



EIGHT OF THE BEST

Eight members of the community were recognised last week as part of the Australia Day Honours and Awards. Read all about their incredible achievements on pages 20-23. More Australia Day coverage on pages 28-31.

Anthem gaff at citizens day event

THE induction of 33 new Australian citizens, on Australia Day last Thursday, January 26, at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club, wasn't all it might have been, according to those who attended the event.

And a letter has been submitted to the Bass Coast Shire Council, to be considered at the next meeting of council, on Wednesday, February 15, about why the National Anthem wasn't played as part of

the official ceremony.

It wasn't until after the Mayor Cr Michael Whelan had started to wrap up the event, by inviting the new citizens to join together for a photo and afternoon tea that the Deputy Mayor, Cr Rochelle Halstead, intervened and invited everyone to sing Advance Australia Fare with her, that it was included.

"If you don't know the words that's fine, I'll sing it for you. So, if you want to join in, join in."

said Cr Halstead.

It has been claimed in the letter to council that an official of the council, who has allegedly been named in the letter, insisted that shire staff not include the anthem in the ceremony.

An investigation is allegedly raging within the shire about who made that claim and who might have been involved.

Cr Whelan was also heckled during his preamble to the event which included an acknowledgement-

ment and an apology of sorts to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

"The first thing on my list is to acknowledge our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, but I am nothing if not one who regards principle very highly, so I want to acknowledge that today, being Australia Day, the 26th of January is also a sad day for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people," Cr Whelan said.

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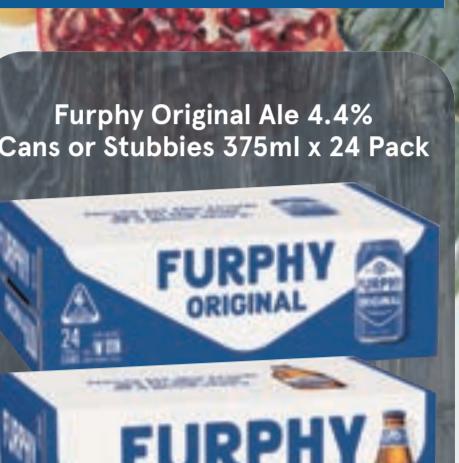
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More police needed in region, they say

STEVE Quaife is frustrated and angry, and unfortunately local police have felt the brunt of his words in the last week as, along with community support, he was integral in finding his own stolen Holden VN.

"I've had to take days off work, close my business and spend monies tracking down leads," Steve stated.

"I'm exhausted, frustrated and mentally drained."

Without a battery, the vehicle has been on quite a journey.

Stolen from South Wonthaggi on January 19 at 3.50am, the VN was spotted dumped on Korumburra-Wonthaggi Road at the Lance Creek stockpile yard.

Later that same day, the vehicle was spotted in various locations in Leongatha, including the Leongatha Car Wash and Petrol Station.

By January 20 at 3.45pm, the vehicle was then outside Holcim Quarry in Lang Lang after being towed by a dark blue FG Ute at 3.30pm. The driver displaying P plates and wearing high vis.

Reaching out across social media, Steve was also hesitant, not always knowing what he was walking into with a lead.

"We received a lot of information, but it's hard to trust everyone, as much as you want to."

"Driving around slow at night, anyone we saw we'd ask if they'd seen anything and let them know what we were doing so they didn't get spooked by us."

Chasing up CCTV footage, Steve could not be more thankful to the many community members and businesses who helped along the way.

"We handed the footage we collected to the police, but they hadn't even looked at it (earlier in the week) – it's not their fault they're understaffed."

Late last week the vehicle was found. It had even been sold along the way.

"We finally located the vehicle (in Nerrena), could see it, it was 200 metres away and the police didn't want us to go on the property," Steve stated.

"They had to wait for a warrant and follow official procedures. At 4am on Saturday we headed home."

Hopeful the car would remain until the warrant arrived.



Steve Quaife's VN was stolen from his shed over a week ago, and with the help of the community and family they were also to locate it.
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The Holden VN that was stolen from South Wonthaggi and recovered over the weekend.

region-wide crime spree, targeting cars and unlocked houses.

In the worst of the incidents three vehicles were stolen from a residential property in Inverloch, in the early hours of last Wednesday, January 25, with the thieves entering the house to steal keys while the family were asleep inside.

It follows other car thefts and the theft of keys from Wonthaggi in the past week, followed by another car stolen in Korumburra on Friday but since found.

The brazen thieves stole the keys to the Inverloch cars from just outside the victims' bedroom door.

"This morning we got up to start our day at 5am and were startled when we realised our three cars were stolen from our home," said Nikya Toomey.

"The crooks helped themselves into our home, took our keys from outside our bedroom door and left with most of our life in all three of them."

The family operates a catering and café business, Lime and Co, with early starts and a lot of their equipment in the vehicles.

"They broke into our kash van and attempted to steal our knives too," she said, referring to the distinctive silver Airstream-style caravan they use for catering gigs.

"We urge anyone to keep an eye out for our three cars please."

"We feel violated, shocked and devastated. Please share this around."

As late as Monday this week, there had still been no word from police about the stolen vehicles, although they were quickly

ly on the scene, fingerprinting and investigating last Wednesday and may have some useful leads.

It follows the theft of a Nissan Patrol in Ivor Street Wonthaggi a few weeks ago, a prized VP Commodore from Broome Crescent recently, the theft of keys from Korumburra Road in the past week and last Friday, the theft of a 2009 Commodore wagon in Korumburra.

But it's not isolated to South Gippsland. Last Friday afternoon, January 27, an aggravated burglary at Glengarry, allegedly involving machetes and a stolen car, ended in the fiery crash of a stolen police car at Yarragon.

Inspector Peter Fusinato of the Baw Baw police district, stressed that not only should people keep their cars locked, they should also securely lock their houses as would-be thieves were likely to be discouraged from breaking in to steal keys.

He also acknowledged that many of the aggravated burglaries, associated with stealing keys and cars, involved offenders from Melbourne's eastern suburbs coming out into the nearby country areas, although some offenders were also local.

On Sunday, January 29 in Traralgon he said offenders were seen on CCTV cameras trying the door handles on a car at one address, returning an hour later to enter the home by an unlocked side door to steal the keys and ultimately the car, a 2015 Nissan Patrol, later involved in a petrol drive off.



POLICE BRIEFS

ANYONE with information, including CCTV and dashcam, regarding any of the matters listed below call Wonthaggi Police on 5671 4100 or CrimeStoppers on 1800 333 000.

Collision at Nyora

A VEHICLE lost control crossing a road colliding with a raised dirt embankment on opposite side of road and into a tree on January 26 in Nyora.

The incident occurred along McDonalds Track.

Two occupants of the vehicle were a 50-year-old female (driver) and 9-year-old passenger.

Both sustained injuries and the child flown to Royal Children's Hosp and driver was conveyed to Dandenong Hospital.

The child was trapped in vehicle for short time, requiring the services of SES to free her.

Any witnesses prior to collision should contact Leading Senior Constable Young at Bass Coast Highway Patrol Wonthaggi.

Disruptive behaviour in Inverloch

OVER recent weeks there have been several incidents of disorderly and disruptive behaviour in and around Licensed premises across the Bass Coast. Police have been called on to provide assistance at a number of these incidents whilst targeting offensive and drunken behaviour, drink driving and other street offences.

A 28-year-old woman was arrested after two police officers were assaulted in Inverloch over the weekend.

The Inverloch officers were on patrol in the vicinity of The Esplanade when they arrested a 21-year-old man for being drunk in a public place just before midnight on Saturday, January 28.

The man was placed in the divisional van on A'Beckett Street, when a woman approached the officers and assaulted them.

OC spray was deployed on the woman, and she was arrested for assault police.

Police continue to patrol the area and will not tolerate offensive and drunken behaviour including drink driving.

Two men had their licences suspended for six months after they were caught drink driving in the Inverloch and Fish Creek area on January 27.

They returned readings of 0.063 and 0.080. Both males will have their drivers licence suspended for six months and have received a \$555 infringement.

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SOUTH GIPPSLAND



TUE | Jan 31

Cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

15° 23°



WED | Feb 1

Shower or two.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: W 20-30km/h

13° 22°



THUR | Feb 2

Late showers.
Wind AM: SW 15-20km/h
Wind PM: W-NW 20-30km/h

12° 22°



FRI | Feb 3

Showers.
Wind AM: NW 25-35km/h
Wind PM: W 25-35km/h

10° 17°



SAT | Feb 4

Shower or two.
Wind AM: W-SW 25-35km/h
Wind PM: W-SW 25-35km/h

11° 21°



SUN | Feb 5

Cloudy.
Wind AM: W 15-20km/h
Wind PM: W 15-20km/h

13° 23°

IN BRIEF

Apology

THE Sentinel Times would like to recognise Snapshot Photography – Nici Cahill whose photograph on page 57 in last week's edition went uncredited. Nici can often be spotted across Bass Coast snapping away at special events alongside her private photography gigs.

\$2 price for Sentinel-Times

THE cover price of the South Gippsland Sentinel-Times is going up next Tuesday, February 7, 2023 for the first time since June 2017, to \$2 per copy. Not only is this recognition of inflation and in particular the rising cost of newsprint paper, the price rise also puts it in line with the cover prices of other local country and regional newspapers.

Marty Gras coming to Meeniyan

MEENIYAN'S colourful annual fundraising party, Marty Gras, is happening on Saturday February 4, featuring drag shows by Freida Commitment and Brenda Blessed, and local DJ Golden Fleece. Attendees are encouraged to dress in their most outrageous drag and queer-inspired outfits, minus stilettos which are not permitted on the hall floor. Marty Thomas, owner of Meeniyan café and restaurant Moo's, established Marty Gras in 2018 to celebrate his 50th birthday and that of a friend. Marty Gras raises funds for two initiatives dear to Marty's heart, Opportunities of Development thru Art (ODA) in Cambodia, and South Coast Inclusion Network (SCIN) in Wonthaggi. ODA provides education for disadvantaged children across eight outlying villages of Siem Reap, Cambodia, focusing on English and computer classes. SCIN aims to improve the health and wellbeing of LGBTIQ people living in rural and regional towns, by supporting Gippsland health and education providers

to offer a welcoming and inclusive environment.

Marty has his sights set on raising over \$6000 through ticket sales and donations.

Meeniyan Red Cross will provide catering, with attendees encouraged to bring their own drinks and glasses.

There'll be plenty of entertainment and opportunities to take something home, including bragging rights, with prizes for best dressed, raffles and auctions.

Marty Gras details:

When: Saturday February 4 from 7.30pm

Where: Meeniyan Town Hall, 97 Whitelaw Street, Meeniyan

Cost: Tickets are \$45 each and are available at trybooking.com/cfcwf

Car through Wonthaggi Primary fence

A MIDDLE-AGED woman mistook the brake for the accelerator outside Wonthaggi Primary School on Tuesday, January 24 at 4.15pm.

The female driver was uninjured with local fire crews attending the scene to remove a fence post that had become wedged against the fuel tank.

After jacking the car and removing the post, the driver was able to drive from the scene.

Both police and paramedics attended and the scene was rendered safe with the tow truck also not required.

Damage occurred to both the car and fence.

Threads exhibition coming up

COAL Creek Community Park and Museum is to host the 'Threads' exhibition in March and April with the theme 'women in textiles'.

Artists and crafters of all genders are called on to express their interest in being part of the exhibition.

They must do so by February 13, with preference given to South Gippsland based artists.

Threads opens on International Women's Day, March 9, featuring works made from textiles and fibre materials and will form links between the past and present.

For more information visit southgippsland.vic.gov.au/threads-eoi or contact Rachel Jones at rachel.jones@southgippsland.vic.gov.au or on 5662 9200.

Suspicious vehicle

BASS Coast Crime Investigation Unit are seeking information relating a modified 1991 Nissen wagon that has been connected to a series of criminal offending in the South Gippsland area.

This vehicle is now in Police possession and if you have information that involve this vehicle, please contact Bass Coast CIU at the Wonthaggi Police Station on 56714100 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Did you spot a water tank?

A 3000L water tank was stolen from Van Steensel Timbers in Grantville between 2.30pm on Sunday, January 29 and 6.30am Monday, January 30.

The brazen thieves cut a hole in the fence and left with a 3000L slimline water tank.

Investigations ongoing.

North Store targeted again

A BURGLARY has been attempted at North Store Café in Wonthaggi again with offenders successfully opening a security door, but unable to gain entry through the main door. It's the second time the café has been targeted in a mere couple of weeks.

Investigations ongoing.

Knives out

AT 3.40am on January 26 Police intercepted a white Mercedes sedan on White Road in Wonthaggi. After speaking with the driver of the vehicle, and



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Twins off to a good start

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Our schools wave off teacher 'crisis'

WHAT'S not to like? Whether it's our glorious beaches, our green rolling hills or a great country lifestyle not far from the city...

Local schools appear to have held up well against what has been described as "Victoria's extreme teacher shortage", with upwards of 900 positions needing to be urgently filled across the state.

Not so here.

Brad Hutchinson at the Leongatha Secondary College started the school year on Monday this week with a full complement of teachers, and despite experiencing another hefty lift in enrolments, up to 1600 from 1550 across four campuses, Darren Parker, principal at Bass Coast College only wants a couple of junior maths teachers.

"We feel really pleased that we have been able to commence the year fully staffed with teachers and Education Support personnel," said Mr Hutchinson this week.

"We have seven new staff who have commenced with us in 2023."

They include:

- Abbey Kelson (Student Engagement Officer Senior School)

- Christine Yule (Teacher Maths)
- Daniel McCaughey (Teacher Humanities/Learning Specialist: Learning Coach)
- Liz Williams (Teacher Science/Maths)
- Jazmine Findlay (Sports Trainee)
- Mel Neill (Teacher English/Leading Teacher: Staff Learning & Development)
- Ray Young (Student Engagement Officer Junior School/Year 8 Coordinator).

"We do currently have two English Teacher and one Maths Teacher positions advertised, which are set to commence from the beginning of Term 2."

They're welcoming applications for those roles and any prospective staff should check out Recruitment Online for job details or call the college on 5667 2200 and ask to speak to the College Principal Brad Hutchinson.

Leongatha Secondary is expecting 650 students in 2023, up from 637 last year.

At Bass Coast College

After two pupil-free days for teachers to get ready, at Bass Coast College they have a staggered start with Year 7 starting on Tuesday, the Senior Campus

(10-12) also on Tuesday and Years 8-9 starting Wednesday.

"We've got a massive year in front of us. We are really excited to be using the extensive art and learning space at our FLOW campus and building the home base for our students there," college principal Darren Parker said.

"It's also the year of the school production "Charlie and The Chocolate Factory" on top of the traditional excursions and camps.

"All schools have needed additional staff due to teaching changes and in addition our growth, it means we have several new members of staff on board."

Senior campus principal, Ross Bramley, is also excited for the year ahead.

"Being able to guide this year's students in realising their dreams and aspirations is what it's all about," said Ross.

"Each year level comes along with their own personalities, their own dreams of where they want to be and what they want to be doing."

"We also have a number of new staff and that adds to the experience of vibrancy. We are very excited to see what the new staff bring to the college and

students."

So, while some schools, especially in Melbourne's outer-suburban growth areas are having to cancel elective subjects or combining classes because of the shortage, we're looking pretty good locally.

And it's not just the staff that are looking good, there's also a good-news story about facilities.

"We have seen some wonderful improvements to the buildings and grounds over the summer break; some much needed roofing works on some of the older original buildings, namely the Technology Wing and ECA (Sports Centre)," said Brad Hutchinson at Leongatha SC.

"We have had a number of new paths and paved areas created, all of which has been driven by student voice within the school and them identifying these areas."

"We have increased the security around the college with more cameras being installed and have also installed 300+ new lockers for students to use."

Of course, more major improvements are on the way at Korumburra Secondary College, putting a silver lining on the return to school this week where the front of the college looks like a construction zone.

Pre-prep and kinder giving local kids best start

REGIONAL Victorian children and kids experiencing disadvantage will be the first to benefit from 30 hours of free Pre-Prep each week.

Minister for Early Childhood and Pre-Prep Ingrid Stitt last week announced the roll-out schedule for Pre-Prep, which will begin in selected areas from 2025, before expanding across the state to all LGAs.

Vulnerable children and Aboriginal children living outside the early roll-out areas will also be eligible for 30 hours of Pre-Prep every week from 2026, while children experiencing disadvantage will be eligible from 2028.

Pre-Prep programs will be delivered through sessional kindergartens and long day-care centres, creating a high-quality, universal program that gives 4-year-old children greater opportunities to socialise, learn through play and best prepare them for their formal educational journey.

The staged roll-out of Pre-Prep follows the successful launch of Free Kinder, which is now saving every family in Victoria up to \$2,500 in fees per child each year.

Hundreds of Victorian children will be learning at brand new local kindergartens in Term 1, making early childhood education more accessible and helping families avoid the dreaded double drop-off.

Regional areas are also well served, with new kindergartens opening at Newhaven Primary School and Wonthaggi Primary School.

Up to 140,000 children and families will benefit from Free Kinder this year under the \$270 million initiative, children enrolled in 3-Year-Old Kindergarten will receive between 5 and 15 hours of funded learning each week, and those in 4-Year-Old Kindergarten will receive 15 hours per week.

