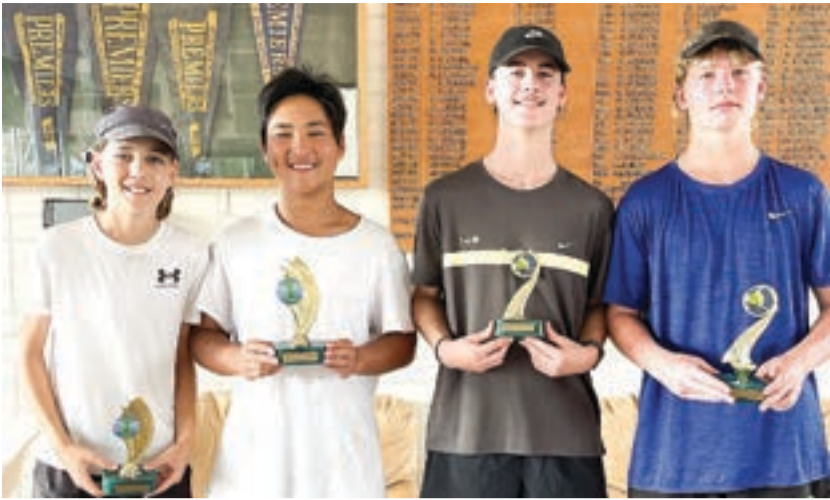
AFTER the welcome rain early in the week, the course played a little softer. The grade winners managed the conditions well. The B Grade winner and score of the round was Wendy Cross (36)38 pts. A Grade’s winner was Robyn Wilkinson (27) 36 pts, which included a birdie on the fifth hole for three for four pts. BDL went to Yvonne Everitt 35, Karen Sheerin 34, Sharon Patullo 34 and Marg Johnson 34.



SG Civil Crete Section 2 singles Matt def Will 6-5 (Tie breaker score 7-4).



Hartley Wells Section 4 singles Edie May-Trent (Poowong) def Madi Van Den Broek (Korumburra) 6-4.



SG Civil Crete Section 2 doubles Matt and Will def Zac Langstaff and Max Sheahan 6-4.

Junior tennis action in Korumburra

THE SIXTH annual Dowel Earthworks Korumburra Tennis Tournament attracted a record 50 individual entries.

“It was great to see players from all different locations come together and try their best to progress through the events,” head coach for South Gippsland Tennis Coaching Matt Pocklington said.

Sections 1, 3 and 5 singles and doubles were completed on the opening day despite a lengthy rain delay, with the final match finishing at 9.15pm.

Matt expressed his appreciation of helpers Marty Nicholas, Trenton Hughes, Shaun Van Den Broek, Alicia Marshman and Joel Langstaff for getting the en tout cas courts back in usable condition by sponging up the puddles.

He praised the efforts of parents and players who all contributed to completing the day’s schedule, with a record 84 matches completed on day one.

Day two commenced with pleasant cool conditions, with section 2, 4 and 6 singles and doubles events featuring.

The new section 6 was made up of youngest contestants, with most having their first foray into competitive tennis or tournament play and Matt was impressed by how well they played.

Sixty nine matches were completed on day two, bringing the tournament total to 153 matches on the five courts.

The Korumburra event was the first of the ‘Tournament Gippsland Summer of Tennis’ series and was run by the South Gippsland Tennis Coaching team, which also ran the Leongatha tournament.



SG Civil Crete Section 2 singles consolation winner Lucas Vastea.



RIGHT: Hartley Wells Section 4 consolation singles Jemimah Watson (Leongatha) def Archar Hughes (Korumburra) 6-5 (Tie breaker score 7-4).



Dowel Earthworks Section 1 singles Will def Matt 6-4.



The Recruitment Alternative Section 6 Green ball singles Olly Ramsbottom (Leongatha) def Roy Philp (Clyde North) 4-3.



Yellow Brick Road Section 3 singles Toby Nicholas (Korumburra) def Madi Van Den Broek (Korumburra) 6-0.



South Gippsland Tennis Coaching Section 5 singles Sam Hansen (Korumburra) def Roy Philp (Clyde North) 6-2.



Yellow Brick Road Section 3 doubles Charlie Collier (Leongatha) and Zak Dowel (Leongatha) def Edie May-Trent (Poowong) and Harry Priddle (Moe) 6-5.



Dowel Earthworks Section 1 doubles Max Sheahan (Leongatha) and Zac Langstaff (Leongatha) def Will and Matt 6-4.



Betta Home Living Section 4 doubles Harry Priddle (Moe) and Edie May-Trent (Poowong) def Averie Hughes (Korumburra) and Madi Van Den Broek (Korumburra) 6-4.



The Recruitment Alternative Section 6 doubles Olly Ramsbottom (Leongatha) and Roy Philp (Clyde North) def Lily Van Den Broek (Korumburra) and Riley Collier (Leongatha) 4-2.



Hays Jewellers Section 5 Singles Ryan Perry (Leongatha) def Declan Russell 6-0.



The Recruitment Alternative Section 6 Singles Harley Langstaff (Leongatha) def Riley Collier (Leongatha) 4-1.



Dowel Earthworks Section 1 Singles Riley Nave (Willow Grove) def Matt from Melbourne with the result decided by coin toss due to rain.



Yellow Brick Road Section 3 Singles runner up Malek Marouff (Melbourne) and winner Toby Nicholas (Korumburra) 6-1.



SG Civil Crete Open Mens Singles Tim Bloye (Warragul) def Josh Bloye (Warragul) 1-6, 6-0, 6-5.



Hartley Wells Betta Home Living Section 2 Doubles Max Shehan (Leongatha) and Ethan Langstaff (Leongatha) def Ethan Kleiman (Melbourne) and Charlie Pettifer (Melbourne) 6-4.



SG Civil Crete Open Mixed Doubles Riley and Matilda Nave (Willow Grove) def Alicia Marshman (Leongatha) and Matthew Pocklington (Leongatha).



SG Civil Crete Open Mens Doubles Tim and Josh Bloye (Warragul) def Brad Perks (Korumburra) and Ben Sticks (Melbourne) 6-3, 6-4.



The Recruitment Alternative Section 6 Doubles Harley Langstaff (Leongatha) and Riley Collier (Leongatha) def Lily Van Den Broek (Korumburra) and Halle Witten (Leongatha) 4-1.

Leongatha tennis tournament a success despite the rain

AN IMPRESSIVE sized field entered the recent Leongatha tennis tournament, with 70 individual entries across junior and open categories for the 24th annual Civil Crete event.

Players came from Leongatha, Korumburra, Nyora, Inverloch, Warragul, Moe, Drouin, Melbourne and elsewhere, with approximately 60 percent of entrants from the local region.

Leongatha Tennis Club president Warren Littlejohn and Greg Marshman helped set up the venue prior to the tournament.

Action in Sections 4, 5 and 6 took place on hard courts, while the well-maintained in tout cas courts hosted matches in Sections 1 to 3 and the Open events.

Unfortunately, rain meant not all finals were able to be completed, with some results determined by coin toss.

An unfavourable weather fore-

cast for the day after the tournament and the distances some players had travelled to be part of the tournament prevented any possibility of rescheduling finals matches.

Despite the weather setback South Gippsland Tennis Coaching head coach Matt Pocklington was delighted with the overall success of the tournament.

"This year's event was the smoothest one we have ever run," he said.

Matt highlighted the changed format of the tournament this year, with junior matches in previous years determined by age and gender but that approach being replaced by graded junior events.

That ensured each singles event featured between 15 and 20 players.

Alicia Marshman and Keeragh Pocklington helped ensure everything ran smoothly.



South Gippsland Tennis Coaching Section 4 Singles Madi Van Den Broek (Korumburra) def Chelsea McNamara (Inverloch) 6-2.



Hays Jewellers Section 5 Doubles Ryan Perry (Leongatha) and Declan Russell (Leongatha) def Olly Ramsbottom (Leongatha) and Archer Commadeur (Leongatha) 6-4.



Hartley Wells Betta Home Living Section 2 Singles consolation winner Charlie Pettifer (Melbourne).



SG Civil Crete Section 4 Singles consolation winner Mitchell Oliver (Inverloch).



Yellow Brick Road Section 3 Singles consolation winner Madi Van Den Broek (Korumburra).



Dowel Earthworks Section 1 Singles consolation winner Ethan Kleiman of Melbourne.



Dowel Earthworks Section 1 Doubles Keerah Pocklington (Leongatha) and Sophie Kreutzberger (Leongatha) def Jonathon Conlon (Mardan) and Riley Nave (Leongatha).



SG Civil Crete Section 4 Doubles Madi Van Den Broek (Korumburra) and Averie Hughes (Korumburra) def Archar Hughes (Korumburra) and Archer Commadeur (Korumburra) 6-4.



The Recruitment Alternative Family Doubles Chris and Ryan Perry (Leongatha) def Paul and Olly Ramsbottom (Leongatha).



Yellow Brick Road Section 3 Doubles runners up Angus Wilson (Korumburra) and Toby Nicholas (Korumburra) and winners Averie Hughes (Korumburra) and Madi Van Den Broek (Korumburra).

Miller and Fowler win major event at Nyora

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PAKENHAM based racer Damien Miller has won the first of two major Sports Sedan feature events this season at Nyora Raceway winning Saturday nights feature race with some big cash on offer to the winner whilst the visiting Grand Prix Midgets scorched around the track in their Master's Series with Geelong driver Chris Fowler picking up victory.

Other winners on the night included Kacey Ingram from Warragul in Standard Saloons, Ally Moore in Lightning Sprints, Tristan Jarred a local Nyora resident in Top Star Juniors, and Jaylen Knight in New Star Juniors.

In Sports Sedan action Simon Bent from Grantville started the nights racing with a victory in the first of the heat races with Scott Angus winning a couple of qualifiers before Damien Miller won the last with a new ten lap record at Nyora Raceway for the class.

