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DAWN BAY RAID

OWNERS of The Cavity bar and restaurant in Venus Bay are dismayed by South Gippsland Shire Council's recent impounding of umbrellas and outdoor furniture in order to reclaim five parking spots, and the resultant loss of trading space and ability to service spiralling demand in the town.

They argue the town's rapidly expanding population since the pandemic, combined with the tourist season influx, makes it challenging to meet demand as Venus Bay's only evening dine-in option,

By Andrew Palocz

and that council should have worked with them to find a solution.

"The population in Venus Bay has just gone crazy because of COVID, and the capacity to accommodate all these people isn't there if we don't have that front outdoor area," Linda Everitt said.

She owns the business with partner Jordan Meikle and said the council decision to take back that area has cost The Cavity 45 per cent of its business.

"They still expect us to trade like we were 11 years ago when the population has quadrupled," Linda said of the business' inability to boost its service capacity on an ongoing basis.

She said the decision to reclaim the car-parking spaces from the business is having an impact on its staff and the hours they can be provided with, when The Cavity operators have recently worked hard to boost staff numbers after the effects of COVID.

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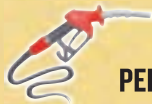
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Dawn bay raid

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"We employ 40 staff from the towns Venus Bay, Tarwin and a few further out, and they've all had to drop hours and some have had to drop off, and they rely on this peak season," Linda said.

"We're right in our peak period and we book out every night," Linda added after items were impounded, noting the business had numerous bookings it could no longer accommodate.

Linda and Jordan say while some of the impounded furniture was removed from council land, a significant part of the parking spaces concerned occupy body corporate land from which items should not have been seized. They acknowledge they were advised to clear the parking spaces.

Council states temporary permission was granted in November 2020 for The Cavity to use the five parking spaces for outdoor dining purposes.

"This temporary permission was given by council to support The Cavity when indoor dining was restricted during the COVID-19 pandemic..." a council spokesperson said.

Linda argues COVID hasn't gone away, and many people still prefer to dine outside.

"We try to get as many people outdoors as possible to stop the spread in a small town," Linda said.

"The Shire is saying, 'We want our carparks back';



Joint owner Jordan Meikle stands in the parking area that until recently served as an outdoor dining zone for The Cavity in Venus Bay. A19_0423

however, we offer a courtesy bus to save the cars coming down."

She also stated that council bought a block of land across the road a few years ago for car parking.

Council said the business owners were notified in October last year the temporary permission would expire on December 15.

Council stated failure to do so led to The Cavity directors being notified they were contravening the South Gippsland Planning Scheme and that they were issued with a Planning Infringement Notice as a result.

That was followed by a January 4 'Notice to Comply' requiring all items and infrastructure be removed from the affected parking bays on the road reserve within seven days, or impounding

would occur.

At 6am on Thursday, January 12, a truck arrived and impounded the items.

The Cavity owners previously applied for an amended permit to increase patron numbers, allow live music and entertainment and increase hours of operation, with council stating the application is currently being assessed.

However, council acknowledges providing "correspondence to the business that an increase to the number of patrons, which would be required to operate the outdoor area, would not be supported by council without an upgrade to the wastewater system", something it deems not currently possible.

Given the expressed lack of support from council, The Cavity owners are pursuing

action through VCAT.

Council acknowledges the business owners have referred the matter to VCAT but notes there is no current permit in place for conducting business on the road reserve.

Part of the tension centres on differing views on the capabilities of the wastewater system servicing The Cavity and three shops.

Jordan is adamant that his readings indicate the system is not being overloaded and says that is backed up by its operators.

However, council takes a less positive view, arguing the wastewater system doesn't have the capacity to cope with the current patron numbers.

"Council is concerned that the wastewater system is at risk of overload, which would cause it to fail."



Marine operation targeting safety

A JOINT operation between Victoria Police and Victorian Fisheries Authority will see San Remo police, Water police and local Fisheries officers present on Australia Day and over the long weekend, as marine enthusiasts hit the water.

Addressing marine safety and compliance of boating enthusiasts who populate the Bass Coast area, officers will be assisting boating enthusiasts including those occupying fishing vessels, private boating vessels and personal watercraft users.

"A high emphasis will be placed on marine safety including registration, roadworthiness, seaworthiness and alcohol consumption whilst on the water," Senior Constable Will Hodder explained.

"While local Fisheries officers will be checking compliance for sizing and limits."

Remember to be safe on and near the water this summer.

Missing an iPhone?

AN APPLE iPhone was handed into Leongatha police on the January 18. Leongatha Police are seeking the owner of the phone and can be contacted on 5662 2285.

Backpack stolen

LEONGATHA Police are seeking public assistance in relation to a backpack that was stolen from the back of a Ute in Jeffrey St, Leongatha sometime in the early hours of January 18. The bag contained multiple power tools.

If you have information that may assist police, please contact Constable Birt at Leongatha Police Station on 5662 2285.

Quad bike theft results in collision

A 40-YEAR-OLD male was seen riding a quadbike in Koonwarra on January 19 at 8.45am by two passing witnesses, who recognised the vehicle as as stolen three days prior.

The witnesses followed the vehicle from Koonwarra-Inverloch Road onto Bass Highway and then onto Pound Creek Road, where the quadbike collided with another witness.

The male offender was detained until police arrived, and he was placed in the car of paramedics who airlifted him to the Royal Melbourne due to injuries from multiple collisions.

The investigation is ongoing, and any witnesses with CCTV or dashcam are urged to contact Bass Coast CI - 5671 4100 or CrimeStoppers on 1800 333 000.

Light plane flips on landing at French Island

A LIGHT plane, on route from the Tooradin Airport to French Island has flipped upside down during an emergency landing on the island at 2.20pm on Saturday, January 21, 2023.

The pilot of the two-seater plane, a man aged in his 60s, has been treated for lacerations and a leg injury.

According to police, the plane was carrying a pilot and one passenger and flipped after attempting a landing on an airstrip on the island just before 2.30pm.

"One person was taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries," said police.

"The exact cause is not known at this stage. ATSB (Australian Transport Safety Bureau) have been notified and will investigate."

ATSB is the lead agency.

One of the occupants was taken to the Royal Melbourne Hospital in a stable condition.

The plane was a Van's RV-9A (registration VH-JXN), an American-made two-seat, single-engine, low-wing kit plane.

RIGHT: The Van's RV-9A two-seater light plane which flipped on landing at French Island last Saturday.



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TUE | Jan 24
Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light
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WED | Jan 25
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Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light
16° 26°



THUR | Jan 26
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Wind PM: SW 15-20km/h
15° 23°



FRI | Jan 27
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Wind PM: S 15-20km/h
12° 26°



SAT | Jan 28
Mostly sunny.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light
16° 34°



SUN | Jan 29
Cloudy.
Wind AM: NW-NE 15-20km/h
Wind PM: NW-SW 15-20km/h
21° 28°

IN BRIEF

Residents still standing strong against development

THE Cape Paterson Residents and Ratepayers Association attracted 88 attendees to its January 14 AGM.

One highlight was the presentation from RMIT University's Emeritus Professor of Public Policy and the Social Economy, David Hayward.

Professor Hayward's entertaining talk "Whodunnit" - presented the history of the greatly extended settlement boundary as an Agatha Christie style mystery.

The murder of Cape Paterson as a village had three potential suspects.

Bad luck, conspiracy, or bad management.

A fourth suspect emerged later - 'path dependence', which described the lack of willingness to address what was a mistake a dozen years ago and start again with a clean slate.

The protracted boundary dispute has taken its toll on the community and Professor Hayward's light-handed touch was appreciated by the attendees.

As part of the Bass Coast Distinctive Areas and Landscapes, or DAL process, the Cape Paterson Residents and Ratepayers Association will make a presentation to the State Government's Standing Advisory Committee in the next few months.

Professor Hayward concluded by saying that there is still hope - the DAL provides a real opportunity to save the village from a 'murderous' fate.

'Make the right call' across the long weekend

WITH many people taking Friday off for an extra-long weekend, Royal Life Saving is urging men to 'Make the Right Call' when they're on, in, or near the water with their mates and families.

Research by Royal Life Saving Society - Australia shows that drowning deaths spike on public holidays and long week-

ends, with the risk of drowning almost doubling. This summer, six people drowned on Christmas Day and Boxing Day alone. Royal Life Saving's Make the Right Call campaign encourages all Australians - especially males - to look after their mates to keep each other safe when enjoying the country's beautiful inland waterways. Inland waterways claim more lives than any other location, accounting for 40 per cent of all drowning deaths in Australia.

Royal Life Saving Chief Executive Officer Justin Scarr said there were three key things men could do to make sure they get home to their loved ones safely at the end of a great day out.

"The biggest single factor is alcohol. If you've had a few drinks, your coordination levels drop and you lose your inhibitions," Mr Scarr said.

"In more than a quarter of all drowning deaths in inland waterways over the ten years to 2020/21, the person who drowned had a blood alcohol content reading of more than 0.05 per cent.

"If your boat tips, a wave hits you, or the conditions change rapidly you need to be able to think clearly and quickly, and your reflexes and coordination needs to be at their best so you can get yourself to safety." The Make the Right safety tips are:

1. Avoid alcohol around water
2. Wear a lifejacket when on the water
3. Avoid going alone around water

Lifeblood is back in Wonthaggi

Got a bit of time later this month or next? Time to give blood and change lives? 1 in 3 people in Wonthaggi will need blood, and they need people like you to give it. Australian Red Cross Lifeblood are rolling into town from January 24 to February 3. Don't forget to pre-book your spot at lifeblood.com.au, on the app or 13 14 95.

Research reveals books falling off parents' list of essentials

WHILE every child should have the opportunity to learn to read, recent research commissioned by BIG W reveals that more than half (58%) of parents are prioritising other day-to-day essentials over buying books to read at home with their children, with one in five admitting to buying less books for their children compared to 12 months ago.

With many known benefits, reading and storytime are crucial to child development, but access to quality age-appropriate books is becoming more challenging for some Aussie households.

"Literacy is one of the most important indicators of future health, well-being and prosperity," Australian Literacy and Numeracy Foundation Co-Chair, Professor Tom Calma AO FAA said.

"The Breakfast Library is helping kids to foster a love of literature and language, providing children with books that fascinate, inspire and delight. Thanks to partners like BIG W, The Breakfast Library more than doubled its footprint in 2022. But this is just the beginning, our goal is to expand and offer the program to 30 to 40 schools by the end of the year."

Esso Australia bolsters decommissioning fleet

ESSO Australia Pty Ltd announced on Friday that it has signed an agreement to charter the Helix Q7000 semisubmersible vessel to support decommissioning activities in the Gippsland Basin from the end of the year.

ExxonMobil Australia Chair, Dylan Pugh, was excited to announce this milestone in Esso Australia's decommissioning progress.

"The Helix Q7000 is a welcome addition to our extensive fleet of vessels and rigs currently operating across the Gippsland Basin," said Pugh.

"It is the fourth mobile offshore asset we have added to our decommissioning fleet and marks the first time we will be using a light well intervention vessel for subsea work locally."

Woolworths recall Hoyt's poppy seeds

HOYT'S Poppy Seeds 100g and 240g with batch codes 28622, 29322, 29822 and 29922 sold in Woolworths Supermarkets, Metro stores and online nationally have been recalled.

These batches were recalled due to the potential presence of a chemical (thebaine) in unsafe poppy seeds entering the food supply.

Woolworths is asking all customers to ensure they do not have any of the recalled poppy seeds in their cupboards, even if purchased recently.

Severe poisoning soon after ingestion can occur in some people who have consumed large amounts of poppy seeds, particularly in poppy seed tea. If consumers have any recalled product, they should return it to their nearest Woolworths Supermarket for a full refund. Any customers concerned about their health should seek medical advice.

This recall applied to the above products and batch codes only and no other products are affected by this recall.

Don't hang up Latrobe City residents

LATROBE City residents may soon receive a phone call inviting them to participate in the annual Community Satisfaction Survey.

The survey, undertaken by National Field Services, aims to assess Council's performance to help identify areas for improvement and more effective service delivery for residents. Calls will take place from January 30 through to March. Details and individual responses will remain confidential.

Overall results for the survey will be released later in the year.



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Residents of Woolamai including Chris Lermanis, Sue Packham, Andrea Rieniets, Ande Lemon, Anne Butler and Mark Cleverley-Robinson meet with Bass Coast Shire Council Deputy Mayor, Cr Rochelle Halstead.

Slow them down, please!

AS GOOD as the growth of Bass Coast is for business, it is having some unintended consequences and the residents of the small hamlet of Woolamai are feeling some of the backwash.

Fast cars and heavy vehicles (with the specific exception of slow-moving farm vehicles) are increasingly discovering a “rat run” route away from the Bass Highway, along Woolamai Road and down Turnbull-Woolamai Road, and they are hitting the tarmac there at fearful speeds.

Older residents and family groups who have to use the road to walk to the bus stop or to access the nearby rail trail, are increasingly taking their life in their hands, and they want the shire or Regional Roads Victoria to do something about it.

“A 60km/h limit is what’s needed,” says family man, Mark Cleverley-Robinson, with small children and a newly arrived baby.

Another resident Ande Lemon agrees.

“We’ve asked Regional Roads

Victoria but they say it’s a council road, and the council tells us they have to follow RRV rules when applying for new speed restriction zones,” said Ande.

“But we’ve really noticed it over the past few years, with more and more people coming to Bass Coast to live. Plus, you have the heavy trucks going up to the dumpsite as well.”

The community group called on their local councillor, Deputy Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead to come out and she arrived on Monday this week

with a promise from the mayor that he will support a request for a speed restriction zone at Woolamai.

“Regional Roads Victoria has its guidelines but it shouldn’t be a cookie-cutter approach. We have a number of small hamlets across Bass Coast and it’s about finding the right solution for each of them,” Cr Halstead said.

So, expect to see a motion to a council meeting soon for a 60km/h zone at Woolamai, but in the meantime, please slow down!

POLICE BRIEFS

Series of burglaries in Bass Coast

TWO Wonthaggi seventeen-year-olds were arrested, interviewed and charged with burglary and theft over two separate incidents and have been bailed to appear in the Children’s Court in Korumburra on February 6.

Search warrants were executed at homes in Wonthaggi on Thursday 19 January, following burglaries over the previous two nights.

The first occurred at Wheel Heat in Wonthaggi, with a mountain bike valued at \$1,000 stolen overnight on January 17.

Vape products were stolen from Inverloch’s Tobacco Store during the following night.

Police are still attempting to solve other recent burglaries in Wonthaggi.

Three chainsaws were taken from Wonthaggi Motorcycles on January 17.

On the same evening, miscellaneous items were stolen from Folks Coffee on Graham Street and Wonthaggi’s YMCA was broken into but nothing was taken, with police believing an alarm disturbed the intruders.

Anyone with information that may help solve those incidents is encouraged to contact Wonthaggi Police on 5671 4100 or ring CrimeStoppers on 1800 333 000.

Registration plates stolen, thefts and burglary

Anyone with information, including CCTV and dashcam, call Wonthaggi Police on 5671 4100 or CrimeStoppers on 1800 333 000.

JANUARY 22 (12pm) – 23 (11.20am): Both registration plates were stolen from the victim’s 2003 Holden Commodore. The vehicle was parked on the street, in front of the victim’s home, at Pier Road, Grantville. Investigations are ongoing.

JANUARY 20 (4.30pm) – 22 (9am): An unknown offender has removed two number plates from a vehicle parked in the driveway of a holiday home located in Elsa Terrace, San Remo. Investigations are ongoing.

JANUARY 21 (6.25-7pm): Police are investigating two deceptions at ALDI in Wonthaggi and Cowes. One male and one female offender attended the Wonthaggi store and using a fake receipt have received a refund. The offenders then attended at the Cowes ALDI and attempted to use the same process – on this occasion they were unsuccessful. Investigations continue.

JANUARY 16 (8am) – 17 (4.45pm): An unknown offender has broken into a garage located at a property in Koetsveldt Road, Ryanston and stolen three hand operated Fiskars pruning tools. Entry was gained via a door of the premises. Investigations are ongoing.



Constable Kyal Birt chats to local kids at the Leongatha Skate Park.

Pounding the pavement

THROUGHOUT January Leongatha Police have been out and about on foot engaging with local retailers and the public, discussing business and personal security as well engaging with many of our local youths.

Police have been overwhelmed with the community support and engagement and would like to thank local retailers, McDonalds and Subway, for providing vouchers for police to hand out to kids in the area showing good community spirit and doing the right thing.

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Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan



THE national bipartisan political support for the need for urgent action to deal with the climate change emergency has been a positive change over the past 12 months.

I'm proud that the Bass Coast community has helped lead the way because we can all see the physical impact of climate change on our beautiful coastline. That would have been clear if you visited some of our most popular beaches over the holidays.

Council's Climate Change Action Plan has set a goal to achieve net zero corporate and community emissions by 2030. Our latest report card shows that, while we're on the right track but there is no time to lose.

All of Council's electricity is now powered by 100 per cent renewable energy, reducing our carbon emissions by almost 2000 tonnes every year. The major remaining sources of Council's corporate emissions are associated with landfill operations and corporate vehicle use which we are actively addressing. More than 315,000 plants were put into the ground in 2022 as part of the Biolinks program. They'll go on to store almost 60,000 tonnes of carbon over the next 25 years.

More than 8000 Bass Coast homes and businesses are reducing emissions while also enjoying

cheaper electricity from rooftop solar.

Council also launched the first ever round of its Climate Action grants last year. Up to \$40,000 per year is now available under the Community Grants program to support community climate action projects.

Climate action touches the heart of our communities. It has been driven by grassroots community groups such as the Bass Coast Climate Action Network and Totally Renewable Phillip Island made up of people of all ages and backgrounds.

You can hear what local organisations, the council and community members are doing and how we can all be involved on Saturday, February 18 between 2-4pm at the Bass Coast Adult Learning Centre in Wonthaggi. Speakers will include Christian Slattery, the Council's Climate Emergency Project Officer, Zoe Geyer, coordinator of Totally Renewable Phillip Island and Joey Thompson, Bass Coast School Strike for Climate.

Council will continue to work in collaboration with the community and other tiers of government to take meaningful steps towards achieving net zero emissions. Together we will build a community that will be more resilient to future extreme weather events, rising sea levels and coastal erosion that are exacerbated by climate change.

Bass Coast businesses get \$135,000 shopfront boost

BASS Coast Shire Council is pleased to contribute \$63,000 worth of shopfront upgrades to 34 local businesses across the shire, to revamp our town centres by improving their appearance, attracting customers and increasing economic growth.

The Shopfront Improvement Rebate program grants up to \$2000 to Bass Coast businesses to enable vital maintenance and modernisation, including new external signage, painting, minor repairs and lighting upgrades.

The program was established to assist businesses in renewing their physical locations by renovating the aesthetics of individual shops, to stimulate economic growth and enhance the attractiveness of our local commercial districts.

For the 2022 Shopfront Improvement Rebate round two program, Council received 55 high-quality applications from a wide range of businesses and services, located in eleven towns across the Shire.

From these, Council is funding \$63,000 of the 34 successful applicants upgrades, with participant businesses providing the remaining \$72,000. These businesses add to round one's program from 2021/2022, which led to 34 completed projects.

Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, said the program will assist businesses and service providers in Bass Coast to brush up the appearance of their shopfronts and building facades - which



Councillor Rochelle Halstead meets The Coffee Collective team outside their brand-new mural.

benefits visitors and residents.

Cr. Whelan said that vibrant and attractive streets, shops and public spaces play an important role in creating prosperous town centres: "We want to do everything we can to bring people back to our towns: this makeover of our high streets is one important way Council can encourage their return. We rely so heavily on the visitor economy in Bass Coast, so it will be great to see these projects come to life, then witness the difference made to these businesses."

Successful businesses include: Coronet Bay Pharmacy, Beach HQ, CCs Fish and Chips, Cowes Curry Club, Cowes Veterinary Surgery, It's a Sweet Thing, Brinnie T Design, Mod Eisley

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Skating into the future

THE WEATHER may have been cooler on Thursday, January 19, but that didn't stop the skate community from heading down to Wonthaggi Skate Park to have their say on the future of Bass Coast's skate facilities.

The high skate population amongst the community is no surprise with many skateboarders often surfers and snowboarders and roller skaters, skiers.

So far 80 online responses have been received, along with the extra hardcopies from Thursday's sessions at Wonthaggi, Grayden's Reserve and Cowes.

Pump tracks are high on the request to date, with Council also encouraging parents to complete the survey on behalf of their children.

In the strategy both Cowes and Wonthaggi are flagged as sub regional skate parks with further proposed local level facilities.

"I think Wonthaggi is overdue for significant upgrades," Cr Leticia Laing said.

"The community across the shire deserve quality facilities – the more the better."

Leticia's children avid skate-park users across multiple apparatus.

"I am looking forwards to seeing more suitable, safer skate parks for the growing skate community," Taylor stated having been skateboarding for 27 years.

"The facilities are far behind and outdated for the abilities of today's user. Advancements in the past 10 years have exceeded



Norman, Mercedes, Cr Leticia Laing, Aurora and skateboarder Stephen had their say on Bass Coast Shire's Skate Park Strategy Review to Greg (Bass Coast Shire Council). C03_0423

those of the 50 years prior.

"Thorough community input should be part of the design – this is the space, what should we include (and how)? Should be part of the next steps.

"(They've) done an excellent job in Cowes, it turned out fantastic with the artwork (that involved the community)."

And Taylor was not alone with fellow resident Stephen also stating skateboarding (and skate parks) are an opportunity for all levels of experience and ages to come together.

"Advanced facilities need to be included in the design. Everything (to date) has been built for the beginner to intermediate user there is

nothing to progress to with the closest (advanced skate park) 1-1.5 hours away," Stephen explained.

"Those who travel are no longer part of the local community – they have new friends elsewhere or they quit the sport."

A skateboarder of 35 years, Stephen is an avid board sportsman counting surf, skate and snow.

"I don't skate locally, I travel to Cranbourne, Noble Park or Brunswick – where the facilities are more advanced.

"My son got to a high level but was disillusioned by the three-hour round trip, and (travel time) limits the trips per week.

"If you build world class, you

will get world class – bigger parks, larger age groups and more people – it becomes a community of the same faces.

"We travel to Newcastle to skate for fun every year. It would be good to see (facilities here) sooner than later and built with the future in mind."

Construction will commence in early May at Kilcunda's local facility with works provisionally expected to take a matter of months.

Council's 2018 Skate Park Strategy community consultation closes February 3 – for more information or to provide feedback visit engage.bass-coast.vic.gov.au/skate-park-strategy.

The hazardous Fred Gration Reserve

RESIDENTS of Coronet Bay are asking for the Bass Coast Shire Council to act promptly on the maintenance of the Fred Gration Reserve as the grass continues to grow to untidy lengths and fallen trees are left to deteriorate.

Residents, who would rather remain confidential contacted the Sentinel Times stating, "I feel I have run out of options, but I am fed up with Bass Coast Shires complete lack of care or concern for our little town - several complaints around the Fred Gration Reserve and councils lack of maintenance have created a dangerous fire and snake risk."

"Several other locals have complained about the grass being two foot tall in sections and it would seem the town is left to pay rates and receive minimal services or upgrades."

Council have responded to the ongoing issue stating, "Due to an abnormally wet growing season grass growth has been greater than previous years. For the road network Council manages, we continue to address this high workload in accordance with road hierarchy and appropriate risk management assessments."

"Council and Regional Roads Victoria manage the vegetation adjacent to the public road network on an ongoing basis. This is done through the roadside grass slashing, tree inspection and triaged pruning program, to achieve the service standards of Council's Road Management Plan 2022 and Regional Roads Service Levels."

Residents would like to see council responding to the reserves and roadside maintenance promptly over the summer period to address the dangerous lengths following the wet season in Bass Coast.

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Police and ambulance officers turned out in force at a remote rural location in South Gippsland last Tuesday.

Police out in force at remote rural location

WE MAY never know the extent to which an apparently routine callout for police at a remote rural Queensland property, on December 12 last year, has changed the tactical response to such incidents across Australia.

But we may have seen some indication of that last Tuesday, January 17 at Poowong. All we know officially is that the incident involved a “mental health episode”.

But when police were called to a remote, rural location late morning last Tuesday, just east of the township of Poowong, on the Drouin-Korumburra Road; they weren't leaving anything to chance.

They responded with upwards of four police cars, three ambulances, the Police Air Wing, and reportedly, the police ‘Bearcat’ armoured vehicle, a piece of equipment reserved for use in high-risk incidents such as sieges and armed offender incidents.

Poowong locals report seeing the black armoured vehicle roll into town and also that the police helicopter circled above for half an hour.

Something was going on, they said. “There was a man having a mental health episode who was taken into custody,” said a spokesperson for Victoria Police afterwards.

“There were no injuries,” they said. Whether the person involved was known to police has not been confirmed.

Whether police suspected firearms might be present was also not addressed.



Members of Wonthaggi Fire Brigade don the new CFA workwear sets. C02_0423

Patriot blue CFA workwear project rolls on

MORE than 9,100 CFA volunteers have entered the new year donning their new CFA professional workwear, thanks to a \$9 million investment to produce up to 30,000 workwear sets for members across Victoria.

Victorians may have already spotted the modernised look on members at brigade activities, fundraising and community events, or while out working within incident management teams.

These workwear sets don't replace CFA's iconic yellow

firefighting gear, which remains the primary Personal Protective Clothing for CFA firefighters, but instead offers a refreshed design that our members can wear to formal events and activities.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said the rollout of these sets is in full swing and brigades right across the state are beginning to wear the smart new look.

“It's pleasing to see more and more of our valued volunteers wearing the new CFA workwear outfits,” he said.

“These comfortable and distinctive sets are uniquely CFA and will strengthen our members' identity within their communities and across the emergency services sector.”

Funded by the \$126 million State Government CFA Capability package, the funds will help deliver the new sets which include shirts, pants or shorts, jackets, hats and belts.

The workwear is available in both men's and women's fits for the comfort of all

volunteers and features CFA's emblem and the CFA red and white checker to be uniquely CFA.

The unified rollout will also see the CFA Chief Officer, Deputy Chief Officers and other staff groups proudly wearing the Patriot Blue workwear within the emergency services sector and while out in the community.

The project will continue its rollout to volunteers across Victoria throughout 2023.

Sent - 15th Feb
Getting there.

Sent - 23rd Feb
Glad I'm back!

Eliza (work) - 20th Feb
See you soon.

The sooner you get in touch after an injury, the better the return to work journey.

If you're recovering from a psychological or physical workplace injury, or if you are an employer supporting an injured worker, make contact as soon as possible. It just takes a few simple words to make a big difference.

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worksafe.vic.gov.au/thesoonerthebetter

Fire restrictions to begin in Bass Coast

THE Fire Danger Period (FDP) for Bass Coast and French Island will be in force from Monday, January 30, 2023.

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

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

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

CFA District 8 Acting Assistant Chief Fire Officer John Francis said while rainfall over recent months saturated grassland and forests, wind conditions has dried these fuels out considerably.

"Widespread rainfall in winter and spring has led to high fuel loads across the region and we can expect to see significant grassfires this season," he said.

"Do not become complacent this fire season – now is the time to begin preparing your property by clearing gutters, pruning, cutting back overhanging trees."



The Fire Danger Period has been announced for Bass Coast and French Island, which will commence on January 30.

While CFA firefighters are preparing for the bushfire season, they are urging the community to use common sense and take responsibility for preventing fires.

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

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

Monitor weather conditions and do not burn-off during days

of high winds. More information about burn-off restrictions specific to your area can be found by consulting your local council.

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

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

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

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

Fire Danger Period information:

- A written permit is required to

burn off grass, undergrowth, weeds or other vegetation during the FDP. This permit may be issued by the Municipal Fire Prevention Officer or the CFA District Office. You can apply for a permit at firepermits.vic.gov.au.

- Lighting a fire in the open without a permit is an offence and can bring a penalty of over \$21,800 and/or 12 months imprisonment. Barbeques and fires for cooking and warmth do not require a permit, but must be lit in properly constructed fireplaces
- The use of an incinerator, chainsaw/lawn mower, welding/grinding equipment and vehicles that come in contact with vegetation and machinery with an internal combustion/heat engine are permitted provided conditions are followed.
- Farmers can find legal guidelines and practical advice at cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/farms – this information is important especially for new farmers, bush block owners or hobby farmers.
- A Total Fire Ban declaration means no fires can be lit for the declared district for that day. This applies irrespective of the Fire Restriction status for a given municipality. Further details at cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can/



Summer has arrived and it is more important than ever to ensure your pets are properly cared for in the heat. Photo: Uli Deck/DPA

Spray. Fan. Vet. Preparing pets for summer

SUMMER has arrived and RSPCA Victoria are calling on all pet owners to take appropriate measures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of their animals during warmer weather.

Planning and preparation are key to keeping animals happy, healthy and preventing a serious incident.

Always:

- Provide a cool, shaded area with good ventilation and air flow
- Ensure your pet has access to multiple sources of fresh, cool water
- Make sure animals have access to shade and do not tether them remember that shady places will change as the sun moves throughout the day
- Make sure rugged horses are wearing summer weight rugs
- Avoid exercising your pet in hot and humid conditions
- If safe to do so, bring animals indoors on hot and humid days
- Be aware of the heat stress symptoms your pet may exhibit so you can help them cool down
- Ask someone to care for your animals if you are going away or consider using a boarding facility if you have livestock ensure they can be checked regularly.

If you believe your animal has heat-stroke follow appropriate emergency first aid.



Don't travel to bushland on **Extreme Fire Danger Rating** days.

If you plan to travel through Victoria during fire season, it's important to check the Fire Danger Rating every day. If the rating is Extreme or Catastrophic, avoid travelling to high risk bush or grassfire areas. It's safer to travel to cities or towns for the day.

How well do you know fire?

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Have Your Say About The Future Of Our Coastal Communities

Time is running out to give feedback on what you think should be included in a new Coastal Strategy for South Gippsland - make sure you have your say.

The Coastal Strategy will provide strategic direction for South Gippsland’s coastal areas and help guide sustainable land use and development.

The document is expected to be vital for our coastal communities as it will help us to understand, and plan for, future challenges such as increasing demand for residential and commercial development in coastal areas, climate change risks and ageing infrastructure.

A number of engagement events have already occurred but there are two more pop-up events still to come:

Tarwin Lower - Australia Day BBQ

Thursday 26 January
The Long Table, Tarwin River Boat Ramp, River Drive

Stony Creek - Mid Week Racing

Tuesday 31 January
Stony Creek Racecourse

Alternatively, you can provide your feedback via our online survey or forum at: yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

This is your chance to help us identify the challenges and opportunities facing our coastal communities and to plan for their future. We look forward to hearing from you.

Immunisation Sessions



Infant immunisation sessions will be available at the following locations:

FOSTER Tuesday 31 January War Memorial Arts Centre, Main Street 10:00am – 10:30am	KORUMBURRA Wednesday 1 February Karmai Community Children’s Centre 22 Princes Street 11:30am – 12:15pm
LEONGATHA Tuesday 31 January Dakers Centre, 23 Smith Street 12:30pm – 1:30pm	To book an appointment please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/immunisation
MIRBOO NORTH Wednesday 1 February	

REQUEST FOR TENDERS

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

RFT/343 – Retaining Wall Construction; Mirboo North Transfer Station

Closes Tuesday 31 January 2023.

RFT/351 – Design & Construct New Toilet Block; Baromi Park, Mirboo North

Closes Thursday 2 February 2023.

All tenders close at 2.00pm.

Documentation is available from Council’s e-Tendering Portal:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders

AUSTRALIA DAY

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

On Thursday 26 January there will be 10 community events occurring across South Gippsland. From morning teas and BBQs to duck races on the river, you’ll be sure to find something to do.

After some pretty tough years for our community, it will be great to be back together and enjoying the company of others.

For information on all the events, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/AustraliaDay

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Residents call for action on rates

By Andrew Palocz

THE TONE of Saturday's community meeting for Tarwin Lower and Venus Bay ratepayers was set before a word was spoken, with attendees later unanimously supporting a motion calling for council action to significantly lower their rates.

Venus Bay ratepayers faced an average rate rise of 33.67 per cent compared to the previous year.

That was prompted by the town recording a staggering average property value increase of 77.92 per cent.

The Venus Bay property valuation hike compared to an average property valuation increase across South Gippsland Shire of 37 per cent.

Local councillors Sarah Gilligan and Scott Rae were at Saturday's meeting to hear the concerns of community members.

Fellow Promontory Ward representative Mohya Davies was unable to attend for health reasons.

"The rates, the whole rates and nothing for the rates," the introductory slide declared.

That sentiment was backed up by a member of the meeting's organising committee, Phil Lavery, when he addressed the audience.

He put forward the case that Tarwin Lower and Venus Bay residents are not getting bang for their buck in terms of infrastructure spending as a percentage of the rates they pay.

"What we contribute as a percentage of capital works should be spent here, and that's not happening," Phil said.

He ran through slides detailing council's overall rate revenue in recent years, outlining the contribution to that from Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower, and highlighted a lack of infrastructure spending in those towns.

For example, Phil said Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower accounted for 9.8 per cent of South Gippsland Shire Council's total rate revenue in 2022, but only 4.3 per cent of its funded capital



Phil Lavery addresses attendees at Saturday's Tarwin Lower meeting on council rates. A21_0423

expenditure.

He noted that figure only took account of rate revenue spent on capital works and not other capital works expenditure funded through sources such as state and federal government grants.

"It's obvious we're not getting our money's worth and we're paying to subsidise other areas," Phil declared, arguing rates could be significantly reduced for those in Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower if everyone across South Gippsland Shire paid their fair share for capital works.

He said inequity may be acceptable in the short term, referring to "swings and roundabouts", but stressed it is a long-term and ongoing issue for local ratepayers.

"We want to change the rating category, and want a significant rate reduction, and we want it now," Phil said.

He put forward a motion specifying what South Gippsland Shire Council is being called upon to do.

The following actions were requested:

1) Reintroduce the Residential/Rural Lifestyle, or a more suitable category, to the South Gippsland Shire Council rating system.

2) Ensure that Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower are accepted in this category.



Cr Sarah Gilligan responds to proceedings in Tarwin Lower. A22_0423

3) Ensure that the council sets the rate for this category at a level that reflects the lack of capital works expenditure and lack of amenities in this area.

4) Report back to this organising committee within three months on the progress that council has been able to make, so that all attendees can be updated.

5) Ensure that this proposal is adopted for the next rating period.

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about," Phil said, quoting then mayor Mohya Davies in her message attached to South Gippsland Shire Council's Community Vision 2040.

In the introduction to Saturday's meeting, Bart Harrold, another member of the organising committee, called for a show of hands from anyone who feels the rates they are paying and council's rating structure are fair and reasonable.

Cr Rae's hand was the only one raised, and he suggested people might also be asked if they are happy with the income tax they pay.

"We're here to listen," Cr Gilligan reminded him, something he agreed with, later demonstrating he had been doing so by addressing a number of audience questions raised.

Many asking questions moved away from direct discussion of rates, to matters such as issues with septic systems locally.

Cr Gilligan said council's Coastal Strategy, is an acknowledgement more needs to be done for the shire's coastal communities.

"The Coastal Strategy is saying, 'We do understand that our coastal communities have been overlooked in terms of long-term infrastructure'," she said.

Cr Gilligan expressed the belief that the call for Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower to be assigned a more suitable ratings category may be discussed as part of the Coastal Strategy.

Cr Rae stressed the need to take a long-term view, saying that he has discovered during his term that the wheels of council move slowly.

"What you ask for in a coastal strategy, or ask for now, is what will probably be delivered in five or six years' time," Cr Rae said.

"So, go and engage with councillors and council staff and tell them what you want the area to develop into.

"If you want nothing to develop and nothing to change, and on that basis you want to say, 'You should reduce our rates because you're not going to give us anything', that's fine too."

South Gippsland Shire Council wins praise

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council received a glowing report from municipal monitor Prue Digby who oversaw its transition back to a democratically elected local government after a period of administration, having been appointed to the role by the Victorian Government.

While Ms Digby's 12-month term concluded in November, she recently submitted her report to the Minister for Local Government after monitoring governance processes and practices.

That followed the dismissal of the previously elected council in June 2019 after a Commission of Inquiry found that, "A high level of discord, conflict and tension between the councillors had negatively affected the council's performance, councillors' decision-making, councillor-staff relationships and council's reputation."

In her report, Ms Digby praised the induction program current councillors undertook soon after being elected, saying it "went far beyond the legislated mandatory modules".

The monitor noted council's engagement of a skilled locally

based external facilitator to work with the council group building connection and trust.

"The councillors created their values and behaviours through this process and inserted them into the Code of Conduct so it truly reflected the way in which they wanted to work," Ms Digby reported.

She stressed there were no breaches of the Code of Conduct during her appointment and that there has been compliance with council's Governance Rules.

"It would be of value to the sector if the South Gippsland Induction/Transition Program was shared with the sector along with the learnings," Ms Digby stated.

The efforts of councillors, council CEO Kerry Ellis and council staff all received favourable comment from the municipal monitor.

Ms Digby is upbeat about the level of community engagement South Gippsland Shire Council has undertaken since its return to democracy, and efficiency in developing a suite of integrated council plans to guide the shire's future direction.

However, she highlighted the

challenge councillors and staff faced in a return to democracy, with councillors promptly inundated by individuals with issues and requests, saying resources were sometimes diverted away from actions approved in the council plan.

"How councillors undertake their strategic role, as opposed to their representative role, (sometimes played out as community advocacy roles) has been the focus of much discussion between myself, the Chief Executive Officer and the councillors," Ms Digby reported.

"It is an area that the councillors continually need to reflect on so that they ensure they are collectively and appropriately focused on strategy and good governance for the whole of the Shire."

In her report, Ms Digby made no specific recommendations to the Minister for Local Government.

"Council has made a significant effort to rebuild the community's trust that the council can provide good democratic leadership," she found, thanking councillors, council CEO Ellis and staff for their

cooperation and openness.

Minister for Local Government Melissa Horne provided a letter to council in response to the municipal monitor's report.

"Council has formed a strong team that is capable of and determined to perform its statutory role and provide good governance for the community," Ms Horne said.

She praised efforts to induct councillors and support their professional development as well as build connection and trust between them and the administration.

"It is immensely pleasing to read the municipal monitor's report which confirms that our council is heading in the right direction," mayor Nathan Hersey said.

"As a councillor group we have ensured we are available to our local community to listen to feedback and concerns."

Council CEO Ellis also expressed delight at Ms Digby's positive report findings.

"It is a credit to all of the councillors, and to our staff, and provides a fitting way to close a disappointing chapter in council's history," she said.

Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey



THE South Gippsland Australia Day Awards were held this week.