Free Kinder programs are available at 97 per cent of funded kindergarten services across the state, including sessional services and long day-care centres with funding directly from the government, so families are not out-of-pocket.

Pre-Prep roll-out schedule:

2027 - 16 to 30 hours per week for 40 weeks of the year

LGAs: Alpine Shire, Central Goldfields Shire, Colac Otway Shire, Glenelg Shire, Indigo Shire, Moira Shire, Moorabool Shire, Moyne Shire, South Gippsland Shire, Southern Grampians Shire, Swan Hill Rural City, West Wimmera Shire

2028 - 16 to 30 hours per week for 40 weeks of the year

LGAs: Bass Coast Shire, Baw Baw Shire, Campaspe Shire, Golden Plains Shire, Greater Shepparton City, Hepburn Shire, Latrobe City, Macedon Ranges Shire, Mildura Rural City, Mount Alexander Shire, Queenscliffe Borough, Surf Coast Shire, Towong Shire, Warrnambool City, Wellington Shire

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Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan

CITIZENSHIP ceremonies are very special occasions and remind us all how lucky we are to be living in Australia, and especially here on our beautiful Bass Coast.

Last week I was privileged and proud to welcome 30 new citizens as they embarked on a new and exciting chapter in their lives. It is great to be a part of this joyful day. People from many countries united in their shared wish to be Australian citizens. I am proud to be able to be the host of this special event.

Over the course of 2022 citizenship ceremonies in January, May and October Bass Coast formally welcomed 112 new Australians who were born in India, Cambodia, Thailand, United Kingdom, USA, Vietnam, Philippines, Hungary, Romania, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, France, China and Scotland.

There are always many tears and I challenge anyone who attends not to be touched emotionally by the joyous scenes of people from many countries united in their shared wish to be Australian citizens.

The overwhelming feeling of the recipients of Australian citizenship is genuine and sincere gratitude.

For those of us who were born in Australia we can sometimes take it for granted, but our newest Australians never take it for granted. They have chosen Australia to begin a new life in a new permanent home because they see a bright future here.

In some cases they are fleeing countries where they were born for a better life for their themselves and their family. They want to feel safe and Bass Coast formally welcoming them and wrapping our collective arms around them is an important part of their journey.

The contribution of these new Australians to Bass Coast this generation and in future generations will be immense and reinforce that we are one of the most successful – if not the most successful – multicultural country in the world in the world. They remind us that we are indeed a fortunate Country.



The first stage of works will begin on Shetland Heights Road unsealed section between Penniwell's Drive (east) and Potters Hill Road.

Makeover for Shetland Heights Road ready to go

WORKS to seal Shetland Heights Road are expected to finally begin in February.

The \$1.85 million project includes the installation of new pavement and sealing of the road, a new concrete footpath, installation of kerb and channel at selected locations, plus associated drainage.

This project will start on February 6, and is expected to be completed early June 2023, subject to favourable weather, contractor availability and material supply.

Council advises that the first stage starts with roadworks on Shetland Heights Road unsealed section between Penniwell's Drive (east) and Potters

Hill Road.

Council has appointed SR Excavations Pty Ltd.

The total project cost is \$1.99 million, which is jointly funded by the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program – Phase 3 (\$1.847 million).

These works will include road pavement widening, driveway crossover works, asphalt sealing, underground stormwater drainage, speed humps, line marking and signage, kerb and footpath construction.

The community should expect significant changed traffic conditions including full road closure and detours will be in place for the duration of the project.

Stage 1 will be undertaken from early February to late March 2023. A full road closure will be in place between Shetland Heights Road from Potters Hill Road to Small Court.

Stage 2 will be undertaken from early April to mid-May 2023.

A full road closure will be in place between Shetland Heights Road from Penniwell's Drive (east) to Small Court.

No through traffic will be allowed from mid-February until the completion of the works in early June.

During the closure all through traffic will be detoured via Phillip Island Road.

Incident sparks safety warnings

THE Leongatha Fire brigade and ambulance answered an emergency call at the Leongatha 'Splash' Swimming Pool last Friday, January 27, reportedly after a child became locked in a car.

RACV also attended.

It is understood that no one was injured in the incident, but ahead of a hot weekend, last weekend, where temperatures soared into the mid-30s, the incident served as a timely warning.

Recently, Bass Coast Eye-watch issued the following warning on Facebook:

"We may sound like a broken record but the message just isn't getting through to some. NEVER leave kids or pets in the car unattended.

"Leaving children unattended in a car on any day is dangerous, let alone when it's hot. It can result in serious injury or death.

"The same goes with our four-legged loved ones.

"Even on a mild day, the temperature inside a parked

car can reach 20 to 30 degrees hotter than the temperature outside.

"According to Kidsafe Victoria, tests have shown that leaving windows open by 10cm only reduces the inside temperature by five degrees.

"But it's against the law to leave children unattended in a car at any time and parents or guardians can be fined or jailed."

Head to KidSafe for more information www.kidsafevic.com.au/road-safety/hot-cars/

Inverloch's future on the block, they say

IT'S D-day or rather d-week for the would-be developers of a high-rise apartment block, retail and hospitality development on the foreshore at Inverloch.

The Forte Group, the Bass Coast Shire Council, the South Gippsland Conservation Society and others have all been joined in a hearing at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal this week.

And the parties really started to get down to the nitty gritty of building heights and neighbourhood character on Monday afternoon, January 30 after a morning filled with procedural issues and the Bass Coast Council's presentation of what's at issue.

Although only a handful of objectors have taken the project application forward to VCAT, a total of 64 formal objections were received.

This submission was typical of those objections:

"Development of this site, as proposed, would be overdevelopment that is out of character with the coastal edge it sits on and the adjacent northern built environment which is relatively low key, single and 2 storey mixed-use developments."

"If approved, this development of 4 storeys will dominate both the main focus of the view-shed coming into town and from the foreshore (the Glade) and from Anderson Inlet itself. This is not how to treat the most valuable asset of the Inverloch Township, the natural amenity or of the foreshore itself."

The hearing has been scheduled to run for most of the week.

'Say No' to charge scheme petition lodged

THE SAY No petition to Council's current proposal for a special charges scheme in both Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay has been met with over 50 per cent of residents objecting to the options on offer.

The recent Census data indicates that there are 261 occupied dwellings in Surf Beach and 348 unoccupied, 123 occupied dwellings in Sunderland Bay and 171 unoccupied; of these 43 are rentals in Surf Beach and 25 rentals in Sunderland Bay; not to mention the vacant blocks.

The petition consisting of well over the minimum number of signatures required to stop the scheme has been lodged with Bass Coast Council, and should be tabled at the February 15 Council meeting.

Rate payers of the impacted estates have voiced their objection to what is being offered and seek Council to stop moving forward, wasting Bass Coast Shire ratepayer's hard-earned dollars on further investigations on a scheme that is not supported.

The Say No group believe there are less expensive, environmentally sensitive options to approach the dust and drainage issues in both estates and seek the opportunity to discuss in person the way forward.

With over 50 per cent of signatures on the petition (and counting), Council has clearly not been listening to their community, they say. Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay residents can still sign the petition at the Surf Beach Bottle Shop or the coffee van.





Health authorities are monitoring the impact of a steady stream of cruise ships stopping off at Phillip Island over the summer.

Health assurances for Island cruise ships

AS THE latest in a long line of luxury passenger ships cruised into Western Port last Tuesday, January 24, the Gippsland Region Public Health Unit (GRPHU) issued a statement about managing "potential public health risks".

Last Tuesday, just after 8am, the 10,000 tonne Windstar Cruises 'Star Breeze' ship, a relative minnow in world terms at 312 passengers and 164 crew, blew its horn as it passed the Cowes Jetty headed for anchor just off Rhyll.

There's been no suggestion that there was any issue with passengers embarking off this

particular ship, or any other, it may just be pre-emptive.

GRPHU is working with Bass Coast Health (BCH) and Ambulance Victoria Gippsland (AV Gippsland) to identify any public health risks from the ships with 13 scheduled to arrive at Cowes from December 1, 2022 to March 23, 2023.

GRPHU Operations Director, Annelies Titulaer, said this unique partnership would ensure a local response was in place in the event of a public health risk.

"We understand there may be some concern within the community about the potential

COVID-19 health risk surrounding cruise ships," she explained.

"There are rules and protocols in place for the industry and passengers to protect the community from the spread of COVID-19," Ms Titulaer said.

"Our local partnership ensures these protocols extend further; from ship to shore."

To prepare ahead of each cruise ship's arrival, GRPHU, BCH and AV Gippsland meet to understand the assessed health risk on board from the cruise vessel operator.

Then, other community stakeholders, including health

service agencies, Victoria Department of Health and Regional Ports are included in the planning and management if required.

Bass Coast Health Chief Executive Officer, Jan Child, welcomed the initiative.

"Any passengers requiring off-shore assessment and treatment for COVID-19 or other conditions will be assessed by the on-board medical team and then taken to the most appropriate health care provider," she said.

Ambulance Victoria said any response by AV would be "a matter of normal business".

Say goodbye to single-use plastics

FROM Wednesday February 1, Victorian businesses and organisations (including early childhood education and care services, schools and higher education, TAFEs and registered training organisations) will not be able to sell, supply or provide a number of single-use plastic items.

The ban applies to the following single-use plastic items made from conventional, degradable or compostable plastics: drinking straws, cutlery including knives, forks, spoons, chopsticks, sporks, splades and food picks, plates, drink stirrers and sticks and cotton bud sticks.

The ban also applies to food service items and drink containers made from expanded polystyrene.

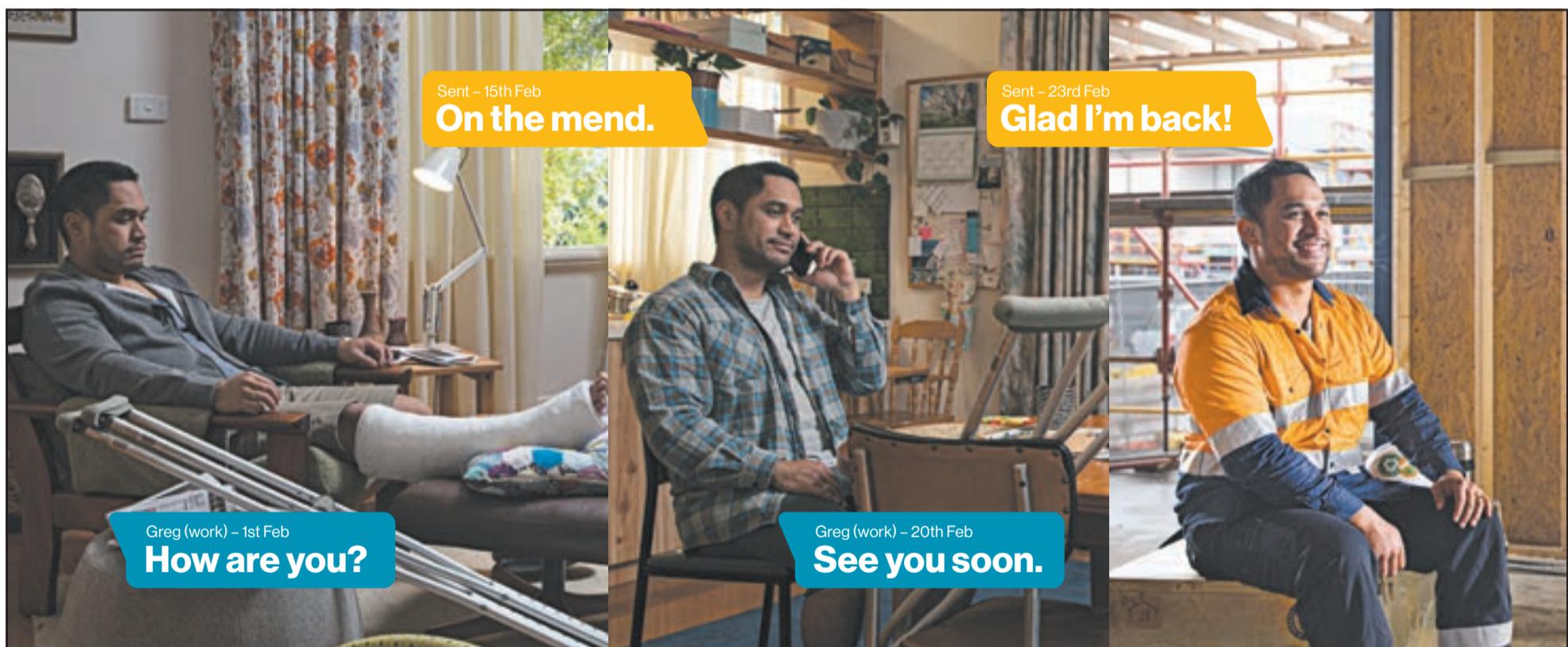
However, there are a few exceptions to the ban.

People who need single-use plastic drinking straws due to disability or for a medical need will still be able to purchase and use these items, as will early childhood services who can continue to purchase single-use plastic straws from their suppliers when needed.

There is no requirement for individuals to provide verification of disability or medical need when requesting straws.

Victorian organisations and services can continue to use up existing stock before the ban starts on Wednesday, however, banned items cannot be provided after this date, even if they were purchased before the ban.

Services should ensure they replace single-use items with reusables. Where it is not possible to use reusable items, services can choose single-use items made from alternative materials – such as uncoated paper, wood or bamboo.



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The annual Kilcunda Lobster festival was thriving on Sunday morning with volunteer Nat and daughter Charli enjoying the festivities of the afternoon. Z34_0523



Vicki and Steve were spinning wheel winners at the Kilcunda Lobster Festival on Sunday, taking home a lobster from Jy Hart. Z36_0523



Young Jaxton Passarin dressed up as an SES volunteer with unit controller Mandy Chancellor and the San Remo SES volunteers at the Kilcunda Lobster Festival. Z37_0523



The Kilcunda Lobster Festival was a dog-friendly event welcoming pooches Charlie and Teddy with owners Lauren and Daniel Fazlic. Z38_0523



Kilcunda feasts on lobster!

KILCUNDA was thriving on Sunday with traffic slowed and side streets filled with locals and visitors flocking to the foreshore for the annual Kilcunda Lobster Festival.

Taylors Amusements rides and entertainment was an attraction from the road, drawing the attention of anyone visiting Bass Coast over the long weekend and the stall holders and live music kept everyone sticking around.

The CFA and SES were holding service displays, Rotary set up stage for live music and

Bass Coast Shire Council managed waste stations for users to correctly dispose of their rubbish and reduce the amount that ends up in landfill.

The historic spinning wheel was a main attraction, with patrons lined up to purchase raffle tickets from Kilcunda District Community Association volunteers for the chance to win a fresh lobster from the San Remo Fisherman's Co-op, whilst kids were patiently waiting for their face painting.

The momentous day was another successful event for the history of the town.

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Refugee family embracing new life in Bass Coast

WONTHAGGI'S Mitchell House, the home of the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre, has been buzzing with activity throughout January.

The children of the recently settled refugee family have been enjoying three sessions each week of learning fun and activity to assist with their transition to their new homeland, and the beginning of the school year.

The family finally arrived in Bass Coast in late November from Iraq, where they lived for 10 years after previously fleeing conflict in their native Syria.

The local Bass Coast Refugee Sponsorship Group working in conjunction with Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia, facilitated their passage to a new life in Wonthaggi.

Parents, Lukman and Khadija are extremely grateful for all the support provided enabling them and their four children to have a new start in a safe and welcoming community.

Both are eager to improve their English language skills and contribute to their new local community.

Their four children meanwhile, have already begun to pick up new skills and the older three, Kobani (8), Ali (6) and Aysha (5) are eagerly looking forward to commencing school at Wonthaggi North Primary this year.

The youngest Rosila (3), will participate in the supported playgroups offered through the



Primary school teacher, Rebecca Nielson arranging a painting activity for the children who are eagerly looking forward to starting school at Wonthaggi North Primary this year.

Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House.

The 'Preparation for School Program' delivered throughout January was made possible by a group of enthusiastic volunteers from the Bass Coast Refugee Sponsorship group and the local community, including trained primary school teachers.

The Neighbourhood Centre willingly offered the space at Mitchell House.

With no previous experience of school, the program was designed to give the children a taste

of what to expect and to equip them with some basic language skills that will hopefully enable them to transition to their school environment more easily. The children embraced each activity with great enthusiasm and have quickly learned some basic English vocabulary.

Together with a few other local youngsters who were happy to join in as good role models, the children have spent three mornings each week learning to line up, sit on the mat for story time, listen, concentrate, sing songs,

learn colours, numbers and letters and to write their names.

As the family further establish themselves in their adopted community, they will continue to be supported by the Bass Coast Refugee Sponsorship Group.

If you would like to assist the group with a donation or in other practical ways, they would be keen to hear from you.

Visit them on Facebook (facebook.com/BassCoastRSG/) for more information or drop into the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre.

Patients not to be alarmed over antibiotic shortage

FOLLOWING the statement from the Therapeutic Goods Administration regarding the antibiotic's shortage, the Bass Coast Health and Wonthaggi Miners Dispensary have reassured their patients to not be alarmed.

Bass Coast Health CEO, Jan Child said "Our pharmacy technicians are monitoring supply and sourcing TGA approved overseas alternatives where possible. Community Pharmacies are also able to order alternative products so the public should be encouraged to discuss solutions with their GP and local pharmacy."

