



Triumph and talent

There was reason to celebrate last Wednesday night at Meeniyah Town Hall as South Gippsland's awardees were announced including Young Citizen of the Year Charli Ogden, Citizen of the Year Ian Rasmussen and Event of the Year Meeniyah's 40th Anniversary Tavern Night's Tarnya Wilson, Avril van Wamel and June Powell.

CHARGES LAID OVER SHOOTING

POLICE have linked two men with the non-fatal shooting of a 42-year-old Wonthaggi man, in the town's residential area, in the early hours of Sunday morning, January 12.

One of them is a 28-year-old Wonthaggi North man who appeared in the Latrobe Valley Magistrates Court last Wednesday, January 15 in relation to a list of serious offences arising out of the shooting incident.

He was arrested last Monday night by detectives from the Armed Crime Squad and subsequently charged with firearms, drugs, driving and reckless conduct offences.

While a summary of the shooting

incident wasn't tendered to the court, court documents reveal he has been charged on eight counts, including dangerous driving endangering life, recklessly causing serious injury, intentionally causing injury, prohibited person using a firearm, driving while disqualified, and possession of drugs namely cannabis and 1-4 butanediol.

He was remanded in custody by Magistrate Cecily Hollingworth to appear at the Latrobe Magistrates Court on Friday, April 4.

He subsequently appeared in the Korumburra Magistrates Court last Thursday, January 16, by video link from Morwell, on unrelated matters.

Bomb in the boot

Police also issued a statement last Tuesday, January 14 about the shooting incident in Fahey Street Wonthaggi, claiming they had charged two men.

However, while the 24-year-old Leongatha man referred to in the police statement was charged with other, apparently unrelated offences, police say he was interviewed in relation to the non-fatal shooting at Wonthaggi but not charged.

Instead, police arrested the Leongatha man in relation to a different incident in the early hours of Tuesday morning.

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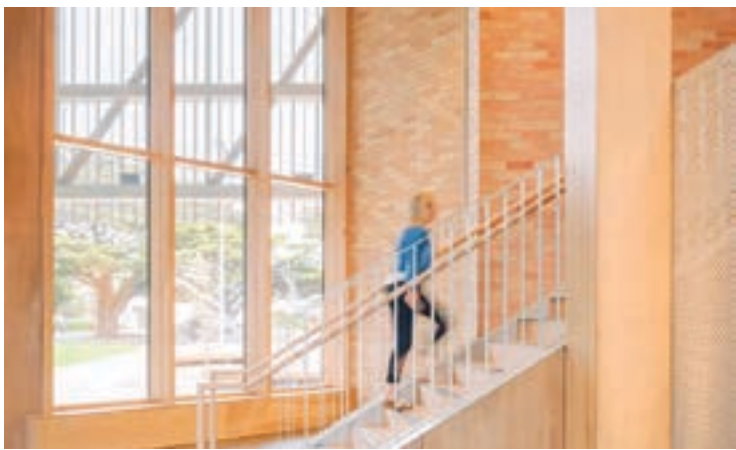
Berninneit tested again for Passivhaus

THE on-going saga around the failure the Bass Coast Shire Council's \$32 million cultural centre at Cowes to achieve Passivhaus certification will start a new chapter next month when Level One of the building is closed for "additional internal work".

According to the shire, these works "will involve internal investigations and rectifications, which will require the Level One office to be closed temporarily" between February 3 and February 26, ahead of further evaluation for Passivhaus certification, including airtightness testing.

It has not been disclosed by the shire whether these "rectifications" will be permanent or if contractors for the shire's builders, McCorkell Constructions, will again use sticky tape and other measures to temporarily seal windows, doors, vents and other openings in an effort to achieve Passivhaus certification, as they did unsuccessfully on two occasions in May last year.

Among other standards, the building must not have air changes per hour greater than 0.6 m3/h.m3 @50 Pa in order to meet the stringent requirements of Passivhaus and achieve the



Level One of the \$32 million Berninneit cultural centre in Cowes, occupied mainly by Bass Coast Shire Council staff, will be closed for most of February while "rectification" work is carried out ahead of further evaluation for Passivhaus certification.

energy cost savings which were among the reasons for pursuing these higher standards.

The cost of additional insulation, higher quality window frames and glazing, airtightness detailing and increased labour effort in the pursuit of Passivhaus accreditation has been quoted at between \$1.2 million (by design consultants Egis) and \$2 million (shire source) over and above the cost of the Berninneit project.

In advising Council of the

benefits of adopting Passivhaus standards, Egis said:

"By accounting for rising energy prices over time into a real-time payback calculation, the team found that the Passivhaus uplift could be paid off in as soon as 10 years. This accelerated payback period is due to the compounding effect of on-site renewable energy, energy savings and the anticipated escalation in energy costs, making the initial investment much more attractive.

"The renewable energy strategy on Berninneit revolves around the large roof area available for solar panels. The team designed a 125-kW system which generates approximately 150 kWh of energy per year. Although this does not generate sufficient energy to meet the next tier of Passivhaus which is Passivhaus Plus, this is able to supply at least half of the annual energy requirements for the building."

Despite so far failing in its brief to achieve Passivhaus certification, Berninneit has already claimed two prestigious architecture awards:

- 2024 Victorian Architecture Awards – The William Wardell Award for Public Architecture.
- 2024 Australian Interior Design Awards

The ground floor areas will remain unaffected, according to a statement by the shire but please note the following details for Level One:

- Closure Period: February 3 to February 26.
- Access Restrictions: Level One (above the library) will not be accessible during this period.
- There are two community groups that will be impacted but otherwise, impact on the public should be minimal.



Police cornered off Baillieu Street East last Tuesday as the Police Bomb Squad Response Unit attended the scene for an improvised explosive device.

Charges laid over shooting

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"Police were called to a suspicious vehicle on Quarry Street (Wonthaggi) when the driver attempted to flee just after 3am," said police.

"The vehicle got bogged and the driver attempted to run from the scene before he was subsequently arrested.

"Police seized what is believed to be an improvised explosive device and homemade firearms from the vehicle."

The problem for police was exacerbated when they transferred the car, which allegedly had its boot bolted shut, to the police carpark in Baillieu Street East, at the rear of the Wonthaggi Police Station, for further investigation and subsequently found bomb components inside.

The area was cordoned off for several hours until the Police Bomb Response Unit attended the scene and deemed the device safe.

The man was charged with unlicensed driving, negligently dealing with the proceeds of crime, two counts of trafficking a drug of dependence, two counts of possessing a prohibited weapon, possessing ammunition without a licence, possessing cannabis, and being a prohibited person in possession of a firearm and a prohibited person possessing an imitation firearm in relation to a series of separate matters.

He also appeared at Latrobe Magistrates' Court last Wednesday.

The investigation into the non-fatal shooting in Wonthaggi on January 12, where a local man was shot in the upper body, is ongoing.

Anyone with information in relation to the incident or illicit firearm activity in the area is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a confidential report at crimestoppersvic.com.au.

Parliament to hear Newhaven Jetty debate this February

TO LOOK at it, there's absolutely no outward sign at all that the jetty at Newhaven isn't perfectly safe for land-based anglers to dangle a line.

The strong concrete piers that march out into the Narrows, look to be in good condition, more than adequate to accommodate the popular holiday pastime.

But for months the jetty has attracted discussion and controversy and following the success of a public petition, the banned jetty will go up for debate in State Parliament on Wednesday, February 19.

The petition calls on the State Government to commit to saving the Newhaven Jetty and to deliver funding and a timeline for its reopening in consultation with locals.

Leading the debate on behalf of the recreational fishing community and local business



Eastern Victoria MP Melina Bath during a recent visit to the Newhaven Jetty with Parliamentary colleague Roma Britnell and locals.

is Shadow Minister for Public Land Management, Melina Bath.

"The Allan Government is at fault for failing to maintain the Newhaven Jetty and for

denying Parks Victoria funding for the repairs which forced its closure," Ms Bath said this week.

"Labor's do-nothing approach has had a gut-wrenching

social and economic impact.

"Documents obtained by my Freedom of Information investigation reveal the jetty could have remained open with maintenance and was high on the internal infrastructure priority list, facts Labor concealed," she said.

Ms Bath and her supporters are calling for a full engineering assessment to be undertaken to determine its structural integrity and load capacity.

"The decision to padlock out the public without accurate evaluation is despicable and a reflection of how dire Labor's financial mismanagement is," Ms Bath said.

During the debate, Ms Bath said Labor would be called on to reverse its decision to barricade locals out of a popular accessible recreational fishing platform.

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IN BRIEF

Acting CEOs announced for South Gippsland

CURRENT Director of Performance and Innovation Allison Jones will be Acting CEO for South Gippsland Shire Council, with that arrangement confirmed at Wednesday’s council meeting.

She takes on the new responsibility from February 8, remaining in the role until May 3, with council’s Director of Sustainable Infrastructure Tony Peterson stepping into the position of Acting CEO from May 4 until the appointment of a permanent CEO.

“It is expected that a permanent CEO will be appointed no later than 25 July 2025,” council stated.

Those arrangements follow the resignation of current CEO Kerryn Ellis in December, her last day of work at council being Friday, February 7.

“Appointing a new Chief Executive Officer is a big task and one that we are taking very seriously,” Mayor John Schelling said. “With Kerryn’s departure, we have big shoes to fill, but she is leaving our organisation with strong foundations firmly in place.”

Cr Schelling expressed confidence that Allison and Tony will do a terrific job as Acting CEOs, providing ongoing stability and professionalism, and congratulated them on their appointment.

Help shape future of South Gippsland Shire

COMMUNITY members are encouraged to contribute to the development of key plans for South Gippsland Shire through council’s ‘Shaping South Gippsland’, a major community engagement campaign.

“Starting January 26 and continuing until the end of February, the engagement will check whether the priorities outlined in the 2040 Community Vision still meet our community’s aspirations for the future of South Gippsland,”

council stated.

It will also provide an important opportunity for community members to contribute feedback toward the next Council Plan, which will drive Council’s direction and initiatives over the next four years.

Councils must maintain a long-term Community Vision that is regularly reviewed and develop a new four-year Council Plan with each incoming council.

The Shaping South Gippsland engagement campaign features an online and hard copy survey as well as councillor attendance at 18 community events or dedicated councillor ‘pop-ups’.

Additionally, councillors will attend several meetings with local stakeholders, such as the South Gippsland Youth Council, business groups, and the Access and Inclusion Committee.

This broad engagement aims to ensure a cross section of voices are heard from throughout the South Gippsland community.

“As part of Shaping South Gippsland, we want to hear from as many people as possible and I encourage everyone to get involved,” Mayor John Schelling said.

You can have your say at shapingsouthgippsland.com.au

Web says ‘retire to Leongatha’

THE worldatlas.com website which generates hundreds of articles about interesting places around the globe has labeled Leongatha one of the top seven ‘Welcoming Towns to Retire in Victoria’.

And in a list that includes Echuca, Port Fairy, Castlemaine, Sorrento, Beechworth and Queenscliff it’s not bad company.

Likely an AI-generated article highlights Leongatha as “a charming town of around 6000 residents”, with plenty for active seniors to do from riding the rail trail to playing golf at the “gorgeous 18-hole course” ranked in to top 100 public access golf courses in Australia.

You can’t beat good publicity!

It’s crunch time for leadership

ARE you passionate about your community and ready to take your skills to the next level?

A free online information session for this year’s Community Leadership Program is taking place tomorrow night (Wednesday, January 22) from 6pm – 6.30pm.

The 2025 South Coast Community Leadership Program is a free and exciting six-month course designed to help participants build their leadership skills, explore new ways of leading and connect with other like-minded local people. For the first time the program will have participants from Bass Coast Shire as well as South Gippsland Shire thanks to a partnership between the Councils.

The program will run from Saturday, 15 March until Sunday, 10 August and consist of professionally facilitated workshops to be held in towns across the two Shires. The workshops will cover a range of topics including emotional intelligence, creating community projects, community engagement and storytelling.

Applications for the Program close on Sunday, February 2.

The Program is open to individuals aged 18 and over. Participants must live, work or volunteer locally in Bass Coast or South Gippsland.

Changemaker Workshop to transform Leongatha communities

THE Australian Rural Leadership Foundation is excited to announce an upcoming Changemaker Workshop, a two-day leadership development workshop designed for individuals who want to play a more active role in the Leongatha communities and contribute to positive change.

The workshop aims to foster self-awareness, community engagement, resilience, leadership skills, and the ability to create

positive change while considering diverse perspectives and community wellbeing. The workshop will be held on February 6 – 7 at the Leongatha Golf Club. This is a fully subsidised workshop with catering included across both days. For more information or to register for this event, visit programs.rural-leaders.org.au/change-maker-region32-leongatha.

Applications open for Bass Coast Traineeships

BASS Coast Shire Council’s Traineeship Program is back for 2025 with applications closing February 2, 2025. Council’s Traineeship Program has offered 114 positions across a wide range of disciplines, with around 50 per cent of participants transitioning to permanent roles over the past 20 years. Successful applicants will commence in March, receiving structured training and support, flexible work arrangements, and pathways to internal opportunities. For more information and to apply visit basscoast.vic.gov.au/traineeship.

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- Wednesday, February 12: 9am – 6.15pm
- Thursday, February 13: 9am – 6.15pm
- Friday, February 14: 7.30am – 3.30pm
- Tuesday, February 18: 10.45am - 6pm
- Wednesday, February 19: 9am – 6.15pm
- Thursday, February 20: 9am – 6.15pm
- Friday, February 21: 7.30am – 2.30pm

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Nationals open nominations for a multi-cornered contest in Monash

THE federal seat of Monash has been thrown wide open with Russell Broadbent's departure from the Liberal Party leaving the way clear for The Nationals to field their own candidate in a four-way contest between the three major parties Liberal, Labor and The Nationals, and the Independents.

State Director of The Nationals, Lyndel Feery has officially opened pre-selection for the Federal Division of Monash with nominations closing at 5pm on Australia Day.

Russell Broadbent last won the seat of Monash for the Liberal Party in 2022 with 46 per cent of the primary vote and 57 per cent of the final vote after the distribution of preferences.

Broadbent previously served as the Liberal Member for McMillan from 1996 to 1998 and again from 2004 to 2019 before winning Monash as the Liberal incumbent.

McMillan was last held for the Country/National Party from 1972 to 1975 by Arthur Hewson a Korumburra-born Waragul dairy farmer who won the seat despite receiving only 16.6 per cent of the primary vote.

Hewson's low primary vote was at the time an Australian record for an elected representative.

Reportedly using Liberal blue how-to-vote cards rather than Country Party green Hewson snatched McMillan from the Liberals on a strong flow of preferences from the DLP and former Liberal incumbent turned independent Alex Buchanan.

Buchanan had represented McMillan for the Liberal Party since 1955 but after 17 years in the Federal Parliament lost Liberal Party endorsement.

Three years later Barry Simon regained the seat for the Liberals' only to lose it to Labor candidate Barry Cunningham



It's shaping up to be a four-cornered contest as Independent candidate Deb Leonard and Liberal candidate Mary Aldred waste no time speaking with constituents across the region.

in 1980.

McMillan became one of the most marginal seats in the country changing hands five times between the Liberals and Labor before Russell Broadbent locked down McMillan and then Monash for the Liberal Party in 2004.

Independent candidate for Monash, Deb Leonard polled 11 per cent of the vote in Monash in 2022 and is campaigning hard for the next Federal election. Ms Leonard has refused to be drawn on the likely flow of preferences.

"I don't like doing deals on preferences," said Ms Leonard.

Appearing at the recent Save Inverloch Foreshore rally in full election mode with volunteers dressed in Vote 1 Deb Leonard t-shirts the Independent candidate said she was passionate about climate change, small business and creating jobs.

"I'm running my own race," said Ms Leonard. "I've seen how rural and regional areas are taken for granted by the major parties."

Endorsed Liberal candidate

for Monash Mary Aldred was among those on stage for the Save Inverloch Foreshore rally.

Ms Aldred was acknowledged by former Liberal leader Alan Brown for continuing discussions with local residents, the surf lifesaving club, and local businesses to work on their behalf to push the State Government to act.

"Over the last 14 months I haven't wasted a minute getting out to listen to our local community," said Ms Aldred. "Cost of living, fixing our roads and investing in healthcare are the biggest issues raised with me."

"The coalition team has a comprehensive plan to get our economy back on track."

Ms Aldred believes that with the backing of the next coalition government her focus for Monash will be to deliver real local outcomes for infrastructure, health, and community.

"I have a deep and long-term commitment to our region with nearly two decades working for our community, including sporting clubs, Lifeline Gippsland, local aged care and

hospital boards, small business, and farming."

"My real life business experience, skills and energy will drive my determination to get things done for Monash," said Ms Aldred.

"I'm putting my best case forward to win the trust and confidence of a community I'm passionate about."

Eastern Region Upper House MP Melina Bath appears to have ruled herself out of pre-selection for Monash instead welcoming her appointment as Shadow Minister for Public Land Management.

Arthur Hewson represented Gippsland in the State Upper House.

Ms Bath said The Nationals' strong focus on public land management is a 'line in the sand moment'.

"Locally we have seen overgrown tracks, delayed upgrades to parks infrastructure and the closure of loved jetties," said Ms Bath. "I will prioritise active land management, including fuel reduction burning, weed and pest control, and ensuring public access to our state forests."

According to Ms Bath the Liberals and Nationals will prioritise balanced land management to preserve forests, enhance recreation, and deliver environmental benefits.

"Together with my Aboriginal Affairs portfolio I am eager to get started," concluded Ms Bath.

Monash incumbent Russell Broadbent MHR is yet to indicate whether he will run as an independent at the forthcoming federal election after losing Liberal party endorsement.

Labor and the Greens are yet to confirm candidates.

The primary vote for the Greens in 2022 was 9.9 per cent and Labor 25.6 per cent.



Youth assaulted in Coleman Park

POLICE are investigating a robbery on Thursday evening (January 16) at 6.50pm in Coleman Park, Korumburra.

It's understood two male victims (17-year-old and 18-year-old) were assaulted by six offenders, who proceeded to steal their money, shoes and clothing. One of the victims was taken to Wonthaggi hospital with superficial injuries from the assault.

A second individual (a 16-year-old), treated at the Royal Children's Hospital, is recovering from surgery after being run over by the victims during the incident, which is reported to have started initially from threats made by the victims to the offenders. Investigations are ongoing.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Bass Coast CIU on 5671 4100 or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000 or [crimestoppersvic.com.au/report-a-crime](https://www.crimestoppersvic.com.au/report-a-crime).

Cowes driver returns positive drug test

ON SATURDAY, January 18, around 5pm, Bass Coast Police from the Cowes Police Station were patrolling the Cowes shopping area when they conducted a routine intercept of a vehicle in Chapel Street.

It is alleged that the driver, a 49-year-old female from Cowes, returned a positive result for Methylamphetamine.

The female was served with 24-hour driving ban, and the female can expect to receive an infringement notice, and have her licence suspended for a period of six months.

Police nab drink and drug drivers

ON SATURDAY, January 18, during the afternoon and evening, police from the Bass Coast Highway Patrol, with the support of the Melbourne based Booze Bus, set up in Kilcunda, testing drivers for drugs and alcohol.

The results of the testing detected the following offences:

- A male driver returned an alcohol reading of 0.086 and tested positive for drugs.
- A female tested positive for drugs.
- A female returned an alcohol reading of 0.056.
- A male tested positive for drugs.

Bass Coast Highway Patrol and the Booze Bus were out again on Sunday and will continue to set up drug and alcohol testing stations around the district on a regular basis until the end of the summer holidays.

"Your local police in Bass Coast and South Gippsland remain committed to removing impaired drivers from our roads, and as you can see, we do detect these impaired drivers, so please think before you drive when you should not be," said police.

Firefighters turn out in droves to suspicious fire in wetlands



INVESTIGATIONS are underway into a fire in Wonthaggi Wetlands Conservation Park on Thursday, January 16.

Wonthaggi Fire Brigade, Inverloch Fire Brigade, Dalyston Fire Brigade, Bass Coast Police and Wonthaggi Paramedics attended the blaze in the scrub which is understood to have burnt approximately 100sq metres of scrub,

and bushland on the outskirts of the park.

The blaze, behind homes and businesses along Mortimer Street, via the Poplar Street Wetlands access produced a column of smoke that could be seen rising from the site from across Wonthaggi.

Anyone with information contact Bass Coast CIU on 5671 4100.

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Poisoning of coastal vegetation and sign vandalism

BASS Coast Shire Council have released a statement after signs highlighting vandalism along coastal vegetation were defaced.

“In response to previous deliberate acts involving poisoning of coastal vegetation along the Inverloch Foreshore path in the vicinity of Toorak Road and Ramsay Boulevard Inverloch, Council installed two ‘Tree Vandalism’ signs.

“These signs acknowledge the act of vandalism and occupy the space as if there was vegetation until it regrows.

“Last week, these signs were defaced with spray paint. Unfortunately, our Maintenance Team has been unable to clean the signs without damaging the sign. The existing signs will remain in place until replacements can be sourced.

“Following further deliberate poisoning of vegetation in the area, Council will install an additional sign further along the Inverloch foreshore.

“The Inverloch Foreshore is a much-enjoyed part of our community, attracting visitors and contributing to our local economy. These actions impact on the beauty of the foreshore and increase the risk of coastal erosion, threatening the long-term sustainability of the beach and surrounding community assets.

“Council urges everyone to respect and protect our environment for current and future generations.

“If you happen to witness or know how the damage to our vegetation is occurring, these matters can be reported to Council. Reports can be made anonymously.”

Renewable energy debate this Wednesday

FOR a community conversation about what real climate action looks like local residents are invited to join Deb Leonard and prominent local energy expert Tony Wolfe for an engaging discussion on energy transition, job creation, and the future of renewable energy at Dirty Three Wines in Inverloch on Wednesday, January 22 from 6pm - 8pm.

Tony Wolfe was a senior plant operator at the Loy Yang coal-fired power station in the Latrobe Valley for over 40 years.

“Mr Wolfe has been at the forefront of advocating for fair job transition plans for coal workers and is a vocal supporter of renewable energy projects and currently serves on the community advisory board for the Star of the South offshore wind farm,” said Ms Leonard.

“The climate crisis demands immediate and decisive action, and I want our region to be at the forefront of Australia’s transition to renewable energy. This is an opportunity for people to hear directly from an expert like Tony, who knows the challenges and opportunities we face.

“Urgent climate action isn’t just about reducing climate pollution it’s about ensuring our community thrives in a cleaner, safer future.”

The community event is free and open to all.

Commemorating the lives of Tunnerminnerwait and Maulboyheenner

TASMANIAN Aboriginal men Tunnerminnerwait and Maulboyheenner were remembered in Wonthaggi this week by the Bass Coast Reconciliation Network. The two Aboriginal men were tragically hanged in Melbourne in 1842.

The annual commemoration event serves as a solemn remembrance and acknowledgment of the injustices faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples during colonisation.

Tunnerminnerwait and Maulboyheenner were two young men convicted in relation to the death of two whale hunters in the Western Port area and subsequently became the first individuals publicly hanged in Melbourne. The men were not permitted to give evidence during their trial.

Originally labelled ‘blood-thirsty outlaws’ Tunnerminnerwait and Maulboyheenner are now rightfully recognised as freedom fighters who resisted colonial occupation.

The commemorative event took place at Wonthaggi’s Wishart Reserve with a Welcome to Country, smoking ceremony and guest speakers.



Uncle Mark Brown from the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation providing a Welcome to Country.

Mary Mutsaers, a representative of the Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group said the Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group was honoured to be part of the 2025 Tunnerminnerwait and Maulboyheenner commemoration.

“From a small beginning this moving commemoration has grown into an annual event attended by over 100 people,” said Ms Mutsaers.

“By gathering together, we acknowledge our commitment

to truth-telling and justice for all.”

Bunurong Elder Uncle Anthony Egan shared poignant reflections on the historical injustice.

“Tunnerminnerwait and Maulboyheenner were the first people to be hanged by the Government in the District of Port Phillip.

“This injustice of wrongful treatment toward our Aboriginal clansmen leading to their deaths was abhorrent.

“These freedom fighters

were doing what all did which was to protect the Peoples of our Nations.

“We, therefore, honour and pay respect to them on January 20 each year and acknowledge all who suffered, now with ancestors in peace.”

Kate Adams a representative of the Bass Coast Reconciliation Network highlighted the network’s commitment to creating a culturally safe space.

“The Bass Coast Reconciliation Network is proud to support this annual event.

“We want to provide a culturally safe space for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and the broader community to come together to acknowledge and remember this horrific act in our state’s history.

“Truth-telling is an important step towards reconciliation, and this is an opportunity for non-Indigenous people to listen, learn, and reflect.”

Around 150 people attended yesterday’s event, up on last year, with one community member noting “It’s good to see more community members taking an interest in our shared local history.”

Maree Clarke wins competitive Berninneit art commission

RENOWNED Victorian multi-disciplinary artist, Maree Clarke, has been awarded a lucrative commission to produce the feature piece of public art for the \$32 million Berninneit cultural centre.

A proud Yorta Yorta, Wamba Wamba, Mutti Mutti, and Boon Wurrung woman, her work ‘Made from Memory’ was purchased by the National Gallery of Australia in 2017 in recognition of the 50th Anniversary of the 1967 Referendum.

A competitive Expressions of Interest process was held from August to September last year, prior to the November council elections, with Maree’s selection confirmed following onsite interviews at Berninneit, Cowes.

The budget for the purchase of a suitable piece of public art is \$140,000.

According to Council, Ms Clarke was selected for her emphasis on community participation through a series of workshops, at Berninneit from Friday, January 31 to Sunday, February 2, celebrating the unique local character



Community members have the opportunity to help create the Murrini glass canoe, alongside renowned artist and curator Maree Clarke, that will be suspended from the roof of the Grand Hall at Berninneit in Cowes.

and history by sharing traditional Aboriginal ways of travelling and living on the island, one of the prerequisites of the Public Art Commission.

Her vision for the commission centres on a Murrini glass canoe, formed from glass sections arranged during the public workshops.

The canoe references the

connection to waterways and travel while the glass captures the microscopic elements of the river. The play of light and colour reflects the sparkle of the local wetlands and ocean that surrounds Phillip Island.

Mayor of Bass Coast, Cr Rochelle Halstead, is encouraging everyone to get involved and share in the creativity.

“This is your chance to work with the extraordinary First Nations artist, Maree Clarke, and leave your mark on a piece that will inspire generations to come. Imagine future generations looking up at this breathtaking glass canoe, suspended in Berninneit’s Grand Hall, representing our community’s creativity and collaboration,” said Cr Halstead.

“I can’t wait to see how the light dances through the glass, telling stories of First Nations culture while celebrating the pride we all share in this special place.”

The selection of Maree Clarke is in line with the Bass Coast Shire Council’s new ‘Art Collections Policy’ developed in August last year giving precedence in acquisition not only to works that demonstrate artistic excellence but also that increase gender equity in number and value and promote a greater appreciation of Aboriginal art and culture.

For more information and to RSVP to participate in the workshops, visit basscoast.vic.gov.au/yawa-longjourney.



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Jetty jumpers anger Inverloch boaties accessing new facility

TEENAGE jetty jumpers at the new Inverloch jetty have local residents seeing red.

“It is difficult to pull up boats to the jetty because of swimmers,” said one fisherman.

“The signs say no jumping from the jetty.”

“There is also no lifesaving ring at either the new Inverloch jetty or Maher’s Landing,” the fisherman noted.

Finished on-budget, and on-time the new jetty ticks all the boxes according to another local resident but few can use the new facility because of the danger posed by jumpers.

“The contractors did a fantastic job, but you can’t use it,” said the resident who is keen to see a new boat ramp as well at Inverloch.

Avoiding many of the criticisms of the Maher’s Landing boat ramp the Inverloch jetty is at least twice the width of the Maher’s Landing jetty but Maher’s Landing has another problem according to boat users.

“People with small boats can’t use the big boat ramp at Maher’s Landing because they have trouble backing.

“They would prefer to get their feet wet than to tackle the big ramp.”

“Both ramps at both Inverloch and Maher’s Landing need regular pressure cleaning,” said the fisherman.

“At least once a fortnight.”

Pier jumping at jetties is not a new problem to the Bass Coast and Gippsland Lakes.

Life Saving Victoria (LSV) and



Teenage jetty jumpers anger the locals at new Inverloch boat ramp. B31_0325

Parks Victoria warn swimmers to think before they jump or dive from piers and jetties to minimise the risk of spinal cord injury.

Hundreds of spinal cord injuries are reported each year and Life Saving Victoria says nine per cent of these injuries are caused by water-related accidents.

Despite regular patrols of piers and upgraded signage across all public jetties people are not heeding the warnings.

According to Parks Victoria diving from piers and jetties might seem like a good idea on a hot day but in reality it is an extremely dangerous practice.

“People don’t realise that water depths change daily as a result of the tides, sand movement and

submerged debris.”

Independence Australia, a disability service and support organisation for those with spinal injuries, says young men in particular are ignoring the warnings and not thinking before they jump or dive around waterways.

“Males aged 15 to 35 years are at the highest risk of acquiring a spinal cord injury, yet a common cause of these injuries is water or diving related activities.

“We encourage people to find a safe point from which to enter the water to swim and enjoy the beach this summer.”

Gippsland Ports has also warned of the danger of swimming from wharves and jetties.

Swimming in areas where boats

are operating is extremely dangerous according to Gippsland Ports and can result in death or serious injuries.

“Most boats are powered by propellers which are sharp and spin at high speed, and swimmers in the water are sometimes very difficult for boat operators to see.”

Boat propeller injuries, if not fatal, are always serious usually resulting in severe disfigurement, prolonged rehabilitation, ongoing disability, and permanent impairment.

If you are looking for a place to swim, instead of jumping from a jetty or wharf please swim at a designated patrolled beach. Visit the BeachSafe App for more details on beaches near you.

Police and community nail e-bike pests

A PUBLIC campaign to identify the youths terrorising pedestrians and other motorists in Cowes seems to have borne fruit for police with the mystery e-bike riders identified.

Police posted a plea on Bass Coast Eyewatch over the weekend seeking information about two youths “who have been causing significant issues in the Cowes area in recent weeks”.

“The youths are riding overpowered (illegal) e-bikes at speeds believed to be between 80km/h and 100 km/h, and have been having deliberate near-misses with vehicles and pedestrians, and have been inciting police to chase them. The actions have been extremely dangerous and are putting people at risk, especially as they have been on footpaths and in congested roads.”

However, in a later message this week, police have thanked the community for the response.

“Thank you... your local police are confident that they have identified the youths involved, and these youth will be processed for crime and traffic offences.”

If you witness anti-social behaviour such as what was occurring please contact 000 at the time, and police will investigate.

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I'll be back! Arnie-style pothole causes unending frustration

POTHLES that have caused chaos for two years on the South Gippsland Highway in Lang Lang are leaving locals furious at long wait times and dangerous driver behaviour.

Two lanes have been forced to merge into one on the northbound lane of the highway, because of large potholes, continuously causing congestion for hundreds of metres during busy weekend and holiday periods.

It is the major and only direct route for holidaymakers travelling back to Melbourne from popular tourist spots such as Phillip Island, where the population triples in the summertime.

Smaller backroads like McDonalds Track are also becoming busy and backed up with drivers trying to avoid the notorious section of road.

Locals are now actively avoiding the road during peak holiday times and while locals are aware of conditions and drive accordingly, behaviour from other drivers is cause for concern with people flashing their lights and roaring dangerously up the lefthand side and cutting off other cars, due to the delays.

Locals say they are sick of attempts to fix the potholes, which open up again soon after patching and predictably lead back to the same problems.

"The pothole opposite the Shell Service Station has been



Locals are furious at reoccurring potholes on the South Gippsland Highway at Lang Lang, causing hours of traffic delays and congestion as two lanes have been merged into one for the past three weeks.

nicknamed 'Arnie' by the locals, as in the Arnold Schwarzenegger quote, 'I'll be back!' As it always returns as soon as there's heavy traffic, like school holidays, bikes at the Island or heavy rain," stated one local resident.

"The guys come and put a band-aid fix on it by filling the hole, but they never fix it properly. In order to fix it, they need to dig up an entire section of the road and re-lay it, which it seems they either don't have the budget for or just don't care.

"Locals are really sick of the temporary fixes and crazy traffic hold-ups when they reduce the road to just one lane, and just want it fixed correctly

once and for all."

State Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale MP, is seeking more information from the relevant authorities on why the lane on the stretch of highway has been closed for the past three weeks.

"I have raised and escalated this over the holiday period a number of times and know this is causing a lot of frustration and significant travel delays too," stated Ms Crugnale.

"As an update, crews have been working since Thursday evening January 16 to repair this stretch of road and I'm advised both lanes are on track to reopen early next week."

The Department of Transport and Planning have



confirmed night works are taking place with the lane scheduled to be reopened by today, Tuesday, January 21.

They also state that other repairs have recently been completed on the outbound section of the highway and post-work inspections have indicated that there are no further issues.

"I'd like to thank everyone for their immense patience as this stretch of the South Gippsland Highway in Lang Lang gets back up and running," said Ms Crugnale.

Urgent road maintenance issues can be reported by calling 13 11 70 or online at vicroads.vic.gov.au/contact-us/feedback-and-enquiries.

Community resilience grants now open

COMMUNITY groups working with disadvantaged residents affected by damaged water mains may be eligible for grant of up to \$10,000 from South Gippsland Water.

A precautionary boil water advisory notice was issued for Fish Creek in July last year.

South Gippsland Water issued the notice after one of its water mains was damaged by an external contractor.

As part of South Gippsland Water's commitment to customers and service standards the lifting of the boil water advisory triggers a \$10,000 community grant.

South Gippsland Water Managing Director Robert Murphy said the grant was an integral part of South Gippsland Water's response to the incident.

"We feel strongly that a grant that supports the community or builds capacity to face future incidents or emergencies is something we can do in the wake of these events," said Mr Murphy.

"It is envisioned this grant may help customers who are struggling or help improve the wider community's ability to cope when something goes wrong."

The Community Resilience Grant is designed to support members of the Fish Creek community experiencing vulnerability including those experiencing financial or social disadvantage or provide capacity-building or preparedness within the Fish Creek community to respond to current or future incidents or emergencies.

The grant is open to non-profit Fish Creek-based community groups or organisations.

It is a one-off grant with a total value of \$10,000 and may be a single grant or multiple smaller grants depending on the applications received.

Applications are open now and close 5pm February 28, 2025.

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

2025 Australia Day Awards

Last week, South Gippsland’s Australia Day Award nominees were celebrated at a ceremony held at the Meeniyah Hall (Meeniyah Mechanics Institute).

The awards recognise the individuals and organisers who work, often unassumingly, to make our region better by supporting events, assisting with programs and through their involvement with community associations.

South Gippsland Shire Council would like to thank and congratulate all of the nominees in this year’s awards. Without further ado, here are our Australia Day Award recipients.

Citizen of the Year: Ian Rasmussen

Ian embodies energy, dedication and passion for community service. Being the secretary and treasurer of the Leongatha Senior Citizens Club as well as heavily involved with the Lions Club, Girl Guides,

hall committees and other community groups, it’s hard to wrap your head around how he does it all. He doesn’t view his extensive volunteer work as a burden but as a fulfilling and enjoyable part of his life. His readiness to help wherever needed and his ability to juggle multiple responsibilities with enthusiasm make him a cherished and respected figure in the South Gippsland Community.

Young Citizen of the Year: Charlotte Ogden

At 19 years of age, Charlotte showcases an impressive cv of volunteering and youth advocacy. From representing our region on the Victorian Youth Congress, and being part of the 1st Inverloch Scouts Group, to playing a vital role in the co-creation of the Victorian Youth Strategy, Charlotte demonstrates strong leadership and a positive drive for change. Driven by her passion for

the ecosystem, she is currently pursuing a Diploma in Conservation and Ecosystem Management, with the goal of contributing to a greener future.

Community Event of the Year: 40th Anniversary Tavern Nights

A cherished part of the Meeniyah and broader South Gippsland community, the Tavern Nights celebrated their 40th anniversary with a star-studded lineup of local entertainers. For years the Tavern Nights have provided a sense of community and an opportunity for budding performers to hop on the stage and give it their all. Giving back to the local community, Tavern Nights are more than just a concert; they are a celebration of community resilience, creativity, and connection.

To read the full bios of our Australia Day Award winners and nominees, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiaday

COUNCIL MEETINGS

The next Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 19 February 2025 at 2.00pm.