I would like to personally congratulate Max Wood for being recognised as 2023 Citizen of the Year, Kira Waldron for being recognised as 2023 Young Citizen of the Year and the Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival for winning the 2023 Community Event of the Year award.

It was a fabulous evening to celebrate what makes South Gippsland great – our people and importantly our volunteers.

If you would like to read the nominations, I encourage you to visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiaday

South Gippsland Australia Day Photography Competition

On Thursday, January 26, we will be announcing the winners of our Australia Day Photography Competition. Keep your eyes on our social media for the announcement!

With plenty of picturesque places and great people in South Gippsland, I'm sure our entrants found inspiration at every turn.

Community Grants Drop-In Sessions

Our Community Strengthening team are still on the road, ready for you to come say 'hello' and give you advice and information on our Community Grants.

These sessions have proven popular and are a fantastic opportunity to get one-on-one advice with the team.

The sessions will be held between 10am and 3pm at the following locations:

- Wednesday, January 25 – Nyora Public Hall.
- Monday, February 6 – Milpara House, Korumburra.
- Wednesday, February 8 – Poowong Uniting Church.
- Monday, February 20 – Toora Hall.
- Wednesday, February 22 – Manna Gum Community House, Foster.

For more information on Council's grants programs and the drop-in sessions, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants

Coastal Strategy Engagement

We have now finalised the additional pop-up events that will conclude the Coastal Strategy engagement.

With an online information session, a pop-up in Toora and one in Venus Bay all held last week, there are two face-to-face opportunities remaining – one in Tarwin Lower at the Australia Day BBQ on Thursday, January 26 between 12 noon and 3pm and one at Stony Creek Racecourse on Tuesday, January 31 between 11am and 2pm.

Of course, there are also online opportunities for you to provide your feedback on this important strategy for our region.

Anyone who has thoughts on how we can best protect our coast are encouraged to have their say, by visiting one of the pop-up events or visiting: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/coastal-strategy>

A friendly reminder that there are many community events occurring across South Gippsland on Australia Day. You can find event details at: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/australiaday

Thank you to all our volunteers who are giving their time to serve others, including at Australia Day celebrations and events. It is because of our many hard working and dedicated volunteers that so much of what happens in South Gippsland is a great success.



Pip Thompson and Brooke Dwyer of A Maze'N Things have recently opened the doors to the new Parky's Lollies & Gelato shop open daily from 11am until 5pm this school holidays. Z01_0423

Sweet treats at Parky's

A MAZE'N THINGS is renowned for their unique adventurous activities on Phillip Island and these school holidays have been a sweet reminder to the parks team on just how many families typically travel to Bass Coast for their summer vacation.

Despite employment pressure in several industries, staff member Taylah Fox said our summer holiday season has been A MAZE'N so far, it's been nice for the staff to get a real sense of what A Maze'N Things is like post COVID and to see them enjoy interacting with all our customers is very satisfying.

"This has been our first summer since 2019/20 that our SkyTrail has been open, and it has been a blast. It's so great to see people climbing up there again each day," said Taylah.

"We also opened our very own Parky's Lollies & Gelato shop just before Christmas, which has been a great new addition. Staff have absolutely loved working in there (including myself), and seeing kids' faces when you serve them up a big scoop of gelato – it's just wonderful."

Parky's shop name arrived from the Parklane mascot 'Parky'. Originally this space was a lolly and gelato shop called 'Lolly Lips' in the early 2000's, the area was then replaced with magic theatre performances before closing the doors in the pandemic due to social distancing regulations and the size of the theatre.

"I started working at Lolly Lips in my early years with A Maze'N Things, so it's wonderful to see Parky's up and running for our customers again," said Taylah.

Parky's stocks a vast range of gelato, ice-cream, and sorbet with an assortment of flavours, as well as a selection of all-time favourite lollies, just buy a tub and fill it up.

For attractions, group bookings or a day of adventure at A Maze'N Things visit 1805 Phillip Island Road, Cowes or call 5952 2283 to find out more.

Next-gen farming and moon navigation

SUPER-THIN chips made from lithium niobate are set to overtake silicon chips in light-based technologies, according to world-leading scientists in the field, with potential applications ranging from remote ripening-fruit detection on Earth to navigation on the Moon.

RMIT University's Distinguished Professor Arnan Mitchell and University of Adelaide's Dr Andy Boes led the team of global experts to review lithium niobate's capabilities and potential applications in the journal Science.

The international team is working with industry to make navigation systems that are planned to help rovers drive on the Moon later this decade.

As it is impossible to use global positioning system (GPS) technology on the Moon, navigation systems in lunar rovers will need to use an alternative system.

By detecting tiny changes in laser light, the lithium-niobate chip can be used to measure movement without needing external signals, according to Mitchell.

"This is not science fiction – this artificial crystal is being used to develop a range of exciting applications. And competition to harness the potential of this versatile technology is heating up," said Mitchell, Director of the Integrated Photonics and Applications Centre.



Tania Hirt of Traralgon and Les Richardson of Yarragon with his stunning 1949 Cadillac. A33_0423

Show 'N Shine a gleaming success



Sun shining car enthusiasts took to the road for the annual Wonthaggi Show'n Shine car run on Saturday night ahead of Sunday's main event. C11_0423



Wonthaggi local Brett Forsyth with his Jamaican Lime coloured Sandman panel van. A32_0423



Event organiser Kris Baker with Leeanne Horkings of Pakenham who received the awards for 'Best Hot Rod' and 'President's Choice', the latter being for best overall. A39_0423

WONTHAGGI Football Netball Club ensured the combustion engine was again king on Sunday, with a gleaming display of glorious vehicles at the town's recreation reserve ensuring attendees had plenty to see and chat about.

Perfect mild conditions encouraged plenty of exhibitors, car enthusiasts and those keen for an enjoyable family outing to venture to Wonthaggi.

Owners were keen to share stories of their cherished cars and motorbikes, some of which they had rejuvenated when the scrap heap loomed.

A 1928 Ford 'tourer tub' took top honours as the 'President's Choice' and was also named the 'Best Hot Rod', with Leeanne Horkings of Pakenham accepting the accolades.

She said a distinguishing aspect of the 'Tiger Mica' coloured machine is its 302 Ford Windsor motor, with similar vehicles often sporting Chevy engines.

Partner Brendan's hard work on the upholstery, motor and roof achieved stunning results, clearly catching the judges' eyes.

With Australia Day approaching, the 'Best Aussie Original' category was timely.

Glenn Taylor of Tooradin took out that prize with his HX Holden Statesman Caprice, dating from 1976.

It has undergone a \$90,000 restoration including an attention-grabbing paint job by Bunyip Panels.

A 1966 HR Premier Holden, owned by Alan Pullar of Frankston stood out in the 'Best Engine Bay' category, with its X2 twin carburetors a decisive factor.

Wonthaggi local Tony Cuzzupi's 1928 Dodge Tourer took the spoils in the 'Best Vintage' category.

A couple of stunning green machines caught the attention of this scribe.

One was the 1949 Cadillac of Yarragon's Les Richardson, which he bought just eight months ago.

While not ideally suited to modern parking spots, it stood out on Wonthaggi's footy ground.

The other owned by Wonthaggi resident Brett Forsyth was a 'Jamaican Lime' coloured Sandman panel van that featured in the television series Puberty Blues, being white at that time.

Infrastructure boost for South Gippsland Hospital

SOUTH Gippsland Hospital is one of nine regional hospitals set to receive a share of \$55 million for new equipment and upgrades in the Government's announcement Tuesday morning (January 17).

Acting Premier Jacinta Allan and Acting Minister for Health Lizzie Blandthorn announced 23 health services across Victoria will share in \$55 million for new medical equipment and essential infrastructure upgrades they need to continue providing world-class healthcare for all Victorians.

South Gippsland Hospital will receive \$465,000 from the Engineering Infrastructure Replacement Fund to purchase three generators to replace ageing infrastructure.

South Gippsland CEO Paul Greenhalgh said that the current infrastructure is nearing its end of useful life, and the timing is perfect.

"We are thrilled that the Government has allocated these funds broadly throughout the state, and of course even more thrilled that we have been advised that necessary upgrades to our site will be fully funded."

The South Gippsland Hospital, located in Foster, has three buildings, and each requires generator upgrades. Two buildings require electrical switchboards upgrades as well.



South Gippsland Hospital CEO Paul Greenhalgh (left) with facilities manager Martin Schack (right) at the main hospital switch board.

"Significant investment like this will ensure that we can maintain our acute and community care services during any power outage. Importantly these upgrades will protect community clients, hospital patients, staff, volunteers, visitors, and our assets, by ensuring contemporary electrical safety," said Paul.

As part of the latest round of the Engineering Infrastructure Replacement Program, 18 health services across Victoria will share in more than

\$20 million to upgrade important infrastructure such as generators, chillers, emergency lighting, nurse call systems, air conditioning systems, patient lifts and alarm systems.

In addition, as part of the Government's Medical Equipment Replacement Program (MERT), hospitals will receive new equipment for a range of services – diagnostic tools like MRI machines, microscopes, digital X-Ray units and CT scanners as

well as heart imaging equipment such as fluoroscopy units and SPECT-CT gamma cameras.

Monash Health is one of 19 health services sharing in more than \$35 million through the MERT to purchase the latest medical equipment, with Casey Hospital receiving more than \$2.3 million to purchase a new CT scanner X-Ray unit – boosting their diagnostic capacity.

Gippsland's specialist referral and trauma centre, Latrobe Regional Hospital has also been named as a recipient and will utilise the funding to upgrade equipment to their wards, theatres and paediatric unit which includes vital sign monitors (heart rate, pulse), defibrillators, surgical equipment, a colposcope microscope to examine gynaecological issues, and equipment to support their many endoscopy procedures.

"We're giving our hardworking doctors and nurses the equipment they need, so they can continue doing what they do best – saving lives," Acting Premier Jacinta Allan stated.

"While there is always work that needs to be done to improve our health system, fixing primary care must be the Commonwealth's top priority – so every Australian can get the affordable healthcare they deserve."

We need you to advise Bass Coast Health

BASS Coast Health (BCH) takes pride in working with the community to deliver optimal healthcare to the residents and visitors of Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

And they believe their Community Advisory Committee (CAC) is essential in helping to gather the community's feedback about their current services and also services they would like to see in the future.

BCH is now seeking expressions of interest from three new members to fill vacancies on our CAC and act as a conduit between the community, the Board of Directors, the Executive and staff.

Community Advisory Committee Chair Diana Holmberg would love people who are passionate about healthcare and the community to join.

"The CAC helps to ensure broader community needs and expectations are considered in decision making about the health service," she said.

"We also share news about our expanding services with our community. We provide feedback and advice, and represent the community on committees that ensure consumer voice is central to the delivery of our health services.

"We seek members of all ages and backgrounds who can bring lived experience, skills and considered thinking.

"Most of the members have multiple connections into the community through other organisations such as the U3A and RSL."

The CAC had a pivotal role in the planning of the new Wonthaggi Hospital that opened recently. See our current CAC Members here: basscoasthealth.org.au/cac

Please note this is a non-paid (voluntary) role.

To learn more, phone Director Partnerships and Engagement Kristen Yates-Matthews on 0427 475 259 or view the position description online at: basscoasthealth.mercury.com.au

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South Gippsland chair leads review

TWO figures closely associated with the dismissal of the South Gippsland Shire Council in 2019 are set to play a key role in the future of a number of other local municipalities.

The Hon Frank Vincent AO KC, who headed up the Commission of Inquiry into the performance of the South Gippsland Council, and a panel member of that inquiry, ultimately the Chair of Commissioners at South Gippsland, Ms Julie Eisenbise, will both head two panels reviewing the electoral structure of number of councils.

In all, 39 local councils are to have their electoral structures reviewed, starting with the following shire councils: Buloke, Gannawarra, Northern Grampians, Yarriambiack, Campaspe, Corangamite, Strathbogie, Surf Coast, Central Goldfields, Hepburn, Moorabool, and Mount Alexander.

Call for local creatives

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council is seeking applications from local artists and crafters for a new exhibition that will be held at Coal Creek Community Park and Museum during March and April.

The exhibition called 'THREADS' will have the theme 'Women in Textiles' and feature works made from textiles and/or fibre materials. The exhibition will launch on International Women's Day - Wednesday, March 8.

Artists and crafters - of all genders - are invited to submit an expression of interest to be included in the exhibition by Monday, February 13. Preference will be given to South Gippsland based artists.

Selected artists and crafters will be featured alongside works by renowned artists Cresside Collette and Deborah Klein and the Coal Creek Spinners. The exhibition will also feature items from the South Gippsland Shire Council and Coal Creek collections.

To find out more, please visit southgippsland.vic.gov.au/threads-eoi or contact Rachel Jones - 5662 9200.

A new chapter

VICKI and Georgina 'Gina' Emery are synonymous at the Coal Mine Café in Wonthaggi.

For the past five years they have dedicated every ounce of their passion for hospitality and lives to the business and bringing a smile to their customers faces with delectable food.

But after running their own business and facing all the challenges the last five years have thrown their way the pair decided it was time to start their own adventures.

"We listen to everyone's adventures daily," Vicki explained.

"It was time to go on our own adventures, start a new chapter."

What is part of the ladies next adventures is a mystery, except for those close, who couldn't be happier.

Whilst the pair took on the lease from the previous lessee at the Parks Victoria site near on five years ago, their talent and work ethic has stemmed from a lifetime in hospitality; Vicki counting over 30 plus years as a chef and Gina having been in the industry since allowed at 14 years and nine months.

"We thought let's do it," Gina said of the opportunity five years ago.

"Taking the opportunity to work for oneself, being your own boss..."

The partnership with Parks Victoria was perfect for the



Vicki and Gina bid adieu this Wednesday to the Coal Mine Café as they start their next adventures. C14_0423

mother daughter duo who embarked on the challenge together.

"We have had great experiences along the way - including being a volunteer down the mine (on a Tuesday night), which is something we look forward to continuing."

And like all businesses great and small, the café was impacted by the pandemic closures and restrictions.

"Not having mine tours open impacted us initially, but as restrictions lessened things got busier."

"We tried take-away during (one round of) restrictions but we are out of town, and it was easier to remain closed

in the end. When we could re-open, we were restricted to 10 people inside and 20 people outside."

Supported by regulars, as restrictions eased the café has gone from strength to strength.

Amongst providing breakfast and lunches, the pair even balanced special events and occasions catering weddings, anniversaries, funerals, Christmas parties and even a baby shower.

"We would like to thank everyone for supporting us - from bus groups and our bike riding groups, to local clubs and organisations. Thank you to everyone for coming and

supporting us over the past five years."

"Thank you to Parks Victoria for the great opportunity and having us during this time and thank you to the numerous site volunteers - tour guides, visitor centre personnel, grounds people... the endless information learnt, and support shown has been incredible."

"And last but not least, thank you to our great team who have been so supportive, some of which have been with us from the beginning."

"The Mine Café has been our passion and we have had a great time, but we are looking forwards to the next chapter."



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Progress update on the abandonment plans for Esso Australia's Gudgeon-1 and Terakihi-1 exploration wells in the Gippsland Basin

Community Consultation Session

As operator of some of Australia's oldest oil and gas fields, Esso Australia is committed to decommissioning our Bass Strait offshore facilities safely and effectively.

We have substantial experience in safely and effectively decommissioning facilities to achieve positive outcomes across the globe, and we are excited to be part of Australia's growing decommissioning industry.

As part of our decommissioning activities, Esso Australia is planning to undertake offshore work to plug and abandon (P&A) two exploration wells, Gudgeon-1 and Terakihi-1, which are located approximately 85 kilometres off the Gippsland coastline in water depths of approximately 300-400 metres.

The proposed plan will see P&A well activities undertaken by the Helix Q7000 Light Well Intervention Vessel, which operates in accordance with current international safety and environmental standard. No seismic activity will be required.

The wells are not located within any established or proposed Commonwealth or State Marine Protected Areas, Critical Habitats or Threatened Ecological Communities.

It is recognised that the proposed activities will overlap with existing fisheries with the establishment of a 500-metre

Petroleum Safety Zone (PSZ) around both Gudgeon-1 and Terakihi-1 subsea wells.

This work is imperative to our decommissioning efforts, as it will eliminate the potential risk of loss of hydrocarbon containment and will remove obstructions and snag points for fishing and future users of the sea.

Esso Australia has evaluated potential impacts and risks to the marine environment occurring from proposed activities. You can read our control measures in our Exploration Well Plug and Abandonment bulletin, which can be found here: <https://www.exxonmobil.com.au/-/media/australia/files/energy-and-environment/upstream-operations/gudgeon-1-and-terakihi-1-fact-sheet.pdf>

Prior to commencing and throughout our decommissioning activities, we have continued to identify and actively engage with key stakeholders across the Gippsland region. This ongoing consultation has played an essential role in how we align our approach and ensure the essential work that we are undertaking meets the community's needs and expectations.

If you would like to learn more about our decommissioning process and the approach we are considering for the plug and abandonment of Gudgeon-1 and Terakihi-1, we welcome you to come along to one of our two community information sessions we are hosting in Sale, Victoria. Please see details below.



Please register your interest in attending at consultation@exxonmobil.com by Monday February 13, 2023. If you cannot attend the sessions but would like further information, you can also reach out to the aforementioned email address with your queries.

- Session 1**

Date: Wednesday
February 15, 2023,
Time: 12pm - 1pm
Location: The Drawing Room
at The Criterion (90 Macalister
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- Session 2**

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Commemorative event for Tunnerminnerwait and Maulboyheenner

ERIC Edwards of the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation opened Friday's (January 20) proceedings on the yidaki with Jungala Ellis taking to the microphone shortly thereafter providing the welcoming words, Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony.

Hosted by the Bass Coast Reconciliation Network community members joined in commemorating the lives of Tunnerminnerwait and Maulboyheenner, two Tasmanian Aboriginal men who were publicly hanged in Melbourne in 1842.

The men were convicted for the murder of two whale-hunters in the Western Port area and on January 20, 1842, became the first people hanged in Melbourne.

At the time they were labelled 'blood thirsty outlaws' but are now recognised as freedom fighters resisting colonial occupation and injustices.

Captured at or near Harmers Haven in Cape Paterson, the annual event at Wishart Reserve in Wonthaggi is a way of honouring, remembering and acknowledging the injustice dealt to the two men and all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples during colonisation.

"The tragic hanging of Tunnerminnerwait and Maulboyheenner is a horrific part of our history, and we need to acknowledge this," Uncle Anthony Egan, Traditional Owner,



Darrell, Nikeah, Tjarai, Eric and Jungala, members of the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, hosted Friday's Welcome to Country. C12_0423

Bunurong/Trawlwoolway said. "Now we're responsible for supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People without bias to achieve their aspirations for the future."

Bass Coast/South Gippsland Reconciliation Group co-chair Geoff Ellis was introduced as guest speaker by host and proud Gunai/Yorta Yorta man, Paul Patten.

"I live on the edge of the

Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Reserve. Some nights we hear the echo of waves crashing down on the rocks at Coal Point, where the encounter with the sealers took place and the group of Aboriginals was captured six weeks later by a party led by Powlett..." Geoff said.

"Tunnerminnerwait and Maulboyheenner are fundamental to the history of this coast.

But they were confined to the shadows...

"Back in Harmers we listen to those waves crashing against the shore and we can know that this was never an empty land. We are all humbled by the story of Tunnerminnerwait and Maulboyheenner."

Friday's event is one of a series of events hosted by the Bass Coast Reconciliation Network over the year.

Be wary of illegal breeders

RSPCA Victoria is urging the public to be vigilant when purchasing a pet and to be aware that it is illegal to buy or sell animals in public places such as parks, roadsides, and car parks.

Illegal breeders or sellers often operate covertly, provide misleading information, and may request to meet in a public place to illegally complete the sale of an animal.

RSPCA Victoria's Inspectorate is currently actively investigating a number of these illegal businesses and regularly prosecutes offenders in the courts.

RSPCA Victoria recommends people looking to become a dog or cat owner read the RSPCA Smart Puppy and Dog Buyer's Guide or the RSPCA Smart Kitten and Cat Buyers Guide, which provide useful guidelines and tips for finding a reputable breeder. These include:

- Visiting the place where the puppy or kitten was born.
- Meeting the mother dog or cat (and father if possible) and make sure they are happy and healthy.
- Checking the breeder provides a high standard of care and living conditions for all their animals.

The Domestic Animals Act 1994 specifies that dogs and cats must be sold from either a registered domestic animal business, from a private residence or sold at a place where an animal sale permit is in place.

Penalties can apply for individuals or body corporates who sell dogs and cats from a public place. Individuals could face a maximum penalty in court of \$5,547.60, while body corporates could face a maximum penalty of \$27,438.

All reports made to RSPCA Victoria's Major Investigations Team must be lodged via <https://rspcavic.org/tip-off-form/> or by calling 9224 2222.

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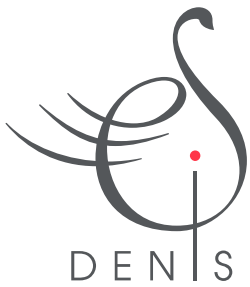
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This visiting family had a great time at the Rhyll Twilight Market on Friday night, the last of a successful summer season.

Perfect for Rhyll's final twilight market

THE Rhyll Twilight Markets in the Park are pitched as having something for everyone and that was certainly the case last Friday night when the weather was superb well into the evening.

Dogs were a popular accessory, both on and off the stalls, during the evening as visitors shopped for food, clothing and an array of unusual products including cigar-box guitars made by Milan Paskas of Cape Paterson.

Milan has been making the surprisingly melodic instruments himself since casually strumming one in a shop eight years ago.

There was also a stall with quirky metal art made out of discarded golf clubs and gas bottles, repurposed into garden sculptures.

But food of all descriptions was the go-to and everyone walked away satisfied in that regard.

Opera Stars come out in twilight performance at Mossvale Park

TEDDY Tahu Rhodes was a reluctant singer when he first embarked on what has now become a legendary opera career.

In an interview with Sarah Kanowski on ABC's Conversations, he explained that he suffered from imposter syndrome despite being sought after and invited to audition by some of the world's finest music institutions including the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and Opera Australia.

It was the encouragement of friends, his former wife and colleagues where he was working as an accountant for a bank in New Zealand that finally set him on course to follow his true passion enabling him to accept the offer of an audition with Opera Australia and the first major role of a career that has now spanned a couple of decades.

He is renowned for his deep, rich, bass baritone singing voice which he believes has developed with age to make his delivery more authoritative and nuanced now that it has moved on from the brightness of youth.

Following the lockdowns of COVID when he was resident in Sydney, he and his good friend Guy Noble embarked on a series of small, intimate concerts where, due to the restrictions of the time, audience numbers were limited to around 20.

Teddy and Guy Noble have once again teamed up this time to present a concert at Mossvale Park on 25 February.

Joining them will be the exciting new talent, Cathy-Di Zhang. Cathy-Di is an award-winning Australian soprano who, since returning from completing her studies to become an Associate of the Royal Academy of Music in London in 2019, has sung a number of leading roles for the nation's major performing arts organisations in-



David Jones, chair of Meeniyana Festivals & Events Inc, the organisation bringing the concert to Mossvale Park.

cluding Opera Australia, Pinchgut Opera, State Opera of South Australia and Victorian Opera.

After singing Mimi in the Boheme on the beach project with the State Opera of South Australia, Cathy-Di said in an interview with Victorian Opera, "There is something about performing outdoors, that inspires a different feel and experience for us performers and the audience alike. Some of my most memorable performances were outdoors - like this Boheme, or performing at

Sunrise at Uluru, in piazzas in the hills of Italy, or in the middle of nowhere in the northern territories whilst on regional tour! Performing in unconventional spaces always has its challenges, but it's so worth it!"

Guy Noble is a conductor, pianist, broadcaster, writer, composer, producer and raconteur who loves all genres of music and has played, conducted or talked about most of them.

Guy is the host and accompanist each year for Great Opera Hits (Opera Australia) in the Joan Sutherland Theatre of the Sydney Opera House.

He conducted Opera Queensland's 2014 production of La Boheme, Opera in the Alps (2008-2019) and Opera in the Market (2009-2019).

He is also the host of Concert Hall on Qantas Inflight and writes a regular column for Limelight Magazine.

Luckily for people in South Gippsland, we won't have to travel to any capital city or far-flung parts of the country to see and hear these amazing talents.

However, given there are only a limited number of seats to the performance on February 25 at Mossvale Park, you'd be advised to book your seat sooner rather than later if you want to enjoy that experience.

Trulli's pizza and Dine with a difference will be there to provide food for those who wish to purchase it along with Dirty Three Wines who will be selling wine and beer. Patrons are also welcome to bring their own picnic if they wish to eat earlier.

Gates open at 3:30pm, the show starts at 6:00pm and there is a bus service from Meeniyana and Leongatha that patrons can book on the ticket website if you'd prefer not to have to drive and park.

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Established in 2017 and conveniently located at 11-13 Williams Street Inverloch, the centre operates Monday to Friday, from 7am-6pm (public holidays excepted), for children aged six weeks to six years.

As well as providing a thoughtful and comprehensive long day care service, the centre operates an integrated government funded 4-year-old kindergarten program and 3-year-old kindergarten program, 9am-2pm five days-a-week during Victorian school terms.

Like many early childhood centres that have a large waiting list, Inverloch Childcare uses priority of access guidelines provided by the Department of Education Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR), when considering new enrolments.

However, while demand is strong from the growing young community of Bass Coast and South Gippsland, one of the main challenges in providing high-quality long day care and kinder programs is the limited supply of qualified early learning professionals.

Centre Manager of Inverloch Childcare, Aleesha Lawrence, with more than 20 years' experience in the early childhood field, including 12 years managing education and care services, believes the opportunity to have a role in such an important and rewarding sector, especially at Inverloch, is an exciting one.

"We are looking to recruit experienced certificate III and diploma educators to join Inverloch childcare," said Aleesha this week.

Director Angela Webster added: "A priority for us here at Inverloch Childcare is our employee's wellbeing and mental health. We have a Mental Health First Aid Officer that is on the premises and educators can access this program at any time.

"We are currently strengthening our mindfulness and wellbeing program for educators and children using mindfulness techniques from a specialist in this field," Mrs Webster said.

Centre Manager Aleesha Lawrence said as well as seeking best-practice initiatives and programs for the children and their



It's all about play-based learning at Inverloch Childcare with Heidi fully engaged her latest creation.

families, Inverloch Childcare had the same approach with its staff.

"We have a strong belief in creating a work-life balance for our employees and wherever possible provide flexible working environment," said Aleesha.

"Our strong and approachable management team with different levels of interaction are available during the day to support all staff and our in-depth induction program for new educators ensures consistency in our centre practices.

"We partner with a policy development organisation to maintain and stay up to date with current regulations and legislation and industry best practices," said Mrs Lawrence.

Educational leader Kellie Sage said Inverloch Childcare had partnered with families, professional organisations and the local community while accessing the local environment to develop a unique program at Inverloch.

"Our program is play based that provides opportunities for children to play, explore and discover, use their imagination, build, and create, negotiate, solve problems, and make decisions for themselves in a fun and natural environment," said Kellie.

"Our program is culturally inclusive and focuses on outdoor learning both in and out of the centre, a great example of this is our beach kinder program. We looked at world

best practices using the Forest School program from England which we then modified to our local community creating our Beach Kinder program.

"The beach kinder program supports children learning in their local community and teaches them to respect the environment. This program also provides a collaborative partnership with the local community and along with other community experiences we engage in at the centre such as visiting the local library, Auskick programs and our community garden provides learning opportunities outside of the centre.

"We have also partnered with the South Gippsland Conservation Society to plant trees each year," Mrs Sage said.

Early learning staff are provided with the opportunity to train, and the support they need to enhance their skills while also spending as much time as possible with the children.

"Our centre uses an online platform to document children's learning as well as required forms minimising paper-based ones allowing for more time with the children," said Aleesha.

"Programming time is provided to all educators throughout the week to ensure a strong high-quality program is delivered to the children," she said.

"Our state-of-the-art extension has allowed

us to create an age appropriate 3-year-old and 4-year-old kindergarten program and space. The kindergarten space includes a large under cover area that promotes outdoor play all year round and the design of the outdoor play space allows for the children to engage in risky play such as with the rock wall and climbing ropes.

"During our extension we also created a training space which allows our educators to participate in group professional development opportunities and team building as well as collaborate with each other outside of work hours," said Aleesha.

"Upcoming works include an air purge system which maintains the quality of fresh air in the centre and an additional under-cover space being built in our existing play area."

Director Angela Webster said Inverloch Childcare takes a collegial approach to developing professionally.

"Our service has a philosophy of open communication and input from our employees in a supportive environment with 360° reviews as part of our training program," said Angela.

"We engage the services of experienced highly regarded external consultants to deliver best-practice training to our educators."

"Educators are supported with any career progression opportunities to meet individual aspirations. We have experienced educators and teachers that are keen to impart their knowledge and skills to new team members," said Angela.

Team Leader Chloe Cope who has been at the Centre since it began says. "I love working at Inverloch Childcare. It's fun, supportive and allows me to experience different learning opportunities every day."

"Working with Children has always been my passion, I am always learning from the children and just love being around them. It's a great place to work with a really supportive team," said educator Fiona Britt

And as much as finding good early learning educators is a challenge, so can finding somewhere to live in such a popular coastal area which is why Inverloch Childcare also offers relocating incentives for eligible candidates.

So, Bass Coast and South Gippsland is a great place to live, Inverloch Childcare is a wonderful place to work and early childhood education is an extremely rewarding career.

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- The opportunity to work in a state-of-the-art centre.
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Is it broken? You can fix it

AFTER a two month break over the holiday season, the Wonthaggi Fixit Café volunteers are ready to tackle repairs to household items or beloved treasures that no longer function as they should.

If you can carry it (no large appliances) and you have registered your repair with the staff of Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House, come along on Sunday, February 19 and enjoy a chat over a coffee and cake while waiting for your allotted time with a Fixer.

Approximately 30 minutes is allowed for each repair and the Café runs from 11am to 1pm.

The type of fixing which is usually available is electrical, sewing (small repairs), carpentry, sharpening, and clock repairs. Sometimes customers leave with useful advice or a referral, and if you have an unusual item we will do our best to find someone to help, but it may mean waiting for another session of Fixit.

We will weigh your item to see how much you are saving from going into landfill. It does add up! There is no fee for this service, but a donation is always appreciated, if possible.

The Fixit Café takes place at the Harvest Centre accessible from the back of Big W carpark, past the Goods Shed; and is an activity of Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre in conjunction with the Wonthaggi Men's Shed.

To register your repair telephone 5672 3731 or call in at Mitchell House, next to Apex Park.

Planning for new Korumburra IGA

WHILE the site of the planned Michael's Supa IGA Korumburra supermarket, which includes the land currently occupied by the town's library, isn't set to be vacated until June 30 this year, there are extensive preparations taking place in the background.

Korumburra IGA's operations manager Dom D'Agostino said those preparations have included engaging with builders and seeking tenders.

However, some requirements can't be dealt with until the supermarket owners take possession of their new site.

"There's a bit of rezoning that needs to take place," Dom said, explaining that it related to roads.

"Some of those items that need to be done can't be finalised until we take physical possession of the property," he said.

In the meantime, discussions are already taking place on plans and design ideas.

The new supermarket building will overcome constraints resulting from the inadequate size of the current site, enabling the operators to broaden their range of stock.

It will be "a brand-new state of the art facility that people can come to and enjoy their shopping experiences," Dom said.

He added that improved lighting will be a further positive of the new building.

Dom noted that organising commitments from builders has been challenging in the current environment with the rapid escalation of building material costs.

Outside parties will handle the design and construction phase of the development, guided by desired flow and appearance, with the supermarket owners involved in project management.

"We'll have more of an involvement when it comes to the fit-out stage of the building," Dom said.

South Gippsland Shire Council stated that, "The business has an active planning permit for the development, although final plans will need to be submitted and endorsed prior to works commencing."

Dom said that having a constructive relationship with the current council has been crucial for such a large-scale project to get off the ground.



While Korumburra Secondary College's A-wing has provided grand service over more than 60 years, it has made way for progress.

Embracing the future at Korumburra Secondary

WHILE there are many fond memories of time spent in Korumburra Secondary College's A-wing building, acting principal John Wilson said there is great excitement about the future as the old structure makes way for progress.

Demolition works have been taking place recently as the school holidays near an end, with A-wing classrooms, the library, Flexible Learning Centre and the B-wing toilets farewellled.

However, the general office area, staff room and wellbeing area will stay, with recent redesign and revitalisation having occurred in those locations.

While the middle part of A-wing was rebuilt after a 1993 fire, other parts of the structure date back to 1958 when the school was first established

at its current site.

Acting principal John said some of the school's staff and parents have been reflecting on their time as students at KSC, recalling their memories of A-wing and incredible stories associated with each of its rooms.

"I've heard people talk about the room we called 87; it had a life which included being a woodwork room originally, was the library at one stage, and during my time at the school an IT office, and we used it as a staff room during our rebuild of the STEAM building," John said.

A teacher recently shared memories with him of room 86 having been a typing room back in the late 1980s, with rows of typewriters for students to learn touch typing.

"Their memory of that room

was of the teacher who would walk up and down the rows with a ruler and make sure everyone's posture was perfect, and if anyone started typing before she said 'Go', you'd cop a knock over the back of the knuckles with the ruler," John said.

The acting principal spoke of the generations who went through the A-wing in its long lifetime.

"People are happy to recount their memories, but contemporary teaching and learning spaces have well and truly moved passed what that was," John said.

"It was a long dark hallway with classrooms coming off it that were too hot in summer and too cold in winter."

He said former students have shared memories of cramped

conditions as they battled to access lockers at recess and lunch time.

"People are happy for the school to move on and as people see our new buildings the more excited they're becoming," John said.

Staff moved into the new facility after classes in 2022 concluded and will be back on January 27 to finish setting up, with term one getting underway on February 1.

John expressed his appreciation of all staff and students and their ability to adjust to the challenges as the school has evolved.

He said staff members Brendan Kellow and Bec Anthony have taken charge of managing the fine details of moving to ensure nothing is missing when students return.



Wendy Sheppard, wife of model train member Jack, demonstrated the intricate work involved in a model railway layout.



Visiting enthusiast Ted Allen of Sunshine, puts one of his railway layouts on show at Cowes.



President of the Phillip Island and District Railway Modellers, Geoff Newman, at the model train show in Cowes last weekend.

They're not just 'playing trains'

WHEN President of the Phillip Island and District Railway Modellers, Geoff Newman, said last weekend that his members and other model railway enthusiasts aren't "just playing trains" he wasn't kidding.

It might surprise you to know that while they'll see grand historic trains like the iconic Flying Scotsman, America's California Zephyr and even Australia's own Indian Pacific rolling around on train sets, there's a lot more that goes on behind the scenes.

Take visiting enthusiast Ted Allan from Sunshine for example, at Phillip Island on the weekend for the annual model train show.

Although he's been "playing trains" for almost 60 years, he

used a 3-D printer and computer to print out the trains, carriages, buildings and even the painted façades for his Edgington Quay Model Train creation that was on show at the weekend.

"There's groceries in the shops, a model train club of course and even drunks in the pub of this little imagined town as the train goes around," said Ted.

As well as mounting their annual exhibition, which they've been doing at various venues around the town, for almost 20 years now, the Phillip Island Railway Modellers are now building a intricate model railway in their clubrooms, using all of the available technology.

"Many of the trains have a

digital chip in them and you can run them from your smart phone with all the sound, lights, whistles and working signals of a real railway and there's a lot of technology that goes into a setup like that," said Geoff.

"You'd be surprised. But the beauty of being in a group like this is that there's always someone who knows how to do it who can help."

"Look, I don't expect we'll ever finish this one, at least I hope not, but we'll have a lot of fun trying."

The weekend's event was mostly about providing visitors to Phillip Island with something extra to do, especially if the weather chased them off the beach. But it also attracted plenty of enthusiasts

happy to demonstrate, not only how to run a model railway but also how to build one.

Wendy Sheppard was one of those (happily) pressed into action by her member husband Jack, demonstrating how to paint and prepare the characters and buildings which populate a model railway scene.

Husband Jack has developed a machine to press metal into corrugated iron for roofs and fences.

If you want to know more, or are interested in joining the Phillip Island and District Railway Modellers, simply turn up at the Phillip Island Senior Citizens Clubrooms, 6 Lions Court Cowes at 1pm of a Sunday or go to their website at piadrm.com



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Parks pandemic recovery continues with steady growth

THE Phillip Island Nature Parks' Board met at the end of 2022 on Phillip Island (Morrowl) to review the management and success of the park over the past year and Chair of the Board, Kevin Love is optimistic about the growth for 2023.

Visitation

The Nature Parks experienced strong growth in visitation this financial year, resulting in the organisation reaching 72 per cent of its pre-COVID revenue from admissions within the financial year to November. The Board was pleased with this result, which was substantially above budget expectations. Attendance at the Nature Parks sites from international visitors now represents 23 per cent of the Nature Parks total visitation.

Penguin Parade Boardwalks – Contractor appointment

The Penguin Parade Boardwalks and Viewing Stands Redevelopment project commenced earlier in the year with \$5M in funding from the Regional Tourism Investment Fund. Following the completion and endorsement of the project Probit Plan, a request for tender for the construction of the funded stage of this project closed in late November. The Board reviewed the process undertaken and endorsed Management's recommendation to enter into contract negotiations with the preferred tenderer. The tender appointment will be announced once contract negotiations have been completed.

Ticketing systems

The Nature Parks have commenced the search for a ticketing system that can efficiently and effectively process sales for entry to each of its sites and to help support the management of sales and promotions. The Board received an update on this project and noted the importance of the ticketing system for the organisation's growth. The request for tender process had been conducted and the evaluation of the tenders was still underway at the time of the Board's meeting in December.

Former Rhyll Landfill – Site management

The Nature Parks is the land manager of the former landfill at Rhyll, which is currently leased to Bass Coast Shire Council to manage the remediation of this site following its closure as a landfill site in 1997. The Board received an update on the management of this site and were

pleased with the most recent environmental report. The Board noted that the Bass Coast Shire Council continue to be proactive managers of this former landfill site.

Strategic planning

The board came together with management and reviewed the Nature Parks strategy for 2021-23 (Future Directions Summary). Over a day, management and the Board discussed current initiatives, challenges and considered opportunities for 2023-24. It was acknowledged throughout the day that the organisation would maintain focus on staffing and recovery activities for a further 12 months before revisiting its longer-term strategy.

Animal ethics committee – annual report

The Board noted the Animal Ethics Committee's Annual Report for 2022 at its December meeting. The Animal Ethics Committee approved three new projects and oversaw 23 continuing or finished projects.