General manager and senior pharmacist at the Wonthaggi Miners Dispensary, Sally Cairnduff, said there is a shortage on amoxicillin and cefalexin, but it has not affected them significantly at this stage.

She noted wholesalers are managing the distribution, by supplying all pharmacies with a modest amount.

"We have adequate supplies. We are also able to contact the doctor to change a prescription to an alternative antibiotic if needed," said Sally.

"In addition, the TGA have issued a serious scarcity substitution instrument (SSSI) for amoxicillin and cefalexin which means if we receive a script for these antibiotics, we can legally substitute for any strength that we may have available in store and alter the dosage directions accordingly."

For further information visit your local pharmacist or make an appointment with your general practitioner.

Do you have
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Developer of the Great Southern Offshore Wind project, Corio Generation, will be out in the Gippsland community to answer your questions.

Inverloch Community Hub

Thursday 2 February, 10.00am to 2.00pm
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Wonthaggi Rotary Market

Sunday 12 February, 8.00am to 1.00pm
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The Corio Generation team will have the most up to date information on offshore wind and what it means for Gippsland, so make sure you come and say hello!

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South Gippsland Shire Council is offering immunisation sessions for the administration of all funded National Immunisation Program (NIP) vaccines.

Sessions are free to attend and are run by accredited nurse immunisers with medical support.

Sessions are held monthly, with February's sessions now open for booking.

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LEONGATHA – Dakers Centre
TUESDAY 31 JANUARY
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MIRBOO NORTH – Shire Hall
WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY
30 Ridgway, Mirboo North
9:00am – 9:30am

KORUMBURRA – Karmai Community Children's Centre
WEDNESDAY 1 FEBRUARY
22 Princes Street, Korumburra
11:30am – 12:15pm

To book, please visit:
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South Gippsland Coastal Strategy



We have been receiving some terrific feedback on our Coastal Strategy so far, but we are keen to hear more.

For more information on how to provide your feedback, please visit:

yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/coastal-strategy

REQUEST FOR TENDER

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

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

Closes 2.00pm Thursday 2 February 2023.

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

IMPOUNDING OF VEHICLE

Council impounded the following vehicle in accordance with Schedule 11 of the *Local Government Act 1989* on 23 December 2022 from Louis Road Venus Bay

Vehicle Details: 2006 Black Ford SUV

Registration Number: None

Engine Number:
6FPAAJGAT6S69348

Unless the vehicle is collected and

relevant fees paid within fourteen (14) days of the date of this notice, the vehicle will be offered for sale to the public.

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Anthem gaff at citizens day event

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"The 26th of January is actually the day in 1788 when the English fleet sailed into Botany Bay and took over the land as a colony. And that matters that we acknowledge that and so it's a day where our Aboriginal friends and colleagues are sad."

It was at this point that someone, dressed in Australia Day themed attire, interjected taking issue with the appropriateness of Cr Whelan's remarks.

"You do not speak for me or a lot of other..." he said.

He again interjected later as Cr Whelan continued his remarks about the upcoming 'Voice' referendum and the fact that Australia had been declared "Terra nullius"

"It is," said the interjector.

By all accounts the exchange and the absence of the National Anthem, within the program, cast something of a cloud over the event, supposed to be a celebration of citizenship in Australia.

The incident follows a decision by the Bass Coast Shire Council recently to strip the Australia Day event of its Citizen of the Year awards, now set to be held as part of National Volunteers Week, May 15-21.

The local shire has been less than enthusiastic about celebrating Australia Day on January 26 but has stopped short of calling for the date to be changed.

Driver t-boned at Leongatha South

THERE has been yet another serious crash on the Bass Highway at Leongatha South, this one at around 11.30am last Saturday, January 29.

Police, ambulance and CFA attended a two-car collision involving a VW Golf and SUV sedan.

According to the police, a visiting driver from Melbourne was travelling east along Leongatha South-Outtrim Road, intending to make a right turn in the direction of Inverloch when they have been "t-boned" by a dark-coloured 4WD, driven by a local man.

"The offending driver of the VW has told police there was a car waiting to turn right at the intersection and that they didn't see the approaching 4WD but you've simply got to stop at an intersection when directed to do so," said Leading Senior Constable Lauren Bowman.

"This is the exact same situation we had there less than a month ago. It's a dangerous intersection, we know that, but you've just got to stop when facing a 'stop' sign."

"Both cars have been written off and we're very fortunate that both drivers have walked away with only minor injuries."

"I know, in the case of the local 4WD driver, he feared for the worst," said LSC Bowman.

CFA personnel and police took control of the scene and traffic continued on one lane as the two cars and a large amount of crash debris was cleared from the scene.

Police also praised nearby neighbours for their help warning approaching drivers until they arrived on the scene.

"Could you just remind people to take care at this intersection," said police.

Locals say the situation has improved since a right-turn lane was added some years ago but they say a more sophisticated response is needed to save drivers from their own errors.

Calling all volunteer drivers in South Gippsland

THE number of volunteers at Latrobe Community Health Service has halved since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the organisation is desperate for new recruits.

"Volunteers help us provide more services to more people," Volunteer Program team leader Adriana Pezzutto said.

"In South Gippsland, we are in desperate need for volunteer drivers. Volunteers drive our clients to medical or specialist appointments they would otherwise be unable to get to – either locally or near Melbourne," she said.

"We have the cars ready and plenty of clients requesting transport assistance; we just don't have enough volunteers available to meet demand."

In 2018-19, LCHS volunteers dedicated 24,187 hours of service, equating to a \$1 million monetary contribution to the not-for-profit organisation.

In January 2020, volunteers provided 2,600 hours of service. In January 2022, LCHS volunteers delivered 965 hours of service.

"The dramatic drop means we are unable to take as many people to their medical appointments," Ms Pezzutto said.

"Many of our former volunteers have become unwell, have caring roles at home, or are travelling and



Donat Santowiak started volunteering as a driver with Latrobe Community Health Service in 2020, and has been enjoying every moment since.

visiting family now that they can again. COVID-19 significantly impacted our volunteer workforce, and we are desperate for new faces to join our wonderful team."

LCHS is on the lookout for transport drivers across the South Gippsland region.

"Volunteers are essential to our organisation, and to the people we deliver services to," Ms Pezzutto said.

"Volunteering as a driver means you are not only helping

someone access the vital medical services they need, but you are providing companionship on an otherwise lonely and anxious journey. Even if you can volunteer just an hour or two of your time, every little bit helps."

To express your interest or to find out more, visit lchs.com.au/volunteer, email volunteers@lchs.com.au or phone us on 1800 242 696 and ask to speak with a volunteer coordinator.

Heritage wait for Korumburra skate park

DESIGN work for the planned skate park in the town's railway station precinct is complete, but the project is not yet able to commence.

"Council is continuing to work with Heritage Victoria for approvals to commence work," a South Gippsland Shire Council spokesperson said.

Council applied for a planning permit in mid 2022 to enable it to carry out the project to build a skate park tailored to users of beginner to intermediate level.

It is to be located between the existing goods shed and barbecue shelter, being constructed of concrete with steel

balustrading and coping.

Once built, the facility is intended to encourage youth engagement with the site and promote physical activity, with funding obtained through Sport and Recreation Victoria's Community Sport Infrastructure Fund.

A heritage impact assessment, submitted with the planning permit application, mounts a case in favour of the planned removal of some railway tracks.

It argues tracks have been previously reconfigured, that removal of portions of the track will enable the skate park works and overall expansion of the Great Southern Rail Trail at a later stage

of works.

Furthermore, it is stated those changes will lead to increased public use of the site and boost its long-term sustainability.

"Portions of the track closest to the railway station utilised for the passenger service are to be retained, with the tracks proposed for removal primarily utilised as sidings," the heritage impact assessment says.

It also notes sections of the tracks proposed for removal are to be distributed to tourist and heritage railway groups.

As well as the removal of track, the existing small playground consisting of a swing is intended to make way for the skate park.



Station precinct progress in Leongatha

WORKS in the Leongatha railway station precinct have advanced significantly, with asphalting of the lower car park complete and opening for use soon. Attention now turns to the upper carpark, with works set to start shortly. Public lighting and pedestrian bridge works will commence in the coming months.

Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey



COUNCILLORS are excited to return to regular briefings and meetings following a short recess over the New Year period. We have a big 2023 ahead of us at South Gippsland Shire Council, with numerous planned projects already underway. Key projects include, South Road roadworks, Korumburra Community Hub and the Coastal Strategy engagement, which is the basis of another strong strategy for our region. During 2023, we also have the Planning Scheme and Local Law Reviews, as well as Councillors continuing to be out-and-about in the community – listening and learning from you. As always, my message remains the same – we're here to serve, and that cannot be done well without strong community engagement.

Meet the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Councillor Williams and I are keen to provide opportunities for the community to come have a chat to us. Similar to the "Coffee with a Councillor" meetings last year, the purpose of these is for informal, in-person discussion.

We will be available for short, face-to-face chats throughout Wednesday, February 22 at Council Chambers in Leongatha from 9.00am to 5.00pm. Booking are required to secure a 20-minute slot.

Please email OfficeoftheCEO@southgippsland.vic.gov.au or call 5662 9200 to book.

Australia Day

Last Thursday, I was privileged to be part of the local Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony. It was fantastic to see so many people choosing to become Australians and wanting to call South Gippsland home.

I was also delighted to present some South Gippsland Australia Day Awards in Korumburra. A special mention must go to Alice Harper May, who was a very deserving nominee but was actually too young to be formally recognised – definitely one to watch, future leader perhaps!

The energy across both of these events was one of community and connectedness. We have a strong community in South Gippsland and we thrive when we can come together and celebrate each other. I am proud and privileged to represent you.

Coastal Strategy Engagement

The Coastal Strategy engagement closes soon.

This is an incredibly important document which will inform our plans to protect South Gippsland's extraordinary coastline for the future – now is the time to have your say. Thank you to those who have already given their responses or come to engagement sessions, especially during a busy time of year. We still want to hear more – especially from those who live further inland but have a view on what we should be doing to protect our coastal region.

To find out more or to have your say, please visit: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/coastal-strategy>

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A similar traction engine will be on show at the Heritage Truck & Vehicle Display at Lardner Park.

They're big, loud and vintage!

LARDNER Park will be swarming with all manner of vehicle and engine enthusiasts, and others seeking family fun over the weekend of February 4 and 5, for the inaugural Heritage Truck & Vehicle Display.

The event is inspired by the Longwarry Truck Show but will provide a broader range of vehicle types and a substantially larger display of stationary engines.

Trafalgar Truck Restorers Club and Baw Baw Old Engine & Auto Club now share clubrooms and are combining to run the truck, car, steam and stationary engine extravaganza.

The Heritage Truck & Vehicle Display serves the dual purpose of providing an exciting weekend for patrons and exhibitors, while raising funds to revamp the hosts' shared clubrooms.

Trafalgar Truck Restorers Club committee member Peter Farley spoke of the broader range of exhibits people will see at Lardner Park compared to Longwarry, saying that while

trucks will remain a major part of the display, cars and tractors are also set to feature prominently.

"Although we had some cars and tractors at Longwarry, it was mainly trucks, steam and stationary engines, so now we've got a far bigger range and I think that's going to pull a different crowd," Peter said.

"The cars are going to attract a lot of attention, as will having more room for stationary engines, and we'll get a lot more engines than what we had at Longwarry."

Peter is currently working on a 50-year-old Atkinson truck which he hopes to bring to the show.

While that is uncertain, with his truck still needing a lot of work, Peter said a freshly restored 1973 Atkinson will be among the truck highlights of the event.

Truck enthusiasts, and those curious about them, will learn plenty over the Heritage Truck & Vehicle Display weekend.

with Peter saying that will include the road transport history of vehicles and the stories of their owners.

Trafalgar Truck Restorers Club president Vyn Harris said part of the excitement of the show is the mystery of what people will bring for display.

He expects to see plenty of local trucks as well as those from further afield, with a mix of types including tray trucks, prime movers, and older trucks.

Having worked as a truck mechanic and driver and owning trucks, Vyn developed a passion for them.

"It's just a life," he said.

President of Baw Baw Old Engine & Auto Club, Ross Watson outlined what people can expect.

"There will be stationary engines, anywhere from 80 to 110 years old, and we've got a couple of dozers coming, a heap of tractors, cars and we're hoping to have a couple of steam engines out there as well, running," Ross said.

The latter are full sized traction engines, one of which was used by a local contractor in the 1920s and is confirmed for the event.

All exhibited items must be at least 25 years old.

An array of classic and veteran cars will ensure a big day for enthusiasts, with vintage motorcycles adding to the occasion.

"We've got quite a few model T and A Fords, some that have been resurrected from the local area," Ross said.

Lots of the tractors will be vintage machines from the region.

Exhibitors are urged to set up before 9.30am.

They gain free entry, as do those aged under 12 years.

The admission cost for those aged 12-18 is \$5, with adults paying \$15.

Gates open to the public at 10am and close at 4pm.

Saturday night dinner is available for \$35 a head, with bookings essential and they can be made by calling Helen on 0437 953 304.

More carer centres to open

EIGHT new family and carer-led centres, including in Gippsland, will be opening across the state this year, according to the State Government.

The Government announced the providers of the \$54.5 million investment.

There are currently more than 60,000 Victorians providing mental health care to family and loved ones.

The Centres will provide a warm and welcoming space easily accessible and freely available to families, carers and supporters of all ages, with no need for a referral.

The selected providers for the new family and carer-led centres are:

- Gippsland: Wellways Australia
- Hume: Gateway Health
- Loddon Mallee: Mind Australia
- South Western: Wellways Australia
- South East (metro): Star Health
- North East (metro): Access Health and Community
- Western (metro): Jesuit Social Services

The Centres will be co-designed and co-led by families, carers and supporters, in partnership with peak body Tandem.

The Centres are part of a \$93 million investment to support and promote the leadership of families and carers in mental health. This investment builds on the \$1.3 billion delivered for mental health and wellbeing in the Victorian Budget 2022/23 to rebuild the mental health system.

Work is underway on implementing more than 90 per cent of the Royal Commission's recommendations.

Automation technology no substitute

AUTOMATION technology cannot safely replace experienced airline pilots, the Australian and International Pilots Association has warned.

Airbus is currently testing a new system called UpNext DragonFly, which uses cameras to enable planes to fly without pilots and land on their own in emergencies.

AIPA president and Qantas A330 captain Tony Lucas warned that it would not be safe to rely solely on autopilot systems.

"Replacing a co-pilot or even both pilots with a computer will unequivocally lessen flight safety."



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Andrew Moon of Fallen Diggers with Colin Cochrane at the Korumburra RSL for the re-dedication of 5672 Cpl Harry Stanley Cochrane. Z18_0523

A long journey home

THE Cochrane family met with members of the Fallen Diggers at the Korumburra RSL on Saturday morning for the re-dedication of South Gippsland local, 5672 Cpl Harry Stanley Cochrane (Stan).

Twenty-one-year-old Harry Stanley Cochrane (Stan) of the 14th battalion lost his life on July 4, 1918, and until July 7, 2022, his grave was marked 'Known unto God', but with tireless determination and dedicated research from Fallen Diggers member Andrew Moon, Stan's grave was officially named and his story long told.

Nephew to Harry Stanley Cochrane, Colin Cochrane was in attendance at the Korumburra RSL to hear of the research from the Fallen Diggers and how they located his 'Uncle Stan' after all this time.

"Stan was a kid from the farm, just 19 years young when he enlisted to WWI with his brother Bill, but he faced a harsh battle and lost his life at only 21 years old – after the battlefield was cleared, Harry Stanley Cochrane was buried at Crucifix Corner Cemetery in France as an unknown soldier," said Andrew.

Stan was a character in Andrew Moon's book titled 'Far from Home', as he was a local lad – the discovery of his journey, alongside the video of his dedication in France was highlighted on Saturday afternoon.

Andrew spoke of his seven-year research in finding the local soldier, the whereabouts of the battlefield and relaying how his fiancé Violet Piper would publish a dedication to her lost loved one in the local paper each year after his passing, and how after resting with his mates for 104 years, Stan was dedicated with a new headstone – to carry his name and his memory.

"Today we can celebrate that Stan was given his name back. Stan, we will remember you."

Colin Cochrane was presented with an image of the new gravestone of 5672 Cpl Harry Stanley Cochrane and Colin gave his sincere thanks to the Fallen Diggers team, who found his uncle after a long journey home.



Infrastructure not keeping up with demand; report highlights

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council has released a new document that provides an overview of the South Gippsland region.

The Regional Profile was developed by analysing external data sources such as the ABS Census Data, Forecast, id population forecasting and Crime Statistics Victoria, as well as comprehensive community feedback.

Feedback from local residents was collected in two ways. Twenty-one in-depth interviews were conducted (seven participants per ward) and 7,856 households were randomly selected to complete a Community Survey.

Additionally, an open access survey was also promoted online which gave residents who were not randomly selected a chance to share their views. Close to 2000 survey responses were received providing a solid, and statistically reliable, sample size for each Council ward.

Not only has the data from The Regional Profile provided valuable information for people considering relocating to South Gippsland, but it will also support Council and community planning, grant applications and advocacy projects within the region.

"The South Gippsland Regional Profile is a comprehensive piece of work that will be used regularly by Council," Cr Nathan Hersey, Mayor South Gippsland Shire Council said.