A twenty-lap feature event seen the top three in the field spread out with Miller holding a four second buffer in front of Marcus Reddecliffe and then a further four second buffer back to Simon Bent in third. One of the race favourites, Scott Angus was unable to finish the race whilst the leaders put a lap on some of the field. Miller claimed victory from Reddecliffe, Simon Bent, Cameron Dike and Shona Bent, Simon's daughter.

Competition in the Grand Prix Midgets began with Chris Fowler setting the benchmark as far as speed is concerned when he stamped the fastest heat race of the class for the night into the record books in heat one in a five second victory. Peter Robotham was victorious in the second qualifier with Fowler a non-finisher before he again won the third.



Car 13 yellow is Chris Fowler in his grand prix midget. Photos: Louise Norman of Napier Photography.

In the feature event over twenty laps two of the race favourites would come a cropper and find themselves infield in Robotham and Terry Brown. This left Fowler out front storming away with victory by a seven second margin in front of Travis Florrimell, Paul Perry, Shaun Ward, and Johnny Rouse.

Kacey Ingram set about lodging a new fifteen lap record for the Standard Saloon class as he held out Andrew Miles who was on his tail. Owen Cecil from Poowong had a tight battle with Chris Miles whilst Justin Prins returned to the track and sat in fifth for much of the race. Ingram claimed the win as the chequered flag dropped with Andrew Miles, Cecil, Chris Miles, and Prins the top five.

Lightning Sprints returned to action with Heathcote racer Ally Moore continuing to shine behind the wheel. Moore finished ahead of New South Wales visitor Aaron Bell by less than a second in the first heat race, whilst the results were reversed in the second with Bell setting a new ten lap record for the class.

Jason Lynn was victorious in the third heat race with Moore hot on his tail. In the feature event Moore and Bell went at it again and the standout drivers gapped everybody else in the feature event. Moore taking the honours from Bell with Lynn in

third place and Liz Peach the only other finisher in fourth.

Junior Sedan racers competed together in the Speedway Sedans Victoria class. Top Star racer Tristan Jarred who lives in the middle of the Nyora township set a new ten lap record whilst competing in the qualifying heat races with Jaylen Knight and Luke Morrison his closest challengers.

In the feature race event, the three drivers hit the front of the field and set about putting some distance between themselves and the rest of the entrants with the top five remaining on the lead lap. Jarred went on to claim victory overall to give himself some confidence, whilst Jaylen Knight in second place was the top New Star categorised racer and she finished in front of Luke Morrison, Blake Beach, Dayne Murdoch and Maddison Beach for the top five in that categorisation.

Nyora returns to competition again next Saturday January 20 with the Monster Trucks in town, along with a Jet powered Van and its big flaming engine, a Demolition Derby, plus fireworks and laser show. Racing on the program will include Dirt Modifieds, Standard Saloons and Unlimited Sedans.

Racing is from 4.30pm and the Monster Truck portion of the program begins from 6pm.

Girls' footy competition to be launched

SOUTHERN Gippsland Junior Football Competition operations manager Bobbie-Lee Blay is excited to announce the new girls' AFL competition launching in the 2024 season.

The competition will include matches for U12s and U14s.

"What an amazing opportunity for our local girls to play in a dedicated girls' competition. We have been working hard to get this off the ground and are committed to the program's success," Bobbie-Lee said.

In 2021, the AFL launched the Women's Football Vision as a commitment to women's and girls' football, incorporating participation, partnerships, pathways and performance.

This enables equal opportunity for women and girls to play, coach, umpire, officiate and govern, as well as providing a participation pathway.

The Southern Gippsland Junior Football Competition is pleased to provide this



Maddison Oxley, Bella-Rose Grant and Olivia Maddocks from Dalyston during an exhibition match last August.

opportunity for girls to feel empowered and have a sense of belonging in playing and being a part of this awesome game.

"This is an incredible opportunity and one that was not around when I started playing footy," former St Kilda AFLW player Kelly O'Neill said.

"It's great to see the growth in girls' football in the South-

ern Gippsland area."

Bobbie-Lee encourages interested girls and parents to reach out to their local clubs to express interest.

These include Leongatha, Wonthaggi, Dalyston, Inverloch-Kongwak, Korumburra-Bena, Kilcunda-Bass and Phillip Island.

More details will be provided in February.

ALLAMBEE MIRBOO
AND DISTRICT
TENNIS ASSOCIATION

Section 1: Westernport 8.48 defeated Korumburra 0.16; Koonwarra v Inverloch – no score received; Leongatha bye.

Ladder: Westernport 56, Inverloch 50, Koonwarra 33, Korumburra 31, Leongatha 30

Section 2: Leongatha 5.62 defeated Outtrim 4.47; Baromi 9.72 defeated Korumburra 0.36.

Ladder: Outtrim 61, Baromi 61, Leongatha 52.5, Korumburra 23.5

The first match after the Christmas / New Year was a bit unpredictable weather-wise, but most matches were able to be played.

It is hoped everyone had a lovely break. Westernport was the big winner at Korumburra's expense in Section 1.

No result was received for the Koonwarra v Inverloch match, so the ladder will be updated next week.

This is a good reminder to make sure you let the score secretary know the result of your match, even if you can't drop off the scoresheet after play on a Saturday.

Baromi were also big winners over Korumburra in Section 2, with the closest sets being two tie-breakers.

The score definitely didn't reflect the standard of tennis.

That rings true for the match between Leongatha and Outtrim.

While some sets looked one-sided on paper, they had some great rallies.

As finals sneak closer, it is a great time to think about if you have players available.

If you have some gaps, make sure you get some players registered.

Fill-ins need to have played three matches to be qualified to play in finals.

PHILLIP ISLAND
BRIDGE CLUB

SIX tables competed on Monday, January 8.

Andrew McCready-Bryan and Anne Gibson were first for North/South with a percentage of 61.48 followed in second by Greg Nicholson and Shirley Stewart with 57.41 per cent. In third place was Moya Crowley and Michael Dooley with 55.19 per cent.

On Wednesday, January 10, there were four and a half tables.

Congratulations to Marnie Myall and Caroline Shaw in first place with an impressive score of 72.22 per cent. In second place was Paul Waylen and Karen Klym with 56.94 per cent, followed in third place by Andrew McCready-Bryan and Leng Haggith with 51.39 per cent.

Come along to Summer Social Bridge.

Whether you are new to bridge, wanting to refresh your game or just feel like playing socially, Tuesday nights are tailored for you.

Where: Phillip Island Bridge Club – rear of Newhaven Hall, 23 Cleeland Street, Newhaven.

When: Tuesday nights 6.30pm for 7pm start.

Table fees: \$5 per head.

To assist with organising tables, or for more information, please ring Jill Short on 0438 248 578.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND BRIDGE

JANUARY 9 at Wonthaggi:

Eleven pairs participating in the master points.

First: Greg Nicholson and Jean Barbour with an excellent 69.79 per cent. Second: John French and Pat West 64.58. Third: Alan Johnston and John Sutton 61.98. Fourth: Faye Rowlands and Bronwyn Sund 52.6. Fifth: Julie Perriam and Anne Gibson 50.46.

Friday, January 12 at Inverloch:

Eight tables competing.

N/S winners: First: in red hot form John French and Pat West 60.48. Second: Julie and Ian Macphee 58.68. Third: Faye Rowlands and Richard Poole 52.83. Fourth: Phil Chapman and Peter Campbell 48.09.

E/W winners: First: Julie Perriam and Anne Gibson 62.4. Second: Denise Al-litt and Tom Kudelka 59.52. Equal third: Kathy Dowd and Sue Edwards 49.16.



Frosty Lass sailed past the post in the Tom Wilson Memorial Maiden Plate at Woolamai and District Racing Club. Photo: Tazzie Eggins Photography.

Kids Day Out at Woolamai Races

SCATTERED showers were not enough to dampen the enthusiasm of race goers at the Woolamai and District Racing Club on Saturday.

The Kids Day Out is known to be a successful event, with Kelly Sports on hand entertaining children on the day.

“Kelly Sports brings the kids free back packs, which are always a hit,” racing club secretary Abbey Boyle said.

“We had an adventure playground for the first time, as well as face painting and lots of other activities.”

Six races were run throughout the day.

Races were delayed due to an incident prior to the

running of the first race.

The first race was the Tom Wilson Memorial, now in its fourth season.

Tom Wilson was a devoted track curator and member of the Woolamai and District Racing Club.

His contribution to the local community extended beyond the racing club, and he is remembered as a wonderful man with a list of accomplishments and voluntary services.

The race was won by Frosty Lass, with trainers Carlo Vidotto and Clay Beasy, and jockey Dylan Dean.

The second race was tributed to J. and M. Tully, who

have been attending the picnic races for 50 years.

Their son Jack put the race together and the couple were surprised on the day.

The Cruiser was past the post first, thanks to trainer Frankie Stockdale and jockey Henry Jaggard.

Race three was the Bill Littlewood Memorial Trophy.

Mr Littlewood was a Bass local who introduced a lot of technology to Vic Racing.

His contributions to Woolamai and District Racing Club include the use of the replay monitor and Video Air Services.

His stepson Andrew Kimmer has continued to operate

the Video Air Services company and sponsored the race on the day.

Bass Coast Boat and Caravan Storage also sponsored a race for the second year running.

“They were here last year and really enjoyed it,” Abbey said.

“Continued support of local sponsors like that really help our club out so it was great to have them here again.”

Woolamai and District Racing Club's next meeting will be Cup Day on Saturday, February 3. Cup Day was sold out months in advance and is set to attract more than 2000 people to the club.

Wildcat girls get a taste of American basketball



Korumburra Wildcats Chelsea Fox and Krystal Arnason live their basketball dreams while representing a Victorian side in America.