Risk management

The Board continue to actively monitor the Nature Parks' key risks and in November and December the Board received an update on cyber security risks and the fire risk across the Nature Parks' reserves. The Board noted that the fire risk period is expected to be delayed due to the unusually cool and wet weather experienced in November and December. Fire preparedness activities at the Nature Parks' reserves will progress as reserves dry out enough to enable works to go ahead.

Wildlife management

The Board discussed the Phillip Island Wildlife Plan and acknowledged that the Steering Committee is preparing to report on the first 12 months of implementation early in the New Year. The Board also acknowledged the concerns within the local community caused by increased wildlife incidents. This is putting pressure on community wildlife rescue volunteers as well as the resources for wildlife rescue activities by Nature Parks. The Nature Parks operates a Wildlife Clinic with rescue operations from 7am to 4pm and a drop off service until the close time of the Penguin Parade. Whilst the Board doesn't have the capacity to increase resources to wildlife rescue activities, it noted that management would work with key partners to consider options for improvements within current resources.



Koalas are in the midst of breeding season and as the weather warms koalas will start to sit lower in trees making them easier to spot.



A successful surgery followed by a period of rehabilitation saw the release of a kookaburra who had a break in its wing from the Wildlife Clinic.



Hooded Plovers are busy breeding along the beaches and beachgoers are reminded to avoid nesting areas including high tide lines and sand dunes.

Know your Nature Parks this summer

SUMMER is a wonderful time on Morrowl (Phillip Island), with wildlife in breeding mode and migratory birds feeding and breeding on our shores.

In The Skies

• Birdlife
Hooded Plovers are busy breeding along the Island's beaches. Rangers monitor the nests daily and provide signage and refuge for the birds to give them the best chance of survival. At this time of year, please check for signage at your beach which will give you an update on the birds and how you can help to share our beaches with wildlife. Migratory birds are feeding and breeding on our shores including sandpipers, curlews, godwits, plovers, knots and stints. Pacific gulls bring their chicks from the islands off Wilsons Promontory to feed. These large gulls reach maturity at approximately four years of age and are listed as significant fauna in the Nature Parks because of their colonial nesting habits.

• Short-tailed Shearwater Honeymoon

After completing their journey from Alaska's Bering Strait and returning to Phillip Island to renovate their burrow and mate, the Short-tailed Shearwaters have now completed another epic feeding trip to waters around Antarctica. This two-week honeymoon is important to build up fat reserves before the female lays one egg and the male takes the first incubation shift. They then share the approximate eight-week incubation duty in their sand dune burrows, swapping shifts that go for about 10-14 days each.

On The Ground

• Echidnas
Echidnas are out and about. Please be careful when driving as they may sometimes cross a road! Keep your distance and make sure your dog is on a leash. Echidnas have been spotted on camera accessing the echidna gates installed along the rabbit exclusion fence at Surf Beach.

In The Trees

• Koalas
The koalas at the Koala Conservation Reserve are currently in the midst of the breeding season. The males in the boardwalks have been very active, with lots of bellowing keeping the visitors amused. A new breeding area is home to three females and one male. The male, Wirra, is only three years old and not yet fully grown and is meeting his match with the females in the area, often backing away after an encounter.

On Our Shores and In Our Waters

Huge swells change the coastline almost daily and wash up treasures along the high tide line and Goose Necked Barnacles are found on beach-washed cuttlebones and timber. Southern Right Whales approach the coast on their migration south.

• Penguins First Fledging

A record number of Phillip Island's little penguins have crossed the Penguin Parade beach during their nightly journey from the ocean to their burrows. Rangers counted 5440 little penguins making the journey from the ocean to their burrows on Saturday October 22 beating the previous record of 5219 in May 2022. The breeding season is well underway, with Nature Parks research staff closely monitoring the breeding colony. Unfortunately, while conditions were looking great back in October, in November conditions for penguins took a turn with the adults having to make longer foraging trips at sea to fish, resulting in quite a few breeding failures. If you find a dead penguin on the beach, you can record the details here: naturepark-sresearch.com.au/beachwashed/

• Seal Rocks news

Late October marked the beginning of the annual breeding season with huge bull seals arriving, bulked up and ready to fight to protect their territory and harem of females.

Females have weaned their pup from last summer to prepare for the birth of their new pup. From November through December, around 4,000 pups are born on Seal Rocks and many die in the first month of life, some from being washed off the rocks. Weaning is a difficult time for yearling seals because not all are able to survive when they leave their mother and become independent. Over the next few months, you are more likely to see live or dead (mostly young) seals on our beaches. If alive, the best thing we can do is let it rest. Regulations state that, if you encounter a seal on a beach or in the water that you must keep 30 metres away and if you have your dog on leash, you must keep 50 metres away thank you for doing your part to share our shores.

• Salps on Beaches

It's common in spring to notice glistening scatters of tiny, diamond-shaped clear objects along the high tide line. Many people think they are jellyfish, but they are a kind of sea squirt known as a salp. Salps are marine animals that feed by filtering plankton and algae and move using one of the most efficient examples of jet propulsion in the animal kingdom. They also have a complex life cycle, growing so fast that they can grow to maturity in 48 hours and are thought to be the fastest-growing multicellular animal on Earth, increasing their body length by up to 10 per cent per hour. This quick turnaround time enables salps to take advantage of algal blooms, increasing their population size rapidly when there is a sudden abundance of food. These animals play an important role in cycling nutrients through the different depth zones of the ocean and also provide food for Phillip Island's birds along the shores.

If you find injured wildlife, you can call Phillip Island Nature Parks on 5951 2800 or Wildlife Victoria (24 hours / 7 days a week) on 8400 7300.



Launch of the sailing drone at the Newhaven pier on Friday morning with PINP CEO Catherine Basterfield, Associate Professor Jonas Hentati-Sundberg from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences - a partner on the project, Mayor Michael Whelan, Jane Jobe of PINP Board, Chair Board PINP Kevin Love, French ambassador, Jordan Crugnale MP, and Associate Professor Andre Chiaradia, PINP Marine Scientist. Z05_0423

Australian first sailing drone ready to explore penguin feeding grounds

RESEARCHERS at Phillip Island Nature Parks will have a clearer picture of the underwater world of the Little Penguin, thanks to a new, high-tech, sailing drone on loan from the French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), which will help map the penguin foraging grounds for the first time.

The sailing drone will survey the waters off Phillip Island, collecting vital information on water temperature, fish abundance and salinity. It sends sound to the bottom of the ocean, and the echo is translated into images, which will be used by scientists in future research.

The two-metre-long sailing drone, acquired by the lead scientist of the project, Dr Claire Saraux from CNRS, is the result of a partnership between Phillip Island Nature Parks, CNRS, the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences and the Penguin Foundation.

It is fitted with an echosounder to give a live picture of what predators and prey lie under the water.

Phillip Island Nature Parks' Marine Scientist Associate Professor Andre Chiaradia said information collected by the sailing drone will be an invaluable asset for penguin research now and future studies into the health of the marine environment around Phillip Island.

"There is a need to improve our knowledge of penguins and other marine species. The sailing drone will give us crucial information for marine spatial planning and conservation," he said.

"This is an exciting project for us. It's technology we haven't had access to before, and it will change how we manage research and conservation projects for our penguin population.

"We do not have accurate information on prey composition and availability in the marine systems because direct prey data collection is difficult and expensive, usually requiring research vessels with the prohibitive cost of shipping time."

The sailing drone sets out to



Associate Professor Jonas Hentati-Sundberg from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Ben Taylor from Keil Maritime and PINP Andre launching the sailing drone off the Newhaven pier on Friday morning. Z06_0423



PINP ranger Mitch Burrows with Associate Professor Jonas Hentati-Sundberg directing the sailing drone into the sea at Newhaven jetty. Z07_0423

solve these problems. It is an autonomous drone, powered by wind and currents to sail and solar panels to steer and power the sensors. Dr Claire Saraux from the French National Centre for Scientific Research is the principal investigator in the sailing drone project.

"The drone will autonomously collect data during several breeding seasons, giving us insights on environmental variability over time and crucial information to help us manage the food supply of little penguins in the future," she said.

Associate Professor Jonas Hentati-Sundberg from the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences is a partner on the project.

"By using green energy, the

sailing drone will survey, for the first time, the foraging areas of little penguins on Phillip Island. The drone is equipped with several high-resolution environmental sensors and will collect data on water temperature, salinity, and chlorophyll," he said.

French PhD student Lilia Guillet will operate the drone as part of her studies.

"Not only will we see the different types of fish under the water, but we will also see the quantity of fish. This can help scientists to know what food is available in the foraging zone of little penguins," Ms Guillet said.

The sailing drone will collect data and information for three years.



Spectacular scenery will not disappoint along the George Bass Coastal Walk.

Ranger Matt's favourite escapes

THE school holidays may be drawing to a close but with a public holiday and sunny skies still plentiful there has never been a better time to head outdoors and venture in your own backyard.

1. George Bass Coastal Walk (Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park)

The George Bass Coastal Walk is approximately 7km long and takes around two hours to complete (one way) from Punchbowl Road to Kilcunda.

With rugged, ever-changing coastal views, you never know what you will view on a given day. From calm, crisp and clear water to windy ocean swells – the walk features breathtaking sights of cliff faces and remote beaches. From different sections along the walk, you will see Phillip Island's Cape Woolamai and the stunning Wonthaggi Coastline.

This walk is most enjoyable on a cool to mild day, as there is limited shade along the walk. Make sure you carry plenty of food and water and wear sturdy walking shoes. Dogs are permitted on the walk, but they must be always on a lead.

Halfway along the walk you will cross Sandy Waterhole Beach, home to the vulnerable Hooded Plover, a cute little beach-nesting bird. You can help this bird by staying away from the dunes and temporarily fenced areas around nesting sites.

2. Wonthaggi Heathland (Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park)

The Wonthaggi Heathland is one of the area's hidden gems.

It is very diverse, with a wide variety of vegetation communities, including wet and dry heath, coastal scrub, wetlands and woodland environments.

The thing I love most about the heathlands is its diversity of native plants and animals so close to the coast. You can find yourself surrounded by wildflowers and the sound of birds or tucked away in the coastal scrub listening to the sounds of the ocean.

There are many tracks and trails throughout the heathland, which can be accessed from Chisholm Road and the end of Reed Crescent in Wonthaggi. The track and trail network in the heathland is quite extensive. I'd suggest carrying plenty of food and water and using a mapping program on your phone to keep an eye on your location throughout the walk to ensure you make it back to your car safely. Dogs are permitted on the walk, but they must be always on a lead.

3. Screw Creek - Townsend Bluff Estuary Walk (Anderson Inlet Coastal Res.)

One of the area's most popular short walks, the Screw Creek – Townsend Bluff Estuary Walk takes you along the edge of a pristine estuarine environment up to a beautiful vantage point on top of the bluff with views over Anderson Inlet, Point Smythe and Venus Bay.

This is a short walk, but sturdy footwear is recommended. Along your journey, you will encounter healthy stands of mangroves, saltmarsh, and estuarine wetland environments and notice the ever-changing colours of Screw Creek and Anderson Inlet.

If you visit on a windy day, I recommend taking time to watch the grass tussocks along the southern side of the screw bridge move in the wind.

The best location to access the walk is from the carpark located at the eastern end of the Inverloch Foreshore Caravan Park. Dogs are allowed on a lead on the designated walking track, but not on the adjoining beach, which is an important area for beach nesting birds.

4. Eagles Nest (Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park)

Eagles Nest is one of the region's most visited locations for good reason. Found within Bunurong Marine National Park, this location is home to a unique rock stack, that can be viewed from several locations along the Bunurong Coast and is popular with photographers.

The best place to view this rock stack is from the lookout at the southern point of Eagles Nest. The site is incredible at low tide, as you can explore the extensive rock platform, rock pools and look at the diverse marine life in the area.

Located within the Marine National Park, this area is a no-take zone, so nothing except your rubbish can be taken from this location. Please don't bring your furry friends – dogs are not permitted at this site.

5. Shack Bay (Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park)

Shack Bay is found within the Bunurong Marine National Park, and named after the site's former coastal shacks, that were built during a Wonthaggi Coalmining Strike and dismantled in 1977.

Shack Bay is home to a beautiful marine environment and beach, that is surrounded by towering, weathered cliffs. It's a great spot to view the western side of the Eagles Nest rock stack.

On your walk to the site's lookout, you will walk past some beautiful She-oaks before discovering an amazing view which looks across the protected embayment and cliffs.

Australia Day 2023

EVENT PROGRAM



DUMBALK

6.00pm - 9.30pm Australia Day BBQ

Dumbalk Memorial Park

- BYO food, drinks and chairs
- Children's activities

Contact: Walter Aich 0419 559 367

FOSTER

1.00pm - 3.00pm Australia Day Celebrations

Outside the Museum, Main Street

- Celebrating migration to South Gippsland with International food, music and children's activities
- Prizes for children dressed in costume with a parade at 2.00pm

Contact: Prue Fleming 0418 775 717

KONGWAK

8.30am - 10.30am Australia Day Breakfast

Kongwak Public Hall

- Flag raising ceremony
- Guest Speaker: Mat Bowtell. Founder of Free 3D Hands, Mat designs and makes open-source prosthetic devices for those who cannot afford them

Contact: Burt Blackburn 0408 036 147

KORUMBURRA

12.30pm - 3.00pm Australia Day BBQ and Activities

Coleman Park, 39 Queen Street, Korumburra

- Flag raising ceremony
- Live music - Wonthaggi Citizen's Band, Jess Poulson and Chris and Jaron Natoli
- Recognition of South Gippsland award nominees
- Face painting and balloon artist
- Sausage sizzle

Contact: Shirley Cowling 0400 976 248

LEONGATHA

8.30am - 10.30am Australia Day BBQ and Activities

McIndoe Park, Turner Street

- Citizenship ceremony
- Children's activities
- Free sausage sizzle and lamingtons
- Music by South Gippsland Shire Brass Band and Jennifer Holm
- Guest Speaker: Neil Warren from Leongatha SES will talk about the recent floods and emergency response

Contact: Leonnie McCluskey 0400 153 092

Leongatha Rotary Art Show

Free admission on Australia Day. Afternoon tea from 2.00pm to 4.00pm with live band 'The Up Beats'

MEENIYAN

9.00am - 11.00am Australia Day Breakfast Activities

Meeniyah Hall, Whitelaw Street

- Flag raising and presentation ceremony acknowledging our Meeniyah award nominees
- Entertainment by the Black Notes
- Guest speaker
- Readings from local identities and the Meeniyah Primary School
- Free Meeniyah muffin breakfast by the CFA
- Cuppa by the CWA

Contact: Tarnya Wilson 0427 647 473

MIRBOO NORTH

10.30am Australia Day Celebration and Morning Tea

Walter J. Tuck Recreation Reserve, Strzelecki Highway

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

Contact: Heather Butler 0458 678 869

11.00am - 7.00pm Australia Day at the Pool

Mirboo North Pool, Jordan Way

- Entry with gold coin donation
- Live music
- Food trucks
- Pool inflatable

Contact: Mary Baker 0417 148 619

TARWIN LOWER

12.00pm - 2.00pm Australia Day BBQ

At the long table, Tarwin River Boat Ramp

Adults \$10, Children \$5

- BBQ: Sausages and burgers with onions, bread and salad
- River Duck Races
- Wood raffle - drawn on day
- Classic and veteran vehicles on display
- All proceeds will go to the Tarwin Lower Mechanics Institute Memorial Hall towards the weatherboard replacement project

Contact: Lisa Breen 0412 105 004

VENUS BAY

9.00am - 12.00pm Australia Day Breakfast

Venus Bay Surf Lifesaving Club

- Free Australia Day breakfast
- Flag raising ceremony
- Entertainment

Contact: Robyn Kaye 0419 898 937

WELSHPOOL

11.00am - 2.00pm Australia Day Family Day

Welshpool Park

- BBQ
- Children's yard games
- Jumping castle
- Raffle prizes drawn on day

Contact: Madelaine Mason 0409 976 211

Australia Day Photography Competition

The winners of the South Gippsland Australia Day Photography Competition will be announced via a virtual YouTube premiere on Australia Day at 5.00pm

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Australia Day

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Volunteer to the Max

POPULAR Leongatha and former Welshpool identity, Max Wood, was named South Gippsland Shire Council's Citizen of the Year in Meeniyan on Wednesday, recognising his ongoing and immense contribution to the Leongatha Men's Shed.

Having helped establish Leongatha Men's Shed in 2012, he is currently its president and oversaw the recent move to a new shed, and the committed fundraising that made it possible.

Max has been a passionate community volunteer since joining his local fire brigade aged just 15, with his 39 years of service to the Welshpool CFA one of his many unpaid endeavours.

He has belonged to an array of committees, including the Welshpool Tennis Club, Port Welshpool Museum and Welshpool Golf Club, also performing boundary, and later, goal umpiring duties for Welshpool Football Club.

When Max and wife Rosemary retired from dairy farming in 1989 and moved to Leongatha, his contribution as a volunteer continued to thrive, joining the committees of Woorayl Golf Club and the South Gippsland Golf Classic.

In recent years, Max's energy has been devoted to Leongatha Men's Shed.

One of his five daughters, Jodie Duckworth, said it has played an important role in keeping him active following a serious car accident seven years ago in which he lost Rosemary after 52 years of marriage.

Max hasn't allowed injuries that resulted in reduced mobility and the loss of an eye to hold him back.

After saying he doesn't know how he came to receive the honour of Citizen of the Year and that his voluntary contributions to many organisations have never been for personal accolades, Max paid a moving tribute to his mates at Leongatha Men's Shed.

"I'd like to thank my colleagues in the Men's Shed. I'm a bit emotional about those silly guys," he said as tears flowed.

Max reflected on the immense achievement the men made, with community support, in building on a \$60,000 State Government grant and \$15,000 from South Gippsland Shire Council to raise the remaining funds required for the \$400,000 shed that officially opened in October at Leongatha



South Gippsland Citizen of the Year Max Wood with daughter Jodie Duckworth and grandson Aaron. A15_0423

Recreation Reserve.

He expressed pride in the quality of the building and the success with which the job was completed during a challenging period.

Max offered a simple explanation of his lengthy devotion to community, even while he and Rosemary raised their daughters and worked hard on the farm.

"It's inbuilt into my generation to help," he said.

Daughter Jodie played an important role in Max receiving deserved recognition, conducting thorough research to support her nomination of him for the Citizen of the Year honour.

Given his modesty and lack of desire to seek accolades, Max took convincing to allow a nomination to be submitted, but with the opening of the new Leongatha Men's Shed, Jodie was adamant the time was right.

Max was up against a strong field of nominees.

Mirboo North's Janine Alexander is credited with ensuring the town's footy and netball club and recreation reserve made it through the pandemic in a strong position. She oversaw the construction of the Mirboo North Medical Centre

by the Mirboo North and District Community Foundation, as part of a subcommittee, helping the project be delivered on budget despite increasing manufacturing costs and construction constraints.

Meeniyan's Clive Hope has been an enthusiastic community volunteer since shortly after his 1981 arrival in the town. His efforts liaising with South Gippsland Water during the pandemic resulted in the establishment of a bird hide on the Great Southern Rail Trail, showcasing the Meeniyan Wastewater Treatment Plant wetlands. His devotion to community has included contributions at Meeniyan Tennis Club, Meeniyan Sports Stadium, as well as the local hall committee and Meeniyan Progress Association, also having been chairman of the town's Australia Day committee.

Ben Ellis of Korumburra hasn't been in the town a long time but has made a positive impact at Korumburra Botanic Park. That includes helping secure funding to make improvements, identification of plants and weeds in the park and improving its safety for users. He has run working bees that involved specialists in native plants and Landcare volunteers.

Celebrating all that is Australian in South Gippsland

THERE'LL be a strong local focus to Australia Day celebrations across South Gippsland Shire, with breakfasts, barbecues, flag raising ceremonies and guest speakers taking place, as well as a citizenship ceremony.

Live music will add to the atmosphere for a number of the shire's communities.

While some Melbourne councils have stamped out Australia Day citizenship ceremonies, Leongatha still offers the chance for migrants who now call South Gippsland home to become Aussies on the national day.

There has been an enthusiastic take up of that opportunity with 22 people booking in to be naturalised on Australia Day, five of those children.

The soon-to-be Aussies come from a wide range of countries, the Philippines, England, India, Ireland, the Netherlands, Fiji, Hong Kong, Scotland, and New Zealand.

In addition to the citizenship ceremony, McIndoe Park will come alive to the sounds of the South Gippsland Shire Brass Band, with attendees enjoying traditional Australian delights in the form of a free sausage sizzle and lamingtons.

Migration to South Gippsland will be the focus of Corner Inlet's Australia Day celebration, with international food, music and children's activities featured and the chance for kids in costume to win prizes during an afternoon parade.

Korumburra will recognise its South Gippsland award nominees during its Coleman Park event, with live music, singing and flag raising among the entertainment.

Mirboo North's celebrations will be on an impressive scale, kicking off with a morning tea event at Walter J. Tuck Recreation Reserve, with Mirboo North's South Gippsland Citizen of the Year nominees acknowledged.

Eight hours of action follow at Mirboo North Pool, including live music, food trucks and a pool inflatable.

Gippsland Celtic rock band The Reel Deal will present traditional songs in a modern manner and newer Celtic music.

Borderline perform a range of covers and the band's own compositions, featuring great instrumental work and strong blended harmonies.

Young Wonthaggi singer Deanne Battaglia-Van Dillen will perform, having won Mirboo North Idol in 2017.

Family is the key focus at Welshpool, with yard games, jumping castle and face painting.

Kongwak Public Hall hosts an Australia Day breakfast and flag raising ceremony, with guest speaker Mat Bowtell who designs and makes prosthetic devices providing them free to those who can't afford them.

Meeniyan will hold a flag raising ceremony, acknowledge its local South Gippsland Award nominees, and feature a guest speaker and readings.

Attendees will enjoy a free muffin breakfast run by the CFA, accompanied by a cuppa from the CWA, with entertainment provided by the Black Notes.

Tarwin Lower's long table at the town's Tarwin River boat ramp will be the centre of action for a barbecue, rubber duck races and classic and veteran vehicle display.

The celebratory event will raise funds for the Tarwin Lower Mechanics Institute.

Australia Day action in Venus Bay unsurprisingly centres on a coastal setting at the town's surf lifesaving club, with a free breakfast, flag raising ceremony and entertainment.

Entrants in South Gippsland Shire Council's Australia Day Photography Competition will find out how they went with winners to be announced at 5pm through a YouTube telecast.

Viewers will be able to see the work of the finalists, learning how they have interpreted the theme of Australia Day: Reflect, Respect, Celebrate We're all part of the story.



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Stalwarts of the annual Kilcunda Lobster Festival, Jy Hart and Terry Miller partake in the community event on Kilcunda foreshore.



Volunteer of the Kilcunda Lobster Festival, Paul Burke assisted the Kilcunda community association with their annual event.

Kilcunda Lobster Festival returns for their 37th year

THE community are invited to join the Kilcunda community association for the 37th annual Kilcunda Lobster Festival on the town foreshore on Sunday, January 29 with market stalls, live music, and amusement rides to entertain the entire family.

The first incarnation of the festival was the 'Back to Kilcunda' weekend long event held in 1984 as part of Victoria's 150th anniversary celebrations and the Kilcunda Lobster Festival was born the following year after good supply of

lobster was available from the waters of Kilcunda and from fisherman in San Remo.

President of the Kilcunda community association, Andrea Bolch said the town gathered to welcome back past residents, miners, and school students to the town of Kilcunda after the local school was closed – miners would dress in their uniform, community members dressed in period costume – parading down the main street.

"The three-day event brought people back to the small town, they would partake in a bush dance at the local hall and children would dress up and ride their bikes down the main road," said Andrea.

"It's no longer a three-day event but the annual festival continues again in 2023, welcoming the community to gather after unprecedented cancellations, and the historical spinning wheel remains the highlight of the festival, with the chance to win a freshly cooked lobster."

The day is run 100 percent by volunteers who have organised over 40 market stall holders showcasing their range of foodstuffs, wine, gin, whiskey, jewellery, clothing, homewares and metal art.

Throughout the day, the crowd will be treated with emergency service displays, children's face painting, and Rain, Hayne & Shine farmyard who will be on the foreshore grounds, giving the children a hands-on experience with friendly farm animals.

Crowd entertainment includes rides from Summer Amusement and performances from musicians Paul and Tom, followed by Eric Collier, and Mojo Jacket.

A smoking ceremony by proud Traditional Owner Steven Ulula Parker from Millowl Dreaming will commence at 11.30am welcoming the community to Country.

"Throughout the day we will be selling lobsters supplied by San Remo Fisherman's Co-op, as well as lobster lunches and prawn rolls, plus a classics BBQ tent," said Andrea.

With an event held on the Bass Coast coastline, the association are working closely with sponsorships from Bass Coast Shire Council, Bendigo Bank and Westernport Water to manage the waste at the public event with guided waste stations – a system that will significantly reduce the amount of waste that ends up in landfill.

"At our last festival held in 2020 with the efforts of the volunteers involved in the festival and the Bass Coast Shire Council, we diverted 54% per cent of our waste from landfill. Festival goers filled two organics bins and ten recycling bins - of which had zero contamination," said Andrea.

"It was a significant reduction in waste to landfill and we want to improve that effort this year by again using hydration stations – so we're encouraging everyone to bring their own water bottles to re-fill and re-use. Thanks to the support from Westernport Water."

As part of the drive to reduce the use of single use plastics, the San Remo Fisherman's Co-op will replace the polystyrene containers with re-usable containers filled with ice for fresh Lobster delivery.

The spinning wheel will be on the back of the truck with tickets available from \$4 or three for \$10 – each spin is a winner, and one lucky winner will walk away with a lovely freshly cooked lobster.

The festival will run from 10am until 3pm on the Kilcunda foreshore on Sunday, January 29, for more information visit the Kilcunda Lobster Festival on Facebook or visit kilcunda.org.au

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Tea Cosy Festival marks another success

THE widespread popularity of the Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival, which attracts visitors from around Australia and promotes the town's friendliness, vibrancy and creativity, culminated in it earning 'Community Event of the Year' status for South Gippsland.

Wednesday night's announcement in Meeniyan delighted the festival's enthusiastic volunteers.

The event's president Marge Arnup and Heather Gibson, one of its founders in 2013, accepted the honour on behalf of all involved.

Heather's starring appearance on ABC program Back Roads has attracted attendees from far and wide and helped ensure any thoughts of easing back into the event after the disruptions of COVID were quickly dismissed by its burgeoning popularity.

Marge expressed the festival organisers' pride in receiving the award, acknowledging all those who run events throughout South Gippsland.

"We share with you the anxiety of making things work well, of getting the volunteers



Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival won the 'Community Event of the Year' for South Gippsland. Back row: Drew and Neil Arnup. Front row: Marge Arnup, and Michelle and Heather Gibson. A13_0423

to come together to do it, and the joy in seeing it come to fruition," Marge said.

Over 170 entries for the 2022 tea cosy competition were received from around Australia and overseas.

Approximately 5200 people attended over the duration of the festival.

As well as the popular tea cosy display in the Fish Creek Memorial Hall, organisers

arranged a successful Guinness Book of Records effort, with the world's largest tea cosy drawing people outdoors despite less-than-ideal weather.

Bringing visitors to South Gippsland outside the traditional tourist season is something the Tea Cosy Festival has achieved, with the increasingly popular festival held in May.

Many causes around Fish

Creek were supported by funds raised during the festival.

Those at South Gippsland Shire Council charged with determining the award winner had a difficult task, with diverse competition from six completely different events.

The long-established Loch Village Market was nominated, as was the debut of 'The Historical and Artistic Perspective of Karmai' that focused on Korumburra's famous worm of that name.

History was also acknowledged with the nomination of the centenary celebration for the Korumburra Cenotaph, a moving event run by the town's RSL sub-branch.

The social phenomena that is 'Brush and Bubbles' organised by Korumburra Lions Club was another contender, alongside another new event, Mirboo North Winterfest, inspired by the town's long-running Arty Gras. It drew over 4000 people in 2022 despite being held on an icy night.

Carols By Glowlight in Meeniyan's Tanderra Park was also recognised for bringing locals and visitors together.



Kira Waldron is South Gippsland Shire Council's Young Citizen of the Year. A04_0423

Kira's community contribution

WEDNESDAY was a busy and rewarding evening for Meeniyan's Kira Waldron who completed her first perfect score in clay pigeon shooting shortly before being named South Gippsland Shire Council's Young Citizen of the Year.

The 16-year-old Mary MacKillop year 10 student is heavily involved in her local community as well as campaigning for those further afield.

She is a passionate part of the Meeniyan Stony Creek Fire Brigade, having volunteered there for four years where she is involved in the junior CFA program.

She said her upbringing has encouraged her to be extensively involved in the community, having a family with a strong commitment to helping others.

Kira spoke of what drives her involvement in the CFA, saying it is an opportunity to help people on what may be their worst day of their lives and be there with them.

"That's where my thought of becoming a paramedic or police officer has kicked in, helping people on their worst days," she said of her future aspirations.

Kira plans to study paramedicine after completing school and aims to join the police force if successful at the academy, something that seems probable given her positive and determined nature.

"I thrive on pressure," Kira said. She also volunteers at the Korumburra Gun Club, and competes at local and state events.

"I shot my first perfect score of 25, so I'm really proud of that," she said, adding that it was a case of one exciting event to the next.

Kira takes an active interest in what is happening in the broader world, having represented Mary MacKillop at the Model United Nations Assembly competition advocating on behalf of Haiti, one of the most impoverished countries in the world.

She also led the entire assembly of 40 students from 15 schools across Victoria to adopt a new resolution to tackle the prevalence of rising sea levels and the potential destruction of small island nations around the world.

Celebrating clubs, organisations, diversity and inclusion

A GATHERING of diversity and inclusion, a chance to reflect, respect and celebrate, a chance to share stories with community members, clubs, organisations and associations.

The Rotary Club of Wonthaggi hosted their first, of hopefully many, annual Australia Day Breakfasts on Saturday, January 21, at The Wonthaggi Club.

Supported by funding from the National Australia Day Council grant, the breakfast was open to the public and attended by many who were soothed by the tunes of Jenny Taylor and caught up with old mates, before president, Nicky Chung and Wonthaggi Fire Brigade Captain, Arnaud Marion, took to the microphone.

Welcoming guests the pair shared their own stories of their journey to Australia before handing over to VFF Vice President Danyel Cucinotta



Guest speaker VFF Vice President Danyel Cucinotta, Wonthaggi Fire Brigade Captain Arnaud Marion, guest speaker Leonie Burke, Deputy Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead, Rotary Wonthaggi President Nicky Chung and Bass Coast Shire Cr Brett Tessari shared their stories and celebrated amongst the community. C04_0423

who spoke about the diverse community that supports agriculture, and safety professional at HVP, Leonie Burke who spoke about her conservative upbringing, time as a nurse and changing direction into the male dominated industry – the challenges yet rewarding opportunities.

"I have been a part of the

Bass Coast Community since 2019 – I love this place," Nicky stated.

"I have lived in many country towns, but none more welcoming than the community has been here. It is a place to be celebrated.

"We are also excited for our community awards event on Thursday at Wonthaggi Arts

Centre," Nicky continued.

"Recognising the amazing people in the community who are selfless, understated and give back for no accolades. They're everywhere (in our community)."

With special guest speakers the event starts at 7.30am on Thursday, January 26, with a community breakfast.

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The Times will headline Thursday's festival at Daly.



Local talent will be showcased with renowned Phillip Islander, Imogen Price taking to the stage.



They may be new to the live-entertainment scene, but Thursday@5 will kick off proceedings at this year's Oz Day at the Daly.

Oz Day at the Daly is back

THE Dalyston Football Club is very pleased that it was again successful in receiving a grant from the National Australia Day Council to hold the Oz Day at the Daly family festival.

The Dalyston Recreation Reserve will come to life as it hosts another great family day on January 26, where the community can reflect, respect and celebrate.

Now in its third year this event showcases quality local talent and creates an affordable, safe day out for families from throughout Bass Coast.

The program from the previous events has been expanded with some new activities and another amazing fireworks display planned to finish off the night.

Once again there will be carnival rides, face painter and other kid's activities together with live bands and a super screen.

Dalyston Football Netball Club president Andy Thomas is rapt with the fantastic community days the previous festivals created, and the great feedback received.

"I loved the sight of the Dalyston families walking through the gates and as the town continues to grow we expect OZ Day to continue to grow also. The car loads of families that made the trip out really appreciated the entertainment, the relaxed atmosphere and room to move on the oval. We are proud of the role the Dalyston Football Netball Club plays in bringing the community together and events such as Oz Day at the Daly build and strengthen this connection."

A key consideration when selecting the bands is to engage local groups and if possible young emerging performers.

The quality of local talent is outstanding and this event continues to give great exposure to these performers.

Oz Day at the Daly is a ticketed event and tickets are now available through Try Booking via <https://trybooking.com/CFAKR>

Local talent on show

In keeping with its intent to promote up and coming local talent emerging local band Thursdays@5 will kick off the entertainment for this year's festival.

Made up of lead singer Jess Geyer, bass guitarist Connor Sim, drummer Daniel Watson, guitarists Thomas Kaldvee and Sam Robson, with Dustan Britt on keyboard and vocals, the band will play a full range of classic rock music.

Forming around two years ago with all members under 20 years of age, the band has been working with local music legend Leigh Owens to hone their skills and are beginning to get more gigs around the district. Lead vocalist Jess Geyer's amazing voice is growing in range, and she is a real emerging talent.

Twenty-year-old singer-songwriter, guitarist and pianist, Imogen Price from Phillip Island will hit the stage with her unique take on indie-folk songs; offering hummable melodies and heart-on-the-sleeve lyrics delivered with her lilting and commanding vocals.

Imogen has performed support sets with Vanessa Amorosi, Wendy Matthews, Russell Morris and Pierce Brothers. Even at the tender age of 21 she has established herself as a very polished performer and continues to develop her craft.

Mark Howard and Dave Manning are the Times and also from Phillip Island. This versatile and dynamic duo plays the best music from the past and present and have performed at festivals and events throughout the region.

Mark and Dave have performed together for many years and have developed an amazing rapport in the community. They are a very popular and experienced outfit and will headline the festival.

Oz Day at the Daly is a ticketed family friendly event at the Dalyston Recreation Reserve on Australia Day. Catered for the Dalyston Football Netball Club it includes children's activities and a 9.30pm fireworks display.

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Crossing the Antarctic Peninsula

This is part three of a series focusing on Peter Bland of Wattle Bank Farm

Parked on an iceberg, Peter and Jay climb up to get a better view of the iceberg maze blocking their way across the Prince Gustav Channel. Photos: Jay Watson.

"THE NEXT big adventure we saw was to attempt the world first crossing of the Antarctic Peninsula," Peter said.

Dividing Chile and Argentina, the Andean Mountain range goes underneath the Southern Ocean in a horseshoe shape, and comes back up as the Antarctic Peninsula, which runs all the way towards the pole.

"Our plan was to be dropped on the eastern side in a 47-foot yacht called Tooluka. Paddle our kayaks to get access to Victory Glacier, which runs at a fairly steady gradient up to 6000 feet and at 6000 feet, up above the clouds, we could just walk on what they called 'The Catwalk' in the 50s – a two-mile wide, narrow strip of land on top of the mountains in the clouds with Western Antarctica on one side and Eastern Antarctica on the other. You walk on this little catwalk to get towards the end of the Peninsula and then drop off on the western side.

"Anyway, that was the theory... it just didn't go like that."

Dropped on the ice, Peter and Jay paddled ashore and crossed a ridge onto Duse Bay.

"Duse Bay, means sweet, sweet bay – it wasn't very sweet.

"The ice we were walking on broke off and started drifting out to the Southern Ocean. The same area Sir Ernst Shackleton was stuck for 528 days with 27 men – the famous story of Endurance.

"Jay and I struggled to get off the ice and get to Antarctica. In the end we had to hop into the water, paddle downwind in our overladen kayaks to get to any land.

"Before we landed on the formerly untouched landmass of Vega Island my kayak sank with me in it. The reason – it is so cold your hands are frozen and every stroke you take the saltwater freezes on impact, little drips on your beard, on your chest, down your arms and on your skirt – heavier and heavier... in the end it sank.

"But then, what happens, is you get a certain level of stability at a certain depth of water. My sleeping bag (front) and my Pelican case with all my camera gear at the back, which are air locked, created the stability that I needed, three feet deep, and all of a sudden the kayak just stayed still."

Water up to his chin, Peter headed for an iceberg 10 metres away...

"I grabbed the ice pick from my



The moment before the Chilean helicopter airlifted Peter and Andy Watson to the military base hospital on King George Island.



Peter inside the tent awaiting rescue – his injuries included a fractured skull, dislocated hip, fractured bones in his feet and ribs.

deck, whacked the side of this iceberg and just held on. Hypothermia was kicking in. Jay came along, hops out of his kayak, and helps me out of mine, we hauled his gear up, we hauled mine, and we looked around and saw that in our haste to pull the kayaks out my right ski boot, my sleeping bag and my kayak skirt were drifting off in the ocean. Without them you're dead..."

Emptying Peter's kayak on top of the iceberg bobbing in the ocean eight feet above water. Peter jumped back in, and Jay pushed him over the edge – seal entry.

"I got to my sleeping bag and boot – the skirt was not essential – and went back to the iceberg.

"We're both hyperthermic – we had to make camp on an iceberg. Hopped into our sleeping bags in wet gear and you have to keep shivering until it heats up your skin."

GPS in hand the pair established at 4am the following morning they'd be tangential to the uncharted Vega Island.

"We didn't know what was at the



Forty metres down the bottom of the crevasse, sits the tent set up by Jay to keep Peter warm until help arrived.

other end – all we knew was that we had to traverse it. Each day praying that the other end was a decent descent not just a sheer cliff.

"It was a beautiful day that day – a good descent. Antarctica calmed down for us and we hopped in our kayaks and paddled as originally intended."

Re-entering the Peninsula at Victory Glacier, Jay and Peter climbed above 6000 feet over the following weeks.

"I took a shortcut to try and gain some time – it was an epic journey, and we were running late. We were doing some very steep descents, abseiling with gear, ice picks and ice screws..."

"We saw a great big crevasse ahead of us and I said to Jay, it's not safe to walk today – let's stay put. I stepped out of the tent to get lunch and in the five minutes I was out of the tent an avalanche took me."

Dug into a cave, and inside the tent, Jay was none the wiser that Peter had been swept away by an avalanche and so too their sleds.

"A few moments later, Jay looked out and noticed the sleds are gone and so am I... You could see there had been a scar from the avalanche. He knew I was either dead, buried 12 kilometres in the mountain, or dead, buried in the crevasse."