Details will be available on Council’s website:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/CouncilMeetings

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COMMUNITY GRANTS

South Gippsland Shire Council’s second round of Community Grants are now open.

Community Grants are an opportunity for Council to give back to local clubs and community groups who give so much to others.

Grants can be used for both minor and major projects and equipment, planning and developing reports, and festivals and events.

For more information and to apply, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants

REQUEST FOR TENDERS

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

RFT/423 – Korumburra Commercial Street - Hub Pedestrian Link

Tenders close 2.00pm AEDT on Tuesday 21 January 2024.

Documentation is available from Council’s e-Tendering Portal

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders

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Kongwak Butter Factory development given the go-ahead

DESPITE ongoing opposition from many Kongwak residents, owners of the Kongwak Butter Factory have received approval from the Victorian Government to restore the historic buildings and construct additional facilities on surrounding land.

Owners Gemma Cosgriff and Damien Backholer said they are incredibly proud to have received the long-awaited planning permit approval for the redevelopment.

“Planning approval is a major milestone for this project and is testament to the resilience and commitment of all those who have worked tirelessly to bring this vision to life,” Gemma said.

They believe the project is an investment in the future of Kongwak and surrounding areas that will honour the town’s history and celebrate the arts, culture and local produce of the region.

“Our vision has always been to breathe new life into the historic buildings for visitors from near and far to enjoy, whilst respecting environmental and agricultural values of the site and improving town amenity,” Gemma said.

Planned uses for the buildings include a new general store, restaurant, art gallery, and event space while the broader site will include an artist residence, 39 new accommodation suites and a market garden to support the restaurant.

“We also look forward to further engaging with local producers and connecting with more businesses that may be interested in supplying or selling their produce and products,” Gemma said.

While the go-ahead for the project is positive for some, others, like many of the locals living in Kongwak itself, some less than 50 metres from the site, are less enthusiastic.

Save Kongwak Group (SKG) was formed by a number of Kongwak residents who have been fighting the size of the project



Owners of the Kongwak Butter Factory, Gemma and Damien Backholer are pleased their proposed redevelopment of the site and surrounding land has been approved by the Victorian Government.



Redevelopment of the Kongwak site will include a general store, restaurant, art gallery, event space and 39 new accommodation suites, with anticipated to commence soon.

since its inception and have closely followed developments.

While they are not opposed to a moderate redevelopment, they are concerned about the impact of the large-scale development on the environment, noise, infrastructure and peacefulness of the hamlet.

“The permits got approved, but there’s a bunch of different caveats on the approval, and some of them are quite significant victories for us,” said a spokesperson for SKG.

These include amendments to original plans such as the relocation of the main access to the end of the Avenue of Honour, rather than through the middle of it, the residency villa is to be moved

back 100 metres from the boundary due to a nearby organic farm, being required to use specific material and foliage to conceal three large tanks, modifications to the flood modelling, denied putting in a bus stop in town, restricted opening hours, and required to adhere to various agency standards with other elements of the development.

“From our perspective, our major concerns are the noise, the sewage, and the impact to our local towns traffic and parking,” said the SKG spokesperson who acknowledged there is a lot of work to be done yet.

“The other piece of the good news here for our group is that they’ve got to pay for it, build it,

and then they’ve got to run it and staff it.”

Gemma and Damien have stated that the construction will start soon, with completion expected in 2026, in time to celebrate the 130th anniversary since the Kongwak Butter Factory was built.

However, some longtime locals may not stick around to see it come to fruition.

“They bring this development to the town, a hamlet of 50 people, and there are a number of people in the area that are considering leaving because, I mean, what would you do if they wanted to put a loud music venue right next to your house?” asked the SKG spokesperson.

Ready to disconnect? Exploring the side effects of social media ban

THE contentious social media ban is officially going to come into action toward the end of this year, with internationally ubiquitous apps like Snapchat, TikTok, Facebook, Instagram, and X all to be legally barred for those under 16, as stated in the Online Safety Amendment (Social Media minimum Age) Bill.

Apps like YouTube, ROBLOX, and popular chat platforms like Reddit and Discord are still being considered and will most likely be included in the ban.

Over 77 per cent of Australians believe this social media ban is for the best (YouGov Survey), with the aim of the ban consistent with Article 17 (encourage the development of appropriate guidelines to protect children from information and material that harms their well-being) and Article 19 (Governments to take measures to protection children from violence, abuse and maltreatment) of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).

A ban will protect young children from the harms of social media, yet it doesn’t eradicate or reduce the harm that is still present on these platforms for users worldwide and still within Australia. Removing a group, in this case under 16s, does reduce the impact of the issue, but does

By Jasmine Ruffin, a Bass Coast teen breaks down the essential facts for the upcoming social media ban

not fully target the issue overall.

While social media companies have argued this is a “20th-century response to a 21st-century issue”; some young individuals feel like the “angry old people” enforcing this ban are “threatening” their online communities which they have fostered and been a part of their whole lives.

Lucas Lane, teenager and co-founder of Glossy Boys; an inclusive nail polish brand for all individuals on the gender spectrum told the BBC that this ban “affects me and doesn’t affect the people making the law” highlighting how a majority of those in parliament, a generation raised without social media platforms are making decisions about online spaces dominated by younger people.

For many LGBTQIA+ young people; this ban may remove them from essential connections with their community and further isolate them. A survey conducted by the Australian government and E-safety commissioner ‘Tipping the balance’ (regarding LGBTQIA+ teens’ experiences negotiating connection, self-expression and harm

online) found that 51 per cent of LGBTQIA+ teenagers felt like they could be more themselves on online platforms than in real life; 11 per cent higher than the national average of 40 per cent.

Amy Seargent told the ABC that the internet was her ‘lifeline’ that supported her through her early years of transitioning. Amy additionally illustrated how in a school of 1000 people, a transgender person may be the only individual part of the LG-BTQIA+ community within that environment, further portraying how focal connections through social media allow young people to access their communities, especially when it is often hard to find them in real life.

Continually, there is significant discomfort regarding the age verification process, where social media users of all ages are concerned about the rising idea of using biometrics (facial and voice scanning), as well as ID verification to confirm a user’s age. Biometric and age verification technologies are still in their ‘infancy’ (Amnesty International Australia), and fears are circulating about trusting companies with such sensitive identity information when they are notorious for abusing individuals’ rights to privacy; especially in the light of such recent breaches in the last

couple of years such as the Optus data breach which affected over 10 million customers.

Similar feelings of unease are linked to the age of criminal responsibility; where a child as young as 10 can be arrested (the age of criminal responsibility is 10 for all states except for the ACT where it is 14 and Victoria, where the age of criminal responsibility is set at 12 years), held in police cells, hauled before courts and locked behind bars, and yet, might not even be able to legally scroll on Instagram.

Furthermore, there are also growing fears that children who have already been exposed to social media will find alternative apps that are significantly less regulated and increasingly more dangerous. Where the introduction of the ban will only push young children down a darker side of the internet, contradicting the ban’s goal of protecting those under sixteen from the harms of social media.

Further discussion is to occur and undoubtedly changes to the ban will happen. What we do know is that a social media ban is coming for those under 16 and the future of youth social media engagement in Australia will be majorly impacted for better or for worse.

Mayor’s Message



Cr John Schelling



HELLO South Gippsland.

On Wednesday evening, I was excited to celebrate some of the amazing people who make our community so exceptional. The South Gippsland Australia Day Awards are always a great opportunity for locals to receive a pat-on-the-back for the work they do.

I’d like to warmly congratulate this year’s award recipients:

- South Gippsland Citizen of the Year – Ian Rasmussen.
- South Gippsland Young Citizen of the Year – Charlotte (Charli) Ogden.
- South Gippsland Community Event of the Year – 40th Anniversary Meeniyen Tavern Nights.

All nominees in all categories have an impressive list of achievements to their name, which highlights the depth of excellence we have in South Gippsland.

If you’d like to read more about the achievements of the nominees and winners, you can do so at: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiaday

Shaping South Gippsland engagement

With a new Councillor group now on board, now is the perfect time to put together our new Council Plan and ensure our Community Vision 2040 still reflects our community’s aspirations.

This is an extremely important time for the South Gippsland community to get along to the events on offer (which start this weekend) and provide their feedback to a Councillor or complete a survey. All information collected helps us decide on the priorities for the next four years.

To find an event near you or complete a survey, please visit: www.shapingsouthgippsland.com.au

Community Events

Last weekend I attended the Korumburra Swap Meet, which was packed full of people from near and far. I also went along to the Loch Market.

Every time I go to a local event, I’m reminded of the fabulous work our region does. Our monthly markets draw in crowds that then stay on and enjoy the beauty we have to offer, especially during the warmer months.

If you’re new to the area and looking for a way to get involved in the community, one of these events could be the perfect place to start.

Thank you to everyone who is involved in these events and makes them so successful.

Footpath Extensions

Connectivity in our towns is extremely important.

It is great to see connections to the Yarragon Road, Leongatha Industrial Estate being completed and Castle Street in Mirboo North.

Acting CEO Arrangements

At an Additional Council Meeting on Wednesday 15 January, Councillors endorsed the interim Chief Executive Officer arrangements.

I’d like to congratulate Allison Jones and Tony Peterson for being appointed to the role while we search for a permanent replacement. Thank you for putting your hand up to support the organisation and community during this time of transition.

Back to school
eye-sentials, tick an
eye test off your list!

AS THE school year approaches, parents are busy ticking off back-to-school checklists: uniforms, stationery, lunch-boxes. But there's one essential that often gets overlooked – your child's eye health. A simple eye test could be the key to unlocking your child's full potential in the classroom and beyond.

Vision and Learning: An
Unbreakable Link

Did you know that up to 80 per cent of what children learn is visual? Reading, writing, using computers, and even participating in sports all rely on clear, healthy vision. However, many children don't realise they have vision problems because they assume everyone sees the way they do.

Undiagnosed vision issues, such as myopia (short-sightedness), astigmatism, or even focusing problems, can significantly impact academic performance. A child who struggles to see the board or read a textbook may appear distracted or fall behind, when the real issue is their vision.

Early Detection is Key

Regular eye tests are the best way to ensure your child's vision is sharp and their eyes are healthy. Even if your child hasn't complained about their eyesight, an annual test is crucial – especially before the school year begins. Eye exams can detect conditions early, often before noticeable symptoms appear, preventing long-term issues and ensuring your child is ready to excel.

Common Signs of Vision
Problems

While an eye test is the most reliable way to check for vision issues, keep an eye out for these signs:

- Squinting or sitting too close to the TV.
- Complaints of headaches or tired eyes.
- Difficulty reading or concentrating.
- Losing their place while reading.

The Role of Technology

With increased screen time from on-line learning and digital devices, children are at a higher risk of digital eye strain. An eye test can also identify if your child needs protective measures, such as blue-light filtering lenses, to reduce the impact of screen time on their eyes.

Set Your Child Up for Success

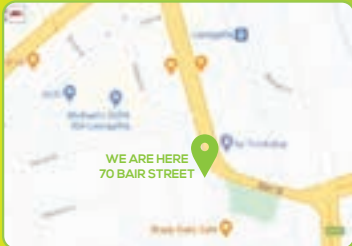
An eye test is quick, non-invasive, and could make all the difference to your child's academic and social confidence. By addressing vision problems early, you're giving your child the tools they need to succeed, both in and out of the classroom.

This back-to-school season don't just shop for supplies – prioritise your child's eye health. Give us a call on 5662 3485 or head to our website leongatha-optometrists.com.au to book an eye test today and give your child the clarity they need to shine.

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Citizens Assembly meeting in Korumburra

SUNDAY'S Strzelecki Ward Citizens Assembly meeting at the Korumburra Scout Hall in Coleman Park was attended by over 30 people, including facilitators, with some keen to learn more about the recently established organisation and its purpose, and a number wanting to discuss their ideas for the region.

Co-Convener and former councillor Andrew McEwen stressed that the intention is to engage community members across the Strzelecki Ward rather than to be a council-bashing exercise.

He argues that despite all the community engagement efforts of council, not enough community members are currently getting involved in the process, citing the fact just 11 people put in submissions on the council budget.

"We're on about collaboration and two-way communication," he said of how he envisages the relationship between the Assembly and council working, noting the Assembly is about respectfully listening to everyone and that it will promote respect for council, councillors and other Assembly members.

The organisation began with 25 people meeting in December, now having around 50 on its mailing list, and Andrew hopes to see the number in-



Andrew McEwen addresses those at Sunday's meeting.
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involved rise to several hundred.

He explained that if there is sufficient interest to justify the Assembly, it will become incorporated, affording legal protection and credibility.

Andrew spoke of declining trust in all levels of government, something he believes the recently established Citizens Assembly can help address as community members feel heard.

Korumburra Senior Citizens Club president Janne Grenon of Jeetho attended, hopeful the Assembly will help get the views of community members across to council so good ideas will be listened to.

Outtrim's Brian Hess, who

has previously been on the Korumburra Round Table and Korumburra Business Association, feels there is a place for a Citizens Assembly for the Strzelecki Ward, seeing it as another forum for people to get involved. However, he would like to see greater diversity in the organisation's makeup than was on show on Sunday, with a better spread of demographics, including the addition of more young people.

Active community member Terry Waycott who is currently on the Korumburra Round Table attended but was unconvinced of the need for a Citizens Assembly, arguing that it is the role of elected councillors to

represent the community, taking account of local views.

"We've had terrific councillors and I think they've done a great job," Terry said, reflecting on the recently completed council term after the end of the period of council administration in South Gippsland Shire.

The current Strzelecki ward councillors were unable to attend. However, Korumburra local and recent councillor Jenni Keerie who was also the long-term manager of the town's Milpara Community House, was there.

While always keen to listen to local views, Jenni wanted a better understanding of how the Community Assembly will work and how it will fit in with council's current engagement processes. Like Terry, she noted elected councillors are already in place to represent the community, Jenni adding that during the most recent council term councillors made a substantial effort to engage with people by getting out and about in the community.

After Andrew's introduction, separate groups discussed their expectations of a good council, raised specific issues and concerns and spoke of local actions they believe South Gippsland Shire Council needs to undertake. Not all concerns raised relate to areas under council's control.

Mission to name the Mirboo North pool after Wally Carter

By Courtney O'Brien

WALLY Carter is remembered by Mirboo North locals as a wonderful caretaker of the town's kids at the pool every summer, and his nephew Dean Reynolds, is hoping to get the facility named after the local legend.

Mirboo North born and bred, Wally was a well-respected valued member of the community and was best known for managing the town's pool, which he did for 18 years.

"Wal was just a real knock about Aussie who cared about people. There wouldn't have been a kid that grew up in the seventies or eighties that he didn't help out somewhere along the track; a very community-wise sort of fella, good-hearted, he always put other people before himself," explained Dean.

Locals remember Wally keeping the pool open late, calling out over the PA when their

parents arrived to pick them up, for them to behave and making funny announcements.

Others recall getting behind the pool kiosk to help out and being rewarded with whiz fizz, red skins or sunny boys and others remember Wally fixing stubbed toes, bee-stings and ant bites, and watering the dahlias at the pool.

Wally's wife Mary Carter explained that when Wally first began working at the pool in 1973, all that existed was half a brick building and the pool water was black as it wasn't concreted.

Wally would spend half the year as a builder for the shire and the other half as the pool manager, putting a lot of time and effort into upgrading the facility. He built the change rooms that are there today and added to the entrance area as well as landscaping the pool grounds.

He would be up before 6am on hot mornings to check the

PA system and would often be at the pool all day, managing hundreds of people who would come through the gates, and staying until midnight cleaning up and getting the pool ready for the following day.

It was well known far and wide that the pool would stay open until late into the night when all the other pools would close at 6pm, and people would travel from Melbourne, Dandenong and the Mornington Peninsula. On the first night the pool stayed open late, everyone turned their car headlights on and this occurred until permanent lights were installed.

Wally took his responsibility very seriously and was often called the best babysitter around. He skillfully managed naughty kids, hostile groups of guys, indiscreet behaviour, storm threats and near drownings.

By 1991, new rules and regulations started to come

in and Wally decided it was time to retire.

"He said, Mary, I'm going to retire. I said, why? Because he said, the pool's never going to be the same again, and within a couple of months, he was right," recalls Mary.

"It would be lovely to have his name, the Wally Carter Memorial Pool. I'd be biased, because I know what he went through to do what he did for all those years, to get it up and going," said Mary.

Dean first tried to get the pool named after Wally in 2021, following his passing but was told he had to wait two years.

"Why not name it after someone that spent 20 years of their life doing good in the community?" said Dean.

"Let's get some names up there from people who deserve to have their name on it, even if it's a plaque or something, just to recognise them. Recognise the people."

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Jordan Crugnale MP with volunteer Yvonne Rogers and Manager Kerry Ladell.

Boost for food relief in the Waterline

COMMUNITIES facing food insecurity will have increased access to healthy food thanks to grants awarded through the Allan Labor Government's Community Food Relief program.

Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale recently announced that the Corinnella and District Community Centre (CDCC) received \$21,445 for new efficient refrigeration, storage and cooking equipment for the community pantry and lunch programs which will increase provisions through the food pantry and supply of fresh food options.

"The CDCC is an extraordinary organisation that is all heart and all community," Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale said.

"Centre Manager Kerry Ladell and the team of volunteers provide a remarkable service, have a wide-ranging array of programs on the go, connecting people to each other and to support services, run many activities and interest groups and I thank them for all they do.

"This grant enables them to get the kitchen and storage equipment they need and importantly be able to stock the food pantry with fresh produce and staples

so those in need don't go without.

"We know our neighbourhood houses and community organisations have the local knowledge and connections to best understand and respond to local needs, and to provide food relief where it's needed most."

The \$4.5 million Community Food Relief Program includes Local Grants and Coordination Grants to help respond to the rising demand for food relief amid cost-of-living pressures experienced by individuals and families.

"At CDCC we are delighted to be the recipient of the Food Relief Grant from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing," Centre Manager Kerry Ladell said.

"This grant will go a long way to supporting our volunteers who look after the community through our Emergency Food Relief Pantry here at the Centre.

"Our Centre supports people needing additional food for single people and families. We cater for up to 20 people per week with our Community Lunch program. The grant will help fund food for our community lunches, and this attracts people who

feel isolated in our community to come along and enjoy the good food and good people who come along to our lunch.

"These programs are all run by volunteers in our community who give of their time willingly and want to give back to their community. There is lots of laughter and joy at our lunches."

Grants will boost the capacity of local community organisations to provide food relief, through expanding food relief activities, facility upgrades, support and upskilling of volunteers and delivering initiatives that address the underlying causes of food insecurity.

Since 2020, the Labor Government has invested more than \$56 million to strengthen Victoria's food relief system, including support for six Regional Foodshares.

In addition, \$3.3 million in operational funding is provided to Foodbank Victoria each year, as well as \$10 million to support the establishment of Foodbank's community food centres across the state.

To see the full list of funded projects, visit vic.gov.au/community-food-relief-program-local-grants.

On firm ground

By Daniel Prior, Partner, Prior Law

MANY would have seen the news this week of the house in McCrae, post the slide down the hill. Quite an image.

Insurance claims, finger pointing and distress will no doubt follow.

The land from which the house slipped, all private land.

South Gippsland is no stranger to a landslide. In May 1935, newspapers reported a huge landslide on Mr W. Cameron's property at Hallston, noting that landslides in Gippsland were an "Almost Everyday Occurrence". No doubt everyone in the community has been affected by a landslide affecting a road near them. Sometimes the slip on the road is minor and the debris cleared without much ado. Other times, huge swaths of South Gippsland dirt and rock slip away from under the road or onto the road. Correspondingly huge amounts from the budgets of the Councils or Vicroads need to be applied to keep the roads open.

Minor slips are all around us. The hill on the side of the road, with the terraces of grass that one presumes were created by generations of cattle or sheep eating their fill. Harmless mostly, the movement imperceptible and called Soil Creep by those in the know.

But major slips on private land are also very evident across South Gippsland. Hills, long cleared of the vegetation that made the area known as the land of the lyrebird, straining under the weight of their own dirt. Perhaps a new track cut across a paddock or up a hill that changes the flow of water, or a dam overflowing, or a heavy rainfall that just can't be accommodated – whatever the straw that broke the camel's back (it almost always involves too much moisture in the soil), the hill slides and in some cases, keeps sliding.

If your land slides, once it appears to have stopped, then attempts can be made to try and rehabilitate the land. But it will never be the same and you will need to spend time and money to try and stabilise the land to prevent a further slip.

So, who is responsible? If you are on private land, you are responsible for your own dirt. And you are responsible for making sure it doesn't travel down the hill onto someone else's property, if it can be avoided. Sometimes that can mean that you need to take proactive measures to address areas of land that are prone to landslide. Improving drainage above the slip prone area, planting deep rooted trees or pasture and perhaps even fencing off the land and managing it in a different way to the rest of the farm – all ways to help prevent land slips but never fail safe – the land in South Gippsland has been slipping before these hills were cleared, and will continue slipping.

But if your land is at risk of slipping because of an unreasonable flow of water from your neighbour, then you may need to take it up with your neighbour and get them to curb the flow. It is always a balancing act. Creating tension with neighbours is rarely on the top of a landowners wish list. Lawyers are needed where understandings can't be reached.

What role does Council play? If you are on an undulating piece of dirt in South Gippsland, chances are that it is subject to the Erosion Management Overlay, a control on the land administered by Council to try and minimise soil disturbance which may lead to erosion or landslide. Councils rely on Geotechnical experts to require permit applicants to undertake works in areas of properties that minimise the risk of erosion and landslide. This can mean that whilst you may have that block hoping for a house on the side of the hill with the view, that the preferred location from the Council's perspective might be more pedestrian than you were hoping.

But maybe that is ok, for whilst we can always hope for the amazing view, sometimes we just can't hold back the force of the dirt in the hill above us. Mr Cameron in 1935 was lucky – sort of – his house was on solid ground as 40 acres of his Orchard slid down the valley – creating a rift in the land and a drop of 15 feet. The photos of the view from the house in McCrae were lovely, but the photos of the site will be pored over by many more – a retaining wall many panels high, hanging in mid air, the house below, down the hill.



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Fiona Bilborough triumphs again at Leongatha Art Show

KORUMBURRAS Fiona Bilborough has again won 'Best in Show' at Leongatha Rotary Club's Art & Photography Show, this time with her still life oil painting 'Blue Gum Haze', the announcement made in front of a large gathering at the town's Memorial Hall on Friday night.

Greg Allen, one of Australia's foremost watercolour artists judged the competition, offering detailed reasons for his choices across a diverse range of artistic categories.

He described Fiona's winning work as special, noting it offers something unique, having an eye for tradition and a beautiful set of tonal and colour values.

"Your eye goes on this incredible journey," he said, highlighting Fiona's use of shapes and ability to combine abstract elements with reality.

"That is what I mean by cream rising to the top and that is a painting of absolute excellence," Greg declared.

Fiona thanked those at Leongatha Rotary Club for all the work they do and the team that puts the show together, stressing it requires a huge effort.

While she is an established artist with a string of honours to her name that includes winning the renowned Camberwell Art Show, the Leongatha Art & Photography Show also offers a forum for young people to demonstrate their creativity.

Lucinda Calder took out the Best Youth category for those aged 13 to 18 for her work depicting a horse bathing in a pond with a mountainous background.

"She's nailed sophisticated water, the skin of a horse and craggy



Leongatha Art & Photography Show judge Greg Allen with 'Best in Show' winner Fiona Bilborough and her 'Blue Gum Haze' painting. A10_0325a

rocks," Greg said, emphasising her ability to use a restricted colour palette in a manner that is far better than using an array of bright colours.

Andrew Noble was declared an obvious winner of the best 3D object for his stunning chainsaw carving of a sea turtle for which he used timber from a silky oak that fell victim to February's Mirboo North storm.

The work titled 'Under the Sea' incorporates other creatures such as an octopus and seahorses, Andrew saying he wanted to do justice to the tree and noting it had a long life just as turtles can.

Winner of the Best Monochrome Photograph, Sherie Howard was

praised for an outstanding black and white shot titled 'Over the Hills and Far Away', the image captured at Blue Rag near Mount Hotham with fog rolling in.

Sherie of Boolarra said a steady hand was required in the low-light conditions.

Greg praised the photo's design, composition and exposure.

Cathy Harris' work 'Playtime' was judged Best Mixed Media exhibit, being described as "so tactile and a worthy winner of a three-dimensional prize".

The stunning 'Rainbow Companions' claimed Best Pastel, Newborough artist Ling Wang inspired by parrots that visit her balcony, having had a love of

drawing since childhood.

Greg highlighted Ling's ability to make the birds appear almost larger than life and "in your face", describing the work as "a beautiful pastel".

Continuing the avian theme, 'Sophie with Budgie' was Best Acrylic, painted by Sharon Wootton, Greg commenting on the creativity shown, the mesmerising background and the understated nature of Sophie's clothing, with her eyes the dominant subject, the budgie completing the stunning piece.

Best Ink, Pencil, Charcoal or Other went to John Reeve for 'Boots', celebrated for its irreverent nature and "incredibly

powerful graphic composition".

Best Flora and Fauna was a fiercely contested category with nature scenes playing a big part in this year's show, Mary Hennekam triumphing with 'Holly Leafed Grevillia', her effective use of light a key element to her success.

In his own area of specialty, Greg selected Nina Volk's 'Leongatha Memorial Hall', an apt setting, as Best Watercolour.

He commented on Nina and "the fun she is having with watercolour in the abstract as a medium itself, that simultaneously becomes things", stressing that is one of the most difficult elements to get right as a watercolour painter.

The Judge explained the challenge of working with watercolour.

"It's a ridiculously hard medium to paint in; it dries in a couple of minutes and you cannot paint over the top of it," he said.

Best Oil also had a local setting, picked up by Adrian Johnson's 'Dunescape Bass Coast'.

Greg labelled the piece "disciplined", elaborating that "It's not trying to be everything" but is instead "a carefully selected view of our coast with gorgeous shapes and patterns", the work providing a path for the eye, with "a shimmering light quality".

The Art and Photography Show runs until Saturday, February 8, open from 10am until 4pm daily, with a special free Australia Day event at 2.30pm on January 26 at which there will be an afternoon tea and the Luciblooms Memorial Youth Award will be presented.

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No threat to Southern Cross bus services

FEARS South Gippsland could lose its direct V-Line bus service from Yarram, Foster, and Leongatha to Southern Cross linking with the bus from Inverloch and Wonthaggi at Koo Wee Rup appear unfounded.

There are no service changes planned to the current Yarram and Leongatha coach routes in July 2025 according to the Department of Transport and Planning.

Planning will continue however for more frequent and reliable weekday and weekend coach services for Yarram and Leongatha to improve travel options for those communities.

The Sentinel-Times reported in November that limited seating for country passengers on V-Line buses had created a bottleneck on the Bass Highway bus service at interchange points such as Koo Wee Rup and Anderson.

Buses arriving at Anderson from Phillip Island, and Koo Wee Rup from Yarram and Leongatha, particularly on long weekends, had forced some passengers to use taxis.

Describing the Bass Highway bus service as an absolute shambles passengers said the route needed more than one bus in the middle of the day.

One passenger who was offloaded at Koo Wee Rup waited an hour for the next bus only to find it was full as well.

The last six months had been especially bad according to frustrated passengers.

According to the Department of Transport and Planning the 2024/25 State Budget contained funding for more frequent coach services for Leongatha and Yarram as part of a \$30 million package for better bus and ferry services.

"We are currently planning for weekday and weekend services to be added to the popular Leongatha and Yarram coach services, along with better connectivity to rail services at Pakenham," said the spokesperson.

"Community consultation on any proposed changes to the Leongatha and Yarram coach routes is planned to start later in 2025 with any service improvements expected to be introduced early in 2026."

Launched in June 2021 the Victorian Bus Plan has improved bus services in more than half of the state's 79 local government areas through the introduction of more than 200 new or improved bus routes adding thousands more services to the network.

In just the first three years 83 local bus networks have been redesigned or strengthened, delivering better coverage and service coordination to meet the changing needs of the communities they service.

Current timetables for V-Line bus services can be found at vline.com.au/Timetables/Train-coach-timetables

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Gippsland cheesemonger Stacey Wagner has worked with cheese for almost twenty years and has a passion for artisan cheese seeing her move from a full-scale delicatessen business to one solely dedicated to cheese.

"There are so many thousand different cheeses, all made from the same four ingredients; milk, salt, rennet and cultures yet they vary so much in appearance, flavour and texture depending on how the cheesemaker treats the



Stacey Wagner, cheese connoisseur and owner of Loch Cheese Merchant can guide customers to their perfect cheese.

milk. I find it really intriguing and am really passionate about keeping these traditions alive," said Stacey.

"My focus is to sell artisan cheese when it is in peak condition and to share the stories of the cheesemakers. Cheese made by real people, not machines, that has seasonal changes depending on the pastures the animals are grazing on."

South Gippsland locals have

been delighting in trying new cheese each week and those travelling through have been loving local blues; Riverine and Tarwin made just 70 kilometres down the road by Barry Charlton and his team at Berry's Creek Cheese.

Whether looking for a cheese board selection, something to pair with a fine wine, or something for a special recipe, the Loch Cheese Merchant can personally guide every customer



Up to 100 varieties of soft and hard cheeses are available from local, national and international artisan cheese makers at the Loch Cheese Merchant.

through her sensational selection, and if there's something special you are looking for be sure to let her know.

"When I have a customer walk into the shop, I try and get an understanding of what style of cheese they like and then offer a sample of something I think they will enjoy. I love seeing their reaction, as the flavours that come through in artisan cheese can be really surprising," explains Stacey.

Make sure your pets are part of your bushfire survival plan

CFA and RSPCA Victoria are urging residents to include pets in their bushfire survival plans, amid the significant fire activity already impacting Victoria this summer.

Having bedding, food, and water ready to go for your furry friend could save valuable time in the event of a fire.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan emphasised the importance of being ready to leave early on high-risk bushfire days.

"While you should always prioritise your own safety ahead of your pets, your bushfire plan isn't fully complete unless it accounts for them," Jason said.

"When creating a plan, consider what your pets will eat and drink, how you will transport them, and where you are taking them.

"Once you have your kit prepared, keep it somewhere that's easily accessible.

"Keep towels and woollen blankets on hand to protect pets during the journey and



A reminder from CFA and the RSPCA to make sure you're prepared; late evacuation will put you and your animals at risk.

to keep them as cool as possible.

"Another valuable step is microchipping pets for easy identification and ensuring your phone number is visible on their collar.

For horses and livestock, a separate plan is required.

"If you're unable to evacuate

livestock, the safest place is a large, well-grazed, and fenced area away from roads where they can move freely with access to water," Jason said.

"Make sure you're prepared; late evacuation will put you and your animals at risk."

RSPCA Victoria CEO Dr Liz Walker reiterated the

importance of including pets in bushfire survival plans.

"Planning for emergencies is such a crucial part of life in Victoria particularly during the summer months," Dr Walker said.

"Many people across the state already have a Fire Ready plan in place, and we're urging everyone to make sure their pets are included too.

"An emergency kit with medication, updated contact details on microchips and collars, photos or scans on your phone of important documents like vaccination certifications, are just some of the items to prepare in advance.

"Our pets are such an important part of our lives, including them in your Fire Ready plans increases the chances of you and your pet making it to safety in an emergency situation."

For more information and tips on how to keep your pets and livestock safe during high bushfire risk days, visit cfa.vic.gov.au/pets.

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Help shape the future of South Gippsland by providing feedback that will be used to develop key Council documents

Council Plan 2025 – 2029

South Gippsland Shire Council is creating a new four-year Council Plan that will span 2025 – 2029. The Plan is one of Council’s most important documents as it drives Council direction and the initiatives that will be delivered over that period. We want your feedback to ensure it meets the needs of our community.

2040 Community Vision

Council is also seeking feedback on the 2040 Community Vision, to check that the aspirations it contains are still in-line with those of our community. The Vision was created in 2021 so it is still relatively new, but it is important that it gets reviewed regularly.

We want to hear from as many people as possible. To do this, Council is embarking on a Shire-wide engagement campaign that will feature a variety of opportunities to have your say. The engagement period will run from 26 January to the end of February. After this, feedback will be collated and the draft plans will be developed before they are released for another round of community consultation.

Make your voice heard by:

- Having your say online at www.shapingsouthgippsland.com.au
- Visiting us at a local event
- Joining us at a Councillor pop-up
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Event Attendance

Sunday 26 January		
Australia Day - Meeniyan	Meeniyan Hall, Whitelaw Steet	9.00am to 11.00am
Australia Day - Tarwin Lower	Long Table, River Drive	1.00pm to 2.00pm
Saturday 1 February		
Coal Creek Summer Session	Coal Creek, Silkstone Road	4.00pm to 6.00pm
Saturday 8 February		
Korumburra Agricultural Show	Korumburra Showgrounds, Sanders Street	9.00am to 12.00pm
Sunday 9 February		
Stony Creek Publicans Day	Stony Creek Racecourse	12.00pm to 2.00pm
Sunday 16 February		
Rail Trail Community Market	Leongatha Rail Precinct, Bennett Lane	9.00am to 11.00am
Friday 21 February		
Loch Bowls Club	24 Smith Street	5.00pm to 7.00pm
Saturday 22 February		
Foster Show	Foster Showgrounds, Station Road	9:00am to 12.00pm
Saturday 23 February		
Toora Pear Party	Toora Pear Orchard, 18A Mill Street	10.00am to 12.00pm

Councillor Pop-Ups

Sunday 2 February		
Venus Bay	Jupiter Park Playground, Jupiter Boulevard	10.00am to 11.00am
Sandy Point	Foreshore, Beach Parade (opposite shops)	12.00pm to 1.00pm

Sunday 15 February		
Koonwarra	Great Southern Rail Trail (near toilet)	8.30am to 9.30am
Dumbalk	Memorial Park, Nerrena Road	10.00am to 11.00am
Mirboo North	Baromi Park, Ridgway (opposite Town Hall)	11.30am to 12.30pm

Sunday 23 February		
Kongwak	Pioneer Park, William Street	10.00am to 11.00am
Nyora	Mitchell Street Playground	11.30am to 12.30pm
Poowong	Drouin Road (BBQ Shelter)	1.00pm to 2.00pm

Friday 28 February		
Port Welshpool	Old Ferry Terminal	10.00am to 12.00pm



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Great value for prescriptions at Kilcunda Discount Chemist

A PHARMACY for all seasons would be one way to describe the new discount chemist in Kilcunda's innovative Sticks retail and community hub.

Another description would be a long-awaited godsend for pensioners, young families, and local people without transport.

"I'm thrilled to see a chemist shop in town," said one longtime Kilcunda resident.

A shared business venture between Sam Shalabi and Alan Elkilany the Kilcunda Discount Chemist follows the establishment of similar successful pharmacies in Nyora in 2016, Fish Creek in 2019 and Meeniyana in 2021.

"We are new to The Sticks in Kilcunda," said Mr Shalabi.

Providing a full dispensary and electronic prescription service seven days a week, Kilcunda Discount Chemist can help you manage your diabetes through the National Diabetes Services Scheme (NDSS), provide home delivery, Webster multi-dose packs for individuals who take multiple medications, and medication reviews.

Open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5.30pm and Saturday and Sunday from 9am to 1pm Kilcunda Discount Chemist provides great value for Kilcunda, San Remo, Dalyston, and Bass residents as well as a convenient stopover for travellers on the Bass Highway.

"We're only a small store at the moment," said Mr Shalabi "but we have plans to



Kilcunda Discount Chemist pharmacist Alan Elkilany. B17_0325

expand the business with bigger premises in the future."

Competitive prices with limited waiting times for prescriptions have proved popular.

"We take the time to care for our customers," said pharmacist Alan Elkilany.

"People appreciate the service we provide.

"They are thrilled to have a pharmacy in Kilcunda."

Discover the value and convenience of Kilcunda's new pharmacy for yourself.

You can find Kilcunda Discount Chemist at Shop 6 in the fashionable Sticks complex at 3537 Bass Highway, Kilcunda or phone (03) 7071 2955.

Divorce is not strictly for humans

LIFE isn't always a beach for Phillip Island's beloved penguins, who have been found to divorce their partners and find a new mate if they aren't satisfied with the number of young filling the nest – but it's a risky decision that can lower success in their next breeding attempt.

New research conducted over more than a decade by Monash University and Phillip Island Nature Parks has taken a deep dive into the complicated love lives of the species to determine what it can predict about the colony's reproductive future.

Researchers found the rate of divorce among the penguins is a more reliable predictor of the reproductive success of the colony than environmental factors like habitat change or behavioural traits like the time they spend foraging for prey, with more divorces and re-pairings in a breeding season resulting in lower reproductive success across the colony.