KORUMBURRA Wildcats 16-year-olds Chelsea Fox and Krystal Arnason experienced basketball American style last month, representing a Victorian side against US competition and attending an NBA match in Texas.

“We learned a lot about how they play their basketball, and their rules are a lot different to here,” Chelsea said, adding that the Aussies adjusted to different interpretations from the US referees compared to those in Australia.

“We got called on a lot more travels and the game is more physical,” she said.

The two-and-a-half-week trip was run through Basketball Victoria's High Performance Program.

Chelsea played as a point guard throughout her US experience, learning that she wants to add extra physicality to her defensive efforts.

Down the track, she is interested in furthering her basketball by representing a US college.

Krystal played in the centre or as a power forward, enjoying the greater physicality and the fact that less fouls were called resulting in a more free-flowing game.

She hopes to return to America to play college basketball, preferably in one of the top couple of divisions.

“The schools have massive sports stadiums, and they live around their sport,” Krystal said.

High Performance coach for Basketball Victoria, Mat Holmes, previously the junior coach of Chelsea and Krystal at Korumburra, spoke of their determination.

“They're talented girls who make the most of their opportunities, and hard workers who enjoy the sport and are easy to work with because they want to get better,” Mat said.

“The tour they went on is something that Basketball Victoria runs to try and expose kids that we think might have a chance of getting a college scholarship.”

It was the first such trip since the pandemic.

The Victorian squad checked out places of interest in Texas and saw the local NBA team take on Oklahoma.

Being at the game rather than watching on TV, Chelsea got a better feel for the pace of the action, also noting the crowd was “more up and about”.



Gordon Cowling from Briagolong faces the bowling of Vic Country captain Jim Geltch in the Over-70s game, as part of the crowd looks on from the new pavilion. Batsman Anton DeVent backs up at the bowler's end.

Double header for veteran cricketers

ON SUNDAY January 14, in a new concept, both the Gippsland Goannas Over-60 and Over-70 cricket teams travelled to Bendigo to take on the might of the Vic Country Veterans team.

At the same time the Goannas Over-50 team welcomed the East Ringwood Over-50's to the Sale Oval.

The 'double header' game was played at the Harry Trott Oval, Kennington, on the eastern side of Bendigo and home to the Bendigo United Cricket Club. Brand new facilities, a ground in excellent condition and perfect cricket weather welcomed us.

The Over-60 game started at 9.55am, and the winner of the toss would bat first in each game, as several of each side would be needed to field, on rotation, for their 'younger' team. The first innings was to be played for two hours, with the second innings being of equal overs. The Over 70 game was projected to start at about 2pm, played in similar conditions.

The Goannas batted first with Ray Floyd and Ray Smith first. Floyd departed for four in the third over, which brought Chris DeVent to the wicket. He and Smith took the score to 44 in the 11th over,

when DeVent was caught, also from the bowling of JT, John Thomas, for 17.

Kevin Lanigan joined Smith who retired in the 15th over for a very well made 40. Peter Anton joined KL and was very well caught in the gully for just four. Captain for the day Murray Moore joined Lanigan and they took the score to 122 after 26 overs, when KL retired for a very handy 36. Moore was stumped for 29, from 33 balls and Jim Armstrong hit 14 from 12, while Anton DeVent and Ian Southall took the score to 5/151 after the two hours, and 30 overs had been bowled.

Gordon Cowling, four overs for eight runs, and Southall, three overs, 1/22, opened the bowling for the Goannas and were then replaced by Moore and Peter Anton who bowled five overs each to the 17 over drinks break when the score was 4/70. Moore's figures were five overs, 2/20, but more importantly the five best VC batsmen were back in the pavilion, with Jim Geltch retired for 16. Ray Smith and Floyd bowled the next six overs, with a run-out occurring and the score advancing to 5/108. Seven overs remained, and just over six an over required!

Armstrong and Lanigan

came into the attack for five overs, and Anton returned for the 28th over. With one over to go the score was 6/145, seven needed for victory and Anton to bowl! Single from ball one, dot ball, catch behind, run out, dot ball, two, as only three runs were scored, and two more wickets fell!

Armstrong had 1/16 from two overs, and Anton finished with 2/29 from seven overs. Highlights in the field were three catches to wicket keeper Chris DeVent and a brilliant running away from the wicket catch to Ray Smith at deepish mid-off. Run outs were affected by Andrew Smith and Anton as the VC innings was completed at 8/148.

The Over-70 game started soon after, with Warren Dummett and Fred Debono opening for the Goannas. Dummett took on Jim Geltch's arm in the sixth over and was run out for 17! Debono followed in Max Scholes's next over, caught for nine and the Goannas were 2/33 after eight overs. Ian Gibson, Steve Lincoln and Phill Higgins followed in quick succession and the Goannas were reeling at 5/36 after 11 overs. Anton DeVent and Gordon Cowling set about the rescue mission, scoring 29 and 21 respectively before retiring,

with Southall hitting 10 from eight balls, Andrew Smith 4 not out and Kel Bond runout as the Goannas innings ended at 7/104 after 27 overs.

Captain Kevin Lanigan did not bat in this innings.

The VicCountry innings started steadily, with Cowling and Southall bowling and the score had reached 19 after six overs. Havoc followed!

Warren Dummett took a wonderful diving catch at slip to dismiss Bill Johnson, and the ball was swinging nicely with the easterly breeze.

These two bowlers bowled their six over spells straight through, and the score was six for 36 after the 14th over. The dangerous Barry Hopper was still at the crease. Andrew Smith removed super-veteran Wavell McPherson in his first over, and bowled Hopper, 20, in his third! Kel Bond chimed in and the score was 9/60 after 20 overs. A runout two overs later saw the VC innings conclude at 72, with the Goannas coming away from the road trip with two good wins. Cowling had the amazing figures of 4/10 from his seven overs, Southall 2/25, Smith 2/15, Bond 1/21 were the other wicket takers. Dummett had two catches and Smith one in the field.

Mighty milestone for Glenn Sullivan

INVERLOCH Parkrun stalwart Glenn Sullivan passed his 400-run milestone last Saturday, January 13, going back to the location of his third run, at the Toren's parkrun on War Memorial Drive, North Adelaide.

Although 400 runs isn't recognised as a parkrun achievement, it was certainly a standout number along the way between parkrun milestones at 250 and 500.

The first Australian parkrun event was held at Main Beach, on the Gold Coast, on April 2, 2011, so with Glenn joining the movement back in August 2013, he will be one of a fairly select group to reach 500 runs in Australia, at the earliest in two years' time.

An avid semi-professional runner, Glenn posted his time on Facebook for the five kilometre course of 20.32, with splits of 4.02 for his fourth km and 4.11 for his fifth.

Kookas go down to Blasters in run fest

THE rampant South Gippy Kookas road tripped to Bayside last Sunday. Could their unbeaten 203/24 continue?

Bayside began, and with some wayward/smorgasbord bowling on offer the Bayside Bashers did just that, reaching two for 135 after 20 turbulent overs.

The Ol' Kookas were well and truly under the pump, but being resilient and cunning, the codgers held tough.

They held the Bashers to 7/245.

Best of the Trundlers were Ol' Grayza Mighty 3/21, Geoff Gyro Spinner Birne, 2/35, Tight Brendan Thomas 1/7 and Burkey Burke 1/25.

After a well-earned break, the Kookas came out blazing, with Robbie Francis thumping 24.

After a few quick wickets fell, the Kookas relaunched, with Burkey Blazing 40 not out off 18 balls, Master Blaster Pieter Loos 42 not out off 39, Skippa Mitch 28 and the Stats Man Thomo 41 not out.

The Kookas just falling short by a measly 12 runs to make 6/234.

All in all, it was a smash fest and wonderful game of cricket had by all.

Well, that's the loss the Kookas had to have - they will be back, better than ever next week in Gippy, looking for more amazing cricket, fun and friendship.

Off and racing in Western Port sailing classic

THERE were almost 50 yachts of all shapes, sizes and colours entered in the annual Westernport Challenge Race hosted by the Cowes Yacht Club last Saturday.

Sailors entered from all the bay clubs including Cowes, Somers, Balnarring, Rhyll and Newhaven, competing in a range of different classes and also for the main handicap award.

It's part of a busy round of events at Cowes during the holidays with a 'Discover Sailing Day' last Wednesday, She Sails, Better Sailing and Tackers programs.

Coming up is the Western Port Challenge for trailable yachts and multi-hulls on February 12 and the Round French Island Race on March 23.



Andrew Jansen and Brian Walton get set to launch their F18 speed machine in the annual Westernport Challenge Race at Cowes Yacht Club last Saturday.

WONTHAGGI & DISTRICT
NETBALL ASSOCIATION

NIGHT NETBALL
SUMMER
COMPETITION

LADIES COMPETITION

Wonthaggi Secondary College stadium
Starting Tuesday, February 13, 6.30pm
 Players to be 14 years and older
 Must have VNA registration
 Register teams online via
 Netball Connect Individual players
 contact Lee 0419 399 415

MIXED SENIOR
COMPETITION

Expressions of interest

Tuesday nights at Wonthaggi Secondary
 College stadium Register teams online
 via Netball Connect Individual players
 contact Lee 0419 399 415

MIXED JUNIOR
TWILIGHT COMPETITION

11 and under, 13 and under
Monday nights, commencing Feb. 19
 Wonthaggi outdoor courts
 Entry forms available email
 wdnawonthaggi@outlook.com



Nyora's Keith Linford waits to strike.



Nyora's Colin Knox on his way to a 44 run haul at Inverloch.

Glen Alvie stands its ground

C GRADE

GLEN Alvie successfully defended its tally against MDU on Saturday, but only just in a contest shortened to 32 overs. Taking on the MDU side at the Glen Alvie Recreation Reserve, the home team won the toss and chose to bat first.