A miracle survival, Jay used the only rope he had to get to the edge of the crevasse where he peered over and spotted Peter's bloodied body.

"He can't get there with his rope, so he takes my ice pick and his and does a one-way trip to a dead friend... He finds me alive..."

"Jay spent the next three days getting to me, keeping me alive and feeding me through a straw."

Suffering post traumatic amnesia, Peter cannot remember the six days from the avalanche.

"During that time, Jay made a radio call to our support vessel, Tooluka, they sailed through the night and put ashore Jay's brother – Andy, John and Nigel, who trudged up the mountain to get to us.

"They'd taken a door off the yacht and a roll of gaffa tape, and that was the stretcher – all they knew at that stage was that I had brain damage and a broken back.

"When they got to me, they strapped me to the door and the three of them using very inventive engineering pulled an 85kg guy vertically up the cliff, out of the crevasse over the seaside and begin their descent towards the ocean.

"In the meantime, it had become a whole ordeal in itself – a military and political operation. The cruise vessel Marco Polo had been sending helicopters alongside the Chilean army, but none of them could help because it was too close to the mountain. By the time they got me to the coast, the Chilean army were able to send a helicopter, and airlifted me to King George Island with Andy, who had tachycardia from the exertion he had gone through to get to me.

"Then my real journey began... my journey of ABI (acquired brain injury)."

A multi-part series on Peter Bland's fascinating life tune in next week for part four – The Recovery.

If you would like the opportunity to join Peter on his next adventure 'Northern Enlightenment September 2023' to the Arctic, head to leadershipgroup.com.au.

Applications open for mentoring program

THE Ken Hore Tourism Mentoring Program honours the contribution made by the late Ken Hore to the Gippsland and Phillip Island tourism industry.

It does so by providing an annual career development opportunity to young tourism professionals or new entrants in the Gippsland and Phillip Island Tourism Industry.

Ken had been instrumental in developing strategic partnerships throughout his tourism career and fostered the development of tourism in Gippsland through his work with Bass Coast Shire Council, Destination Phillip Island and Destination Gippsland.

Honouring Ken's legacy, the program sets out to promote skills and excellence among young people and new entrants into the tourism industry as well as extending tourism networks and providing a broader understanding of the industry. The program has provided mentorship for 32 participants over the past six years.

The Mentoring Program seeks to:

- Provide an opportunity for young achievers and new entrants to grow professionally.
- Provide an opportunity for young achievers and new entrants to share their experience with their peers and the industry on completion; and
- Support recipients to be ambassadors for the Gippsland and Phillip Island tourism industry

The Mentoring Program will provide the successful recipient with 12 months of mentoring support and opportunities that include:

- Complimentary tickets to the Gippsland Tourism Forums and the Phillip Island Tourism Conference
- Complimentary ticket to any industry development workshops provided by Destination Gippsland, Destination Phillip Island and Bass Coast Shire Council
- Three familiarisation days - one held on Phillip Island, one held in Gippsland, and one held in Melbourne at Visit Victoria and VTIC (Victorian Tourism Industry Council)
- Six once-a-month mentoring sessions with an assigned leader in the Gippsland or Phillip Island tourism industry
- Opportunities to directly learn and experience their area of special interest in the tourism industry (this could include appointments with business owners/managers, behind-the-scenes tours, hands-on experience, meetings with peak industry bodies)

Successful applicant/s will be selected by a panel made up of Destination Gippsland, Destination Phillip Island, and Bass Coast Shire Council representatives.

Applications close at 5 pm Friday, February 17, 2023.

For more information visit, www.visitphillipisland.com.au/destination-phillipisland



Educator Paige Kouts was happy to see the service awarded, presented to her by Smiles 4 Miles coordinator Beth Allan.

Drink well, eat well and clean well

STAFF, families and children at Fish Creek Kindergarten, Phillip Island Early Learning Centre and San Remo Preschool are all smiles after receiving their Smiles 4 Miles award.

Smiles 4 Miles is an initiative of Dental Health Services Victoria and is implemented locally by Bass Coast Health.

Early childhood services achieve the Smiles 4 Miles award by implementing healthy eating and oral health policies, engaging families about the importance of oral health, and educating children through a variety of fun learning experiences based on the Smiles 4 Miles key messages – Drink well, Eat well and Clean well.

Tooth decay, an oral disease, affects half of all children and adolescents and is five times more prevalent than asthma. The percentage of children in Bass Coast and South Gippsland aged 0-5 attending public dental services who have at least one decayed, missing or filled tooth is 25 per cent and 27 per cent, respectively. Children with tooth decay and poor oral health can have trouble eating, sleeping, and paying attention at kindergarten.

Smiles 4 Miles coordinator Beth Allan said Fish Creek Kindergarten, Phillip Island Early Learning Centre and San Remo Preschool are leading the way to help children form good oral health and healthy eating habits early.

“Children take lessons they learn at a young age with them, right up to adulthood. By promoting healthy habits early in life, together we can decrease the likelihood of poor oral health later in life,” said Beth.

Educator Paige Kouts from Phillip Island Early Learning Centre was excited to see the service awarded. She says, “we know that good oral health is essential to overall health and wellbeing, and it’s rewarding to achieve our award and know we’re teaching children these good habits early in life.”

Save on VET costs

VICTORIAN families could save hundreds of dollars with extra Vocational Education and Training (VET) funding to cover the cost of students course materials.

Minister for Education Natalie Hutchins said the \$120.2 million funding package will ensure schools can cover course materials for students, as well as deliver VET courses in industries linked to workforce shortages like building and construction, electrical and auto engineering.

From the start of this school year, the new VCE Vocational Major will be available in Victorian government schools.

Small regional schools previously unable to offer VET classes will be provided additional funding to make these options possible for students.

The investment supports schools to improve access to a core offering of priority VET pathways as well as provide the new VCE Vocational Major and Victorian Pathways Certificate.

The reforms give students greater choice and options, allowing them to pursue an education aligned to their strengths, and interests.

Newhaven students selected for exclusive STEM program

NEWHAVEN students Tilia Pires-Andersen and Lara Smyth are two of 120 girls selected for Curious Minds, a STEM program for female students in Years 9 and 10 from regional, rural and low socio-economic areas across Australia.

Across six months, students selected in Curious Minds will engage in extension STEM workshops and activities to increase their confidence in science, technology, engineering and Maths (STEM).

The students will attend summer and winter camps where they’ll get a chance to learn about STEM through hands-on experiments and workshops, explore University campuses and meet new friends. The on-line summer camp kicked off for east-coast residents who met virtually from December 11. Students will come together to meet face-to-face in July 2023.

Curious Minds gives participants access to STEM role models by matching students with female and non-binary mentors working in STEM fields. In partnership, students and mentors explore STEM subjects, university courses and career pathways while creating personal goals and discussing STEM interests.

This year’s mentors include a diverse mix of engineers, physicists, mathematicians,



Newhaven students Tilia Pires-Andersen and Lara Smyth were selected to be part of an exciting STEM program.

research and medical scientists, medical practitioners, chemists, geologists, and environmental scientists.

Tilia is particularly interested in Maths and hopes to pursue a career in civil engineering where she can use her Maths skills.

Participating in the Curious Minds program, Tilia is excited to meet women working in STEM professions.

Lara loves all STEM subjects, particularly Maths, Biology and Chemistry. She is looking forward to working with other girls who have a passion for STEM, and being able to meet them face-to-face in Canberra.

Jointly delivered by The Australian Maths Trust (AMT) and Australian Science Innovations (ASI), Curious Minds participants are selected based on

their academic performance and interest in STEM. Students should also live in regional, rural, or low socio-economic areas, or have otherwise experienced limited opportunities.

Curious Minds is funded by the Department of Education, Skills and Employment and is supported by the ANU and 3M.

Learn more at www.curious-minds.edu.au

Catholic education leader retires after 50 years of service

AFTER 50 years of service to Catholic education, Ms Maria Kirkwood Chief Executive Officer and Director of Catholic Education in the Diocese of Sale retired on December 23.

Ms Kirkwood has held her current role with Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Limited (DOSCEL) since 2012, leading 38 Catholic primary and five Catholic secondary schools in the Diocese.

Prior to this Ms Kirkwood held various executive positions with the then Catholic Education Office Melbourne, now Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS), as well as principalship, leadership and teaching positions at Catholic schools in Victoria.

A thankyou Mass and dinner were held to bring together Parish Clergy, DOSCEL Board Directors, and education leaders to honour Ms Kirkwood who has been a champion of innovation and change in Catholic Education.

Speaking at the dinner, Bishop of Sale, Most Reverend Greg Bennet, said Catholic school communities throughout the Diocese had benefitted enormously from Maria’s giftedness as an educator, her competence as an administrator and her dynamism as a faith leader.

Reflecting on five decades in Catholic education, Ms Kirkwood said her time in the Diocese of Sale was the happiest personally, and the most fulfilling professionally.

“The role of director has



DOSCEL Chief Finance, Information and Infrastructure officer, Mr Paul Velten, retiring DOSCEL CEO and Director of Catholic Education, Ms Maria Kirkwood, Catholic Bishop of Sale, Most Reverend Greg Bennet, DOSCEL Board Chair, Mr Garry McLean.

been enormously supported and valued by the Bishop and Clergy, our dynamic Board of Directors and Committee members, and the many talented teams and individuals in our schools and Catholic Education office.”

Ms Kirkwood said she has been asked on numerous occasions over the years to talk about her career but stated, “I don’t believe I have had a career, what I have had is a life in which my work was a major part and the

vast majority of that work-life has been with Catholic education and the Catholic Church more broadly.”

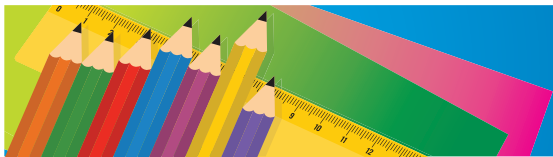
Reflecting on leadership opportunities over the years, Ms Kirkwood said she learned to ignore negative voices about what women can and cannot do, having been told on several occasions not to apply for positions to which she was ultimately appointed.

Ms Kirkwood said it had been a great pleasure to work with so many passionate and

committed leaders and staff throughout her working life.

“My sincere thanks to everyone I have had the privilege to work with. Our Catholic schools have such a strong and assured future because of the passionate leaders and staff and the wonderful work they do every day.”

Following her last day, Mr Paul Velten commenced in the role as Chief Executive Officer/Director of Catholic Education from December 24.



Back to School

Top tips for returning to school

BACK to school is an exciting time for students and families. It can be a big step particularly for those starting prep or moving to secondary school.

Starting primary school - The year before school:

- Ask your child what they think about starting school.
- Encourage your child to ask questions about going to school.
- Help your child stay healthy. Make sure they have regular health and dental checks and keep immunisations up to date.
- Encourage your child to do things on their own. This could be dressing, going to the toilet, washing their hands, unwrapping their food and opening and closing their drink bottle and lunchbox.
- Talk to friends and other families about what school is like.
- Talk to your child's early childhood educator about things you can do at home to help your child.
- Talk to the school about how you can engage in your child's learning and development at school.
- Ask the school what time your child starts on the first day and where to take them.

During the summer holidays

- Show your child where the school is and talk about how you will get there.
- Arrange play times with other families whose children will be going to the same school. It helps if your child knows another child at their school at the start of prep.
- Practise the things your child will need to do to get ready for school (e.g. putting things in their bag, remembering to take a hat).
- Confirm your before or after school care arrangements and explain these to your child.
- Be positive about starting school and enjoy your child's excitement.
- Visit your local library and read books with your child about starting school.

The first day of school

- Make sure your child knows who will take them to school and pick them up on the first day.
- Help your child to organise their clothes, hat, shoes and socks the night before.
- Help your child to pack their school bag with a snack, drink, lunch and a hat.
- Place a spare pair of underpants and a change of

clothes in a plastic bag. Let your child know these clothes are in their bag in case of any accidents at school.

- Put sunscreen on your child in the morning if it's needed.
- Show your child where you will meet them at the end of the school day.
- At the end of the day talk to your child about what happened at school.

The first year of school

- Find out about what your child is learning at school. By doing this, you can support your child's learning and find out how your child is adjusting to school.
- If your child is having difficulty at school, talk to their teacher. Your child can also say what they think might help them.
- Keep talking to your child about school. Ask them about their new experiences, what they like and what they find hard.
- If your child goes to care before or after school, find a way of sharing your child's school progress with the staff.
- Share feedback about your child's experience of starting school with the school and early childhood service.

- Organise time for your child and their new friends to play together outside of school.

Early childhood services and schools will organise programs to help your child settle into school. Talk to your child's early childhood educator or the school.

10 tips to get ready for prep

1. Practise the journey to and from school.
2. Arrange play dates with families who will have kids at the same school.
3. Encourage independence skills like dressing, packing and carrying a bag, applying sunscreen and going to the toilet.
4. Label all belongings.
5. Talk about and practise any after school arrangements.
6. Check start and finish times and where to drop off and collect your child.
7. Be positive, get your child excited, and talk about any worries they have.
8. Visit a library and read with your child.
9. Start using the name of their new teacher to help build familiarity.
10. Establish predictable routines including dinner, bath time and bed time.



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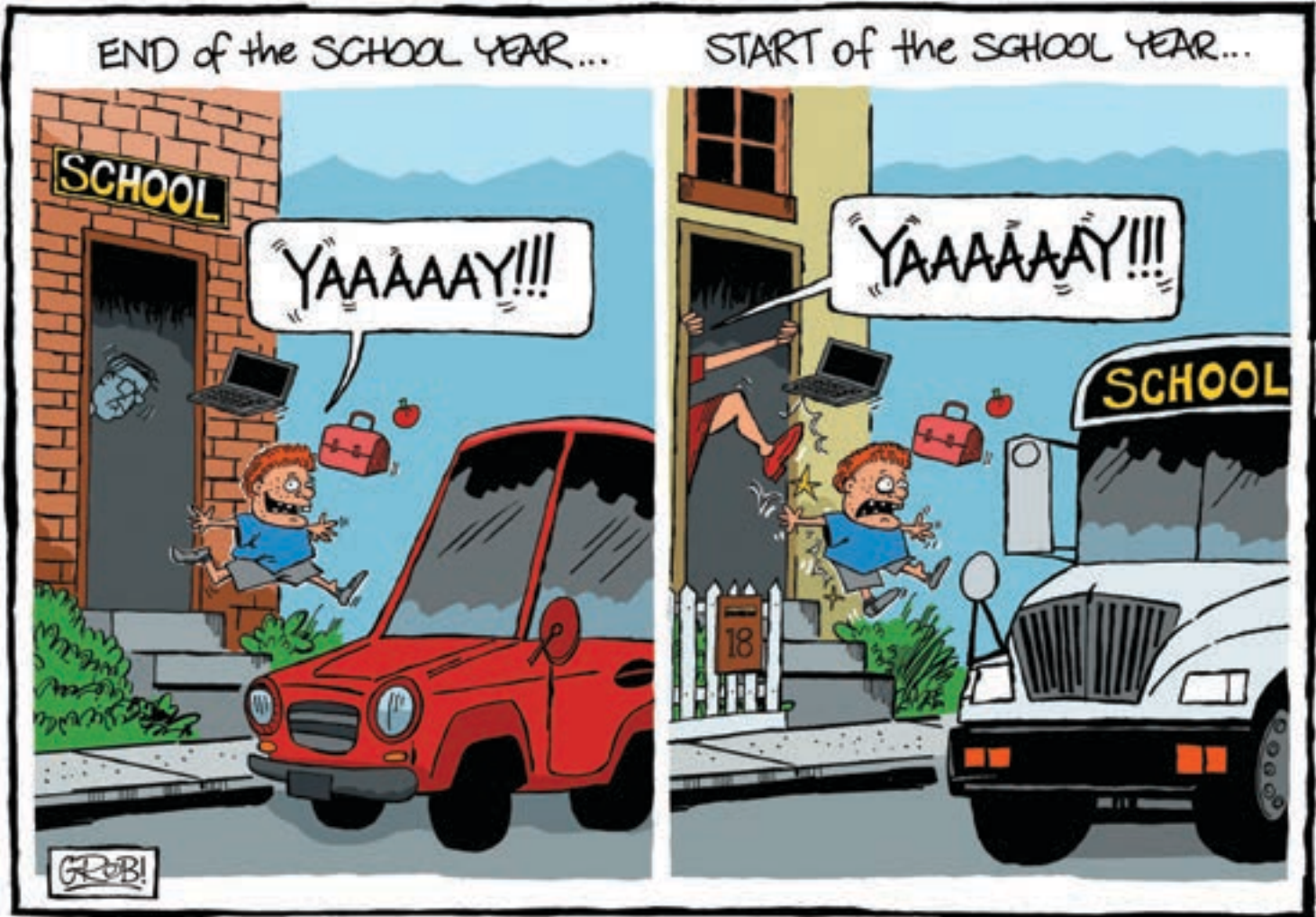
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Why can't we open up more of Inverloch's magnificent coastal view?

New view of Inverloch without the hypocrisy please

THERE'S a lot wrong with residential development in Inverloch. While some in the community have developed an almost religious fervour to retaining any and all trees and shrubs in the town, especially along the foreshore, they tolerate the common practice adopted by many new home builders and residential developers of completely denuding sites of every single piece of vegetation and building on almost 100 per cent of the site. Many flout the seven metre height guideline that the Bass Coast Shire Council has unsuccessfully attempted to defend and go for the 11-metre state height limit, often chasing a coastal view, and almost always winning the argument at VCAT. The council is supposed to be undertaking a Neighbourhood Character Study and a Housing Strategy while preparing a Residential Development Framework that's supposed to provide more certainty to would-be home builders. However, while the timelines for this work have been constantly delayed, lately by the State Government dragging the chain with its controversial "Distinctive Area and Landscape" process, the development of dwellings in the town has been ad hoc at best. In one prominent case, community members and the council are heading to VCAT next week for a five-day hearing about plans for a four-storey apartment development on the foreshore at 2-4 The Esplanade. Poor planning and an inconsistent approach to saving trees and stopping overdevelopment has cost Inverloch. The complete lack of vision, for example, with the development of the former Mollers Caravan Park site, one of the very few areas along the Inverloch foreshore where you can have a view of the water, is a case in point. At least part of this site, adjacent to the commercial area, should have been set aside for a frontage of cafés and retail development, under apartments, where locals and visitors alike could come, and enjoy the ambience of the glorious Anderson Inlet area. But, having lost that opportunity, the council has got to be realistic about what people want when they come to a coastal town, they want good access to, and a view of the water. If the shire and the government won't let Inverloch grow out, they have to allow it to grow up or risk making the coastal town exclusive to those who got in first. It will get increasingly difficult, for example, for those needed to run the area's service industries to find somewhere to live. No accommodation, no employment.



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grob' Robinson.

Debate over date for Australia Day

With Australia Day approaching amid mixed feelings in the Community, I would like to submit some balance into the issue which I feel has been forgotten and/or neglected. From the time I started Primary School in 1947 in Australia, it is true that very little mention was made of Aboriginal history. However, I developed the belief that Aboriginal contact with the outside world was inevitable, and that visits by entrepreneurial unsupervised adventurers would have been more disruptive, divisive and damaging to the Aboriginal population than an organised settlement which aimed to subscribe to British endeavours and the rule of Law. In principle, the effect on Aboriginals of the arrival of the British is comparable to the fate of the first wave of Aboriginals who arrived in Australia from South East Asia thousands of years ago. Subsequently, there were two other separate waves of migrating tribes who did not peacefully integrate but forced earlier inhabitants to retreat further South. Also, there are documented cases in the 1800s where displaced tribal members from another area were killed in battle by tribes who did not welcome their arrival in their area. Currently, because Aboriginal descendants and their supporters are selective in choosing to promote examples of Aboriginal culture pertaining to environmental, artistic, storytelling and some social practices rather than acknowledging some unpleasant customs, this has resulted in the Colonial British Government's actions being taken out of context and unfairly condemned. First-hand accounts from independent individuals such as William Buckley, Daisy Bates and an 1876 publication on the Aboriginals of Victoria as well as accounts of some now abandoned tribal rituals would have been regarded by Europeans as a breach of human rights then as they would be now, by the United Nations Charter. Unfortunately, one prominent Aboriginal, Prof. Marcia Langton, has stated on the ABC that if Australians want Reconciliation, they need to cease celebrating post-Colonial History. Constant denigration of the past and wanting to pull rank on other Australians is counterproductive to achieving

equality and is particularly fraught since there is no definitive test of Aboriginality. While no Government is perfect, at least today's Aboriginals and the rest of us should be grateful for the opportunity to be united and to benefit from our Country's efforts to protect us all in regard to the challenges of world events and threats. I believe all Australians have reason to commemorate the 26th January as the day in 1788 that the foundations were laid for modern Australia, which has been able to give refuge to many displaced migrants and other migrants seeking a better life. **Rosemary Hutchinson, Inverloch**

Gippsland's overgrown roadsides

Response to the article dated January 17, 2023, in South Gippsland Sentinel Times. I have lived in Gippsland for three years now and arrived only to get evacuated twice to Melbourne due to bushfires so implore authorities to be proactive in roadside and more broader vegetation management, so we never have to endure the losses of 2019-2020 again. I also get concerned every time I hear fatalistic comments about the loss of timber and power stations and the impact economically on the continuing sustainability and viability of our towns. Whilst I appreciate that it is sometimes hard to be agile and adapt in the face of long-established traditions, I see so many other opportunities in Gippsland including for a locally based manufacturing sector to develop, manufacture, supply, service and repair commercial grade agriculture and lawn mowing equipment. In the wake of COVID and war and conflict overseas the high-level dependency of our nation on global trade and the supply chain problems implicated in this has never been more apparent. I know of one organisation that has been waiting since April 2022 for replacement of a stolen zero turning commercial lawn mower which is fundamental to daily operations, public safety and tourism and hospitality. Another provider needing to transport dirty laundry to Melbourne daily as nil local capacity to handle the volume.

In a fire prone country and one where there is a high rate of road trauma the availability and supply of reliable high quality commercial equipment for vegetation management, creation and maintenance of fire breaks and presentation of public parks and green space should be one of our number one priorities. In a region where tourism and hospitality generates significant economic benefit but high volumes of laundry why do we not have equipment and businesses locally to meet increased demand? I appreciate that as well as community preparedness to be agile and adapt in the face of changing trends and conditions there is also a need for local consumers to be prepared to buy local and sometimes pay higher sum than that which is paid for cheaper imports. I would welcome the return to greater national self-sufficiency and reduced dependency on global trade so locally based issues such as these can be resolved in a timely manner which enhances and sustains consistent community and public safety which is responsiveness to the needs and conditions here on the ground. **Simone Zaia Marlo, Address supplied**

Wake up South Gippsland

I am disgusted with the Shire of South Gippsland. It is entirely who you know in every instance, this is from staff to councillors. Threat notices are sent out on some landholders for long grass. This has been a difficult year, paddocks have been too wet for tractors, etc. to harvest some areas. But these people don't look, see or care about the fire hazards on our roadsides. In Korumburra, the old railway line right in town is a very bad threat. Cig butts out of car windows start fires, guilty are many K's away when the fire gets going. There are many houses with long grass and blackberries right in town, not empty houses, mostly tenants. Half dozen cars parked on the street 24/7. These are dangerous too. In new areas roads are narrow, a car parked both sides, no fire truck could get through. Wake up all of you. **Walter Richway, Korumburra**

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What does Australia Day mean to you?



Scott Rae
"It is interesting and has its problems but until someone can produce a solution that makes everyone feel included, I think we continue with it."



Colleen Burgess
"It is about community. This Australia Day is significant for us because we're seeing part of Australia we haven't seen before."



Kirsten Jones
"We should have something uplifting and happy, and suitable for everyone."



Ross Howard
"It means heaps because I love Australia. This year I'll be taking out the boat with Australian flags and hope the Aboriginal flag I ordered will be here in time."

Not accountable to voters

It's great to see the Sentinel-Times trying to get some answers (perhaps even an apology?) from the Victorian Electoral Commission, as to how they stuffed up the number of ballot papers likely to be needed at numerous polling booths in the Bass electorate.

But I fear your chances are negligible at best!

The VEC is a monopoly government authority, and as such doesn't consider itself accountable to the citizens of this state.

Such bodies, and this includes our Local Government Authorities (Shires), are progressively becoming more insular and less accountable to their constituents and this is a very worrying trend.

At our local government elections last year, the VEC held information sessions as they always do but this time COVID meant that it had to be done online.

Their eyes lit up at this opportunity to exert control, although I still don't understand why they felt the urge.

They ensured that no one knew who else was at the meeting then got us to submit any questions only in writing, which they promptly changed and answered only as they saw fit if at all.

Later candidates submitted their 300-word blurb for the ballot paper and mine had three perfectly legitimate compound modifiers which were hyphenated as they should be.

I was told that was a sneaky way of getting extra words into the statements and wasn't allowed.

I cut out three other words to compensate for their problem but that wasn't good enough: I was forced to remove the hyphens or have my statement culled.

After the election the VEC sent every candidate a survey to mark their performance. Most of the questions were irrelevant but there was an opportunity at the end to write what one wanted. I made a strong plea for someone to contact me to discuss some relevant issues.

And guess what? That's the last I've heard from them!

Frank Hirst, Ranceby

Australia Day re-thought

Alison Normanton's lengthy delineation of historic injustices to indigenous people in Australia misses completely the significance of British settlement.

Australia was always going to be settled by the advanced civilisations of Europe. We should just be thankful that it was the British who did.

Just imagine what this country would be like if it were one of the Islamic regimes or Russia or China or Japan that came instead.

The British bought with them a democratic political system of National, State and local governments, a legal and support structure,

a spoken and written universal language that formed the basis of extensive education system, health and medical structures, freedom of religion, the ability to advocate and work for change and most importantly of all the rights and responsibilities that go with these ideas.

Because of this British settlement that we are able on "Australia Day" to sing.....

I am, you are, we are Australian.
Neville Drummond, Inverloch

Community meets to contemplate rates

I attended the Tarwin Lower and Venus Bay community meeting on Saturday (January 21) organised out of concern at the large increase in the area's shire rates, the Tarwin Lower Hall was packed, well done to the organisers. Scott Rae and Sarah Gilligan were the councillors in attendance to take the heat.

The presentation showed the residential rate in the dollar is 49 cents, this of course is the rate for all South Gippsland Shire, so a home valued at (now not uncommon) \$500,000 would be levied almost \$2500 p.a. By comparison the residential rate in the dollar for Bass Coast is 31 cents, so council rates on a \$500,000 property valuation there would come in at approximately \$1500, or around \$1000 p.a less. One option might be for Venus Bay area to try and join Bass Coast, this could be a long process, but I would argue all rates for SGSC should be lower, and comparable to Bass Coast.

One of Saturday's committee said SGSC had \$45 million in the bank, yes \$45 million dollars. Perhaps instead of rubber-stamping rates rises each year to the maximum approved by the state, our councillors should be working for the community to find out why this \$45 million of ratepayers' contributions shouldn't be given back to the ratepayers by way of a rates reduction. Let's say cut the rates by 50% and "cut the cloth to suit the purse."

In the past South Gippsland Shire Council has encouraged the community to look upon council as a business, so as a business where do councils get off deciding what they want then sending you a bill, what business can do that?

Many are challenging the unconstitutionality of local government, as local government has been rejected at several referenda, and the legitimacy of rates charges. I understand further meetings are to follow the Tarwin Lower meeting where these matters, and the rates charges can be discussed, stay tuned.

Steve Finlay, Leongatha

The 'Sentinel-Times' encourages readers to write with issues of interest or concern. Writers are also urged to be brief where possible. Letters may be edited for space and legal reasons.

Dick Bills turns 100

FORMER Bass resident Dick Bills reckons he was one of the last to get correspondence from the Queen congratulating him on his 100th birthday. He's quite proud of his royal acknowledgement.

Currently in good health, Bill is looking forward to his next appointment, an interview with ABC television.

Born in 1922, his younger days were spent in Riversdale Road, Hawthorn.

At 12 he was helping run a horse-riding business and by 18 he joined the army, training horses destined for the 1st Australian Transport Corp.

Part of breaking in the horses involved riding them overland from Puckapunyal to Yea one day, and back to Puckapunyal the next.

Dick broke his leg a week before his battalion was sent overseas, and he recalls with sadness and respect that a lot of his mates "didn't come home from the Islands".

After the war, Dick joined (and subsequently



Animal lover, Dick Bills and his faithful offside, Bandit, received one of the last letters from the Queen.

bought) a circus. One of his first jobs saw him as a lion tamer in Japan.

Lions, monkeys, racehorses, cattle and now his faithful offside "Bandit" have all kept Dick company over his century plus lifetime.

A racehorse trainer for many of those years, Dick well remembers two of his best horses, Miracle Belle and Elop-er. Elop-er was backed from 66/1 into 12/1 and

landed one of the biggest plunges in '66, a week after decimal currency came in.

Dick spent 35 years with horses and cattle at Bass, firstly in Agars Road then on an adjoining property in Dwyers Road.

He retired from Bass to the Dandenongs in 2010 and eighteen months ago moved into a retirement unit in Healesville. Keep your eyes on the ABC.



Ian and Marg Sullivan were married on January 19, 1963, on the grounds of St. George's Church of England, Wonthaggi.



Ian and Marg Sullivan celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on January 19, 2023.

Diamond years in Wonthaggi

WONTHAGGI residents Ian and Marg Sullivan were married on January 19, 1963, on the grounds of St. George's Church of England in Wonthaggi and on Thursday evening the couple celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary of 60 years in the presence of their family.

Ian was born in Wonthaggi in 1939 and Marg resided in North Wonthaggi as a young child. The couple met whilst Marg was completing her nursing training at the Wonthaggi hospital and Ian was undergoing work as a carpenter after completing his apprenticeship at the State Coal Mine.

The couple were well known in the town for their contribution to the Wonthaggi Golf Club – Ian celebrating 70 years of membership this year, after he

began playing at just 14 years old.

"I became a life member early on, I happened to win quite a few championships (16-time champion with South Gippsland Golf) and play against some well-known players, both Marg and I both stood as president during our time and together we made many happy memories at the club," said Ian.

Ian and Marg welcomed two children Glenn and Karen, eight grandchildren and three great grandchildren – all three great grandchildren were born within seven weeks of one another.

"Blow me down, three of my grandchildren call me simultaneously, "Pop, we're having a baby." Cost me three prams in seven weeks. The eldest now 22 months old and oh, how

lucky we are," said Ian.

On Thursday morning, Ian was pleased to hear from his children and great children congratulating him and Marg on their 60th anniversary. The couple drove past the old church, reminiscing on their special day, 60 years ago.

Marg and Ian have had a lifetime together in Wonthaggi, Marg working as a nurse at Rose Lodge when there we just 10-12 units and Ian working as a technical teacher for 28 years, retiring as acting principal on the junior campus at 55 years old.

Marg continues to enjoy her time participating in water aerobics at Wonthaggi YMCA and Ian volunteers at the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine - the couple happily married 60 years on.

A spare Prince

Book review
by Chloe Kent



MUCH-anticipated, the realities have come to light after the official release of Prince Harry's memoir Spare last Tuesday.

He has been called gauche by one TV host in America and others have labelled the petty grievances tiresome and repetitive.

After months of non-stop interviews, a Netflix series, podcasts and a book, even those stateside are starting to wane.

But what has the book revealed about his life and are there truths or is it just another bombastic whine.

Firstly, it's a long read and whilst this reader is yet to get halfway through, it's interesting not so much a page turner interesting, but enough to want to finish and see if there are any real shockers.

Certain words are almost jarring particularly to the Australian tongue. An adult man calling his mother "Mummy" is one of the more prominent expressions.

But outside weed usage and trying cocaine, the biggest thing that screams out to this reader so far is why did no-one get the kid a psychiatrist? Maybe they did and he has failed to mention (or maybe I am yet to read that part), but in today's society and even 20 odd years ago it was common enough to warrant.

For someone who has mingled with the other side, the inside happenings at Ludgrove and Eton are not surprising, even the drug admissions a non-shocker in the world of blue bloods.

But before I sign off and bring the full review next week, the one thing that did raise an eyebrow was the Nazi uniform admission did Kate and Willy (the future king) really tell him to wear it over the other choices?

Meet the Artist: Daniel Church

ARTSPACE Wonthaggi Gallery is very excited to be able to present a wonderful indigenous artist, Daniel Church. Daniel is an emerging artist, but his amazing talent has already been recognised with his work exhibited in the National Gallery of Victoria.

You will be enchanted by Daniel's intricate and delicate mark making and wood carvings. It really is an exhibition you must come along to see and experience.

Celebrate his unique and beautiful work, and meet the artist at Daniel's Opening on Saturday, January 28, 1-3pm.

Free filming screenings at Wonthaggi Library

SETTLE down with a free ice cream, and enjoy a great film and great company, with two screenings on each date. Next year's screenings include:

- February 3 Where the Crawdads Sing
- March 3 Mrs Harris Goes to Paris
- March 31 Seriously Red
- May 5 A Ticket to Paradise
- June 2 Three Thousand Years of Longing

Bookings are free but essential to book head to tinyurl.com/wonmovie

Weaving mindfulness in the library



Library programs officer Kate Lochlin with David and Leanne Denbrok, show examples of baskets and books on basket weaving and natural dyeing. A03_0423

AFTER the stresses young people have endured throughout the COVID period, library holiday activities this summer have been designed to create a state of mindfulness.

Basket making is one such activity, with participants enjoying a session at Leongatha Library on Wednesday.

They all received a set weight of raffia, a fibre derived from the leaves of raffia palm trees.

Library programs officer Kate Lochlin said the idea of the session was inspired by basket weavers in the Torres Strait and the social interaction the practice promotes.

People were able to choose their preferred colours, with Kate having used natural dyes to enliven the raffia.

"There's turmeric, blackberries, beetroot and some red cabbage," she said of the sources of the colours.

"They can make a big basket or small ones, and whatever

shape they want; I just show them the technique," Kate said.

Odessa Grainger and mum Jacqui enjoyed the session, with Odessa quickly grasping the weaving technique and Jacqui describing it as a "fun school holiday activity".

David Denbrok attended the session, but with his ambitions to create a snake catching basket beyond the scope of the activity, delegated the smaller basket-making project available on the day to sister Belinda.

She and sister Rachel were making steady progress with their weaving when the Sentinel-Times visited.

A mindfulness display featuring relevant books complements the activities planned to help young library users achieve a calmer state of mind.

Myli Libraries have also been running yoga sessions during the school holidays, an activity strongly associated with mindfulness.



Jazz and contemporary students of Phillip Island Dance Studio Charlie and Chantai perform at the Wonthaggi Union Arts Centre for the 2022 annual concert. Z02_5122



Jazz students of Phillip Island Dance Studio Isla, Keyah and Liliana backstage at the 2022 annual concert at the Wonthaggi Union Arts Centre. Z03_5122



Senior open ballet performs d'ouverture for Phillip Island Dance Studios annual 2022 concert at the Wonthaggi Union Arts Centre. Z01_5122

A spectacular delight

PHILLIP Island Dance Studio held their annual 2022 concert at the Wonthaggi Union Arts Centre.

The studio presented the story of Mary Poppins through an array of dance genres including pointe, ballet, contemporary and jazz.

Lead performers Danniella Mascaros, Laura Brown, Sabilla Pendergast, Allanah O'Brien, Tahlia Gallyot, Zara Stuart, and Lucian stepped back into the 1960s for act two.

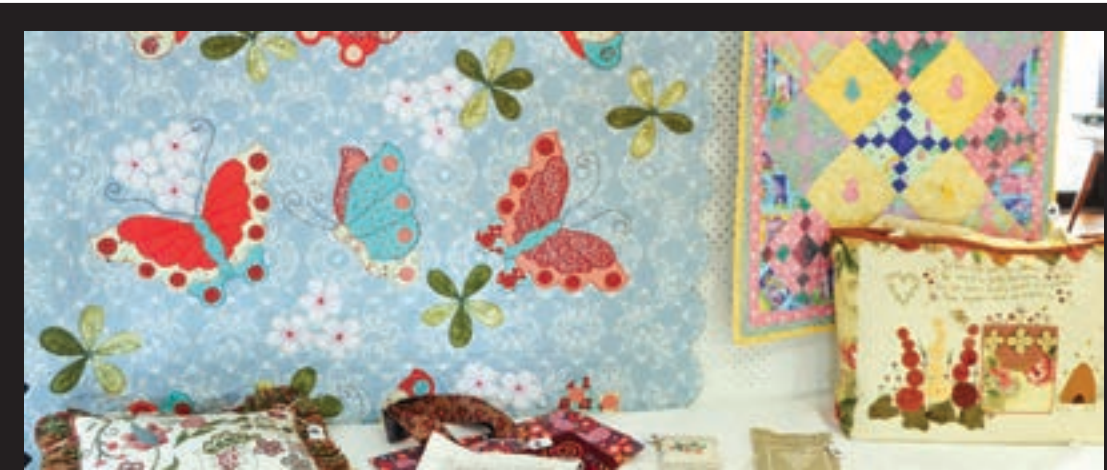
Owner of Phillip Island Dance Studio, Rowena Campbell, choreographed the show alongside Laura Brown, with act one showcasing group performances from dance play

children as young as three years, through to senior acts, displaying the years work within the studio.

It has been wonderful to have an entire year of lessons in the studio this year, I have loved seeing everyone back in class with enthusiasm, said Rowena.

The end of year performance highlights the dedication that each student has put into their dancing throughout the year, each building more confidence on stage and in their individual artistic talent.

Phillip Island Dance Studio is located at 223 Settlement Road, Cowes and welcomes new students in 2023.



Embroidery exhibited

Some of the impressive work from The Embroiderers Guild Members at the 'Then and Now' Exhibition in Leongatha. A62_0423



Local Bass Coast author Joy Herring publishes 'Letters from a little black cat'.

Catty stories

Book review by Meryl Brown Tobin

'LETTERS from a little black cat' by Joy Herring will especially appeal to cat lovers; those who can see how important cats are to loving owners and anyone who loves animals and who deplores cruelty to any animals.

Author, Joy Herring is a Bass Coast resident who previously lived on the Mornington Peninsula. After years of involvement in cat rescue with the RSPCA from 2005 and the local pound from 2008, she jointly founded the Peninsula Cat Rescue. She was President from 2010 to 2019.

"She helped rescue cats, gave them a temporary home herself or organised temporary homes for them with other volunteers. These cat lovers brought the cats back to health and prepared them for re-homing to 'forever homes,'" said Meryl.

The group has been responsible for de-sexing and re-homing thousands of cats and kittens.

Joy Herring chose twelve particularly memorable cats in her life to write about in 'Letters from a little black cat'. The last chapter is devoted to the little black cat of the title. After the little black cat moved to her 'forever home', she exchanged letters with Joy Herring via her 'forever owner'.