"As Councillors it is essential that we understand as much as we can about our local community. Sometimes we hear strong statements from vocal people, and it can be difficult to determine if what we hear is reflective of the community at large.

"Resources like the Regional Profile, provide us with some of the information we need to make informed decisions for the benefit of the South Gippsland community."

Whilst key Census data was on par to the Victorian averages certain data including travel for work, spoken languages and personal income varied.

Unsurprisingly the appeal of the region amongst residents was the lifestyle and natural environment sitting at 40% and 38% respectively as opposed to 11% who moved for work. Those surveyed liked the quiet/peaceful nature of the region, alongside the rolling hills, and small community.

Residents were very vocal on aspects they disliked

with poor road maintenance and council rates increasing (68% and 58% respectively), well above the third highest dislike of overgrown/poorly maintained natural environment at 21%, though these did vary between wards.

A broad range of lifestyle factors were heard with three standouts observations:

- Mental health issues, particularly among the youth, has been seen as a concern with the note of more funding for the drop-in centres for these issues.
- The influx of people moving from Melbourne has created a level of discomfort that was not previously there as people within communities generally knew each other.
- Many residents don't feel heard by council and also believe that decisions are made without being consulted.

Access and equality highlighted that most people report access to medical care as good, but some find it lacking because of distances they have to travel, even within the region.

"We have new people... It's hard to get an appointment at the medical centre. The town is growing, and the facilities are not keeping up with demand," One female Strzelecki ward business

owner was quoted within the report.

Residents also believed that council should help facilitate activities that bring people together, including markets, festivals, etc., especially as a general concern of community members was diminishing social connections that they have enjoyed as a hallmark of living within the region.

Additionally strong volunteering traditions are felt to be on the decline.

Eight per cent of survey respondents noted that they had experienced financial difficulties in the 12 months prior to interview, however, a strong theme in the interviews was that the community supports each other in times of need.

One solid point raised was the strong connection to the regions farming identity: 'However it is felt by some, especially farmers, that this is not fully recognised by council – that farming, not tourism or niche businesses, is the major economic driver in the region. In that sense, land use for productive farming should be preserved and not broken up into smaller acreages and reforested.'

The full report is available at southgippsland.vic.gov.au/RegionalProfile

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Coming weeks critical for Cape Hoodies

THE CAPE Paterson area is at the peak of Hooded Plover nesting season with four active nests along the coast from Undertow Bay to west of Wilson Road heading toward Harmer's Haven.

Since Christmas, there has been plenty of work for the local Hoodie volunteers from the 'Friends of the Hooded Plovers Bass Coast' who dedicate themselves to helping these vulnerable little shorebirds survive and fledge into juvenile birds.

Currently there are four chicks, each the size of a cotton ball on thin sticks, along the area of 2nd Surf Beach, along with nests at Pea Creek Estuary and a site west of Wilson Road. The nest sites are marked with signs and ropes and the chick feeding areas can be identified by signs and chick shelters along the beach.

David Hartney a trained Hooded Plover volunteer monitor and resident of The Cape Eco Village has asked beachgoers to give these areas "a wide berth".

"The volunteers can only do so much. If you are wandering along the beach in these areas enjoying the beautiful Bunurong Coast and notice the advisory signs, you too can help by taking a wide berth and staying well away from the birds if you spot them," Mr Hartney said.

"Try to walk at low tide along the water's edge, and more importantly, if you are walking your dog, please keep the dog on



This Hooded Plover chick was photographed on a section of the beach at Cape Paterson on January 22/23. Locals have asked everyone to avoid these areas.

leash and observe the local regulations in regard to walking dogs on the beach. That way, we and the birds can co-exist on the beach - a win-win for all of us and the birds.

"Every disturbance of the nest and chicks reduces the chance of survival, exposing the chicks and eggs to predators and exhausting the chicks when they need to feed and grow. The next couple of weeks are crucial, especially the busy weekends, when the beaches are busy.

"If we can get the chicks and nests through this period, there is every chance we may get a chick to fledge (fly by itself 35 days after hatching) - in what will be

a first along this stretch of the coast in three years!

"The good news is that once chicks make it to adulthood, Hooded Plovers are wonderfully adapted to coastal life and are able to survive very well in their environment for many years, which is why the efforts during nesting season are so worthwhile."

You can keep up to date with the progress of the Hooded Plover breeding season by following this link at the Cape Chatter website <https://capechatter.com/the-hooded-plovers-of-cape-paterson-2/> or joining through the Facebook Group 'Friends of the Hooded Plovers Bass Coast' at <https://www.facebook.com/>

Guiding you to the right direction



IF you are ready for a new phase in your life but aren't sure what that might entail, Robyn Eva has the experience to guide you in finding direction, and the passion to inspire and energise you as you discover what brings you joy.

Robyn's broad knowledge has been formed through her work in many sectors including education, local government, health, finance and community services.

She was director of an Australian training institute and early learning centre in Shanghai, delivering training based on emotional intelligence to teachers, staff and parents.

Robyn outlined what emotional intelligence is and the practical benefits that flow from it.

"When we talk about emotional intelligence, it's self-awareness, self-management, social awareness and relationship management.

"Emotional intelligence is the ability to understand, use, and manage your own emotions in positive ways to relieve stress, communicate effectively, empathise with others, overcome challenges and defuse conflict."

emotions are telling you and how this helps

- Recognise your values so you understand what you want to do
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The course runs in a small group format, with each session going for two hours.

Robyn Eva can help you discover your path in life and the energy to pursue it through her business 4evatraining.

Robyn is delivering a five-week course through her 4evatraining business, designed to provide you with clarity on what you want in the next stage of your life and help you find the courage to achieve your goals.

As well as reducing your anxiety about the future, 4evatraining can help you build better relationships, realising you can't change others but that by changing yourself, they will react differently to you.

The five-week 4evatraining course will consist of:

- Understanding what your

"I have always had a really busy life with little time to think about what is important to me and was indecisive about my next steps. Through working with Robyn I have been able to identify my underlying values, what drives me and what brings me joy. I am now much clearer about how I can move forward with a sense of excitement and anticipation."

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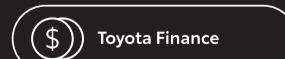
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Mental health and wellbeing support for all ages

MENTAL health organisation Mind Australia will continue to support people in the Gippsland region experiencing mental health and wellbeing concerns thanks to a funding extension for the Mental Health and Wellbeing Hubs in Cowes, Traralgon and Wonthaggi.

The Mental Health and Wellbeing Hubs, funded by the Victorian government in 2021 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, act as a 'front door' service to the mental health system. The Hubs in Gippsland have been funded until at least June 2023.

Mind mental health practitioners have provided more than 1000 hours of support to more than 50 people experiencing mental health and wellbeing concerns across Baw Baw, Bass Coast, East Gippsland, South Gippsland, and Wellington shires, as well as the City of Latrobe.

Research from Mind shows the Hubs are helping people reduce psychological distress and feel significantly less sad, nervous, and restless.

Mind Hubs service manager Rebecca Matheson Omondi said Hub staff are helping people in the Gippsland region struggling with their mental health for a variety of reasons, including housing insecurity and cost of living pressures (including financial stress and inability to purchase food).

"Staff have also been supporting students during the school holidays who are currently unable to access school-based welfare teams," said Rebecca.

"The Hubs are making a real difference in the community and are removing a lot of the barriers to a very complex system. People can self-refer and there are no eligibility criteria. You don't need a referral from your GP – you can ring up and be connected to a Mind support worker."

Mind is the largest service provider of the Hubs, managing 13 of the 30 Hubs across Victoria, including the Hub in Gippsland and is available to Victorians of all ages who have mental health or wellbeing concerns.

To access Mental Health and Wellbeing Hubs services call 1300 375 330 or visit the Mind website.

Inspiring local food gardens

LEARNING about bee keeping, buying fresh veggie boxes and tasting mead are some of the many extra garden experiences on offer at this year's Bass Coast Edible Gardens event on Saturday, February 4-5.

Native Seed Box, a small Wonthaggi-based company, will be selling their 'throw and grow' native 'seedbombs' from the Inverloch open garden, while Gardenacious will offer well-designed gardening tools at one of the Cape Paterson open gardens.

The event is organised by Bass Coast Adult Learning to encourage more people to learn how to grow their own food.

"We are so grateful to the 15 private and community gardeners who have generously agreed to open their inspiring food gardens this year", said Maddy Harford, the Chair of BCAL.

There are edible gardens to suit all interests, whether it be waterwise gardening, learning about composting, hydroponics, fruit trees and their pruning, and growing food in small spaces, community gardens and large rural properties.

Of the 15 gardens opening this year, seven are in Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Paterson, making for an enjoyable day of exploring local gardens.

In Cape Paterson, Paul and Fran's garden is an outstand-



Fresh vegetables are abundant at the Cape Farm.

ing example of small space gardening, with more than two dozen vegetables and two dozen fruiting plants in a 200 square metre space.

On a larger scale is the newly opened Cape Farm at the Cape Paterson Ecovillage.

With over 375 wicking beds, the Cape Farm includes community garden plots and market

gardens in an urban farm, a model that may well serve as the future of sustainable food growing in larger cities.

"Later in the year, BCAL will be offering new workshops on composting, pruning and preserving to build upon people's interest in growing food", said Maddy.

Tickets are \$25 to visit all 15

gardens, or \$5 to visit individual gardens, with entry free for children under 16 years.

Tickets can be bought online at www.basscoastediblegardens.com or through cash sales on the weekend. All 15 edible gardens are open from 10am to 4pm on Saturday, February 4 and Sunday, February 5.

Free mental health support for local businesses

WELLBEING, especially mental wellbeing, is crucial for operating a successful small business.

With the unprecedented events of the last few years, including the pandemic and regional storms and floods – prevalence of mental health issues is rising.

Local mental health consultant Ione McKenzie is available to provide free of charge support for local small business owners, their families, and their teams through the Partners in Wellbeing initiative.

Ione can support individuals with one-on-one counselling or can facilitate team workshops to build skills and improve mental wellbeing in the workplace.

Training options include how to handle stress in the workplace; dealing with difficult customers;

how to support others as a 'casual counsellor'; or tips for creating a healthy work environment.

Referrals can also be made to other services that are part of the Partners in Wellbeing program. These services include specialised small business financial counselling and business advisory services.

"Business owners are seeing the burden of the pandemic continue to impact their operation and with the severe storms and floods – it can be difficult to manage the stress and continue the operation of a small business. I am here to help with this mental pressure," said Ione.

"For some people, the cost of seeking help can be a deterrent. As a consultant for the support program, my services are

free of charge and this alone is a reason to reach out. This service supports small businesses throughout Baw Baw, Bass Coast, Latrobe, Wellington and South Gippsland."

Ione works with communities and business owners to identify mental health and wellbeing needs and provides a range of support and interventions to help individuals move forward successfully.

"My consultations are free and confidential; I am available to help small business owners receive the support they need, as they approach the new year in business," said Ione.

To support your own wellbeing and recreate a positive workplace in 2023 call Ione McKenzie on 0487 167 513 or email ione.mckenzie@each.com.au.



Mental Health Consultant Ione McKenzie provides support to small business owners in Central South and West Gippsland.

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As Landscape Architect at TSLC, Kate Pospisil said recently about a South Gippsland house project she's been working on: "Everyone should have a food garden, because of the way it connects you to your garden space, and your garden space to the inside of your house".

A great place to see what's possible with a home food garden is at The Cape eco village at Cape Paterson.

And what better time to have a look than this weekend, during the Bass Coast Edible Gardens Weekend, Saturday, February 4 and Sunday February 5, when 15 inspiring edible gardens, including private and community gardens, will be throwing their gates open, including the Community Farm at The Cape.

Go to <https://www.basscoastediblegardens.com/> for details and tickets.

The Sentinel-Times took the opportunity this week to visit The Cape Community Farm and found it to be absolutely flourishing under the direction and support of farm manager and local community garden guru, Adrian James, in cooperation with the residents of The Cape and other Cape Paterson locals who have come on board as members with their own food-production, raised vegie beds.

"When I started we had a beautiful landscape and system designed for a great community farm, we just needed the people and the produce," said Adrian.

"Together with the 65 members we have now, we've been able to activate the community garden and we're looking to double that number with residents from The Cape and anyone within a 10km radius who is interested in joining."

He's not kidding. The self-watering Biofilta Foodcubes used to grow the vegies are positively groaning with superb produce, with regular working bees and workshops all part of the plan.

As part of the highly innovative, highly efficient, fully sustainable residential development, The Cape Community Farm is connected with all the systems in the estate, including stormwater collection and organic recycling for garden compost, to support an area of highly productive garden beds, producing produce for the residents and also for sale as part of a market garden and commercial initiative to pay for future inputs.

These include hosting music and community events and also welcoming schools, garden groups and others for education and exchange.

President of the residents community garden group, Heather Allen, is delighted with what the garden group has been able to achieve so far, but also with her own success in the garden.

"Have a look at these. They're my first sweet corn," says Heather, brandishing a

handful of plump, juicy corn cobs ready for the table.

A resident of Cape Paterson for 15 years, Heather watched the development of The Cape project and a few years ago bought her own block and built a home there with TS Constructions.

"It's got all the efficiency technology and we've never used the air conditioner," she said.

But it's the involvement in the community garden, and the opportunity to learn from Adrian and share ideas with garden members, plus the project's plans, that are really exciting her interest.

"I see the farm not only as a place where members can grow their own food, but one where they can learn, teach and share skills and knowledge. This means no matter where one is on their journey of food growing - whether a complete beginner or one with lots of experience - they can enhance their knowledge and reap the many benefits.

These include but are not limited to reduced food costs, greater social connectivity and a reinvigoration of the concept that the sharing of food (whether it be through growing, cooking or eating together) can have a significant impact on our social cohesiveness.

This is so vital to everyone's mental and physical health which took a real beating over the past two pandemic years."

After adding the all-important compost hub and a hot-house for seedling propagation, there are plans for a new farmhouse building and propagation shed where members can not only work under cover when necessary, but also host visiting groups for education and events.

Developer of The Cape, Brendan Condon, a director of The Sustainable Landscape Company which designed The Cape's highly innovative and connected landscape project, including the Community Farm and also the founder of Australian Ecosystems, says the Community Farm has become the most important part of the whole project for him.

"The farm currently has close to 500 square metres of water efficient raised wicking garden beds in production, which are linked together in long rows to make watering easy," said Brendan.

"Wicking beds are an Australian invention and are more water efficient than traditional vegetable growing or conventional raised garden beds.

He said the farm is an incorporated not-for-profit organisation which would eventually be self-sustaining financially as well as environmentally.

"The farm also has perimeter fruit trees and perennial herb beds, social spaces, composting areas that is receiving nutrients and manures from local farms in Bass Coast, and a nursery that is already growing thousands of seedlings that will be available for sale in the future."

The farm was designed and built by The Sustainable Landscape Company. You can follow the Cape Farm at www.facebook.com/thecapefarm



President of The Cape Community Farm residents' group Heather Allen is delighted with not only her own success in the garden but also with what it brings to The Cape and wider community.



The addition of a compost hub as part of The Cape Community Farm project has energised the members' vegie plots. The Cape director Brendan Condon and Community Farm Manager Adrian James demonstrate the quality of the compost, made from residents' organic waste and locally-sourced horse, cow and chicken manure.



The Cape Community Farm, featuring its individual vegie patches for members, has become central to the way the project and the community functions.



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THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL announced Honours and Awards for 1047 Australians on Thursday, January 26, including awards in the Order of Australia (General and Military Divisions), meritorious awards and recognition for distinguished and conspicuous service.

"Congratulations to the outstanding Australians recognised in today's Honours List. The recipients have had a significant impact at the local, national and international level and are, quite simply, inspiring," the Governor-

General said.

"They go above and beyond, are from all over the country, and contribute every day in every way imaginable. These are the people who see us through good times and bad. They're the first to show up and the last to leave.

"They're almost always humble to a fault but I urge recipients, for today, to put aside that humility - it's important they know how much they are valued."

Across Gippsland, eight members of the community have been honoured. They

include Suzanne Hunt AM, Dr David Denton AM, Lesley Kool OAM, Lynette Skillern OAM, Glenn Wright OAM, Nadia Stefani OAM, James Whelan PSM and Dr Benjamin Meadley ASM.

"It is encouraging to see an increase in diversity in the Order of Australia. Each recipient has something in common - someone nominated them. The Order belongs to each of us and we each have a part to play. The only way a person can be recognised is for someone to nominate them."



Member of Order of Australia (AM) Sue Hunt

Community contribution in arts and health

Sue Hunt of Ventnor was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to the arts, particularly live performance, and to community health.

in the not-for-profit sector as the CEO of the Royal Children's Hospital Foundation.

"Working as the CEO I have been able to fundraise for the hospital on projects that recognise the generosity of people - it's where I make my connection - in arts it was the artists and in health it is the incredible donors."

"At the RCH we have just celebrated the hospital's contribution to the community and the foundation that has supported the hospital. The fact that I have been able to play a small role in what the hospital plays in the community, is humbling."

Sue continues to fund great clinical care, equipment and technology, research, and leadership - continually working on a new way of delivering care and changing the outcomes in childhood disease - it is the background contribution that has been recognised through Sue Hunt's Member of the Order of Australia (AM).

Sue also volunteers with the Penguin Foundation board and is Chair of Regional Arts Victoria - delivering projects close to home; with projects to hopefully be seen in the future at the Cowes Cultural Centre.