Opening batsman Peter Roberts put 32 runs on the scoreboard before he was bowled by Stephen Riley at 3/65. Will Hynes 22* and captain Ian Thorn 51* set up the win for Glen Alvie with a 77-run partnership, both not out at the end of the allotted 32 overs.

Cale Schwennesen was MDU best bowler, taking 2/14. Glen Alvie's target was 3/142. MDU captain Dale Thomas put in a mighty effort for his team, carrying his bat to 64 not out but it wasn't quite enough.. Schwennesen continued his good form by contributing 29 runs before retiring but MDU fell short by 2 runs. Wicket taking was shared between Hynes, Cooper Stewart and Luke Scholz who took a crucial wicket at the end. MDU finished with 3/138 in reply.

Bloodthirsty Sharks outplay the Cobras

PHILLIP Island showed no mercy against Korumburra on Saturday. Seventy-two runs not out from a Phillip Island fill in secured the victory.



Nyora's Bailey Elser hit 42 not out at Inverloch.

Captain Michael Cleary completed the campaign with an additional 43 runs before he was dismissed by a catch from Glen Barrett. Wicket taking was shared between five Korumburra bowlers. Phillip Island finished its innings on a comfortable 5/211. Korumburra was unable to compete with the might of Phillip Island. Opening batsman James Dunn top scored with 24 not out, and Bailey Patterson added 17 runs to round out the innings. Deane Mani was Phillip Island's top bowler, taking 2/20. Korumburra finished the day with 4/70.

Nyora claims a win over Inverloch

Nyora was too strong for home

side Inverloch on Saturday. Nyora won the toss and sent the Stingrays in to bat first. The opening partnership of David Harris and captain Warren Stewart were quickly dismissed at 1/2 and 2/7 respectively. Wayne Chapman stepped up to the wicket and added a much needed 45 runs to the account before he was sidelined by a catch from Keith Maclure. Ben Pugh's bowling proved to be ruthless as he claimed 4/4. William Dixon was also a multiple wicket taker. Inverloch completed its innings with 8/107. Bailey Elser opened the bowling for Nyora and was there to stay. He accumulated 42 not out before the innings was through. Colin Knox top scored with 44

runs before he was bowled by Cameron Butler. Butler held his own against the Nyora outfit, taking 3/10. Nyora won the day with 3/114.

Cougars held back

KOONWARRA L/RSL was unable to defend its score against a determined Kilcunda-Bass side, despite two bowlers claiming four wickets each on Saturday. Spencer Chadwick and Rachel King gave it their all and produced figures of 4/30 and 4/12 respectively, putting the Sharks under pressure to perform. Playing at the Velodrome, the Sharks won the toss and went into bat first. Kevin McLean and Paul Cornelis opened well with 22 and 28 runs respectively. It proved to be a fairly consistent innings with Peter Miller and Joel Hockett adding 25 and 29 runs. King and Chadwick stepped it up towards the end of the batting order, limiting the amount of damage that could be done to the scoreboard. Kilcunda-Bass went into the Cougars' innings with 10/155. Koonwarra L/RSL batsman Adam Thorne hit 50 and kept his side competitive before he was caught by Miller. Ashley Boxall added 29 runs. Wickets fell to five Kilcunda-Bass bowlers, which caused the Cougars to pull up short. Koonwarra L/RSL finished its 35 overs with 6/133.

C GRADE

Phillip Island 5/211 d Korumburra 4/70

Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS: G Excell 19, D Mani 4, Fill-in 72*, S Sirirathnage 10, M Cleary 43, W Paterson 8, J Parry 26*
Bowling: R Butler 0/22, H Jefferis 1/26, C Gooch 1/22, O Maskell 1/14, J Dunn 0/24, M Kennewell 0/16, B Patterson 1/38, G Barrett 1/44
Korumburra - 1st INNINGS: P Edwards 12*, J Dunn 24*, C Gooch 10, K Houghton 1, O Maskell 2, B Patterson 17*
Bowling: S Sirirathnage 0/2, M Cleary 0/4, P Francis 0/11, C Fall 0/24, J Johnston 1/8, D Mani 2/20

Nyora 3/114 d Inverloch 8/107

Inverloch - 1st INNINGS: D Harris 2, W Stewart 3, W Chapman 45, S Hayes 13, M Woods 6, Call O'Flynn 1, M Marston 5, J Foote 3, J Newman 2*, H Williams 6*
Bowling: K Maclure 1/26, L Brock 1/22, R White 0/18, W Dixon 2/15, B Pugh 4/4, A Linford 0/9, K Wurzbacher 0/13
Nyora - 1st INNINGS: B Esler 42*, J Knox 3, K Linford 6, C Knox 44, B Pugh 2*
Bowling: M Marston 0/12, C Butler 3/10, C O'Flynn 0/32, S Hayes 0/22, W Chapman 0/20

K-Bass 10/150 d Koon L/RSL 6/133

Kilcunda-Bass - 1st INNINGS: K McLean 22, P Cornelis 28, P Hammer 3, P Miller 25, J Hockett 29, A Blackney 10, Private player 0, J Reilly 1, Private player 11*, C Chasemore 0, A Joseph 0
Bowling: J Geary 0/57, S Chadwick 4/30, S Paterson 0/14, R King 4/12, T Hughes 0/12, B Thomas 2/16
Koonwarra L/RSL - 1st INNINGS: S Paterson 12, A Stanley 8, A Thorne 50, K Thorne 14, A Boxall 29, G Matthies 1*, R King 5, S Chadwick 4*
Bowling: A Blackney 1/35, A Joseph 1/12, P Hammer 1/18, C Chasemore 0/32, P Cornelis 1/22, K McLean 1/12

Glen Alvie 3/142 d MDU 3/138

Glen Alvie - 1st INNINGS: P Roberts 32, D McGuirk 13, J Burke 8, W Hynes 22*, I Thorn 51*
Bowling: R Prosser 0/40, H Cocksedge 0/11, C Schwennesen 2/14, Fill-in 0/4, S Riley 1/20, C Prosser 0/36, D Thomas 0/13
MDU - 1st INNINGS: T Bright 6, D Thomas 64*, H Cocksedge 18, C Schwennesen 29*, R Prosser 6, S Riley 3*
Bowling: W Hynes 1/21, W Bridle 0/18, J Burke 0/18, O Luff 0/17, C Stewart 1/24, N Luff 0/11, L Scholz 1/25

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Masterful 132 from OMK's Russell White

B GRADE, DIVISION 2

KORUMBURRA won the toss and sent OMK in to bat in B Grade Division 2 last Saturday but that was as close as they got to the ladder leaders. In an opening stand of 149, Russell White 132 not out and Andrew Sorensen 47 combined superbly, at a tick under a run-a-ball to put the Diggers in the boxseat.

In fact Sorensen's was the only wicket to fall in the OMK innings of 217 with White going on to pass the 100 without offering a chance, and Justin Greenwood knocking up 27 off 29 balls in a nice little cameo at the end. In a player-of-the-day effort, White followed up with 3/7 off five overs, sharing the wickets around with Greenwood 1/11, Harvey Sorensen 2/16, Ryan Watt 2/6 and the 501st gamer George Lomagno who took 2/7 off two overs in a fine display in the field by OMK.

In fact, all four of the top teams had a win on the day, none more important than Wonthaggi Club's who replaced their opponents on the day, Killy-Bass on percentage in fourth place when they chased down the modest target of 127 in the 36th over; Mitchell Davey 33 and Kyle McGregor 42 leading the charge in a "good team effort" from Club at McMahan Reserve.

Catches win matches

The aggregate score of the day was hit up at Royal Rhyll in the match between Phillip



Catch it! Phillip Island's Daniel McCausland in B2 at Rhyll lobs one to Foster's Nick Samat at midwicket where he is put down, going on to make 44 not out at the end of the innings.

Island and Foster but it may have been the catches that went down that robbed Foster of an away win. They gave lives to a couple of Sharks players before they went on to add useful runs, including Daniel McCausland who was dropped early at midwicket before going on to make 44 not out, figuring in two late partnerships with Drew Fusinato 16 and Tarryn Allan 11 not out to take the team's total from 172 to 238. The feature knock of the Sharks' innings, 73 by Sarith Angelo was chanceless,

however. The Tigers were up for the fight, when their turn came, with Jake Chaseling backing after having a hand in four Island wickets in the field, including a brilliant direct-hit run out from the boundary, to start the chase well with 24 before Andrew Pattie went on to make 96, tragically run out in reach of the three figures. Ultimately they got behind in the run rate and finished with a creditable 6/188 off their 40 overs. In the other B Grade Di-

vision 2 match at the East Campus, Nerrena was too good for Glen Alvie, polishing off their modest target of 112 in the 29th over. Brian Gannon was the stand out for Nerrena with 63 not out and while there was a clatter of wickets in the middle stages, Cameron Baudinette brought it home with a handy 23 not out. In the Glen Alvie innings, opener Steven Smith made easily the biggest contribution with 43 but was out in controversial fashion "obstructing field".



Luke Ashton of Leongatha Town leaves an Isaac Seuren delivery. A23_0324

Korumburra defends small total against MDU

B GRADE, DIVISION 1

AFTER choosing to bat, Korumburra has Trevor Allen (38) to thank for mustering sufficient runs to defend, the Cobras bowlers then delivering a strong performance with the ball to knock over Meeniyian Dumbalk United for a couple of runs less after the Demons were set just 79 for victory.

Tom Jenkin (15) was the only other Cobra to reach double figures with the willow, as Korumburra was dismissed in just under 19 overs on its home deck.

All five MDU bowlers got wickets with Simon McRae taking 3/24 off four overs, while Mike Olden claimed the valuable scalp of Allen and finished with a neat 2/8 from five overs.