"Because of her love of cats, Joy Herring is a passionate advocate for them. She knows them so well; she can aptly describe the individual personalities and attributes of numerous ones she has known."

As a child of a farming family in a small country town, she was sent to boarding school in Perth. Of her remarkable pet cat Tammy, she wrote: "The day before I came home on school holidays, the most extraordinary thing used to happen. Tammy used to come up to the house and wait by the back door."

"Stories might be moving, funny, poignant, sad, happy, or inspirational but always worth reading. One cat was even the stimulus for a man who had given up talking to speak again," said Meryl.

When a palliative care resident in a nursing home was dying, a nurse took one of Joy Herring's rescue kittens that used to visit the home and placed it on the resident's neck. The resident, who had no known family, loved cats. She touched the kitten and whispered, "You beautiful little thing," and passed away peacefully.

Why did Joy Herring and other volunteers do what they did? The passage "Finding a great loving home for a shy cat is one of the best feelings you could ever have and made all our work worthwhile," gives a clue.

Elsewhere is another: "It is the best feeling in the world seeing our guests transformed and established in their forever homes."

Apart from the great value of pets to humans as her stories demonstrate, Joy Herring asks the unpleasant question, when we euthanise an unwanted pet, what are we teaching our children?

'Letters from a little black cat' is a paperback book with 226 pages with numerous photos of the cats and is easy to read. The book is for sale at the Bassine Dairy, 2125 Bass Highway, Glen Forbes. Myli libraries also have copies available for loan.



Grandridge 245 Community Choir in Action, led by Jane Coker (left).

Grand Ridge Choir bursts into song

AFTER several years of disruption due to the pandemic, the Grandridge 245 Community Choir is once again meeting regularly at its home base in Mirboo North, and performing around South Gippsland ... to the delight of its many members.

For people whose New Year's resolution is to explore new opportunities for socialising and creative development, the choir is running a group-singing workshop for fun and as a "taster" session.

"Our choir has been running for almost ten years

now, with members from all over South Gippsland and the Latrobe Valley," Jane Coker, choir leader and singing teacher said.

"While we do perform at public events occasionally, we are pretty casual... and mostly sing for the sheer joy of it!"

"Choir members don't need singing experience or to be able to read music, so pretty much anyone can join in. We focus on lovely heart-warming songs... and we sound great!"

The group singing workshop will be held on Saturday February 4, 2pm to

4pm, at St Mary's Church Hall at 112-114 Ridgway, Mirboo North.

Everyone is welcome with entry by donation. Tea and coffee will be available.

Regular choir sessions are held during the school terms, at 7.15pm on Wednesday nights at St. Mary's Church Hall, and cost \$15/session (\$12 concession).

More information is available at Grand Ridge 245 Mirboo North's Community Choir Facebook page or contact Jane at jane.coker@bigpond.com or on 0400 053 266.



Lab Kelpie's 'A Prudent Man' is touring exclusively to Stratford on Saturday, February 18, with an exclusive workshop available on Friday, February 17.

A Prudent Man workshop

A THEME, a style, an emotion, maybe a piece by the same playwright.

In celebration of Lab Kelpie's 'A Prudent Man' coming to Stratford Courthouse, six to ten local actors will be provided a monologue that relates to or reflects the main piece.

Sometimes it's clear, sometimes the link less linear, but the idea is that the collection of monologues and the main play will speak to each other and provide a richer experience for the audience (as well as getting a kick out of seeing their mates on stage!).

Over the course of the masterclass/workshop on February 17, Lyall Brooks will unpack the individual texts with each actor and guide them to an interpretation and performance they're happy and confident with.

Everyone will contribute to ordering and staging the collection of monologues into a single flowing piece, which will then be performed as "Act II" of the show after A Prudent Man on February 18.

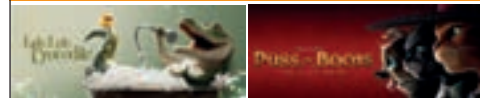
For more information on the workshop or to purchase tickets for A Prudent Man visit stratford-courthouse.com.au.

WONTHAGGI UNION COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

What's On?

See all our cinema session times and pre-book tickets via our website.
www.wonthaggiartscentre.com.au

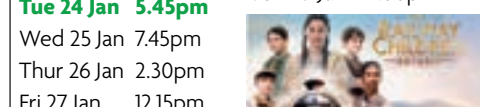
Summer Cinema!



Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile [G] Tue 25 Jan 10.00am
Puss in Boots: The Last Wish [PG] Tue 24 Jan 3.30pm

Wed 25 Jan 5.30pm
Fri 27 Jan 10.00am

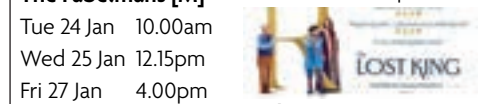
Sat 28 Jan 12.15pm
Sun 29 Jan 4.00pm



Avatar: The Way of Water [M] Tue 24 Jan 5.45pm
Wed 25 Jan 7.45pm

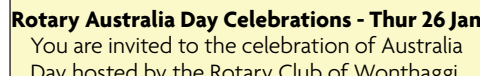
Thur 26 Jan 2.30pm
Fri 27 Jan 12.15pm

Sat 28 Jan 4.45pm
Sun 29 Jan 10.00am



The Railway Children Return [PG] Tue 24 Jan 1.15pm
Wed 25 Jan 3.15pm

Sat 28 Jan 10.00am
Sun 29 Jan 1.45pm



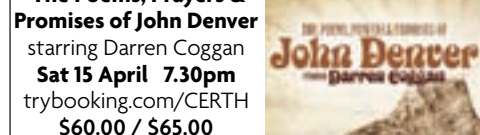
The Lost King [M] Thu 26 Jan 6.15pm
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Sat 28 Jan 2.30pm

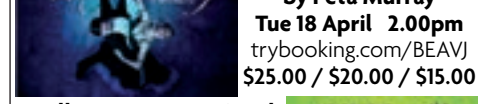
Rotary Australia Day Celebrations - Thur 26 Jan

You are invited to the celebration of Australia Day hosted by the Rotary Club of Wonthaggi. Breakfast served from 7.30am. Presentations of Community Awards commence in the theatre at 9.00am

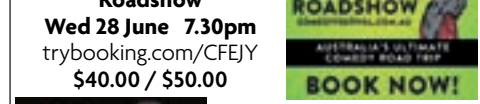
LIVE SHOWS COMING IN 2023!



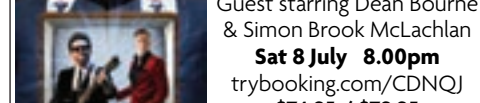
WTG presents School of Rock Fri 3 March - Sat 18 March
trybooking.com/CFWWF \$45.00 / \$49.00



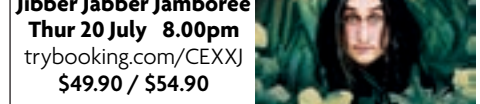
The Poems, Prayers & Promises of John Denver starring Darren Coggan Sat 15 April 7.30pm
trybooking.com/CERTH \$60.00 / \$65.00



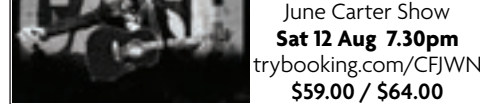
Wallflowering by Peta Murray Tue 18 April 2.00pm
trybooking.com/BEAVJ \$25.00 / \$20.00 / \$15.00



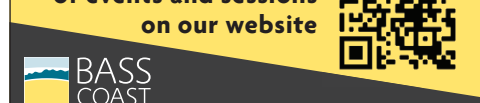
Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow Wed 28 June 7.30pm
trybooking.com/CFEJY \$40.00 / \$50.00



Robertson Brothers 60s Variety TV Show Guest starring Dean Bourne & Simon Brook McLachlan Sat 8 July 8.00pm
trybooking.com/CDNQJ \$74.95 / \$79.95



Jibber Jabber Jamboree Thur 20 July 8.00pm
trybooking.com/CEXXJ \$49.90 / \$54.90



Leaving Jackson The Johnny Cash & June Carter Show Sat 12 Aug 7.30pm
trybooking.com/CFJWN \$59.00 / \$64.00

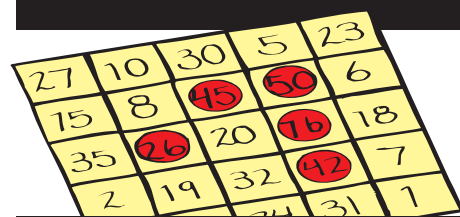
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WONTHAGGI BINGO



Workmen's Club Thursday nights



Eyes down at 8pm
Raffles, Door prizes,
Lucky number jackpot

3mFM Bingo... Now both Wednesday & Thursday

30 Games! Volunteers needed to help make our Bingo even better!



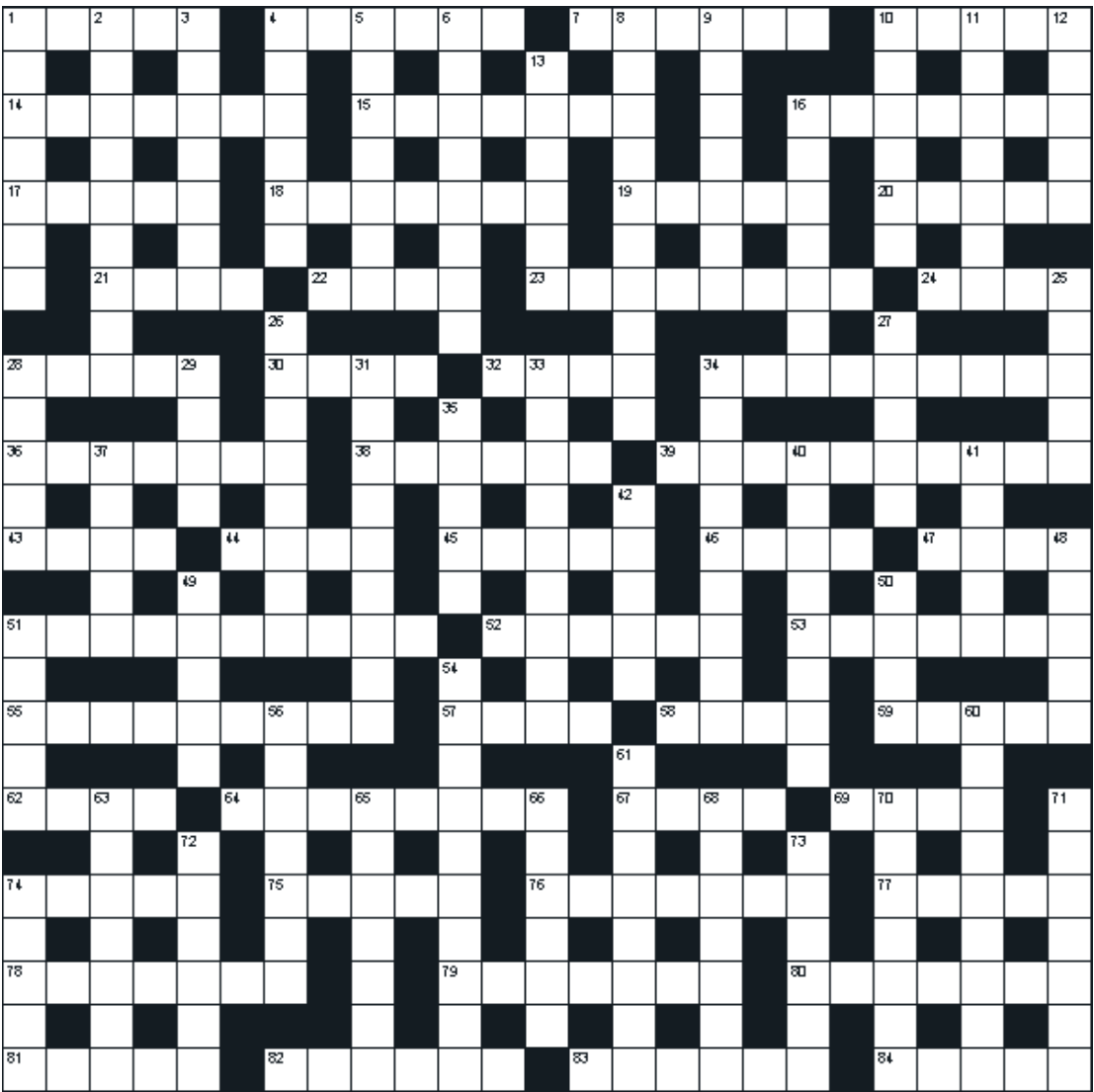
QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

AUSTRALIAN DAY QUIZ

- 1. **[\$100]** Which constellation is depicted on the Australian flag? A. Orion the Hunter. B. The Southern Cross. C. Emu in the Sky. D. The Seven Sisters.
- 2. **[\$200]** What two animals are featured on the Australian coat of arms? A. Fox & Rabbit. B. Koala & Little Penguin. C. Emu & Kangaroo. D. Dingo & Galah.
- 3. **[\$300]** Which iconic Australian landmark is the world's largest war memorial? A. Uluru. B. Kangaroo Island. C. The Great Ocean Road. D. The Eyre Highway.
- 4. **[\$500]** What is country singer Keith Urban's hometown? A. Newcastle, NSW. B. Busselton WA. C. Rockhampton Qld. D. Whangarei, NZ.
- 5. **[\$1000]** "Not Happy Jan" is an Aussie saying in common use, but what product did it advertise? A. Commonwealth Bank. B. Yellow Pages. C. Colgate. D. Transport Accident Commission.
- 6. **[\$2000]** Where was X-Men actor Hugh Jackman born? A. Port Macquarie, NSW. B. Toowoomba, QLD. C. Sydney, NSW. D. Brisbane, QLD.
- 7. **[\$4000]** Who played Scott Hastings in 'Strictly Ballroom'? A. Guy Pearce. B. Eric Bana. C. Hugo Weaving. D. Paul Mercurio.
- 8. **[\$8000]** Where would you find the Big Pineapple? A. Nambour, QLD. B. Coffs Harbour, NSW. C. Ballina, NSW. D. Proserpine, QLD.
- 9. **[\$16,000]** What is a bushman's clock? A. The sun. B. A rooster. C. A kookaburra. D. The moon.
- 10. **[\$32,000]** What is the collective noun for a group of Kangaroos? A. A colony. B. A herd. C. A band. D. A mob.
- 11. **[\$64,000]** Of the 25 most poisonous snakes in the world – how many live in Australia? A. 11. B. 15. C. 18. D. 20.
- 12. **[\$125,000]** What percentage of Australia is classified as desert? A. 15%. B. 25%. C. 35%. D. 45%.
- 13. **[\$250,000]** How many Federal Territories are there in Australia? A. Two. B. Seven. C. 10. D. 17.
- 14. **[\$500,000]** What is the name of the film based on the book, 'A Long Way Home'? A. Lion. B. Happy Feet. C. Looking for Alibrandi. D. Rabbit Proof Fence.
- 15. **[\$1,000,000]** How many UNESCO World Heritage Sites are in Australia? A. Three. B. 11. C. 16. D. 20.

GIANT CROSSWORD

Sourced from: www.puzzlechoice.com



ACROSS

- 1. Cruising or racing vessel (5)
- 4. Disquiet (6)
- 7. Area (6)
- 10. Zealous (5)
- 14. Unwitting (7)
- 15. Enclosed territory (7)
- 16. Vegetable (7)
- 17. Outstanding (5)
- 18. Spoken (7)
- 19. Tripod (5)
- 20. Distinctive spirit (5)
- 21. Sense organs (4)
- 22. Redact (4)
- 23. Secured a horse (8)
- 24. Land measure (4)
- 28. Irritate (5)
- 30. Frolic (4)
- 32. Carnival (4)
- 34. Ascertain (9)
- 36. Display of bad temper (7)
- 38. Taste (6)
- 39. Ostensibly (10)
- 43. Precipitation (4)
- 44. Fossil fuel (4)
- 45. Water barrier (5)
- 46. Fiend (4)
- 47. Wealthy (4)
- 51. Predilection (10)
- 52. Fruit (6)
- 53. Injured (7)
- 55. Perilous (9)
- 57. Requirement (4)
- 58. Sort (4)
- 59. Facets (5)
- 62. Direction (4)
- 64. Extremely poisonous (8)
- 67. Comply (4)
- 69. Requests (4)
- 74. Assumed name (5)
- 75. Part of a church (5)
- 76. Mode (7)

- 77. Rank (5)
- 78. Pear-shaped tropical fruit (7)
- 79. Rubbish (7)
- 80. Assisted in a crime (7)
- 81. Allays (5)
- 82. Dwell (6)
- 83. Sculpture (6)
- 84. Topic (5)

DOWN

- 1. Not as old (7)
- 2. Lizard (9)
- 3. Farm vehicle (7)
- 4. Of value (6)
- 5. Threw out (7)
- 6. Safety (8)
- 8. Primary (10)
- 9. Deadlock (7)
- 10. Flag (6)
- 11. Pictorial (7)
- 12. Woody grasses (5)
- 13. Armed robber (6)
- 16. Accumulate (7)
- 25. Foe (5)
- 26. Musical instrument (8)
- 27. Barbarous (5)
- 28. Performer (5)
- 29. Enclosure (4)
- 31. Loses (9)
- 33. Facilitate (9)
- 34. Finesse (9)
- 35. Copious (5)
- 37. Callow (5)
- 40. Shortened (8)
- 41. Unspecific entity (5)
- 42. Savage (5)
- 48. Conceals (5)
- 49. Not at any time (5)
- 50. Mischievous fairies (4)
- 51. Military chaplain (5)
- 54. Supported (10)
- 56. Aromatic herb (7)
- 60. Disassemble (9)
- 61. Perpetual (8)
- 63. Mariners (7)
- 65. Acquires (7)
- 66. African expedition (6)
- 68. Distinguished (7)
- 70. Section (7)
- 71. Not paid on time (7)
- 72. Compositions (6)
- 73. Breathe in (6)
- 74. Saying (5)

SUDOKU

Level: MEDIUM

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CALCUDOKU

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SOLUTIONS: Jan. 17, 2023

Crossword:

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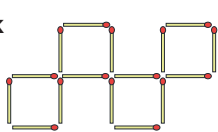
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14 +	7	6	1	2	9	8	5	3	4
31 +	5	8	2	4	6	3	1	9	7

Matchstick puzzle:



Magic Squares:

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Isabel Trease, past Citizen of the Year Fay Sinclair, June Powell and Tarnya Wilson at the South Gippsland Shire Council Citizen of the Year Awards. A07_0423



Kelly Hughes, Kathy Westaway, Cathy Waldron and Karen Anton support Young Citizen of the Year nominee and eventual winner Kira Waldron. A09_0423



Susan Taylor, Val Wilson and Simone Veld support the Lions Club of Korumburra's 'Brush and Bubbles', nominated in the 'Community Event of the Year'. A10_0423



Marty Thomas and Glenis Foster of the Meeniyar Progress Association and Moo's restaurant at the South Gippsland Shire Council's Citizen of the Year Awards night. A12_0423



Tony Lambides-Turner, president of the Korumburra & District Historical Society and Jan Morris support 'The Historical and Artistic Perspective of Karmai', a nominee for 'Community Event of the Year'. A08_0423

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the South Gippsland Citizen of the Year Awards, Commemorative event for Tunnerminnerwait and Maulboyheenner, 'Then and Now' Embroidery Exhibition in Leongatha, Rhyll Twilight Market and Cape Paterson Aquathon.



South Gippsland's Young Citizen of the Year Kira Waldron and friend Alex Chandler before the awards ceremony in Meeniyar. A11_0423



Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group, and Bass Coast Reconciliation Network members, Sally O'Neill, Anne Davie and Geoff Russell gathered at Wishart Reserve on Friday to remember the lives of Tunnerminnerwait and Maulboyheenner. C08_0423



Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group's Jessica Harrison and co-Chair Florence Hydon caught up after Friday's special commemorative event for Tunnerminnerwait and Maulboyheenner. C09_0423



Sharing the importance of recognising Tunnerminnerwait and Maulboyheenner's public hanging, Anna Gebhardt of Wonthaggi and Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group's Marg Lynn of Berrys Creek. C10_0423



Barbara Hoy, Marion Cook, Maggie Wallis, Lois Young and Cathy Curwood represent Leongatha Red Cross at The Embroiderers Guild's exhibition, raising funds for emergency services. A57_0423



Guild vice president Pauline Lancaster with husband Lance. A56_0423



The Embroiderers Guild committee member Sheila Griffiths and new member Louise Black at the 'Then and Now' Embroidery Exhibition. A55_0423



Brian Sharp and wife Lynette, a Guild committee member, enjoy the 'Then and Now' Exhibition. A58_0423



Instrument maker from Cape Paterson gives one of his cigar-box guitars a strum at his stall at the Rhyll Twilight Market last Friday night.



Four visiting friends enjoying the Rhyll Twilight Market last Friday night.



Locals Jye and Michelle get ready for the Aquathon finish. A60_0423



Sienna and Robyn Gow of Inverloch prepare to cheer on Stephen Gow as he completes the Aquathon. A61_0423

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Mack Mitchell Kent was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on December 28, 2022, weighing 3.85kg. Mack is a son for Joel and Jane Kent of Phillip Island, and a brother for Maverick.

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FAITH FACTOR

Practising self-denial

By Father Darren Howie, Parish Priest, St. Josephs Parish, Wonthaggi

SELF-denial can be difficult: for example, resisting the second piece of cake or the third or fourth bowl of ice cream. Scripture and some studies on human behaviour provide arguments for the benefits of self-denial. It is our firm conviction from personal experience that when Jesus said in Matthew 10:39: Whoever finds his life, will lose it. And whoever will have lost their life because of me, shall find it, he did so to help us.

Christians practise self-denial as a means to stop themselves from acting impulsively, making poor decisions, and to help them to be other-minded. Australia's rich history of volunteers and community minded people is a powerful argument advocating that being other-minded is the path to happiness and not selfishness. As a country, being other-minded is part of our culture. We are all familiar with the expressions, be a good sport and a team player. We don't mind being asked to give. However, learning to wait is an area we could all perhaps benefit from. There is a prayer for that: Lord, give me patience, now! Jokes aside, at times waiting can seem to be insufferable. Not for nothing do people say that the waiting is killing them.

The Marshmallow test was created by the psychologist Walter Mischel.

Quite simply a child is offered an immediate reward of a marshmallow, or two rewards if they could wait for 15 minutes.

It is claimed that most of the children could not wait. From that study it showed that the children and adults who could delay gratification, tended to have better life outcomes from the point of view of education, health, and other life measures.

The fact that many people use words like, killing and dying to describe waiting, it may add another way of looking at Jesus' words in Matthew 10:39: And whoever will have lost their life because of me, shall find it.

If you believe Scripture, you will believe that God wants us to be happy.

In John 10:10 are the words of Jesus, I have come so that they may have life and have it more abundantly.

We are encouraged to make impulse decisions through advertising with messages like, why wait, and rush in now.

It's not easy but one can learn to be patient, or less impatient.

It is our personal conviction that following Jesus advice to learn to wait and to be other-minded is the path not only for our happiness, but the happiness of others.



Behind the scenes may have changed over the years, but The Hills Are Alive co-founders Aidan and Rhett McLaren continue to do what they do for the love of music and good times with good friends. C16_0123



Event Manager, Kat Coppins was in final preparations ahead of festival-goers arrivals. C17_0123

Good vibes welcoming in the New Year

IT MAY have grown organically from the one and only The Hills Are Alive festival, but the first New Year's Eve on the Hill was a very different scene to the good vibing, sunset viewing festival it is today.

Two hundred and seventeen friends popped along to what would be the first unofficial NYE on the Hill.

The McLaren family welcomed near on 3000 friends-of-friends to their farm, including volunteers, and even neighbours to ring in 2023.

With the all-new Deck Bar, a Karaoke Bar and The Per-FARMance THAAtre festival goers were treated to cheers at the Edge of the World Bar, a sing-along in the Mr. Mooyagi tent and table tennis at Dr. Pong.

The festival continued to celebrate all the things from the early days good people, great music, a stunning location and good times, and it wouldn't have been possible without all the volunteers who stepped up and helped out in preparation and during the event.

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

WE ARE a community focused Centre and part of this focus, as we provide various interests and activities through our groups, is the fact that our facilitators come from our community and have commitments to their families, friends as well as us. This can be seen in our staggered start to some of our groups.

As the first school term begins at the end of January, so do our remaining groups in the first week of February. So, here are those groups, which you are hanging out to do or want to give it a go.

We have our well-being groups starting in the first week of February. We have Seated Yoga with Maree commencing Thursday, February 2 in the afternoon, 2 to 3.15pm. A morning yoga class

with Linda beginning Tuesday, February 7, 10.30 to 11.45am and Meditation with Marion on Tuesday afternoons, 2 to 4pm.

There is also our Weight Management Group who begin their journey for the year on Tuesday, February 7. They meet in the evening, 7 to 8pm.

The Multicultural Women's group will be starting on Thursday, February 2. They meet on Thursday mornings, 10am to 12noon.

And our free supported play groups which top and tail our working week are starting, for the Monday group, January 30, and the Friday group, February 3. Both groups are in the mornings, 10 to 11.30am. Facilitated by Bass Coast Health for families. Ring and book in now. Cath for Mondays on

0427 729 695 and Janine for Fridays on 0457 834 960.

Following the Seed and Veggie/Produce Swaps, which occur every 2nd Saturday of the month at the Harvest Centre, is the Wonthaggi Food Collective, 11am to 1pm. It is a local group that buys food in bulk and distributes it at a low mark up to members. If you are interested, get in contact with Michael Nugent Wonthaggi-Coop@gmail.com or phone 0416 039 933.

If you have a young person, aged between 16 and 23 years who has a learner permit but no supervising adult to help them get their 120 hours of driving done, then the Bass Coast TAC L2P Driver Education Program will be excellent for them.

They will be matched to

a trained volunteer mentor and this program is not just about the hours there is also all sorts of information and education on good driving habits and car knowledge to be had. Call Melanie, the L2P co-ordinator, on 0457 590 679, Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

HAIRDRESSING is a highly sought-after career for many young school leavers, and BCAL has the perfect course to start people on that path.

The Certificate II Salon Assistant course gives learners hands-on experience in washing, styling, colouring, and braiding, as well as a range of customer service skills.

The course is presented by a trainer with over 20 years experience as a hairdresser and beautician. She has great networking skills to help students

find work placements. Graduates of the course have gone on to work in salons from Wonthaggi to the Gold Coast.

What's more, students get to act as models for their classmates, having their hair coloured and styled.

There are a wide range of career paths opened up by the Certificate, making it ideal for people who want either full time or part time work, or those who want to start their own business.

For more information on all

BCAL's courses and services, please visit www.bcal.vic.edu.au or call 5672 3115 to learn more.

WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

Sometimes there's very little needs to be done to a piece of wood. Woodies member Michael recently brought in some long sticks of Chinese elm, perfect for walking sticks and staffs.

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shape of the wood brings all the character, and means every piece is unique.

Add a light finish, and you have something functional and with great character.

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- Approximately 6.4 acres of land with additional unused road access
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- Mature gardens with fruit trees
- Double car garage
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Set on an approximately 502 sqm block of residential land on Macdonald Street, this centrally located property is well suited to a variety of buyers. An inspection is a must!

Upon entry into the home, you are greeted by the main bedroom on the left featuring an ensuite, walk in robe and large window overlooking the established front garden.

Opposite is the double car garage with access through a passage door into the backyard and separate laundry also featuring direct access onto the outside deck.

Further down the hallway you enter the open plan kitchen/dining/living area with the kitchen showcasing stainless steel

appliances, freestanding oven with gas cooktop, stone benchtops and walk in pantry.

The living space is serviced by a reverse cycle air conditioner whilst gas ducted heating is situated throughout the home.

From the living space, a glass sliding door opens onto an entertaining deck that is half covered to enjoy your morning coffee or evening drinks with family or friends.

Completing the home are the further three bedrooms all with built in robes and share access to the family bathroom which includes a bath, corner shower and single vanity with stone benchtop.

Outside you will find a space designated for enjoyment with a step-down fire pit area to one corner of the yard. Garden edging to two sides, there is enough space down the right-hand side of the home for a second driveway to be created, so you

can park the caravan or boat off the street or build a shed (STCA).

This low maintenance property is ready to go and with a neutral colour palette throughout, make this home your special place today.

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Crucial role of red meat in national commodities

THE AUSTRALIAN Bureau of Statistics (ABS) released its annual 2021-22 Value of Agricultural Commodities data this week, highlighting the crucial role the Australian red meat industry plays in national commodities.

The report identified growth across all sectors, including livestock herd numbers, livestock disposals and products. In the previous financial year, the red meat industry generated over \$25 billion in gross value.

Livestock slaughter and other disposals have continued to climb with a 12 per cent increase in livestock disposals and a seven per cent increase in livestock products from the previous financial year.

Red meat production (slaughter and other disposals of cattle and sheep) made up to 80 per cent of the gross value. There was a

marked increase of 14 per cent in both categories from 2020-21. Key figures include:

- \$15.3 billion gross value came from cattle and calves
- Just under \$5 billion came from sheep and lambs
- Queensland had the highest gross value for cattle and calves at \$6.8 billion
- Victoria created \$2.9 billion in revenue for cattle and calves

Showing the strength of the sector, over the past five years cattle and calves have consistently out-performed other livestock products. Strong prices in the red meat industry have also aided in increasing gross values.

Historically strong cattle prices throughout 2022 helped increase the gross values as the rebuild gained traction in the north and strong retail prices also supported the industry.

Cattle projections webinar

ON THURSDAY, February 2 at 11am AEDT, the MLA Market Information team will be conducting its annual live webinar, presenting on the forecasts for the Australian cattle herd and market in 2023.

The live webinar will present and discuss the forecasts for:

- herd size
- slaughter

- carcass weights
- production
- global supply competitors
- key macro issues for the cattle industry in 2023
- industry price forecasts

To register visit mla.microsoftcrm-portals.com/event/registration?id=Cattle_Projections_Jan_20233263592089

That's a wrap

By Matt Dalglish
- Episode 3

AUSTRALIAN beef exports saw a nine per cent gain in volumes from November to December to record 76,118 tonnes swt traded for the final month in 2022. For the entire 2022 season this means that 854,593 tonnes of beef were exported, down nearly four per cent on the volumes seen in 2021 and 19 per cent below the average volumes seen exported over the last five years.

Japan remained in top spot for Australian beef exports for 2022 taking 25.1% of the trade, or 214,305 tonnes swt. Compared to the five-year average volumes this represents beef export volumes that are 23% under what we would normally send to Japan.

Second place was a tussle between South Korea and China. South Korea prevailed with 18.8% of the trade, or 160,724 tonnes which is less than one per cent under the five-year average trade volumes to South Korea. The South Korean market has held up very well considering the low production and export volumes seen this season and the high price of Aussie beef on the international market.

China managed third top destination on 18.5% of the Australian beef export trade, or 158,086 tonnes swt exported. Current trade volumes represent levels that are nearly 14% below the five-year average volumes of Australian beef sent to



Beef exports were down four per cent in 2022 compared to the previous year, however, Japan retained top spot.

China, but there were some exceptionally strong years seen when China was in the thick of their pork herd decline due to African Swine Fever.

Back in 2019 there was more than 300,000 tonnes of Australian beef exported to China, so the current volumes are a bit of a pullback. Trade tensions and additional competition from the USA has seen the Australian

beef footprint in China dwindle somewhat, hopefully a diplomatic olive branch extended to Chinese authorities in recent times will start to see trade volumes in beef building again into 2023.

The USA round out the top four destinations with 15.7% of the beef export trade, or 133,840 tonnes swt. Compared to the five-year average trend for Aussie beef exports to the USA

volumes are sitting nearly 38% under normal levels. The USA are into their third year of beef herd decline with strong domestic production levels and high red meat cold storage volumes. The re-introduction of Brazilian beef to the USA has also seen additional import competition for Australian exporters making the 2022 season a difficult one for access into the USA.

Young Farmer Business Bootcamp returns

VICTORIAN young farmers looking to establish a long and successful career in the agriculture industry can gain valuable skills through two-day Business Bootcamp events during February.

Agriculture Victoria will offer the two-day bootcamp sessions at Swan Hill over February 9-10, and in Maryborough over February 16-23.

Participants will be taken through profit,

loss and cash flow budgeting, balance sheets and gross margins, risk management, and financial planning and analysis.

These bootcamps are targeting young farmers impacted by flood and storm events, as part of Agriculture Victoria's technical and decision-making support program. The workshops will help to grow the resilience of young farm businesses and prepare them for the future.



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Turbulent year for cotton and wool

INTERNATIONAL markets for wool and cotton have seen much volatility through the course of 2022 – with the lingering impacts of COVID and escalated geopolitical and economic uncertainty affecting the trade – and the year ahead could be equally turbulent, agribusiness banking specialist Rabobank says in a new industry podcast.

Speaking on the podcast, Turbulent 2022 for Cotton and Wool Prices, Rabobank associate analyst Edward McGeoch said local and global extreme weather events have significantly impacted cotton production while Australian wool production is on the rise.

Year in review – Cotton

“There has been a lot of fluctuation with cotton prices through 2022, Mr McGeoch said.

“Cotton prices opened well off the back of strong performances in 2021 – kicking off the year with a local price of roughly \$740 per bale. And we saw the price trend up significantly to an 11-year high, with rises of 29 per cent to achieve just under \$1000 per bale.

“Unfortunately, we have seen a steady decline from those high prices, which almost halved during the year, recovering slightly in recent months to sit at approximately \$600 per bale.”

Year in review - Wool

Mr McGeoch said Australian wool producers – like cotton growers – had experienced similar volatile market conditions throughout the course of the year.

“The Eastern Market Indicator (EMI) climbed signifi-



Rabobank associate analyst Edward McGeoch provides a look at the year ahead and the year that has been for Australian cotton and wool.

cantly through the first half of 2022 to reach a high of approximately 1474 cent/kg,” he said.

“Subsequently we have seen the EMI slide back by roughly 20 per cent from those high prices seen earlier in the year.”

Mr McGeoch said within the various wool micron ranges – there have been significant drops in prices paid for the finer micron wools, with falls between six to 15 per cent

since the beginning of the year.

Production outlook - Cotton

Mr McGeoch said there have been recent industry adjustments made to the 2023 production outlook – globally and locally, due to weather events.

“US production was down this year by roughly 3.5 million bales due to drought conditions. And flooding and heatwaves in Pakistan dur-

ing the year saw a reduction in the nation’s cotton production of approximately 1.5 million bales.”

Looking at the Australian cotton production outlook, Mr McGeoch said, the sector is coming off a very strong 2021/22 season of around 5.75 million bales – a big increase on the previously drought-impacted years.

Australia’s production estimate for 2022/23 was around six million bales, however, the excessive rainfall and flooding in southern Queensland and across cotton-growing areas of New South Wales has put a “serious dint” in the outlook for the 2022/23 production season.

Mr McGeoch said Rabobank is now expecting to see a cotton harvest next year of under five million bales due to the impacts of the wet weather.

New markets

New export destinations for Australian wool and cotton are opening up in 2023.

“In October 2020, China imposed a soft-ban on Australian cotton imports, and at the time Australia was sending a significant amount of cotton to that market – around 66 per cent of cotton exports,” he said.

“There was then an urgent need to look for alternate markets and now in 2022, we’ve seen Vietnam emerge as a key new market – with the largest growth in demand for Australian cotton – with that nation now importing approximately 38 per cent of Australian cotton exports.”

Australian cotton exports to India have also jumped dramatically with 13 per cent now going to that market – compared with four per cent in 2020.

MARKET REPORT

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7 Vagg C & S Holdings			
Leongatha South	733.6	400.0	2,934
4 Walker F Bingo Munjie South	628.8	398.0	2,502
12 Sewell MJ	666.7	390.0	2,600
15 Ventroni F Unknown Dist	631.3	388.0	2,449
8 Forrester & Mitchell			
Cranbourne	720.0	385.6	2,776

Steers

2 Miller P & H Poowong	407.5	450.0	1,833
3 Hopkins AR Morwell	431.7	440.0	1,899
1 Spehar Z & M Yinnar	415.0	440.0	1,826
1 Trotman KP2 Buffalo	375.0	440.0	1,650
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1 Cummaudo GT Mirboo Nth	470.0	413.6	1,943

Heifers

1 Miller P & H Poowong	390.0	410.0	1,599
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1 Hopkins AR Morwell	430.0	400.0	1,720
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1 Cummaudo GT Mirboo Nth	405.0	399.6	1,618
2 Schuhkucett RP & GR Trafalgar	420.0	393.6	1,653

Cows

3 Brooks JA & VA Tarra Valley	623.3	2,516	15,683
1 Hitchings I & MJ Wonthaggi	570.0	2,516	14,341
1 Katelea Past Toora	550.0	320.0	1,760
2 Castello R Family Trust			
Thorpdale	527.5	310.0	1,635
1 Hayes BD Woodleigh	415.0	300.0	1,245
1 Bassed D & H Waratah Nth	560.0	300.0	1,680

Bulls

1 Nunn IA & AK Pound Creek	965.0	330.0	3,184
1 Hitchings I & MJ Wonthaggi	1,065.0	329.6	3,510
1 King PV & TJ Willow Grove	990.0	329.6	3,263
1 Dunbar JW & BJ Traralgon	1,020.0	325.0	3,315
1 Brooks JA & VA Tarra Valley	925.0	325.0	3,006
1 DM & KA Scott Inverloch	775.0	321.6	2,492

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1 Reeves P Welshpool	420.0	293.2	1,231
1 Cantwell L Unknown District	375.0	280.0	1,050

Lardner Park Calf Market Report Monday, January 16, 2023

Jersey & Jersey x	\$15 to \$50
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LEONGATHA		Rob Ould - Livestock Manager	0408 595 183
Dane Perczyk - Livestock Manager	0408 176 063	David Holden	0428 749 390
Kaleb Jans	0487 155 471	Alan Bolding	0419 723 255
WARRAGUL		Dale Atherton	0428 888 300
Neil Darby - Livestock Manager	0418 595 265	PAKENHAM	
Terry Ahearn	0438 562 816	David Setches - Livestock Manager	0409 443 473
Jason Fry	0407 295 909	Glenn Barwick	0408 975 476
Jordan Sim	0448 058 435	Morgan Croucher	0457 001 877
Mark Malacarne	0418 654 590	Tim Gibson	0420 306 599

Real Estate Sales

KORUMBURRA		LEONGATHA		INVERLOCH	
Scott McKenzie	0427 552 898	Andrew Newton	0402 940 320	Marni Lee Redmond	0403 525 413
Christie Nelson	0407 812 904	Peter Dwyer	0428 855 244	COWES	
WONTHAGGI		Emily Clifford	0422 622 299	Greg Price	0419 337 441
Phillip Hanley	0417 140 508	WARRAGUL		Maree Malloy	0408 316 715
Dan Huther	0418 334 801	Alan Steenholdt	0409 423 822	Chase Watters	0423 272 819
Cal Nation	0439 334 163	PAKENHAM		Brian Silver	0407 347 509
Mick Chambers	0418 349 783	Tom Gibson	0438 574 472	VENUS BAY	
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EPA scientists Maryam Moslehi and Kara Fry with soil testing gear and GardenSafe samples.