Phillip Island is home to the 37,000 little penguins, the world's largest colony of the species, and the internationally renowned Penguin Parade attracts thousands of visitors each year to watch these amazing seabirds waddle home from the ocean to their burrows at dusk.

Professor Richard Reina, Head of Monash's Ecophysiology and Conservation Research Group in the School of Biological Sciences, has studied penguins on the island for 20 years and said contrary to popular belief, not all penguins partner for life.

"In good times, they largely stick with their partners, although there's often a bit of hanky-panky happening on the side," Professor Reina said.



Love isn't forever for all penguins with divorce rates shaping Phillip Island's colony's reproductive future. Photo: Phillip Island Nature Parks.

"However, after a poor reproductive season they may try to find a new partner for the next season to increase their breeding success.

"Our study looked across 13 breeding seasons, tracking which individuals changed partners, or divorced, from one season to the next.

"We recorded nearly 250 penguin divorces from about a thousand pairs throughout the study, and we found that years with a lower divorce rate resulted in higher breeding success."

Phillip Island Nature Parks Marine Scientist Professor Andre Chiaradia said the divorce rate was an accurate predictor of success because it more accurately correlated with breeding rates than other factors impacting the penguins.

"Our findings on lower divorce rates among little penguins at Phillip Island under favourable environmental conditions highlight the importance of considering social dynamics alongside environmental factors when designing strategies to protect vulnerable seabird species,"

Professor Chiaradia said.

Matt Simpson worked with Professor Reina and Professor Chiaradia on this research as his Honours project while completing a Bachelor of Science at Monash University.

"I'm proud to have been able to make a significant contribution to the conservation of these fascinating birds by helping find new ways of identifying patterns that indicate the health of these bird populations," Simpson said.

"This has been a long time in the making and a lot of work went into it.

"It was also a fantastic opportunity to gain real-world experience in the field while completing my studies."

This research is the latest in a decades-strong collaborative relationship between Monash University and Phillip Island Nature Parks.

The full paper was published this month in the peer-reviewed journal Ecology and Evolution and is available online at doi.org/10.1002/ece3.70787.

Public Notice

Consultation for the development of Environment Plan



Beach Energy (Beach) currently supplies natural gas from offshore Victoria to the local market through existing infrastructure, including pipelines and onshore production facilities.

Beach is continuing to consult on its Offshore Gas Victoria (OGV) Well Completions, Well Interventions, and Plugging and Abandonment Activities Environment Plan (Well Completions and Interventions EP).

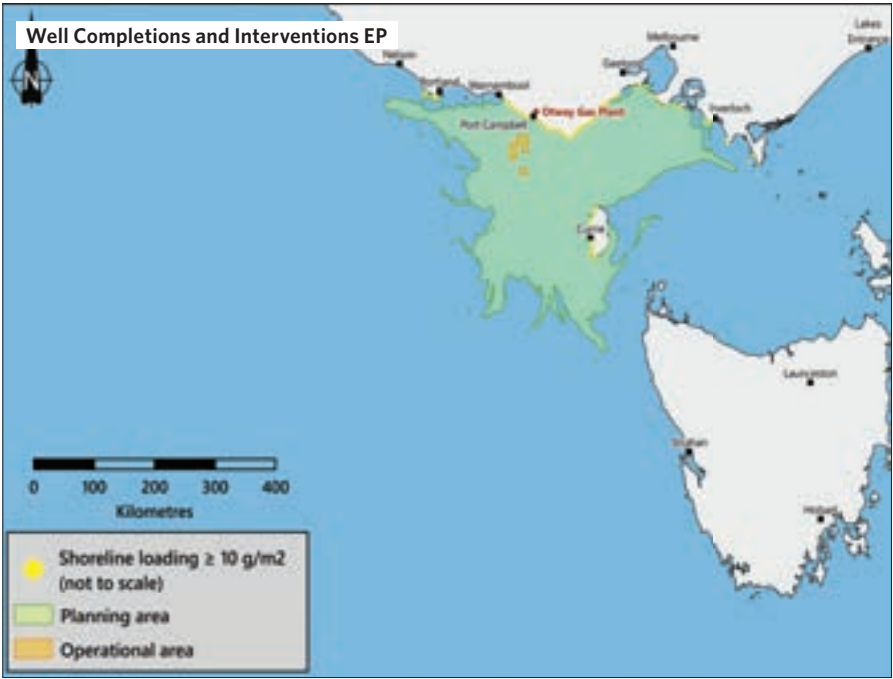
Activities described within the EP would enable future connection of new gas wells to existing infrastructure, maintain the option to plug and abandon an existing suspended well subject to a further assessment of its viability and enable activities to re-enter up to two existing wells to improve performance.

Invitation to consult with Beach

Beach invites consultation with persons and organisations whose functions, interests, or activities may be affected by the activities described in the EP outlined in this notice. Consultation is an important part of developing EPs as its purpose is to ensure that potential impacts have been identified and appropriate measures adopted as a result of the consultations.

Consultation for the Well Completions and Interventions EP commenced on 16 September 2024 and will close at **5.00pm AEDT on 14 February 2025.**

Please email community@beachenergy.com.au to register your interest in attending a webinar, advising the session you would like to attend, and we will send you registration details.



For information regarding consultation, please see NOSPEMA's Brochure titled 'Consultation on offshore petroleum environment plans', at consultation.nopsema.gov.au

The map in this notice shows the planning area, and environment that may be affected.

We encourage you to access Beach's additional resources, maps, and project details about the environment plans, which can be accessed via the QR code. We also invite you to contact us if you wish to discuss other consultation options or are seeking further information.



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Further consultation dates and information	
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	Thursday 6 February 2025, 2.15pm to 3.00pm AEDT
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Open online information sessions (webinars)	Thursday 6 February 2025, 7.00pm to 7.45pm AEDT
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Mitsubishi welcoming next generation ASX

ALREADY on sale in Europe, the new-generation Mitsubishi ASX will arrive in Australia this year, as Mitsubishi leverages the brand's strong alliance partnership to bring a sophisticated, stylish and technology-laden vehicle to the Australian market.

"The new Mitsubishi ASX blends thoroughly modern design and a dynamic driving experience to the next generation of ASX customers," said MMAL CEO, Shaun Westcott. "We look forward to sharing more details of this intriguing new SUV as we move closer to its market launch in 2025."

The latest-generation Mitsubishi ASX is the next step in the Momentum 2030 business plan outlined earlier this year by Takao Kato, President and CEO of Mitsubishi Motors Corporation.

Momentum 2030 outlined a product roadmap that detailed release of several new or significantly updated vehicles into Australia by decade's end. This included a mix of electrified drivetrains, including battery electric vehicles, but also continued investment in combustion, Plug-In Hybrid and Hybrid technologies.

The first step in the plan was confirmation that Australia will receive a significantly updated Outlander range, including the PHEV, in 2025. The latter promises a larger battery and higher performance, as well as enhanced design, technology and connectivity with more details on the new flagship model coming in due course.

These significant upgrades follow the introduction of the newest Triton; the value-packed Triton GLX-R Dual Cab Utility. This will be followed by additional Triton grades and body styles, including the Cab Chassis variant.

"Mitsubishi Motors Australia is proud to remain a core market for the global Mitsubishi Motors Corporation. We look forward to enjoying this close working relationship further as we navigate to 2030 and beyond, offering Australians an impressive range of highly capable vehicles from a trusted brand," said Westcott.

MMAL also confirms that current-generation ASX, Eclipse Cross, Eclipse Cross PHEV and Pajero Sport models have now ceased production.

This is due to new Australian Design Rules (ADR) regulations that take effect on March 1, 2025.

"Australian production of these vehicles has ended. This is not unprecedented; we have seen similar situations before, and our teams are well-prepared to manage this transition," said Westcott. "We have worked closely with our dealer partners to ensure each model line will be ordered in sufficient quantities ahead of time."

Customers can be assured that servicing and parts requirements for the outgoing models will continue to be supported on an ongoing basis, via the expansive dealer network.

Pedal to the metal for Show 'N Shine

THE Wonthaggi Swap Meet and Show 'N Shine managed by Wonthaggi Power Football Netball Club will be held on Australia Day – Sunday, January 26.

The largest fundraiser for the club, the event is expected to showcase 250 classic and vintage cars and motorcycles with plenty of giveaways and a raffle at the gate.

The annual swap meet will be bigger and better than ever before, providing local vendors and those from further afield with the opportunity to showcase and sell their bric-a-brac, spare parts, and memorabilia to the car enthusiasts in the community. Camping facilities are available for vendors attending the swap meet.

Gates will open at 6am for swap meet stall holders to set up, and they will then direct all the classic cars and bikes through before opening the show to the public at 8 am.

"All show 'n shine classics are welcome without pre-registering; cars and drivers are \$15 entry, and passengers and pedestrians are \$5 per person, under 15 free," event organiser Kris Baker said.

"The judges will be evaluating all classics and late model bikes and cars on display with judging cut off at 9.30pm sharp. Vehicles are welcome to arrive after this time if they don't wish to be judged."

The categories for the 20245 event include:

- Presidents Choice (Best overall)
- Best Aussie Original
- Best Aussie Muscle



Wonthaggi Show 'N Shine & Swap Meet Presidents Choice Best Overall went to Adrian's Nissan 1973 240Z last year. C26_0524

- Best Tuff Street
- Best Hot Rod
- Best Vintage – Pre 1950
- Best Bike
- Best Paint
- Best Interior
- Best Engine Bay

Shannons are again sponsoring the event alongside Tyrepower, Wonthaggi Motorcycles, Greg's Panels, Matthews Transport and Autopro.

The Wonthaggi Swap Meet and Show 'N Shine welcomes classic cars and bikes of all

eras, from veteran to modern-day models.

In addition to the display of classic vehicles, the event will also feature a variety of food options. Wonthaggi Power will host three separate BBQs catering to breakfast and lunch, complemented by a full canteen, coffee and slushie van.

A pre-show event will take place on Saturday, January 25, with an evening car cruise gathering at 4.30pm along the netball court car park on

Korumburra Road, Wonthaggi. The cruise will leave promptly at 5 pm and whilst the route is a secret, Kris has assured us that it will be picturesque as it has been in previous years.

Following the cruise, enjoy a meal in the clubhouse from 6 pm. The bar will be open, and everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information or to pre-register for the event, please contact Kris Baker on 0400 899 991.

Engines roar into Lang Lang this February for Rotary



Lang Lang is shaping up for yet another spectacular Show 'N Shine and Swap Meet on February 9. And that's not to mention the always fun Mower Racing! You don't want to miss it!

FOR the last decade, the second Sunday in February has seen the Lang Lang Show 'N Shine plus Swap Meet hosted at the recreation reserve in Lang Lang.

Initially, it was just a car show organised by the local Rotary club but through natural progression, it now incorporates an active Swap Meet as well as racing events for lawnmowers.

The judging of show cars is limited to approximately 100 vehicles competing in 10 classes. Entrants come from far and wide, with the furthest trophy winner to date coming from northern Victoria. In addition to the judged cars, many classic cars will be on display on the oval.

Lawn mower racing has cemented itself as part of the day

with plenty of action on the dirt track.

Whilst they may look like an old Rover Rancher these vehicles are anything but under the body panels. Custom-built chassis' powered by motorbike engines up to 450cc and not a cutting blade in sight. Competitor ages vary from six to 75 and in many cases, a vehicle will be raced by several members of the same family over the day.

The reserve at the corner of Westernport Highway and McDonalds Track will be open from 6am for people attending the Swap Meet and 7am for Show Cars.

Light refreshments will be available on the day with all proceeds supporting Rotary projects.

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In 2025, U3A Wonthaggi will celebrate its 30th year of creating a friendly environment for seniors to explore and share their many interests. 2025 enrolments are now open with 40 courses and activities to choose from – including an impressive 17 brand-new options – there’s something for everyone.

Course categories include:

- Environment and Nature: Explore the natural beauty of the Bass Coast and beyond.
- Exercise and Wellbeing: Stay fit with stretching, walking groups, cycling, Bocce.
- Human Health and Nutrition: Learn about healthy living and nutrition.
- History and Humanities: Dive into fascinating topics from the past and present.
- Literature and Language: Explore the world of Shakespeare, Creative Writing, Cryptic Crosswords. Plus, Japanese and Italian conversation groups.
- Art and Creativity: Express yourself through painting, drawing, and crafts.
- Music and Social Activities: Sing, play, explore musical forms or simply enjoy good company.

Fancy a leisurely lunch? For the list of available courses, Term 1 commencement dates and enrolment details visit u3awonthaggi.org.au/courses-activities.

Contact us by visiting our website at u3awonthaggi.org.au or call 0493 471 254.

Join U3A Wonthaggi in 2025 – where learning never retires!

Kickstart your business at Worth Every Dollar seminar

BASS Coast Shire Council is kicking off 2025 with an exclusive seminar tailored for businesses eager to achieve big goals in the new year! Hosted by Council’s Business Development team, this is the first of many events in the 2025 business development and training calendar. These initiatives provide local businesses with opportunities to connect, share ideas, and learn practical strategies to enhance their success.

The “Worth Every Dollar” seminar will take place on Thursday, February 6, from 10am to 12pm at Phillip Island Winery. Perfect for all small businesses including creative and home-based, the seminar is a chance to start the year inspired and equipped to grow. Tickets are just \$30, including lunch, and members of local business or trader groups can enjoy a 15 per cent discount.

With an engaging session led by globally renowned entrepreneur Alexis Guttridge, this event offers actionable strategies to help businesses grow smarter, set ambitious goals, and create sustainable success – all while maintaining a work-life balance.

If you’re ready to make 2025 your best year yet and start building the business you deserve, this talk is for you.

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And last Thursday, January 16, was no different when members of the Port Welshpool Volunteer Coast Guard undertook their bi-yearly training with Air Ambulance Victoria.

“Every six months we get together and train,” Mike Bland, Port Welshpool Coast Guard explained.

“Air Ambulance (HEMS2) practice putting a MICA paramedic onto the deck of the boat, and then they will practice putting their paramedics into the water; both winching them into and back out of the water.

“And then it varies, on Thursday, they dropped a line to our boat then dropped a life raft in the water. What we then do is draw that life raft into the boat, as though we are a sinking boat.

“There are a range of exercises that simulate real-life situations; where somebody’s in a boat, injured and needs to be winched off the boat, or the boat is sinking.”

And whilst training for the call is not cheap, and requires dedication and commitment, those who undertake the lifesaving task are rewarded tenfold.

“The most amazing part is the response you get from the people when they’ve been saved. People can be in dire situations – in the water with literally minutes to live; hypothermia is setting in...

“In some ways you’re changing the destiny of that person by rescuing them – taking them out of the water, having them



HEMS2 aircrew performed a number of skilful manoeuvres over the Noosa Cat in choppy conditions last Thursday.

airlifted to hospital, basically saving their lives.”

According to Mike, it’s the small things that can be very satisfying.

“A while ago we had a father and two young boys in a boat, and they were very concerned they were not going to make it back to port, and we were able to help.

“There are two types of activities we get involved in. The first is assists, where you’ve got a situation – somebody has broken down, they have run out of fuel, they have a flat battery, there is a problem with the engine. In

those situations, we will go out and assist – usually, we will get them started or we’ll tow them back to port.

“The second type is marine search and rescue. For example, not that long ago a couple of kayakers were out on the water at Corner Inlet, and they became a little bit disorientated, a bit fatigued. The weather conditions overtook them. Our role was to go out, find them and then rescue them – in this situation, we took the kayakers and their craft on board and back to shore.

“Our responsibility is to save

lives.”

Like many volunteer organisations, there are many roles to fill, those on dry land and those out at sea.

“Coast Guard volunteers can be operational, which is those on boat duties, who head out to sea and engage in a range of activities around assists and rescues, and there are non-operational volunteers, who don’t necessarily go out and get wet. They include radio operators, administrators, fundraisers, first aiders, trainers... there’s a range of different skill sets that we love to pursue with the Coast Guard. Everybody is welcome.”

Taking the time to train volunteers, Mike emphasised that volunteers do not need to be familiar with the water.

“The training is very comprehensive. We do first aid, we do survival at sea, we have all the police checks, working with children, radio operations, seamanship, navigation, maritime law, vessel handling. It’s quite challenging to qualify (for operational), but it’s very, very satisfying.”

And with summer in full swing, the team have been blending operational activities with training.

“Summer months tend to be busier, so we tend to do less training on Sundays, as we’ll often be out operational. But ideally, we train usually once a week.”

Thousands of people are rescued each year by the volunteers at Coast Guard, will you be on the next boat out helping save a life?

For more information reach out to Port Welshpool Coast Guard via Facebook or email fc.vf20@coastguard.com.au.

Heart attack survivor reunited with first responders and paramedics

FATHER’S Day 2024 is a day 75-year-old Inverloch grandfather John McLennan and wife Pam will long remember.

Planning to visit children and grandchildren in Melbourne the couple were just about to get into their car when John, a retired doctor, suddenly felt unwell.

“John went back into the house to sit down,” said Pam.

“I found him at the table collapsed.”

Pam immediately knew something terrible had happened.

“I called Triple Zero (000) and started pumping his chest,” Pam said.

Within minutes the doorbell rang and in walked GoodSAM volunteer responders Kathryn Croatto and Gemma Weeks, Luisa responding from her home just around the corner and Gemma driving the short distance from a farm on Inverloch-Kongwak Road.

“I took over the heart compressions from Pam,” said Kathryn.

Skilled in CPR, Kathryn and Gemma continued heart compressions until paramedics Bonnie Fitzpatrick and Luisa Corrigan arrived within eight minutes of being despatched from Wonthaggi.

“John and Pam had a defibrillator in the house,” said Gemma.

Pam said it was one of the most terrifying moments of her life.

“I wasn’t convinced he’d make it because he was down for a good half hour,” Pam said.

“Luckily I’d done a CPR course and purchased a defibrillator.”

Luisa Corrigan has been a GoodSAM responder for three



Paramedic Bonnie Fitzpatrick, John McLennan, first responders Kathryn Croatto and Gemma Weeks and paramedic Luisa Corrigan. B74_0325

years and was able to use her CPR skills from being a cardiac physiologist at The Alfred Hospital to help John.

“It feels so good to give something back and know you helped give someone a second chance.”

Kathryn Croatto a coronary care nurse at Gippsland Southern Health Service was also nearby when she received the GoodSAM alert and raced to help.

“When I got there Luisa had located the AED,” said Kathryn.

“We continued the CPR and followed the prompts to deliver two shocks to John before the ambulance arrived.

“I have seen people survive and the ones that do the best have had early CPR and defibrillation.

“For John to have had a defibrillator in his home is amazing.”

Paramedic Bonnie Fitzpatrick said without the quick response

from Pam and the GoodSAM responders John might not be alive today.

“The GoodSAM responders and Pam did such a fantastic job giving CPR and delivering two shocks from the AED. John was breathing when we arrived.

“It really shows how much of a difference bystander intervention makes and why everyone should learn how to do CPR. You never know when you might need it.”

Pam McLennan said Inverloch was part of a pilot program for the Heart Safe Communities initiative.

Heart Safe aims to improve cardiac arrest survival rates by teaching community members how to perform CPR and use an AED.

A doctor for 50 years and paediatrician for 30, John and his former medical practice manager Pam moved to Inverloch when they retired 14 years ago.

“What happened to me was an unusual event,” said John.

According to Bonnie Fitzpatrick, it can happen to anyone, anytime.

“It’s unpredictable,” said Pat.

“We were both physically active and John’s health was good.

“I don’t think we’ll ever be able to thank them enough.”

“It’s a bit surreal.”

The first John became aware of his heart attack was when he woke up in hospital.

“It’s hard to talk about how you feel after a near-death experience,” said John.

John was taken to the Intensive Care Unit of the Victorian Heart Hospital in Clayton and didn’t regain consciousness for 24 hours.

“What I do remember is chest pain from broken ribs and breastbone.

“I was in hospital for ten days and have slowly returned to a normal life,” said John.

Describing himself now as in very good health John is playing regular golf again and walking on the beach.

Kathryn Croatto said finding out John was doing well was an enormous joy.

Paramedics Bonnie and Luisa advise that any CPR is better than none.

“Don’t be afraid to give it a go.”

CPR training is available through local lifesaving clubs and the Inverloch Hub.

For more information about becoming a GoodSAM responder go to ambulance.vic.gov.au/call-push-shock.

In an emergency call Triple Zero (000).



Ian Rasmussen is South Gippsland Citizen of the Year

NEWLY announced South Gippsland Shire Council Citizen of the Year Ian Rasmussen is showing no sign of slowing down, describing himself as a “hyperactive 86-year-old” and continuing to contribute to several organisations in various voluntary posts.

He is driven by a love of all he does, explaining why he isn't tempted to ease his responsibilities.

Ian has been secretary of Leongatha Senior Citizens Club for 13 years after 10 years as its treasurer, relishing the social interaction and helping run the organisation efficiently like a business to ensure its ongoing viability.

When the club's 50th anniversary in 2017 was approaching, Ian hurled himself into researching its history, reflecting his commitment to preserving community heritage and proving a fascinating undertaking.

Having previously been with Leongatha Lions Club, he's now part of Inverloch Lions Club, running the popular Wednesday Twilight Markets.

“I do all the stall bookings and market layout,” Ian said, using a spreadsheet to keep track of the bookings.

“I love doing it; the stallholders are fantastic,” he said.

While he's been market manager for the last three years, Ian has belonged to Lions for two decades, having held positions including president and treasurer.

He is treasurer of Leongatha Girl Guides, having a daughter who is a guide leader and a granddaughter who is a member,



South Gippsland Shire Council Young Citizen of the Year Charlotte 'Charli' Ogden joins Citizen of the Year Ian Rasmussen. A01_0325

and is not afraid to take a hands-on approach, having also painted the organisation's hall.

Ian is treasurer at St Peter's Op Shop where his wife works as a volunteer, and is also in charge of the books for the Berrys Creek Hall Committee, having organised fundraising events and participated in maintenance efforts to keep the hall in order.

His community service began with the Young Farmers.

He's held a range of leadership roles with the Leongatha Proboscis Club to which he still belongs

and has been instrumental in the success of events such as the Rose Show and Daffodil Festival through his involvement in the Leongatha Horticultural Society.

“Ian's willingness to contribute his time and ability to so many organisations, and his readiness to help wherever needed, exemplifies his selflessness and dedication to community service,” it was stated in the nomination notes about him.

While his contributions are immensely valued by others, he doesn't see any of it as a burden.

Charlotte Ogden a worthy winner

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council's Young Citizen of the Year Charlotte 'Charli' Ogden of Leongatha is just 19 but has already developed strong leadership skills, and plans to have a positive impact on the environment through her knowledge of vegetation and water management.

She is studying a Diploma of Conservation and Ecosystem Management, having now transferred from RMIT in Melbourne to TAFE Gippsland.

Charli is learning about vegetation assessment and regeneration projects, keen to be part of such projects in her career.

“I've always been passionate about environmental issues and I prefer a grassroots approach to yelling about things and watching not much happen,” she said.

Her knowledge of vegetation is being further enhanced through her work at a plant nursery.

She enjoys putting her plant knowledge to practical use.

“I love foraging; it's really important in terms of food security but also it's interesting,” Charli said.



Charlotte 'Charli' Ogden is delighted to be named South Gippsland's Young Citizen of the Year. A02_0325

Her community involvement began through Scouts, which she joined at age seven, and she continues to spend much of her time volunteering at the 1st Inverloch Scout Group where she is now a Rover and qualified as a scout leader.

Between 2019 and 2021, Charli represented South Gippsland at the Victorian Youth Congress, playing a vital role in the creation of the Victorian Youth Strategy, that process included community consultation, regular

meetings with staff from the Office for Youth and presentations to the Minister for Youth.

“That pushed me into caring a lot more about general youth issues and realising how integral young people are in the community,” Charli said.

She described being named Young Citizen of the Year as “a huge honour”.

“I've had a lot of people trust me and believe in me,” she said, noting that has enabled her to achieve what she has.



Tarnya Wilson, Avril van Wamel and June Powell celebrate Meeniyen Tavern Nights' 40th anniversary performance being named South Gippsland Shire's Community Event of the Year. A10_0325

Meeniyen Tavern Nights a winner in South Gippsland Shire

MEENIYEN Tavern Nights continue to provide affordable entertainment while raising funds for the Meeniyen Progress Association's community initiatives, the 40th-anniversary celebration named on Wednesday as South Gippsland Shire Council's Community Event of the Year.

The anniversary event drew 210 attendees, with the planning led by Tarnya Wilson and Jane Coker ensuring a varied lineup of performers and a beautifully decorated venue.

The Tavern Nights bring together residents and visitors, offering young performers stage experience and nurturing local talent, having commenced in the early 1980s with a small group of friends sharing songs and poems.

While the original gatherings were held in the Meeniyen Hall supper room, it wasn't long before the audiences grew and the event moved into the main hall.

The Tavern Nights have evolved into a well-organised showcase featuring a wide variety of acts, from solo instrumentalists to lively dance performances.

Deputy Mayor Sarah Gilligan praised all those nominated for the Community Event of the Year.

“You should all be extremely proud of the contributions your organisations make in South Gippsland and the calibre of the events you host,” she said, stressing events in the shire are a big tourism drawcard.

Tarnya said the organisers of the Meeniyen Tavern Night anniversary celebration were thrilled their event was nominated, with the win an unexpected bonus, noting the calibre of all the nominees.

There are four Tavern Nights a year, requiring a major team effort to run, members of the Meeniyen Progress Association happy to volunteer their time to make it a success.

“The most important thing is that it gives a platform for young emerging musicians, and our audience is so respectful no one feels nervous,” Tarnya said of the Tavern Nights, the next of which is on February 7.

The Mirboo North Italian Festa, Poowong 150th Anniversary Celebration, and the Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival were other events nominated.

‘Commemorative Flags Marking Veterans Graves’, which pays tribute to veterans at the cemeteries of Foster, Toora and Welshpool in the lead-up to Anzac Day, was also in the running for Community Event of the Year.

Australia Day 2025

EVENT PROGRAM



DUMBALK

6.30pm - 9.30pm Australia Day BBQ

Dumbalk Memorial Park

- Free BBQ
- BYO drinks and chairs
- Children's activities

Contact: Walter Aich 0419 559 367

FOSTER

11.00am - 3.30pm Australia Day Activities

Outside the Foster and District Historical Museum

- Produce stall, book sale, trash and treasure stall
- Free entry into the Museum
- Afternoon tea - 2.30pm to 3.30pm
- Presentation from Foster Rotary - 3.00pm
- Raffles
- Buskers

Contact: Marg Haycroft 0409 338 352

KONGWAK

8.30am - 10.30am Australia Day Breakfast

Kongwak Public Hall

- Flag raising ceremony
- Egg and sausage breakfast
- Presentation from Wattle Bank Farm at 9.30am

Contact: Bill Brown 0407 881 025

KORUMBURRA

10.30am - 12.30pm Australia Day BBQ and Activities

Coleman Park, 39 Queen Street, Korumburra

- Flag raising ceremony
- Live music
- Guest speaker
- Recognition of South Gippsland award nominees
- Sausage sizzle by Korumburra Lions
- Oz cookies by Koringal Women's Service Club
- Face painting
- Bocci

Contact: Noelene Cosson 0438 551 605

MEENIYAN

9.30am - 11.30am Australia Day Breakfast Activities

Meeniyan Hall (Mechanics Institute), 97 Whitelaw Street

- Flag Raising Ceremony at Cenotaph
- Presentation ceremony acknowledging award nominees

These events are supported by South Gippsland Shire Council and the National Australia Day Council.

- Citizenship Ceremony
- Guest speaker MP Russell Broadbent
- Entertainment by Black Notes
- Guest speaker Avril van Wamel
- Free Meeniyan muffin breakfast and refreshments by the CFA and CWA.

Contact: Tarnya Wilson 0427 647 473

MIRBOO NORTH

10.30am - 11.30am

Australia Day Celebration and Morning Tea

Baromi Centre, 38 Couper Street, Mirboo North

- Awards ceremony acknowledging Mirboo North nominees
- Morning tea

Contact: Joy Koh 0407 058 638

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 Sharks Netball Club

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
- Screening of the new movie *Magic Beach* (time TBC)

Contact: Richard Moore 0408 902 604

WELSHPOOL

11.00am - 2.00pm Australia Day Family Day

Welshpool Park

- Free BBQ
- Children's yard games

Contact: Madelaine Mason 0409 976 211



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Australia Day events and activities

BASS COAST

• **Glen Alvie**
ON SUNDAY, January 26 a celebration will be held at the Glen Alvie Recreation Reserve, starting at 10am with the unfurling of the flags. Madeleine Stuchbery, journalist from the Weekly Times will present as a guest speaker, and the formalities will be followed by a morning tea. Gold coin donation upon entry.

• **Inverloch**
AUSTRALIA Day will be celebrated in Inverloch during the town's Community Farmers Market on January 26 at The Glade, with Inverloch Lions Club and Inverloch RSL Sub Branch combining to ensure the occasion receives appropriate attention. There'll be an 11am service at the sound shell, Australian flags will be handed out to kids, Inverloch RSL president Ross Gabb is the speaker and 'Advance Australia Fair' and 'I am Australian' will be played. Attendees will hear what Australia Day means to the RSL, with the nation's veterans having fought under the Australian flag, their sacrifices making the national day possible. In true Aussie tradition, there'll be a sausage sizzle.

• **Phillip Island**
PHILLIP Island and District Historical Society, in collaboration with the Rotary Club of Phillip Island and San Remo, warmly invites you to a community gathering at Rhyll Park on Sunday, January 26 from 11am to 3pm. This family-friendly event promises a day filled with music, fun, and reflection on the unique privilege of calling this beautiful region home. Includes free sausage sizzle, live music, food vans, kids activities, face painting and stilt walker.

• **Pound Creek**
POUND Creek Rural Fire Brigade is holding a free BBQ lunch for all who want to come along and celebrate Australia Day with the Pound Creek community. The day starts at 11.30am with a flag raising ceremony at the Pound Creek Fire Brigade station, followed by a guest speaker, fire safety demonstration, South Gippsland Shire Brass Band, raffles with lots of prizes, and a free BBQ lunch complete with salads and slices, tea and coffee. Cold drinks are available as well.

• **Woodleigh**
THE gumboot throw is on at 10am on Australia Day at Woodleigh Hall after a breakfast of egg and bacon rolls, snags, juice, tea and coffee. Pat a cow thanks to 17-year-old Bonnie

Ross from Heath Hill, her folks and cow Brookbora Askin Estelle, who will be on hand for milking, photos and general loving pats. There's also the chance to discuss some good ol' 'back in my day...' with old Woodleigh dairy farmers on the working of milking. Head to Woodleigh Hall, 86 Woodleigh-St Helier Road, Woodleigh on Sunday, January 26 from 8.30am – 12 noon. Adults \$10, Children \$5

• **Wonthaggi**
ROTARY: Join the Rotary Club of Wonthaggi as they host the Community Service Awards at Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre after a free breakfast kicking off from 7.30am.

WONTHAGGI SHOW N' SHINE: Dust off the old girl and pop along to Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve for the annual Show n' Shine and Swap Meet. Gates open from 8am (public) with a cruise the evening before. For more information check out the ad overpage or page 20.

CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY: The Bass Coast Citizenship Ceremony will take place on January 26 at Wonthaggi Workmens Club at 2pm.

SOUTH GIPPSLAND

Australia Day in Mirboo North

AUSTRALIA Day will be celebrated locally in Mirboo North at the Baromi Centre from 10.30am, with the winner of the towns own Citizen of the Year announced.

As part of formal proceedings an Acknowledgement of Country will open the morning and the two local nominees for Citizen of the Year, Colin Murray and Dianne Kiddle will be welcomed on to stage and their achievements presented.

Colin Murray has dedicated much of his time, energy, care and attention to the Mirboo North community, with 15 years of volunteer CFA service, taking care of the Christmas drive each year, being a long acting member and volunteer of the 1st Mirboo North Scout Group and assisting alongside many community groups.

Dianne (Di) Kiddle served on the original Mirboo North Child Steering Group committee to establish the St Andrew's Child Care Centre, coordinated the Community Kitchen and the Mirboo North Community Bus Service and continues to do community work through the church, recently acting as Chair of the Pastoral Relations Committee of Presbytery of Gippsland.

Following the presentation, Mirboo North Fire Brigade Captain Trent Venton will be the guest speaker before proceedings are closed. Councillors will be in attendance in representation of the shire and the Mirboo North Cricket Club will be catering for the event with morning tea to be served. This event is free and all are welcome to attend and support the people of their community.

Future hopes for Leongatha Australia Day event

WHILE Australia Day will still be widely celebrated in South Gippsland Shire, the local council embracing the occasion rejected by some municipalities, there'll be no official event in Leongatha this year. The citizenship ceremony held in the town's McIndoe Park in recent years will now be at the Meenyan Town Hall.

Leonnie McClusky of the Leongatha Australia Day Committee explained that efforts to get others to take on the running of the event have been unsuccessful thus far but she hopes to see Australia Day celebrations return to town in future.

"We've tried to encourage people to come on board in the last few years and nobody seems to want to put their hand up, and after 10 or so years we think maybe it's time for someone else to have a go," she said.

The committee consists of just five members, a couple of whom are in their late eighties.

While acknowledging the controversy surrounding Australia Day in recent years, Leonnie still sees a place for celebrating being an Australian regardless of your background.

"In the last three or four years, when we've had the citizenship ceremony as well, it's been wonderful and we've had a lovely time," Leonnie said, adding that the barbecue afterwards and the social atmosphere have also been enjoyable.

She noted that the organising committee has been well supported by various organisations in what has been a real community event.

"The service clubs in Leongatha have been fabulous over the years; they just jump up and everybody does their bit," Leonnie said, also acknowledging the support of South Gippsland Shire Council.

She joined the committee as a representative of the local Rotary Club, other committee members representing various other organisations.

The committee has stuck to much the same formula over the years but has introduced more for kids.



Volunteers Drew, Dina, Frosty and Jy giving away the San Remo Co-Op lobsters as part of the spinning wheel prize. Z17_0524

Spinning the lobster wheel at the Lobster Festival

ONE lucky spin on the Kilcunda Lobster Festival spinning wheel is all you need to win a much prized Southern Rock Lobster caught fresh from Bass Strait.

Spinning all day or until the lobster runs out the Kilcunda Lobster Festival spinning wheel has been a time-honoured tradition at Kilcunda on Australia Day since 1985.

"It's the main fundraiser," said founding committee member Thelma Churchill.

"One of the reasons January 26, Australia Day, was chosen as the day for the lobster festival is because it was the birthday of Kilcunda's oldest resident Ivy Churchill-Sanderson."

"It is held each year in the Kilcunda beachside carpark," said Ms Churchill.

A celebration of the Southern Rock Lobster the spinning wheel is still the main attraction.

"Each spin can win you a crayfish," said Ms Churchill.

San Remo Fisherman's

Co-Op sources the lobster from King Island and Flinders Island.

The festival is expected to attract up to 5000 visitors with live music, lobster lunches and seafood, skating events at the new Kilcunda skate park, kids activities including face painting, food stalls, and markets.

Sausage sizzles and hamburgers will be on sale with icy-cold drinks.

The Kilcunda CFA will be in attendance along with the SES.

"It can be chaotic during the day," said Ms Churchill.

"So best to get in early."

There is something for everyone including food and produce stalls, handcrafts, fairy floss and delicious ice cream on Australia Day, Sunday, January 26.

Sponsored by Bendigo Bank, Bass Coast Shire, and Westernport Water search for Kilcunda Lobster Festival on Facebook or go to kcda.weebly.com/lobster-festival.



Kilcunda Community Association's president Marcel and committee member Marianne. Z15_0524

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Family fun and local talents on display on Oz Day at the Daly



See internationally recognised two piece band 'The Times' play live along with acclaimed singer, songwriter and guitarist Imogen Price.

NOW in its fourth year Oz Day at the Daly will continue its tradition of showcasing local talent with the addition of Ozone Street to the entertainment line-up.

Ozone Street is a young four piece surfy-blues outfit hailing from Inverloch, Cape Patterson and Kongwak. What started as doing something to fill in time during COVID has turned into a passion; the group now playing at local festivals and getting gigs far and wide. Their sound has been described as “a refreshing blend of vintage blues and surf-inspired melodies” and it is quickly gaining a strong following.

Bass Coast has produced a wealth of local talent and this year sees the return of The Times; a highly rated two piece band from Phillip Island who have played around Australia and overseas.