Keiran Brown was the other multiple wicket taker for the narrowly beaten Demons, making a couple of top-order breakthroughs on his way to 2/22 in five overs.

Olden followed up his impressive exploits with the ball by making 22 runs, his opening partner Wayne Prosser managing 15.

However, the Korumburra bowlers wreaked havoc on the rest of the MDU lineup with Anthony Dyke's unbeaten nine the next best score.

Cobras skipper Shane Dole captured 3/7 at little more than a run per over, while teammate Scott Head managed 3/16 from four and a bit overs, and Bryce Riddell chimed in with a couple of wickets including that of MDU skipper Craig Hooper for a duck.

Phillip Island's Thomas Blackwell guides Sharks home against OMK

OUTTRIM Moyarra Kongwak almost succeeded in defending a moderate score but couldn't get the better of Phillip Island's Thomas Blackwell whose unbeaten 63 stood out like a beacon.

Blackwell strode to the crease at number three when his captain Kurt Lane was dismissed for 18 and despite wickets falling around him, he didn't look back.

Jaxon Hayes was damaging for OMK with 3/9 off just three overs, Nicholas Auddino the Diggers' other multiple wicket taker grabbing 2/18 from seven overs.

OMK started the match solidly after its skipper Luke Jones chose to bat at home, he and fellow opener David Creed putting on 35 runs for the first wicket before Jobe Williams bowled the Diggers skipper for 16.

While Creed went on to make a determined 46, OMK was dismissed for 116.

Kohen Beaumont (2/21) accounted for Creed, while his skipper Lane snavelled 3/12, both sending down their full eight-over allotments, with Andrew Tolley grabbing 3/23 off one over less.

Koonwarra L/RSL chases down imposing Imperials total

IN A round characterised by low B1 totals, Imperials and Koonwarra Leongatha RSL

defied the trend, the Cougars passing the challenging target of 207 with five wickets to spare, a blistering Isuru Darshana knock setting up the win. He faced just 39 balls but blasted 80 runs before being bowled by Kristian Gray.

Anthony Hunt (40), Kayden Scrimshaw (34) and Michael Thomas (31) were the other Cougars who contributed significantly with the bat.

Gray (3/47) was the only Imperials bowler to manage more than one wicket, while Isaac Bolge couldn't break through but was commendably economical, conceding just 27 runs in his eight overs.

Earlier, a dashing Clint Honeysett justified Imperials' decision to bat first, the number four batsman registering a dashing unbeaten 108 off just 95 balls.

Opener Gary Sauvarin (38) was the only other decent contributor with the bat but Imperials benefited from a generous extras tally of 33 that included 14 wides and four no balls.

Darshana preceded his stunning knock with 3/35 from seven overs.

Paris Buckley was the other Cougar to manage more than a single wicket, claiming a couple of top order victims in his 2/28 off eight overs.

Inverloch bowlers set up win over Town

WHEN a rain-shortened 28 over-a-side match got underway at Scorpion Park, home side Leongatha Town

soon found itself under pressure from the moment young opener Ethan Smith was knocked over for a golden duck, slumping to 4/9.

Inverloch's opening bowlers John Richardson and Isaac Seuren both proved disciplined and destructive.

Richardson made the first couple of dismissals and sent down six overs for a stunning return of 2/3, while Seuren's 2/12 at exactly two runs per over was also excellent.

Left handed batsman Colin Bruce did his best to resurrect the Scorpions' innings after coming to the crease at 3/8, going on to make 33 runs from 50 balls.

Levi Hickey and Lochlan May showed late resistance with the bat for Leongatha Town, both making 15 not out at better than a run a ball, the Scorpions mustering 7/88.

Inverloch's openers then laid the foundation for victory, Riley Harris making 32 and skipper Brett Debono 31.

However, the Leongatha Town bowlers staged a fight back, the Stingrays eventually only winning by four wickets, albeit with a little more than five overs to spare, with Jesse Dugard's determined 13 not out helping guide Inverloch home. Fletcher McLennen (3/21) and Smith (2/23) each sent down six overs, Smith putting his disappointment with the bat behind him to deliver a strong bowling performance on a challenging damp day.

B GRADE DIVISION 1

Phillip Island 8/119 d OMK 116
OMK - 1st INNINGS: D Creed 46, L Jones 16, J Hayes 0, Z Lamers 0, N Wylie 13, S Taylor 0, N Auddino 0, D Elford 5, H James 11*, B Maguire 0, B Furness 12
Bowling: K Lane 3/12, J Williams 1/34, H Arceo 1/15, K Beaumont 2/21, M Arceo 0/5, A Tolley 3/23
Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS: M Arceo 8, K Lane 18, T Blackwell 63*, K Beaumont 6, C Epifano 0, O Duggan 1, H Peppard 9, A Finlayson 3, ATolley 4, J Williams 3*
Bowling: H James 1/33, S Taylor 1/15, J Hayes 3/9, B Maguire 0/12, Nick Wylie 0/14, N Auddino 2/18, Z Lamers 1/17

Korumburra 78 d MDU 76
Korumburra 1st INNINGS: T M Allen 38, P Beadel 1, M Allen 6, S Dole 8, T Jenkin 15, T Morrison 0, S Head 4, M Olden 3, A Damon 0, B Riddell 0, G Edwards 0*
Bowling: K Brown 2/22, A Richardson 1/19, M Olden 2/8, S Mcrae 3/24, C Hooper 1/4
MDU - 1st INNINGS: W Prosser 15, M Olden 22, J Bright 1, C Hooper 0, S Mcrae 9, T Zukovskis 6, G Cockledge 0, A Dyke 9*, D Feild 0, A Richardson 3, K Brown 3
Bowling: S Head 3/16, Mathew Olden 0/14, B Riddell 2/18, S Dole 3/7, A Damon 1/18

Inverloch 6/89 d Town 7/88
Town - 1st INNINGS: A Fixter 5, E Smith 0, L Ashton 2, S Clark 0, C Bruce 33, F McLennan 7, N Fixter 1, L Hickey 15*, L May 15*
Bowling: J Richardson 2/3, I Seuren 2/12, D Cashin 1/11, J Bowring 2/25, C Newman 0/15, A Mankhong 0/17
Inverloch - 1st INNINGS: R Harris 32, B Debono 31, A Mankhong 4, G Eddy 2, J Dugard 13*, J Richardson 1, J Bowring 0, J Rowe 4*
Bowling: S Clark 0/17, L Hickey 0/23, F McLennan 3/21, E Smith 2/23, A Fixter 1/3, L Ashton 0/1

Koon L/RSL 5/208 d Imperials 6/206
Imperials - 1st INNINGS: G Sauvarin 38, K Gray 5, F Botha 1, C Honeysett 108*, J Ballagh 11, J Forrester 10, C Richards 0, C Bruce 0*
Bowling: L Read 0/27, P Buckley 2/28, I Anushka 0/13, I Darshana 3/35, M Boswell 0/44, W Cashin 0/27, T Collins 1/17
Koonwarra L/RSL - 1st INNINGS: I Darshana 80, M Thomas 31, K Scrimshaw 34, A Hunt 40, T Collins 5, B Anderson 2*, P Buckley 3*
Bowling: A Casey 0/47, I Bolge 0/27, K Gray 3/47, J Ballagh 0/9, J Jeffery 0/24, J Forrester 1/14, C Bruce 0/23, F Botha 0/14

B GRADE DIVISION 2

Nerrena 4/115 d Glen Alvie 112
Glen Alvie - 1st INNINGS: S Smith 43, H Smith 4, J Tiziani 20, D Hale 0, A Russell 10, VK Gopal 6, N Thatcher 0, G Hynes 2, P Loos 0, L McRae 5
Bowling: E Berryman 1/11, S Checkley 3/10, C Baudinette 0/11, D Grigg 0/15, R Checkley 1/22, J Donohue 4/25, C Dougherty 0/15
Nerrena - 1st INNINGS: B Gannon 63*, R Jefferis 0, S Checkley 16, J Cann 0, C Marinou 5, C Baudinette 23*
Bowling: D Hale 0/11, A Russell 0/2, G Hynes 1/8, L McRae 2/27, N Thatcher 1/43, P Loos 0/21

OMK 1/217 d Korumburra 10/71
OMK - 1st INNINGS: R White 132*, Private player 47, J Greenwood 27*
Bowling: T Sorrell 0/33, D Scott 0/32, Fill-in 0/30, S McKinnon 0/28, P Churchill 1/50, H Scott 0/37
Korumburra - 1st INNINGS: P Churchill 5, C Turton 13, Fill-in 2, D Scott 1, T Sorrell 8, M Patten 7, Fill-in 10, A Knight 1, M Foote 3, H Scott 0, S McKinnon 1*
Bowling: M Sawyers 0/13, R White 3/7, J Greenwood 1/11, H Sorensen 2/16, R Wyatt 2/6, G Lomagno 2/7

Phillip Island 6/238 d Foster 6/188
Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS: T Asurumuni 9, S Angelo 73, T Hornsby 15, C Wilson 32, D Ivey 1, D McCausland 44*, D Fusinato 16, T Allan (c) 11*
Bowling: A Pattie 1/30, J Guganovic 0/49, S Chaseling 2/27, J Chaseling 1/58, R East 0/20, S Webber 0/19, B Busuttill 1/25
Foster - 1st INNINGS: J Chaseling 24, B Busuttill 13, S Chaseling 2, B Gay 0, A Pattie 96, J Guganovic 4, R East 24*, Fill-in 9*
Bowling: D McCausland 3/21, T Allan 0/20, S Angelo 0/44, T Hornsby 2/26, B Marshall 0/25, Z Hughes 0/25, A O'Brien 0/12, D Fusinato 0/9

Club 7/131 d Kilcunda-Bass 6/127
Kilcunda-Bass - 1st INNINGS: B Waldron 6, S Oates 51, St Williams 6, R Gardiner 46*, J Havetta 0, D Clay 3, A McBride 1
Bowling: A Babu 1/17, C Fraser 1/13, L Anstey 1/14, W Speed 0/21, J Sheerin 1/13, S Liddle 2/45
Club - 1st INNINGS: J Sheerin 0, M Davey 33, L Sawyer 14, K McGregor 42, J Lici 1, W Speed 10, L Anstey 7*, C Prosser 6, C Fraser 11*
Bowling: R Duff 3/18, D Clay 1/27, J Havetta 0/14, T Stacey 1/14, B Waldron 1/29, A McBride 1/27



LEFT: Foster bowler Jarryd Guganovic couldn't make any headway against the strong Phillip Island batting in B2 at Rhyll on Saturday, finishing with 0/49 off 8 overs.