Dig a little deeper with GardenSafe

A NEW EPA program is uncovering the gritty mysteries in your garden.

GardenSafe is a soil screening service that analyses your dirt and tells you what might be in amongst your vegetation.

By sending EPA a soil sample from your home garden you can have the data you need at the tip of your green thumb.

It's part of a global initiative that helps you investigate soil health and potential contaminants in your garden so you can work out the best use for your patch of paradise.

"If you are growing fruit and vegetables at home, you should use GardenSafe to check what is under the surface of your seedlings. The only cost to you is the postage," EPA's Chief Environmental

Scientist, Professor Mark Patrick Taylor said.

"Our scientists assess each sample they get for trace elements and general soil quality indicators, including soil texture, composition, nutrients and organic carbon.

"As a science-based regulator we need this data.

"The findings from GardenSafe help us to build an understanding of potential contamination levels in residential gardens across Victoria. This information will help gardeners better understand what's in their soil. It will also help to reduce potential risk and exposure if soil contamination is present."

GardenSafe data will not be used for EPA compliance or enforcement activities.

"As a partnership between EPA Victoria and members of the community, GardenSafe is a great example of how we can work together, after all, the environment is everyone's business," he added.

Victorians can send the GardenSafe team three soil samples from their gardens. They must be from a residential property.

EPA scientists will analyse the samples and provide a short report detailing the results and how to interpret them. Participants can also access information on growing fruit and vegetables safely in their gardens.

Find out more about GardenSafe at epa.vic.gov.au/for-community/get-involved/citizen-science-program/gardensafe

Free worm testing for pigs

AGRICULTURE Victoria animal health and welfare staff are providing hands-on help to pig owners to develop an on-farm biosecurity plan.

Implementing an effective biosecurity plan is the key to reducing risks to pig health, including emergency animal diseases such as foot-and-mouth disease and African swine fever. These diseases are not present in Australia.

South east Senior Veterinary Officer, Dr Dianne Phillips, said a biosecurity plan helps pig owners to identify risks to the health of their pigs and the steps to take to reduce these risks.

"A biosecurity plan should address the range

of potential disease pathways and highlight areas to improve biosecurity," she said.

Along with help developing a biosecurity plan, Agriculture Victoria staff will also undertake free worm testing for pig herds.

While the service is being targeted at people who have a small or medium-sized herd, or just a couple of pigs, the team is keen to hear from anyone with pigs, including commercial owners.

As part of the program, staff will visit the property to assist pig owners with setting up their biosecurity plan and undertake testing for roundworm and whipworm.

Results will be sent to

the owner with information about treatments and how to manage worms.

"We're focussing on smaller herds because they may not have the connection with the abattoir testing program," she said.

The testing across the state will help Agriculture Victoria gather data about the extent of roundworm and whipworm in Victoria's pig herds.

To obtain help with developing a biosecurity plan and take part in the free testing contact pigbiosecurity@agriculture.vic.gov.au

For more information about the program, visit agriculture.vic.gov.au/live-stock-and-animals/pigs

VLE Leongatha Store Sale

By SGSAA

Agents yarded 3000 head at last Friday's VLE Leongatha store sale.

The quality of the yarding was good with some annual drafts on offer.

Prices held pretty firm to recent sales, held around the state, for the opening of the new year with vendors and buyer adjusting to the new rates.

Medium and heavy steers are trading around \$3.90 to \$4.40, weaner steers \$4.20 to \$4.80 with some isolated sales \$5.00 to \$5.30, heifers \$3.60 to \$4.00 and Xbred & Friesian steers \$2.60 to \$3.60.

Local buyers purchased a good percentage of the cattle as well as a couple of the regular domestic feeder buyers and a couple of orders to go into NSW and South Australia for some of the lighter end of the calves.

Leongatha Store Sale on Friday, January 20, 2023

Grown Steers

Baillie Bros, 18 Angus	656kg	\$4.05	\$2660
Baillie Bros, 19 Angus	631kg	\$4.15	\$2620
Ea & Ge Baillie, 14 Angus	624kg	\$4.07	\$2540
Ea & Ge Baillie, 15 Angus	601kg	\$4.25	\$2560
Ea & Ge Baillie, 19 Angus	608kg	\$3.96	\$2410
Baillie Bros, 15 Angus	591kg	\$4.31	\$2550
Shellcot P/S 11 Angus	585kg	\$4.18	\$2450
R & J Edwards 17 Angus	521kg	\$4.37	\$2280
Shellcot P/S 22 BB	516kg	\$4.43	\$2290
Adels Grove 17 Angus	490kg	\$4.28	\$2100
Perry Past 16 Angus	468kg	\$4.40	\$2060
M.g Harrison 16 AA/BB	446kg	\$4.39	\$1960
Rostello Past, 14 H/F/Sim X	624kg	\$4.00	\$2500
Rostello Past, 14 H/F/Sim X	586kg	\$4.09	\$2400
Rostello Past, 10 H/F	573kg	\$4.01	\$2300
Rostello Past, 10 H/F	561kg	\$4.15	\$2330
Rostello Past, 10 H/F/Sim X	556kg	\$4.04	\$2250
Rostello Past, 17 H/F	526kg	\$4.12	\$2170
Rostello Past, 19 H/F	515kg	\$4.07	\$2100
Shellcot P/S 14 Hfd	512kg	\$3.98	\$2040
Rostello Past, 22 H/F	461kg	\$4.10	\$1890
Rostello Past, 12 H/F	462kg	\$3.98	\$1840
R & G Schuhkraft, 14 Charo X	465kg	\$4.06	\$1890

Weaner Steers

W&L Rendell 12 Angus X	443kg	\$4.38	\$1940
J Lloyd, 10 Angus	407kg	\$4.29	\$1750
D & S King, 10 Angus	402kg	\$4.67	\$1880
D & S King, 10 Angus	377kg	\$4.64	\$1750
Bartrace 24 MG/AA X	377kg	\$4.03	\$1520
J & D Elliott 16 AA/BB	372kg	\$3.97	\$1480
Gembrae Ag 16 Angus	365kg	\$4.11	\$1500
D & C Webb 28 AA/BB	363kg	\$4.13	\$1500
Doonagatha 23 Angus	360kg	\$4.97	\$1790
Bartrace 24 Angus X	360kg	\$4.92	\$1770
S. Hatzivoyiatzis, 16 Angus	358kg	\$4.13	\$1480
D & S King, 10 Angus	352kg	\$4.46	\$1570
Doonagatha 20 AA/BB	346kg	\$5.05	\$1750
D McKeown, 12 Angus	339kg	\$4.54	\$1540
K Perry, 13 Angus	339kg	\$4.26	\$1440
Gembrae Ag 18 Angus	343kg	\$4.90	\$1680
N & G Stollery, 17 Angus	334kg	\$4.22	\$1410
Doonagatha 20 Angus	324kg	\$4.93	\$1600
D & C Webb 28 AA/BB	304kg	\$4.11	\$1250
Doonagatha 20 Angus	303kg	\$5.18	\$1570
Doonagatha 20 Angus	296kg	\$5.09	\$1500
K & L Heggen 24 Red Angus	409kg	\$5.13	\$2100
Ajay Partners 20 Red Angus	381kg	\$4.88	\$1860
K & L Heggen 25 Red Angus	371kg	\$4.98	\$1850
R & S Boote 20 Red Angus	368kg	\$4.86	\$1790
K & L Heggen 25 Red Angus	367kg	\$5.36	\$1970
K & L Heggen 25 Red Angus	340kg	\$5.23	\$1780
R & S Boote 20 Red Angus	338kg	\$4.67	\$1580
K & L Heggen 10 Red Angus	292kg	\$5.41	\$1580
R & S Boote 12 Red Angus	291kg	\$5.01	\$1460
Jeetho Farm 16 Angus	279kg	\$4.59	\$1280
M & C Russell 20 Hfd	450kg	\$4.40	\$1980
M & C Russell 16 Hfd/Char	407kg	\$4.59	\$1870
Index Farming, 12 Hfd	390kg	\$4.10	\$1600
P Van Heer Waarden, 10 Limo X	384kg	\$4.08	\$1570
L Missen, 11 Limo X	370kg	\$4.05	\$1500

Heifers

W&L Rendell 11 Angus X	389kg	\$3.70	\$1440
J Lloyd, 10 Angus	369kg	\$3.60	\$1330
N & K Andrews, 15 Angus	365kg	\$3.42	\$1250
Tullaree Past, 22 Angus	361kg	\$3.85	\$1390
R & J Atherton, 18 Angus	360kg	\$4.25	\$1530
Filsell & Smith 20 Ang us	357kg	\$3.64	\$1300
Gembrae Ag 22 Angus	349kg	\$3.67	\$1280
D McKeown, 11 Angus	311kg	\$4.05	\$1260
S & V Missen, 17 Angus	297kg	\$4.34	\$1290
N & G Stollery, 13 Angus	289kg	\$4.29	\$1240
D & C Webb 19 AA/BB	274kg	\$3.64	\$1000
S & V Missen, 22 Angus	257kg	\$4.32	\$1110
M & C Russell 13 Hfd	365kg	\$3.61	\$1320
S & V Missen, 13 Charo	336kg	\$3.24	\$1090
S & V Missen, 16 Charo	289kg	\$3.10	\$1070

Xbred & Friesians

J Lloyd, 14 X Bred	509kg	\$3.73	\$1900
M Conn 14 FF	560kg	\$2.96	\$1660
J Lloyd, 17 Friesian	548kg	\$2.86	\$1570
J Lloyd, 10 Friesian	535kg	\$2.86	\$1590
J Lloyd, 21 Friesian	395kg	\$2.91	\$1150

Cows & Calves

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R McCain, 5x5 Angus Cows & Calves			\$2300



The winner of the Best Udder sash at Tatura's IDW event last week was "View Fort Brasilia Saturday", (Brasilia) shown by View Fort Holsteins, Tarwin.

South Gippsland dairy breeders excel at IDW

SOUTH Gippsland dairy breeders had quite a bit of success at International Dairy Week at Tatura last week, being in the running for the interbreed championship and claiming some major breed silverware along the way.

In the International Dairy Week Senior Champion Interbreed competition, a Guernsey cow "Kerrilyn Pistoll Peach" shown by N & S Wilkie, Pentland Hills was crowned the week's overall winner and a Holstein "Avonlea Stanley-cup Evie" (Stanleycup) shown by J&M Deenen and D&A Mathews Leon-gatha South claiming the reserve interbreed title.

But the Leongatha South partnership walked away with possibly the most coveted title of the whole week, the Grand Champion Exhibit sponsored by Holstein Australia with Avonlea Stanley-cup Evie.

The cow also won the

Senior Champion Cow title sponsored by Semex and Holstein Australia with "View Fort Brasilia Saturday", (Brasilia) shown by View Fort Holsteins, Tarwin, taking out the Reserve Senior Champion Cow.

Speaking after the announcement of Supreme Champion Holstein, both Alex Mathews and Maree Zanders-Deenen admitted to being emotional.

"Elated, emotional. The cow calved down six weeks ago and Maree has been looking after her since then. She's done all the hard work," said Alex Mathews, saying how much she enjoyed showing the cow with Maree.

Maree was delighted.

"I've been dreaming about this moment for 25 years," said Maree of the long journey to taking off such an enormous award. Other results included:

- Premier Exhibitor sponsored by NAB Agribusi-

ness View Fort Holsteins Tarwin.

- Dam's Progeny or two daughters of same dam (ABS Australia). 1st - B&J Gavenlock Cherry-lock Cattle Co., Tallyga-roopna, VIC. 2nd - View Fort Holsteins, Tarwin, VIC
- Australia's National Holstein Show Class 21 pen of three females owned by the exhibitor. 1st - View Fort Holsteins, Tarwin, VIC
- Class 19 Best Udder was also won by View Fort Brasilia Saturday, (Brasilia) for View Fort Holsteins, Tarwin.
- In Class 16, 5 years in milk sponsored by Genetics Australia was won by Avonlea Stanley-cup Evie, (Stanleycup) for J&M Deenen and D&A Mathews, Leon-gatha South from second View Fort Brasilia Saturday, (Brasilia) View Fort Holsteins, Tarwin.



The Premier Exhibitor award at International Dairy Week was won by View Fort Holsteins, Tarwin.

Vic beekeepers can apply to move hives from NSW

FROM Monday January 23, beekeepers with Victorian registered hives can apply for a permit to move their hives from New South Wales (NSW) into Victoria.

In a milestone for the national varroa mite eradication response, there is now national acceptance that the state of NSW is free from the pest, apart from those areas within a 25 km radius of an infected hive.

Acting Chief Plant Health Officer Dr Stephen Dibley said this national decision has been made following extensive surveillance showing with 99.99 per cent confidence that varroa mite is not present in the NSW blue zone.

Victoria welcomes this announcement, and we can now begin assessing permit applications to move hives from NSW into

Victoria that were unable to cross the border prior to the national acceptance of area freedom in NSW's blue zone. Dr Dibley said.

Initially, only Victorian registered hives in the blue zone that can demonstrate compliance with testing and traceability requirements will be able to be moved, Dr Dibley said.

In the coming weeks, non-Victorian registered hives will also be able to apply for a permit to enter Victoria.

Beekeepers are reminded that a health certificate must be obtained for all movements of bees, bee products and used fittings (bee-keeping equipment) into Victoria.

For more detailed eligibility criteria, information, and applications, visit the Agriculture Victoria website.



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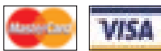
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Banfields Aged Care is inviting volunteers to become a part of the 'Lifestyle Teams Innovated Program' which is planned to enhance the residents' lifestyle.

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- Leongatha and Foster Depots
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We are seeking Operation Team Members (x 2) to work across all facets of construction, routine, reactive and programmed services for Council's road and associated road infrastructure assets.

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Full time standard hours are 7am to 4pm with a 9 day fortnight, however emergency response to events such as storms may be required after hours.

To be successful you must also have a current Drivers Licence, current White card and preferably hold a Medium Rigid or Heavy Rigid truck licence.

To apply for these positions, please go to our website: southgippsland.vic.gov.au

**Applications close: midnight
Sunday 5 February 2023.**

For further information contact Nathan Kamalan, Coordinator Construction: 5662 9119 (Leongatha) or Denis Manners, South Infrastructure Maintenance Supervisor: 03 5662 9182 (Foster).

School Bus Driver

Leongatha Area
For more information
Contact 03 5683 2555



After hours RACV road side service position

Edney's Leongatha are seeking an enthusiastic person to undertake after hours RACV break down service.

Applicant should be hands on, must be able to work alone & have sound mechanical knowledge to enable high customer service. This position is rostered and training will be given to the right applicant.

If this position suits you please email application & experience to:
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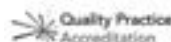
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Wonthaggi Medical Group
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Email: gbloch@wonthaggimedical.com.au
Fax: 5672 4219

Only written applications addressing the criteria that arrive before close of day **Friday, January 27** will be accepted.



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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Fireworks Display

**Thursday, January 26, 2023
approx 9.30pm**

for Australia Day Festival at Dalyston Recreation Reserve. Please restrain pets and animals. Any queries call 0418 529 310



Bass Coast Health

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Thursday, February 16, 2023,
1.30pm - 3pm**
(afternoon tea to follow).

Marquee in Ambulatory Care carpark,
Wonthaggi Hospital,
235 Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

Members of the public
are invited to attend.

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

Will this planning application affect you?

The land affected by the application is located at:
Boat Ramp & Carpark, Mahers Landing Road, Inverloch VIC 3996.

The application proposes:

- Boat ramp and car park upgrade.
- Vegetation removal.
- Revegetation and landscaping
- New toilet block.

APPLICATION DETAILS

Application Number: **220470**
Address: **Boat Ramp & Carpark, Mahers Landing Road, Inverloch**
Applicant name: **Bass Coast Shire Council C/- Ricardo Energy Environment and Planning Pty Ltd**
For further reference contact: **Kerri-Anne**
Phone number: 1300 BCOAST (226 278)

How can I find out more?

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application free of charge by scanning the QR code below or by visiting the link to view more details:
www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/planningads.

You may also call 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or via the National Relay Service (for people with speech/hearing difficulties) on 13 36 77 to arrange a time to look at the application & any documents that support the application at the office of the responsible authority, **Bass Coast Shire Council (76 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi)**. This can be done during office hours & is free of charge.

How can I make a submission?

Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to the responsible authority. If you object, the responsible authority will tell you its decision. This application has not been decided and you can still make a submission before a decision has been made.

An objection must:

- be made to the responsible authority in writing by emailing basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au or posting it to: **Bass Coast Shire Council, P.O. Box 118, Wonthaggi VIC 3995;**
- include the reasons for the objection and;
- state how the objector would be affected.

The responsible authority must make a copy of every objection available for any person to inspect free of charge until the end of the period during which an application may be made for review of a decision on the application.

The responsible authority will not decide on the application before: Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023



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Allambee Mirboo & District Tennis Ass.

RESULTS round 11: Another win for Inverloch this week, over Westernport, who only won three sets. There were two new mens names in the Westernport side. Koonwarra were winners against Korumburra. Matt Pocklington did his bit for his team, winning three sets. Evie Dekker and Alicia Marshman won their three sets for Koonwarra. Well done all round.

Outtrim were winners against Leongatha Green. A tiebreaker each way made the score line look close. Korumburra were winners over Leongatha Gold. Gold winning a ladies and a mixed.

Section 1 Results: Inverloch 6.66 defeated Westernport 3.42, Koonwarra 6.60 defeated Korumburra 3.53, Leongatha North BYE.

Ladder: Inverloch 88, Westernport 68, Koonwarra 52, Leongatha North 50, Korumburra 45.5.

Section 2 Results: K'burra 7.66 defeated Leongatha Gold 2.44, Outtrim 7.65 defeated Leongatha Green 2.35, Baromi BYE.

Ladder: Outtrim 72.5, Baromi 66.5, Leongatha Gold 63, Korumburra 61, Leongatha Green 38.5.

Bat, bowl, catch and care at Koonwarra

SPONSORSHIPS for sporting clubs are sometimes taken for granted, but not for these two local cricket clubs.

Koonwarra RSL jumped at the opportunity to promote men's mental health awareness and proposed that when they played Poowong-Loch in Saturday club cricket, the match would be dedicated to men's mental health awareness.

Poowong-Loch went into recess, but both clubs remained keen to "support the cause", they came together on Sunday at Koonwarra brandishing their men's mental health shirts and signage.

And while Koonwarra may have fielded a younger team, Poowong-Loch resurrected their flag winning team from last season.

Koonwarra was the venue for last season's Grand Final win and once again presented in immaculate condition.

For Poowong-Loch, it could have been all about last season's win, but it wasn't, the focus was on the game at hand and building an awareness of your teammate's wellbeing.

Well done to all players and Koonwarra for hosting the match.

A small presentation was made to Gavin Lazarus (PLCC) and Alvis Piksons (KLRLSL) for their on-field performances.

Mirboo North C.C. and Imperials C.C. have participated in bat bowl catch and care also this season.

Poowong-Loch's Rusty Cricket continues every Monday night, 6pm at the Loch Memorial Reserve, all welcome.



CARING FOR SAM'S CHILDREN

Please support the fundraiser for Sam Fraser's children, to help cover the cost of their care and education. To donate, go to gofund.me/b6e777cb, or search gofundme.com for "Caring for Sams Children".



Making a real difference in the lives of people across Bass Coast.

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Koony Legend brings up 500

By Aiden Box

CRICKET is a game of many milestones but notching 500 senior games for a single club is one that has to sit atop the list and Koonwarra L/RSL's Brad Anderson achieved just that a couple of weekends ago.

In the Cougars B Grade division one game against Korumburra on January 14, the Koony colours were spread around the ground, 'Ando 500' was painted on the outfield and a great crowd rolled in to enjoy what was a superb afternoon of celebrations.

The club posted a touching tribute to one of their lifers on the Facebook page.

"For any person to devote the time and commitment to play for long enough to reach 500 games at one club is amazing and when you add the significant number of achievements Brad has amassed during that time, it's easy to see why he is such a vital part of the club's fabric," the club wrote.

Anderson, or 'Ando' as he is affectionately, and almost exclusively known as around the club, has put together a tremendous career, playing for close to half a century since taking up cricket back in primary school.

The milestone man spoke to the Sentinel Times recently on how it all started.

"Rob Wood got me playing when I was in primary school at Leongatha Primary School. I'm almost 54 now and I started when I was 10 or 11. Woody was the PE teacher at school when I was there," he said.

"I played all my juniors at the club (Koonwarra) I won a junior premiership there.

"I played all my cricket at Koonwarra and Koonwarra L/RSL but one season, in 1987/88 I went out and played at Stony Creek and it's probably my biggest regret because Koonwarra won the A grade flag on its own.

"So, I never played in a senior premiership at Koonwarra, but I played in a few when Koony and RSL merged."

What is perhaps most impressive about the feat Anderson has achieved, is the way he has done it, often dominating games with his impressive skillset behind the stumps and with the stick as the club explained.

"For most of the 500 games, Ando has plied his trade behind the stumps in his customary role as the teams' wicket keeper, for many a year, he was one of the first players picked in the A grade team such was his competency behind the stumps," the club wrote.

"Where most other keepers from other teams were happy to play their part, Ando was able to turn the role into an attacking one and would regularly turn games from behind the stumps.

"His work standing up to the wickets was and is legendary, regardless of the pace of the bowler, Ando would take every opportunity to get up to the stumps and hunt a stumping, many a Cougar bowler have benefitted from this as bats-



Koonwarra legend Brad Anderson brought up a remarkable milestone recently for his beloved club, alongside his teammates, family, friends and supporters. B12_0423

men after batsmen would pay for the slightest stumble,

"Fiercely competitive, Brad has often achieved these things when the team needed it most."

His talent isn't exclusive to his glove work either, saving Cougar's innings many times over his 500 games.

"A more than handy bat, Brad's willingness to bat whenever the team needs him has seen him open, in the middle or down with the tail, often all in the one season he's been able to salvage many a 'Koony collapse' and get the team back into the contest," the club said.

Having played 500 of them, Anderson doesn't quite remember his first senior game, but was able to recall the support he had as a young up and coming gloveman.

"I remember playing in a B grade game with Col Sperling and John Moscript and I'd already started wicketkeeping in the juniors and Col Sperling, who was a legend of the comp, as well as a wicketkeeper, took me under his wing along with Woody and put their time into me back then," he said.

Ando's resume doesn't just end there though, boasting a great abundance of accolades across his storied career and he mentioned them as he looked back on some of the highlights.

"The premierships I've played in, two A grade (A2), a B grade and a C grade, they're standouts, you have those mates you catch up with for the rest of your life, everyone will laugh but I won a batting average at the club in A grade," he said

"I've only made one hundred, that was in B grade, I got five stumpings and a catch in a GCL game one year, I've picked up three and four stumpings in games, and that's where I do my best work, I'm better up at the stumps than I am back.

"I've been fortunate to play a bit at a high level, rep cricket and even a bit higher than that, I've played in a GCL premiership in 1995, played in two Country Week premierships in divisions three and four. I was GCL cricketer of the year, in 1996/97 I think, and the only wicketkeeper to win

that, that's outside of club level, I've played in Victoria Country games, travelled all over the place representing.

"At club level though, I just enjoy playing all the time, every game, from the guys that I used to play with to the guys I played with on the weekend, I enjoy it, it's social"

A truly remarkable player on the pitch, Anderson is also a true club legend away from the oval as well as the club explained.

"Off the field has been equally commendable as on it, Brad was president when the first senior side was able to win a premiership since the merger; under his reign, premierships would be won in A, B and C grade and the club would experience significant growth under his leadership," they said.

"Socially Brad has been peerless, he has been a regular on the committee, has coached junior teams, captained A grade and helped with the development and maintenance of the Rec Reserve, to name just a few of the roles he has played, "There have been many many big nights with Ando leading from the front and whenever you saw him remove his handkerchief and tie it on his head you knew that it was going to be a great night."

Ando's is genuinely so beloved by the KLRLSL cricket club and as he explained, the feelings really are mutual.

"The club's been my life really," he said.

"I love cricket, I love all sports, but I love the club out there, when we merged (Koonwarra and Leongatha RSL) it fit like a glove, I've been on the committee, I've been the president, coached juniors, I'm a long-term player, I'm a life member.

"I just enjoy it out there, I love the environment it's a very family-oriented club, so many good people, when I resigned as president, you're a bit anxious about who's going to take over, but people take it on and give it everything."

Despite not having the most damaging game on the scoreboard, Anderson was still incredibly grateful for the event the club put on, the messages he received and his 500th game itself.

"It was just awesome. I had messages from guys I played with at club level and some I'd played against, Gav Bolding came out and spent the whole day and night there. "I've played a lot of rep cricket with Gav and a lot against him, so it was just awesome to see people that you've played with and against roll up, and the messages I got from guys I've played with at both levels was quite overwhelming to be honest. "We had a good win, that was the main thing to have a win."

The 500-gamer finished by giving his thanks to those that've supported him along the way.

"Oh, where do I start, just the club as a whole. I couldn't thank the club enough for all the work they've put into me over the years, Ross Drury who was there when I started and is still involved," he said.

"The Sperling family they put a lot of work into me when I was younger, Rob Wood without a doubt, Shane Moore and those sorts of guys I've played so much with.

"Obviously my family for letting me play cricket as much as I did or do, at one stage there I was playing Saturday then Sunday and I was going to Country Week and I wasn't home for about seven Sundays in a row at one point, so just the family.

"Just to everyone who reached out to me over the weekend (of the game), and to the club for what they did for me on the weekend, they put on a nice little shindig, at afternoon tea they got up and made a presentation.

"Shane Dole from Korumburra who I've played a lot with and against got up and made a speech, so I couldn't thank any of those people enough."

The club reciprocated the thanks back to their club legend.

"From everyone at the club, thanks Ando for all that you have done for the Koonwarra/RSL Cricket Club."

Brad Anderson Career Stats (per KLRLSL cricket club)
Games 500, Runs: 5089
50's: 24, 100's: 1,
Wickets: 33, Catches: 226,
Stumpings: 103




10-year-old Amy Hodson swims for South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club and has taken on the Super Swim challenge to swim 20 km this February.

Bigger the splash, better the impact

THIS February 10-year-old Amy Hodson from Wonthaggi will join participants all over Australia diving in, to swim for a good cause, in support of Starlight Children's Foundation's (Starlight) fourth annual Super Swim challenge. From February 1 through to February 28, Australia's favourite online swim challenge will aim to raise \$2 million to brighten the lives of over 51,000 sick kids and Amy is taking part – setting herself a personal goal to raise \$1,500 and swim 20km in 28 days. “My initial goal was \$500 with a swim of 16km but with the support of family, friends, and the local community, I raised \$500 within the first 48 hours, so as a thank you to everyone who donated, I decided to increase my goal to a 20km swim,” said Amy. “I love swimming and hope to one day be in the Olympics. When I heard about the challenge I thought, I want to do it because adults help kids all the time but it's hard for kids to help kids and with this challenge, I can help sick kids and swim at the same time.” Amy's mother Robyn said Amy's motivation for the challenge came from her time in

and out of hospital as a young child. Amy has no vision in her right eye, she was born with a rare cataract on the right side and underwent surgery at only eight weeks old. Since then, she spent many years at the Royal Children's Hospital for appointments and further surgeries due to her cataract. Amy has been swimming with the South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club (SGB) for 12 months and trains three times a week at the YMCA in Wonthaggi – totalling approximately two kilometres per training session and with the support of her coaches, Amy will track every swim at training and every extra swim over the month of February. With Amy's dream to become an Olympian, her family recently met four-time Olympian and triple gold medalist, Drew Ginn who showed his support and generously donated to her Super Swim challenge. Regardless of age and fitness level, everyone can participate in the Super Swim challenge and can do this at a location of their choice – their pool, the beach, a lake, or local swim centre. Participants will raise

funds to support Starlight's vital services including Captain Starlight and Starlight Express Rooms nationally and its community Wish-granting program. Starlight CEO Louise Baxter said being seriously ill shouldn't mean missing out on the joy of childhood. Especially when evidence shows happiness makes a difference to a child's ability to cope and their long-term health outcomes. To support Amy in her 20-kilometre Super Swim challenge this February visit superswim.org.au/amy-hodson “It would mean so much to me if you can support my challenge because together, we can make a real difference for sick kids,” said Amy.



Link to Amy's page to support her 20km swim challenge this February.

Inverloch Beach Volleyball returns

THIS Sunday, January 29, the South Gippsland Volleyball Club is hosting its 30th annual Inverloch Beach Volleyball Competition from 9am. This tournament is known as the longest continuously run beach volleyball tournament in Victoria.

Teams have entered from across the Gippsland region, other parts of regional Victoria and throughout Melbourne. Players range in skill from new junior players through to experienced Australian Volleyball League competitors and numbers will be close to a competition record.

We invite you to join us for a vibrant celebration of family volleyball in a picture-perfect environment. The competition is held at Pensioner's Point near the corner of Venus Street and Ramsay Boulevard in Inverloch and will run 9am until approximately 1pm.



Amanda Keilar caught a Southern Bluefin Tuna out from Cape Paterson.



Elyse, from The Middle Pub in Korumburra, headed out on the ladies charter with Island Off-shore Charters, San Remo on Sunday and managed to reel in this quality tuna.

Around the Bay

WITH the holidays drawing to a close, it will be a month or so for many as they get back into the normality of work and school. The best part is, we are entering the best time of the year around this area, February to June.

Offshore opens up for the smaller boats to get amongst the flathead and, of late, even tuna and kingfish. Tuna reports are coming from Western Entrance to Inverloch, 12m to 40m of water. There is still a bit of work involved but patience and perseverance will pay off. Small skirts still the most popular means with white and king brown-coloured hard bodies also working. It will be rare that you catch them on the first choice of lure and important that you keep changing it up if you are on the fish and they won't bite.

Don't drive past the fish on your way to a destination either, once you leave the entrance, lures in the water, you might just pick them up close and save some fuel for the next trip.

Catching them early means you could also grab a bag of flathead before you head home.

Kingfish have been with the tuna – the normal kingfish spots now starting to be productive, look for the big barometer changes. Flat-head reports have been good but are back to the smaller groups. Find short drifts and keep going back over – if the weather has been rough, they will be deeper 50-60m and once it calms down you find them in closer, 20-30m.

The bay isn't a waste either with plenty of schools of bait fish providing food for bigger fish as well as whiting and hopefully a second run of snapper. The flathead in the bay have grown up and almost worth targeting across the corals area.

With all the boats around Rhyll, it has been better on the bank back towards Churchill Island and the deeper water at the end of the Rhyll channel, but we are seeing a

With Jim's Bait and Tackle

few good reports again from Dickies Bay and Cleeland Bight with the lighter traffic. Gummies will come and go all year round so you always have a chance of a bigger one and we should start to see the elephant fish show up soon.

We get questions in the shop all the time, and please keep them coming, some we just can't answer so we chase up the answers.

One question we had recently was about people fishing from jetties at boat ramps. The answer below applies to the right now but make sure you check each time you head down.

Ultimately the answer is 'no sign' then fish away, from the boat ramp, jetty, pontoon or even ramp.

The only obligation is under the Local Ports law that has a section which states:

Port Management (Local Ports) Regulations 2015

53 Retrieval of fishing rods and fishing lines when vessel approaching wharf

A person who is in possession of, or in charge of a fishing rod or fishing line on a wharf in a local port must ensure that the rod or line is retrieved from the water and any space between the wharf and a vessel approaching or departing from that wharf.

So, the offence is not winding your line in. Going fishing is ok.

Its unsure if the council have any intention to change the situation at Rhyll and ban fishing, like Newhaven; it will depend on if everyone does the right thing.

This week and the Australia Day weekend we will still be open early; next week going back to more normal shop hours – check our socials for times. On Tuesday the 31st they are replacing the power pole out the front. Not only will we have no power but no parking, so we will be closed.

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 24
▲ 2.45am	1.64m
▼ 8.12am	0.67m
▲ 2.25pm	1.44m
▼ 8.27pm	0.16m

WEDNESDAY	January 25
▲ 3.34am	1.68m
▼ 9.07am	0.55m
▲ 3.23pm	1.50m
▼ 9.21pm	0.19m

THURSDAY	January 26
▲ 4.19am	1.70m
▼ 10.00am	0.43m
▲ 4.19pm	1.54m
▼ 10.11pm	0.25m

FRIDAY	January 27
▲ 5.01am	1.69m
▼ 10.49am	0.33m
▲ 5.15pm	1.55m
▼ 10.58pm	0.33m

SATURDAY	January 28
▲ 5.41am	1.66m
▼ 11.36am	0.26m
▲ 6.12pm	1.53m
▼ 11.42pm	0.43m

SUNDAY	January 29
▲ 6.18am	1.60m
▼ 12.19pm	0.24m
▲ 7.08pm	1.50m

MONDAY	January 30
▼ 12.24am	0.54m
▲ 6.56am	1.53m
▼ 1.01pm	0.25m
▲ 8.04pm	1.45m

Email us your fishing photos

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Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun

By Julia Groves

JANUARY 21 marked the 129th Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun event and 28 participants came to enjoy the morning light and the optical illusion of a flat track only to realise it is uphill all the way back.

This week, Linda earnt her right to order a red parkrun t-shirt this week, with her 50th parkrun, she has completed all her 50 parkruns at the Grand Ridge Rail Trail and is often seen with her dog Mia.

She is dedicated, and had volunteered 15 times, including her 50th event. Linda is often seen doing an extra 5km to check the course is clear before we start. Thank you and congratulations Linda.

Unofficially, Murray celebrated his 100th run out and back on the Grand Ridge Rail Trail.

He has been a regular at Grand Ridge since parkrun began back in April of 2019 and on the very special New Years Day event Murray not only completed his 100th parkrun, but he also came in 1st place!

This weekend he was overtaken by some very speedy visitors such as, Andrew Leggo, with a time of 16:29, Andrew was only 5 seconds shy of Sam Quirk's course record.

This is unbeaten since



Even after over 100 Saturday morning runs Murray still smiles.

May 2021, although may be under threat if Andrew is to return...

We have welcomed many new regular faces and as always encourage visitors to the area to experience the peaceful rail trail and fantastic coffee in town afterwards.

Regardless of the time each 5kms is the same distance and we all work towards our own goals.

Big thanks to our volunteers; Libby Belton, Julia Groves, Annie Holland, Geoff Martin, Leon McDonald, Ronan O'Sullivan, Chris Waldron and Linda Zhang.



The MX action roars into Wonthaggi this weekend in what promises to be a fantastic day out for the whole family.



Emma Milesevic is keen to claim her first win this season.

Full throttle action roars into town

AUSTRALIAN Motocross Champions will be competing for \$20,000 in prize money in the biggest open motocross event in Wonthaggi this weekend – January 28-29. The AMX MX OPEN promises to provide high octane full throttle revving action.

Western Australian Kyle Webster will compete against world renowned Tasmanian Jed Beaton in the 450 class. Other champions competing in the MX1 class are Regan Duffy and Yamaha's Bailey Malkiewicz. In the 250 class it will Honda's Brodie Connolly from New Zealand against Australian champions Kayden Minear, Yamaha's Alex Larwood and Kawasaki's Jai Constantinou.

Webster can't wait for the first gate drop in 2023 and looks forward to sizing up his competition.

"I don't know what everyone has been doing during the off season. I finished last year with the final race win in the MX Nationals. It's always hard to gauge where you're at going into a new season, I feel strong, but I have no idea where everyone else is at," said Webster.

The best women racers will also be competing for an equal share in prizemoney. Emma Milesevic is eager to claim the first win of the season, the factory Honda racer will be competing against champions Taylah McCutcheon, Maddy Healy and a host of privateers. Emma missed last year's AMX MX OPEN due to injuries but aims to redeem herself this season.

"Last year I was injured which was a real bummer. This is an

amazing event and it's great to be recognised by the promoters and the Bass Coast Shire as equals to the men. Nowhere else in the world do women have equal prizemoney in motorsport," said Milesevic.

Penrite presents the first open race of the season the AMX MX OPEN and the riders can't wait for their first gate drops. Over 200 entries that include junior riders on 50cc competing. The event will be full of action on and off the track with trade displays and merchandise sales.

Gates open at 7am, practice starts at 8am, racing at 10am on Saturday and the first pro race on Sunday starts at 9am.

Tickets available for purchase at the gate: \$30 Adults, \$15 Children and \$80 for families (2 adults and 2 children).



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Ladies

The last day of the Foster ladies Championships was won by A Grade Robyn Galloway on a count back 77 nett and B Grade Elisa Nudelman also on a C/B 76 nett.

Scratch score Robyn Galloway (11) 88. B Grade Dianne Walker (26) 107 on a count back.

Robyn Galloway 29 putts. NTP 6th Gayle Reid.

BDTL Trudy Prue (27) 77 nett and Michelle Sait-Bennett (33) 76 nett.

Club Champion for 2022 was Robyn Galloway 256.

B Grade Champion on Beth Curram 278.

C Grade Champion Kaylene Morris 313.

Molly Mitchell Nett score was won by Michelle Sait-Bennett (33) 210. and Putting Robyn Galloway 87.

KORUMBURRA

Tuesday January 17 Stableford (37 Players)

A Grade: Ian Gibson (13) 36 C/B

B Grade: David Gow (26) 43 Points

NTP's: 1st Nathan Wardle, 7th Neil Spargo, 10th Doc Dixon & 13th Mick Belvedere

Thursday 19th January Stableford (15 Players)

Winner: Rob Gallagher (12) 44 Points

NTP's: 1st Ross Besley, 7th Roland Rees, 10th Mat Wrigley & 13th Chris Clements

Saturday 21st January Sponsor: Al & Barb Twite Stableford: (56 Players)

A Grade: Zac Scholte (13) 40 Points

B Grade: Richard Johnson (17) 41 Points

NTP's: 1st Ian Morris, 7th Terry Maskell, 10th Jacob Wrigley & 13th Ian Gibson

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It has been a brilliant start to the year for Noel Welsh, jaggig himself a hole in one on the 9th on Thursday, an accomplishment he last managed 20 years ago. Congratulations Noel, the bragging rights are certainly yours this week. The upcoming Australia Day competition on Thursday is looking busy already with many players taking advantage of the opportunity to get an extra game in.