The line-up is complemented by the very popular 23-year-old singer, song writer and guitarist Imogen Price also from Phillip Island. Together they will provide four hours of musical entertainment catering to a wide range of musical tastes. Local production company Production Corp paired with Bass Coast Sound and Video have again been engaged to provide a first class sound, light and video operation.

The day is all about family fun and while there will be carnival rides and face painting there will also be plenty of games and activities and the very popular tug of war.

The Bass Coast Historic Club will be displaying some of their superbly restored classic cars and the event caters for all ages. The atmosphere is relaxed and though some seating and tables are provided, people are advised to bring their own chairs or picnic rugs.

Activities continue into the evening with the highlight being the fireworks finale at 9.30pm. The quality of the fireworks displays has always been amazing and Fitzpatrick's Fireworks are again expected to put on another great show. Local residents are reminded to make sure they secure pets and animals that may become distressed by the fireworks.

Oz Day at the Daly is a ticketed family friendly event held at the Dalyston Recreation Reserve on Australia Day. Catered for by the Dalyston Football Netball Club gates open at 4pm with all activities ending after the 9.30pm fireworks display.

The venue is licenced and there is strictly no B.Y.O. alcohol.

Tickets are available through trybooking.com/CYBBX

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Wonthaggi & District Historical Society's Jim Barritt stands with Cape Paterson life member Mark 'Doogs' Legg. C02_0325

65 years of patrolling Cape Paterson saving lives

ON AUSTRALIA Day 2025, the Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club will celebrate an incredible milestone – 65 years of patrolling and protecting the community.

From its humble beginnings in 1960, the club has grown tremendously into not only a club that saves lives but one filled with family spirit as discussed by Mark 'Doogs' Legg on Tuesday, January 14 when he presented at Wonthaggi & District Historical Society's 15 Minute Talks.

The club's origins date back to late 1958, when a group of locals recognised the need for patrols at Cape Paterson's First Surf Beach, approximately a kilometre down the road from Wonthaggi Royal Life Saving Club.

Concerned about swimmers and surfers in unguarded waters, community members including Leslie Legg, Wally Purvis, Ron Gilmour, and Clinton Shields worked tirelessly to form the club.

"Clinton Shields, who was one of the teachers (in Wonthaggi) and a member of one of the local surf clubs, could see the benefit of getting a patrol up there," Mark explained.

"They approached the Royal Life Saving Club of Wonthaggi run by Allan Birt. And said, Allan, can we put a patrol up there under the Royal Life Saving flag? He didn't want to do it, so they got together with Clinton, and they started forming a committee."

Clinton spearheaded training efforts, ensuring the founding members achieved their Bronze Medallions, which at the time were different to the Royal Life Saving Bronze Medallion. Their dedication led to the club's first patrol on January 26, 1960 – an event that became the foundation of the club.

Mr Wally Purvis, of the well-known Gippsland building firm, was elected the first President, Ron Gilmour the first Club Captain, Les Legg the first Boat Captain, and Allan Birt to the Committee. Les was also the first Club Captain.

Fast forward 65 years, and the club continues to thrive, now boasting a membership of over 1200, including 315 junior "Nippers" who represent the next generation of lifesavers.

"1978/79 we had a bit of a fallout in the club and we were left with five patrolling members. People said we were going to fail, but we didn't, for the simple reason, we still had faith that we could keep the club going.

Those five men were Jim Prendergast, Alan Taylor, John and Tom Campbell and Doogs, supported by John Campbell Senior.

"We're really lucky that Surf Life Saving relented and let women join. There was a lot of pushback from some of the clubs – we wanted them badly."

The Club also proudly had a strong Ladies Auxiliary, who ran the kiosk at the back of the first clubhouse from the early days.

"This clubhouse was built by begged, borrowed and found items," Doogs' smiled.

"The stumps were found over the Koonwarra yards where my grandfather was working on the railway. He said they need a few stumps for their new club. They said, come over with a truck and we'll get a few sleepers for you.

"Those sleepers are still embedded in the sand at the boat shed down on the beach.

"As they went along, the ladies were involved in raising money, so they could run the club a bit more efficiently. The men built a small shed at the back of the original clubhouse so the ladies could sell ice creams, icy poles, and have somewhere to change. They couldn't fully patrol, but the auxiliary was very strong."

Memories of the 1000 lamingtons and dolls raffle amongst those most popular.

And it would be remiss not to mention training as Doogs recalls on Sunday's when the kids were taken to the beach so mum could get her work done.

"... (it) consisted of letting us go swimming in the surf, or if the weather was bad, we'd be wrapped up in blankets under the original clubhouse.

"It was a really fun place, because you'd watch these men exercising and they were fit. Their idea of fun when they had their longboards was to go to The Bombie and they'd surf up to 15/20ft waves out there... they called it training!"

The Caltex Gippsland boat was discussed, and memories of state championships won.

"George used to make them get in the boat and row all the way to Inverloch and back – and that was their training, as well as their beach training. These men were very strong."

Boats may still be a large part of the club to this day, a part of the club very close to Doogs' heart, but the family friendly atmosphere, third generation of lifesavers and memories are what makes the clubhouse a second home for many.

Happy 65th anniversary, Cape Paterson SLSC – here's to many more years of saving lives.

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Australia Day celebrations 2025

You are invited to attend:
Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre,
Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

Sunday, January 26, 2025

Starts at 7.30am with community breakfast, followed by entertainment, an address by the Rotary Australia Day Ambassador and the presentation of Rotary Community awards.

We look forward to seeing you there

Past award winners and families warmly welcome to attend.

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Sentinel-Times COMMENT

Police shortage reaching crisis point

MAKE no mistake, the shortage of police, especially in country areas where there's a big influx of visitors from the Melbourne metro area, has a direct impact on the health, safety and wellbeing of the local community.

Certainly, we applaud the efforts of police in recent days, working hard to round up those involved in the fearful shooting in the residential streets of Wonthaggi last week.

And, when it comes to major crime and responding to serious incidents, including fatal collisions on the road, Victoria Police always bring their highly experienced teams and task forces in to bolster the efforts of local police.

But staff shortages caused by 800 vacancies, according to the Police Association of Victoria, with 900 on long-term sick leave means that 43 stations across the state have been forced to close at night while others struggle just to get patrols on the road.

It's a situation we have seen in Bass Coast and South Gippsland in recent times.

"Community safety is being put at risk," says the police association on the front page of its website and we've got no reason to doubt it.

So, while major crime and serious incidents are getting the attention they deserve, the shortage of police is impacting general policing, dealing with the scourge of domestic violence, addressing the rise in youth crime and taking on one of the main root causes of local crime generally, the illicit drug trade.

Why, for example, when police know where all of the illegal tobacco is being sold, don't they just shut them down?

And why, when they know where and by whom all the drugs are being sold locally, don't they simply deal with it?

Because it's a matter of priorities when you don't have the police numbers you need.

It's not that there isn't a problem locally.

The total number of crime incidents in Bass Coast were up by 17.1 per cent in the 12 months to the end of September 2024 and in South Gippsland up by 8.8 per cent.

Breaches of family violence orders lead the way in both LGAs as the most common offence but criminal damage and thefts, including motor vehicle thefts, are right up there.

What's needed with these classes of crime is a bigger pre-emptive effort but you need more police resources for that.

The general community is frustrated with the waste of taxpayer dollars and the diversion of government funds away from the basics including law and order, health, education, road maintenance and land management to fund an unwieldy public service, social engineering, questionable energy strategy and the corruption and overpricing associated with major projects.

The State Government needs to address the issues of recruitment, retention, unpaid overtime and burnout with the state's police force, as a matter of urgency, before one in four leave the force, as they've indicated they will, over the next 12 months.

Vox Pop

What do you think about Australia Day?



Catherine

Cape Paterson

"It's a celebration. Everyone's got something to celebrate."



Margaret

Cape Paterson

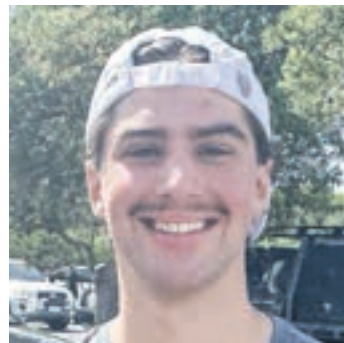
"It's a day for us all to celebrate."



Lucas

Cape Paterson

"I think it's important to celebrate but the concept is outdated by 200 years and doesn't represent Australia as it is now. It's very multicultural and who we are now is a multicultural country."



Sam

Cape Paterson

"The people that are for keeping the date are more about just celebrating. So, change the date a week or two because it's in summer so people can still celebrate but by changing it, it would make more Aboriginal people happy."

Not celebrating Australia Day

LOCAL councillor Mat Morgan has issued a statement to clarify his position on Australia Day.

He will not be participating in any Australia Day celebrations on the 26th of January, having previously referred to Australia Day as invasion day and a day of mourning.

In a video posted on Tiktok in 2023, Morgan urged 136,000 viewers to recognise January 26 as a day of mourning, saying "perhaps we could try recognising January 26th respectfully, because it is a day of mourning for heaps of First Nations People, many of whom mourn violence, slavery and the murder of their ancestors at the hands of our grandparents and great grandparents."

Cr Morgan, who was elected in 2024 as the youngest-ever councillor in Bass Coast, has told The Sentinel-Times that he stands by his previous comments and actions, which include attending an 'abolish the monarchy' rally shortly after Queen Elizabeth's passing.

I won't be celebrating January 26th. I'll be joining the rally in the city and standing in solidarity with First Nations folks, calling for an end to the deaths in custody. I'm a councillor for the Bunurong ward, we have no Treaty with the Bunurong people, so I have no pride in this day.

Mat Morgan, Inverloch

Editor: Please note, this statement was presented as a media release but with the permission of Cr Morgan, we have published it in the point of view section of the paper.

Thank you RACV

TODAY (Sunday, January 19) we celebrated a family event at the Inverloch RACV for lunch.

I congratulate the staff who looked after us.

They attended to us so well and made sure that every aspect of our visit was memorable. The food was delicious, and the waiting staff went above and beyond to make sure we enjoyed ourselves.

We, in Inverloch, are lucky to have such a lovely place to take our visitors to and I would recommend it to anyone wishing to experience a lovely day out.

Well done Inverloch RACV employees!

Jill Widmer, Inverloch

Saving children from smart phones

I READ with interest your article and the Vox Pop regarding mobile phones for young people.

I say 'with interest' because I recently provided mobile phones to two young people starting secondary school. The reason was to provide security for both the students and their parents.

After much research I found an Australian designed phone that provided exactly what we were looking for, and that addressed our safety concerns.

The phone comes with an app that allows the parent to control - who calls and texts can be received from and made to; there is no camera; which apps can be accessed and time limitations; if attachments can be received by text or email; and phone location.

Great value, Australian designed and supported, I am really pleased with the product.

Name supplied

Editor's Note: The mobile phones referred to are G-Mee's.

Summer holiday road safety

THE MRAA's summer holiday message to all road users starts with be nice to one another. Share the road. Stay alert.

If you look for hazards, you've got a chance to avoid them.

All road users can make mistakes. Some of our roads are neglected and dangerous, particularly in country areas. Wildlife on the road is a serious problem too.

A safe trip makes for a happy holiday.

Damien Codognotto OAM, The Motorcycle Riders Association Australia

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

LIFE Moments



DOUGLAS and Beverley Clark celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary two days early with a small party of family and friends held on Saturday ahead of their official anniversary yesterday (Monday, January 20). After a magical day with family, Beverley passed away on Sunday.

Send your birthday, anniversary or baby photos to news@sgst.com.au

Model trains try new stop at Berninneit

THE arrival of the first Phillip Island Model Railway Exhibition at Cowes’ \$32 million cultural centre on the weekend wasn’t without its teething troubles.

It was the first time in decades that the popular annual event had ventured away from the Phillip Island Senior Citizens Clubrooms in Lions Court, where the Phillip Island and District Railway Modellers have made their home.

But it was a necessary switch while the Bass Coast Shire Council spends \$538,000 on “roof replacement with structural elements, plumbing and re-establishment of services” at the senior cits all of which is nearing completion.

How you spend more than \$1/2 million on a new roof for a set of community clubrooms is anyone’s guess.

However, the model trains were on the move and the new central location seemed to be embraced by visitors who attended in good numbers.

According to president of the railway modellers, Geoff Newman, the shire could not have been more accommodating in helping the group set up its 14 model train layouts and other paraphernalia in time for the show.

“As one of the first events of its kind in the new building, we’ve been able to give the shire some feedback on the issues we have identified,” Mr Newman said.



Taking a keen interest in the tiny trains at the Phillip Island Model Train Show last weekend are visitors from Bendigo Laura, Atticus and Saxon Cathcart.

He said he believed the kitchen was too small for a facility of the size and function of Berninneit and there was also access problems, having the only way into the community space opposite the toilets, also in use by patrons at the cinema.

“I think they were pleased to get our feedback when working

with community groups.”

Mr Newman said in recognition of it being a temporary move for the annual railway exhibition, the shire had also come to the party, subsidising the room hire and associated costs through a one-off sponsorship of the event.

It’s by no means clear

whether other community groups can afford to stage functions at Berninneit.

Again, the highlights of the model train show were the intricate, working model train layouts, which no doubt take hours and hours of the enthusiast’s time to construct and activate, many with full digital control and authentic sound.

See the Song exhibition at the Stockyard Gallery

TIMED to coincide with the recent Pearl Park Music Festival in Foster, the Stockyard Gallery is currently showcasing an exhibition of art inspired by music.

See the Song turns musical instruments and notes into amazing works of art.

Given the difficult task of deciding a winner judges Lilli Boughton and Ben Yarram awarded Steven Hum first prize for his ‘Loaded Note’.

The junior prize went to Casey Johnson for ‘I See a Little Silhouette of a Man’.

‘Serenade of the Trees’ by Mary Price and ‘The First Song’ by Stuart Inchley earned honourable mentions.

Second prize went to Bruce Verity for ‘The Musician’ and Laurie Collins took third prize for ‘Reflection Piano Keys’.

The See the Song exhibition runs until Tuesday, January 28 with Points of View from Mandy Gunn and the Walkerville Art Group to follow from January 30 to February 28.

Located at 12 McDonald Street alongside the South Gippsland Visitor Information Centre at the corner of McDonald and Main Streets in Foster the Stockyard Gallery is a dynamic not-for-profit community gallery that aims to provide a quality art space for the amazing variety of artistic talent in South Gippsland.

The Stockyard Gallery is open from 11am to 3pm five days a week on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

For more information on current and future exhibitions go to stockyardgallery.au.



Sue Miles from the Stockyard Gallery in Foster with artworks from See the Song exhibition. B44_0325

National Autism Strategy provides opportunity for change

THE federal government launched the National Autism Strategy, which it says sets out a plan for a safe and inclusive society for all Autistic people.

Dr Aspasia Stacey Rabba, School of Educational Psychology and Counselling, Clinician-Researcher, Lecturer and Educational and Developmental Psychologist said, “This is an incredible

milestone for Autistic Australians and their families, with great opportunity for change and improvements. We must realise we need a collaborative effort for this strategy to be successful.

“While providing professional training and resources is valuable, accessibility to diagnosis is a significant issue. As outlined by the strategy, we need to ‘explore ways to

make Autism diagnosis and assessment processes more affordable’, but to do this we also need to ensure these are available in the first place. With most assessments taking place privately, it becomes an equity issue, too. There needs to be further investment in public health diagnostic services, especially for adults, including intersectional cohorts.

“Autistic individuals have high co-occurrence rates of mental health conditions, with significantly heightened risk of premature death by suicide – three to five times more likely than the general population. We know that social support is a significant protective factor when it comes to mental ill-health so it’s great to see the strategy’s commitment to this.”

Sharing our shores

PHILLIP Island Nature Parks staff and volunteers were out spreading the word about protecting local wildlife alongside the Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club Nippers, earlier this month.

More than 200 people attended the Sharing Our Shores pop-up education and awareness stall, learning how we can all enjoy our beaches safely, and help look after our shorebirds.

Residents and visitors to Bass Coast are encouraged to do their bit to help wildlife ‘nest and rest’ by taking these easy steps:

- Stay on tracks and avoid walking on dunes
- Keep your distance from wildlife
- Leash your dogs and keep cats indoors
- Take your rubbish with you

The Sharing our Shores campaign runs until April 30, 2025.

Project partners include Birdlife Australia, Bass Coast Shire Council and the Conservation Regulator.

• FAITH FACTOR

FYI if you didn’t know

By Pastor Karen Evans, Wonthaggi Christian Life Centre

MANY people are unaware of how Christians and the Church have helped shape the world we live in today. Have you ever wondered where some of the institutions we rely upon came into existence or even why they got started?

Hospitals – The idea of the hospital grew out of the Christian emphasis on charity, especially toward the sick. It was decreed, beginning in the fourth century, that for every church built, a corresponding hospital be built next to it. Before, healthcare was reserved for a minority. That’s why many health institutions have names like St John of God, St Vincents, Red Cross, etc.

Adoption and Foster Care – The early Christians were the first ones to get the babies from the dumpsters and adopt them, as well as the first ones to open up adoption centres for the children that were being rejected from their homes.

Education – Kindergarten and graded education levels, formal education systems for the blind and deaf originated from Christians. Sunday school originated from Christians that wanted common, poor people to have an education, so they started teaching them on Sundays before church. Before that, the majority of the population had no hope of an education.

Science – Christianity created the foundation for science. Johannes Kepler became famous for discovering three laws of planetary motion. Galileo discovered the moon’s surface had valleys and mountains, and it had no light of its own but reflected the light from the sun. Isaac Newton discovered the laws of gravity, and his Mathematical Principles of Natural Philosophy is considered one of the most significant single contributions in the history of science. All these men were devout Christians.

The list could continue – charity, missionaries, op-shops, food relief, slavery abolishment. Art, literature, music to name a few. Some of the most famous pieces came from Christians. Google it.

Why am I telling you this? Because at the heart of all these institutions is Jesus. When everyday people follow Jesus and allow Him to impact their lives, the whole community benefits. Christian principal foundations are we are all equally created by God, so we love our neighbour and care for the poor. Yes, Christians are not perfect, yes, the Church is not perfect, but the One we follow is. Jesus is still changing lives and impacting our community through His everyday people. Want to know about how Jesus can change your life? Get to a Church and ask.

God bless you.



Kidz Klub founders Jim and Margaret Churchill were on hand to celebrate the special 40th anniversary in Sandy Point.

Another successful year of Kidz Klub

FORTY years ago, the Fish Creek Christian Assembly approached Jim and Margaret Churchill with a desire to start a children's outreach work in Sandy Point.

Their simple wish was to share the love of Jesus with kids from Sandy Point and surrounding communities.

After some thought and prayer, Jim and Margaret felt that the Lord was leading them in this direction, and in the summer of 1985 the program commenced.

They set-up in the old tennis club hall, and with a very small team of local helpers ran a week-long program with three sessions per day. The first song ever sung was The Butterfly Song; that same song, using the original card, is still in use today.

Over the years, the work has continued with an evolving program and an expanding team. Notwithstanding two missed years: one during the construction of the new Sandy Point Community Centre, and one during the COVID pandemic, the program has been a summer mainstay for 40 years.

In 2025, Kidz Klub celebrated their 40th anniversary, with a team of over 35 leaders helping from local churches across Victoria and interstate.

We are thankful for the opportunity to continue this work, and look forward to continuing in the will of the Lord from Monday, January 5 – Friday, January 9, 2026.

But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." - Matthew 19:14, the Bible.

Powerhouse opening night

THERE were congratulations all around on Friday evening at the opening of True West.

Stellar performances by the cast, and hard work from those behind the scenes, left everything on stage in a standout performance.

As one theatregoer noted, "Joel Stevenson and Corey Green gave powerhouse performances. They left it all on the stage. Soo good!"

And without giving away the ending True West by Sam Shepard is a modern classic.

As the Daily Mail once stated about Sam Shepard's play.

"Playwright, Sam Shepard wields language like a blunt instrument. The brothers' confrontations create exciting, sometimes wildly funny theatre."

And Wonthaggi Theatrical Group, True West Director Wayne Moloney has certainly brought the myriad of layers and onerous topics to life.

"It's interesting, you have two completely different characters with their own insecurities and jealousy, who are both yearning

deep down for what the other has – the freedom, the stability," Wayne explained.

"I don't believe you master a role until you become the person rather than play the character. Blessed with intuitive actors like Corey and Joel, I felt like a spectator as two people I didn't know became a reality."

Wildly conflicting personalities, estranged brothers Lee and Austin meet unexpectedly whilst Austin is sitting their mother's house.

Consumed by sibling rivalry and envy, the brothers embark on a volatile journey of personal revelation and self-destruction.

Andrew Pollock and Sally Lewer-Ahearn round out the brilliant quartet cast.

With only three shows remaining this weekend Friday, January 24 at 7.30pm, Saturday, January 25 (5pm) and Sunday, January 26 (5pm) do not miss your opportunity to see this powerhouse play by Wonthaggi Theatrical Group.

Book tickets now at wtg.org.au – you won't be disappointed.



Joel Stevenson plays the part of Austin in the Wonthaggi Theatrical Group's staging of True West. B05_0225



Corey Green gave a powerhouse performance at True West's opening night. C04_0325

Allison Lester's Magic Beach brought to life on screen

AFTER captivating children and families for 30 years, Alison Lester's beloved book Magic Beach has been brought to life on screen and was released locally in cinemas last week.

Children and their parents were at the Leongatha cinema last Thursday to catch the very first screening of the popular children's classic, with many excited to see Walkerville on the big screen, an area they know and love.

Magic Beach is centred around Walkerville Beach, with its surrounding cliffs and the hills of Wilsons Prom' in the distance; created by South Gippsland's very own multi-award-winning author and illustrator Alison Lester.

The film has been 20 years in the making and was directed by Robert Connolly (Paper Planes) and some of Australia's leading animators.

"Filming in South Gippsland brought our cast and crew to this incredible region,



The beloved book Magic Beach has been brought to life and screened locally in cinemas for the first time last week.

employed locals and their businesses, and we were at all times welcomed by the wonderful communities in the region," said Robert.

"We are delighted to be releasing this cinema adaptation of Alison Lester's classic celebration of the beach across Australia these summer holidays."

The film takes the audience on a trip through a unique mix

of live action, entwined with extraordinary, animated adventures that bring viewers to a dreamy seaside world where anything is possible.

Featuring timeless characters, Magic Beach is a captivating blend of reality and fantasy that inspires people of all ages to feel the sand beneath their toes and find wonder in the world around them.

Ms Lester said the film had been a big collaboration over a long time and she trusted Robert's judgement on the project.

"I think the way that he's done it is real genius. It allows the children to be part of the movie, they can drop themselves into it, which I guess is how the book also works," said Ms Lester.

While the Acting Minister for Creative Industries Natalie Hutchins said,

"From the iconic book by Victoria's own Alison Lester, to this incredible new film made by a talented team of Victorians and shot in South Gippsland – Magic Beach is a Victorian success story through and through."

Magic Beach will be playing at Stadium 4 Cinema in Leongatha and all other screenings can be found at madman.com.au/magic-beach.

The film was supported by the Victorian Government through VicScreen.

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Dr Chalko is an engineer with a PhD in laser holography, but his love for classical guitar shines bright. He is a gifted performer, composer and arranger.

Every year for two decades, except during the pandemic, Dr Tom performed classical guitar concerts at the Mount Best Community Hall.

What makes Dr Tom's concerts so special is the diversity of his programs. He doesn't limit himself to playing classical guitar solo. He expands his repertoire and enhances the audience's enjoyment by playing with his own cyber-orchestra.

Dr Tom's concerts are not just events; they are unforgettable experiences that connect us through the universal language of music.

The last time Tom went FAN-DANGO... In his next concert on March 23, Tom presents "Sounds of the centuries".

He begins in the 13th century, ~500 years before Bach, and plays some of the greatest hits in the history of music. Visit mtbest.net for the full program.

A final splash of colour at Berninneit

THE final pop-up art exhibition from Phillip Island Contemporary Exhibition Space Inc (PICES) has been mounted at the art space in Cowes' Berninneit cultural centre.

It opened on Thursday, January 16 showcasing the work of Peter Brook (painting), Stephen Glover (painting), Wendy Habraken-Flack (drawing), Melinda Holt (painting), Carolyne Jane (painting), Jillian Mitchell (photography), Kate Stuart (pottery), Candida van Rood (painting), Kylie Watson (print-making) and Rain White (painting) and runs through until after the Australia Day Weekend.

One of the artists exhibiting works for sale is Jillian Mitchell, a photographer from Surf Beach on Phillip Island.

Jillian, a member of the PICES group, has been taking photos for more than 30 years focusing on nature, wildlife and travel while also taking commissions on a range of subjects.

Just as it did for many artists, the COVID pandemic drove a wave of creativity for Jillian as well and one of the projects she hatched was a plan to take a daily photo of one coastal location, between May and December in 2020, near her home at 'Crazy Birds Beach' on Phillip Island.

In the end, she captured 172 mornings out of a possible 219 at the beach and turned them into a fascinating video which can be viewed on her website at jillianmitchellphotography.com.

Her works in the exhibition at Berninneit are abstract photos of the ocean at sunset, in



Phillip Island photographer Jillian Mitchell has contributed a series of interesting seascape photos to the final Pop-up Art Exhibition of the summer by the local PICES art group at the Berninneit cultural centre in Cowes.



Visitors to the gallery space at Berninneit check out some of the works on display in the final exhibition of the summer by the PICES group.

black and white, without the distraction of the sunset colours.

"When you see photos of sunsets over the ocean, you're always captivated by the colours but often miss the lines and textures of the waves which I've tried to highlight here," said Jillian last week.

There's a lot more to see, from pottery to drawings and different styles of paintings.

The PICES summer series of exhibitions has been a significant success over the holidays, encouraging people to not only visit the gallery space but also take a look through the relatively new cultural centre.

Fixit Cafe saves money and reduces waste

LAST year the Fixit Cafe in Wonthaggi (an activity of the Wonthaggi Men's Shed) saved a whopping 127 kilograms of waste going to landfill by fixing broken household items.

The friendly team of fixers repair clocks and other electrical and non-electrical household items including clothing repairs and alterations. Repairs are carried out by volunteers (donations are gratefully received) for people while they enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a snack.

Items that can be repaired need to be small (you have to be able to carry them) and exclude microwaves and computers. Bookings are essential and each participant gets a half-hour slot.

If your repair can't be done in this time, it can be brought back the following month for another half-hour slot. Items for repair can't be left at the men's shed.

To make a booking phone staff at the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre, Mitchell

House on 5672 3731. The Cafe will be open from 10am to 12 noon on Sunday, February 16 and is located at the Harvest Centre in the Wonthaggi Community Garden. Enter through the Big W carpark and go past the Goods Shed to find parking.

New volunteers are very welcome. If you can bake, make coffee, greet visitors or repair things, feel free to offer a couple of hours a month whenever you can spare the time. Come and see us on Sunday, February 16.



Corned Beef with horseradish sauce

By Meg Viney

Corned beef

- 1 – ½ kg piece of corned beef (silverside)
- 1 onion, cut into quarters
- 1 carrot, coarsely chopped
- 1 stalk celery, chopped
- 1 tbsp vinegar (apple cider)
- 1 tbsp brown sugar
- 10 black peppercorns

Horseradish sauce

- 50 gm butter
- 2 tbsp flour
- 2 cups milk
- 1 – 2 tablespoon grated horseradish

Method

Place the beef into a slow cooker and add all ingredients. Add water to just cover, cover and cook on low for eight hours.

Sauce

Melt the butter.

Off the heat, stir in the flour, then add a little milk, stir, then return to the heat, gradually adding the milk and stirring continuously until the sauce thickens.

Stir in the horseradish to taste.

Serve beef sliced, with sauce

Return the piece of unsliced beef to the cooking liquid and keep it in the fridge. The liquid makes the best ever minestrone stock. Please do not discard. Just strain and freeze.

Next week, nectarine chutney, beautiful with cold meat and cheeses.

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Touch: A powerful celebration of dance and connection comes to Gippsland

GIPPSLAND and East Gippsland audiences are invited to experience "TOUCH", a powerful and evocative production that unites the ancient art form of Bharathanatyam and Ballet.

This critically acclaimed work explores themes of connection, transformation, and the human spirit through the universal language of dance.

The production is the creative vision of Deepa Mani, an award-winning Bharathanatyam artist celebrated for her masterful storytelling and innovative choreography and the exceptional Sheena Chundee, a celebrated Ballet dancer and choreographer known for her striking ability to blend classical and contemporary styles with grace and depth.

Together, they create an immersive experience that bridges tradition and modernity.

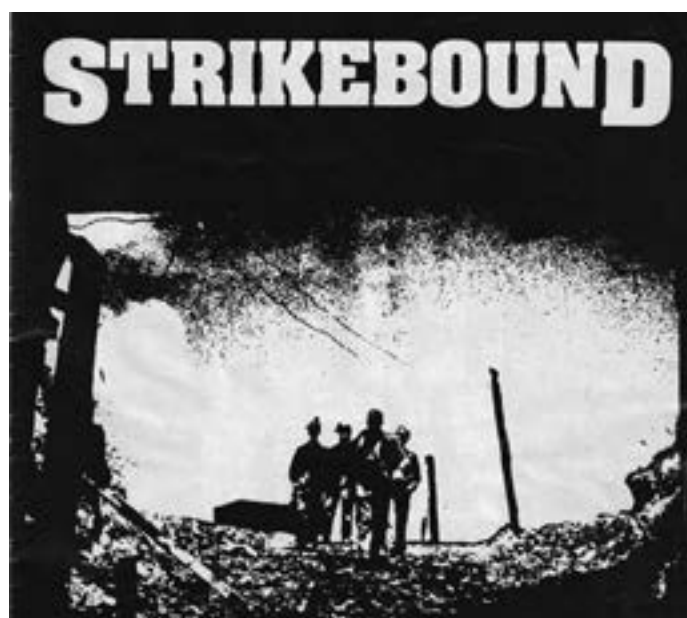
On stage at the Gippsland Performing Arts Centre on February 22 at 2pm and Forge Theatre, East Gippsland on February 23 at 2pm, do not miss your chance to see the acclaimed performance with your very own eyes.

The Forge Theatre is even offering a special package inclusive of Himalayan High Tea.

For tickets, visit visitgippsland.com.au/event/touch (Gippsland Performing Arts Centre) and trybooking.com/CXJTP (Forge Theatre).

Step into the world of "TOUCH" and witness a dance production that challenges boundaries, celebrates cultural exchange, and leaves a lasting impression on the heart and mind.

Celebrating 100 years of the Union



Strikebound will launch the official 100 year of celebrations for Wonthaggi's Union Theatre.



"IT'S On at The Union," brings together a full year of vibrant events, historical reflections, and performances to honour the historic Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre and the spirit that built it.

This iconic venue, originally known as The Union Theatre, has been a hub of community life and connectivity for a century, fostering intergenerational culture, creativity, and social cohesion.

Under the banner of "It's On At The Union", the Centre will revert to its original name of The Union Theatre for 2025 with a year-long activation filled with historical reflections and contemporary performances, bringing together a swathe of well-known acts, local artists, community groups, and the people of Wonthaggi and beyond to celebrate the arts and the community spirit that has defined this region.

From intimate artistic showcases to community-wide celebrations, there's something for everyone, and it all kicks off on Saturday, February 15 with a special screening of Strikebound – In Conversation with Richard Lowenstein.

Step into Wonthaggi's coalmining past with this acclaimed documentary, followed by an exclusive Q&A session with director Richard Lowenstein. Hear firsthand how our town's rich history inspired this remarkable film.

The movie about 1930s mining in Australia was partially filmed at a real-life and now disused and defunct mine in Wonthaggi.

Some of you may recall that the Strikebound film was originally launched in Wonthaggi with the Hon Bob Hawke former Prime Minister in attendance.

Arrive early to soak in the sounds of the beloved Wonthaggi Citizens' Band, a living testament to our town's vibrant musical legacy.

Proceeds from the kick-off event will go to the Wonthaggi Historical Society and the Wonthaggi Citizens' Band, ensuring that our rich heritage continues to inspire future generations.

"This milestone is an opportunity to not only look back at the incredible history of the Wonthaggi Union but also to embrace its future," said Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead.

"It's a celebration of the people who have kept this venue alive and thriving across generations."

The original Union Theatre was built in 1925 by the Miners Union and was home to theatre performances, music, debates, union meetings and even boxing matches. It stood until April 10, 1980 when the building was razed by fire. However, through the commitment of the then Borough of Wonthaggi, the theatre was rebuilt and opened on November 13, 1982.



TOUCH COMES TO GIPPSLAND

TOUCH delves into the personal narratives of two dancers addressing issues of bias, racism, and isolation. Interweaving Ballet and Bharathanatyam, it advocates for the beauty that emerges when society takes the time to comprehend and connect with one another.



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Trent and Susan Venten support Mirboo North Citizen of the Year nominee Colin Murray, with Trent captain of the town's fire brigade in which Colin serves with distinction. A08_0325



Noelene Cosson, Margaret Brown and Jenni Keerie support Korumburra Citizen of the Year nominee John Davies at South Gippsland Shire Council's awards ceremony in Meeniyan. A09_0325



Janis Thomson from the U.K. enjoying VICSWIM at the Toora pool with Lucy and Rachel from East Brunswick. B39_0325



Bruce Phillips and Barbara Robertson awaited the much anticipated 15 Minute Talk on Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club. C01_0325



Freddie, Alfie and Poppy were excited to be able to see Walkerville in the Magic Beach on the big screen. ob01_0325



Edith and Beau at the cinema, have been long-time fans of the Magic Beach book by Alison Lester. ob02_0325



Sian has read Magic Beach to both of her sons with Zephyr excited to be seeing the film at the cinema. ob03_0324



Sandra and Len who competed in the aquathon with friends supporting Ken and Janine. ob25_0325



Karen, McKenzie and Samantha, Cape Paterson locals came down to support the aquathon. ob26_0325

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at South Gippsland Australia Day awards, VICSWIM at the Toora pool, Screening of the Magic Beach, Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club, Leongatha Art & Photography Show and the Cape Paterson Aquathon.



Bronwyn Debenham, Sue Fleming, Mary Aldred and John Schelling check out the art show in Leongatha. A23_0325



Deb Leonard and John Tebbutt enjoy the art show in Leongatha. A20_0325



Jack Oritz and Hope Russo explore the art show, with Hope's mum entering her work for the first time. A21_0325



Janice Orchard and Rob Parsons of the Gurdies look the part for the Leongatha Art & Photography Show's opening night on Friday. A25_0325



Greer Arnott of Loch with her artwork 'On the Hill, Loch Wonthaggi Rd' at Friday's art show opening. A26_0325



Lauren and Emily at the aquathon, supporting their daughters racing in the aquathon. ob27_0325



Lucas and Sam competed in the aquathon and were both pleased with how they went. ob28_0325

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This well fitted out hotel offers a sports bar, bistro lounge, various sitting areas, drive through bottle shop, a three-bedroom owner's apartment and very good back of house facilities and toilets.

A popular spot, customers are drawn from day trippers passing through to locals from nearby townships including Grantville, Woolamai and Coronet Bay, as well as from further afield including San Remo across to Wonthaggi.

George Bass Hotel sits on a 3,936m2 site which offers a 90-metre street frontage. The land is zoned 'Township'.

Located at the rear of the hotel is another 6,181m2 of Township zoned land which can also be purchased. This additional land (subject to title registration) can be further subdivided into five house blocks.

The Hotel which is situated on Lot 1 is available to purchase with Vacant Possession including the current fit out (furniture, fittings, chattels, plant and equipment) on a where is, as is basis (except for the billiard tables and kids arcade games). The Selling Price is \$1,100,000 plus GST.

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- ** Also available 6181m² Vacant Land - 4 Lot Subdivision with conditional Town Planning Approval

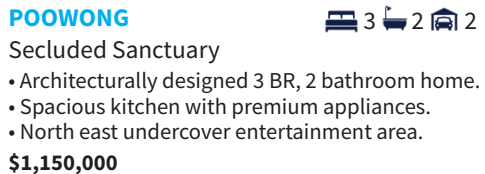
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Phil Mammolito 0438 371 094
1300 767 802 www.crebrowsers.com



565 Glen Alvie Road, **Glen Alvie**
For Sale \$4,450,000
Agent Nutrien Harcourts
 Barry Redmond 0477 622 292
 barry.redmond@nh.com.au

Contact Barry Redmond on 0477 622 292 for more information or to arrange a private viewing.