Foster's B2 opener Jake Chaseling gets his team's response to Phillip Island's run-a-ball total off to a good start, slashing at one outside off stump.



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A2: Jaydan Tregear (Kilcunda-Bass) 74 ; Nick Arnup (Koon L/RSL) 3/16

B1: Clint Honeysett (Imperials) 108* ; Shane Dole (Korumburra) 3/7

B2: Russ White (OMK) 132* ; Jack Donohue (Nerrena) 4/25

C: Blake Insall (Phillip Island) 72* ; Ben Pugh (Nyora) 4/4

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A GRADE, Division 1			A GRADE, Division 2		
Phillip Island	78	2.052	Nyora	90	1.658
Club	78	1.572	Foster	90	1.574
Town	78	0.943	Glen Alvie	66	1.279
OMK	54	0.887	Koonwarra L/RSL	66	1.203
Imperials	54	0.796	Kilcunda-Bass	54	0.898
Korumburra	54	0.666	Club	42	0.817
Inverloch	42	0.905	MDU	42	0.810
Nerrena	42	0.765	Nerrena	30	0.470

B GRADE, Division 1			B GRADE, Division 2		
OMK	90	1.968	OMK	90	1.759
Inverloch	90	1.492	Nerrena	78	1.249
Phillip Island	90	1.313	Phillip Island	78	1.189
Korumburra	54	1.135	Club	54	1.212
Town	54	0.809	Kilcunda-Bass	54	1.174
MDU	42	0.817	Foster	54	0.805
Koonwarra L/RSL	42	0.662	Korumburra	42	0.468
Imperials	18	0.503	Glen Alvie	30	0.614

C GRADE		
Nyora	72	2.089
Phillip Island	60	1.398
Glen Alvie	54	0.845
Inverloch	48	0.922
Town	48	0.679
Koonwarra L/RSL	42	0.458
MDU	36	2.276
Kilcunda-Bass	36	1.142
Korumburra	30	0.487

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RND 11 - SATURDAY
JAN 20 & 27

A GRADE, Division 1		
Imperials v Korumburra	LeonTurf	Ian Salmon
Town v Nerrena	Scorpion 1	Ash Stride
Town v Phillip Island	Won Turf	John Schelling
Inverloch v OMK	Inv Turf	Ken Schrimshaw

A Grade, Division 2		
Nerrena v MDU	Nerrena	Geoff Parkinson
Foster v Nyora	Foster GC	Graham Wightman
K-Bass v Korumburra	Bass 1	Les White
Club v Glen Alvie	Dalyston	Brad Phillips

B GRADE, Division 1		
MDU v Town	Meeniyon	Michael Ryan
OMK v Inverloch	Outtrim	Ozzie Williams
P-Island v Koon L/RSL	Newhaven	Geoff Wyatt
Korumburra v Imperials	Kor Turf	Neil Grabham

B GRADE, Division 2		
OMK v P-Island	Digger Park	No Umpire
Glen Alvie v Club	Glen Alvie	David Fusinato
Nerrena v Foster	L Velodrome	No Umpire
Korumburra v K-Bass	Poowong	No Umpire

C GRADE		
MDU v Phillip Island	Dumbalk	No Umpire
Town v Glen Alvie	Leongatha SC	Michael Heenan
Nyora v Koon L/RSL	Poowong	No Umpire
K-Bass v Korumburra	Bass 2	No Umpire
Inverloch- BYE		

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Jake Dennerley was impressive for the Stingrays, taking 5/43.

Dempsey back for another ton

A GRADE, DIVISION 1

EMMETT Dempsey went back-to-back with another ton for Wonthaggi Club against Inverloch on Saturday.

Despite losing opening batsman Mitch Thomas early at 1/29, Dempsey charged to a massive run tally of 106 off 59 balls with an incredible nine sixes.

A catch by Stingray Callum Asbury eventually ended Dempsey's reign at 3/134.

Inverloch's fielding side worked hard to stifle the rest of Club's innings, with Jake Dennerley giving his own outstanding performance.

Dennerley wreaked havoc on Club's batting order, claiming 5/43.

However, another 58 runs from Lochlan McLean had Club sitting comfortably at 9/248.

The Stingrays went into its innings on a mission.

The opening partnership of Jack Butcher and Walter Taberner got the chase off to a bright start with 84 including 56 and 50 runs respectively.

Dylan Clark then added 32 runs.

But Club spinner James Sheerin started to turn the tables with 4/40 off 7 while Mark McCall was tight with 3/36 off 8. Inverloch finished its innings with 9/199.

Town claw a win from the Imperials

IN A thriller, Town edged out the Imperials to secure a win on Saturday by the narrowest of margins in a shortened contest.

Both teams had only 25 overs to put up a competitive score with Imperials winning the toss and electing to bat first.

The opening partnership of Luke Rogers and Nick Eddy started strong with 35 runs each.

Mark Lafferty and Rowen McLennan rounded out the innings with 18 and 19 respectively. Both were not out at the end of the innings.

Town bowlers Darcy and Rhett Hume each claimed two wickets.



Wonthaggi Club's Emmett Dempsey produced his second ton in as many weeks, recording 106 off 59 balls and smashing nine sixes.

The Imperials were left to defend 5/134.

Town's opening batsman Amila Ratnaike top scored with 47 runs before he was bowled by Rogers. Captain Jesse Giardina contributed 24 runs.

Imps captain Lachie Wright claimed 2/26, with Rogers taking 2/27. Town just got over the line by a run, finishing off its 25 overs with 7/135, Darcy 12* and Jack Hume 5* getting them home.

Red Caps too strong

A 72 run effort from Loc Roberts saw Nerrena record a win over OMK.

Playing at home, Nerrena won the toss and chose to bat first.

Roberts opened the batting with captain Mitchell Clark.

A catch from Noel Creed dismissed Clark at 1/34, as Roberts continued his run.

Roberts was caught by Thomas Wyatt at 6/132.

Josh Checkley contributed 21 runs to the tally.

OMK captain Jacob Lamers claimed 2/22 and Ethan Lamers took 2/21.

Nerrena finished its innings comfortably with 7/146.

Nerrena bowler Josh Trease made it difficult for OMK to make its mark on the scoreboard, bowling the opening partnership of Jake Cochrane and Ethan Lamers at 1/20 and 2/36 respectively.

Captain Koby Brann later hit 48 runs before a catch from Kade Berrymann had him sidelined.

Mitch Clark returned figures of 3/18, with Timothy Wightman taking 3/32.

Ryan Clark was also a multiple wicket taker.

OMK was short with a final tally of 10/120.

Cobras shellshocked

DANIEL Mock left Korumburra hurting after he was just shy of a ton for Phillip Island on Saturday.

Playing at the Newhaven Recreation Reserve, Phillip Island won the toss and elected to bat first.

Opening batsman Lachlan Cleeland was dismissed at 1/51, and Mock ran the show with Brodie Johnston from there.

Johnston accumulated a respectable 77 runs and Mock made it to 92 off 80 balls.

Multiple wickets were taken by Thilakarathna Dilshan and Levi Gooch, but the damage had been done.

Phillip Island was confident in its ability to defend 5/226.

Dilshan went on to top score for Korumburra with 36 runs before he was caught by Cleeland.

Hemal Ratnayake added 18 runs, but the rest of the innings was quiet from the Cobras.

Phillip Island bowler Simon Kirton claimed 3/14, with Max Royal and Zac Brown claiming two each.

Rattled by the might of Phillip Island, Korumburra conceded defeat at 10/113.