Tuesday Stableford:

A Grade: Winner Dave Austin on 40 points, runner up Steve Fuller 39 points

B Grade: Winner Robert Stead (Lakeside GC) 41 points, runner up Peter Gulliver 39 points

Ball rundown to 37 points

NTP's: 5th Michael Fahey, 9th Bradley Vigilante, 12th Gary Jollands, 15th Chris Clark

Wednesday Stableford: competition not played due to heavy rain

Thursday Stableford: field of 94. Winner was Rob Bradshaw with 44 points and runner up was Peter Butler on 40 points

Ball rundown to 35 points

Nearest the pins: 5th Bret Mottrom, 9th Noel Welsh (hole in one), 12th Wayne Kennedy, 15th Bill Stainsby



Wonthaggi Ladie's B Grade winner Dawn Judkins and A Grade winner Marg Johnson.

Saturday Stableford:

A Grade: Winner Tony Ambrus 39 on countback to runner up Ray Zammit, Third Perry O'Connor 38

B Grade: Winner Bradley Lawrence 41, runner up Rena Casey 40, third Reg Whitehead 39

C Grade: Winner Luke Sparks 42, runner up Megan Barker 41, third Jeff Harrison 39

Ball rundown to 36. The Mixed Foursomes Board event will be held on Sunday February 5, be sure to book your spots ASAP.

LEONGATHA

Tuesday Stableford

On Tuesday 69 members/guests played in a Stableford Round.

A-Grade Winner: Craig Hutchinson with a score of 38 points. A-Grade Runner-Up: Richard Comerford with 37 points

B-Grade Winner: Kevin Michael with 37 points on a countback. B-Grade Runner-Up: Tim McCarthy with 37 points on a countback

C-Grade Winner: Michael Snowell with 42 points. C-Grade Runner-Up: Sean Munley with 39 points

Great score recorded by Norman Hughes with a hole in one on the 14th.

Thursday Stableford

A-Grade Winner: Anthony Sparkes with a score of 42 points. A-Grade Runner-Up: Nath Wardle with 39 points

B-Grade Winner: Rodney Hopcraft with 38 points on a countback. B-Grade Runner-Up: Geoffrey McDonald with 38 points on a countback

C-Grade Winner: David Richards with 40 points. C-Grade Runner-Up: Brod Courtney with 39 points

D-Grade Winner: Robert Jenkins with 39 points on a countback. D-Grade Runner-Up: Ian Watson with 39 points

NTP: 14th: William MacIsaac with 1.54m, 16th: Renato Monacella with .40m

Saturday Stableford

A-Grade Winner: Chad Clasby with a score of 39 points. A-Grade Runner-Up: Anthony Sparkes with a score of 38 points on a countback

B-Grade Winner: CF Fisher with 42 points. B-Grade Runner-Up: Glen Cain with 40 points

C-Grade Winner: Kay Dumbleton with 39 points. C-Grade Runner-Up: John Belli with 37 points

D-Grade Winner: Grant

Richards with 46 points. D-Grade Runner-Up: Antony Roberts with 37 points on a countback

NTP: 14th: Glenn Marsham with 1.78 m, 16th: Peter Hart with .34 m

MIRBOO NORTH

Thursday Stableford

A Grade: D Woodall (7) 39pts c/b

B Grade: P Cummaudo (34) 39pts.

DTL: D Taylor, R Matthews, N Casbault, T Tomada 37.

NTP: 4th R Matthews, 16th N Whichello.

Birdies: 6th R Matthews, 13th D Taylor.

Saturday PAR.

A Grade: W Reynolds (16) 6up

B Grade: G Dawson (18) 3 up

DTL: N Bracecamp W Gervasi 3up, R Robbins S Evison G Shandley 2up c/b.

NTP: 4th S Mills, 6th R Pentland, 13th R Robbins, 16th E Woodall.

Birdies: E Woodall 16th.

Eagles: E Woodall 1st Hole

WONTHAGGI

January 21 Stroke - S.R 71

A Grade: Sam Dennis 67

B Grade: Matt Dawson 68

C Grade: Phillip Studham 59

Eagle: Michael Scott 7th.

NTPs: Dale Burgess 2nd, David England 4th, Sam Dennis propin 8th, Chris Radford 13th

Glen Turner money hole 17th

January 19

Stableford 18 Hole - SR. 71

Winner: David Riccardo 43. Runner Up: Chris Radford 39

Ball Sweep: Terry Salmon 38, Colin Martin 36, Craig Charles 36, Ian Johnson 36 C/B

Stableford 9 hole 10 to 18 - SR. 36

Winner: Bob Cornelis 22

Ball sweep: Norm Burne 21, Ray Hender 20, Bill Howard 19, Ken Cuman 18 C/B

Ladies

We had 18 players made into three grades. The winners were A Grade Marg Johnson (13)38 points, B Grade Dawn Judkins (32)37 points and C Grade Heather Wintle (39)34 on countback from Simone Lindsay and Wendy Cross.

BDL Leesa Willmot 37, Marg Ryan 35, Catherine Bolding 35, Robyn Wilkinson 34, Simone Lindsay 34, Wendy Cross 34, Patsy Britt 33 and Irene Walsh 32.

INVERLOCH

OUR club championships for 2022-2023 have been completed, competitors battled it out over several months.

Champions were Ladies Major Singles, Lorraine Dowson. Ladies Minor Singles, Carol Waters. Ladies 100 Up, Lorraine Dowson. Ladies Pairs, Carol Waters and Janis Parks. Men's Major Singles, Mick Coram. Men's Minor Singles, Bruce Corrigan. Men's 100 Up, Keith Cousens. Men's Pairs, Martin Hannaford and Andrew Rowe (substitute for Wayne Parks). Mixed Pairs, Janis Parks and Wayne Parks.

Thursday Social Bowls saw 32 players front up. Runners up were the team of Marg Griffin, Bryan Hensley, Christine Corrigan and Liz Jacobs on 2 wins with 33 points. The winners had 2 wins and 35 points, the team consisted of Bruce Corrigan, Dennis Turner, Allan Johnstone and Andrea Mac Gillivray.

In Monthly Triples the Runners up with 18 shots up were the team of Barry Mc, Tony McKiernan and Frank Cimino (skip) and the winners with 33 shots up were the team of John Migliorisi, Doug Archer and Martin Hannaford (skip).

KORUMBURRA

MIDWEEK both teams hosted Leongatha in division one. Jenny McVeigh won 22 shots to 11 Jo LoMagno got up 18 shots to 15 unfortunately Judith Nicholl went down 11 shots to 30 an overall 5 shot loss. In Division 3 it was a different story with Cheryl Moore having a good win getting up 37 shots to 9 while Katrina Evans lost 12 shots to 26 an overall win by 14 shots.

Saturday pennant was a tale of woe, Division 1 hosted Toora with Ken Cecil the closest rink going down 15 shots to 20 Col Underwood went down 15 shots to 21 and Rob Cosson went down 17 shots to 25. In Division 2 we travelled to Fish Creek and the news was all bad Graham Freestone went down 12 shots to 20 Rob Sund went down 10 shots to 36 and Geoff Barber went down 18 shots to 31. Division 4 travelled to Corinella with much the same result Jo LoMagno went down 18 shots to 22 Alan Cherrett went down 15 shots to 27 while Peter Horsfield went down 16 shots to 25 not a good day all round.

Tuesday night saw 20 plus teams having fun and enjoying their bowls by the end of the eight weeks it will get very competitive.

Sunday saw the final of the men's pairs in a tightly contested game Rob Cosson and Brian Pepperell defeated Shane Oloughlin and Neil Green. Well done to both teams.

LEONGATHA

LAST Sunday January 15, the Leongatha Bowls Club staged the Pairs Medley event which was well represented. The winners of the event were Peter Forest & Kevin Brown from the Philip Island Bowls Club who were the only team to win four games.

Round 10 of the Midweek Pennant competition was played on January 17. The result of the Division 1 game was a win to Leongatha by defeating Korumburra with an l overall score of 56/51 shots. The Midweek Pennant Division 3 was won by Korumburra with an overall score of 49/35 shots.

Round 11 of the Saturday Pennant competition Division 1 contests resulted in a clean sweep to Leongatha by winning on all 3 rinks against Philip Island with an overall score of 90/39 shots. Round 11 of the Division 2 game was played at Philip Island and the Leongatha team were soundly beaten with a final score of 48/67 shots.

Round 11 of the Division 3 game was played at Philip Island and the Leongatha side contained thoughts of wishing that they had stayed at home after the game was completed as they were annihilated by the hosts with a score of 33/91 shots.

Barefoot Bowls: This commences next Tuesday January 17 for 6 weeks. It

would be great if ALL members at some stage over these next 6 weeks could give up some of their time to help at some stage. Monthly triples January 25.

MIDWEEK

ANOTHER great day for bowls held at Corinella Bowls Club.

Today's Winners on 36 points were: Tony Heppleston (S), Robyn Coulson (3) and Shirley Corcoran (L).

Runners up on 35 points were: Margaret Hoy (S), Laurie Bell (3), Bev Elliott (2) and Cheryl Floyd (L).

Best One Game winners for the day: Terry Floyd (S), Michael Saunders (3) and Tony Morris (L).

Next week (Australia Day) we will be playing at San Remo.

TOORA

WINNERS were the Spooner boys who teamed up with Bart Zafarese, runners up went to Fishy boys, Don Cripps, Bruce Cooper and Dave Christie and Meeniyen took out third place with Dale Scott, Marg Tosch and Wes Logan.

The coveted wine was snaffled by Ivan Ray, Heather Ray and Jim Parry.

WONTHAGGI

TUESDAY saw both Midweek teams on the road with Div 1 travelling to Phillip Island to do battle with another team in the top four and looking for a win to hold their position. Wonthaggi put up a good show with two rinks having solid wins and the other having a narrow loss. The final scores Wonthaggi 75 Phillip Island 50. Div 2 went down the road to Inverloch to do battle against a team also in the top four and looking for a win. The final scores Wonthaggi 66 Inverloch 54.

Saturday Pennant Division 1 played host to Inverloch at home, in fact all teams played Inverloch, at home or down the road.

In a tight match Wonthaggi were able to play well, winning two rinks and just going down in the other. A good result to get the points and keep the season on track. The final scores Wonthaggi 62 Inverloch 54. Div 2 travelled to Inverloch to do battle with a team looking for a win to keep in touch with the top four. In a match which was on a knife edge, with Inverloch getting an early break and looking to take the match, Wonthaggi decided that was not going to happen and fought back to win all three rinks for a very good win. The final scores Wonthaggi 66 Inverloch 60.

Div 3 also at Inverloch had a very different day with two rinks having very good wins and the other not having a good day. Wonthaggi are playing good bowls, with a mix of new bowlers and experience, to keep top spot on the ladder. The final scores Wonthaggi 82 Inverloch 55.

Div 4 played host to Inverloch at home. Once again Wonthaggi went to work with two rinks having good wins and the other, after leading all day, went down by one shot. A very good result that keeps Wonthaggi only three points out of the top four. The final scores Wonthaggi 60 Inverloch 44.

Bowls this week: Tuesday Mid-Week Pennant and also Bare Foot Bowls, Wednesday social bowls at 1.00pm, Thursday social bowls at 10.00am, Friday Coaching at 10.00am and Saturday Pennant. Just an update on Colin Ormerod - he is home and going along well.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

Week two saw a total of 37 bowlers.

Tuesday, we had 15 and we had two teams both with a plus 13 they were Pat Novak, Helen Rook, Sylvia Mattock, Marg Morgan, Lia Smith, Fred Demenech and new player Sue.

All teams won one game each.

Friday saw 22 players with a very close finish, the winners on plus 19 were Fred Demenech, Marg Hender and Barry Graham. Runners up on plus 18 were John Rook, Elaine Grabham and Dot Harland. Each team won both their games.



Aidan Rigby from Queensland is the new Victorian Junior Sedan Champion for the Speedway Sedans Australia division.

Queenslander wins Victorian title at Nyora raceway

Written by Dean Thompson,
DMT Sports Media

AT NYORA Raceway on Saturday January 14, more than thirty Junior Sedan competitors from Western Australia, New South Wales, Queensland and Tasmania arrived to do battle with Victorian racers to win the Speedway Sedans Victoria Junior title.

In Junior Sedan action, twelve heat races determined where racers would start in the title race final.

As the green flag sent the 10 to 16-year-old boys and girls on their way it would be Rigby taking command at the front of the field from Davis early in the race whilst Linken Paterson moved from eighth to fourth by lap two.

At the ten-lap mark, Rigby was leading Davis, Linken Paterson, Santin and Kunny and between there and lap twenty Santin moved in front of Paterson.

In the final portion of the race River Paterson entered the top five as he got past Kunny whilst Santin passed Linken Paterson and then Davis to move into second. Rigby greeted the chequered flag for the win and set the fastest one lap time of the night for the Junior's with a 17.541.

In Compact Speedcar racing Michael Conway won his second feature in succession following up a win at Swan Hill a few weeks ago as he defeated Justin Perry, Mitch Whiting from the South-East of Melbourne, Tania Hallett, and Chris Curren.

The Victorian Mini and Lightning Sprints Club competed in round one of their Gold Cup Series - competing in three rounds this season around Victoria.

Harley Graham from Lismore in New South Wales proved too strong as he defeated his cousin Luke Graham and Heathcote driver Ally Moore in the final.

The prestigious Miles Cup for Standard Saloons, which was also a round of the Victorian state series for the class, was another big event on the evening with Dr-ouin based racer Bradley Hill going back-to-back following last season's victory in the race by defeating a stellar line-up that included reigning series champion Wayne Sheerman.

Mark Miles from Catani, who is a member of the family that the race represents in honour of their contribution to the Nyora club over many years, won the first round of heat races.

In another terrific Standard Saloon feature event, Nyora club members would fill four of the top five placings again proving that on club strength, it is hard to look past Nyora in the Standard Saloon class.

Hill taking his second Miles Cup in succession was a popular victor with Sheerman second, Mark Miles third, Shane Ardley in fourth and Kacey Ingram in fifth spot.

Nyora Raceway returns on February 11 with the 360ci engine powered All-Star Sprintcar series and feature events for the Formula 500s senior and junior categories and support from the Mini and Lightning Sprints.

Hot day of racing for Woolamai Cup

THIS Saturday, January 28 is Woolamai Cup Day.

But stay alert for a possible change to race times if the predicted hot weather arrives.

It adds an unwanted element of the unknown to preparations for Woolamai and District Racing Club treasurer, Adam Olszanski, who is nonetheless looking forward to a great day of racing.

"After a delayed start to the picnic racing season, there's been a real appetite for it this year, from the public and also racehorse connections," said Adam this week.

"It's been great and we're expecting another great day this Saturday."

The club is expecting a full field of 10 runners with the Alex Scott and Staff Woolamai Cup one of the most coveted prizes on the annual picnic circuit.

"Prize money is the maximum \$7000 but a lot of people, especially those who have been coming here for years, just want to win the cup."

As well as the six or even seven races on the card, there's plenty of action off the track too with entertainment by Woolamai regular Imogen Price on guitar, fashions on the field (returning this year), face-painting for the kids and all the food and drink turned on by local sporting clubs.

"We've developed a great



A day of excitement is expected at Woolamai this Saturday, with cup racing on the track and fashions on the field a highlight of off the track action.

partnership with the community groups around here; the Archies Creek Hall, the Kilcunda-Bass Cricket Club, and the Dalyston Football Netball Club do the food and drink. The Killy-Bass Football Netball Club helps us set up and the Wonthaggi Adult Riding Club does all the clean-up.

"It's a real community effort."

The cup is sponsored by Alex Scott and Staff who say they are delighted to be able to support another great

volunteer-run, community-organised event.

Greg Price, a Phillip Island real estate agent and a director of Alex Scott, said the firm had been sponsoring races for the Woolamai and District Racing Club for many years and the cup for 20 years.

"We love supporting volunteer-run, community events. We support the West Gippsland Football Netball Competition, the local show societies and other events where the volunteers just work so hard to get these

events on for the community.

"The Woolamai Racing Club is the only race club operating in the Bass Coast Shire, a real survivor over many years, and a terrific attraction for locals and visitors to the area," said Mr Price.

So, heat permitting, the races will go on at Woolamai this Saturday but watch out for a decision to start the racing early, or even to postpone the cup if the mercury and humidity hits a high mark.

West Gippsland football netball in good hands

By Aiden Box

BRETT Tessari is settling into his new role as the football operations manager for the West Gippsland Football Netball Competition (WGFNC) after making the switch from his role as Gippsland League chair.

The new West Gippy' OM was good enough to speak to the Sentinel Times last week about the role and what he's learnt so far.

"I'm really enjoying it, it's completely new to me, a lot of things, I'm just getting my head over the sponsorship contracts and introducing myself to them and to the presidents," he said.

Tessari is devoted to developing the competition further but says he will remain very cautious in doing so, so that the key element to the league is not lost.

"It's a fantastic competition, its very community based, so it's really important that moving forward we improve as a competition, but we keep that feel as a community-based competition," he said.

"So that's what I'm hearing and that's what I'm looking forward to working on, but we also need to improve and do some things better."

The WGFNC has 12 clubs, and the new footy OM gave his analysis of where they're at going into season 2023.

"There's a bit of a concern, in football right across the state, in keeping the interest of the younger - under 16 and



WGFNC football Operations Manager Brett Tessari (right) welcomes incoming netball co-ordinator Ricky McNaughton to his new role.

18s - involved," he said.

"So that's obviously an issue with the West Gippsland comp as well, so that's something that we'll work on."

"But the clubs in general are in really strong positions, but it's really important moving forward that all clubs continue to be viable, and all clubs can enjoy the competition and everything that comes with it without the concerns of numbers and finances dwindling."

With dominant seasons from the competitions top clubs coinciding with clubs continuing to struggle at the bottom of the table, Tessari

was asked about the possible strategies to even out the competition and others which are in the same situation.

"As far as evening out the competition, that's what I'm touching on in terms of the clubs remaining viable and being able to continue on, enjoy and prosper," he said.

"The beauty of the WGFNC is the demographics, the position it's in from Tooradin to Warragul down the highway it's just gold, the possibilities for this competition are huge."

"And as we continue to improve and be more professional moving forward who

knows what might happen, but certainly, I am 100% focused on improving the league, making sure it continues to move forward and continues to be one of the best competitions in Gippsland."

Despite his passion and will to improve the competition, the new OM announced it's unlikely the league will undergo any big changes this season.

"I think it's really important for the 2023 season that we just get through it, administered by ourselves, but until I meet with the presidents we'll wait and see, we'll work towards any change from 2024," he said.

After an excellent season which saw them win their first premiership in the new era of the WGFNC, Tooradin-Dalmore will be the team to beat in the senior football division, according to Tessari.

"Certainly, I suspect that Tooradin-Dalmore will be thereabouts again, Phillip Island too, I know Inverloch Kongwak are really confident with how they're looking," he said.

Tessari also welcomed incoming netball co-ordinator Ricky McNaughton to his role last week, the pair will take charge of WGFNC operations in 2023.

The WGFNC kicks off on Saturday, April 1, in Tooradin where reigning senior premiers Tooradin-Dalmore will take on Cora Lynn in a stand alone showcase match to open Round 1.



Longboard finalists Dylan James, Graham Bergen and Geoff Russell participated in the 10th annual Phillip Island National Surfing Reserve Teams Challenge.

Island surfers paddle into 60th birthday celebrations

THEY'RE up and riding in what is set to be a year of celebrations for the Phillip Island Boardriders Club's 60th birthday.

Established in 1963, PIBC lays claims to being one of the oldest continuously running surfing clubs in Australia.

And what's the best way to celebrate – go surfing!

At the weekend it all got underway with the first event on a diverse calendar of events, the 10th annual Phillip Island National Surfing Reserve Teams Challenge.

The event was staged down at Magiclands on the world-famous Cape Woolamai Beach, and while the wind was cross-shore and the conditions messy at times, there were good waves to be had and part of the challenge was selecting a breaking wave or reforming wave that was going to give you the scoring opportunities.

And across all categories in the team format, including Super Grommet (under 14), Junior (21 and under), Open Man, Open Woman, Kneeboarder (or 40 plus shortboard), Single-fin Rider, Malibu Rider, Open, Over 50 Short Boarder and Twin-fin (pre-1985); there was some great action.

Overall though, everyone surfed with commitment to getting as many points as possible for their teams including The Spoonbills, Flames, Crushers, Woolamai Hards, Wayheaps and Go Eddie.

It was a fun occasion when old and young engaged in a common pursuit and there was plenty of encouragement across the age groups, men and women, as teams prepared to hit the water.

In the end it was Team Crushers, captained by Nick Fostin with an impressive 84.7 points who rose above the waves to claim the win and the Dave Fincher Memorial Trophy to start off this wonderful celebration



Team Crushers, captained by Nick Fostin won the first event of the 60th anniversary PIBC Festival of Surfing and the Dave Fincher Memorial Trophy at the weekend.



Kiera Marlborough gets set to head out in the longboard section of the Phillip Island Boardriders' Teams Challenge at the start of the club's 60th birthday celebrations in 2023.

of surfing in style – together having fun at Woolamai.

The Festival of Surfing is being held throughout January and February and will showcase surfing culture through events, competitions, exhibitions, displays, art, and live music.

It's also about celebrating the 10-year anniversary of The Phillip Island National

Surfing Reserve - hard to believe that the area was only declared a National Surfing Reserve in 2013.

Festival program really heats up in February:

- 3 February Festival Opening at Bang Bang Vintage Surfboard Display
- 4 February 'Come and Try Surfing' Island Surfboards Bookings instore or 03

- 5952 3443
- 4 & 5 February Woolworths Victorian Junior Surfing Titles - Round 1
- 4 & 5 February P.I.B.C team representing at the Australian Boardriders Battle Newcastle Watch live on Free To Air
- 11 February Cat Bay Longboard Classic Phillip Island Boardriders Club
- 11 February Supergroms at Smiths Beach
- 12 February Disabled Surfers Association Smiths Beach Register disabled-surfers.org
- 15 & 16 February 24/7 Surfers Rescue Program Book online surfingvictoria.com.au
- 18 February Twin Fin Event Phillip Island Boardriders Club
- 18 & 19 February Indigenous High Performance Training Camp Surfing Australia
- 25 February Victorian Open Round 3
- 25 February Cutback Festival Phillip Island Boardriders Clubhouse
- 26 February Victorian Teams Titles



Tristan Price wins the men's individual event. A47_0423

Aquathon joy in Cape Paterson

DELIGHTFUL conditions greeted competitors in the 25th running of the Cape Paterson Aquathon.

Temperatures were in the low twenties, with swimmers facing only light surf.

Tristan Price set a cracking pace, leading after the 400-metre swim leg and backing that up with a strong 4.4 kilometre run to cross the finish line in just 21:21.3.

Impressively, Masters entrant Justin Tilley was next over the line, finishing about 25 seconds behind the winner.

Levi Maxwell rounded out the top three, recording a time of 22:22.3.

Kara Landells was the first female across the line, finishing in a time of 24:52.5.

Relay teams were part of the action, with pairs competing under a variety of creative team names, across male, female and mixed categories.

Appropriately, 'The Actual Winners', comprising Caitlyn Mills and Angela Hawkes lived up to their team name in claiming the honours for a female combination.

The 'Ilk Kings', consisting of Andrew Campbell and Sam Pratt were the first relay team home, with mixed team 'Charly' (Carly Heislars and Charlie Crawford) next over the line.

Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club identity, Life Member, and the event's founder, Arthur Phillips was honoured with his daughter Karen christening a new lifesaving boat bearing his name.

Before the ceremony, Karen's sister Robyn spoke of their father's contribution to the club.

"He and mum kept the club alive in the late seventies," Robyn said.

His efforts then included doing the extension on the old club rooms.

Robyn described Arthur as tireless and said his enthusiasm and work ethic encouraged others to work hard too.

"This was a dream for dad to get this going and it's an honour to see it so strong now," she said of the Aquathon.

She reflected on a new boat being named for Arthur, who passed away almost two years ago.

"Dad didn't do things for the accolades and with something like this he would have been embarrassed but secretly honoured," Robyn said.

"It's an honour to see dad out there and I think it's appropriate that today's the day to launch it."

Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club Life Member Jim Prendergast spoke of Arthur's community focus.

Arthur's grandchildren, Liam and Gemma Marangio helped out at Sunday's event and were delighted to be part of the celebration of Arthur.

"It means a lot to me and my family," Gemma said.

"We used to have a boat named after my nanna but we retired it, so now we've got pop here and he'll be watching us on patrol."

Liam described his grandfather as "a key member of the club for many years", including during tough times, and expressed the significance for the family of Arthur's name being carried by one of the club's boats.

With the fitting tribute ended, the Arthur Phillips' crew wasted no time taking to the water as the race start approached.



Lyon & Bair Cafe 10&U unisex singles: Archar Hughes (Korumburra) def Madi Van Den Broek (Korumburra) 6-5.



Burra Foods 12&U girls singles: Lulu Phelp (Melbourne) def Ella Skelton (Fish Creek).



The Recruitment Alternative 16&U boys singles: Riley Nave (Willow Grove) def William Kent (Warragul) 8-3.



Runner-up 16&U girls doubles pair Matilda Nave (Willow Grove) and Mila Cocks (Korumburra) pictured were defeated by Ella Skelton (Fish Creek) and Sophie Kreutzberger (Leongatha) 6-2.



Burra Foods 16&U girls singles: Archara Brendra (Berwick) def Matilda Nave (Willow Grove) 6-2.



Tennis Camp attendees, front: Archer Commadeur, Hudson Clasby, Ryan Perry and Declan Russell. **Back:** Ella Skelton, Mila Cocks and coach Matthew Pocklington.



Leongatha Subaru Men's open singles: Josh Bloye (Warragul) def Tim Bloye (Warragul) 6-4, 0-6, 6-5 (10/8).

Huge turnout for 23rd Leongatha Subaru Junior and Open Tennis Classic

THE second of the eight-tournament Gippsland Summer series commenced Saturday January 7, featuring men's and ladies open singles and doubles, as well as under 10 and under 14 events. With a total of 62 individual entries, there were plenty of matches to get through and all events had a good mixture of local and travelling players with all showing great sportsmanship.

Day two of the classic had under 12s and under 16s events as well as the open age's singles and doubles finals.

Sunday also featured our fun event – family doubles, with a total of six pairs taking to the courts in a round robin format. Well done to the locals Neil Langstaff who partnered up with his grandson Ethan Langstaff, defeating tournament first timers also from Leongatha Sarah and Archer Commadeur.

The men's open singles were a repeat of 2021 with brothers from Warragul Josh and Tim Bloye again playing off for the championship with Josh just getting over the line in a third set super tie breaker 10-8.

South Gippsland Tennis Coaching, while running the tournament, gave six young aspiring juniors a taste of full-time tennis with six days in a row - three hours training on Tuesday (day before Korumburra Tournament) as well as warm up sessions prior to play each day.

Friday consisted of a morning training session and a trip to the movies, in total they played around 28 sets of tennis and completed eight hours of training.

The players were Ella Skelton – Fish Creek, Mila Cocks

– Korumburra, Archer Commadeur, Hudson Clasby, Ryan Perry and Declan Russell – all Leongatha.

Congratulations to the raffle winners and thank you to Leongatha Tennis Club and volunteers Greg Marshman, Warren and Renae Littlejohn, Frank Dekker and club president Michael Grist.

We look forward to next year's tournaments and if you are looking for another tournament in January head over to www.southgippslandtenniscoaching.com to find out more.



SG Civil Crete 12&U boys doubles: Hugo Hooper (Leongatha North) and Declan Russell (Leongatha) def Archer Commadeur (Leongatha) and Hudson Clasby (Leongatha) 6-3.



The Recruitment Alternative Ladies open singles: Becky Ray (Fish Creek) def Mila Cocks (Korumburra) 4-6, 6-1, 6-5 (10-8).



Lyon & Bair Cafe 14&U boys doubles: Ethan Langstaff (Leongatha) and Eamon Archibald (Korumburra) def Archer Commadeur (Leongatha) and Evan Bruning (Leongatha) 6-1.



Leongatha Subaru family doubles: Neil and Ethan Langstaff (Leongatha) def Sarah and Archer Commadeur 6-0.



Burra Foods Open ladies doubles: Ella Skelton (Fish Creek) and Mila Cocks (Korumburra) def Sophie Kreutzberger (Leongatha) and Becky Ray (Fish Creek) 6-1.



Leongatha Subaru Men's open doubles: Ben Reese (Elsternwick Park) and Bradley Perks (Korumburra/Elsternwick Park) def Josh and Tim Bloye 6-5, 2-6, 6-5 (10-3).



Teams of volunteers were on hand at Inverloch to ensure a great day of surfing for those of all abilities. A26_0423

All abilities surfing delight in Inverloch

ABILITY level had no bearing on the enjoyment of surfers at Inverloch on Sunday, with beaming participants and enthusiastic volunteers combining in perfect conditions for a highly successful all abilities surfing day.

The Bass Coast branch of the Disabled Surfers Association ran the event, ensuring everyone who attended enjoyed the experience of riding a few waves.

Andrew David received plenty of encouragement as he rode the surf, with the Glen Waverley local, a popular identity in Inverloch, hav-

ing enjoyed visits to the town for 30 years.

The expression on his face was confirmation of how much he enjoyed the freedom of the surf.

It was the fourth time Andrew has taken part in all abilities surfing.

“He loves feeling part of this community,” carer Patsy Hanley said, having enjoyed sharing many holidays in Inverloch with him.

Andrew’s family generously donated a hoist to the Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club, enabling all abilities surfing participants to be

easily transferred from their conventional wheelchairs to fat-tired beach versions.

On the beach, teams of volunteers combined to ensure everyone had access to the surf and whatever level of assistance they required.

The mood on the beach was as vibrant as that in the water, with all clearly relishing the success of the day.

Sun shone, temperatures hovered in the low twenties and the waves remained at a height ideally suited to those starting out on their surfing journeys.

Coby Saul hadn’t surfed for

a long time and was pleased with his return to the sport.

“It was a very good experience and riding the waves was fun,” Coby said, resplendent with his all abilities surfing medal.

Attendees enjoyed entertainment at the surf club bar after the event.

Other all abilities surfing days will be held at Smiths Beach on February 12, Inverloch Surf Beach on March 11 and back at Smiths Beach on March 26.

Visit the Disabled Surfers Association Bass Coast Facebook page for further details.

Local legend dons the green and gold

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An experienced top order batter, Miller will join three fellow Victorians in the squad and is one of four opening batters picked, in what proves to be challenging conditions with high humidity and temperatures bouncing between lows of 24 degrees and highs of 28.

Miller isn’t a stranger to the top of the order, nor is he a stranger to making runs, playing many A grade games for OMK in his 36-year stint at the club amassing over 8000 runs.

He has also scored many A grade centuries at the Diggers and represented the Leongatha District Cricket Association (LDCA) many times, including up to 15 Country Week tournaments and a one-time face off with his next opponent the West Indies when they toured Australia in 1991.

Despite his long and outstanding resume, Miller remained humble and reserved when talking about his remarkable cricket career that has lasted over half a century.

“I started when I was nine years old at Poowong, I played juniors and senior cricket, this is my 54th year now, I’ve played nonstop, from Poowong I went to OMK for 36 years,” he said.

“Then last season I left OMK and went to Poowong-Loch and I captain coached them, and we won the B grade Grand Final last year, now they’ve folded up, but I went last year to help them keep them going.”

Just like many champions of the game, Miller didn’t for a second boast about his highlights and achievements, but his resume speaks for itself.

“I’ve just been a typical cricket tragic, can’t stop playing the game, I somewhat feel a bit sorry for the family, but it’s been a healthy environment that I’ve been in, I think it’s great to be a part of and I’d gladly do it all again,” Miller said.

“I’ve been a handy cricketer in the country, that’s about it, I’ve always loved playing with a passion for any club, wherever I am.”

He now gets another chance to face the West Indian line up 32 years after doing so for the Country XI in Leongatha and the Aussie opener mentioned what it is he’s most looking forward to.

“I love the comradery of all the players that are all still playing the game in their 60s, the passion is still there but the comradery is as good as you can ever get,” he said.

“And secondly, I’m ticking off a bucket list place – the West Indies - that I’ve always wanted to go to, so I’m looking forward to the comradery, playing the game against other countries and also going to an area of the world I’ve always wanted to go.”

Miller finished by giving his thanks to those that have been a part of his long cricket journey.

“I suppose the first person I should be thanking is my wife for all the years she’s put up with me,” he said.

“But what I always fall back on, other than the typical family and wife is, it’s been a pleasure to play with all the cricketers who’ve helped me enjoy my cricket all my years, which has kept me going as long as I have.

“I have a lot of terrific friends down at OMK, having been there for so long, such as the likes of Craig Walker, I consider him a good friend, people like that at the club kept me there because I enjoyed their company and hopefully, they enjoyed my company.

“So, a vote of thanks goes to anyone who’s played even a small part in my history of helping me to enjoy the game and keep me going, it’s been a pleasure to play with a lot of good people in my lifetime.

“I think when you enjoy the company, even though you play cricket for the purpose, it comes second when you have all the friendships, so, thanks to everybody who’s been a part of my life in my cricket life.”

It’s clear to see that Miller is a cricket legend on and off the pitch and is truly a perfect representative for the nation, and the game of cricket which he’s devoted so much of his life to.

“I play with passion, I play with heart and play it hard, but I play it fair, and I expect everyone else to do the same,” he said.

After his stints at Poowong and OMK, Miller currently plays locally with Kilcunda-Bass in the LDCA competition and for the South Gippsland Veterans Over 60s on Sundays.

His cricketing journey continues when the Aussie’s begin their Caribbean Cup campaign in the West Indies from January 30.



Junior premiers Extra celebrate together.

Leongatha Knights “go fives” in summer competition

LEONGATHA Knights Football Club’s hugely successful five-a-side summer competition concluded on Thursday, January 19, with a “Finals Round”.

Junior team “Extra” were presented with the trophy for winning their competition and played a “grand final” against “Life is Short”.

The game was a nail biter with an equal tally at full time that saw them go into extra time. Life is Short took the lead in the first allotment of extra time but a last second goal from Patch Wilson for Extra saw the game go to penalties which Extra narrowly won.

The Senior Competition’s “Mighty Migrants” were presented with a trophy for winning their competition and faced off against “Unburrables” in the Grand Final.

The Unburrables came out strong and were two goals up at half time, though the Mighty Migrants fought hard, the “Unburrables” were too strong and took home the gold “Finals Winners” medals.

The competition was a first for Leongatha Knights FC, running under the Football Victoria banner “Go Fives”.

Over 115 players across both the junior and senior categories participated in the eight-round competition, the Knights hope to run the program again next Summer, making it bigger and better!

C GRADE DIVISION 1

Phillip Island 6/113 d MDU 5/112
MDU – 1st INNINGS: T Bright 2, P Vine 33, W Cocksedge 16, K Sinclair 0, D Thomas 34, C Schwennesen 11*, L Bell 2*
Bowling: MA Cleary 0/5, sT Sirirathnage 0/25, C Fall 0/12, P Francis 1/20, A Williams 3/17, A Brayley 1/25
Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS: J Manning 1, G Excell 19, P Francis 3, W Paterson 9, sT Sirirathnage 3, A Brayley 38*, MA Cleary 24, D Fusinato 11*
Bowling: K Brown 1/20, K Sinclair 1/27, A Richardson 2/14, S Riley 1/35, P Vine 1/16

Inverloch 4/195 d Club 5/135
Inverloch – 1st INNINGS: D Harris 19, W Stewart 64*, J Rowe 1, CJ Terlich 84, W Dye 0, C Newman 4*
Bowling: C Krause 0/15, J Burns 0/26, A Mankhong 1/28, L Ton 0/27, L McRae 0/18, B Ton 0/25, A Ray 1/29, R Gray 0/18, J Caddy 0/4
Club – 1st INNINGS: A Mankhong 53, J Burns 2, C Krause 60, B Caddy 3, J Caddy 3, L Ton 2*, R Gray 0
Bowling: C Butler 2/15, T Debono 0/23, A Terlich 0/20, C Newman 0/28, CJ Terlich 1/41, W Dye 1/2

Koonwarra L/RSL 3/234 d Nyora 8/80
Koonwarra L/RSL – 1st INNINGS: S Paterson 49, J Leeden 15, AJ Thorne 103*, T Collins 14, K Thorne 37*
Bowling: T Perkins 0/28, B Pugh 1/44, B Kennedy 1/50, L Perrott 1/29, TL Howarth 0/38, W Dixon 0/32, BJ Mott 0/11
Nyora – 1st INNINGS: P Dixon 11, B Pugh 36, L Perrott 2, B Kennedy 0, W Dixon 0, BJ Mott 1, K Wurzbacher 9, C Honeysett 3*, TL Howarth 2, T Perkins 1*
Bowling: C Riseley 1/15, S Thorne 0/12, S Paterson 1/10, T Collins 2/16, AG Smith 0/14, K Thorne 2/10, D Van Puyenbroek 1/0

Korumburra - BYE

C GRADE DIVISION 2

Kilcunda-Bass 2/123 d Glen Alvie 2/114
Glen Alvie – 1st INNINGS: R Luke 71*, R Spiteri-Stevens 2, B Mitchell 23, L Scholz 10*
No Bowling results supplied.
Kilcunda-Bass – 1st INNINGS:
No batting results supplied.
Bowling: R Spiteri-Stevens 0/26, A Luke 1/20, P Loos 0/13, E Spiteri-Stevens 0/24, J Brown 1/15, AT Donohue 0/12, L Scholz 0/11

Town 7/265 d Koonwarra L/RSL 43
Town – 1st INNINGS: R Edwards 26, R Hume 65, N Hodges 10, A Fixter 48, J Hume 52*, P Carter 28, TJ Cashin 4, W Turner 1, M Warren 7*, C Dowling 1*
Bowling: G Birnie 1/25, J Brocklebank 3/57, A Piksons 1/33, G Mattingley 0/33, D Eddy 1/74, G Matthies 1/36
Koonwarra L/RSL – 1st INNINGS: A Piksons 0, G Perry 5, G Matthies 0, D Murdica 25*, D Eddy 0, G Birnie 1, J Brocklebank 0, G Sherriff 0, G Mattingley 0, K Williams 0
Bowling: R Hume 1/10, P Carter 2/13, C Dowling 5/0, M Carter 1/19

OMK - BYE

Thorne sinks Nyora

• C Grade, Division 1

KOONWARRA L/RSL hosted Nyora and the visitors won the toss and sent the hosts in to bat.
The Cougars took this in their stride and came out firing!
The home side posted a mammoth 3/234 after their 35 overs, thanks to an unbeaten century from Adam Thorne (103* from 95) that included 10 fours and three sixes!
Lachlan Perrott (1/29 from 7) tried hard in a tough innings for Nyora, who didn't find the same mojo in the second innings, posting just 8/80 as Tom Collins (2/16 from 7) and the Cougar attack sealed the 154-run win.
Koony' will now have the bye, while Nyora host Korumburra.