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AN exciting opportunity presents to purchase this excellent and affordable farming property located in the perfect position at the entrance to the Mirboo North township, renowned for its great hospitality and resilience.

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Within 15 minutes to Leongatha and only a 30 minute drive to Morwell. Inspection is highly recommended. Contact Jason Harris 0417 640 079 or Kasey Bowman 0439 207 196 for further information or to arrange an inspection.



Land43.91 ha

3235 Strzelecki Hwy, **Mirboo Nth**
For Sale \$1,475,000
Agent Ray White Leongatha
Kasey Bowman 0439 207 196
Jason Harris 0417 640 079

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15 Bair Street, Leongatha

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Michael Hanily

Dave Trotman

Kasey Bowman

For Sale

21 Abeckett Street, **Leongatha**

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS ONE!

- Neat, well presented 3 bedroom home
- Good size living and open kitchen
- 724m² low maintenance block
- Short walk to shops, schools and rec

Dave Trotman 0418 589 805

\$479,000 3 1 3 3

For Sale

33 Ritchie Street, **Leongatha**

PERIOD GEM IN PRIME LOCATION!

- Gorgeous street appeal & period features
- Large living & open kitchen/dining
- Covered outdoor entertaining deck
- Short walk to shops

Kasey Bowman 0439 207 196

\$600,000-\$660,000 4 1 1 1

For Sale

8 Valley View Cres, **Leongatha**

A PLACE TO CALL HOME

- Renovated 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom home
- Close to schools and medical facilities
- Double carport plus shed
- Established and well cared for gardens

Kasey Bowman 0439 207 196

\$610,000 4 2 2 2

For Sale

51 Routhead Street, **Leongatha**

LOCATION LOCATION LOCATION!

- Opposite Rec Reserve and close to shops
- Period features and high ceilings
- Rear lane access and double garage
- Development potential S.T.C.A

Kasey Bowman 0439 207 196

\$395,000- \$420,000 3 1 2 2

For Sale

15 Hannah Rise, **Korumburra**

ROOM FOR EVERYONE!

- Stunning views of the Korumburra hills
- Multiple living zones & galley style kitchen
- Dbl garage, under house storage, gardens
- Park and playground across the road

Dave Trotman 0418 589 805

\$740,000 4 2 2 2

For Sale

21-29 Brendan Street, **Meeniyan**

SPACE IN THE HEART OF TOWN

- 3.92 acres with 4 bedroom home
- Horse stables and riding arena
- Double garage plus shedding
- Established gardens and trees

Kasey Bowman 0439 207 196

\$995,000 4 2 3 3

For Sale

1 Eden Crescent, **Leongatha**

LIKE THE DAY IT WAS BUILT

- Beautifully maintained & close to schools
- Large north facing open plan living area
- Wrap around deck & outdoor entertaining
- Immaculate gardens & access to reserve

Mick Hanily 0417 311 756

\$680,000-\$695,000 3 2 2 2

For Sale

245 Garvies Road, **Nerrena**

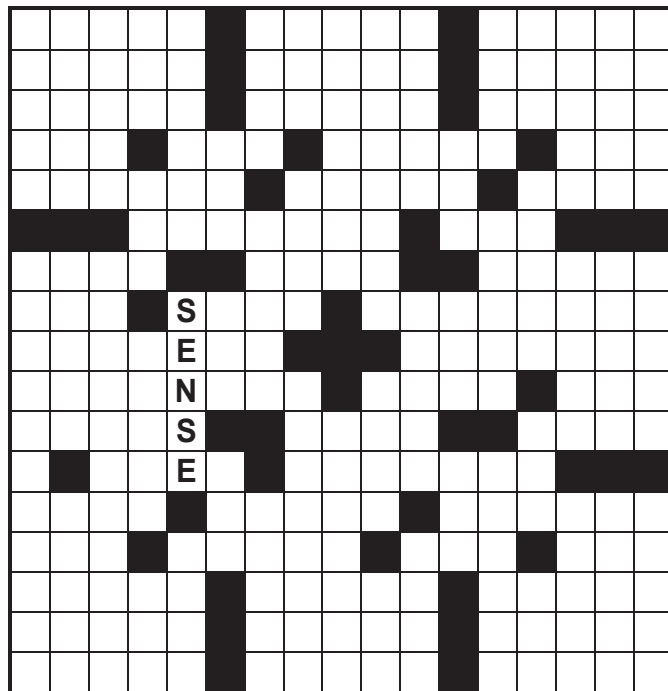
PEACE, PRIVACY & POSITION

- Renovated 4 bedroom home on 6.5 acres
- Established orchard and vineyard
- Rural views and large dam
- 20x8.5m shed, double carport and solar

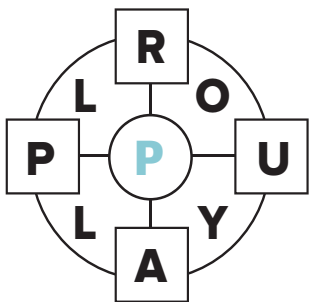
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\$1,000,000 - \$1,075,000 4 2 6 6

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plop, ploy, plural,
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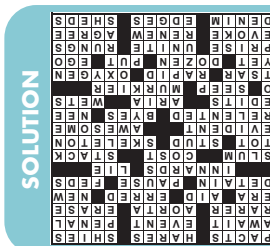
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To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3×3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.

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CODWORD: 1=N, 2=R, 3=I, 4=O, 5=H, 6=G, 7=D, 8=L, 9=F, 10=T, 11=M, 12=V, 13=Y, 14=P, 15=X, 16=K, 17=B, 18=J, 19=W, 20=C, 21=E, 22=U, 23=S, 24=A, 25=A, 26=Z

1. What is the atomic number of hydrogen?
2. Bob Marley's *Redemption Song* originally appeared on which of his albums?
3. Name Allison Janney's (pictured) character in the 2011 film *The Help*.
4. In which Australian state would you find Ozenkadnook?
5. What is the official language of Suriname?
6. A person with cathisophobia has a fear of what?
7. What are the statues of Easter Island known as?
8. How many keys does a piano usually have:
a) 92, b) 68 or c) 88?
9. In the TV series *Entourage*, what is Johnny Chase's nickname?
10. The three-toed sloth is mainly found on which continent?



ANSWERS: 1. 17. *Uprising* 3
9. Drama 10. South America

Can you find all the words listed?
The leftover letters will spell out a secret message.

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BRICK	MORTAR	TUNGSTEN
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CERAMIC	NICKEL	VINYL
COBALT	PAPER	WOOD
FIBRE	PLASTER	
GLASS	PLASTIC	
GOLD	POLYMER	
IRIDIUM	RAW	
IRON	SAND	
LEAD	STEEL	
MANGANESE	STONE	
MARBLE	TANTALUM	

SECRET MESSAGE: Foundations that stand the test of time



Monitor for blue-green algae in stock water

Alison Lee, Principal Veterinary Officer – Small Ruminants

LIVESTOCK owners should look for signs of blue-green algae when inspecting farm dams, troughs and other water sources, particularly during the warmer months, when algal blooms are more likely to occur.

Blue-green algae, also known as cyanobacteria, are bacteria that can multiply rapidly under certain conditions.

Blue-green algae is more likely to occur when the water is warm and enriched with nutrients like phosphorus or nitrogen.

While blue-green algal blooms typically appear as green paint-like surface scum in water, they can also be reddish-purple or brown in colour. It can be difficult to tell blue-green algae from other less toxic algal species.

Blue-green algae may contain toxins that damage the liver or nervous system. Drinking contaminated water can kill livestock quickly and a number of livestock may be affected at the same time.

Animals exposed to affected water supplies may continue to die over a prolonged period. In milder cases, productivity losses may occur, which in dairy cattle may be seen as decreased milk yield.

If a suspicious bloom is found, farmers should move their stock to an area on the property with a safe alternative water source.

Farmers should plan for managing water availability in the event that a blue-green algal bloom impacts their primary livestock drinking water supply.

In the medium-term, your plan could include improving water reticulation systems, considering options for treating blue-green algae affected water, or agisting your stock elsewhere until your farm water is safe again.

Useful information such as the Blue-green algae: options for livestock drinking water factsheet is available from the Blue-green algae page on the Agriculture Victoria website.

Don't get caught out

AGRICULTURE Victoria are not mucking around when it comes to the National Livestock Identification system as one livestock agent discovered when he pleaded guilty to four charges for traceability offences under the Livestock Disease Control Regulations 2017 at the Warrnambool Magistrates' Court recently.

The offender was sentenced to an aggregate fine of \$2500 with conviction. Plus, an order for costs of \$341.79 was also given.

Agriculture Victoria Compliance Manager, Daniel Bode, said on four occasions in October and November 2023, the offender sent cattle to an abattoir in Tongala, Victoria without recording or forwarding the property identification code prior to their dispatch. "This resulted in the loss of lifetime traceability for a total of 61 animals."

The Magistrate considered the offenders prior convictions for related offending in 2017 and 2021, his plea of guilty and actions taken to prevent further offending. The Magistrate also commented that the offending had consequences of significance and general deterrence was necessary to send a message.

Mr Bode said the National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) is Australia's system for identifying and tracking cattle, buffalo and bison for disease control, food safety and market access purposes.

"An effective traceability system is critical to protecting Victoria from biosecurity risks and ensuring access to international markets," Mr Bode said.

"The NLIS provides information about a product's journey from farm to the end consumer and enables prompt responses to food safety incidents, emergency animal diseases and also protects the reputation of Victoria's livestock industry as a supplier of quality meat and dairy products for domestic and export markets."

To make a specific complaint in regard to livestock welfare or traceability breaches can contact Agriculture Victoria on 136 186 or aw.complaint@agriculture.vic.gov.au.



Four generations of Reillys enjoy Thursday's Store Sale, with Lauren, Colin, Stan, Margot, Merv, Ruby and Roczen. A07_0325

Multi-generational day out for the Reillys at Leongatha VLE

IT WAS a special family occasion for the Reillys at Thursday's Leongatha Store Sale with four generations combining to watch the sale of pens of steers and heifers from their business Lorstan Nominees.

Stan Reilly is pleased his son Merv and grandson Colin followed him into farming.

Colin's wife Lauren and the couple's children Ruby, Roczen and Margot

were also on hand, Ruby and Roczen enjoying seeing the trucks get loaded.

Ruby was excited to observe a variety of cattle colours, being used to black given her family breeds Angus and Black Baldy on their Bengworden property in West Gippsland, which they have owned since 2005.

The cattle then move to their Hedley farm, which has been in the family since 1987, for finishing.

When the Reillys stopped the Sentinel-Times for a chat, they were waiting for the sale of their heifers, the steers having already been sold.

They were happy with the price of the steers, Chris saying that on average the six pens "did alright on the whole".

That was highlighted by the \$2130 a head paid for a pen weighing 542 kilos on average, almost \$3.93 a kilo.

Australian red meat exports set records

LAST year was the largest year for red meat exports in history, with records set for beef, lamb, mutton and goatmeat, according to Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA).

In 2024, Australia exported 2.24 million tonnes of red meat to 104 countries, representing the largest volume of red meat ever exported. High volumes were exported across all red meat categories:

- Beef exports reached 1.34 million tonnes.
- Lamb exports reached 359,229 tonnes.
- Mutton exports reached 255,098 tonnes.
- Goatmeat exports reached 51,489 tonnes.

Global Supply Analyst at MLA Tim Jackson said the latest data from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry highlighted Australia's strong reputation as a reliable supplier of high-quality red meat, with overseas demand remaining strong as domestic supply rose.

"In 2024, the cattle herd and sheep flock both reached maturity, and slaughter lifted substantially," Mr Jackson said.

"At the same time, the global supply landscape was favourable for Australia, with beef exports from the United States easing as the American cattle herd

reached a 72-year low following years of drought.

"Global economic pressures continue to affect consumer confidence. However, high levels of trust and an industry-wide dedication to quality has driven demand for Australian red meat internationally."

Australia's market access position was also important in driving exports. Eighty seven per cent of exports went to countries with which Australia has a free trade agreement, including 95 per cent of our beef exports.

The United States was the largest market for beef, lamb and goatmeat, while China was the largest market for mutton in 2024.

Beef:

Beef exports reached 1.34 million tonnes, 22 per cent higher than 2023 exports and four per cent higher than the previous record of 1.29 million tonnes set in 2014.

The strongest growth was seen in the United States, where exports lifted 60 per cent to 394,716 tonnes, and Southeast Asia, where exports lifted 33 per cent to 177,684 tonnes.

Exports of Australian grainfed beef also broke records with 375,195 tonnes of grainfed beef exported last year.

Lamb:

Australian exports of lamb exports rose to 359,299 tonnes, 10 per cent higher than the previous record set in 2023.

The United States was the largest market for lamb at 85,133 tonnes, followed by China at 53,478 tonnes and the United Arab Emirates at 27,268 tonnes.

Strong growth was also seen in exports to the United Kingdom, rising 44 per cent in the first year of the full implementation of the Australian-United Kingdom free trade agreement to 13,668 tonnes.

Mutton:

Mutton exports rose to 255,098 tonnes, which is 22 per cent higher than the previous record set in 2023. China remained the largest market for Australian mutton, taking 95,622 tonnes. Malaysia was the second largest market, with exports at 26,953 tonnes, followed by the United States with exports or 19,077 tonnes.

Goatmeat:

Exports of goatmeat totalled 51,489 tonnes, which is the highest figure on record. The United States was the largest market for Australian goatmeat.

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, January 13, 2025

Jersey & Jersey x	\$15 to \$43
Friesian Bulls	\$48 to \$60
Friesian Heifers	\$80 to \$95
Beef Bulls	\$90 to \$200
Beef Heifers	\$40 to \$120

Number of Calves: **79**

Number purchased to rear: **44**

Weaner Store Sale

Angus Steers	\$630 to \$1070
Angus Heifers	\$600 to \$920
Beef Bulls	\$80 to \$290
Beef Heifers	\$80 to \$200

Number of Calves: **229**

CLEARING SALE

**Friday, January 31
at 10.30am**

A/c M & S Burke

930 KOONWARRA – POUND CRK RD,
POUND CREEK

Farm Equipment & Building Supplies:

New Holland 2004 TL90 Tractor with FE loader & forks; Burder FE loader bucket; Hydraulic bale spinner; Husqvarna Ride On; Toro Ride on; Silvan spray tank; 2.5 tonne flat bed tandem trailer (reg 16/6/25); small trailer suit ride on; Brushcutter; grass seed spreader; Gentech elec start generator; Jetfire gas heater; Stihl 85/103 chainsaw; Makita Jack Hammer (only used once); Stihl post auger (2 man); Ryobi Drill press; Lock Motiver & Lockface templer; Subaru concrete vibrator; Karcher Steam Cleaner; Bromic pump; Rato petrol water pump with hose; Makita drop saw for cutting steel; elec planer; Honda push mower; Crommelins pump with hose attachment; ass oil drums; 2013 Holden Commodore Station Wagon, 280k (Reg 11/5/25); Ford F250, not reg, not running; mag rims; galv steel racks; galv steel rafters; ass steel lengths; LVL timber planks; wall panelling, mdf & cement sheet; ass timber planks; rolls wire mesh; timber steps; aluminium A frame trestles; shelving; filing cabinets; ass tiles; doors; galv acrow props ass lengths; ass building sundry supplies; laser light panels; foam waffle pods 225mm; Kingspain air-cell insulation blanket; expansion rubber set up 100mm; pink bats; forma tube; tie downs; Kingcrome trolley; extension leads; tool boxes; builders quick set concrete; concrete trowels & screeds; bunting; nail gun; marking paint; ass hand tools; Makita grinding disc; jerry cans; saw stools; skirting boards; sink; ass ladders; ass brooms; rakes; star pickets & caps; gates; shipping container; wire & wire spinning; porta loos; temp fencing with blocks; IBC shuttles; mesh wire; elec fence energiser; barb wire; ass fencing materials; ass poly fittings; solar panel fence energiser; rio bars; sundry items too numerous to mention.

Household Items: chest freezer; ass eskies; golf clubs; recliner lounge suite; Zeigler Brown BBQ (brand new); webber bbq; plastic chairs; Simpson washing machine; wine barrel; exercise equip; Hark upright Smoker.

Outside Vendors: Super Spreader; carry all; calf crate; Cosmo articulated 300ltr cone spreader; Gallagher calf scales-as new.

Terms: Cash, Cheque or Eftpos on day of sale. GST where applicable.

Photo ID required for registration.

www.nutrienagsolutions.com.au/clearing-sales



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Jack Ginnane 0458 322 615
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MARKET REPORT

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CLAAS Harvest Centre



Stores firm to shade easier

By SGSAA

AGENTS yarded 2500 head at the second VLE Leongatha store sale for the year in another good quality yarding with some nice annual drafts on offer.

The market was solid with prices generally holding firm for the better-quality feature lines of steers but eased 10 – 20 cents on some secondary types and some heifers with a major commission buyer and one feedlot order not in attendance but overall, another good market.

Leongatha Store Sale on Thursday, Jan. 16, 2025 Steers

D Thompson, 15 Angus	636kg	\$3.88	\$2470
D Thompson, 16 Angus	589kg	\$4.00	\$2360
D Thompson 15 Hereford	584kg	\$3.73	\$2180
Smethurst Farms, 12 Angus X	572kg	\$3.94	\$2260
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Missen Farming, 18 Angus	326kg	\$3.67	\$1200
Stony Creek Dawson, 22 Angus	312kg	\$4.21	\$1320
Black Magic, 19 Angus	303kg	\$4.08	\$1240
Stony Creek Dawson, 22 Angus	288kg	\$4.46	\$1290
Stony Creek Dawson, 14 Angus	256kg	\$4.71	\$1210
Black Magic, 16 Angus	256kg	\$4.67	\$1200
Black Magic, 18 Angus	247kg	\$4.40	\$1090

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Burfield Partners, 20 Angus	452kg	\$3.33	\$1510
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Julander P/Ship, 18 Angus	314kg	\$3.17	\$1000
Stoney Creek Dawson, 16 Ang	285kg	\$3.46	\$990
Black Magic, 17 Angus	260kg	\$3.34	\$870
Stoney Creek Dawson, 16 Ang	256kg	\$3.46	\$890
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M & K Higgins 11 Angus	647kg	\$3.10	\$2010
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High-quality cattle perform strongly at Leongatha VLE

IMPRESSIVE genetics and good feeding paid off for Mark and Melissa Schellekens at Thursday's Leongatha Store Sale, their pens of Angus steers drawing excellent prices when sold by SEJ's Jimmy Kyle.

"You want the best, here they are," Jimmy announced before selling two pens of cattle from the Schellekens' M&M Cattle Co in Powlett River.

The second pen contained 17 steers weighing an average of 353 kilos and fetching \$1490 a head at \$4.22 per kilo, after the 18 steers in the other pen, averaging 378 kilos, earned \$1550 each at \$4.10 per kilo.

"I'm very happy," Mark said, the prices exceeding his expectations.

Both pens were weaned in late November, having put on impressive weight since.

Auctioneer Jimmy told the Sentinel-Times the quiet temperament of the Schellekens' cattle and the way they performed stood out.

"They're genetically bred to put on weight and grow out into big bullocks," he said.

Selecting bulls on type and structure is crucial to good breeding, Mark explained.

"You want an animal that's good, thick, 'easy doing'," he said, he and Melissa running about 530 breeders, the couple having farmed together for about 11 years with a strong emphasis on genetics.

Leongatha South's Robert and Vera Dowell's calves performed strongly, the 60 Hereford steers occupying three pens and fetching from \$1270 to \$1450 a head, all topping



Mark Schellekens' well-bred cattle fetched impressive prices. A04_0325



Allister Scott and Simon Henderson have a laugh before Simon sells Allister's cattle. A05_0325

the \$4 per kilo mark, auctioneer Jimmy noting their breeding quality and quietness.

Former Richmond footy player Allister Scott was at Thursday's sale, pleased with the prices, observing, "The good quality cattle sold well."

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Simon Henderson fetched just a cent short of \$4 a kilo for a pen of 11 Kilcunda-bred steers from Allister and his mother-in-law Coralie Smith, those cattle weighing an average of 549 kilos and going for \$2190 per head.

Six of their steers, weighing

a heavier 570 kilos each drew \$2060 a head at \$3.61 per kilo, while seven lighter cattle averaging 391 kilos equated to \$3.32 per kilo.

Jimmy of SEJ was pleased with Thursday's Store Sale as a whole.

"It was an outstanding quality yarding that pretty much all sold accordingly; the heavy feeder steers sold well, making anywhere from \$3.80 up to \$4.10 per kilo," he said.

Weaners sold in line with other markets around the state, Jimmy observed.

His young son Dusty was an enthusiastic helper on Thursday, relishing the chance to assist his dad during school holidays and unfussed by an early morning start, looking the part among the SEJ stock agents and likely to have a future in the industry.

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Purchasing appropriately sized pumps, tanks, troughs and pipes is essential for providing the flow of water needed for stock on a hot day.

Ask questions before upgrading farm water equipment

SEASONAL conditions have led to a shortage of stock water across most of Victoria which has renewed interest in constructing farm dams, and the addition of pumps, bores, tanks, troughs and piping.

Farmers are advised to ask some important questions before constructing a new dam or adding water infrastructure or equipment to their property.

Before engaging an earth-moving contractor for a new dam, investigate answers to important questions like: How much water do I need, will the dam hold water, will it fill most years, how big should it be, is there a good site for a spillway, do I need a permit or license, what will it cost?

Longer, hotter summers and decreased cool season rainfall means many smaller dams built in previous years are drying up. Lack of runoff, increased water consumption and evaporation contribute to this issue.

Many new dams built across Victoria are also failing within the first few years due to inappropriate materials or poor construction techniques.

As a result, farmers need a bigger catchment area to improve the chances of filling dams regularly.

By Clem Sturfels, Land Management Extension Officer

At least 10 hectares of catchment for every megalitre of water stored in a dam is recommended. Runoff from nearby roads and tracks is an effective way of getting water, especially in a dry year.

A livestock dam should be as deep as your site will allow and have a minimal surface area to reduce evaporation. Consideration should be given to planning a key large dam to use for reticulating water to troughs across the property, via gravity or pumps.

Allow a minimum spillway width of five metres. The spillway should end with a level spreader to ensure water leaves the dam in a thin wide sheet.

A gently sloping, well-grassed area is essential for a safe and stable spillway. The spillway should have little or no slope with a flat cross-section.

The addition of a trickle flow pipe set below the spillway level will minimise ongoing maintenance.

Purchasing appropriately sized pumps, tanks, troughs and pipes is essential for providing the flow of water needed on a hot day.

Ensure the construction

and design of troughs are not vulnerable to livestock damage and are easy to maintain.

A single inferior fitting in a farm pipeline could result in total system failure and loss of valuable water.

Reputable products will be marked with the manufacturer's details, date of manufacture, a relevant description and appropriate industry markings. For example, the markings on good quality rural polyethylene pipe will include PE80 or PE100, indicating the long-term strength of the materials.

When purchasing pipeline equipment and fittings, deal with a reputable supplier with a good track record, spare parts and after-sales service.

Selecting an experienced and reliable contractor, plus a few basic soil tests, will minimise the risk of failure.

Ensure your contractor has the appropriate skills, a good reputation and up-to-date equipment. Ask the contractor for examples of their work and a guarantee.

A permit or license may be required to build, extend or repair a farm dam in Victoria. Contact your local rural water authority before commencing works.

For further information, visit the Agriculture Victoria website.

Recruitment open for Vet Board positions

APPLICATIONS are now open for nine positions on the Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of Victoria (Vet Board).

The Vet Board helps protect public and animal health and welfare by regulating veterinarian practitioners in line with the Veterinary Practice Act 1997.

The Board's responsibilities include registering appropriately qualified people as veterinary practitioners, conducting competency examinations for vets and investigating the professional conduct of registered practitioners.

It also issues guidelines about appropriate standards of veterinary practice and veterinary facilities and advises the Minister for Agriculture on any matters relating to the Veterinary Board's functions.

Acting Executive Director at Agriculture Victoria, Kris Duthie, said they are looking for suitably qualified professionals from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines to serve a three-year term.

Interested candidates can attend two upcoming information sessions. The first

session is online on Monday, February 3 from 7- 8 pm. An in-person session is also planned for Tuesday, February 11 at 4 pm in Melbourne. To register interest and attendance please email animal.bioscurity@agriculture.vic.gov.au

The Vet Board reports to the Minister for Agriculture. Agriculture Victoria is supporting the recruitment process. Applications close 11:59pm on February 16. An open and competitive process is being conducted in accordance with Victorian Government policy.

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GF & ABF
A/c G&J Tuckett, Woodside (ELDERS)
50 Angus steers, 16 mths, Landfall blood, VB, GF & ABF, NE Accred
A/c PQ PS AG Sutton, Buchan South (BAW BAW)
50 Angus steers, 15-16 mths, Innesdale Angus & Kunuma Angus bulls used, VB, well weaned, NE Accred, very quiet and well handled
A/c K Waters, Phillip Island (ELDERS)
43 Angus & Angus X steers, 2 yo. GF & ABF
A/c Perry Pastoral Holdings, Yallourn Nth (ELDERS)
35 Angus x steers, 18 mths, VB, GF & ABF NE Accred
A/c DPS Farms, Shoreham (ALEX SCOTT)
34 Angus steers, 18-20 mths, By stud Banquet bulls
A/c Kevin Oliver, Kilmany (BAW BAW)
32 Angus steers, 18-20 mths, NE Accred, Innesdale & Eagle Hawk Angus genetics
A/c P Markovic, Main Ridge (ALEX SCOTT)
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16 Angus steers, 16 mths, Kunuma blood
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10 Angus steers, 20-22 mths, VB, GF, and ABF
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A/c B Dakin, Glen Forbes (ALEX SCOTT)
14 Angus steers by Fernleigh bulls weaned
A/c K Oddy, Boolarra (ELDERS)
12 Angus mix sex weaners, 10 mths VB, GF & ABF
A/c Agridge, Almurta (ALEX SCOTT)
12 Angus heifers, 12-14 mths, by stud Fernleigh bulls drenched and vaccinated
A/c D Cooper, Yarram (ELDERS)
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COOPER formerly Martin, Florence:

Passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family at Carinya Lodge, on Thursday January 16, 2025, aged 105 years.

Loving wife of Colin Martin (dec.), and Joe Cooper (dec.).

Loving mother and mother-in-law to Leonie and Graeme, Gayle and Bruce and Myra.

Cherished granny to Guyton and Rachel, Tamsin and Craig, Ryan and Nicole, Wade and Kate.

Adored great granny to Taj, Finn, Hendrix and Kingsley.

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announce the
unexpected passing of
our beautiful mother
and grandmother.

Taken too soon, she
was a light in our lives,
our comfort, our
anchor and our home.

Passed away
peacefully with her
family by her side.

Loved mum of Gavin,
Jacinta, Jay and Ebony
and partners. Grandma
and Grums to her
beautiful grandchildren.
Friend to many.

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**SANDERINK,
Carren Anne:**
15.03.1962 - 18.01.2025.

Passed away peacefully at home with her son by her side in the comfort of her own space.

Loving mother and friend to many, who had a gentle soul and will be greatly missed.

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DEATHS

SERAFINO, Margaret:
Passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family at Leongatha Hospital, on Wednesday January 15, 2025, aged 70 years.
Loving wife to Vito for 52 years.
Loved mother and mother-in-law to Robert and Barb, Mark and Shannon.
There are many rooms in the Lord's house. We hope yours has a view of the Gippsland Hills.
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**SMITH (Svanborg),
Jeanette:**

Passed away peacefully surrounded by love.
Aged 97 years.

Beloved wife of Howard (dec.).

Much loved mother of Jenni, Laurie, Trevor (dec.), and David (dec.), and dear mother-in-law of Ralph and Robyn.

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**STEIN,
Aaron Bradley:**
23.12.1973 from
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and Dot, and Bev(dec.).
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Loved wife and dancing partner of Andrew.

Treasured mother and mother-in-law to Shane and Natasha, Stacey, Jesse and Ashley.

Adored nanny of Ryleigh, Ella and Bailey.

Loved and remembered always.

**ZUIDEMA,
Annette:**
A lovely kindhearted
person who always
had a smile.

Sadly, losing her battle
after a short illness
with family by her side
in the final days.

We take comfort that
she is now free from
pain and will always
live on in our
memories.

Mum and Dad
Zuidema,

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Mally; Alyn and John,
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and Mackenzie;

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**ZUIDEMA,
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COOPER:

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IT WAS pamper your pets day at the street market in and around St Philip's Anglican Church in Cowes last Saturday and there was no shortage of dogs on leads in all shapes and sizes throughout a busy day for pets, their owners and stallholders.

There was everything you could ask for to pamper your pets from personalised food bowls and leads to treats of all kinds, fridge magnets of your favourites and even earrings with images of your pet featured as the ultimate accessory for the pet lover.

Catching the eye of many was the chance to design your own 'Pupcake' treat for your pouch featuring a variety of edible doggie food that no doubt went down in a few enthusiastic gulps.

The attendance at the event was further indication of the level of dog ownership in particular on Phillip Island and surrounding Bass Coast areas.



Come on! Decorate a 'Pupcake' for your pouch with all sorts of edible doggie treats and there to help at the pampered pets' market was Faye Nedelkosk.



Sally Snowdrop of Pakenham, who paints earrings, charms and portraits of your favourite pets, was out drumming up business at the Pampered Pets Market in Cowes last Saturday.



Enjoying the annual Pampered Pets Market in Cowes last Saturday were Paul, Heather, Simran, Isabella and Marco with 'Fanta'.

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How Ted Grambeau pictured his life

WONTHAGGI'S Ted Grambeau is simply the best surfing photographer in the world and last Tuesday he was back where it all began, to where he snapped some of his first published works, at Phillip Island.

Pictures of local legends, back in the day, including Neil Luke and Steve Demos, deep in the barrel at Express Point, which ultimately graced the pages of Surfing Life, Tracks and other top-selling magazines, got him his start and the rest, as they say, is history.

It was something of a victory lap for Grambeau, who spent his formative years in the area, when he was invited back to the Phillip Island Boardriders' Club to stage a retrospective of his work, an incredible collection of surfing, travel, nature, portrait and commercial photography across more than five decades.

But it would be a mistake to say he's some washed-up old guy who's long since hung up his Hasselblad.

In fact, as Ted told an enthralled audience of surfers and their friends, who ooh'd and ahh'd quietly to themselves as one amazing image after another hit the screen, he's still searching for that perfect wave to photograph.

"It's always offshore somewhere in the world," he said while noting that he's constantly scanning the wind, waves and swell direction at his favourite surfing locations across the globe from Tahiti to South Africa, Easter Island, Liberia, Indonesia, and even Iceland in the hope of catching the conditions at their all-time best.

"Of course, you're going to miss it sometimes but I'm always watching it and getting myself ready.

"It helps that I love to travel," said Ted, claiming it was a gateway to understanding life.



Renowned world surfing photographer, Ted Grambeau, back where it all began at Phillip Island last week, chatting with Jake Eisen, president of the Phillip Island Boardriders Club, and the subject of one of his first published photos, Steve Demos, during a retrospective of his work at the club on Tuesday night.

"Actually, there's some good swell coming up for Iceland in the next few days but it's onshore at the moment."

The stunning photos of surfing action and reflection included all of the big waves, all of the stars of the sport and all of the events including the Olympic surfing comp at Teahupo'o, Tahiti, in July-August, 2024 and the most recent edition of the annual Eddie Aikau Big Wave Invitational at Waimea Bay on the famed north shore of Oahu, Hawaii.

The locals weren't missed with shots of the Island's own Sandy Ryan at Shipstern Bluff in Tasmania and Ocean Reach surfer Ross Clarke-Jones conquering some crazy conditions in the Eddie.

You can go on to Ted Grambeau's website and see them for yourself.

There are hundreds of incredibly beautiful scenes of nature and locations across the world, but it was quite something else again to get a personal commentary on the catalogue from the man who experienced the conditions, including "going over the falls" in a photographer's boat at Teahupo'o one year and losing \$30,000 worth of camera equipment in the process.

Ted was only a one-year-old when he moved to Wonthaggi from Melbourne with his family in the mid-1950s so his father Russell, a talented footballer, could take up a role as a professional coach at the Wonthaggi Blues football club.

Ted attended St Joseph's Primary School locally and the Wonthaggi High School before the family moved to Foster after Russell transferred with the SEC.

It was here, while recovering from a football injury, that left him unable to play footy or go surfing for months, that Ted picked up a camera and started taking photos of his mates at the beach and from the sidelines at the footy, joining a camera club at Port Franklin to improve his skills.

He attended Latrobe University to study economics, but one day realised his interests lay elsewhere.

"I looked at what I was doing and thought about what I'd rather be doing – taking photos, surfing and travelling. I enrolled in the Commercial Photography course at RMIT and started sending my pictures to the surfing magazines."

He was off on an amazing journey and shows no sign of reaching its ultimate destination.



The fishing has been good, according to Cape Woolamai regular Steve Flack, with trevally, flathead, tuna and pinkies on the go, but the local pelicans weren't about to miss out on a feed either.

Info on pelican's brief, they say

IT'S a strange thing to say, but even top ornithologists say very little about one of the most common waterbirds in Australia, the majestic Australian Pelican.

Members of the Westernport Pelican Study Group, Gary and Joan Matthews, as good as confirmed this fact last Tuesday while studying the mystery bird, feeding at the Newhaven Boat Ramp.

They're an opportunist feeder, we know that much!

Not only do they religiously turn up at the San Remo Jetty at 12 noon daily, but they'll come from nowhere in droves every time a group of fishermen arrive at the fish-cleaning station beside the boat ramp at Newhaven.

And they'll fly up to 300 kilometres a day during breeding season, gliding expertly on the updrafts with the best of the soaring eagles.

But according to Gary Matthews, while we suspect that individual pelicans will travel to feed on both salt-water and freshwater, some as far as the Lake Eyre basin during rare flooding events, we don't know for sure, nor do we know where most of the breeding takes place.

"See those green bands around some of their legs? That means they've been tagged in the Western Port area," said Joan Matthews.

"Red is for Lakes Entrance, blue for Balranald (southern NSW), black for Narran Lake near Lightning Ridge in northern NSW, and orange for Lake Brewster (east of Hillston in central NSW).

"That's what we're doing here today, checking on their movements."

Together with staff from the Melbourne Zoo, they released a juvenile pelican at Fisher's Wetland near Churchill Island at Phillip Island last Tuesday and were checking to see if he'd made it as far as Newhaven.

"Originally, they picked him up from the Mornington Peninsula where he'd landed on a beach and showed no sign of moving. Visitors to the beach were interacting with him and the zoo was asked to come down and get him.

"He's now been released here," said Gary.

Recording the number and movement of Western Port pelicans will be supercharged at the end of March when the local study group will collect data on the birds at 20 locations around the bay.

"They've been doing pelican counts up at Paynesville for a number of years now, but we'd like to do one here in March and we'll be calling for volunteers on our Facebook page," said Gary.

To find out how you can help, go to the Westernport Pelican Study Group's Facebook page.

Spectacular clubhouse opens at Lifestyle Phillip Island

BACK in April 2022 when the plan for a 280-lot residential village in Cowes was released for public comment it was touted as a \$14 million project.

But given that homes in the over 50s retirement village, situated on a 12-hectare property at 299-325 Church Street, with frontage to Justice Road and Settlement Road, sell for anything between \$563,761 and more than \$1 million; the overall value is closer to \$1/4 billion.

And that's not peanuts.

Last Saturday, Lifestyle Phillip Island had the official opening of its elaborate 'Clubhouse' facilities which extend to a 25-metre indoor/outdoor pool, health spa, pickleball court, croquet lawn, outdoor cinema and fire pit among the outdoor features and inside to a games room, golf simulator and micro-brewery as well as deluxe indoor cinema, food hub including commercial kitchen, dining and lounge facilities and more.

There's even a common-use fishing boat available for residents to use.

"We actually opened the clubhouse for the homeowners on December 17 but this is the public launch today," said Lifestyle Phillip Island sales consultant Simone Fox.

"The facilities have been warmly received by the residents and they're proving to be quite a hit



Lifestyle Phillip Island homeowners for four months, David and Juanita Ainsley, are delighted with the opening of the new 'Clubhouse' facilities at the over 50s village in Cowes, including the indoor-outdoor, 25-metre swimming pool.

today with the visitors as well."

From a projected 280 dwellings, the village is now expected to host a total of 255 homes, with additional open space being added to the final plans.