Of her philanthropy work in the health sector, she says, "Lives of young people are changed through the commitment of amazing donors." Both of these facets of her life are major achievements.

"I would like to thank all the donors - large and small, all the artists and technicians. And my family and friends! They have made this award possible, and I couldn't be happier."

ARTS are at the core of a strong, healthy community and chief executive officer of The Royal Children's Hospital Foundation Sue Hunt said, "In the arts, I could transform people through the power of performance."

Sue Hunt of Ventnor was appointed a Member of Order of Australia (AM) for significant service to the arts, particularly live performance, and to community health.

Sue's inspiring impact on the community began with her choosing to work as an administrator in the arts sector from a young age, working closely with artists and witnessing the role that art plays in transforming communities.

Auspicious Arts Projects celebrate their 30th anniversary of the project this year. As Chair Sue witnessed the grassroots organisation support artists financially, keeping them independent in Melbourne and around the state.

"We have a high calibre of independent artists and to have a service organisation that can sustain these artists - fills me," said Sue.

Sue has volunteered in the arts sector to give her knowledge and experience to the organisation, working closely with youth to keep them learning all through life.

"Young people are the leaders of today, they will just keep developing through their careers and I am very lucky. I believe if you are lucky in life - you should always give back."

Throughout her experience in the arts sector, Sue discovered the line between community and health and wanted to make more of a difference - beginning her role



Public Service Medal (PSM) Jim Whelan

Shaping the future of the Prom

Jim Whelan was honoured with a Public Service Medal for his years of service to Parks Victoria, in particular Wilson Promontory.

is home.

"I met my wife there - she was working at the shop in Tidal River, my kids were born down here - my mother worked there and my brother for a bit."

From the National Parks Authority to Parks Victoria today, Jim has seen all the name changes and more importantly changes to the Prom itself.

"One of the important things about the Prom, when I started, words like conservation and ecological restoration were not part of my language.

"In the early 70s that's when the conservation movements cranked up, flooding Lake Pedder, Gordon-below-Franklin Dam, Kakadu, saving all those joints. I got incensed - wrote letters, went to protests..."

"I'd never been to those places, and I'll bet 95 per cent of the rest of the people protesting had neither, but they'd been to the prom, and had that connection and understanding that we've got to save these places and preserve them. That is what's really important about places like the Prom."

Ecological restoration may be viewed in its infancy but there is still a lot to learn from the First Peoples of this Country.

"We've captured a lot of information in our management plans - to recognise and use that knowledge into the future, I've just glued the whole lot together," Jim added.

Restoration of the coastal grassy woodlands, developing the techniques to deliver the right fire at the right time and managing the park how all parks should be managed make up Jim's special moments.

"Overgrazed, and invaded by tea tree, we're at a stage now where we've got grass woodland structure - the birds are coming back and the flowering plants..."

Jim's advocacy for the environment and contribution will have an enduring effect and legacy on generations to come.

And one of his favourite places - Whisky Beach...



Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) Glenn Wright

Extensive service to the community

Glenn Wright has been recognised for his extensive service to the community of Leongatha, being chosen to receive an OAM.

GLENN Wright's service to the community of Leongatha has been officially recognised, being named a recipient of the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) due to his extensive contributions to a variety of organisations locally.

Glenn's strong work ethic and enthusiasm for volunteering are characteristics he attributes to his parents.

As with most community-minded people, he has always done what he saw needed doing and doesn't strive for accolades.

Glenn pondered whether to accept the OAM, concerned there were others in the community more worthy of the honour, but his longstanding and wide-ranging contributions suggest he thoroughly deserves the official acknowledgement.

Enjoyment of being involved in community is the driving force behind Glenn's endeavours.

"I haven't seen it as a burden and it's given me as much enjoyment as what I've put in," he said of his combined efforts as a volunteer.

"I'm a bit of a stayer, and you tick along and don't think about it," Glenn said of his longevity in many volunteer positions.

His passion for sport led to his involvement with the Leongatha Football Netball Club, Leongatha Recreation Reserve and the Leongatha and District Cricket Association (LDCA).

He has proved equally adept whether in leadership roles or performing hands-on jobs.

Now chair of the Committee of Management at Leongatha Recreation Reserve, which involves working with 19 sporting groups, Glenn's leadership skills have long been recognised in other organisations at which he has volunteered.

He was president at his beloved local footy club, as well as at the LDCA and the Leongatha Jaycees, and has also taken on other committee roles.

The Jaycees had a strong emphasis on debating and public speaking, with Glenn crediting the organisation for standing him in good stead for his many leadership roles.

Alongside his administrative contributions, Glenn devoted thousands of hours to the preparation of the Leongatha Recreation Reserve cricket pitch, spending years assisting the renowned Ernie Thompson before taking charge of preparing his own pitches.

"We had a good reputation for

our pitch," Glenn said. That at one stage included endorsements from visiting international sides, with England and the West Indies having played local representative teams in Leongatha.

Glenn was an active sportsman and would still be playing cricket at age 75, if not for significant health challenges over the last five years.

He earned legend status for local side Imperials, for which he played most of his cricket, with his medium pace bowling making him the club's highest wicket taker.

While having played in a number of successful sides, Glenn's highlight was lining up with son Bradley and grandson Lachie in a grand final, with the trio part of an Imperials premiership.

Glenn is a Life Member at Leongatha Football Netball Club, not only having been a long-term committee member, but also running the club's fundraising auction for a decade, and acting as a Gippsland delegate for as long.

He also played his part onfield as a volunteer goal umpire for around 25 years.

While sport is an ongoing love for Glenn, he has embraced many other aspects of community life since his move to Leongatha from Neerim East in 1974.

That has included assisting wife Shirleyanne with training young people as they prepared for debutante balls.

"It's brilliant for the kids and their self-esteem," Glenn said of the value the balls play.

Helping young people find purpose and a sense of achievement has been something he has relished throughout his time as a volunteer.

The Leongatha Cemetery Trust, where Shirleyanne was secretary for 20 years, is another organisation to benefit from Glenn's community mindedness, through his contributions to gardening and maintenance and as gate keeper.

Inspired by the story of Lennie Gwyther and the nine-year-old's epic horseback journey from Leongatha to Sydney, Glenn was one of those who drove the project to create a statue in memory of Lennie, something he was delighted to see unveiled in 2017.

Glenn paid tribute to wife Shirleyanne, expressing his appreciation for her support over the years.

There is no doubt that whoever nominated Glenn for his Australia Day honour made an excellent decision.



Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) Lyn Skillern

Going down in history

Local historian Lyn Skillern has been chosen to receive an OAM in recognition of her contribution to the Leongatha community, which has included writing a book on local men who lost their lives serving in WWII's Lark Force.

LYN Skillern's ongoing service to the community of Leongatha has been officially acknowledged, with the Leongatha North local surprised but honoured to be chosen to receive the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM).

"I'm honoured and humbled because someone's got to nominate you and put it altogether," Lyn said.

Her love for local history ensures most of her spare time is spent working on research and writing projects through the Leongatha Historical Society, which she joined in 1981.

She is proud to be the fourth Leongatha Historical Society person to get an OAM, joining Ellen Lyndon, Daisy Bacon and John Murphy who was Lyn's mentor there.

Lyn has been that organisation's secretary since 1999 and spent time as its president and vice president.

She loves writing books with a local focus, including a couple on the history of Leongatha High School, now Leongatha Secondary College, where she taught for 30 years.

"I loved researching the history of the school, going through all the correspondence and newspaper articles," Lyn said of her book that came out in 2012 for the school's centenary.

The Public Records Office acknowledged the book's significance by bestowing a local history award on its author.

While Lyn taught geography more than history, she always had a passion for local history and undertook research on the history of the Tarwin River shortly after commencing her teaching role at the school in 1972.

That led into researching other areas of local history.

Research into the involvement of those from Leongatha and surrounds in the two world wars is an area Lyn has happily devoted many hours to.

Lyn wrote a book on local members of Lark Force, a garrison at Rabaul in Papua New Guinea, inspired by the fact just four of 18

Leongatha members survived their involvement.

As she researched, the project grew in scope with the book eventually documenting all those who served in Lark Force from across the old Woorayl Shire.

Her commitment to history led to her membership of the Centre for Gippsland Studies at Monash University's Gippsland Campus and her current role as secretary of the South Gippsland Historical Network.

The Sentinel-Times and the Great Southern Star have been enriched by Lyn's historical contributions over the years.

Lyn's broad interests include sporting pursuits, having been a swimmer and hockey player, which led her to become the organiser of interschool hockey and swimming teams throughout her teaching career in Leongatha.

Lyn is a Life Member of the Leongatha Swimming Club, where she was a long-term head coach, and of the South Gippsland Swimming Association for which she was president, committee member and club delegate.

She played for Leongatha Hockey Club in the 1970s, later being its president, as well as an umpire and coach.

Gippsland representative sides competing in State Championships at under 18s level were also coached by Lyn.

She credited the support of husband Rob and children Andrew and Olivia for enabling her to achieve what she has.

Lyn also paid tribute to everyone she's worked alongside over the years in her volunteer roles.

"All the support you get from other people in the organisation is very important," she said, explaining you can't achieve what you want in the local community without that support.

Lyn's initial reaction to an email advising her she'd been nominated for an Australia Day honour was to suspect it was a hoax, but Rob convinced her it was genuine.



Ambulance Service Medal (ASM) Dr. Benjamin Meadley

Paramedic ASM for leading change

First of its kind research by paramedic Dr Benjamin Meadley ASM was a catalyst for Monash University launching its Paramedic Health and Wellbeing Research Unit.

BLOOD transfusion is often cited as a major medical advancement of the First World War, and while that paraphrases the real story of its development, it's true to say that desperate times call for desperate measures which sometimes bring about revolutionary change.

And that's been the case in the Victorian ambulance service, especially in recent years, with some incredibly successful developments in clinical practice in areas including the treatment of trauma patients, heart attack, asthma and strokes, much of it initiated by the paramedics themselves, that have saved many lives or secured the quality of life for others.

New Ambulance Service Medal (ASM) recipient, Ben Meadley of Leongatha, has had a key role to play in some of those advancements.

And it is in recognition of this that he was named among the illustrious group receiving national recognition on Australia Day.

"I've worked with the helicopter service out of the Latrobe Valley over the past 14 years, so I've attended a lot of callouts in South Gippsland and Bass Coast," said Ben this week.

"Along the way, I've done a lot of work with our medical advisory committee and clinical practice committee in developing our guidelines."

Among the major advancements have been the use of ultrasound and also the use of blood products with trauma patients and surgical procedures to treat chest injuries.

Through his own experiences and that of his fellow team members, Ben has been able to take some of those findings forward as initiatives to be considered by the medical advisory committee before being introduced into the clinical practice guidelines.

"At the moment, I am working on process improvement with Ambulance Victoria but I'm also still part time on the helicopter service as well."

"It's an amazing team environment and it's one of the great privileges I have, to be able to work with a team like that."

Dr Benjamin Meadley commenced his career as an Ambulance Community Officer in Anglesea in 1998, before taking up a paramedic position with Ambulance Service New South Wales in Sydney in 1999. He returned to work as a paramedic with Ambulance Victoria in 2003.

And it was his interest in cycling, as well as his wife's family connections with South Gippsland, that saw the family move to Leongatha.

"My wife's family comes from Toora North, but it was coming to Leongatha every year to ride in the annual cycling carnival that I really got to know Leongatha and wanted to move here."

"We're also involved in the Waratah Beach Surf Lifesaving Club where the kids do Nippers."

Training as a Mobile Intensive Care Ambulance (MICA) paramedic in 2004 and 2005, he worked extensively across Melbourne, undertaking clinical instructor and acting MICA team manager roles, before joining Air Ambulance Victoria as a MICA Flight Paramedic in 2009. He currently holds the position of MICA Improvement Lead.

Throughout his career he has maintained a keen focus on the education and wellbeing of paramedics, which led him to undertake his PhD; investigating the cardiometabolic and physiological health of Australian paramedics.

This first of its kind research was a catalyst for Monash University launching its Paramedic Health and Wellbeing Research Unit, which continues to invest in research and projects to improve the health and wellbeing of the paramedic workforce.

He has been a driving force of innovation in the education of paramedics, with a long history of academic association through Monash University, where he helped redesign the Postgraduate Intensive Care Program.

This has been operationally reflected in the GippSIM Program, which brings simulation access to a wide range of staff across regional Victoria.

As a MICA Flight Paramedic with a specialty in clinical ultrasound to support practice, he has been instrumental in the advanced practice of the MICA Flight Paramedic cohort, and driven forward programs related to mechanical ventilation, ultrasound guided vascular access and lung/heart/abdomen assessment, surgical airway, and use of blood products.

He is a leader who is actively sought out for his opinion and advice. During his 24-year career in the sector, and 19 years at Ambulance Victoria, Dr Meadley has made a significant and distinguished contribution to Ambulance Victoria and the community which he serves.



Member of Order of Australia (AM) Dr. David Denton

Reward is giving back to others

Dr David Denton, RFD KC, was completely surprised but thrilled to be one of the latest AM recipients.

principal interest has been to try to give back," he said.

Before moving to Koonwarra, Dr Denton and his wife, Picha, had a property in Cape Paterson.

"We just wanted a little bit more land and ended up buying this beautiful farm on a hill in Koonwarra," he said.

"That was about seven years ago and with COVID, we stayed for the first couple of weeks, and then thought why would we go back (to Melbourne).

"Not having any farming background, I have been overwhelmed by all of the help I've been given by my neighbours and friends in the district.

"It's been the best move to get out of the city."

While still practicing law, Dr Denton continues to support the university's law school to make sure it maintains its independence and continues to receive adequate funding.

A brief history of Dr Denton's involvement with the Victorian Bar includes:

- King's Counsel, since 2001.
- Victorian Bar Representative and Adjunct Professor, Programs Advisory Committee, School of Laws, College of Law and Justice, Victoria University, since 2004.
- Member, Corporations and Commercial Court Users' Group, Supreme Court of Victoria, 2010-2014.
- Member, Commercial List Users' Group, Supreme Court of Victoria, 2003-2010.
- Committee Member, Bar Library, 1987-1989.





Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) Lesley Kool

Services to Palaeontology

Victoria's State Fossil Emblem, "Koolasuchus Cleelandi", whose jawbone was found by colleague Mike Cleland near San Remo in 1990, was named for both Mike Cleland and Lesley Kool for the untiring work they've done researching Inverloch's early Cretaceous period.

BACK in 1983, when Dr Tom Rich, the Curator of Vertebrate Palaeontology for Museums Victoria, called for volunteers to help with a dinosaur dig at a Coastal Cretaceous site in the Otways, Lesley Kool put up her hand.

Soon after that, a group of researchers from Monash University, including mammalogist, palaeontologist and environmentalist, 2006 Australian of the Year, Tim Flannery, decided to follow up on the discovery of Australia's first dinosaur bone, the Cape Paterson Claw by William Ferguson, at Eagles Nest in 1903.

Lesley Kool joined them.

The rest, as they say, is history!

On Australia Day, Thursday, January 26, Lesley Kool of Wonthaggi North was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) for services to palaeontology.

Together with colleagues, including Mike Cleland of Phillip Island, she has made and researched discoveries over the following 40 years that have, among other things, completely turned worldwide theories on their head about the origins of mammals and how cold-blooded dinosaurs could have existed and thrived within the Antarctic Circle for millions of years.

As well as her new OAM, there are at least two other "cool" things about Lesley Kool.

For one, her name is pretty cool!

And two, Victoria's State Fossil Emblem "Koolasuchus Cleelandi" is named for her. The first fossil bones to be identified as Koolasuchus were found by Mike Cleland in 1990, near San Remo on Boonwurring Country. The largest jaws ever found from the Early Cretaceous period of Victoria it took four people to carry the rock containing the jaws up the cliff to the car park.

"It was an exciting day for all who took part in the collection of the jaws," says Mrs Kool.

"But no-one realised just how important those fossils were to become in the future."

The on-going research into the Victorian Early Cretaceous biota is shedding light on a very special group of animals that lived in this area more than 125 million years ago. These animals lived in an environment that was totally different to today's and yet they thrived

for millions of years.

This week, the Sentinel-Times met Mrs Kool and her husband Gerry, who incidentally is pretty cool as well, at the site of many of the discoveries, on the tidal rock shelves near Inverloch. She was delighted with the honour and recognition for what is one of Australia's and the world's most important dinosaur sites.

"It's such an honour to even have been nominated."

"I'm a history lover driven by the thrill of uncovering a fossil bone or tooth no one else has seen."

Reflecting on the importance of the work to which she has contributed she says: "These animals were as Australian as the koala and the kangaroo, but very few people are aware they ever existed. We would like to change that view."

Question 1: So Leslie, we're down here today at The Caves, your famous fossil gathering area, and why is this so significant to Australia and the rest of the world?

Answer: Well, this site is so significant because it's one of only a handful of Early Cretaceous Polar Dinosaur sites in the world. And so that makes it particularly significant because these are animals that lived in a very extreme climate. And today, we still don't know how they managed to survive. But they did and they lived for millions of years. And they're very special. And this particular site is also important, because it's the site of where we have found some tiny mammals the size of mice that have thrown the theory that mammals evolved in the northern hemisphere completely on its head, and the fact that probably they actually evolved in Gondwana. And some of them actually lived here.