A GRADE DIVISION 1

Club 9/248 d Inverloch 9/199	
Club – 1st INNINGS	
Mitch Thomas c: J Strickland b: H Butcher	2
Emmet Dempsey c: C Asbury b: J Dennerley	106
Ben Walsh lbw: A Donohue	19
Ryan Thomas b: J Dennerley	15
Josh Andrighetto lbw: A Donohue	0
Joel Brann c: A Donohue b: J Dennerley	14
Lochlan Mclean run out: D Newman	58
Alexander Geyer b: J Dennerley	0
James Sheerin b: J Dennerley	21
Mark McCall not out	4*
Ryan Birkett not out	0*
Extras (5w, 1nb, 3lb)	9
Total 9 / 248 (36 Overs)	
Bowling: C Asbury 7-0-48-0 (1w, 1nb), H Butcher 7-1-38-1, J Donohue 3-0-32-0, D Clark 4-0-53-0, A Donohue 8-1-31-2 (2w), J Dennerley 7-0-43-5 (2w)	
Inverloch – 1st INNINGS	
Jack Butcher b: J Brann	56
Walter Taberner c: ? b: M McCall	50
Andrew Donohue c: B Walsh b: M McCall	1
Dylan Clark st: B Walsh b: J Sheerin	32
David Newman c: R Birkett b: M McCall	3
Jake Dennerley st: B Walsh b: J Sheerin	29
Rhys Newman st: B Walsh b: J Sheerin	3
Jacob Strickland c: E Dempsey b: J Sheerin	8
Jack Donohue b: M Thomas	7
Callum Asbury not out	3*
Harry Butcher not out	2*
Extras (2w, 3b)	5
Total 9 / 199 (36 Overs)	
Bowling: R Thomas 4-1-22-0 (1w), R Birkett 5-0-29-0 (1w), J Brann 7-0-50-1, M McCall 8-1-36-3, J Sheerin 7-0-40-4, M Thomas 4-0-16-1, A Geyer 1-0-3-0	
Town 7/135 d Imperials 5/134	
Imperials – 1st INNINGS	
Luke Rogers c: A Ratnaike b: D Hume	35
Nick Eddy c: J Hume b: R Hume	35
Timothy Sauvarin lbw: D Hume	4
Mark Lafferty not out	18*
DW Arachchige c: J Giardina b: R Abeysinghe	6
Samuel Vagg c: R Abeysinghe b: R Hume	5
Rowen McLennan not out	19*
Extras (6w, 1nb, 4lb, 1b)	12
Total 5 / 134 (25 Overs)	
Bowling: PG Rajapakshage 5-0-19-0, J Hume 3-0-12-0 (1w), D Hume 5-0-22-2, J Williams 2-0-22-0 (4w), R Abeysinghe 5-0-29-1, R Hume 5-0-25-2 (1w, 1nb)	
Town – 1st INNINGS	
Ron Abeysinghe c: L Anderson b: L Wright	14
Amila Ratnaike b: L Rogers	47
Jesse Giardina run out: L Wright	24
Josh Williams b: L Rogers	0
DLMP Gallage c: T Sauvarin b: A Williams	5
Pandukabhaya Jayasinghe run out: L Wright	10
Rob Eddy c: DW Arachchige b: L Wright	8
Darcy Hume not out	12*
Jack Hume not out	5*
Extras (7w, 3lb)	10
Total 7 / 135 (25 Overs)	
Bowling: L Wright 5-0-26-2 (1w), L Anderson 3-0-15-0 (3w), T Sauvarin 5-0-16-0 (1w), N Eddy 5-0-30-0, A Williams 3-0-18-1 (2w), L Rogers 4-0-27-2	
Nerrena 7/146 d OMK 120	
Nerrena – 1st INNINGS	
Mitchell Clark c: N Creed b: P Dell	14
Loc Roberts c: T Wyatt b: E Lamers	72
Jarrod Hoy b: J Lamers	5
Hayden Funnell lbw: J Lamers	0
Timothy Wightman c: T Wyatt b: J Cochrane	6
Josh Checkley run out: P Fermanis, M Riaz	21
Ryan Clark b: E Lamers	0
Darcy Berryman not out	5*
Caine Salmon not out	8*
Extras (8w, 6lb, 1b)	15
Total 7 / 146 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: M Riaz 6-0-23-0 (1w), P Dell 8-4-10-1, J Lamers 6-1-22-2 (3w), J Cochrane 8-1-30-1 (1w), T Wyatt 8-0-33-0 (2w), E Lamers 4-0-21-2 (1w)	
OMK – 1st INNINGS	
Jake Cochrane b: J Trease	8
Ethan Lamers b: J Trease	19
Paul Fermanis st: H Funnell b: T Wightman	10
Mudassar Riaz c&b: M Clark	9
Koby Brann c: K Berryman b: R Clark	48
Thomas Wyatt c: D Berryman b: M Clark	0
Jacob Lamers c: H Funnell b: T Wightman	8
Noel Creed c: H Funnell b: T Wightman	3
Adam Busana lbw: R Clark	0
Clayton Quaife lbw: M Clark	2
Peter Dell not out	2*
Extras (4w, 2nb, 3lb, 2b)	11
Total 10 / 120 (35.2 Overs)	
Bowling: J Trease 8-1-16-2, J Hoy 5-0-27-0 (2w), T Wightman 8-1-32-3 (2nb), R Clark 7-0-22-2, M Clark 7.2-0-18-3 (2w)	
Phillip Island 5/226 d Korumburra 113	
Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS	
Lachlan Cleeland c: Z Barrett b: L Gooch	21
Brodie Johnston c&b: T Dilshan	77
Daniel Mock c: D Whelan b: T Dilshan	92
Shiran Rathnayake c: J Whiteside b: L Gooch	3
Eli Richards c: H Rathnayake b: N Christensen	5
Thomas Niven not out	4*
Simon Kirton not out	5*
Extras (12w, 7lb)	19
Total 5 / 226 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: J Whiteside 8-0-41-0 (1w), T Crocker 6-0-33-0 (4w), T Dilshan 8-1-46-2, L Gooch 8-0-42-2 (3w), H Rathnayake 4-0-24-0 (2w), N Christensen 6-0-33-1 (2w)	
Korumburra – 1st INNINGS	
Tom Crocker c: L Cleeland b: S Kirton	0
Jason Richards b: S Kirton	9
Thilakaratna Dilshan c: L Cleeland b: M Royal	36
Jacob Whiteside c: D Mock b: S Rathnayake	5
Rumesh Rangana c: S Rathnayake b: M Royal	7
Hemal Rathnayake c: T Niven b: Z Brown	18
Noah Christensen run out: D Mock	9
Zachary Barrett stumped b: Z Brown	2
Jye Celebrine run out: D Mock	14
Levi Gooch b: S Kirton	6
Daniel Whelan not out	0*
Extras (5w, 1nb, 1lb)	7
Total 10 / 113 (34.3 Overs)	
Bowling: S Kirton 6-3-14-3, T Niven 3-0-12-0 (2w), S Rathnayake 4.3-0-21-1, M Royal 6-1-26-2 (1nb), T Niven 6-1-18-0, Z Brown 5-2-7-2 (1w), H Womersley 3-0-14-0 (2w)	



Koonwarra/LRSL's Nick Arnup was in form, claiming 3/20 against Glen Alvie.

Nyora remain top of the table

A GRADE, DIVISION 2

LADDER leader Nyora recorded another win after coming up against MDU at Meenyan on Saturday.

MDU won the toss and elected to bat first.

Mitch McGrath opened for the home side and added 59 runs to the account before he was run out by Jake Henry.

Captain Joel Sinclair and Mitchell Hooper were listed third and fourth in the order and contributed 29 and 28 respectively.

Nyora bowler Aidan Simmons kept MDU's score within reach by taking 3/18.

MDU finished off its 40 overs with 7/144.

Nyora captain Henry Dolphin led his team towards the win with 48 runs before a catch by Troy Sinclair sent him to the sidelines.

Aaron Kraddatz later top scored with 49 runs before another catch from Sinclair dismissed him.

Wicket taking was shared between Sam Bright, Mc-Grath and Zak Bright.

Nyora passed MDU with three overs remaining with the score at 6/146.

Tigers rattle Club

FOSTER bowler Brad Coates made a statement against Wonthaggi Club when he snared opening batsman David Britt lbw for a golden duck.

Coates went on to claim 3/26, including the dismissal of the other opening batsman Stewart Beaumont at 3/12 during a crucial spell for the Tigers.

Jayden Burns and Luke McGuirk brought Club back when they added 29 and 27 respectively.

Jack Weston and Harvey Griggs were multiple wicket takers for Foster.

Club took to the field needing to defend 9/127 with oster having a slow but steady innings.

The opening of partnership of Jack Gay 16 and captain Jake Best 17 set the scene with 38 and with Weston adding 18 they were on their way until Mitchell Allott delivered the knock-out blow with the top score



Glen Alvie's Scott Peatling keeps his eyes on the ball.

of 30 not out.

Club kept the game competitive with multiple wickets falling to Heath Dobbie, Jai Williamson and Sean Roche but Foster ultimately claimed the win with 7/131.

Sharks outclass the Red Caps

KILCUNDA-Bass put in a strong performance against Nerrena at the Bass Recreation Reserve on Saturday.

The home team won the toss and batted first, setting the brisk pace for the day.

Opening batsman Ash Larcombe retired not out with 10 runs, afterwhich the Sharks produced an on-slaught of runs.

Aaron Conron made 33 before he was bowled by Mitchell Croatto at 1/58, Matthew Grayson recorded 64 runs before he was run out at 2/192, and co-captain Jaydan Tregear ensured victory with an impressive 74 run haul off 87 deliveries.

Ultimately, he was bowled lbw by Zak Trease at 4/203.

Trease was Nerrena's top bowler, claiming 2/39.

Kilcunda-Bass' 5/221 was too big of an ask for the Red Caps.

Trease continued his form with a top score of 34 runs, but the team could not match the momentum.

Sharks co-captain Ryley Duff put the pressure on Nerrena, taking 3/26.

Chris Peckett also claimed multiple wickets.

Nerrena finished off its 40 overs with 9/140.

Glen Alvie overpowered by Koony bowlers

GLEN Alvie was outdone by the bowling prowess of Koonwarra L/RSL on Saturday.

Battled out on the Butch West turf in Wonthaggi, the Cougars won the toss and chose to put Glen Alvie through its paces first.

Opening batsman Matthew Donohue started strong with 41 runs before he was sidelined by Azhar Mehmood.

Vice captain Ben McRae contributed 30 runs to the tally.

However, a series of ducks and golden ducks stunted Glen Alvie's run.

Koonwarra L/RSL bowlers Nick Arnup and Mehmood kept the game within their grasp, claiming 3/16 and 3/20 respectively.

Matt Cooke also claimed multiple wickets.

Glen Alvie ended its inning with 10/118.

A catch from Andrew Dakin dismissed opening batsman Cooke at 1/20, but it didn't take long for the Cougars to make up the ground.

Opening batsman Amad Mujtaba hit 32 runs and Mehmood continued his top performance with 45 not out.

Glen Alvie bowler Zack Scholz took 2/22.

The game went to the Cougars with a total of 3/119.