Already 45 per cent of the lots in the village have been sold with 68 of the completed dwellings occupied and especially with the

communal facilities now open and in use, the over 50s village has really started to develop a community atmosphere.

David and Juanita Ainsley have been living in Lifestyle Phillip Island for four months now, having relocated from elsewhere on the Island, and they're loving it.

"We moved to Phillip Island about seven years ago with the idea of moving into an over 50s village like this and we couldn't be happier," said David.

"The new Clubhouse facilities are simply stunning and there's a terrific atmosphere around the village. Delighted with the move," said Juanita.



Wonthaggi's Zali Loughran with her Victorian Bushrangers Under 14 team after claiming gold in the Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup at Wodonga last week.

Zail and Grace claim Aussie title success

AFTER a massive basketball tournament, hosted by Albury-Wodonga in the past week, featuring upwards of 60 teams and 700 players, coaches and officials from all states in Australia, including New Zealand in U14, U16, and U18 age groups; two local girls have emerged big winners.

Both girls, Zali Loughran of Wonthaggi and Grace Tovar of San Remo, who are members of the Wonthaggi Coasters Under 14 team, and represented their state in the annual Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup, came home with trophies.

Zali and her team, the Victorian Bushrangers, won the gold, defeating the NSW Waratahs in the grand final last Friday at Wodonga, and Grace's team, the Victorian Goldminers, claimed bronze after narrowly losing to the Bushrangers in the semi.

For Zali, it was a bittersweet result, having played well in the early rounds but then injuring her ankle and unable to feature in either the semi or the grand final.

Both girls played with distinction and at only 12 years of age, will almost certainly see more game time playing for Victoria, if not at an even higher level in the future.

Their efforts in the Australian Country Junior Basketball Cup have been warmly welcomed by the local basketball family.

Nominations open for Victorian Sports Awards

NOMINATIONS are open for the 2024 Victorian Sport Awards acknowledging the full spectrum of Victorian sport across all levels during the 2024 calendar year.

Eighteen awards will honour the grassroots heroes who excel at a community level and high-performance athletes who shone at a national and international level and everyone in between.

Individual and team athletes, coaches, officials, volunteers, administrators, media personnel and the initiatives that ensure Victorians remain active will all be recognised.

The nomination process is open to all members of the public. Nominations can be submitted via the Vicsport website between Wednesday, January 15 and Friday, February 14, 2025.

For more information on the 2024 Victorian Sport Awards go to vicsport.com.au/2024-vsas

Youngsters learn to swim at Toora pool



Lacey and Brydie at the Toora pool for VICSWIM Learn to Swim. B33_0325



Shaun and daughter Stella in the pool at Toora for VICSWIM. B37_0325

THE VICSWIM Learn to Swim program at the picturesque Toora swimming pool has again proved popular with 55 young swimmers enrolled in this year's program.

The five-day intensive Learn to Swim program at the heated Toora pool focused on water safety skills and learning how to swim for children aged from five to thirteen.

Novice swimmers learned survival and swimming skills that maximise safety and confidence in the water and enhance their ability to enjoy water safely.

VICSWIM instructor Alyssa Grill said course participants received a recognised award for swimming either 15 or 25 metres depending on their age and ability, a number of different swim strokes and retrieving items from the bottom of the pool.

"It's great to be able to teach children to swim," said Alyssa. Each swimmer is graded from A for beginners through B, C, D, E, F to G for advanced swimmers.

The Learn to Swim program is conducted over consecutive days with five short 30-minute lessons.

"The children advance rapidly and have a lot of fun," said Ms Grill.

Aquatics and Recreation Victoria CEO Kathy Parton said VICSWIM has provided Victorians with fun and educational aquatic holiday programs for nearly fifty years.

"VICSWIM is dedicated to making swimming accessible to all families.

"By delivering low-cost, one-week intensive swimming lessons focused on water safety including rural and remote areas we are ensuring every child has the opportunity to learn vital skills, regardless of their background."

Facilities at the Toora pool include an outdoor 25-metre-long, one to 1.5-metre deep heated pool under shade sails protected from the wind, a shaded toddlers pool 0.6 to 0.8m deep and a water splash park with water play sprays and water cannons on a concrete base also under shade sails.

The large grassy area surrounding the pool has a line of trees which creates a welcoming and enjoyable family environment with BBQ facilities.

Swimmers can enrol online for a VICSWIM Learn to Swim course at vicswim.com.au or enquire at their local pool.

For more information on the Toora swimming pool or to book swimming lessons call 5686 2296, search for Toora Swimming Pool on Facebook or go to southgippsland.vic.gov.au/directory_record/103/toora.

The Toora pool can be found at 14 Cunningham Street, Toora and is open from 7am to 6pm Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm Saturday and 1pm to 5pm Sunday.

Going fishing with the Anderson Inlet Angling Club



Morris, Campbell, Frank and Johnson waiting for the fish to bite at Inverloch. B29_0325



The Burton family with their fishing clinic achievement awards from the Anderson Inlet Angling Club.

GETTING hooked, getting started and going fishing is what it is all about during January at the Anderson Inlet Angling Club in Inverloch.

School holiday fishing clinics every Monday on the inlet beach have attracted dozens of new anglers of all ages over summer from barely old enough to hold a rod to teenagers, mums, dads, granddads, and grandmas.

Everything you want to know about fishing is covered by the Anderson Inlet Angling Club during their clinics including how to tie the favoured knot of a fisherman – the blood knot, rod and reel basics, casting practice, fishing regulations, identifying common fish species, conservation and the environment and pumping bass yabbies for bait.

"Everyone gets a chance to fish during the fishing clinics," said club weighmaster, Peter Knigge.

BYO essentials include a hat and SP50 sun cream, lunch, and drink but your fishing equipment for the day, course booklets, and tea and coffee are provided by the club as part of the all-inclusive enrolment fee of \$25 for adults or family.

"The Inlet is fishing pretty good at the moment with lots of variety," said Peter.

People are catching mullet off the beach and from boats.

"There have also been a few salmon, flathead and even a gummy shark caught late in the evening."

"Pilchards are good for bait, but inlet fish will also bite on blue bait, pippies and sometimes squid," said Peter.

If you are using prawns cut the prawn meat into small, finger-nail-sized squares.

Peter saw a beautiful 50 centremetre flathead landed off the jetty at Maher's Landing only recently and eight lovely whiting caught at Stevie's Gutter from a boat.

With only ten places for each fishing clinic at the Anderson Inlet Angling Club book early.

The final clinic is next Monday, January 27 at the AIAC clubrooms, 88 The Esplanade, Inverloch just past the corner with Cuttriss Street starting at 9.30am and finishing around 2pm, children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

To make the most of your holiday fishing with tips on the best bait and rigs call Peter on 0417 952 482 or go to inverloch-angling-club.rbh49.com.

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 21	WEDNESDAY January 22	THURSDAY January 23	FRIDAY January 24	SATURDAY January 25	SUNDAY January 26	MONDAY January 27
▲ 5.44am 1.55m	▲ 6.10am 1.51m	▼ 12.19am 0.64m	▼ 12.58am 0.72m	▼ 1.39am 0.81m	▼ 2.25am 0.89m	▼ 3.22am 0.96m
▼ 11.46am 0.42m	▼ 12.19pm 0.40m	▲ 6.38am 1.46m	▲ 7.09am 1.41m	▲ 7.45am 1.35m	▲ 8.28am 1.30m	▲ 9.22am 1.24m
▲ 6.09pm 1.39m	▲ 6.50pm 1.37m	▼ 12.52pm 0.39m	▼ 1.27pm 0.39m	▼ 2.05pm 0.40m	▼ 2.50pm 0.41m	▼ 3.47pm 0.42m
▼ 11.44pm 0.56m		▲ 7.35pm 1.36m	▲ 8.26pm 1.34m	▲ 9.22pm 1.33m	▲ 10.25pm 1.33m	▲ 11.32pm 1.35m

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The green caps take off from First Beach, Cape Paterson. ob37_0325

Perfect conditions for Cape Paterson Aquathon

THE sun was shining and the air was a pleasant 24 degrees for the nearly 350 competitors that were lined up on First Beach for the Cape Paterson Aquathon on Sunday morning.

Green, orange and yellow caps started the 400-metre swim leg with a few minutes lag between each group.

Swimmers then headed up the stairs to the transition area before completing a 4.4 kilometre run through the Cape Paterson headland, down to the eco village and back to the Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving carpark.

First through the posts and coming third overall was Inverloch local Tynan Bressan who has been involved for a couple of years now and was happy with his performance, being about a minute faster than last year with a time of 24:45.4 minutes.

“The swim leg was fantastic. I didn’t know I had that in me. And I wanted to sit at four minutes pace for the run but I found myself well below that and I was cruising, so I just tried to hold on until the end,” said Tynan.

“I was spectacularly impressed with my run last year and backed it up again this year.”

Tynan commented that he plays football and swims in preparation each year for the Lorne Pier to Pub which paid off for him in this year’s aquathon.

Coming in first place for the males with a time of 23:23.4 minutes was Phillip Island local Justin Tilley, second place was Mark Rowe with a time of 24:35.1 minutes.

Coming in fourth place overall and in first place for the females was Alice Baquie with a time of 25:20.3 minutes.

About 30 family and friends from Cape Paterson cheered Alice as she came fluidly through the finish line.

Alice both surfs and swims, however, comments that the swim was the weaker leg of the race for her, and running regularly, 10 kilometres, four times a week got her successfully over the finish line in an impressive time.

Competing in the aquathon when she was 18 years old, Alice has been back many times over the past 20 years to participate.

“It’s almost like I get nervous from these sort of local events because there’s so much family involved,” Alice laughed.

“It’s got a really special place for me.

“Every time I come back it gets bigger and bigger and better and it’s so nice to see it’s a well-oiled machine because the logistics of it must be really difficult.”



Inverloch local, Tynan Bressan finished third overall. ob44_0325



Competitors begin the running leg of the aquathon. ob43_0325



Alice Baquie finished fourth overall and first for the females in the aquathon. ob45_0325



Ready to race Bec, Amalia, Bel, Sienna and Izzy get ready to train in the race pool.

SGB prepare to remain a dominant force in swimming

A LARGE contingent of swimmers from South Gippsland and the Bass Coast travelled to the Mildura Waves Aquatic Centre to join the squad of 50 local swimmers already in Mildura for a final training session before the 2025 Victorian Country LC Swimming Championships.

South Gippsland Bass Coast is one of the largest teams at the event accounting for 74 of the 658 swimmers competing.

Club spirits were lifted with the knowledge that their efforts last weekend have placed the club in sixth place at the Victorian State Sprints Championships.

The coaches were thrilled with the turnout.

Coach Dylan said it was the second biggest team ever at a country championships only beaten by the 76 last year at Traralgon.

“The fact that so many families have committed to the team and come away, driving those eight hours here is really pleasing,” said Dylan.

“Many of them are making it a family holiday and are exploring the region between events.

“The swimmers are lifted by that support and the knowledge their friends and family at home are watching on the live feed.

“We would love to host something like this in our part of the state.

“Imagine that many people coming down in late January, injecting a large amount of money into the local economy, or in winter for the Short Course Countries meet.”

“In the meantime, until we get upgraded aquatic facilities it’s just something we can dream of during the long drive here,” said Dylan.

Coach Caiden was very proud of the swimmers.

“I couldn’t be prouder of the dedication and progress demonstrated by the team.”

“Reflecting on the journey from early in the season I commend the swimmers for their relentless commitment and positive attitude.”

“Watching them evolve over the season has been incredibly rewarding.”

“The upcoming meet will be a celebration of their efforts, and I can’t wait to see how they shine.”

Club President Janelle Croatto is also very proud of the club.

“We are so lucky to have such supportive families who have made the trip up for the three days of racing.”

“I am so proud of the swimmers and the effort they have put in to qualify and to be here.”

“I look forward to watching them race.”



Hugh, Will, Zac and Mostyn ahead of the weekend’s swimming.

AM&DTA Tennis

Section 1 Results

IN SECTION 1 this week, both Westernport teams played at home, creating a great atmosphere for the teams. Inverloch, the top team in Section 1, won well against Westernport White. Koonwarra only lost one set against Westernport Red. It is great to see James Monaghan back in the circuit. Leongatha v Korumburra was the match of the round. Leongatha won by four games. Well done to all players.

Inverloch 8.48 defeated Westernport White 0.21, Leongatha 4.35 defeated Korumburra 4.32, Koonwarra 7.48 defeated Westernport Red 1.21

Ladder: Inverloch 78, Koonwarra 60, Leongatha 47, Westernport White 46, Korumburra 32, Westernport Red 25.

Section 2 Results

Outtrim were big winners this week against Leongatha in Section 2. The Outtrim team have played together for a number of seasons. Leongatha had Michael Grist back for another game. It is always great to see him on the tennis court. Baromi won their match against Korumburra.

Outtrim 9.72 defeated Leongatha 0.28, Baromi 6.63 defeated Korumburra 3.52

Ladder: Outtrim 68, Korumburra 53, Baromi 52, Leongatha 45

This week was definitely one dictated by the wind at all venues. Next week is the second Gatha Round. Let's hope for a good day again. The courts have been drawn, so see below for where your team is playing:

Section 1:

- Leongatha v Westernport Red – Bottom Courts (Roadside).
- Inverloch v Koonwarra – Suck it Up.
- Westernport White v Korumburra – Bottom Courts (SPLASH side).

Section 2:

- Korumburra v Leongatha – Mc Cartins Hotel.
- Outtrim v Baromi – Plexi.

A note to all teams, it is a good time to start thinking about making sure you have players registered in time for finals. They must have played three games for your team.

South Gippsland Bridge results

JANUARY 14 – six tables at Wonthaggi RSL

First Neville and Phil Chapman 58.3 per cent board average

Second Mary Brewis and Alan Johnston 57.61, Third Faye Rowlands and John French 54.69, Fourth Julie Perriam and Anne Gibson 51.85, Fifth Mike Dooley and Bronwyn Sund 51.56

January 17 at Inverloch – ten tables competing

North/South: First John French and Neville Chapman 61.57, Second Julie and Ian McPhee 58.33, Third John Quayle and Matti Shub 56.02, Fourth Chris Hall and Doug McIntosh 57.85, Fifth Hannah Martin and Ruth Stevenson 51.36

East West Pairs: First Faye Rowlands and John Currier 63.89, Second Moya Crowley and Mike Dooley 60.42, Third Carolyn Shaw and Marnie Myall 52.08, Fourth Maureen Stiles and Penny Loughran 51.2, Fifth Fred Meiseleach and Ann Marie Tyler 47.45



Maia Attenborough, Ted Adams, Tiffany Bastin, Lillian Bond, Marni Winkler, Jacob Brighton, Angus Campbell, Hamish Campbell, Oscar Campbell, Christopher Donnison, Eric Donnison, Darcy Gleeson, Oliver Gleeson, William Gleeson, Liam Hancock, Hudson Jackson, Amelia Norman, Dylan Rees, James Rees, and Logan Rossiter participated in the skills development day with Riley Parkinson and Emily Rizzotto.

Skills Development Day a slam dunk at Poowong

THE Poowong & District Amateur Basketball Association hosted its Skills Development Day on January 10, and it was a huge success!

The sessions were led by Riley Parkinson, owner and founder of Parkoball Training, who brought his expertise and passion for basketball to the court.

With 34 participants ranging in age from seven years old to adults, the day was packed with energy, learning, and fun. Riley's engaging coaching style and practical tips left players inspired and excited to improve their game. Whether mastering the basics or refining advanced techniques, there was something for everyone.

As a bonus, participants in the Skills Development Day received a \$30 discount on Junior Domestic registration

for the upcoming season. The new season kicks off on February 17, and registrations are now open!

"We were excited to have Riley run the sessions," said Sarah Jackson, general committee member of the Poowong & District Amateur Basketball Association.

"The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive, and many participants have already asked when he'll be returning!"

For more information about the upcoming season or to register, please contact secretary@poowongbba.org.au or visit the Poowong & District Amateur Basketball Association Facebook page.

RIGHT: Taylen Stephens and Oaklin Brown. Photo: Jeff Tull.



Fun, skills and drills for Under 9s basketballers



UNDER nine's basketball beginners are invited to learn some new skills and have fun with the Poowong and District Amateur Basketball Association.

During the season young players will do skills training, learning how to shoot, and dribble, among other basic skills and they will also run drills.

There may be opportunities for gameplay at the end of each session, but it's usually on a non-scoring and non-competitive basis.

"It's to get them playing and having fun without putting them straight into that competitive 'who's scoring the most points', sort of level," said Susie Williames, Secretary of Poowong and District Amateur Basketball Association.

Susie commented that it provides a good starting point for boys and girls, aged seven and up, who might have played a little bit with friends or at school, and who are looking to improve and get some basic skills and drills taught to them.

This also leads to opportunities for the kids to play at a competitive level in following years.

A Tuesday night competition will also be starting in Poowong this year, so the kids have the opportunity to see gameplay afterwards and to see what the next step and next level is for them.

All games are played in Poowong, making it convenient for families as they don't have

to travel to different places each week.

Registration is \$50 for 12 sessions throughout the season and singlets are provided for the players to loan, keeping it affordable and accessible for anyone who wants to have a go.

The season starts on Tuesday, February 17, 4.30pm – 5.30pm at 6 Nyora Road, Poowong.

For more information go to facebook.com/poowongbasketball or email secretary@poowongbba.org.au.

LEFT: Basketball players aged 7 – 9 are invited to learn new skills over the season with the Poowong and District Amateur Basketball Association.



Dalyston President David Bell, netball operations manager Oona Shepherd, U18 player Noah Shepherd, reserves coach Mitch Davey, U16 player Jack Howell, Vice-President Andy Thomas, senior football coach Mitch Hallahan and A Grade netball coach Gemma Thomas. B15_0325

Birds of a feather keep the Dalyston Magpies together

DALYSTON Football Netball Club, the ‘family club’, may have the Magpie as their symbol but it’s a Hawk that has had the most influence over this historic club for the last two seasons.

Senior playing coach for his second year at Dalyston, Mitch Hallahan, played at Hawthorn under Alister Clarkson and with the Gold Coast Suns under Rodney Eade, who also played at Hawthorn in a premiership side.

There is definitely a Hawthorn influence in Hallahan’s style of coaching.

The Hawks’s influence doesn’t stop there with A Grade netball coach Gemma Thomas playing with the Hawks in the Victorian Netball League (VNL) competition under the guidance of Guy Keane who had a stint at West Coast Fever and is now involved with the Australian women’s Fast Five netball team.

What both Hallahan and Thomas share is outstanding coaching skills.

Respect for players and a ‘family first’ attitude provide a strong culture that has proved vital to the strength of Dalyston from Auskick and Net Set Go to the senior ranks.

In the football department the

experience of Mitch Davey with over 200 games in the black and white taking charge of the reserves, Mick Grimsey also with over 200 senior games and junior coaching experience at Cranbourne looking after the U18s, and the ageless Dean Wylie with over 300 games in the Gippsland, West Gippsland and Alberton leagues and senior coach at Dalyston in 2023 looking after the U16s has proved a potent mix likely to shape the future of Dalyston football for many years.

Forgetting the number of netball premierships Jenny McRae has coached from U13 through to A grade and inter-league squads Jenny is now in charge of B grade netball at Dalyston.

Taking charge of the U17 netball squad, a vital part of the future of any club is former junior Australian netball representative Saskia Schmidt.

Dalyston fields eight football teams U10, U12, U14 and Youth Girls in the junior ranks alongside the U16 and U18, reserves, and senior teams.

Eighty girls and women compete in eight netball teams U11, U13, U15, U17 and A, B, C and D grade at senior level with players from Wonthaggi, Dalyston, San Remo, Phillip

Island and Inverloch.

Dalyston Football Netball Club vice-president Andy Thomas says not enough kids enjoy the benefits of sport.

“We are committed to growing the pool of kids in Bass Coast that want to get out of the house and get amongst life and all it has to offer,” said Mr Thomas.

A number of our juniors have gone on to exalted careers Blake Carew – Casey VFL/Dalyston 200+ games, Michael Marotta – 100+ games Collingwood VFL/Dalyston, Kyle Kirk – 100+ games West Adelaide/Dalyston, Kurt Thomas – 150+ games Dalyston and the next generation of Jaxon Foon and Max Connell for Gippy Power.

Playing in the strong West Gippsland league has many benefits including limited travel, a community feel and a high standard of competition.

“Playing the likes of Korumburra, Inverloch, Kilcunda-Bass, Phillip Island, and Koo Wee Rup has massive advantages,” said Mr Thomas.

“A maximum of just over 40 minutes to the furthest away game and close proximity to Melbourne has to be an enormous attraction,” he said.

“We can attract between

500 and 1500 spectators to a home game.

“It shows what a club football means to small country towns.”

Coach Dean Wylie and assistant coach Kristian Butler’s roles with the U16 team and Auskick are seen as the primary link between junior competition and the seniors.

“We see the kids start in Auskick with dreams of playing in the AFL.”

Established in 1910 the Dalyston Football and Netball Club has a rich history.

“Our best years were probably the 50s and 60s,” said Mr Thomas.

“The McRae family was legendary with Peter, Bernie, Frank, Colin and Malcolm McRae, Ian Robertson who went on to play with Carlton, Robert Wilkinson in the 80s, and Brad Fisher and Brett Thornton as well as the current senior coach Mitch Hallahan.

The Dalyston Football Netball Club is a committed club looking to continue to improve and grow by giving opportunities to those who want to be part of a proud community club. For more information on joining head to dalystonfnc.com.au.

Giants expected to improve in 2025

EXCITING times lie ahead for Korumburra-Bena this season with the Giants having moved into their upgraded facilities and in a position to improve significantly onfield due to strong recruitment and minimal departures.

The side has added midfield depth and experience, the versatility of utility players and a key backman.

Club president Ken Myers expects recruits such as tough and skilled midfielder Matt Borschman from Leongatha to support the younger group of Giants who have come up through the Korumburra-Bena juniors.

Borschman was identified as having the footy knowledge and experience to be a mentor to the younger brigade, instilling what it takes to get the club to where it needs to go.

“Last year, we’d fade out in the third quarter and we don’t know what it was other than the fact that it was young bodies and young minds; so hopefully with our recruiting this year, it’s going to (provide) that level of maturity and leadership we need on the field to keep these guys focused and in the game for a full four quarters,” Myers said.

While the club’s 2024 Senior season only produced three wins, the same as the previous campaign, the president noted there was a significant improvement in percentage terms last season, demonstrating increased competitiveness.

The boost in onfield experience is set to help the Giants run games out and significantly improve the win tally this season, rewarding loyal fans who have endured tough times.

Borschman brings over 100 games of Senior experience with the Parrots that includes premiership success, and will slot into the midfield with another former Leongatha player and ongoing Korumburra-Bena coach Josh Hopkins and skilful recruit Jordan Ceppi who arrives from Thorpdale having previously represented Moe.

“He’s an older guy who has a wealth of experience playing for Moe over a number of years,” Myers said of Ceppi.

Big-bodied key position player Kyle Brown, another former Parrot who featured in three Reserves premiership sides as well as playing over 20 Senior games for Leongatha, will solidify the Giants’ backline. Aidan Simmons returns to Korumburra-Bena after a number of seasons playing for Stony Creek, bringing a wealth of experience in various roles and is set to be used as a utility.

Jye Celebrine is also back, having spent time at MDU, being strong-bodied and having the versatility to fill multiple roles.

Bryce Riddell, who was Korumburra-Bena’s Under 16 Best and Fairest in 2023, returns after a year at Poowong, Myers expecting the young utility to be in the Seniors for much of the season.

Alessi Green is another who came up through the Giants’ juniors, and is back after a season at Yarram, likely to feature in the forward line.

There are only a couple of departures, Tyson Findlay the most significant after being serviceable in the backline last season after a shift from an onball role, Isaac Fox the other moving on.

Bryce Rawson, another who played lots of junior footy for Korumburra-Bena returns, now as the Reserves coach, Myers uncertain if he will take the field or lead the team strictly from the sidelines.

Rawson brings the experience of coaching the Stony Creek Reserves.

Myers is excited about the Giants’ new facilities, saying they improve the club’s professionalism and appeal.

“We’ve got updated showers and toilets and our rooms have had a complete overhaul,” he said of the player facilities, noting the umpires will also enjoy a new changeroom area designed to be inclusive of male and female officials.

The Giants continue to work hard on the training track and look forward to a memorable 2025 campaign.

‘Magic beach day’ for disabled surfers at Inverloch

THE Disabled Surfers Association of Bass Coast kicked off its summer of surfing for everyone season at Inverloch last Sunday and according to organisers, it was the best event yet.

More than 70 people participated in the disabled surfing day, with double that number supporting them, and more than 150 volunteers involved including members of the Disabled Surfers group, the Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club and the Inverloch Fire Brigade who did the heavy lifting for the event.

“It was just one of those magic beach days and we couldn’t stuff it up,” said one of the organisers Stuart Yates, the former president of the group.

“There was a nice wave

coming in, the weather was superb, and we had an enormous turnout of volunteers which was fantastic.”

The payoff, of course, was the smiles all around among the participants who enjoyed the thrill of surfing at one of Victoria’s iconic surf beaches.

“We couldn’t have hoped for a better day. Probably our best yet, I’d say,” said Stuart.

Upcoming dates include:

- February 2, Smiths Beach
- February 16, Inverloch
- March 2, Smiths Beach

RIGHT: Up and riding and enjoying the thrill of surfing at the community event hosted by the Disabled Surfers Association of Bass Coast at Inverloch last Sunday.





Monday Breakaway Bowls winners were Peter Morgan, Rhonda Rattenbury and Pat Novak.



Friday Breakaway winners Peter Grenville and John Stewart.



Winning team at Foster Bowling Club's Jack Attack, the Jontos, Helen and Kevin Jones and Cheryl Tosch.



Bernadette, Frank Garden (skip) and Jaye Allen-Dayle were the Monthly Triples Winners at Inverloch.



Inverloch Social Bowls Winners Terry Seaward, Terry Orford (skip), Robert Litchfield and Peter Gentsch.



Danny Van Zuylen and Joel Anderson were Leongatha's winners of the open pairs, pictured with sponsor Daryl McGannon of Edneys.



Friday's Wonthaggi Indoor winners with a plus 11 were Elaine Grabham, Mario Toffolon and Jeannie Slocombe.

BREAKAWAY

MONDAY: Another great day of bowls today with a healthy number of bowlers enjoying the games.

The winners were Peter Morgan, Rhonda Rattenbury and Pat Novak. They won with an impressive score of +16.

Friday: A great day of bowling was had at the Cape this afternoon. We are maintaining a steady flow of bowlers every time we play which is good to see.

The winners today were Peter Grenville and John Stewart. They had an impressive win with +15. See you back at the Cape Paterson Community Centre on Mondays at 1pm and Fridays at 1pm.

FISH CREEK

HELLO bowlers, welcome back to the business end of our pennant season. Last Saturday saw the club have three excellent wins to keep finals hopes alive.

Division 2 hosted Leongatha and recorded a strong win by 78 to 41 shots. Good to see Dave's rink had a big win. We now sit second.

Division 4 played at Leongatha with a strong easterly wind making it difficult for all bowlers. We won with 58 to 52 but lost 2 rinks. A great win by the Heywoods and Mark Angwin's rink to hold the side together. Despite the win, we slip to fifth on the ladder, so every week counts.

Division 6 travelled to Toora and won by 20 shots, 53 to 33, which has us sitting in third. Keep up the good work guys.

Our midweek side suffered another narrow loss by five shots with Wendy Watkins rink being the only winners.

Barefoot Bowls has started and we encourage all supporters to come along on a Tuesday evening and enjoy the festivities during this spell of fine weather.

FOSTER

WE RETURNED to Midweek Pennant on Tuesday for round 10 of the competition. Wonthaggi proved too strong for Div 1 finishing the day with a very comfortable win. This loss sees us slip back to fourth position on the ladder. But still keeps us competitive.

Div 3 were sadly pipped at the post by Meeniyana.

Our Saturday Pennant players headed off to Corinella, Div 3 and Div 4 to Tarwin Lower in rather windy conditions. We wished them all good bowling.

The weather was looking very ominous for the start of our January Jack Attack competition.

But we didn't let it dampen the spirits and went ahead with the night. Much to our surprise the clouds disappeared and even the sun broke through for a very pleasant first night, with nine and a third teams present!

Winners were the Jontos, Helen, Kevin and Cheryl. Winning vouchers from sponsor, Braidoss Takeaway.

Runners-up were the BMF'S, Jen, Stu and Dion receiving the choccies sponsored by Promontory Kitchens once again!!

A big shout-out to our Sponsors, thank you!!

Next week is an early dress-up for Australia Day!! We look forward to seeing you all there.

INVERLOCH

CONGRATULATIONS to Lorraine Dowson for playing in Region Sides in Ballarat on the weekend of January 11th and 12th.

On Wednesday evening, Inverloch Bowling Club hosted the South Strzelecki State Triples. There were 8 Ladies and 8 Men's teams that competed on the night. The Triples will be played over 3 nights.

Many thanks to all our wonderful volunteers, locals and visitors who made our Summer Bowls program over the Christmas and New Year time a roaring success.

Our Thursday Social Bowls have started up again. Names need to be in by 11am with play starting at 12.30. This week 4 teams finished with a win and a draw. The fourth and top teams were only separated by 3 points. The winners with 27 points were the team of Terry Orford (skip), Terry Seaward, Peter Gentsch and Robert Litchfield. Runners Up on 26 points were Jon Justin (skip), Bruce Corrigan, Jon Abbott and Jeff Curwood. Next in line on 24 points and 5 shots up were Neil Everitt (skip), Karen Orford and Christine Corrigan. They were closely followed with 24 points and 2 shots up by Carol Hughes, Di Selby, Cheryl Abbott and Pat Mackay. All up 37 bowlers had a wonderful day.

Our Monthly Triples resumed with a field of 18 teams. Taking out the honours for the day were the team of Frank Garden (skip), Jaye Allen-Dayle and Bernadette with 4 wins and 68 points. Runners Up on 60 points were the team of Ken Cecil (skip), Keith March and Mark Baensch. Best first game went to Daniel Earl, Steve Snelling and Laurie Gabell with 16 shots up. Best second game went to Wayne Parks, Janis Parks and Guilio with 12 shots up. Best third game went to John Newcombe, Peter Forrest and Graeme Cornell with 18 shots up. Best fourth game went to Daryl White, Pat Ryan and Steve Clarke with 18 shots up.

KORUMBURRA

AFTER our Christmas break pennant is back in full swing, in midweek division one we hosted Toora. Ben Peachey won 36 shots to 6, Katrina Evans won 22 shots to 11 and Joanna Lomagno won 24 shots to 15 a good win by all.

Division two travelled to Fish Creek and came home winners Cheryl Moore won 20 shots to 15, Judith Nicholl won 17 shots to 12 and Jim Garnham went down 20 shots to 15 still a good win.

In the weekend pennant, division one hosted Inverloch and came out victors. Robin Provan had a 29 shots to 15 win, Kevin Beecroft won 16 shots to 14 and Chalie Edgerton won 30 shots to 17, well done by all.

Division 3 travelled to Phillip Island and the only winning rink was Phil Ashton with enough shots up to get the others over the line winning 28 shots to 17, Geoff Barber lost 22 shots to 18 and Les Davis lost 20 shots to 16 still a good win.

Division 4 hosted Phillip Island and the results were all bad Rob Sund lost 16 shots to 23, Jim Garnham went down 21 shots to 18 and Alan Cherrett lost 20 shots to 18, not a good day.

I would like to congratulate Shane O'Loughlin and Vera Sund on the way they represented the club in the Champion of Champions competition in extremely difficult conditions they did very well.

LEONGATHA

LEONGATHA Bowls Club has experienced a busy period commencing on Saturday, January 11 when the first of the events, the Meat & Fish Day, was run. Rod Jackson, Jo Runciman and Alan Moxey were successful and departed with a generous supply of meat and fish from the sponsor.

On Sunday, January 12, the Leongatha Open Pairs was held but unfortunately, play was abandoned at lunchtime because of the heavy downpour making playing conditions unsuitable. Our major sponsor of the club Edney's Leongatha, who once again provided the prize money which was handed to four teams with a ranking of first to fourth. The winners were a team from Boolarra who were the dark horse of the 32 teams that entered the event. Danny Van Zuylen and Joel Anderson won on a count-back from Pat Ryan/Daryl White from Philip Island. Unfortunately, the weather conditions reduced the playing time to 50 per cent which did not allow the bowlers to show their ability over a complete event. The ladies once again excelled in the kitchen and the food that was provided was very much appreciated. Our resident Bar Lady Delma was kept busy pouring frothies for thirsty bowlers.

On Tuesday, January 14, the midweek pennant competition recommenced after the Christmas break. Leongatha Bowls Club was represented by a Division 2 side who travelled to Inverloch Bowls Club to do battle against the resident side. Leongatha won the match with an overall win of 66/60 points which was very satisfying after a close contest. Individual rink scores were as follows:

Daryl McStravick skip Inverloch defeated Lynne McIntyre skip Leongatha 30/18 shots.

Bill Selby skip Inverloch was defeated by Dot Shandly skip Leongatha 18/24 shots.

John Duthie skip Inverloch was defeated by Rosa James skip Leongatha 12/24 shots.

On Saturday, January 18 the Weekend competition recommenced with the wind blowing strongly from the East which made the bowling conditions difficult for bowlers using the small-size bowls. Leongatha Bowls Club played host to Toora Bowls club in Division 1 and were relieved at the end of play to register a final score of 61/59 shots. Individual rink scores were as follows:

Jenny Miller skip Leongatha was defeated by Sebastian Blancato skip Toora 15/27 shots.

Anthony Collier skip Leongatha defeated Brett Garrow skip Toora 23/20 shots.

John Hall skip Leongatha defeated Terry Corcoran skip Toora 23/12 shots.

The Leongatha Division 2 side motored to Fish Creek to engage in battle with the resident Division side and at the end of the day's play Leongatha wished they had stayed at home because they received a thrashing and a losing score of 41/78 points with white-wash on all 3 rinks. Individual rink scores were as follows:

David Christie skip Fish Creek Bowls club defeated Ron Symmons skip Leongatha Bowls club 30/10 shots.

Bill Symmons skip Fish Creek Bowls Club defeated Les Wilson skip Leongatha Bowls Club 24/15 shots.

Robert Mortlock skip Fish Creek Bowls Club defeated Rod Jackson skip Leongatha Bowls Club 24/16 shots.

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The Leongatha Division 4 side also played at Fish Creek and lost but not to the severity of the Division 2 side contest.

Individual rink scores were as follows:
Dot Chandley skip Leon-gatha Bowls Club defeated Don-ald Cripps Fish Creek Bowls Club19/16 shots.

Lynne McIntyre skip Leongatha Bowls Club was defeated by Mil-ton Heywood Fish Creek Bowls club 9/30 shots.

Alan Moxey skip Leongatha Bowls Club defeated Robert Po-letti skip Fish Creek Bowls club 24/22 shots.

The State Event Playoff Cham-pion Of Champion Singles was played at Tarwin Lower last weekend between Angela Hackett from Leongatha Bowls Club and Joelene Laukens from Boolarra to decide the representative from Strzelecki Bowls Division who will represent the region at the state titles.

**SOUTH WEST
MID WEEK**

WHAT A DAY.
So many of our family of bowl-ers turned up at Lang Lang to once again, fight it out for team(s) of the week.

We were welcomed as usual by Pauline and John who signed us in.

Peter performed his magic and, somehow, managed to arrange all the players into teams.

The weather was quite mild as we hit the green, with quite low winds making it a bowler's para-dise.

Lots of laughter across all the rinks as friend fought with friend to gain superiority.

It is always such a pleasure to play with such a great group of people.

A big shout out to Marianne who looked after all our thirsty bowlers with help from Colin.

The green was in excellent con-dition thanks to Neville.

Today's winners on a score of 33 were:

Dianne Hessen (L), Sue Stans-field (3), Bill Williams (2), Rob Jeffrey (S)

Runners-up on a score of 32 were:

Gillian Harper (3), Mick Sheers (S), Aggie Gratton (L)

Today's one game-winner on a score of 19 were:

Elias Capsalis (L), Peter Grat-ton (S), Max Summers (3)

Thank you to David and John who cleaned up the green after the game. Also to David for clean-ing up the hall after the day's fun.

Also to Jenny, Bev and anyone else I may have missed for all their work in the kitchen.

Next week we will be meeting up at Corinella to once again fight it out for team of the week.

Meanwhile, as pennant is in full steam as of this weekend, we wish all players the best of luck for the coming week.