Question 2: So, this area wasn't the coast at all, back 125 million years ago. We were actually connected to Antarctica here?

Answer 2: We certainly were and in fact Australia was much further south than it is today. Melbourne is about 38 degrees south, whereas 126 million years ago, when these animals were living here, this area was about 75 to 80 degrees south and so very much still attached to Antarctica, and within the Antarctic Circle.

So, in the winter, the sun would set and not come up for six to eight weeks. And conversely, in the summer, the sun would not set for six to eight weeks. So, it's a very extreme environment and one that does not exist today.

Question 3: And what happened to the dinosaurs?

Answer: Well, that's a very good question. We know that the majority of them were wiped out at some time around 66 million years ago. Of course, the birds are still around, and they are actually a group of flying dinosaurs. We don't know what happened to the Australian dinosaurs because we don't have that age rock preserved anywhere in Australia. So, I'd like to think that they kept going because they were pretty hardy, but we just don't know.

Question 4: And this is one of the main reasons why you've been awarded the Order of Australia Medal and what does that mean to you?

Answer 4: Look, it is such an honor. It's something that I never imagined would happen. I was very proud and honoured last year when they announced that Koolasuchus Cleelandi had become the Victorian State fossil emblem and then to have the honour of an OAM on top of that. It's just beyond my imagination.

Question 5: And how exciting that this part of Victoria is so central to dinosaur discovery in Australia.

Answer 5: It is essential to Dinosaur discovery. There's nowhere else in Australia where you get a group of animals all together, because it's not just the dinosaurs. It's not just the mammals. It's all the other animals that were living at the same time that we find evidence of. So, the diversity of the groups of animals that were here at the time, it's unique to Australia.

Thank you, Lesley, and congratulations.

Thank you very much.

Mrs Kool acknowledges the support of her husband Gerry, academics Dr Tom Rich and Professor Patricia Vickers-Rich for giving her the opportunity of a lifetime to work on Australia's greatest dinosaur hunt and all those, especially the dig volunteers, who have made such an important contribution.



Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) Nadia Stefani

From citizen of the year to an OAM

Nadia Stefani has been recognised for her tireless work in the community during this year's Australia Day Honours List.

CORNER Inlet's Citizen of Year 2020, Mrs Nadia Stefani has again been recognised, this year with a Medal of the Order of Australia for her service to the community of Fish Creek.

In noting Mrs Stefani dedication to the community, a long list of services was presented including the Fish Creek Memorial Hall and Op Shop, Fish Creek Catholic Church of the Immaculate Conception, Fish Creek Community Development Group, Fish Creek Tea Cosy Festival, Fish Creek Football Netball Club, Fish Creek Community Garden, Wonthaggi Australian Italian Club, South Gippsland Hospital, Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, Fish Creek Girl Guides and Foster High School Parent's Club. With roles spanning from committee member to co-founder, supporter and fundraiser.

Mrs Stefani was also recognised for her services to the Fish Creek Primary School Mother's Club during the 70s and as a board member of Mary MacKillop College Leongatha in the 80s for four years, as secretary and member of the Fish Creek Catholic Women's League for over 20 years and her skills and service as part of the organising committee for the Fish Creek 125 years 'Back to Celebration' event; she is also an avid supporter of the World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms Association.

Ms Stefani has for more than 20 years also organised floral arrangements for various organisations and events and in 2020 was an inaugural inductee into the Corner Inlet Gallery of Women.

Congratulations Mrs Stefani.

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My name is Bron and I'm a beekeeper. Yes, I'm a chick and a beekeeper and there are more and more

of us popping up all the time.

How do I know this? I conduct a Beginner Beekeeping Course with fellow tutor Peter for the South Gippsland Beekeepers twice a year, in February and in October. Our classes have an average attendance of 57 per cent women and 43 per cent men.

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Guiding your success at BCAL

RECENTLY, Bass Coast Adult Learning student Vanessa Wood received the best news she could have imagined.

She was offered a place to study Fine Art at Victorian College of the Arts, Melbourne University.

"My dream was to get into art school. Thanks to the teachers at BCAL I was able to make my dream into a reality. I can't wait to start!" Vanessa said.

Vanessa is a talented artist who recently completed studies at Bass Coast Adult Learning (BCAL). Through the course she was helped with the process of applying for further study and the writing, research and computer skills she will need as part of her

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Entry to further study is one reason that adults may wish to improve their literacy skills. Other reasons may be more personal, for example reading to children, helping them with homework or writing creative stories.

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Plenty of activities at U3A Wonthaggi

U3A Wonthaggi has had a very successful start to 2023 with more than 200 Bass Coast Seniors happily enrolling in a wide range of stimulating courses and activities that reflect their interests in learning, exercise, creativity and social get togethers.

While many Term 1 activities are full there are still some vacancies. It's worth checking out [https://u3awonthaggi.org.au/courses-activities/](http://u3awonthaggi.org.au/courses-activities/)

And new courses are being developed including a

Term 1 lecture/discussion series on China's Foreign Policy. Tuesdays 1.30pm from January 31, 2023, 239 White Road Wonthaggi.

U3A Wonthaggi is also excited to announce that from February the popular Bocce group will be playing on a purpose built Bocce court located in the regenerated U3A Garden area at White Road, Wonthaggi.

This was made possible through the mammoth efforts of U3A member Glenn Cant and funded by Bass Coast Shire Council's

Community Grants program plus a People of Australia Post grant (Wonthaggi Post Office).

For membership information go to <https://u3awonthaggi.org.au/how-to-enrol-in-2023/> Or email secretary@u3awonthaggi.org.au or phone 0493 471 254

U3A Wonthaggi is an all volunteer organisation of mature people (50 plus).

Activities are offered at a number of venues in Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Cape Paterson.

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Record year for energy bill busting solar hot water

THE State Government's \$1.3 billion Solar Homes Program is helping a record number of Victorians save on their energy bills by replacing ageing household water heaters with solar-powered hot water or an energy efficient heat pump.

The number of Victorians who claimed the \$1000 rebate to replace their hot water systems with solar hot water or energy efficient heat pump systems almost quadrupled in 2022.

Hot water is the second largest consumer of household energy, switching to solar or a heat pump could save households up to \$400 a year on their electricity bills.

Last year the Solar Homes Program expanded its eligibility to enable homes to access both solar panel and hot water rebates – household with both could save up to \$1500 on their annual energy bill.

Demand for rooftop solar panel rebates also surged at the end of the year, with more than 5000 applications in November – a 30 per cent rise on the previous month.

Eligible households can access a \$1400 rebate to install solar panels, a further \$1400 interest free loan, and a further rebate of up to \$1000 to replace their hot water system, cutting \$3800 from



The Solar Homes Program is helping locals save on energy bills including hot water.

upfront installation costs.

Solar Victoria's customer survey showed an 84 per cent satisfaction rate with the Solar Homes Program, while three in four customers who installed solar said they saved more, or as much as they anticipated.

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The Solar Homes Program will also support 5500 clean energy jobs.

Victorians will have access to another round of the \$250 Power Saving Bonus before this winter which will also help bring down household power bills.

For more information, including eligibility criteria, and to apply, visit solar.vic.gov.au

\$12.8 million sewer upgrade getting underway

SOUTH Gippsland Water (SGW) \$12.8 million project for sewer upgrades in Inverloch is expected to commence in February.

Over the next few years, this investment will help assist SGW to maintain their standard, safe, wastewater services that contribute to the health and liveability of Inverloch and its environment.

Managing director, Robert Murphy, said the upgrade would ensure the current system copes with predicted growth, part of South Gippsland Water's commitment to proactively plan for the future of our towns.

Maintaining safe wastewater systems is one of the outcomes our customers have clearly told us they want us to invest in, to ensure our towns' future sustainability and liveability."

"This upgrade, which includes two new pump stations, is a significant investment in Inverloch and will make a real difference to the town."

Mr Murphy said South Gippsland Water had worked with cultural heritage networks, completed fauna and flora studies and its contractors to ensure minimal impact on the environment and

none on existing water and wastewater services during construction.

"Our team have worked to design these works, so they don't occur during Inverloch's busy summer period.

"But when the work gets underway in February 2023, we've got plans in place to minimise traffic and construction noise, as well as ensure water and wastewater services remain consistent."

Inverloch residents may have noticed trees being cut down in preparation for the works in February.

Over the years, through nature alone, self-seeded trees have populated the areas. This has made vehicle access to the pumps impossible, which creates hindrances in emergency situations, such as power outages.

The works are happening on Veronica Street and Meanderri Drive.

The new pump stations will be built adjacent to the existing facilities on utility locations. Neighbours have been notified via door knock and letter.

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With a major expansion announced in October, Gippsland Regional Organics will increase acceptance capacity by 70,000 tonnes per year.



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THE FEDERAL government may have pushed back the target of food and organic waste collection from next year to 2030.

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As highlighted in the 2019 National Waste Policy Action Plan, 'organic waste is one of the main waste types sent to landfill. It creates greenhouse gas emissions and costs households thousands of dollars each year.

'Organics like food and garden waste are valuable resources that can be harnessed and returned to productive use, turned into compost to improve and fertilise soil, or rescued to provide food for people and animals.'

In the last National Waste Report 2020, 6.87 Mt (megatonne) of organics were deposited in landfill between 2018-19.

But what happens to the green lidded bin?

According to Bass Coast Shire's website, 'Council's kerbside collection contractor, Wonthaggi Recyclers, collects your green lidded bin and the contents are taken to Cleanaway's South East Organics Facility in Dandenong.'

A state-of-the-art facility,

Cleanaway sorts, decontaminates and shreds more than 100,000 tonnes of Food Organics and Green Organics waste each year.

Partnering with Gippsland Water, the organics are then transferred to the EPA licensed facility in Duston Downs – Gippsland Regional Organics.

Gippsland Regional Organics is one of the largest organic waste recycling facilities in Victoria. The facility currently accepts approximately 180,000 tonnes of waste each year and produces over 50,000 tonnes of AS4454 certified high quality compost.

As well as food and garden waste, Gippsland Regional Organics receives and treats waste from wastewater facilities, dairy and food waste, waste from commercial kitchen grease traps, biosolids, industrial waste and animal waste.

In October 2022, a major expansion of the facility was announced which will see it increase its acceptance capacity by 70,000 tonnes per year, and compost production capacity by up to 20,000 tonnes per year, diverting even more organic waste away from landfill.

The expansion will be funded by Gippsland Water and a co-contribution of \$4.788 million from the Victoria Govern-

ment's Circular Economy Organics Sector Transformation Fund, and the Commonwealth Government's Food Waste for Healthy Soils Fund.

At Gippsland Regional Organics, the organic product is put through a combination of in-vessel and open windrow processing, pasteurising and maturing turning the material into a high-grade compost.

Stringent testing ensures the compost meets Australian standards before the product is batched and dispatched to distributors.

One such distributor, Gibsons Groundspread have created their REVIVE Recycled Compost, which sees over 1000 tonnes produced each week and distributed to improve soil health across the local agricultural industry.

And whilst Gippsland Regional Organics stringent testing ensures Australian Standards are met, Gibsons Groundspreads, Paul Battersby explained why it is so important for people to ensure they place the right product in the right bin.

"Plastic bags and glass bottles contaminate the green waste – even biodegradable bags take time to break down," Paul explained.

"Because they take so long, they can end up out in the

environment before they've broken down. Anything that is not organic, in its natural form (don't put it in the green bin)."

Whilst nude paper and cardboard can be disposed of in small quantities in your green bin, Bass Coast Shire's Waste Education Officer Shana Bremner recommends placing it in your yellow lidded bin.

"Cardboard disposed of in your kerbside Recycling bin is turned into new cardboard products. If you have more cardboard waste than your recycling bin can handle, it's free to recycle cardboard at any of Council's waste facilities.

"Your organics bin can accept a small amount of nude cardboard (e.g. pizza boxes), but there must be absolutely no sticky tape, staples or glossy cardboard in your organics bin. It's always best to put all cardboard into your recycling bin."

Fortunately for Bass Coast residents, yellow recyclables are handled by Visy, and that means an all-in-one solution with end products created under the same roof (and you don't have to worry about removing the label on the box).

"Avoiding waste in the first place is the most important step – if you can do without the green bags do so. Use a bucket or bowl instead," Shana added.

By avoiding contaminants

mixing with organics, you are ensuring the best possible nutrients remain in the organic waste which means more nutrients in the compost, and more nutrients returned to the fields.

"The compost is tested for nutrients and trace elements and then we prescription farm that into what is needed," Paul continued.

"We soil test, and the soil test will tell us whether they're low on certain nutrients or trace elements, and then we can advise how much compost they need to put on to achieve the limits they need for their crops or for their grass; exactly like using commercial fertiliser."

Revive also improves soil structure, enables improved water holding capacity, provides trace elements and increases soil organic matter.

For farmers purchasing local organic materials does not only help the environment, but also has the potential to save monies.

"Two years ago, the cost of putting compost on versus commercial fertiliser was neck and neck," Paul said.

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At home or in the workplace

- Check for leaks – Leaking taps, pipes or dishwasher hoses can waste more than 2,000 litres of water per month. Replace washers regularly to avoid leaks.
- Install water efficient tapware – Combining water efficient tapware with aerators and flow restrictors can help reduce water use by 50 per cent compared with standard tapware.
- Turn off taps – Leaving taps running when not in use can waste up to 17 litres per minute. Ensure you turn off taps when brushing teeth, washing vegetables or cleaning.
- Take shorter showers – This can save hundreds of litres of water each year.
- Installing a dual flush toilet – Dual flush toilets use up to 60 per cent less water than single flush toilets.
- Recycling water – You can reuse some of your household wastewater, known as greywater, to use for watering your garden or for toilet flushing. Stormwater can also be collected and used for flushing toilets. For more information, see our greywater and stormwater pages.

In the garden

- Select drought tolerant plants – Low water-use plants and shrubs that endure drought conditions will reduce the amount of water your garden needs, and they can look good all year round.
- Mulch your garden – Using organic mulch, such as cow/chicken manure or compost, can improve the quality and water retention of your soil. Mulched garden beds retain more water and require water less often. Look out for products that can assist your soil to retain water.
- Soak your plants – Giving your plants a good soak once a week will help them develop their root systems more effectively than a light, regular spray. Healthy plants are more likely to survive tough conditions.
- Install a rainwater tank – Using water from a rainwater tank can supplement your water sources for the home and garden.
- Use recycled water – Installing a greywater system can provide a great source of water for your garden.
- Weed – Regular weeding will stop weeds from competing for water with your plants.
- Watering systems – Using a below-ground drip irrigation system can deliver water straight to the roots of your plants, where they need it most. Below ground watering systems are important if you are using recycled water because they help reduce the health risks associated with greywater.

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• LEONGATHA



Members of the Leongatha Girl Guides and a representative of Ukrainian Scouting Australia prepare for the flag raising ceremony. A08_0523

Rain can't dampen Aussie spirit

SOUTH Gipplanders weren't going to let the threat of rain discourage them from celebrating Australia Day in Leongatha, shrugging off the gloom to turn out in force at McIndoe Park.

The national day held extra significance for a large group of new Aussies who picked January 26 to become citizens.

While they come from a diverse range of countries, all have chosen to make South Gippsland home.

The now Aussies hail from the Philippines, England, India, Ireland, Netherlands, Fiji, Hong Kong, Scotland and New Zealand.

Member for Monash, Russell Broadbent, and South Gippsland Shire Mayor Nathan Hersey welcomed them all, with citizenship certificates and Aussie plants presented.

While the plants undoubtedly appreciated the rain, the certificates didn't and they will need to be reissued after suffering water damage.

However, that appeared not to dampen anyone's spirits, with all the new Aussies relishing the occasion.

Russell referred to Australia as one of the most successful multicultural societies, and the mix of backgrounds represented by the new citizens and happiness with which they blended suggested he is on the mark.

He also acknowledged the First Nations people and their long association with what is now Australia.

The Vududala family were among the new Aussies, with parents Praveen and Sweatha now running Foster's Prom Country motel.

They arrived in Australia in 2017, after Praveen previously lived down under for nine years.

The couple love the friendliness of the people and the beauty of South Gippsland, particularly its beaches.

"We see a lot of new faces every day," Praveen said of running a motel that has



Leongatha Australia Day Committee members Helen Barrow, Karen Argento and Glenice Griggs look forward to the Australia Day celebration at McIndoe Park. A07_0523



Member for Monash Russell Broadbent welcomes new Aussie citizens the Vududala family. A10_0523

lots of overseas visitors, some of whom might just decide to become Aussies one day.

South Gippsland Citizen of the Year Max Wood spoke, urging people to embrace volunteering in their communities and reflecting on his family's longstanding community involvement.

"I was brought up in that sort of environment," Max said, reflecting on the strong community focus of both his uncles.

Leongatha and Inverloch SES member Neil Warren was the day's guest speaker, talking about being in charge of local teams that travelled to Northern Victoria to help communities during the recent flood crisis.

The crews were kept busy in Marong and Echuca.

While based in Marong, his crew worked to rescue 16 people from cars after drivers ignored 'Road Closed' signs following flooding of the Loddon River.

However, Neil saw many positives in the way community members banded together to

help each other.

"It makes me proud to be an Australian," he said, reflecting on the way people teamed up in the face of adversity.

Leongatha Australia Day committee member Helen Barrow spoke about the importance of the national day.