Stingrays hold top spot with win

INVERLOCH hosted Wonthaggi and chose to bat first.
After David Harris (19) and his skipper Warren Stewart (64*) got them going, it was Chris Terlich (84) who did the damage, coming back into the Stingrays line up and posting a fantastic half century, playing with his son Archie Terlich for the first time, a special moment for the duo.
Andot Mankhong (1/28 from 4) tried hard for Club, but the hosts posted 4/195 after their 35 over allotment.
In the second innings, Wonny' gave it a good shot, but unfortunately couldn't deal the same damage, posting 5/135.
Mankhong (53) and Chase Krause (60) both notched half centuries in the loss, while Cameron Butler (2/15 from 6) bowled well in the win for the Stingrays.
Butler and the Invy XI will now face Phillip Island on the road while Wonthaggi will host MDU.

Sharks down Demons

MDU welcomed Phillip Island; hosts won the toss and chose to bat first.
Only two Demons batters were able to get going and post starts, with Dale Thomas (34) and Paul Vine (33) posting starts but failing to go on with them as their side posted 5/112.
Archie Williams (3/17 from 6) bowled exceptionally for the Islanders, who, in reply, reached the total with four wickets to spare.
Aaron Brayely (38*) top scored in the win, while Andrew Richardson (2/14 from 7) bowled well in the loss.
The Sharks now host Inverloch, while the Demons face Wonthaggi.

• C Grade, Division 2

Kilcunda-Bass triumphs on Glen Alvie turf
GLEN ALVIE backed itself to post a big score, batting first at home, but was well contained by the Kilcunda-Bass bowlers.
While opener Ryan Luke contributed a solid 71 not out for Glen Alvie, the side's runs came at just 3.22 per over, despite losing only a couple of wickets.
A target of 114 never seemed likely to be enough to keep Kilcunda-Bass from victory, and the Sharks ensured that was the case with an eight-wicket win.
Glen Alvie's bowling attack tried hard, mostly being economical, with Archie Luke and Jack Brown the wicket takers.

Koonwarra fails to match it with Leongatha Town

LEONGATHA Town elected to bat first at the Velodrome, setting the Cougars a whopping target of 266 from its maximum 35 overs.
The Humes led the way with the willow for Town, with Rhett making 65 and Jareth retiring on 52. In reply, the Cougars were unable to find support for Dom Murdica who made 25 not out.
The rest of the batting lineup managed just seven runs between them, with extras boosting the team tally to 43.
Town president Cam Dowling's extraordinary 5/0 off seven overs capped a spectacular day for the side in a stunning 222-run win.
For the beaten Cougars, Geoff Birnie's 1/25 off seven overs was a standout performance, particularly considering he accounted for a Leongatha Town opener.

Juniors make LDCA proud

• Under 15s

THE LDCA under 15 Junior Country Week team played host to an undefeated Bairnsdale team, who sat top of the table.
Skipper Andot Mankhong won the toss and elected to bat on a well grassed but hard Korumburra pitch.
Riley Harris 23 and Heath Womersley 16 got through the early overs well with an opening stand of 40 before Womersley was caught behind.
This saw Rhys Newman arrive at the crease, he once again looked in good touch before unluckily feathering a ball down the leg side, much to the delight of a very fired up Bairnsdale team.
Clayton Quaife 23 and Harris then had a nice partnership of 20 before a middle order collapse had the LDCA in strife at 8/90.
Archie Casey 15 with George McCausland and Isaac Bolge added very valuable late runs to get the total to 115.
A score well under par but one the LDCA lads believed they could defend.

Bairnsdale came out blazing with Seth Noonan savage on any width offered by opening bowlers George McCausland and Isaac Bolge, the LDCA bowlers bowled with great discipline to build pressure on Bairnsdale.
With regular wickets falling, Bairnsdale slumped to 4/49 but with young gun Campbell Moncreiff still at the crease the game was up for grabs.
At this point Skipper Andot decided to bring McCausland back into the attack and he delivered by trapping Moncreiff in front for a well-made 35.
A great catch by Fletcher McLennan and a direct hit run out by Bryce Ridgell being late highlights.
The best of the bowlers for the LDCA was McCausland (3/20 off 8).
Big thanks to Korumburra Cricket Club for hosting the game, Glen Barrett for his work providing the lunches and Don MacQueen for preparing the pitch.
The lads take on Latrobe Valley on Sunday Jan 29, a win could see them earn a spot in the GCL Final.

• Under 13s

THE LDCA under 13 Junior Development League team made the trip to Trafalgar to take on Latrobe Valley. Skipper Cooper Newman won the toss and elected to bat.Eamon Berryman 22 and Evan Belvedere 15 put on 52 for the opening stand, then Newman 51 and Ty Debono 42 scored at a great rate before both were retired.
Jobe Williams 12, Lou Read 16, Hudson Guymer 14 and Max Johnston 10no all contributed to the big total of 220.
LDCA's turn to bowl saw the dynamic duo of Jobe Williams (5/6 off 3) and Lou Read (3/5 off 3) once again show that if you pitch it up and bowl at the stumps you get rewarded.
Jackson Allan and George Edwards chipped in with one wicket each to dismiss Latrobe Valley for 17.
Congratulations to Coach Brett Debono, Team Manager Tarryn Allan and the team for making the Grand Final this Sunday, January 29, against Sale Maffra.
Good luck.

Good luck in the grand final LDCA!



Cooper Newman (captain) - Inverloch CC.



Eamon Berryman (vice-captain) - Nerrena CC



Louis Read - Koonwarra CC



Ty Debono - Inverloch CC



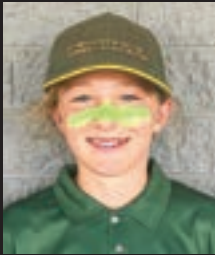
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Max Johnstone - Koonwarra CC



George Edwards - Korumburra CC



Braydon Marshall - Phillip Island CC



Jackson Allan - Phillip Island CC



Archie Williams - Phillip Island



Hudson Guymer - Nerrena CC



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Stingrays young gun Riley Harris defends on his way to 42 in his side's win. B03_0423

Debono's brilliant season continues with a ton

• **B Grade, Division 1**

BOTH coming off wins, Inverloch hosted Koonwarra L/RSL at Thompson Reserve and the visitors won the toss and sent the hosts in to bat first.

However, unfortunately for the Cougars, the toss is about all they won on the day, as the hometown Stingrays put them to the sword, pouring on 254 runs, losing just three wickets on the way.

The catalyst, as he has been all season, was again the Invy' skipper Brett Debono (126* from 119) who's marvellous century included 21 fours and a six and proved to be a game changer.

Adam Drury (1/29 from 6) bowled well in a tough innings for the Koony attack, while John Richardson (59*) played a great supporting role alongside his skipper.

In reply, the visitors just couldn't find the same flow with the stick, as they were dismissed for 132, falling 122 runs shy of the target.

Dean Cashin (3/30 from 8) and Amad Mutjaba (3/8 from 2) bowled well in the win, they and the Stingrays will now face Nerrena, while Koony host OMK.

Demons douse Cobras

MDU hosted Korumburra at the Meeniyen Recreation Reserve and the hosts won the toss and chose to bat first.

With a team high score coming from Matt Martin (41 from 32) highlighting their innings, the Demons posted 5/150 after their 40 overs, Patrick Beadel (2/37 from 7) the pick of the bowlers for 'Burra.

In reply, the Cobras got off to a promising start, as their top four all made starts, including a top score from Noah Christensen (47 from 55), but stumbled and collapsed to end their innings at 127.

The MDU captain Craig Hooper (3/15 from 3) bowled excellently to seal the win, his side will now have the bye, while Korumburra host the Imps.

Nerrena holds of Diggers

OMK hosted Nerrena at the Outtrim Recreation Oval and it was the visitors who won the toss and chose to bat first.

With even contributions throughout the order, Nerrena were able to post a decent total of 5/204, with David Baldi (78 from 80) top scoring and James Kelly (50* from 69) pitching in too.

David Jeffries (2/26 from 8) bowled well for the Diggers and in reply his side fell just 11-runs short.

Big contributions from Mitch Sawyers (68) and David Creed (57) getting their side close, but their dismissals proved costly as the hosts finished 8/193 after 40 overs.

They'll now head to Koonwarra, while Nerrena will host Inverloch.

• **B Grade, Division 2**

Wonthaggi beats Town despite messy finish

WONTHAGGI Club was on track to comfortably reach its 132-run victory target before Leongatha Town struck four late blows, with Club getting home by three wickets.

After choosing to bat, the Scorpions did well to muster a reasonably competitive score despite four members of the batting line up falling for ducks.

Skipper Mark Hardy made a patient 22 in an hour and a half at the crease, with opening batting partner Matt Davies managing a far more rapid 31.

Number four Josh Schelling assembled an entertaining knock of 43 at better than a run

a ball, but the batsmen below him were unable to make significant contributions.

Wonthaggi's Rohan Todd snavelled 3/23 off his eight overs, including removing the stoic opposition skipper.

While teammate Nathan Cant finished with one less wicket, he accounted for a couple of top order batsmen and allowed a stingy 11 runs off his full complement of overs.

It was a strong team performance with the ball for Club.

Wonthaggi's batsmen knocked off the runs at a good rate, finishing with a little over 10 overs to spare, but after Club lost its third wicket on 113, it plummeted to 7/129 before finding the remaining few runs needed for victory.

Todd built on his success with the ball with a speedy innings of 41, with William Speed and Sean Roche the other main contributors with the willow for the winning team, notching 29 apiece.

Luke Bowman and Wil Dawson proved they are not only handy with the Sherrin, grabbing a couple of wickets each for the beaten Town.

OMK sees off Kilcunda-Bass at Digger Park

KILCUNDA-Bass showed confidence to bat first at Digger Park but that positivity wasn't rewarded, with OMK knocking over the top three Sharks batsmen for the combined total of 10 runs.

While Kilcunda-Bass showed fight and several of its batsmen worked hard to lay solid foundations, the OMK bowlers kept finding ways to remove them, not allowing any to score more than 20.

Brett Joseph and Clinton Armour were the two Sharks to reach that mark.

Andrew Sorensen dispatched both of them on his way to a neat 3/16 for OMK.

Justin Greenwood sent down his maximum quota of overs, yielding just 18 runs and dismissing a couple of top order Sharks.

While a target of 143 might easily have proved tricky, the OMK top order ensured that wasn't the case.

Opener Luke Jones was unbeaten on 45, with opening partner Robert Quaife making 37 and skipper and number three batsman Russell White 31.

Kilcunda-Bass finished with four individual wicket takers as OMK marched to a six-wicket win.

Phillip Island sets too many for Glen Alvie

AFTER sending in host Phillip Island at Rhyll, Glen Alvie was able to pick up seven wickets, but the Sharks set a strong 183 run target.

Much of Phillip Island's solid score was attributable to Kohlen Beaumont (61) and captain Connor Epifano 48.

A late flurry from Tarryn Allan (25 not out) and Max Arceo (21 not out) was also important after the home side lost its seventh wicket with the score on 139.

As it turned out, 139 was all Glen Alvie mustered in pursuit, with Kevin McLean (67) and Joe Burke (31) the main contributors.

Allan added to his handy late order runs for Phillip Island with a destructive 4/12 off his eight overs, with teammate Matthew Parsons taking as many wickets but conceding 42 off his full allotment.

Nerrena had the round 11 bye.

B GRADE **DIVISION 1**

MDU 5/150 d Korumburra 127
MDU – 1st INNINGS: M Martin 41, W Prosser 15, C Hooper 4, T Zukovskis 1, C Knox 22, G Webster 35*, MJ Olden 25*
Bowling: A Halliwell 1/22, B Riddell 0/39, PD Beadel 2/37, M Olden 1/14, SR Head 1/17, AD Damon 0/8, N Christensen 0/8
Korumburra – 1st INNINGS: P Richards 26, T Allen 26, N Christensen 47, Z Barrett 0, SR Head 0, PD Beadel 9, M Olden 0, J Jordan 4, B Riddell 2, A Halliwell 1*, AD Damon 5
Bowling: J Palmer 1/28, DA Mathews 0/27, Z Bright 1/18, C Knox 2/21, C Hooper 3/15, T Zukovskis 3/14

Nerrena 5/204 d OMK 8/193
Nerrena – 1st INNINGS: D Baldi 78, L Roberts 40, MB Croatto 0, D Trotman 0, J Kelly 50*, D Symmons 17, C Baudinette 10*
Bowling: T Eustace 0/46, B Maguire 0/20, D Creed 1/65, D Jeffries 2/26, M Sawyers 1/28, A Busana 0/7, N Creed 1/11
OMK – 1st INNINGS: A Busana 1, M Sawyers 68, D Creed 57, B Furness 5, N Creed 1, Z Lamers 14, T Eustace 12*, D Jeffries 3, B Maguire 6
Bowling: JA Checkley 0/24, D Symmons 2/26, WB Croatto 0/22, B Salmon 0/17, Z Trease 0/42, D Trotman 0/17, MB Croatto 5/36

Inverloch 3/254 d Koon L/RSL 132
Inverloch – 1st INNINGS: B Phillips 10, B Debono 126*, J Williams 4, R Harris 42, J Richardson 59*
Bowling: PA Buckley 1/47, M Cooke 1/45, N Arnup 0/37, A Drury 1/29, M Boswell 0/13, M Thomas 0/38, N Trotto 0/39
Koonwarra L/RSL – 1st INNINGS: M Cooke 8, A Stanley 23, K Scrimshaw 24, N Grimes 9, M Thomas 20, M Boswell 20, N Trotto 3, H Scrimshaw 0, PA Buckley 1*, N Arnup 5, A Drury 0
Bowling: J Richardson 0/24, J Dugard 1/22, J Williams 1/39, D Cashin 3/30, A Mujtaba 3/8, N Dobbie 1/1

Imperials - BYE

B GRADE **DIVISION 2**

Club 7/133 d Town 9/131
Town – 1st INNINGS: M Hardy 22, M Davies 31, L Bowman 8, J Schelling 43, W Dawson 0, N Fixter 0, O Vimalarathna 0, L Hickey 0, D Goss 6, L May 11*, Y Ratnaika 4*
Bowling: S Roche 1/28, C Fraser 2/32, N Cant 2/11, R Todd 3/23, J Licis 1/26, M Sharp 0/9
Club – 1st INNINGS: W Speed 29, J Licis 7, S Roche 29, R Todd 41, G Britt 14, J Shannon 1, A Quilty 2*, N Cant 0, L Sibley 2*
Bowling: L Hickey 0/14, N Fixter 1/25, O Vimalarathna 1/13, M Davies 0/18, J Schelling 0/25, Y Ratnaika 0/17, L Bowman 2/8, W Dawson 2/7, L May 1/2

Phillip Island 7/182 d Glen Alvie 139
Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS: BJ Ross 0, K Beaumont 61, C Epifano 48, H Peppard 0, D McCausland 7, M Parsons 5, A Tolley 0, T Allan 25*, M Arceo 21*
Bowling: J Standish 3/29, L McRae 3/35, L Gooch 0/11, J Burke 1/35, V Gopal 0/12, K McLean 0/41, N Brown 0/18
Glen Alvie – 1st INNINGS: V Gopal 6, K McLean 67, JA Tiziani 18, N Brown 0, D McGuirk 0, J Burke 31, J Standish 4, C Gooch 5, N Thatcher 0*, L Gooch 0, L McRae 1
Bowling: H Arceo 0/17, D McCausland 0/18, M Parsons 4/42, C Epifano 0/32, T Allan 4/12, A Tolley 2/16

OMK 4/143 d Kilcunda-Bass 142
Kilcunda-Bass – 1st INNINGS: P Miller 2, A McBride 1, SJ Leman 7, S Williams 17, B Joseph 20, C Armour 20, R Duff 16, K Anand 11, C Elliott 16, S Tapscott 8, C Peckett 7*
Bowling: R White 1/9, J Greenwood 2/18, R Quaife 0/28, D Elford 1/14, S Handley 0/6, A Sorensen 3/16, L Holderhead 1/28, J Myers 0/14, N Furness 1/5
OMK – 1st INNINGS: L Jones 45*, R Quaife 37, R White 31, J Greenwood 0, D Elford 17, S Handley 4*
Bowling: R Duff 1/28, C Peckett 1/27, SJ Leman 0/15, S Tapscott 0/13, C Armour 1/21, K Anand 0/12, C Elliott 0/13, B Joseph 1/9

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A1: Madura Madusanka (Town) **163** ; Kasun Weeranga (Koon L/RSL) **4/30**

A2: Harry West (Club) **71** ; Henry Dolphin (Nyora) **6/38**

B1: Brett Debono (Inverloch) **126*** ; Mitch Croatto (Nerrena) **5/36**

B2: Kevin McLean (Glen Alvie) **67** ; Tarryn Allan (Phillip Island) **4/12**

C1: Adam Thorne (Koon L/RSL) **103*** ; Archie Williams (Phillip Island) **3/17**

C2: Ryan Luke (Glen Alvie) **71*** ; Cameron Dowling (Town) **5/0**

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B GRADE, Division 1					
Nerrena	72	2.0920	Inverloch	72	4.3544
Inverloch	60	2.0641	Korumburra	48	1.4350
Koonwarra L/RSL	60	1.4924	Phillip Island	48	0.9802
MDU	60	1.0291	Koonwarra L/RSL	48	0.9305
OMK	36	1.0214	Nyora	36	0.3432
Imperials	12	0.4193	Club	24	1.2519
Korumburra	0	0.2878	MDU	12	0.5677

B GRADE, Division 2					
OMK	72	1.4393	OMK	96	1.8024
Nerrena	60	1.3514	Town	78	1.9461
Town	60	1.1394	Kilcunda-Bass	60	1.1242
Club	54	0.9552	Glen Alvie	30	0.6252
Phillip Island	48	0.9693	Koonwarra L/RSL	24	0.2963
Kilcunda-Bass	24	0.8333			
Glen Alvie	0	0.4649			

NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES & UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

**SATURDAY
JANUARY 28**

A GRADE, Division 1

KoonL/RSL v Inverloch
LEONGATHA TURF
Glenn Plymin
Town v Nerrena
SCORPION 1
Ian Thorn
Club v OMK
WONTHAGGI TURF
John Schelling
Phillip Island v Imperials
COWES
Steve McNamara

A Grade, Division 2

Nyora v Foster
NYORA
Graham Wightman
Korumburra v MDU
KORUMBURRA
Ashley Stride
Kilcunda-Bass v Glen Alvie
BASS 1
Greg Goss
Club v Phillip Island
McMAHON
Neil Grabham

B Grade, Division 1

Nerrena v Korumburra
NERRENA
Terry Rogers
MDU v OMK
MEENIYAN
Shane Moore
Inverloch v Imperials
INVERLOCH TURF
Les White
Koonwarra L/RSL - BYE

B GRADE, Division 2

Nerrena v Club
LG VELODROME
Geoff Wyatt
Phillip Island v K-Bass
Reece Park (Rhyll)
TBA
OMK v Glen Alvie
OUTTRIM
Geoff Parkinson
Town - BYE

C GRADE, Division 1

MDU v Club
DUMBALK
TBA
Korumburra v Nyora
POOWONG
TBA
Inverloch v Phillip Island
INVERLOCH FG
TBA
Koonwarra L/RSL - BYE

C GRADE, Division 2

Glen Alvie v Koon L/RSL
GLEN ALVIE
TBA
Kilcunda-Bass v OMK
BASS 2
TBA
Town - BYE



Tom McQualter bats for Inverloch at the Leongatha Recreation Reserve. B11_0423

Cougars attack claims day one

• A Grade, Division 1

TWO-DAY cricket returned for the Leongatha District Cricket Association's premier grades, A grade division one and two on the weekend as the association's season nears the home stretch.

Koonwarra L/RSL hosted Inverloch at the Leongatha Recreation Reserve and the travelling side were still licking their wounds after a stinging defeat the round prior, they won the toss and chose to bat first.

After what was a run-fest in their previous game, the Stingrays had a much tougher time scoring in this one, on a tougher deck at 'Gatha.

The Cougars bowlers were tremendous as they dismissed the visitors for 166, their skipper David Newman (59 from 119) top scoring with a respectable dig, Walter Taberner (41 from 79) tried admirably as well through injury.

Kasun Weeranga (4/30 from 16) was the player of the day though, as his side bowled Invy' out with overs to spare and were tasked with seeing out seven overs themselves.

Unfortunately for the Cougars, they couldn't quite last without losing a wicket, as Callumn Asbury (1/3 from 2) sent Mitchell Scrimshaw packing without scoring.

Koony will resume their chase 1/6 this weekend.

Madusanka dominates ladder leaders

LEONGATHA Town welcomed the ladder-leading Nerrena to Scorpion Park. The hosts won the toss and chose to bat first.

After their openers struggled to get starts after decent showings a week



Koonwarra L/RSL bowled well to dismiss Inverloch on Saturday, including Jason Kennedy who bowls here. B10_0423

earlier, Ben Hanrahan (59 from 138) and Madura Madusanka (163 from 170) turned the Town innings on its head.

Coming in with their team 3/49, the pair put together a monster 132-run partnership before Hanrahan fell for a well made half century.

Madusanka didn't settle there though, blasting a superb century, even passing the 150-mark, his innings included 16 fours and five sixes.

Mitchell Clark eventually got his man, but the damage had been done, although not much was done after Madusanka's dismissal, with the hosts falling all out for 287.

Nerrena will know to hit the nets in preparation for the chase this weekend, they'll need 288-runs to win.

Diggers hold down Club on day one

WONTHAGGI welcomed OMK down the road to the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve and the hosts won the toss and chose to bat.

Their innings didn't get off to a great start, losing both openers for less than 10 each, and it didn't end up getting much better, as only two batters reached the 30s.

Ethan Lamers (4/42 from 17) did the lion's share of the damage as the Diggers kept their hosts to a final total of 9/188, after 75 overs.

Club captain Ryan Thomas (35 from 67) led from the front with his side's top score, Joel Brann (32 from 89) tried hard as well.

OMK will head back to Wonthaggi in pursuit of the winning target of 189 this Saturday.

Imps pass 200 over the bridge on day one

THE IMPERIALS travelled over to Cowes Recreation Reserve to face off with Phillip Island, won the toss and chose to bat first.

In an innings that had a variety of scores, high and low, as well as plenty of falling wickets, the visitors finished 8/233 after their 75 overs.

Jack Ginnane (75 from 108) top scored with a nice half century, while Dimithri Perera (62* from 91) batted well also.

Shiran Rathnayake (3/50 from 23) was the pick of the bowlers for the Sharks, who will look to make it two in a row this Saturday by chasing down the 234 required for victory.

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A GRADE	DIVISION 1
Koonwarra L/RSL 1/6 v Inverloch 166	
Inverloch – 1st INNINGS	
J Butcher b K Weeranga	2
J Strickland b K Weeranga	6
A Donohue c J Hughes b I Wickramasinghe..	11
D Newman c K Weeranga b J Kennedy	59
W Taberner c I Wickramasinghe	
b C Buckland	41
JB Dennerley c & b C Buckland	0
T McQualter c J Hughes	
b I Wickramasinghe	22
CW Asbury lbw b K Weeranga	9
R Newman b K Weeranga	4
J Donohue b I Wickramasinghe	0
H Butcher not out	0
Extras (nb 2, w 0, b 4, lb 6)	12
Total 166 (67.1 overs)	
Bowling: K Weeranga 16-7-4-30 (1nb), J Thomas 9-2-0-19, BF Davison 4-2-0-11, J Kennedy 15-5-1-36, I Wickramasinghe 16.1-5-3-29, C Buckland 7-1-2-31 (1nb)	
Koonwarra L/RSL – 1st INNINGS	
BF Davison not out	0
M Scrimshaw b CW Asbury	0
C Buckland not out	4
Extras (nb 2, w 0, b 0, lb 0)	2
Total 1/6 (7 overs)	
Bowling: T McQualter 4-3-0-3, CW Asbury 2-0-1-3 (2nb), A Donohue 1-1-0-0	
Phillip Island v Imperials 8/233	
Imperials – 1st INNINGS	
L Rogers b M Baxter	15
D Ginnane c M Royal b T Keily	21
J Ginnane b SL Rathnayake	75
S Sameera c & b C Keerthisinghe	38
T Sauvarin b T Keily	7
D Perera not out	62
RK McLennan c L Cleeland	
b C Keerthisinghe	0
T Williams lbw b SL Rathnayake	0
L Wright c C Keerthisinghe	
b SL Rathnayake	0
AR Williams not out	9
Extras (nb 4, w 2, b 0, lb 0)	6
Total 8/233 (75 overs)	
Bowling: T Keily 17-4-2-73 (3nb, 2w), M Baxter 6-2-1-16 (1nb), C Keerthisinghe 23-5-2-65, M Royal 6-1-0-29, SL Rathnayake 23-4-3-50	
Town 287 v Nerrena	
Town – 1st INNINGS	
D Hume b J Trease	5
J Giardina c J Trease b T Gannon	10
B Hanrahan st H Funnell b T Wightman	59
A Ratnaike c & b T Wightman	14
M Madusanka c T Gannon b M Clark	163
DL Polwaththa Gallage run out (LJ Giliam)	5
P Jayasinghe run out (LJ Giliam)	13
M Riaz run out (H Funnell)	13
L Ashton c C Salmon b T Wightman	0
S Clark not out	3
F McLennan run out (LJ Giliam)	1
L Gill not out	0
Extras (nb 0, w 1, b 7, lb 1)	9
Total 287 (73.3 overs)	
Bowling: J Trease 18-5-1-52, T Gannon 4-0-1-20 (1w), R Clark 15-4-0-40, T Wightman 22.3-1-3-90, M Clark 14-0-1-77	
Club 9/188 v OMK	
Club – 1st INNINGS	
M Thomas c A Rose b PJ Dell	4
S Beaumont c T Wyatt b J Lamers	6
RG Thomas c J Hayes b E Lamers	35
J Brann c T Wyatt b E Lamers	32
E Dempsey lbw b E Lamers	1
A Geyer c M Walker b PJ Dell	12
M Waller st & b T Wyatt	22
J Sheerin b E Lamers	0
R Birkett b J Lamers	20
J Sheerin not out	28
M McCall not out	15
Extras (nb 0, w 2, b 9, lb 2)	13
Total 9/188 (75 overs)	
Bowling: RL Williams 10-2-0-25, PJ Dell 16-5-2-23, J Lamers 21-8-2-54 (1w), E Lamers 17-8-4-42, AL Trotto 2-0-0-19, T Wyatt 9-5-1-14 (1w)	

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Goannas’ triumph

• Over 60s Cricket

A FINE, cool morning greeted the Gippsland Goannas Over-60 cricket team as they arrived at Hurlingham Park in Brighton for the VCV match against the Bayside Over-60 team.

Rino Metlikovec won the toss and decided the Goannas would bat first.

The two Ray’s, Smith and Floyd, again opened the innings, and after their 30 balls apiece had retired, for 24 and 25 respectively.

Col Carmody and Ken Bailey were the next two with Carmody bowled for 5 when the score was 68 in over 13.

The skipper then joined KB but was run out for 11 in over 17 with the score 2/109.

Bailey retired soon after for a hard hitting 40 from 23 balls. Kevin Lanigan, 20, and Murray Moore, 22, both retired and Bernie Symons was the third wicket to fall, LBW for 20 in the 32nd over, to make it 3/182.

Contributions from Neil Meredith, Ian Southall, 21, Ian Gibson, 16 and Barrie Nunn took the score to 215 in the 38th over, allowing Floyd to return.

He made 10 more and was bowled for 35, Smith returned and made two more to be 26 not out at the end of the 40th over, and the Goannas final tally was 7/235.

The Bayside innings started with Southall bowling two maiden overs, and Ray Smith taking the first wicket in his



Player-of-the match Ray Floyd (from Sale) attacks the Bayside bowling.

third over when the score was 23.

Southy took two wickets in his sixth over, as Merro took over from Smith, and Nunn also entered the fray.

At drinks Bayside were 5/78, as Merro took two wickets.

Moore replaced Merro, and Symons replaced Bazza, and took two wickets in his first two overs to have Bayside reeling at 7/113 after 27 overs.

Bailey, 1/12, Floyd, Gibson and Carmody all bowled, and the score reached 8/158 after the 40th over.

Southall 2/12 from 6, Smith

1/17 from 4, Meredith 2/16 from 6 and Symons 2/6 from 6 were the other wicket takers.

The Goannas Over-50 game against Geelong did not go ahead, and they will play a home game against the Co-burg Over-50 team next Sunday.

The Over-60’s play South Gippsland at home, also next Sunday, while the Over-70 team will not play until February 13.

Practice will continue at Glengarry on Wednesday at 4.45pm.

Match in balance for Sharks and Glen Alvie

• A Grade, Division 2

GLEN Alvie’s decision to bat looked decidedly shaky when it tumbled to 3/10, with the side improving but not fully recovering to set host Kilcunda-Bass 162 for victory.

That is proving no easy assignment, with the Sharks battling to stumps, making just 20 runs for the loss of a couple of wickets in a 13-over grind.

Matthew Allen helped Glen Alvie set a defendable target, being his side’s top scorer with 37.

Three other members of the batting lineup recorded scores in the twenties.

Todd Smith (4/33) and Ryley Duff (3/20) both performed impressively with the ball for Kilcunda-Bass.

The Sharks cautious chase was proceeding reasonably until openers Jaydan Tregear (13) and Bradley Waldron (4) fell with the score on 20.

Ryan Sinclair and Stephen Kennedy did the damage with the ball to put Glen Alvie in the hunt heading into day two.

MDU contains Korumburra to manageable score

THE Meeniyani Dumbalk United bowlers stuck to the task after home side

Korumburra chose to bat, with Sam Bright taking 4/38 off 21 overs.

He removed dangerous Co-bra opener Tom Crocker for just two and another major threat in Inshaka Siriwardena for six.

While a few of the Korumburra batting list got solid starts, Peter Edwards top scored with 32.

Although MDU was set a manageable target of 162, it started shakily with keeper and opener Troy Sinclair knocked over for four by Harshika Fernando who has so far managed 1/10 off nine impressive overs.

MDU needs a further 134 to claim victory, something it should achieve, but further early wickets for Korumburra may yet make for an exciting finish.

Phillip Island fights back against Club

PHILLIP Island hit back strongly against Wonthaggi Club, with the Sharks needing 210 for the win after Wonthaggi lost its first wicket on 76.

Substantial partnerships proved difficult to come by thereafter.

Openers Harry West (71) and David Britt (44) laid the foundations for a more substantial score, albeit the Phillip Island bowlers made the pair toil hard for their

runs.

That was particularly so for Clint Wilson who allowed just 17 runs off 19 overs and snapped up five wickets in the process.

While Tim Niven was less economical, he grabbed 4/56, knocking over both Wonthaggi openers to bring Phillip Island right back into the contest.

Nyora in solid position against Foster

AFTER being sent in by Nyora, Foster’s openers got their side off to a healthy start, with skipper Josh Toner making 40 and keeper Mitchell Jones 29.

However, the Nyora bowlers took charge as the innings progressed, limiting the Tigers score to 141 all out.

Henry Dolphin proved tough for Foster’s batting line-up to handle, finishing with 6/38, with Lincoln Brock (2/30) Nyora’s other multiple wicket taker.

Dolphin didn’t enjoy the same success with the bat, sent on his way by Welles Jenkins for just seven.

Dolphin’s opening partner Daniel Esler made 18.

With eight wickets remaining, Nyora needs 78 further runs for victory.

Andrew Pattie joined Jenkins as Foster’s successful bowlers on day one.

A GRADE	DIVISION 2
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Korumburra 161 v MDU 1/28	
Korumburra – 1st INNINGS	
T Crocker b S Bright	2
H Fernando b M Cantwell.....	12
J Whiteside c T Sinclair b B Cantwell	10
I Siriwardena c & b S Bright	6
J Richards c & b S Bright	22
R Rangana c & b B Cantwell	2
P Edwards c J Bright b S Bright	32
C Arnold b M Cantwell	12
D Salmon c T Sinclair b S Arnup	28
M Young b S Arnup	16
H McNeill not out	6
Extras (nb 1, w 6, b 2, lb 4)	13
Total 161 (55.6 overs)	
Bowling: S Bright 21-9-4-38 (1w), M Cantwell 12-4-2-35, S Arnup 10.6-3-2-37 (1w), B Cantwell 6-0-2-21 (1nb, 4w), S Browne 5-0-0-20, M Hooper 1-0-0-4	
MDU – 1st INNINGS	
S Arnup not out	7
T Sinclair b H Fernando	4
MJ McGrath not out	15
Extras (nb 1, w 1, b 0, lb 0)	2
Total 1/28 (19 overs)	
Bowling: J Whiteside 7-3-0-7, H Fernando 9-4-1-10 (1nb, 1w), T Crocker 2-0-0-11, I Siriwardena 1-1-0-0	
Kilcunda-Bass 2/20 v Glen Alvie 161	
Glen Alvie – 1st INNINGS	
S Smith lbw b TC Smith	2
L Harris c S Rozario b TC Smith	7
RV Sinclair b R Duff	2
B McRae b H Berry	0
S Kennedy c & b R Duff	22
M Allen lbw b J Baker	37
N Findlay c & b J Mahood	23
Z Scholz c & b TC Smith	27
W Luke b TC Smith	12
D Williams b R Duff	9
J Hales not out	7
Extras (nb 1, w 8, b 1, lb 3)	13
Total 161 (61.4 overs)	
Bowling: H Berry 18-4-1-40 (1w), TC Smith 15-7-4-33 (1nb, 4w), R Duff 7.4-1-3-20, NJ McCallum 6-2-0-27, J Mahood 7-1-1-26 (3w), J Baker 7-3-1-10, C Chasemore 1-0-0-1	
Kilcunda-Bass – 1st INNINGS	
J Tregear c M Allen b RV Sinclair	13
B Waldron c L Harris b S Kennedy	4
H Berry not out	0
J Mahood not out	0
Extras (nb 1, w 2, b 0, lb 0)	3
Total 2/20 (13 overs)	
Bowling: N Findlay 5-1-0-9 (1nb, 1w), S Kennedy 5-3-1-8, RV Sinclair 2-0-1-3 (1w), Z Scholz 1-1-0-0	
Nyora 2/64 v Foster 141	
Foster – 1st INNINGS	
M Jones st J Henry b H Dolphin	29
J Toner c D Esler b H Dolphin	39
B Coates not out b R White	7
W Jenkins b MJ Rowe	19
AJ Pattie c J Hackett b H Dolphin	0
B East c L Brock b H Dolphin	16
M Allott b L Brock	6
j Weston not out	6
H Griggs c J Hackett b H Dolphin	0
W McDonald b L Brock	0
B Davy b H Dolphin.....	0
Extras (nb 1, w 3, b 3, lb 1)	8
Total 10/141 (22.3 overs)	
Bowling: MJ Rowe 11-3-1-35 (2w), L Brock 7.1-0-2-30 (1nb, 1w), R White 10-2-1-28, H Dolphin 10.4-1-6-38, J Hackett 4-1-0-6	
Nyora – 1st INNINGS	
H Dolphin c & b W Jenkins	7
D Esler not out b AJ Pattie	18
G Hackett not out	22
J Hackett not out	9
Extras (nb 0, w 4, b 4, lb 0)	8
Total 2/64 (32 overs)	
Bowling: W Jenkins 11-5-1-27, J Weston 9-4-0-12 (2w), B Coates 5-1-0-8 (2w), J Toner 2-1-0-0, H Griggs 2-0-0-11, AJ Pattie 3-1-1-1	
Club 209 v Phillip Island	
Club – 1st INNINGS	
D Britt st A Finlayson b T Niven	44
H West c & b T Niven	71
K McGregor c TS Niven b C Wilson	1
J Hull c S Angelo b D Womersley	1
J Williamson lbw b C Wilson	20
F West b C Wilson	6
M Chisholm b C Wilson	12
DT Herbert b C Wilson	11
LD McGuirk not out	9
S Williams b T Niven	11
H Dobbie b T Niven	0
Extras (nb 1, w 8, b 8, lb 6)	23
Total 209 (72.4 overs)	
Bowling: GD McCausland 12-1-0-35 (1nb, 5w), G Odgers 11-3-0-42, T Niven 13.4-2-4-56 (2w), HW Womersley 9-4-0-17 (1w), D Womersley 8-2-1-28, C Wilson 19-6-5-17	



Island surfers celebrate

Toby Davies of the winning Crushers team in the PIBC Teams Challenge sets up a high-scoring cutback in challenging conditions at Woolamai on Saturday. Full story on page 57.

Local legend dons the green and gold

IN A career that has spanned the last 54 years, Poowong's Peter Miller has achieved many things and enjoyed many highlights in the game of cricket, but his latest venture may just top them all.

The 63-year-old has been selected to represent Australia in the upcoming 2023 Big Man Cricket Over 60s Caribbean Cup in Barbados later this month, where he and the 15-man Aussie squad will contend for glory against five other teams from around the globe.

Miller, understandably beaming with excitement, was good enough to speak to the Sentinel Times recently about his selection for the upcoming tour.

"I'm like a little boy in a lolly shop, I'm still excited, I suppose at my age I was thinking that playing for Australia was the furthest thing down the line, but I'd been playing some good cricket and I got picked!" he said. "At the end of November, we played the

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Australian over 60s Championships down in Geelong and Victoria came out winners in that, so we are the Australian Champions at the moment.

"And each of the four of us that got selected (for Australia) performed well in that competition, I opened the batting each game and did okay, so I got selected from that."

Miller, who's been the vice-captain of Victoria's over 60s team for two years now, tried out for Australian selection six months ago but missed the cut, however his form could not be denied twice, earning the right to don the green and gold the second time around.

He explained what's in store for himself and the Australian contingent in the over 60s Caribbean Cup.

"The first game is on January 30, we end up playing six games, there's six teams involved including Australia, England, Rest of

the World, America, West Indies and an Invitational team," he said.

"There's a round robin where everyone plays the other five teams, then the top two teams' playoff in the Grand Final, the third and fourth team play off for third and fourth, and fifth and sixth play for fifth and sixth place.

"It's played over two weeks on the Island of Barbados, we're staying in Bridgetown and playing a practise match against the West Indies before the tournament starts."

The over 60s Australian squad are selected much like the other national squads, through local club form, into state selection and strong performances at the national level.

The over 60s squad has members from all around the country, including Miller who has been representing Victoria's number one team; three other Victorians will join him in Barbados.

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Peter Miller in his new Australian blazer, holding his baggy green, he'll jet off to Barbados this week to compete for the Aussie over 60s cricket team

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