Looking forward to seeing ev-eryone next week, but till then stay safe and have lots of fun.

WONTHAGGI

ONCE again a busy week at the club. Tuesday saw the return of Pennant with Division 1 playing host to Foster at Wonthaggi. On a fine morning, all rinks played well to start well after the break. The final scores: Wonthaggi 82, Foster 47.

Division 2 ventured down the highway to Lang Lang, looking for a win to start after the break.

Lang Lang had the same plans and put up a fight on two rinks with Wonthaggi in control on the other rink. At the end of the day, Wonthaggi were able to win all three rinks and gain valuable points. The final scores: Wont-haggi 73, Lang Lang 45.

Division 3 played host to Inver-loch at Wonthaggi, also looking for a win after the break. Once again, all rinks played well to record a solid win. The final scores: Wonthaggi 74, Inverloch 37.

Tuesday night was a success with good numbers and a lot of happy people. We had some visi-tors who enjoyed the night and will be back. The team that were the lucky pick were the Adams Family.

No bowls on Wednesday with the weather being a bit off.

Thursday saw a good start af-ter the break with good numbers enjoying a game of social bowls.

Friday night once again was a success with visitors on the greens and good numbers in the clubhouse for the members' draw plus the meat trays. Den-nis and John were lucky win-ners plus Rae winning a break-fast pack. Next Friday night will be a fish or calamari night. So put your name or names on the sheet in the clubhouse for a good night.

Saturday saw a fine day with a strong wind from the east. Not ideal but it is what it is. Division 1 travelled to Phillip Island for a match that is always hard-fought and difficult to win. All rinks played well with one having a draw while the other two rinks were able to secure a victory. The final scores: Wonthaggi 73, Phillip Island 67.

Division 2 played host to Phil-lip Island at Wonthaggi with the wind from the east. Wonthaggi got off to a slow start with all three rinks well down after six ends. Two rinks were able to fight back with one winning and the other a narrow loss. The fi-nal scores: Wonthaggi 46, Phillip Island 60.

Division 4 travelled to Port Welshpool. On the only grass green, they found conditions dif-ferent. They went down in a close game to the third-placed team on the ladder. The final scores: Wonthaggi 43, Port Welshpool 53.

Division 5 drove to Corinella looking for a win to keep top spot on the ladder. Wonthaggi were able to get a win against a team that are third place on the ladder. The final scores: Wont-haggi 68, Corinella 61.

Bowls this week. Tuesday Pen-nant. Tuesday night is Barefoot bowls. Wednesday: social bowls at 1pm. Thursday: social bowls at 10am. Friday: coaching at 10am. Saturday: Pennant. Don't forget about our Skins Event on Sunday, March 23rd. See Fred for details and to enter your team.

Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI Indoor

ANOTHER fun and enjoyable week of bowling with a total of 39 players enjoying each oth-er's company. Tuesday's win-ners with a plus 11 were Jean Wylde, Glenda Binch and John Ferguson. Runners-up on plus 6 winning one game were Judy Sweetnam Thelma Kavanagh and John Postlethwaite.

Friday's winners with a plus 17 were Elaine Grabham Mario Tof-folon and Jeannie Slocombe.



Korumburra Wednesday Stableford Grade winners Maree Wittingslow, Julie Brannaghan and Aliesha Wrigley.

KORUMBURRA

The Longest Day

SUNDAY fourteen players took on 'The Longest Day' challenge in warm conditions, completing an incredible 36 and 54 holes in the heat – a truly amazing achieve-ment, raising \$1,778.45 for the Cancer Council.

Congratulations to Roy Flem-ing for recording the best 18-hole score of the day with an outstand-ing 45 points. A big thank you to Luscious Café for sponsoring this prize!

Well done to Billie and Mat Wrig-ley for their impressive effort in landing the ball in the floating tyre, a challenging 70m target! We can't thank Bob and Carol Stiff enough for running the Hole in One Tyre Comp all day, awesome job guys!

Once again, thank you to Lus-cious Café for also sponsoring this prize!

Many great scores were had across the day and some left their best score for their last 18, which is pretty crazy especially Billie's 67 and Roy's 69!

A huge thank you goes out to Julie Cole, Joseph Salvatore, Blayke's Pizza, Korumburra Golf Club, and Tanya Wrigley for spon-soring the raffle and door prizes!

Well done to our winners:
1st prize – Grant Williams, 2nd prize – Trudy Olden, 3rd prize – Steve MacNamara and 4th prize – Lyn McIvor. Door prize – Julie Hillberg

Together, the club raised an in-credible \$1,778.45 for the Cancer Council.

Thank you to everyone who played on the day, purchased a ticket or made a donation.

We can't wait to make next year's event even bigger and better.

A big thank you to Aliesha for or-ganising this event for such a great cause, awesome work.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY our women played a Stableford round with a great field of 24 players. Well done to everyone, we had some top scores across all three grades.

A Grade: Aliesha Wrigley (22) 42pts, R/Up Merrissa Cosson (9) 36pts c/b. B Grade: Julie Bran-naghan (24) 43pts, R/Up Heather Grist (24) 39pts. C Grade: Maree Wittingslow (40) 44pts, R/Up Lynne Schwennesen (54) 40pts.

BDTL went to Colette Pearl (36) 39pts, Betty Thomson (46), Julie Cole (54) both with 38pts. NTP's on the first Aliesha Wrigley, sev-enth Merrissa Cosson, 10th Maree Wittingslow and 13th Lyn Perks.

Thursday Twilight's winning pair was Scott Burgess and Man-dy Seater with 26pts. R/Up Ian and Denise Gibson. NTP's on the first, Gail Beer and Tim O'Neill.

Saturday was our biggest Wom-en's field for quite some time, with 19 players.

We thank our sponsor Mark from Sportspower Leongatha for supporting our day. Winner of A Grade with a very nice 40pts was Shelley Snooks (18). R/Up was Heather Grist (23) with 38pts. B Grade winner on a c/b also had a very nice 40pts, Maree Witting-slow (37), r/up Trudy Olden (29).



KGC Longest Day Best 18 holes was Roy Fleming 45pts with Aliesha Wrigley Event Organiser.

BDTL went to Karen Sorrell, Gail Beer 37pts, Diarne Maskell 35pts. NTP's first Gail Beer (Kellys Bakery Voucher) and Diarne on the 13th green.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY Stableford Event: January 14

Tuesday's Stableford round had a field of 84 members/guests take to the course selecting either blue or yellow tees.

Overall winner: was LGC legend Fred de Bondt (22) with the high score of the day with 41 points on a countback beating his age off the stick for this round.

A Grade winner: Dean Kellett (8) with a score of 41 points on a countback

A Grade runner-up: John Ryan (11) with a score of 41 points. B Grade winner: Gordon Allan (15) with a score of 39 points. B Grade runner-up: Barry Attwood (16) with a score of 36 points on a countback. C Grade winner: Fred de Bondt (22) with a score of 41points. C Grade runner-up: Matthew Pearce (22) with a score of 38 points on a countback. D Grade winner: Adrian Smith (29) with a score of 38 points. D Grade runner-up: Russell Miller (26) with a score of 35 points on a countback

Thursday, January 16: Stabl-eford Event

Thursday's event was a Stabl-eford round with 83 members/ guests taking to the course, teeing off either the blue or yellow tees.

Overall winner: Gary McGrath (16) with the high score of the day with 40 points

A Grade winner: Thomas Wil-liamson (14) with a score of 35 points on a countback

A Grade runner-up: John Mc-Innes (11) with a score of 35 points.

B Grade winner: Gary McGrath (15) with a score of 40 points. B Grade runner-up: Peter Read (18) with a score of 39 points.

C Grade winner: Peter Waters (21) with a score of 39 points. C Grade runner-up: Ian Trease (24) with a score of 36 points.

D Grade winner: Ian Moorhouse (26) with a score of 36 points on a countback. D Grade runner-up: Sean Munley (28) with a score of 36 points.

NTP: Fifth second shot: Russell Williams, 14th: Neale Gillin and 16th: Nicholas Byrne

Saturday, January 18: Stabl-eford Event.

Saturday's Stableford round had a very good field of 111 mem-bers/guests playing in windy warm conditions.

Overall Winner: Peter Jaspers (19) with the high score of the day of 41 points.

A Grade winner: Neil Gray (10) with a score of 35 points on a countback. A Grade runner-up: Mark Lafferty (6) with a score of 35 points. B Grade winner: Pe-ter Walsh (15) with a score of 39 points. B Grade runner-up: Jeff Thomas (14) from the Cur-lewis Golf Club with a score of 37 points. C Grade winner: Pe-ter Jaspers (19) with a score of 41 points. C Grade runner-up: Conor Hosking (17) with a score

of 38 points. D Grade winner: Da-vid Chugg (26) with a score of 38 points . D Grade runner-up: Sean Munley (28) with a score of 36 points on a countback

NTP: Fifth second shot: David Chugg, 14th: Mitchell Hallahan and 16th: Mark Wilson.

MIRBOO NORTH

TUESDAY, January 7 Stabl-eford,

A Grade: R Felmingham (8) 38pts. B Grade: J Sands (16) 41pts. C Grade: R Thompson (25) 40pts.

DTL: D Jerram , S McKenzie 40, S Woodall, A Liebe 38, S Be-itz 37 c/b. NTP: Fourth M Woodall, sixth D Jerram 13th A Liebe, 16th D Chessum. Birdies: Fourth S Woodall, sixth D Jerram R Felm-ingham

Saturday, January 11 Stabl-eford,

A Grade: M Snell (7) 41pts
B Grade: S Mills (12) 34pts
C Grade: N Bracecamp (19) 37pts

DTL: J Woodall 40, P Smart 39, S Bickerton 37, R Jenkins, S Beitz 36 c/b NTP: Fourth J Wood-all, sixth S Woodall, 13th B Brad-shaw, 16th Tom Traill

Birdies: Fourth J Woodall, G Renwick, sixth N Bracecamp, N Rutledge, 13th B Bradshaw, 16th S Bickerton.

Tuesday, January 14 Stableford.

A Grade: C Hogbin (12) 40pts
B Grade: S Beitz (18) 38pts
DTL: P Woodall 39, M Payne, N Baker, A Collins 38.

NTP: Fourth C Hogbin, sixth P Woodall, 13th A Collins 16th W Gervasi.

Birdies: Fourth C Hogbin, 16th W Gervasi.

Saturday, January, Stableford.

A Grade: P Smart, (9) 39pts, B Garde: J Coleman (15) 35pts c/b.

DTL: D Jerram, G Shandley, S Woodall 35, S Hill-Smith, Tom Traill 34 c/b. NTP: Fourth J Cole-man, sixth P Smart, 13th B Brad-shaw, 16th S Hill-Smith.

Birdies: Sixth R Jenkins and N Whichello.

WONTHAGGI

JANUARY 16: Stableford 18 Hole. SR. 71. Winner: Cooper Scott 51.Runner-up: Glen Turner 40. Ball Sweep: Jonathon Wade 39, Peter Magnussen 38, Philip McCrimmon 37, Colin Banks 37.

January 16: Stableford front nine-hole. SR. 34.5

Winner: Paul Cornelis 21. Ball Sweep: John Davis 21, Mark Nicholson 19, Sam Dennis 18.

January 18: Stroke. S.R 71
A Grade: Mark Tizianai 70.

B Grade: Peter Handley 68
C Grade: Andrew McAllister 66

BDTL to 72 C/B. Ball Sweep: Hamish Burns 69, Ian McDon-ald 69, John Geyer 69, Graham Ryan 70, Simon O'Halloran 70, Alan Jones 71, Glen Turner 71, Dale Burgess 71, Kevin Bayley 71, Kevin Jamieson 71, Clive Kilgour 72, Harrison Jays 72 C/B.

Eagle: Dean Winning first. NTPs: Garry Bates second, Mark Tiziani fourth, Phillip Studham propin eight, Martin Jays 13th.

Brendon Stapleton money hole: 17th.



Riders of all ages are invited to join the friendly Korumburra Pony Club this year.

Unleash your passion for horses with the Korumburra Pony Club

KORUMBURRA Pony Club (KPC) is looking to welcome new riders who wish to unleash their passion for horses and embark on a journey of skill and grace.

KPC is a long-running group based in Kardella South on club-owned land, with a full-sized arena and club room facilities.

“We’re a small welcoming club looking to invite more members in, you don’t have to be a certain age to be a pony club member, you can be any age,” said District Commissioner Emily Hillberg.

Rallies are held for members every third Sunday of the month running from 10am.

Qualified instructors are present at each rally and riders are generally grouped in small numbers with the opportunity to have at least one lesson, if not multiple lessons during the day.

Riders then take a break to socialise over lunch before continuing with lessons, having the opportunity to essentially learn both on and off the horse.

A range of instructors attend the rallies over the course of the year, offering different techniques and a variety of lessons.

“Everyone looks forward to not only learning but also catching up with one another,” explained Emily.

“Outside of rally days, we generally catch up as well to do extra lessons or trail rides. So, you’re becoming part of a club with that friendship side of things as well.”

Most of the current members are adults, and the club are encouraging more kids to join in, with riders from the age of three years and over welcome.

“Members do need their own horse to be a member of our club, but any experience or ability is welcomed, any level of riding, competing or non-competing, we’re open to everybody,” said Emily.

The club offers come-and-try rally days, and this is the best option to find out how the club runs and if it’s a good fit.

By becoming a member riders can also compete as pony club members and they also get insurance, which covers riders while riding within the club and outside of it.

The club can also offer agistment to members, depending on numbers and demand.

For more information email korumburrappc@gmail.com or visit ponyclubvic.org.au.

Monster night at Nyora with trucks, race cars and a packed house

By Dean Thompson, DMT Sports Media for Nyora Raceway Inc

NYORA Raceway was a packed venue on its latest race night that included fan favourites the Monster Trucks and its related supporting cast with a sprinkle of racing from the Dirt Modifieds, Unlimited Sedans and Formula 500s.

Whilst families and especially the children were thrilled by the actions of the Monster Trucks jumping and riding over cars and performing tricks, Marcus Reddecliffe, Terry Rankin, Rusty Ponting and Warrick Taylor went about their business winning the feature event races for their classes.

Proud Nyora President Marcus Reddecliffe was able to pull off a victory in his Dirt Modified class and whilst he was beaming with winning the Monster Tonne 1000 event, he was ecstatic with the crowd.

“We sold out tickets for this event before race day. The financial contribution from attendance for this event will go a long way to assisting our club complete some critical updates around the venue that we are working on. Our club just wants to thank everybody for coming and supporting this community sporting club, we feel we are very important to bringing people into South Gippsland,” shared Marcus.

Reddecliffe won the first qualifying race leading all the way before his older brother did exactly the same in the second qualifying race. In the feature event Matt Reddecliffe took the lead on lap one and was leading Zeke Edwards



Formula 500 winner Terry Rankin.

and Marcus Reddecliffe when his car came to a slow and he drifted infield. Edwards then spun and slotted back into fourth spot handing the lead and the victory to Marcus Reddecliffe from Daryl Hickson, Jack Smith, Zeke Edwards and Brett Hough.

Formula 500s were racing in their state Stampede Series with many drivers from the Southwest and Geelong heading to join some South-eastern Victoria locals. Victorian Champion Dale Sinclair, Brady Cudia, Terry Rankin, and Bailey Stephens won the four qualifying races leading into the feature event.

Chad Bell, Rankin, Sinclair, Cudia, Bailey Wilson and Brad Malone began from the front three rows in the feature event. From the drop of the green flag, Rankin led the

race with Stephens a quick mover into fourth spot. Cudia dropped through the field early. Late in the race Chad Bell got by Sinclair into second spot and as the race ended Rankin finished almost four seconds in front of Bell, Sinclair, Stephens and Bailey Wilson.

Junior Formula 500 competitors also competed with four qualifying races. Cody Malley, Hugo Chivell, Chase Muir, and Rusty Ponting were the respective winners. Chivell, Matilda Farrell, Ponting, Malley, Logan O’Shannassy and Rowdy Andreatta filled the top six starting positions for the feature event. Chivell from the front of the field held the lead of the race with Pakenham Upper driver Matilda Farrell in the top five as well as Mornington racer Rowdy

Andreatta. Ponting put pressure on Chivell through the twenty laps. Chivell claimed the victory from Ponting, Andreatta, Farrell and Koby O’Shannassy.

Pakenham man Travis Ramsdale claimed victory in the first Unlimited Sedan qualifier setting a new ten-lap record for the class of 2:44.740, with Clyde-based racer Warrick Taylor winning the second. Taylor led every lap in the final to claim a win in front of Jimmy Harris, Ramsdale, Gavin Ough and Troy Hutchison.

Nyora will fire up with racing once again on February 8 when the Formula 500s return for the Golden Jacket Showdown, along with the Compact Speedcars for their Victorian title and Wingless Sprints.

Inverloch Running Festival: A first for Bass Coast

THERE is a new highlight to the summer season coming and it will kick off on March 15 and 16 in Inverloch. Whether you’re looking to get active this year, or you have a love for music festivals, the new Inverloch Running Festival, supported by the Bass Coast Shire and Destination Gippsland is a collaboration for festival goers and marathon runners.

Director of Fit City Tours, Matt Morris has run similar events in Melbourne, including the Shepparton Marathon and the Vineyards Running Festival, but this year he launched the first for Bass Coast – The Inverloch Running Festival – there are already 800 early registrants and still more time to join.

Matt said there is a plan to make this an annual event for the running calendar.

“We’ve coordinated a marathon, a half marathon, a 14-kilometre, a five-kilometre and a two-kilometre run.”

This family friendly event will be held over two days:

Saturday, March 15: 1pm until 6pm.

Sunday, March 16: 7am until 2pm.

On Saturday, the five kilometre inclusive fun run will kick off at 4pm, followed by the



The event, which is Matt’s first in Inverloch, features various races including a marathon, half marathon, 14k, 5k, and 2k, with a festival atmosphere at the finish line.

family friendly two kilometre run at 5pm. Sunday will then be an early start with the half marathon and marathon taking place at 7am, followed by the 14 kilometre run at 8am.

“They’ll all start and finish at The Glade, Inverloch, except for the 14 kilometre run which will start in Cape Pater-son with a run through to Inverloch,” Matt explained.

“The event isn’t just about running, there will be live music and a range of entertainment across the weekend,

and if you’re not a runner, the community event is open free to the public.”

Day one, on Saturday, March 15 the program is packed. Simon Trist will perform live, followed by The Phalconeers, and on Sunday, March 16 enjoy the sound of El Rollo Surf Band, followed by Reversion.

The food trucks will be on-site throughout the weekend, serving a taste of Mexican, Greek souvlaki, bubble tea, toasties, twisty potatoes, banh mi, ice cream and freshly

made barista coffee.

The founder of Parkrun Inverloch, Tony O’Connell commended Matt and Andrew on the launch of such an event.

“One thing I really like to do is encourage both local runners and visitors to experience our coastline. It’s an amazing visual experience that we’ve got in our backyard that many people don’t know about,” said Tony.

The event is available for all ages, with families welcomed to sign up for the five or two kilometre Saturday run. Otherwise, if you’re looking to keep active and achieve a personal best, then the Sunday marathon registration is open.

David Elder of Destination Gippsland is partnering with the multi-day event that will bring strong visitation.

“This event is already running in other areas, and I’ve seen the tourism model, and it certainly brings something special to the region,” said David.

Victoria’s newest running festival is gaining popularity due to its beautiful course, comparable to the Great Ocean Road. Matt encourages all ages to secure their spot and be a part of something unforgettable. Visit inverloch.run and pick your challenge for 2025.

Women’s thrilling tie at Bass on Sunday

THERE was a thrilling conclusion to Round 7 of the Leongatha and District Cricket Association Open Women’s competition when Leongatha Town and Kilcunda-Bass Great Whites played out a T20 tie at Bass.

Batting first, off their 20 overs, Kilcunda-Bass managed the modest total of 102 bolstered by the efforts of some of the tail-end batters, including Kristie Jacobs 13 and Nicole Thompson 11, who hit out at the end.

In reply, fourth-placed Leongatha Town got behind in the chase but with the help of Sarah Knox 11, Stella McGannon 8, Kathryn Stewart 14 and Nat Challis 15 they just got there in the end for a tie.

The wickets for Killy-Bass were shared around by Joanne Hockett who took 2/10 early to contain the visitor’s scoring.



Kilcunda-Bass bowler Belinda O'Brien kept the scoring down with 0/8 off her two overs in the match against Leongatha Town.



Alyssa Edwards played a supportive role in a partnership with Sarah Knox of Leongatha Town at Bass on Sunday.

Gippsland Goannas 50s vets beaten by Geelong

By Graeme Rankin

SUNDAY saw the Gippsland Goannas make the westerly trek down the Princes Highway to Newcomb Cricket Club’s Grinter Reserve Turf to take on ladder leaders Geelong in Round 6 of the Veterans Cricket Victoria 50s Division 1 Saxon Sports Shield.

Geelong won the toss and had no hesitation sending Gippsland in on the soft wicket, which had been overwatered the evening before, particularly at the northern end.

Gippsland was in trouble early at 3/17 in the fifth, before Moe’s Pat Spiteri showed some resistance with 29.

Gippsland further slumped to 7/57 before Churchill’s Simon Forbes (22) and Cats’ curator Steve Webley (29), combined for a 50 partnership.

Five overs later, in the 33rd, Gippsland were all out for 123.

The pick of the bowlers for Geelong was seamer Marcus Stow with 3/31.

After tea, the wicket had dried out and quickened up a little.

In the third over, Mirboo North’s Steve Rogers had Victorian Over 50s opening batsman Adnan Khawaja cleverly caught by John Daddo for 12, taking a blinder in the gully.

The remaining Geelong batsmen were never too troubled and overhauled Gippsland’s score three down in the 23rd over, with David Hando batting well for 45.

Simon Forbes rounded out a good game taking 2/28 from seven overs.

The next game is scheduled for Sunday, February 2 versus Sunbury Macedon Ranges at home.

A win here will almost certainly see Gippsland participate in the finals the week after.

Leongatha and District under 15s triumph against Bairnsdale

THE U15 boys had a great win over Bairnsdale, Skipper Cooper Newman won the toss and had no hesitation batting first on the always great Scorpion Park Turf.

Debono and Berryman got off to a great start with a 58-run opening stand, the dismissal of Debono bringing Newman to the crease and they continued on with the great batting, both boys displaying great maturity with their shot selection and running between wickets a feature combining for a 138-run partnership.

Berryman played a phenomenal innings, and with the help of Tex Dyson and Jobe Williams, they continued to pile on the runs to get the LDCA to the big score of 280. Berryman batted through the innings, bringing up his first-ever century, a wonderful display of concentration and fitness on a very warm day.

LDCA’s turn with the ball saw Jobe Williams strike two early blows before a handy partnership was formed. Enter Frazer Livingstone, with his rapidly improving leg spin, to rip through the middle order and claim four wickets. Fellow spinner Archie Donohue also chipped in with two wickets. All bowlers bowled well, backed up by good fielding and catching.

A great win by a team growing with confidence every time they play. The boys have their last game v Latrobe Valley on February 2.

Big thanks to Leongatha Town Cricket Club for



The U13 Leongatha and District Cricket Association GCL match team.

hosting the game, their great facilities were enjoyed by all. All the parents for their help and support.

Wonthaggi Toyota for their continued support of the U15 team.

LDCA 5/280 def Bairnsdale 113

Eamon Berryman 134no, Cooper Newman 58, Ty Debono 33, Frazer Livingstone 4/13, Jobe Williams 2/7 Archie Donohue 2/15,

U18

A BIG day of GCL cricket started with the U18s travelling to Morwell for a T20 doubleheader, a win and a loss resulting in the boys holding second spot on the ladder with one round left to play against Bairnsdale on February 2.

Game 1: Warragul 6/122 def LDCA 96

Isaac Bolge 2/14, Tadgh Gannon 30

Game 2: LDCA 6/129 def Bairnsdale 93

Riley Harris 62, Aydan Williams 19 and 3/11, Ethan Smith 2/15, Klayton McGrath 2/16

U13

THE U13 team had a tough day against a strong Bairnsdale team. Batting first we lost early wickets to be 5/21, Heath Crump then put great value on his wicket and formed a good little partnership with skipper Reggie Read, Ryder Pedlow and Jaxon Eddy also both batting very well to get the score up to 88 a lot better than it was looking.

Bairnsdale made the runs easily, but the LDCA boys stuck to their guns and showed great enthusiasm. Coach Nick Eddy was pleased that the boys fought out the game right to the end with many good signs for the future. The boys have their last game v Latrobe Valley on February 2.

Thanks to Imperials Cricket Club for hosting the game, and all the parents for their help and support.

Manders Plumbing & Gasfitting and MJA Accounting for their continued support of the U13 team.

LDCA 88 def by Bairnsdale 2/89

Ryder Pedlow 17, Reggie Read 16, Jaxon Eddy 15, Toby Nicholas 1/4, Sonny Williams 1/10.

Goannas take on Ringwood/Mountain District in Over 60 comp

ON SUNDAY the Gippsland Goannas Over 60 cricket team ventured to Mt Evelyn to take on the Ringwood/Mountain District. The Ringwood captain won the toss and batted on the synthetic wicket.

Bernie Symons and Murray Moore opened the bowling for the Goannas with Symons striking in his second over. National Over-70 opening bat, Leigh Hardham, batted well as Neil Meredith replaced Moore for the eighth over. Mero had wickets in his fourth and fifth overs, to

have Ringwood 3/107 at the 20 over drinks break. Symons had bowled seven overs for 1/25 and was replaced by Barrie Nunn. Bazza bowled six overs for 22 runs, which was economical given the good bats and the synthetic wicket. Meredith took another wicket in his final over and there was a run out as Ringwood were 5/114 after 22 overs. Mero finished with 3/42 from his eight overs.

Moore returned to the attack and was joined by Rino Metlikovec as the Ringwood batsmen hit out to reach 6/160 after 30

overs. Symons had taken a catch for Moore. Andy Slevin and Ray Floyd bowled two overs each as Ringwood reached 9/229 from 40 overs. Moore 1/61, Metlikovec 2/29 and Slevin 1/12 were the other wicket takers, while Chris Devent had a stumping, Col Carmody to Devent for the runout, and catches to Slevin and Meredith.

The first three Goannas batsmen all retired after facing 30 balls, Metlikovec on 16, Rob Taylor and Carmody both on 24.

Ray Floyd was caught for 2 in

the 15th over as the Goannas reached 1/68. Mark Brown was run out for 2. Moore caught for six and Symons was run out for 14 as the Goannas were 4/102 in the 26th over.

Devent was lbw for 8, Nunn was run out for 1 and Slevin stumped for 1 as the Goannas slumped to 7/147 after 33 overs.

Meanwhile Player of the Match, Meredith, had made 40 from 46 balls. The Goannas finished on 7/182 after 39.1 overs, with Metlikovec unable to resume his innings.

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C GRADE DIVISION 1

Nerrena 3/115 d Town 114
Town 1st INNINGS: R Edward's 19, S Vs 38, C Dowling 12, T Strybosch, 0, J Scott 2, D Wilson 1, P J Kallookkaran 0, C Smith 1, M Hogarth 0, J Cashin 0*, T Cashin 1
Bowling: N Tucker 1/31, D Grigg 0/10, R Harrison 0/26, C Marinou 3/13, B Salmon1/11, C Williams 2/7, J Donohue 1/12 C Baudinette 1/1
Nerrena 1st INNINGS: W Cocksedge 10, B Gannon 63, B Stein 11, C Harrison 16*, C Baudinette 8*
Bowling: T Strybosch 1/19, C Dowling 0/14, S Vs 1/30, J Scott 0/10, C Smith 0/16, D Wilson 1/12, M Hogarth 0/3, PJ Kallookkaran 0/7

Korumburra 8/179 d Club 167
Korumburra 1st INNINGS: C Turton 19, P Edwards 94, T Dole 0, D Scott 16, P Beadel 19, J Douglas 0, T Morrison 0, L Dole 19, B Riddell 1*, L Gallagher 1*
Bowling: M Sharp 0/28, C Fraser 0/52, Fill-in 1/30, J Licis 3/30, S Liddle 3/25, L Borne 0/10
Club 1st INNINGS: C Fraser 29, J Caddy 0, J Licis 3, A Quilty 16, M Chisholm 8, Fill-in 39, L Borne 24, C Prosser 8, B Ton 21, A Babu 8, S Liddle (c) 7*
Bowling: J Douglas 1/30, D Scott 1/26, D riddell 2/31, S McKinnon 2/52, P Beadel 0/1, O Maskell 3/26

OMK 5/69 d Phillip Island 67
Phillip Island 1st INNINGS: Fill-in 8, B Marshall 1, T Blackwell 15, D Fusinato 2, T Hornsby 8, D McCausland 4, A Brayley 4, D Ivey 5, T Senanayaka 0, Z Hughes 6*, J Allan 8
Bowling: T Nicholas 3/19, R White 1/5, O Fitzpatrick 2/20, J Greenwood 2/14
OMK 1st INNINGS: D Elford 9, T Nicholas 6*, B Hayes 0, L Walker 3, L Bourke 22, M Nicholas 24
Bowling: T Senanayaka 3/16, J Allan 1/25, T Hornsby 0/19, Z Hughes 0/8

Kilcunda-Bass – BYE

C GRADE DIVISION 2

Phillip Island 2/236 d OMK 77
Phillip Island 1st INNINGS: O Hodson 19, P Francis 81*, S Niven 51, M Cleary 70*
Bowling: A Halliwell 0/63, J Battersby 0/39, H Greenwood 1/28, M Whiteside 0/25, M Greenwood, 0/20, N Overlunde 0/26, R Wyatt 1/276, Private player 0/4
OMK 1st INNINGS: C Walker 0, J Battersby 0, M Greenwood 0, D Wylie 4, Private player 0, N Furness 0, A Halliwell 21, M Whiteside 3, N Overlunde 0, H Greenwood 10, R Wyatt 22*
Bowling: J Kleverkamp 4/1, S McMillan 2/28, P Francis 0/7, S Sirirathnage 2/10, R Hughes 0/12, B Parry 0/19, J Parry 1/0

Koon L/RSL 6/234 d Glen Alvie 7/148
Koonwarra L/RSL 1st INNINGS: A Boxall 29, G Boxall 38, T Collins 41, N Grimes 46, G Matthies 40, S Paterson 16*, I Godage 6, R King 3*
Bowling: N Luff 0/30, L Scholz 1/33, O Luff 0/31, P Loos 1/33, L Ton 1/32, W Bridle 1/25, T Bolding 0/12, G Luff 1/12, C Stewart 1/17
Glen Alvie 1st INNINGS: D McGuirk 13, L Scholz 10, I Thorn (c) 82, L Ton 1, T Bolding 3, W Bridle 7, O Luff 17*, N Luff 0, J Luff 4, G Luff 0*
Bowling: T Lund 1/15, G Boxall 0/20, S Paterson 3/28, R King 0/20, D Yuthmika 0/41, I Godage 2/19, G Matthies 1/0

Inverloch 4/184 d MDU 7/178
MDU 1st INNINGS: G Webster 70, C Fisher 18, D Thomas 26, C Hooper 14, A Dyke 10, G Casey 0, G Batten 6, T Cocksedge 4*, S Riley 3*
Bowling: C Butler 3/42, A Parker 2/26, I Richardson 1/18, W Chapman 1/14, L jacobs 0/44, N McMillan 0/25
Inverloch 1st INNINGS: J Foote 0, C Butler 55, W Chapman 38, L Jacobs 6, Private player 52*, I Richardson 11*
Bowling: L Webb 1/33, C Hooper 0/36, A Dyke 1/42, K Brown 1/41, C Fisher 0/8, S Riley 1/20

Nyora – BYE

Nerrena’s convincing win over Town



OMK's Matt Whiteside works hard for the breakthrough after Phillip Island made a good start in the C Grade Division 2 match at 'Royal Rhyl'.



Korumburra veteran Peter Edwards filled in for the Cobras aiming to play alongside Darren Scott one final time and plundered 94 runs to lead the team to victory.



Steve Niven mixed defence with attack to help Phillip Island get off to a good start in C Grade Division 2 at Rhyl on Saturday.

C GRADE, DIVISION 1

LEONGATHA Town batted first after winning the toss but struggled to capitalise on a strong start from Sakthy Vs (38) and Ray Edwards (19). Christos Marinou (3/13) bowled with precision, dismantling the middle order, while Chris Williams added 2/7. Town was bowled out for 114 in 29.1 overs.

Nerrena's chase began cautiously but was powered by Captain Brian Gannon's commanding 63 off 58 balls. Despite losing a few early wickets, the partnership between Cohen Harrison (16 not out) and Cameron Baudinette (8 not out) guided Nerrena to 3/115 in just 22 overs, securing a seven-wicket victory.

OMK dominates in low-scoring clash

PHILLIP Island elected to bat first after winning the toss but struggled against OMK's disciplined bowling.

Toby Nicholas was the stand-out, taking 4/18 in a devastating seven-over spell. Supported by Russ White (1/5), Owen Fitzpatrick (2/20) and Justin Greenwood (2/14), Phillip Island was restricted to just 67 from 25 overs. No batter managed to score more than 15.

OMK's chase wasn't without hiccups, as Thimira Senanayaka (3/16) claimed three quick wickets. However, Liam Bourke (22) and Mitchell Nicholas (24) steadied the innings with aggressive strokes. OMK reached the target with five wickets down, sealing a comfortable victory.

Burra clinches tight victory

KORUMBURRA batted first after Wonthaggi Club won the toss and elected to bowl. Despite an early wicket, Korumburra's innings was anchored by a stellar performance from their fill-in batter, Peter Edwards, who scored 94 off just 68 balls, including 10 boundaries and four sixes.

Contributions from Darren Scott (16 off 21), Patrick Beadel (19 off 33) and Liam Dole (19 off 31) provided stability, but a flurry of wickets late in the innings meant Korumburra finished on 8/179 from 35 overs. Wonthaggi Club's Sam Liddle (3/25) and Justin Licis (3/30) bowled superbly, keeping the target within reach.

In reply, Wonthaggi struggled to build partnerships. Bryce Riddell (2/31) struck early, while Owen Maskell's excellent 3/26 ensured consistent breakthroughs. Contributions from Chris Fraser (29) and a quick 39 from a fill-in batter gave Wonthaggi some hope, but they fell short, bowled out for 167 in the final over. Korumburra secured a hard-fought 12-run win.

Kilcunda-Bass had the bye.

C GRADE, DIVISION 2

One-sided affair for Sharks

PHILLIP Island cruised to a dominant 159-run victory over Outtrim Moyarra Kongwak, showcasing brilliance with both bat and ball in their 35-over clash.

Batting first, the sharks posted a daunting 2/236.

Peter Francis led the charge with an unbeaten 81 not out, supported by Michael Cleary's

explosive 70 not out and Steven Niven's steady 51. OMK bowlers struggled to make inroads, with only Harry Greenwood (1/28) and Ryan Wyatt (1/27) breaking through.

In reply, OMK's batting lineup crumbled under relentless pressure from Phillip Island's bowlers. Jai Kleverkamp was unplayable, claiming incredible figures of 4/1 from seven overs, including a stunning three-wicket maiden. Sonny McMillan (2/28) and Sachin Sirirathnage (2/10) also delivered key contributions. OMK managed just 77 runs in 31 overs, with Ryan Wyatt's 22 not out providing the only resistance.

The match saw superb fielding from Wade Paterson, who was involved in a run-out and a catch, sealing a comprehensive victory for Phillip Island.

Cougars overpower Glen Alvie

KOONWARRA-Leongatha RSL secured an emphatic 86-run win over Glen Alvie in their 35-over encounter.

Batting first, Koonwarra-L/RSL compiled an imposing total of 6/234, led by Nigel Grimes' composed 46 off 48 balls. Vice-Captain Glenn Boxall blasted 38 off just 25, while Tom Collins (41) and Glenn Matthies (40) added crucial middle-order runs. Despite a strong effort from Glen Alvie's Grace Luff (1/12) and Cooper Stewart (1/17), the total proved too steep to chase.

Glen Alvie's reply struggled for momentum despite a valiant unbeaten 82 from Captain Ian Thorn. Thorn's innings lacked support, with the next highest contribution coming from Owen Luff's 17 not out. Shane Paterson delivered a standout performance with the ball for Koonwarra, taking 3/28, while Isuru Godage's 2/19 kept the opposition in check. Dylan Hanily and Nigel Grimes supported in the field, taking key catches as Glen Alvie finished at 7/148 after 35 overs.