"We've got lots to celebrate, peace, freedom, good education and good health," Helen said.

The tireless South Gippsland Shire Brass Band was again in action, playing stirring numbers suited to Australia Day, with Jennifer Holm accompanying the music with her rendition of 'I am Australian'.

'I still call Australia Home' and 'Advance Australia Fair' added to the feeling of national pride, with no hint of the negativity associated with Australia Day elsewhere.

With the formalities over, it was time for attendees to embark on a couple of Australian culinary traditions, with the Woorayl CWA ladies serving up lamingtons while Leongatha Lions Club provided the snags in bread.

• KORUMBURRA



Danni and Charlotte Amor prepare to raise the Australian flag at Coleman Park. A18_0523

Relaxed Australia Day vibe

THE WEATHER played its part in Korumburra with rain staying away from Coleman Park during Australia Day proceedings and people enjoying the relaxed vibe of the event.

Advance Australia Fair was performed by Jess Rigby, with sisters Danni and Charlotte Amor raising the Australian flag, resplendent in their Coal Creek Venturers and 2nd Korumburra Scouts uniforms respectively.

Jess' singing was accompanied by a cappella of Corellas.

Her 3mFM radio workmate Tim Smith acted as MC, reflecting on his love for Korumburra and its rolling green hills.

He was an ideal host for Australia Day, having had his own travel show highlighting many parts of the nation over six years, and has since settled in Korumburra.

Tim spoke of pondering what it means to be an Australian.

He contemplated reading from the works of Henry Lawson or Banjo Patterson but settled on words from the song 'Great Southern Land'.

"It means a lot because my family come from Tasmania and we are convict stock," he said, relating to the lyric 'Anyone will tell you it's a prisoner island'.

Mayor Nathan Hersey spoke positively about the theme of this year's Australia Day. 'We're all part of the story'.

"It doesn't matter if you've been in Australia for your whole life, if you're somebody who became a citizen, if you've been in South Gippsland for a short period of time or if you're an indigenous Australian and have been here for ever; we all are part of the story that is Australia," Nathan said.

He noted while many families have

contributed to South Gippsland over a long period of time, lots of others who have chosen it as home recently also make significant contributions.

"Volunteering, being active and involved in our communities is what it's about," mayor Hersey said.

Locals were thanked for doing just that, including South Gippsland Shire Young Citizen of the Year nominee, Abbey Nicholls, who was presented with a certificate by the mayor after being overseas during the recent Australia Day Awards event in Meenyan.

Alice May was also acknowledged, having been nominated for Young Citizen of the Year despite being many years below the minimum age of 18.

She took part in a fundraising event at her home, sacrificing much of her long hair to help raise over \$700 to assist those with alopecia and others undergoing chemotherapy, also donating hair to be used in wigs.

The stirring sounds of the Wonthaggi Citizens' Band added to the Australia Day atmosphere, with Waltzing Matilda a highlight.

Korumburra Community Development and Action (KCDA) group organised the town's Australia Day celebration.

"It's part of tradition," KCDA committee member Shirley Cowling said of the town celebrating the national day.

She said those at KCDA are appreciative of the support shown for the event by the public.

Attendees were catered for by the Korumburra Lions Club, enjoying the Aussie tradition of a snag in bread.

There was plenty to entertain the kids, with face painting and a balloon artist.



Jess Rigby sings the national anthem. A19_0523



Mayor Nathan Hersey acknowledges Abbey Nicholl's nomination for South Gippsland Shire Council's Young Citizen of the Year after she was unable to attend the awards evening. A21_0523

• MIRBOO NORTH

Mirboo North 'local hero' honoured on Australia Day

TYPICALLY, 'local heroes' are hard-working community volunteers that you don't hear much about, according to Mirboo North's Joe Piper, they just get the job done.

He was speaking in glowing terms at Thursday's Australia Day celebrations about Mirboo North's Citizen of the Year, Janine Alexander, a full-time working mother of two who has been heavily involved in serving the community since her now 37-year-old son Clinton started kinder.

"This all started for me when Clinton started kinder and I put my hand up, as you do, to go on the kinder committee," said Janine.

It continued on in many leading roles including as treasurer of the Walter Tuck Reserve Committee of Management and Mirboo North Football Netball Club business manager, overseeing major developments for the community, including the community social rooms where the event was being held.

Mr Piper said Janine had played a key role in the construction of the Mirboo North Medical Centre while also contributing in other areas.

Ms Alexander thanked the community for the recognition saying she had learned a lot and really enjoyed the involvement.

"I look at this building and some of the other things I've been involved



Receiving their Australia Day Awards at Mirboo North's celebrations on Thursday were, from left, front Ruth Rogan representing the Mirboo Country Development Incorporated (MCDI) and organisers of the inaugural Winterfest, Janine Alexander Mirboo North Citizen of the Year 2023, and Alex Banks Mirboo North Junior Person of the Year with the presenters; South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Kerryn Ellis, Deputy Mayor Claire Williams and Monash MHR Russell Broadbent.

in and hope I've helped provide some lasting benefit for the community.

Ms Alexander says she will be stepping back now to complete a masters degree.

The day also congratulated its Young Person of the Year, Alex Banks, for among other things raising \$2779 in his own Shave for a Cure initiative.

The inaugural Mirboo North Winterfest in 2022, taking over from the time-honoured Arty Gras event, and attracting more than 4000 people out on an icy cold winter night won the Mirboo North Event of the year.

Ruth Rogan, representing the Mirboo Country Development Incorporated (MCDI), collected the award on behalf of organisers.

Among other dignitaries, including Crs Jenni Keerie, John Schelling, Clare Williams and Adrian Darakai, CEO Kerryn Ellis was Monash MP Russell Broadbent who spoke about the previous night's national awards.

But the best part of the day was the sumptuous spread of homemade cakes, slices, sausage rolls and sandwiches turned on by the members of the Mirboo North Cricket Club.



Mirboo North Citizen of the Year for 2023 Janine Alexander has volunteered in her community for over 35 years.

• KONGWAK

Big numbers back for Kongwak's Aussie breakfast

PHILLIP Island based engineer, the amazing Mat Bowtell, wasn't about to let a mere mechanical failure stop him from delivering his message of hope about those whose lives he has changed with his revolutionary prosthetic limbs technology.

Matt was the guest speaker at the return to the famous Kongwak Australia Day Breakfast, after three years off for COVID, and didn't the crowds turn out in big numbers.

In fact, even after a hall full of round tables was filled with plates of bacon and eggs, orange juice and teas and coffees, there was still a line going out the door of people waiting patiently to be served.

It was a roaring success, providing time for Matt to rig up his own projector and get the sound and light

show ready to address the happy crowd.

"The latest thing we are doing is providing prosthetic limbs to some of our Pacific neighbours where manchette injuries are relatively commonplace," said Matt Bowtell ahead of an interesting address.

President of the Kongwak Hall Committee Ross Chapman was delighted with the success of the day.

"It's a great chance for the community to get together. There are a lot of people who've moved to the area in recent years that we don't know so it's great to get everyone to come along.

"They come from all over. We've even got quite a few that come up from Inverloch."

The South Gippsland Shire Council was praised for supporting the day.

Necessity is the mother of invention as prosthetic hands engineer Matt Bowtell gets a borrowed projector rigged up at the Kongwak Hall, with the help of Ross Chapman and Burt Blackburne for his Australia Day address.

Chowing down on a big Aussie breakfast at Kongwak on Australia Day were Lucas Rowson and Samuel Hanson.



• MEENIYAN



Clive Hope, Kira Waldron, Jerlinda Truscott and Fenny Schroder were honoured at Meenian's Australia Day celebrations for their contributions to the community.



Oh yeah, there it is! The Meenian-Stony CFA and Meenian CWA turned on a fine spread including their famous egg and bacon muffins. They are from left, Bruce Waddington, Colin Young, Charlie Young, Malcolm Price, Justin Griffin and Hayden Young.

Modest turnout at Meenian's Australia Day celebrations

THERE was a busy holiday weekend hustle and bustle out in Whitelaw Street but inside the Meenian Hall, there were plenty of vacant seats at the Australia Day celebrations.

And dozens of the famous Australia Day egg and bacon muffins, cooked up by the Meenian-Stony Creek CFA Brigade, went begging afterwards.

But it was still a whole-hearted event, where local volunteers and contributors were to the fore.

The town's nomination for the shire's citizen of the year, Clive Hope, their successful candidate for the South Gippsland Junior Citizen of the Year Award, Kira Waldron, and the nomination for event of the year, the Combined Churches of Meenian Carols by Glowlight, had pride of place.

At the last minute, with Eastern Victoria MLC Melina Bath indisposed, Mr Hope stepped up to give the Australia Day address, describing how he found a new home for himself in Australia, after arriving from Surrey in the UK in 1969, initially settling in Melbourne before accidentally discovering Meenian in 1974 in serendipitous circumstances.

"I spent a weekend visiting Lakes Entrance and thought I would come home via the coastal,

route around the South Gippsland Highway. I'd previously visited 'Dollar' in Scotland and decided I'd like to visit the town of Dollar in South Gippsland," Mr Hope said.

"There wasn't much there but I stopped off at Meenian."

He ultimately bought a cottage in the town in 1976 and without really looking for it, took a job at a legal practice in Leongatha in 1981.

He said the district could not have been more welcoming and he stayed.

Kira Waldron also spoke, saying she was surprised to receive an award for "just helping out".

Just helping out includes being a member of the Meenian-Stony Creek CFA, Korumburra Gun Club, Korumburra Scouts as a Venturer and more.

"If anyone is doing something for the community, I'm on board," said Kira.

Jerlinda Truscott and Fenny Schroder were on hand to receive recognition for the Combined Churches of Meenian's Carols by Glowlight event.

Tarnya Wilson and her band played the music including excellent renditions of 'I still call Australia home' and 'We are Australian', followed by the Meenian-Stony Creek CFA and Meenian CWA's breakfast muffins.

• WONTAGGI



Thirty-three new Australian citizens from around the world took the pledge at Wonthaggi Workmens Club in what was a joyous moment for watching family and friends. C12_0523

Proud day as 33 new citizens make their pledge



After 15 years of residency, now was the right time for an excited and proud Emily Wolfenden in becoming an Australian citizen. C02_0523



New citizen Maya Novela was joined by partner George Theodore who could not have been prouder. C09_0523



Surrounded by family, Mary and Romar completed the final step in their citizenship process becoming proud Australian citizens today. C03_0523

A HECKLER didn't detract from the joyous occasion last Thursday as 33 new Australian citizens took their pledge at Wonthaggi Workmens Club in front of a room full of family and friends.

Mayor Michael Whelan kicked off proceedings acknowledging the Bunurong People before Deputy Mayor Rochelle Halstead introduced each new citizen to the stage to take their pledge.

Mr Mohammad Arif was first off the bat as he took to the microphone and read his pledge.

Each new citizen's story and journey unique, for Mr Arif, he followed his son to Wonthaggi moving from India to Australia in 2015.

Thirty-two individuals followed, some nervous, some beaming, but all happy at the next stage in their life as an Australian.

And whilst some faces are newer to the Bass Coast area, many have been a part of the community for many years, including Emily Wolfenden who alongside Felix, Magnus, Ray and Anthony swore her allegiance after 15 years.

"I felt now was the right time," Emily explained.

"I'm very proud, and excited."

Amongst the crowd was also Phuong Dang, whose journey started with a love story back in Vietnam when she met Robin.

"I fell in love in 2014," Phuong explained.

"In 2016 Phuong and her daughter came out to Australia and we married," Phuong's proud husband Robin added.

Phuong owned the nail salon in San Remo for four years, during which time she raised hundreds of dollars for Wonthaggi Hospital.

"My goal is to go back to RMIT, to university (to study finance)," Phuong said.

"I hope to do more in charity and donations."

Cr Halstead and Mayor Whelan were joined by fellow councillor Bruce Kent and Bass Coast Shire CEO Ali Wastie.

"I think it is such a joy to be a part of, to be welcoming new citizens into Australia – what a privilege" Cr Halstead smiled.

"Everyone is happy and it's a really exciting time for families. A lot of people who are pledging their allegiance to Australia have been living here for a very long time."

"To make it fun, you can sense the excitement in the room, and I want to encourage them to be excited about being a part of the best country in the world," Cr Halstead added.

"People are very happy, it's a day when people are doing what they want to do – it's a joyous occasion for them and their families," Mayor Michael Whelan concluded.

• DALYSTON



Local band Thursday@5 were the opening performers at the Oz Day at Daly on the Dalyston Recreation Reserve. Z13_0523

Oz day at Daly delights again

THE family friendly Australia Day festival held at the Dalyston Recreation Reserve was hosted by the Dalyston Football Netball Club to bring the community together.

Frank Angarane of the Dalyston Football Netball Club said the support from the community has given the festival its three-year life and it has got bigger and better each year.

He noted this year's attendance of 1300 was a fantastic outcome for the club and for the entire town.

"The weather conditions were ideal with the sun shining, and the big crowd really appreciated the casual relaxed atmosphere with entertainment and activities provided all afternoon and into the evening," said Frank.

Once again, local performers Thursday@5, Imogen Price and The Times entertained the crowd, reminding the community

of the depth of talent there is in Bass Coast.

"A healthy proportion of attendees came from Dalyston township and it was very pleasing to see family groups and kids on bikes walking or riding to the venue from around the town."

The club is very appreciative of the National Australia Day Council grant that helps fund the festival. Their support allows DFNC to put on a high quality of production and minimise the cost to the patrons.

"Local providers Production Corp, Bass Coast Sound and Video are highly regarded in the event industry and their production quality and values are second to none," said Frank.

The festival concluded with an amazing firework display from Gippsland based Fitzpatricks Fireworks, with the crowd appreciating the show - stating it was as good as New Year's Eve.



Rotary Club of Wonthaggi Australia Day award recipients Rod Beech, Ross Bramley, Danny Luna, Keith Milkins, Neil and Joy Barnes (Joy front row), Jarryd Blair, Burt and Shelley Applebee, Danny Carr and Margaret Hender. Ns010523

Moving event for Rotary Australia Day awards

THERE was a huge turnout for the Rotary Club of Wonthaggi's Australia Day awards ceremony at the Union Arts Centre last week.

The event proudly honours and awards everyday people in the community for their extraordinary work, many of them volunteers who have been dedicated to their role for decades.

The awards were at times deeply emotional and moving, while being incredibly inspirational, as dozens of attendees and proud family members heard of the awardees efforts.

The following is a brief excerpt from each of the awards as detailed by the Rotary Club.

Business Excellence Award- Celebrating 100 Years of Service

Wonthaggi Miners Friendly Society's Dispensary

'The Rotary Club of Wonthaggi proudly presents this award to celebrate the 100th year of the Miners Dispensary and to recognise their integrity, longevity and commitment to customer service.'

'The tradition of high standards, reliability, friendliness, good service, honesty and community support have been the hall marks of this well known business since Mr A.W. Griffiths was appointed the first manager and it opened its doors in 1922.'

Community Service Award - Neil and Joy Barnes

'They are great community minded people, genuine, friendly, humble, enthusiastic and highly motivated. They are tireless workers, dedicated, unassuming and very effective. They just like to help out where and when it is most needed. They are busy but never too busy to lend a hand. The term "quiet achievers" fits nicely with this popular couple and their "can do" attitude is an inspiration to others.'

'Neil and Joy are active members



Jarryd Blair (right) was more than happy to present the Wonthaggi Citizen of The Year to local icon Danny Carr. Ns030523

of the Wonthaggi Lions Club, Neil joining in 1995 and Joy in 2013. Neil has served as President and filled several portfolios within the Club.'

Community Service Award - Mr Rod Beech

'Rod is well known and highly respected in Wonthaggi and the District not only for his outstanding personal qualities but for his remarkable community service over many years. This award will not surprise those who know him and have seen his years of reliability, dedication and commitment across so many things. He is a quiet achiever, humble, honest, popular, a recognised leader, a man of integrity and one of nature's gentlemen.'

Community Service Award - Burt & Shelley Applebee

'They are both well-known and respected Bass Coast residents who have made a significant contribution to the community in a

diverse range of activities, events and work in organisations and groups. Their hard work, encouragement, care, dedication, leadership and so much energy has been of real value and community connection has helped attract more important volunteers, the backbone of any community.'

Sports Recognition and Achievement Award - Mr Keith Milkins

'Sport and fitness has always been an important part of Keith's life and has always been approached so professionally and positively. His interest in local football has seen a close association with the Wonthaggi Rovers, Dalyston and Wonthaggi Power Football-Netball Clubs in a variety of roles around team fitness programs and injury recovery but he has also worked in several other roles including coaching and mentoring of juniors and aspiring coaches and team leaders.'

Community Service Award - Mrs Margaret Hender

'Margaret is a quiet achiever, sincere, well respected, happy, friendly reliable, energetic, dedicated and committed to serving her community. She represents good old fashioned community spirit that gets things done and done well. She has a passion for what she is doing and her leadership has been significant and inspiring. Community service is nothing new to her having contributed significantly on the North Wonthaggi Kindergarten Committee, Dudley Primary School Parents Association, at Newhaven College and more recently the Wonthaggi Indoor Carpet Bowls group.'