A GRADE DIVISION 2

Foster 7/131 d Club 9/127	
Club – 1st INNINGS	
David Britt lbw: B Coates	0
Stewart Beaumont c: M Jones b: B Coates	8
Jy Hull c: H Griggs b: J Weston	1
Harry West c: ? b: J Weston	11
Jason O'Reilly c: M Jones b: J Gay	17
Jayden Burns c: J Best b: E Smith	29
Luke McGuirk c: B Coates b: H Griggs	27
Jai Williamson c: B East b: H Griggs	1
Heath Dobbie b: B Coates	3
Fraser West not out	11*
Sean Roche not out	6*
Extras (8w, 3nb, 1lb, 1b)	13
Total 9 / 127 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: B Coates 6-0-26-3 (3w, 1 nb), J Weston 8-1-13-2 (1w, 1nb), J Gay 8-0-24-1, J Staley 8-1-35-0 (2w), H Griggs 8-1-20-2 (1nb), E Smith 2-0-7-1 (2w)	
Foster – 1st INNINGS	
Jack Gay c: ? b: J Williamson	15
Jake Best b: H Dobbie	17
Jake Staley run out: L McGuirk	12
Mitchell Jones c: ? b: S Roche	10
Ben East lbw: S Roche	1
Brad Coates c: S Beaumont b: J Williamson	5
Jack Weston c: ? b: H Dobbie	18
Mitchell Allott not out	30*
Eddie Smith not out	0*
Extras (15w, 3nb, 6lb)	24
Total 7 / 131 (37.3 Overs)	
Bowling: F West 8-2-19-0 (3w), L McGuirk 6-1-33-0 (7w), H Dobbie 9-2-22-2 (1w), J Williamson 8-3-9-2 (2w), S Roche 4.3-0-32-2 (1w, 2nb), S Beaumont 2-1-11-0 (1w)	
Kilcunda-Bass 5/221 d Nerrena 9/142	
Kilcunda-Bass – 1st INNINGS	
Ash Larcombe retired not out	10
Aaron Conron b: M Croatto	33
Matthew Grayson run out	64
Jaydan Tregear lbw: Z Trease	74
Allan Bedford c: M Croatto b: Z Trease	2
Paul Palmer not out	5*
Ashley Oats c: ? b: W Croatto	3
Todd Smith not out	8*
Extras (17w, 1nb, 4lb)	22
Total 5 / 221 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: J Checkley 8-1-45-0, A Gannon 6-0-24-0 (2w, 1nb), M Croatto 3-0-20-1 (4w), W Croatto 7-0-39-1 (6w), T Harris 5-0-33-0 (3w), D Trotman 3-0-17-0, Z Trease 8-0-39-2 (2w)	
Nerrena – 1st INNINGS	
Dave Trotman lbw: M Grayson	15
Billy Trotman c: M Grayson b: C Peckett	8
James Kelly c: A Bedford b: R Duff	18
Joel Renden c: J Tregear b: C Peckett	10
Mitchell Croatto run out: B Rookes	19
Zack Trease b: R Duff	34
Patrick Johnston c&b: R Duff	2
William Croatto c: P Palmer b: A Bedford	5
Tyson Harris not out	18*
Jaxon Checkley c: A Conron b: B Rookes	0
Archie Gannon not out	7*
Extras (6w)	6
Total 9 / 142 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: T Smith 8-0-13-0, B Rookes 8-0-38-1 (3w), M Grayson 7-1-25-1 (1w), C Peckett 7-0-19-2 (1w), A Bedford 4-0-21-1 (1w), R Duff 6-2-26-3	
Nyora 6/146 d MDU 7/144	
MDU – 1st INNINGS	
Matt Olden run out	2
Mitch McGrath run out: J Henry	59
Joel Sinclair b: A Simmons	29
Mitchell Hooper c: L Row b: A Kaddatz	28
Matt Martin b: M Rowe	4
Troy Sinclair lbw: A Simmons	2
Kurt Sinclair c: G Hackett b: A Simmons	4
Sam Bright not out	5*
Mark Cantwell not out	0*
Extras (6w, 5b)	11
Total 7 / 144 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: A Kaddatz 8-1-19-1 (2w), M Rowe 8-0-31-1, A Simmons 8-0-18-3 (1w), A Thompson 8-0-30-0 (1w), L Row 5-1-26-0, H Dolphin 3-0-15-0 (2w)	
Nyora – 1st INNINGS	
Henry Dolphin c: T Sinclair b: Z Bright	48
Daniel Esler run out: J Sinclair	0
Jake Henry run out: J Sinclair	9
Jake Hackett c: ? b: M McGrath	2
Aaron Kaddatz c: T Sinclair b: S Bright	49
Gavin Hackett run out: Z Bright	1
Aaron Thompson not out	14*
Aidan Simmons not out	3*
Extras (17w, 1nb, 2lb)	20
Total 6 / 146 (36.2 Overs)	
Bowling: S Bright 8-1-23-1 (2w), M Cantwell 7.2-0-22-0 (4w), J Palmer 7-0-29-0 (2w), M McGrath 5-1-24-1 (3w), Z Bright 4-0-24-1 (2w, 1nb), M Hooper 5-0-22-0 (4w)	
Koon L/RSL 3/119 d Glen Alvie 118	
Glen Alvie – 1st INNINGS	
Matthew Donohue c: A Mehmood b: N Arnup	41
Scott Peatling b: J Thomas	14
Nathan Findlay b: N Arnup	0
Stephen Kennedy c&b: M Cooke	9
Matthew Dakin c: N Arnup b: M Cooke	0
Ben McRae b: A Mehmood	30
Zack Scholz b: A Mehmood	1
Andrew Dakin not out	4*
Dean Williams c: ? b: N Arnup	1
Sam Watson run out	0
Archie Donohue b: A Mehmood	0
Extras (10w, 1nb, 5lb, 2b)	18
Total 10 / 118 (30.5 Overs)	
Bowling: J Thomas 5-0-24-1 (5w), N Arnup 7-1-16-3 (1w), A Mehmood 6.5-0-20-3 (1w, 1nb), C Buckland 4-0-17-0 (1w), M Cooke 4-1-14-2, B Smith 3-0-16-0 (1w), A Mujtaba 1-0-4-0 (1w)	
Koonwarra L/RSL – 1st INNINGS	
Matt Cooke c: A Dakin b: N Findlay	7
Amad Mujtaba c: N Findlay b: Z Scholz	32
Callum Buckland b: Z Scholz	20
Azhar Mehmood not out	45*
James Rushton not out	7*
Extras (2w, 1lb, 5b)	8
Total 3 / 119 (28.2 Overs)	
Bowling: M Dakin 6-0-22-0 (1w), N Findlay 6-2-24-1, B McRae 7-2-10-0 (1w), Z Scholz 6-1-22-2, S Kennedy 2-0-19-0, D Williams 1-0-14-0, S Watson 0.2-0-2-0	

Sailors compete in Tarwin River Marathon

SOUTH Gippsland Yacht Club held its Tarwin River Marathon on Sunday afternoon.

Three classes were involved in the marathon – A Class featured five Catamarans, B Class with eight racing dinghies and C Class with four slower dinghies.

A staggered start saw C Class begin the marathon at 12pm, followed by B Class at 12.30pm and A Class at 1pm, with most returning around the 3pm mark.

The course took the sailors 400 metres from the mouth of the Tarwin River and back.

“We had good winds – around 18 knots, which is quite enough for boats of this size,” Commodore Simon Wilson said.

“It was a fairly straightforward sail. We were able to sail on one predominate tack pretty much two thirds of the way. Around Mahers Landing there’s a bit of a dogleg and you have to go around and back up again, so there was a bit of tacking involved there, but otherwise a lovely reach all the way down to Mahers Landing and a much gentler return coming back. It was good fun.”

This year’s event was sponsored by the Broadbeach Inverloch Health Club.

The Tarwin River Marathon has been a fixture on the Yacht Club’s calendar almost every year since 1984.

Sailing in Inverloch comes with its challenges due to the current, but sailors have faced other challenges during the marathon in the past.

“On this occasion we started an hour before high tide,” Simon said.

“It used to just have a start time and, regardless of the tide, you had to battle your way through. That’s actually quite hard because it was a lower tide and the tide was coming against you, you’d have those factors to contend with.”

The Yacht Club began its jam-packed 2023/24 season at the

end of October, with events planned for every Sunday, and most Saturdays and public holidays, until the end of April.

Races were held on Saturday for the Derek Despy Medal.

Derek Despy – now in his mid-90s and still a member of the club – used to be one of the boat drivers.

The winners of Saturday’s small series were presented with a medal in his honour.

The club is also looking forward to its major event, the 10th Inverloch Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta, set to be held on February 17 and 18.

With a mix of races and boats to be viewed on display, the Regatta is expected to draw in a crowd.

The Wonthaggi Citizens’ Band will also be entertaining club attendees on the Saturday afternoon, ahead of the regatta dinner.

More information can be found on the club’s website.

The club’s membership numbers are continuing to swell, particularly off the back of a series of successful sailing lessons.

“We ran sailing lessons last week over a couple of days. Twelve or so participants were already club members but were new to sailing. They were able to take the club boats out to practice,” Simon said.

“The other five or six participants became club members, so it was a 100 per cent success rate.”

“It’s always a bit of a challenge to get younger people along to these things, but there seems to be a lot of interest in the sailing lessons.”

The South Gippsland Yacht Club prides itself on its welcoming, family friendly atmosphere – regardless of skill level and class of boat – and encourage newcomers to stop in on a Sunday to see what the club is all about.



The Tarwin River Marathon took place on Sunday afternoon.



Bodhi Horton, Evie Sampson, Ruby Sampson, Niamh Dowson and Xavier Duckmantan are among the young members at the South Gippsland Yacht Club.

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