Inverloch triumphs in 35-over clash

INVERLOCH secured a convincing six-wicket victory over Meeniyana Dumbalk United after successfully chasing 178 in a thrilling 35-over match.

MDU, batting first after Inverloch opted to bowl, posted 7/178. Gary Webster was the standout, scoring 70 off 76 balls with 12 boundaries.

Captain Dale Thomas added 26, but the rest of the lineup faltered against a disciplined bowling attack. Cameron Butler shone for Inverloch, claiming 3/42 in his seven overs, while Aedan Parker (2/26) and Wayne Chapman (1/14) provided crucial breakthroughs.

Chasing 179, Inverloch recovered from the early loss of Jordan Foote for a duck. Cameron Butler anchored the innings with a composed 55 off 93 balls, supported by Wayne Chapman's 38. The game turned with a blistering unbeaten 52 off 33 balls by a private player, who sealed the win in style alongside Isaac Richardson (11*). Inverloch reached 4/184 in 32.5 overs.

Stephen Riley (1/20) was the pick of the bowlers for Meeniyana Dumbalk United, but their efforts weren't enough to contain Inverloch's batting lineup.

Nyora had the bye.



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Club’s balanced batting and solid bowling

B GRADE, DIVISION 1

WONTHAGGI Club won the toss and chose to bat, setting a competitive total of 7/183 in 40 overs.

David Britt led the way with 43 runs from 44 balls, including nine boundaries, while Harry West remained unbeaten on 72 not out from 75 balls.

Contributions from Jai Williamson (16) and Mohamed Ashik Mohamed Nizar (15) added crucial runs, although the middle order struggled, with a series of wickets falling at regular intervals. The bowling attack of OMK was spearheaded by Mitchell Andrew, who took two wickets for 20 runs, supported by Ben Maguire (1/16) and David Jeffries (2/45).

In response, OMK was bowled out for 122 in 34 overs.

Captain Kris Kerr (14) and Clayton Quaife (32) gave their side a solid start, but wickets fell quickly, and they were unable to recover from the pressure.

Jai Williamson was the stand-out bowler for Wonthaggi Club, claiming three wickets for just 13 runs in his seven overs. Mohamed Ashik Mohamed Nizar also impressed with three wickets for 31. Wonthaggi Club's tight bowling and fielding, including crucial dismissals from Shaun Tessari and Stewart Beaumont, ensured a comfortable victory by 61 runs.

Debono’s blistering 82

INVERLOCH won the toss and elected to bat, finishing with a total of 3/217 in 40 overs. Brett Debono top-scored with 82 from 78 balls, supported by Warren Stewart (51) and David Harris (34), who provided solid partnerships.

Jack Rowe (25 not out) and Shaun Hayes (16 not out) contributed quick runs at the end, lifting Inverloch to a competitive total. MDU's bowling attack struggled, with Simon McRae (1/55), Callum McCaughan (1/6) and Daniel Field (1/42) being the only bowlers to claim wickets.

MDU responded with 7/215 in 40 overs falling short by two runs.

Key innings came from Steve Arnup (36) and Simon McRae (40), who gave their side hope, but regular wickets kept them from reaching the target.

Isaac Seuren's tight bowling, with two wickets for 15 runs, was instrumental in limiting the batting lineup. Callan O'Flynn (2/46) and Jason Smith (1/49) also played important roles. Despite a late surge from Kurt Sinclair (16 not out) and Daniel Field (10 not out), Inverloch held on for a thrilling victory by just two runs.

Nerrena’s bowlers tear through Island’s batting

NERRENA set a modest target of 150 in their 40 overs, led by contributions from Damien Symmons (20) and Joel Renden (28).

Tarryn Allan secured two wickets for Island off 23 runs.

In response, Phillip Island's chase never gained momentum as they were bundled out for just 56 in 27.2 overs.

Nerrena's bowlers, spearheaded by Harris (3/9) and Murphy (3/9), dominated, and despite a



David Jeffries hurls it down the pitch in his own unique bowling style. ob15_0325



Jai Williamson slogs another one, making a total of 16 runs. ob18_0325

few defiant knocks from the opposition, it was a comprehensive victory for Nerrena.

Korumburra had the bye.

B GRADE, DIVISION 2

Town’s 144-run victory

LEONGATHA Town started strongly after winning the toss and electing to bat first with Mark Hardy scoring 68 runs off 83 balls, including 14 boundaries.

Luke Bowman contributed 39 off 49 balls, and Pandukabhaya Jayasinghe was the standout performer with a quickfire 71 off 49 balls, striking 11 boundaries.

Rory Gilliatte added a valuable 24 runs off 19 balls. Lower-order contributions from Beau Gilliatte, who remained unbeaten on 18, helped the team post a competitive total of 7/264 in their 40 overs.

For Kilcunda-Bass, Andrew Leighton was the pick of the bowlers, taking 3/51 from his eight overs. Allan Bedford also claimed 3/59 in his spell, while Daniel Ferguson chipped in with a wicket.

In reply, Kilcunda-Bass struggled against disciplined bowling from Leongatha Town. Brett Joseph top-scored with 28 runs off 32 balls, and Joel Hockett contributed 29 off 71 balls. However, no other batter managed to make a significant impact as Kilcunda-Bass was bowled out for 120 in 34 overs.

Leongatha Town's bowlers were exceptional, with Beau Gilliatte leading the charge, taking 3/4 from his two overs. Frazer Livingstone claimed three wickets, while Pandukabhaya Jayasinghe and Rory Gilliatte also picked up two and one respectively.

Leongatha Town won convincingly by 144 runs.

Foster holds nerve to secure a thrilling three-run win

FOSTER won the toss and elected to bat first.

Jack Gay anchored the innings with a well-made 58 off 98 balls, supported by Neil Henry, who scored 40 off 49 balls. Contributions from Donald Caldwell (21 off 25 balls) and Brandon Busuttil (20 off 17 balls) helped Foster reach 7/176 in their allotted 40 overs.

For Nyora, Daniel Blackney was the standout bowler, claiming 3/25 from his eight overs. Ryan White, Tully Bernaldo and Lincoln Brock picked up one wicket each.

In their chase, Nyora came close but fell just short, finishing on 8/173 from their 40 overs. Colin Knox top-scored with 47 off 79 balls, while Ryan White remained unbeaten on 40 off 59 balls. Michael Lynch added 15 off 16 balls, but Foster's bowlers kept the pressure on throughout.

Jack Gay led the bowling attack for Foster, taking 3/16 in his eight overs. Neil Henry

contributed with 2/18, while Max Johnston, Jake Pilkington and Brandon Busuttil picked up a wicket each.

Foster secured a narrow three-run victory in a thrilling contest.

Cougars set the stage

KOONWARRA-Leongatha RSL won the toss and chose to bowl first against Glen Alvie. Despite a valiant effort from Captain Jay Tiziani, who scored 45 not out off 76 balls, Glen Alvie was restricted to 7/163 in 40 overs.

Andrew Brown's quick-fire 33 off 17 balls provided some much-needed momentum, but the rest of the batters struggled. Koonwarra Leongatha RSL's bowlers kept the pressure on, with Matthew Boswell and Nick Arnup claiming one wicket each, while Cambell Riseley notched up two wickets.

In reply, Koonwarra-Leongatha RSL made a strong start, with Jordan Pickersgill top-scoring with 61 off 62 balls. Despite wickets falling around him, including key dismissals by Darcy Hale and Raphael Spiteri-Stevens, Pickersgill's knock helped the team stay on track.

Heppell added 30 runs, and in the end, Arnup (13 not out) and Anderson (0 not out) guided the team to victory, finishing at 7/165 in 34.3 overs.

Imperials had the bye.

B GRADE DIVISION 1

Club7/183 d OMK 122

Club 1st INNINGS: K Allison 15, D Britt 43, S Beaumont 1, H West 72*, S Roche 1, J Williamson 16, M A Mohamed Nizar 15, B Evans 2

Bowling: A Torotto 0/22, H Sorensen 0/29, B Maguire 1/16, M Andrew 2/20, D Jeffries 2/45, N Auddino 1/41

OMK 1st INNINGS: K Kerr 14, C Quaife 32, M Sawyers 0, A Trotto 4, A Busana 0, D Jeffries 31, A Sorensen, 4, N Auddino, 5*, B Maguire 0, M Andrew 12, H Sorensen 5

Bowling: J Williamson 3/13, S Roche 1/31, M A Mohamed Nizar 3/31, S Tessari 1/28, B Evans 0/2, S Beaumont 2/6

Inverloch 3/217 d MDU 7/215

Inverloch 1st INNINGS: D Harris 34, W Stewart 51, B Debono 82, J Rowe 25*, S Hayes 16*

Bowling: S Richardson 0/29, S Mcrae 1/55, C McCaughan 1/6, D Zuidema 0/50, R Prosser 0/21, S Arnup 0/9, D Field 1/42

MDU 1st INNINGS – T Zukovskis 0, M Martin 9, T Sinclair 21, R Henry 29, C McCaughan 29, S Arnup 36, S Mcrae 40, K Sinclair 16*, D Field 10*

Bowling: I Suren 2/15, C O'Flynn 2/46, J Smith 1/49, D Cashin 1/37, N Dobbie 1/31, J Mottram Carter 0/25

Nerrena 7/149 d Phillip Island 56

Nerrena 1st INNINGS: D Symmons 20, K Berryman 21, J Kelly 18, J Renden 28, B Trotman 24, E Berryman 5, M Croatto 21

Bowling: T Niven 1/24, H Arceo 1/23, D Womersley 0/20, H Womersley 1/26, T Allan 2/23, K Beaumont 1/28

Phillip Island 1st INNINGS: M Arceo 7, H Womersley 0, K Beaumont 15, A Williams 11, D Womersley 5, L Ferrari 4, A Finlayson 3, T Niven 1, K Wilkinson-Loines 4*, T Allan 0, H Arceo 0

Bowling: M Croatto 2/13, C Dougherty 1/24, S Murphy 3/9, T Harris 3/9

Korumburra – BYE

B GRADE DIVISION 2

Town 7/264 d Kilcunda-Bass 120

Town 1st INNINGS: M Hardy 68, T McRae 0, L Bowman 39, P Jayasinghe 71, R Gilliatte 24, L Ashton 0, M Carter 13, B Gilliatte 18*, K Gilliatte 2* Bowling: R Duff 0/2, A Bedford 3/59, D Ferguson 1/38, A Leighton 3/51, Z Crow 0/31, A McBride 0/36, J Papworth 0/29

Kilcunda Bass 1st INNINGS: B Joseph 28, J Hockett 29, D Ferguson 1, G Miller 0, Z Crow 1, R Gardiner (c) 9, A Leighton 17, A Bedford 10, A McBride 6*, R Duff 0, J Papworth 0

Bowling: T McRae 0/16, L Gill 0/24, P Jayasinghe 2/11, L Ashton 0/10, F Livingstone 3/15, R Gilliatte 1/9, K Gilliatte 0/20, B Gilliatte 3/4, M Carter 0/4

Foster 7/176 d Nyora 8/173

Foster 1st INNINGS: J Gay 58, J Pilkington 18, N Henry 40, D Caldwell 21, B Busuttil 20, G Singh 1, T Garvey 4*, B Gay 0, L Moon 1*

Bowling: R White 1/40, T Perkins 0/27, L Brock 1/24, M Lynch 0/16, D Blackney 3/25, C Know 0/22, T Bernaldo 1/19.

Nyora 1st INNINGS: D Esler 4, C Knox 47, L Brock 25, J Knox 6, M Lynch 15, L Row 0, R White 40*, J Waixel 3, D Blackney 2, T Bernaldo 10*

Bowling: J Gay 3/16, N Henry 2/18, M Johnston 1/25, D Caldwell 0/20, B Gay 0/12, J Pilkington 1/27, L Moon 0/20, B Busuttil 1/27

Koon L/RSL 7/165 d Glen Alvie 7/163

Glen Alvie 1st INNINGS: S Smith 9, H Smith 10, J Tiziani 45*, N Brown 1, D Hale 17, J Brown 8, T Bals 17, A Brown 33, D Tiziani 0*

Bowling: M Boswell 1/15, N Arnup 1/15, C Riseley 2/29, B Thomas 1/32, R Pedlow 1/24, B Heppell 1/40

Koonwarra L/RSL 1st INNINGS: J Pickersgill 61, B Anderson 14, B Heppell 30, A Drury 11, R Pedlow 2, B Manicaró 3, K Thorne 11, N Arnup 13*, S Anderson 0*

Bowling: L McRae 1/44, N Brown 1/34, J Brown 0/13, D Hale 2/28, T Bals 0/15, R Spiteri-Stevens 3/29

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B2: Mark Hardy (Town) 68 ; Beau Gilliatte (Town) 3/4

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Team	Points	%	Team	Points	%
A GRADE, Division 1			A GRADE, Division 2		
Nerrena	96	2.194	Nyora	90	1.383
Club	78	1.503	Inverloch	78	1.432
Phillip Island	66	1.336	Foster	54	1.193
OMK	66	1.097	MDU	54	0.890
Town	60	0.684	Kilcunda-Bass	42	0.482
Korumburra	54	1.148	Glen Alvie	30	0.769
Imperials	42	0.740			
Koonwarra L/RSL	18	0.383			
B GRADE, Division 1			B GRADE, Division 2		
Club	78	1.091	Koonwarra L/RSL	84	1.435
Nerrena	72	2.106	Town	84	1.287
Phillip Island	66	1.614	Imperials	54	1.120
OMK	48	1.085	Foster	54	0.734
Inverloch	42	0.754	Nyora	36	1.309
Korumburra	30	0.649	Glen Alvie	30	0.777
MDU	24	0.446	Kilcunda-Bass	18	0.646

LADDERS

RD 7

Team	Points	%	Team	Points	%
C GRADE, Division 1			C GRADE, Division 2		
OMK	60	1.902	Inverloch	66	2.688
Nerrena	54	1.899	Phillip Island	54	2.787
Club	42	1.233	MDU	42	0.854
Korumburra	42	1.025	Koonwarra L/RSL	30	0.685
Kilcunda-Bass	30	1.214	Nyora	30	0.52
Phillip Island	18	0.497	Glen Alvie	24	0.721
Town	6	0.229	OMK	6	0.428

NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES
& UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

ROUND 11 (DAY 1) - SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

A GRADE, Division 1

Town v OMK	Scorpion Park 1	Ashleigh Stride
Korumburra v P-Island	Korumburra	Warren Williams
Club v Imperials	Wonthaggi Turf	Shane Moore
Koon L/RSL v Nerrena	Leongatha Turf	Glenn Plymin

A Grade, Division 2

Inverloch v Nyora	Inverloch Turf	Ian Salmon
MDU v Foster	Meeniyen	Brad Phillips
K-Bass v Glen Alvie	Bass 1	Ken Scrimshaw

B GRADE, Division 1

P-Island v Korumburra	Cowes	Steve Williamson
Nerrena v MDU	Nerrena	Michael Thomas
Club v Inverloch	McMahon	Graham Wightman
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B GRADE, Division 2

Foster v Kilcunda-Bass	Foster GC	Les White
Nyora v Koon L/RSL	Nyora	Neil Grabham
Imperials v G-Alvie	East Campus	Geoffrey Parkinson
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Mitch Thomas clocks another one, making a solid 71 runs for Wonthaggi. ob12_0325

Burra too much for Koonwarra

A GRADE, DIVISION 1

KORUMBURRA set a formidable target of 222, posting 4/221 in their allotted 40 overs after winning the toss and choosing to bat first.

Mustafa Nader was the star early on, smashing a quick-fire 49 off just 42 balls, including seven fours and one six. The middle order saw solid contributions from Ben Spicer (56) and Rumesh Rangana (10), but it was Andy Millar who anchored the innings with an unbeaten 88*, guiding Korumburra to a commanding score.

Koonwarra-Leongatha RSLs bowlers, led by Azhar Mehmood (2/46) and Joshua Thomas (1/41), struggled to contain the onslaught as the total built steadily.

Koonwarra-Leongatha RSLs chase faltered early, with wickets falling at regular intervals.

Mustafa Nader (1/12) and Mitch Young (1/23) kept the pressure on, while Gayathra Shehan Amarasinghe Mudalige was the standout with a remarkable five-wicket haul, dismantling the opposition with 5/21.

The top order collapsed quickly, with Anthony Hunt (6), a duck for Mitchell Scrimshaw, and Kayden Scrimshaw (8) all dismissed cheaply. Despite a late fightback from William Cashin (4 not out) and Joshua Thomas (8), the chase fell well short as Koonwarra-Leongatha RSL were bowled out for just 68 in 24.1 overs, handing Korumburra a comfortable victory by 153 runs.

Club sets big target, Town falls short

WONTHAGGI Club set a challenging target of 219 after opting to bat first, posting 5/218 in 40 overs.

Mitch Thomas led the way with a well-crafted 71 from 82 balls, supported by Alexander Geyer (35) and Joel Brann (36). Ryan Thomas remained unbeaten on 25*, and Gavin Britt contributed 33.

Wonthaggi's late charge ensured a competitive total despite some steady bowling from Leongatha Town's Rhett Hume (2/52) and Jack Hume (1/26).

Town's chase started poorly, with early wickets falling quickly.

Ron Abeyasinghe (9) and Captain



Madura Madusanka coils in his delivery stride. ob11_0325

Jesse Giardina (2) fell early, and despite a solid knock from Madura Madusanka (70), the required run rate remained high. Jack Hume (53) and Dulaj Lakshitha Mendis Polwatththa Gallage (27) tried to stabilise the innings, but a flurry of wickets, including the run out of Madusanka and the fall of key batsmen, left them struggling.

Club bowlers, led by Ryan Thomas (3/35) and Fraser West (2/17), were instrumental in the collapse, and Town finished with just 195 all out in 38.1 overs.

OMK topple Sharks

OMK set a solid target of 213 after winning the toss and opting to bat first, finishing their 40 overs with 9/212.

Koby Brann was the top scorer with an impressive 72 from 76 balls, supported by Jake Cochrane (44) and Jacob Lamers (33). The middle order contributed crucial runs, but a flurry of late wickets saw them fall short of a more commanding total. George McCausland (2/34) and Kurt Lane (3/41) were the standout bowlers for Phillip Island.

Phillip Island faced a difficult chase and fell short, finishing with 163 all out in 35.3 overs.

Peter Dell's outstanding bowling performance (4/20) was the highlight, helping to dismantle Island's top order.

Despite some solid contributions from Captain Daniel Mock (53), Jarrod Black (21), and Lachlan Cleeland

(20), the required rate proved too much to overcome.

Thomas Wyatt also made key contributions with the ball, claiming 3/14 as OMK sealed a comfortable victory by 49 runs.

Nerrena edge out Imperials by one

IN A thrilling encounter, Nerrena secured a narrow one-run victory over the Imperials in a low-scoring match.

Opting to bat first, Imperials posted 153 in 40 overs, with Jack Ginnane top-scoring 49 off 70 balls.

Despite a solid start, they lost wickets at regular intervals, with Nerrena's bowlers keeping the pressure on. Josh Trease and Timothy Wightman were the pick of the bowlers, claiming two wickets each while restricting the run rate.

Nerrena's chase got off to a rocky start as they lost early wickets, including the key man, Loc Roberts, who made 30.

Despite a gritty 31 from Timothy Wightman and 33 from Hayden Funnell, the required run rate steadily climbed. With wickets falling in regular intervals and Imperials' bowlers maintaining the pressure, Nerrena's chase hung on.

Lachie Wright was the standout with two wickets for just 26 runs, while Aydan Williams picked up two wickets.

In the end, Nerrena landed the victory, finishing on 154 in 39.5 overs.

A GRADE DIVISION 1

Korumburra 4/221 d Koonwarra L/RSL 68	
Korumburra – 1st INNINGS	
Mustafa Nader lbw: A Mehmood	49
Andy Millar not out	88*
Tom Crocker c: H Scrimshaw b: A Mehmood	1
Ben Spicer b: J Thomas	56
Rumesh Rangana b: J Kennedy	10
Matthew Allen not out	2*
Extras (6w, 3lb, 6b)	15
Total 4 / 221 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: J Thomas 8-0-41-1, B Smith 4-0-24-0 (1w), A Mehmood 8-2-46-2 (5w), M Cooke 8-1-21-0, J Kennedy 8-0-52-1, C Buckland 2-0-14-0, W Cashin 2-0-14-0	
Koonwarra L/RSL – 1st INNINGS	
Anthony Hunt run out: GSA Mudalige	6
Mitchell Scrimshaw lbw: M Nader	0
Kayden Scrimshaw run out: J Richards	8
Azhar Mehmood c: T Crocker b: M Young	4
Callum Buckland b: GSA Mudalige	10
Matt Cooke c: A Millar b: GSA Mudalige.....	5
Jason Kennedy b: GSA Mudalige	9
Harry Scrimshaw run out: H McNeil	1
William Cashin not out	4*
Joshua Thomas lbw: GSA Mudalige	8
Blake Smith lbw: GSA Mudalige.....	0
Extras (8w, 1nb, 3lb, 1b)	13
Total 10 / 68 (24.1 Overs)	
Bowling: M Nader 6-0-12-1, M Young 8-0-23-1 (4w), GSA Mudalige 6.1-2-21-5, B Spicer 3-2-1-0, J Dunn 1-0-7-0 (2w, 1nb)	
Club 5/218 d Town 195	
Club – 1st INNINGS	
Mitch Thomas c: J Hume b: R Hume	71
Alexander Geyer c: B Wakishta b: DLMP Gallage	35
Joel Brann c: J Hume b: R Hume	36
Ryan Thomas not out	25*
Gavin Britt c: A Fixter b: J Hume	33
Lochlan Mclean b: B Wakishta	4
Fraser West not out	1*
Extras (9w, 1nb, 3lb)	13
Total 5 / 218 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: J Hume 7-1-26-1 (2w), R Hume 8-0-52-2 (3w), S Clark 3-0-24-0 (2w), DLMP Gallage 8-0-29-1 (1w, 1nb), M Madusanka 8-2-33-0 (1w), R Abeysinghe 4-0-33-0, B Wakishta 2-0-18-1	
Town – 1st INNINGS	
Ron Abeysinghe c: G Britt b: F West	9
Jesse Giardina c: M McCall b: F West.....	2
Jack Hume c: M McCall b: R Thomas	53
Madura Madusanka run out: J Brann	70
DLMP Gallage c: ? b: R Thomas	27
Buwaneka Wakishta lbw: R Thomas	0
Rhett Hume st: J Sheerin b: J Sheerin	13
Birendra De saram run out: H Dobbie	7
Archie Fixter st: J Sheerin b: J Sheerin.....	2
Ethan Smith b: J Brann	1
Samuel Clark not out.....	0*
Extras (4w, 2nb, 4lb, 1b)	11
Total 10 / 195 (38.1 Overs)	
Bowling: J Brann 6.1-1-26-1 (3w, 1nb), F West 5-0-17-2, H Dobbie 5-0-34-0, M McCall 7-0-38-0, R Thomas 8-2-35-3 (1nb), J Sheerin 7-0-40-2 (1w)	
OMK 9/212 d Phillip Island 163	
OMK – 1st INNINGS	
Ryan Williams c: J Black b: G McCausland	26
Xavier Lamers c: L Cleeland b: M Royal	11
Ethan Lamers c: B Johnston b: Z Brown	14
Koby Brann run out: L Cleeland	72
Jake Cochrane b: K Lane	44
Thomas Wyatt c: B Johnston b: K Lane	0
Noel Creed run out: M Royal	0
Jacob Lamers c: L Cleeland b: K Lane	33
Paul Fermanis c: T Niven b: G McCausland	8
Peter Dell not out	1*
Extras (2w, 1nb)	3
Total 9 / 212 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: G McCausland 6-0-34-2, J Williams 8-0-31-0 (2w), M Royal 8-0-43-1, Z Brown 6-0-34-1 (1nb), T Niven 5-0-29-0, K Lane 7-0-41-3	
Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS	
Connor Epifano c: N Creed b: P Dell	5
Lachlan Cleeland c: P Fermanis b: P Dell	20
Brodie Johnston c: K Brann b: P Dell	12
Daniel Mock run out	53
Thomas Niven c: J Lamers b: P Dell	0
Jarrold Black c: P Dell b: J Cochrane	21
Max Royal c: K Brann b: E Lamers	18
Jobe Williams c&b: T Wyatt	1
Kurt Lane c: E Lamers b: T Wyatt	10
Zac Brown b: T Wyatt.....	11
George McCausland not out	4*
Extras (4w, 1nb, 3lb)	8
Total 10 / 163 (35.3 Overs)	
Bowling: T Pickering 4-0-18-0, P Dell 8-1-20-4, J Lamers 6-0-33-0 (3w, 1nb), R Williams 6-0-32-0 (1w), J Cochrane 4-1-23-1, E Lamers 4-1-20-1, T Wyatt 3-3-0-14-3	
Nerrena 8/154 d Imperials 7/153	
Imperials – 1st INNINGS	
Kane Maskell c: T Wightman b: W Croatto	13
Jack Ginnane lbw: T Wightman	49
Aydan Williams c: W Croatto b: T Wightman	14
Timothy Sauvarin c: J Curtis b: D Berryman	2
Nick Eddy c: J Curtis b: M Clark	11
Luke Rogers b: J Trease	33
Rowen McLennan c: D Beryman b: J Trease.....	5
Samuel Vagg not out	8*
Lachie Wright not out	0*
Extras (12w, 1nb, 4lb, 1b)	18
Total 7 / 153 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: J Trease 8-2-14-2, A Gannon 6-0-27-0 (5w), T Wightman 8-1-31-2, D Berryman 8-1-28-1 (1w), W Croatto 4-0-19-1 (6w, 1nb), M Clark 3-0-9-1, J Curtis 3-0-20-0	
Nerrena – 1st INNINGS	
Jack Curtis c: L Rogers b: L Wright	21
Loc Roberts c: L Rogers b: T Sauvarin	30
Tadgh Gannon b: L Wright.....	0
Thomas Cameron lbw: I Bolge	8
Mitchell Clark run out: N Eddy	12
Timothy Wightman b: A Williams	31
Hayden Funnell b: A Williams	33
Darcy Berryman run out: L Rogers	10
William Croatto not out.....	2*
Archie Gannon not out	1*
Extras (4w, 1nb, 1lb).....	6
Total 8 / 154 (39.5 Overs)	
Bowling: I Bolge 8-1-28-1, L Wright 7.5-1-26-2 (1w), A Williams 8-0-41-2 (1w, 1nb), T Sauvarin 8-2-20-1 (2w), N Eddy 6-0-30-0, K McGrath 2-0-8-0	



Mitch McGrath flicks one off his toes, making 17 for the day. ob23_0325

MDU edge out Inverloch in thrilling chase

A GRADE, DIVISION 2

INVERLOCH'S batting collapse saw them post a modest 132 in 39.3 overs, with their innings crumbling despite early contributions from Jacob Strickland (19) and Jack Butcher (24). A solid bowling performance from MDU, spearheaded by Mark Cantwell (4/17) and Sembakuttige Chathura Lakshan (3/15), dismantled Inverloch's middle order, leaving them with little to fight back.

In reply, MDU's chase started with a bang as Sembakuttige Chathura Lakshan unleashed a commanding 69 off 84 balls. However, they faltered with wickets falling at regular intervals, and a couple of tense moments raised the stakes.

Vice-Captain Mitch McGrath (17) and Captain Joel Sinclair (10) tried to stabilise the chase, but crucial run-outs and

timely wickets, including from Jacob Strickland (3/21), kept Inverloch in the hunt.

It came down to the final moments, with Zak Bright (3 not out) and Mark Cantwell (7 not out) hanging on to guide their team home, securing a nail-biting 8/136 in 34.4 overs and clinching victory by just four runs.

Donohue's standout 95

IN A commanding display of batting, Matthew Donohue's unbeaten 95* steered Glen Alvie to a competitive 6/135 in 40 overs, after Nyora won the toss and opted to bowl first.

Donohue was the backbone of the innings, accumulating runs consistently with 11 boundaries, while his partners struggled to build significant partnerships.

Notable contributions came from Matthew Dakin (11) and Wayne Luke (10

not out), but they couldn't sustain long stays at the crease. Nyora's bowlers kept things tight, with Aaron Thompson (3/29) and Aidan Simmons (1/13) being the standout performers.

In response, Nyora's chase got off to a rocky start, with wickets tumbling regularly. Henry Dolphin (3), Jy Hull (6), and Aaron Thompson (11) all fell cheaply, leaving Nyora at 3/31.

A solid 35 from Aaron Kaddatz and a vital 33 not out from Benn Hayes and Aidan Simmons 2 not out, pushed Nyora over the line.

Glen Alvie's bowlers, particularly Matthew Dakin (2/23) and Ben McRae (2/16), kept their opponents under pressure, despite Nyora claiming a narrow victory in their 38th over.

Foster v K-Bass

No match details at time of print.



Jesse Dugard bowled accurately to claim one wicket. ob22_0325

Kookas thrash Canterbury Cougars

THE RAMAGING South Gippy Over 60s Kookas took on the Canterbury Cougars in Wonthaggi on Sunday.

Special thanks to Glen Alvie Cricket Club for a great track and facilities.

Skipper Francis lost the toss and the Kookas took the pill.

The Kooka trundlers were in red hot form and all bowlers kept it tighter than the Bass Coast Shire expenses budget.

At the 20-over halfway mark, the Cougars were only 3/73.

Then the Kookas really Muzzled the ferocious Cougars, finally bowling the city big Cats out for 132.

Best of the bowlers included Ol Grayza Wighty 4/19, Master Blaster Pieter Loos 2/15, Joey Bearded One Burke 2/15 and new recruit Wayne Horse and Bridle 1/9.

After a sumptuous Lunch, Skipper Francis 8no, and Pete Pulveriser Petrou, with a masterful unbeaten 31 got the Kookas cooking!

Peter Perfect Little then put icing on the cake with a fine 28no.

Tony Teflon Latham 13no, Wonderful Wazza Hayes 16no and Neale Super Calves White 14no. took the Kookas to a fine win in the 35th over.

Man of the Match was Ol Grayza Wighty.

Special thanks to the number 1 stats man, Brendon Thomas who scored all match as usual. It was another great performance where fun, friendship and of course, the great game of cricket were the true winners.

A GRADE DIVISION 2

MDU 8/136 d Inverloch 132	
Inverloch – 1st INNINGS	
Riley Harris c: ? b: M Cantwell	1
Jacob Strickland c: Sch Lakshan b: S Browne	19
Jack Butcher c&b: SC Lakshan.....	24
Dylan Clark c: J Sinclair b: S Browne	0
Jake Dennerley c: ? b: M McGrath	25
Rhys Newman b: SC Lakshan	5
David Newman b: M Cantwell	37
Ty Debono b: SC Lakshan	5
Jesse Dugard b: M Cantwell	2
Cooper Newman not out.....	4*
Lewis Rankin b: M Cantwell	5
Extras (5w).....	5
Total 10 / 132 (39.3 Overs)	
Bowling: S Bright 8-3-15-0, M Cantwell 6.3-2-17-4 (1w), S Browne 5-0-21-2 (2w), J Palmer 3-0-19-0, SC Lakshan 8-2-15-3, M McGrath 4-0-21-1, Z Bright 5-0-24-0 (2w)	
MDU – 1st INNINGS	
SC Lakshan c: L Rankin b: J Strickland	69
Mitch McGrath run out: J Dennerley	17
Tharindu Nuwan b: J Dugard	1
Joel Sinclair c: D Newman b: J Strickland	10
Paul Le Page b: L Rankin	0
Jai Bright st: J Butcher b: J Strickland	0
Scott Browne b: L Rankin	0
Sam Bright c&b: C Newman.....	2
Zak Bright not out	3*
Mark Cantwell not out	7*
Extras (22w, 1nb, 4lb)	27
Total 8 / 136 (34.4 Overs)	
Bowling: L Rankin 8-1-23-2 (10w), J Dugard 6.4-0-32-1 (1w), T Debono 7-0-24-0 (5w, 1nb), C Newman 7-0-32-1, J Strickland 6-0-21-3 (6w)	
Nyora 7/137 d Glen Alvie 6/135	
Glen Alvie – 1st INNINGS	
Matthew Donohue not out	95*
Archie Moore c: J Hull b: R Cordeux	5
Matthew Dakin c&b: A Simmons	11
Ben McRae c: A Simmons b: A Thompson.....	0
Zack Scholz lbw: A Thompson	0
Archie Donohue c: ? b: A Thompson	5
Andrew Dakin run out: A Kaddatz	2
Wayne Luke not out	10*
Extras (7w)	7
Total 6 / 135 (40 Overs)	
Bowling: M Rowe 8-2-22-0 (4w), R Cordeux 5-0-19-1, A Simmons 8-4-13-1 (1w), A Thompson 8-2-29-3, A Kaddatz 8-0-31-0 (1w), B Hayes 3-0-21-0 (1w)	
Nyora – 1st INNINGS	
Henry Dolphin lbw: M Dakin	3
Jy Hull c: ? b: M Dakin	6
Aaron Thompson lbw: B McRae	11
Scott Peatling c: S Watson b: B McRae	11
Myles Cordeux run out: B McRae	6
Jake Henry c: W Luke b: A Luke	14
Aaron Kaddatz c: ? b: R Sinclair	35
Benn Hayes not out	33*
Aidan Simmons not out	2*
Extras (14w, 1lb, 1b)	16
Total 7 / 137 (38 Overs)	
Bowling: M Dakin 8-2-23-2 (5w), Z Scholz 5-1-20-0 (2w), B McRae 8-1-16-2, A Donohue 5-0-26-0 (1w), A Luke 6-0-20-1 (4w), R Sinclair 4-0-21-1, W Luke 2-0-9-0 (2w)	
Foster v Kilcunda-Bass	
No results supplied.	

Peter claims Mosquito national championship

PETER Kiely from the South Gippsland Yacht Club has just returned from the national mosquito titles with first placing in the cat-rigged division.

Competing against some of the most competitive yachtsmen in Australia Pete was thrilled to bring home the Martini & Rossi perpetual trophy for mosquito catamarans.

It was Peter Kiely's first win at national level sailing his catamaran 'Sixth Element'.

Sailing is a family affair at the South Gippsland Yacht Club with Pete's mother Susan Mueller from Koonwarra a staunch supporter along with his father Henry Kiely and sister Samantha.

"It is fun", said Peter.

"I started when I was eight."

Progressing through the arafura cadet class Pete started racing at 13 with the help of his mum and the South Gippsland Yacht Club.

A veteran of Hamilton Island race week Pete was part of the crew of Biddy Hu a Beneteau 50 from Williamstown.

Pete plans to compete in the Race Around French Island in February and the state titles at Somers over the Labor Day weekend in March.

The Martini & Rossi perpetual trophy will take pride of place in the SGYC clubrooms.

South Gippsland Yacht Club juniors 15-year-old Rowan Fairlie and 16-year-old Eli Gergory have just returned from the junior state titles at Somers as Best Juniors in a mosquito 125 laser.

Sailing in a wooden mosquito catamaran gifted to the pair from the President of the Victorian Mosquito

Association Rowan and Eli also intend sailing in the Around French Island race in March as well as the sloop state titles in Rye.

"Sailing at Inverloch is tricky but fun," said Rowan.

"There's not much water at times depending on the tide with sandbars everywhere. If you can sail at Inverloch you can sail a lot of places."

"You learn a lot."

Rowan started sailing when he was twelve and Eli only started sailing this summer.

"I enjoy it," said Eli.

The South Gippsland Yacht Club has 150 members aged from five to ninety-five.

Many club members start as family members or progress from the club's Learn to Sail events.

"Twenty students sailed this year," said commodore Matt Kiely.

The SGYC will host its 11th annual Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta on the weekend of February 15 and 16 with up to 100 boats expected for the weekend.

The wooden boats will include classic double-enders, brand-new and older model moths, impulse, sabres, mirrors and sailfish.

The moth dinghy originated at Inverloch and is now an international class.

For more information on the South Gippsland Yacht Club go to sgycinverloch.com.au or search for South Gippsland Yacht Club on Facebook.

SGYC Race Results Sunday, January 19

Race 1: 1st Geoff Ripplingale, 2nd Matt Kiely and 3rd Toby Leppin.

Race 2: 1st Matt Kiely, 2nd Toby Leppin and 3rd Andrew Biram.



National champion mosquito cat rigged division Peter Kiely. B50_0325,



Best juniors state titles Rowan Fairlie and Eli Gergory in a mosquito 125 laser. B54_0325



Andrew Biram from Inverloch sailing a taipan class catamaran at the SGYC. B64_0325



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