Community Leadership and Youth Support Award - Mr Ross Bramley

'Ross works professionally with young people all the time in his important educational role

as the Senior Campus Principal of Bass Coast College since 2021 here in Wonthaggi. Previously he was the Dudley Campus Principal of Wonthaggi Secondary College, years 7-9, from 2009-2020. He is a popular and highly respected leader and he has also made an impressive contribution to the welfare and care of young people through his leadership and time spent in local sport as a coach, mentor and organiser of youth activities through the Baptist Church.'

Wonthaggi Citizen of The Year - Mr Danny Carr (read out by Rotarian John Duscher)

'From the beginning I must say I don't think I have met a person with a greater love or appreciation of his country and home town of Wonthaggi than Danny. He is an absolute "gem" really, humble, hardworking, respectful, happy, honest, self-motivated, talented, unassuming, reliable and full to the brim with good old fashioned community spirit. Ever busy and he still is working he has slipped under our radar until now but that is about to change Danny. His story is built on hard work, reliability, initiative and down-right skill. A man of vision, a brilliant engineer Danny was always willing to have a go, take the initiative, take a chance when opportunities in business arose and was able to build a good life for his family and for those who worked for him. He has always had a strong belief in the town and its people and he will hold a special place in the town's history and the hearts of the people who have known him.'

Well known football icon Jarryd Blair was also Rotary's Australia Day Ambassador, who spoke about his incredibly successful journey in sport, the challenges he faced and how he is now giving back to his community.

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COMMENT



What should happen to the old Wonthaggi Secondary College site?

Sense of urgency needed with old school site

IT'S the start of another school year and there it is, the old senior campus of the Wonthaggi Secondary College in McBride Avenue, standing unused and with little or no sign of action aside from the security shutters on the windows.

Taking up the whole block bordered by Watt and McKenzie streets, Baillieu Street East and McBride Avenue, it's a massive development site right in the middle of town that received considerable coverage in the Wonthaggi Activity Centre Plan.

The shire wants it for a "civic hub" to provide community services and facilities such as a library, learning services and an arts centre, but also with a mix of commercial, retail and residential uses.

The shire has even suggested that the site might host buildings stretching up to six storeys in height – Wonthaggi's version of high rise.

There's also been the guarantee that any proposal will go out for public consultation before a commitment is made to future use.

But there's no sense of urgency, which seems to be a consistent theme with projects managed by or involving the Bass Coast Shire Council.

However, with the potential for this area to host a significant amount of low-cost, social housing in tasteful, centrally-located apartment buildings, within a community services layout that should also include a large area for all-day parking, the shire and the state government should be getting on with it.

And if ever there was a project for a consultant to take forward through concept design and development approval, this is it.

It may be, especially as the site is owned by the State Government, presumably through its Victorian School Building Authority, that it should be the government which takes the lead on this, in partnership with the private sector, a company which would be happy to take ownership of a large, central location in a thriving region in exchange for like value in community housing.

Think outside the square, call in a consultant, crack some heads together, do whatever it takes but for goodness sake get on with it or hand it over to someone who can.

Values not reflected

I have never been to an Australia Day New Citizens ceremony before, and on the 26th of this month, I went to the one held in Wonthaggi to get a sense of how they are now being run by local government officials, and what our newest Australian citizens are being told about the country they are now committing themselves to as citizens.

I really loved seeing the pride and satisfaction of some thirtyish 'New Australians' from all over the world declaring their loyalty to our dear country. It was a moving experience and I really recommend going to one of these events to show our newest citizen neighbours our fellowship and neighbourly affection.

It was a privilege to be there.



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

Vox Pop

Are you more concerned about burglaries and car theft?



Tanya McLean
"Yes, absolutely. We're looking at getting cameras at the front of our property, just so we can feel more protected."



Jade Krieger
"Yes. We all have to be more conscious of leaving things out the front of the house, like the pram and bikes."



Sally McLean
"Yes, we are definitely more aware now and are making sure all the windows and doors are locked all the time."



Andy Thomas
"Yes, I think we all must protect ourselves. We need to be more alert in order to protect our homes and our businesses."

Speedsters must slow down

Well said! ("Slow them down, please", Sentinel Times, 24/1.)

Your coverage of the traffic crisis in Woolamai put it simply – too many speeding vehicles in the residential part of the township is dangerous for residents. Not surprising with the speed limit of 100kph.

Visitors as well as locals use the nearby Rail Trail. They have to park cars on the narrow road at two Rail Trail access points, both of which cross the 100kph roads.

Speeding trucks, hoon drivers and motor bikers create noise levels loud enough to wake adults and children, both day and night, especially at weekends and holidays. This is unacceptable in a rural hamlet off a major highway.

Many council trucks pass through the residential zone on way to a council dump site. Having to stop at a T junction and then accelerate into the turn to go up a steep hill to the site, results in a very noisy passage past people's homes.

This council dump site used to be the best lookout spot over Westernport Bay and the islands. It could be redeveloped into a tourist attraction.

A big thank you to Deputy Mayor Cr Halstead, who has heard our pleas and has taken action on our behalf. Thank you Cr Halstead, and the Sentinel Times.

Sue Packham, Woolamai

Proud Australian

I wish to congratulate Rosemary Hutchinson on her informative contribution to the unfortunate current debate, regarding the celebration of Australia Day on January 26th.

Rosemary has nailed the hypocrisy that surrounds this issue.

The only people advocating for a change of date are not true patriotic Australians.

They have agendas, yes plural agendas, that have absolutely nothing to do with the claims being made.

And, frankly, the major media sources are simply fuelling their false cause, just to grab money.

I don't care if you are brown, white, yellow, blue green or red.

Your skin colour matters zilch to me.

But I am a proud Australian and if you are not then, to quote Pauline, "go off back to where came from".

Robert, Outtrim

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

*Is this the right time?
Perhaps!
If so, are you ready*

By Pastor Thomas Hardy, RTD.

AUSTRALIA has been under attack by fire and floods, clearly these happenings have caused so much devastation, heartbreak and monetary loss that puts a constant stress on the people of our great Land.

In our island we have fires, floods and power rain cells cyclonic and other ways. Repeating issues that have caused great calamities, with one would think, little respect for mankind. Fires are said to be devastating enough, but at least there is a more definite outcome to them, but on the other hand, floods, like we have had suffered, has caused such repetitive despair in the reoccurring heavy downpours of great galloping amounts of water, continually attacking vast areas of the eastern states of Australia. This is Australia's great flood, reminiscent of a time in the deep past of the world history.

In that history we find that the creator of the Earth, flooded it in order to restart life through Noah and his family. Now He made a promise to Noah that He would never flood the earth again and signed that covenant with a rainbow. Is it possible that this could have something to do with the stress of our lands.

Let me suggest that the creator, God in His infinite wisdom, could be trying to get our attention also along with various other countries over the world that have suffered as we have. Keeping His promise to Noah is it not impossible to believe that the creator, God is trying to get our attention. Our great island country, over 150 years ago or so, was called Gods gift to mankind and it remained so for along time. Then the Church called it "The great South Land of the Holy Spirit".

But now, we have become the "Lucky Country" and known so throughout the entire world, also we have become one of the top ten countries in the world for the way our people have become gamblers. (By the way the word lucky to the creator is of little interest other than to say we don't need Him any more). The per capita is nearly the highest in the world. Billions of dollars every year are gambled away with little of that luck. Along with this almost every local government and state government have done away with the opening prayer to start any of their meetings of council or otherwise. Covenants from our governments have been made that have stirred the minds of our people, along with freedoms that have turned and twisted our creators' great commands to us.

Most of the religions in our multicultural society believe in one God of creation, of one kind or another, whatever they choose to call Him does not take away from the fact that our creator could be ashamed of His gift to mankind becoming something like Sodom and Gomorrah like that of Biblical times. In the large we are turning away from our faiths, that and our praise and thanksgiving as we worship the Lord for His great provisions and we have gone out alone, turning this land into one with different freedoms and values, than those we had 5/10 years ago. Such freedoms have opened us up to interlopers from the world at large, all vying to become part of this freedom not found in other places. Is it that we are becoming so free that we have become undesirable in our creator's mind. Are we becoming an island cess pool, like Sodom or Gomorrah, is our creator trying to warn us and turn us around and change us from a terrible end?

I have posed the question so despite our popular subject to cover all things, which is climate change, have I posed another scenario? What do you think, is our creator active in all of this, our population is growing multiculturally, so I ask is there an easy answer to these so-called natural phenomenon?

What do you think?



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The Dance Design 'Rising Star Award' was awarded to the most promising junior student - Sianna Coote, Korumburra School.



The Dance Design 'Heidi Hughes Intermediate Award' was awarded to the most promising intermediate student - Laci Gilliland, Wonthaggi School.



The Dance Design 'Christine Miles Encouragement Award' was awarded to the most talented senior student - Heidi Peterson, Wonthaggi School.

No shortage of talent at Dance Design

DANCE Design held their annual End of Year Concerts at the Wonthaggi Arts Centre on Friday 18, Saturday 19 and Sunday, November 20, 2022.

The performances began with the student's class routines with 'What's On', 'The Break Up' and 'Latest News' as the themes for each of the schools.

The concerts were a huge success after a full year of lessons with no COVID interruptions.

The concert also included the pantomime 'The Megamind, which was a particular favourite with the audience this year.

Zac Mabilia was entertaining as Metro Man, keeping the audience laughing with his quick ad lib lines as the narrator of the show.

Maddy Stone had just the right amount of attitude as Roxanne Richi and Ania Todd was hilarious as Megamind's side kick, Minion.

But it was Heidi Peterson who was outstanding as the lead role, Megamind.

She really made the character her own & was very entertaining as the slightly awkward, sometime clumsy, very intelligent & egomaniacal Megamind.

The 2022 Dance Design Student awards were presented at the concerts to:

Wonthaggi Students

- Ania Todd - Outstanding Achievement Award, awarded to the most promising, senior Wonthaggi student.
- Isla Thomas - Junior Encouragement Award
- Sienna Tiziani - Senior Encouragement Award

Korumburra Students

- Shannen deBondt - Award for Excellence, awarded to the most promising, senior Cowes student and Sommer Haire - Encouragement Award.
- Cassie Gardner - Junior Encouragement Award
- Jasmine Twite - Intermediate Encouragement Award
- Bella McKean - Senior Encouragement Award

Cowes Students

- Sarah Stone - Most Promising Senior Award, awarded to the most promising, senior Cowes student.
- Sommer Haire - Encouragement Award

Four very special awards were also presented. These students were



Shannen deBondt - Award for Excellence, awarded to the most promising, senior Korumburra student, Cassie Gardner - Junior Encouragement Award, Jasmine Twite - Intermediate Encouragement Award and Bella McKean - Senior Encouragement Award.



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selected from more than 200 students in all three of Dance Design's schools, for their talent, dedication, determination and potential.

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Dance Design classes are taught by Michelle Mabilia and Alycia Marotta in Wonthaggi and Korumburra with an emphasis on fun and

enjoyment whilst exercising.

Classes in jazz/modern, tap and contemporary are offered from pre-schoolers to advanced.

Classes for 2023 recommence at Wonthaggi on Monday, January 30, at Bass Coast Secondary College McKenzie Campus Theatrette and at Korumburra on Friday, February 3, at Korumburra Scout Hall.

All enrolments and enquiries: Email dancedes@bigpond.net.au or phone 0417 579 349



Originally from Wales, Marisa Roszak has called Australia home for many years, here enjoying a good Aussie breakfast at Kongwak on Australia Day.



All set to devour one of Meenyan's famous egg and bacon muffins on Australia Day are Zack, Flynn and Sienna Parnell up visiting grandparents.



Daryl Sinclair, Fiona Harrington and Rory Harrington attended the Australia Day celebrations in Meenyan.



Fay Boag and Grace and Doug Kuhne have a chat after the Meenyan Australia Day celebrations.



At Mirboo North's Australia Day celebrations, Bev Piper, Janine Alexander enjoy a cuppa and a chat afterwards.



Adam and Fran Murphy await the Australia Day ceremony in Leongatha, with Fran feeling welcome in Australia after migrating as a child from Ireland. A13_0523



Betty Vlasveld-Young, Marj Hutchinson and Pearl Christoffersen of Woorayl CWA provide famous Aussie lamingtons for Australia Day attendees in Leongatha. A14_0523



Allister Dowling and Les Byrne are part of the Leongatha Lions Club barbecue team during Australia Day celebrations. A15_0523



Terry Nash and Linda Watt of Korumburra with lively young pup Be Two at the town's Australia Day event. A27_0523

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Australia Day celebrations and the Kilcunda Lobster Festival.



Supporting Mirboo North Young Person of the Year Alex Banks are family members from left, back, Dale Banks, John Banks, Doug Davidson, middle, Lorraine Banks, Kay Turnbull, John Davidson, Claire Banks and front, Alex, Jordan and Fletcher Banks.



Abby Connell with Michaela and Brylee Shepherd attended the Oz Day festival on the Dalyston Recreation Reserve on Thursday afternoon. Z05_0523



Annalise, Daniela, Marcus, and Dean attended the Kilcunda Lobster festival on Sunday morning, winning prizes from Taylors Amusements. Z14_0523



Little Pia enjoyed the kiddies rides managed by Taylors Amusements at the Kilcunda Lobster Festival on Sunday afternoon. Z15_0523



Edie and Vivi enjoyed having their faces painted at the Kilcunda Lobster Festival on Sunday afternoon. Z16_0523



Ruby, Diane, Lia and Zoe Dixon of Bena have found the area welcoming and were keen to be part of the Korumburra Australia Day celebrations. A26_0523



Shana Bremner, Ned Scott and Mackenzie Luz assisted at the waste stations at the Kilcunda Lobster Festival, helping reduce the amount that goes to landfill. Z17_0523



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'Koornong' - the lifestyle you have dreamed about on 11.56 acres

LOCATED a short drive out of the popular township of Nyora you will find 'Koornong', an appealing property with a private feel comprising of a well-kept 4-bedroom home and shedding on approximately 11.56 acres.

The property also includes a gorgeous native bush corridor with tree ferns, a creek as well as bird and wildlife, all for your enjoyment.

'Koornong' would be an ideal horse property or would also suit cattle, sheep, alpacas, and other hobby farm interests.

The home includes a spacious master bedroom with a walk-in-robe and ensuite, plus two additional bedrooms with built in robes and a fourth bedroom or study. A well-appointed kitchen includes a breakfast bar, electric cooktop, electric wall oven and dishwasher.

Open plan north facing living areas capture stunning vistas of the property. The separate formal lounge has a gorgeous open fireplace to keep cosy on those cool winter nights.

Heating and cooling for the home is by a free-standing wood heater and electric split system.

The family bathroom includes walk-in-shower, bath, vanity, and a separate toilet.

A wrap-around decked veranda is perfect for you to enjoy the serenity.

A great addition to the property is a

2.66kw solar system which feeds back into the grid, reducing power bills.

The beautiful, well-established garden consists of English and native trees and shrubs. Water supply for the property is via numerous tanks and a large dam.

There is ample shedding for machinery and storage plus yards and a loading race for stock.

Ideally located 20 minutes from Korumburra, 40 minutes to the beautiful beaches of Inverloch and Wonthaggi and under 1hr 45mins to Melbourne's CBD.

'Koornong' may just be the lifestyle property you have been looking for, so don't hesitate to contact Katrina Griggs on 0428 571 083 or Don Olden on 0417 805 312 for more information or to arrange an inspection of this lovely property.

For a Due Diligence Checklist go to: consumer.vic.gov.au/duediligencechecklist

4 2 2 11.56 acres

25 Restlee Drive, Nyora

For Sale \$1.2 Million

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'Valley Views' in Dumbalk

BEAUTIFULLY positioned in the Dumbalk Valley, on a quiet country lane is where you will find this much-loved lifestyle property.

The brick veneer home on 3.67 acres is nestled amongst the productive neighboring farms offering a sense of community and comfort as the cattle graze, a tractor rolls on by and yet here on this country lane you have your own peace and privacy with endless views across the paddocks to the hills beyond.

Valley views features:

- 1.48 HA / 3.67 AC – B/V home with three bedrooms and two bathrooms
- Open plan kitchen and dining that also opens out to rear deck, ideal for the family barbecue
- The kitchen features hard wood timber bench tops, electric cooking, dishwasher, and solid fuel wood heater
- Polished floorboards throughout the home
- The living room is spacious with solid fuel heater and reverse cycle air conditioner (two) with lovely views across the valley
- In addition, there is a formal dining room or second living/lounge or rumpus room
- There are 3 bedrooms with the master having walk in robe and ensuite

- Laundry/mudroom and front sunroom entry with study nook
- New 3 KW solar power system & new solar hot water with gas booster

Externally:

- Established, neat garden yard with space to garden and relax
- 4 fenced paddocks with small stock yards and round yard
- Lovely dam that supplies water to troughs and garden
- Barn style lock up shed with workshop, concrete floors, power, and set up for a hoist

The foundations are all in place here, ready for the next custodian to put their touch on this home, to make it theirs.

Located an easy 10 minutes to the vibrant village of Meenyan with its cafes, hotel, shops, grocery store and artisan bakery. Twenty minutes to Leongatha's major supermarkets, hospital, and great sporting facilities and all an easy distance to South Gippsland's iconic Wilsons Promontory and beaches of Inverloch and Waratah Bay.

For further information and to arrange a personal inspection, please call Irene Walker at SEJ Real Estate, 0429 045 632.



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Irene Walker 0429 045 632



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- 284 Acres (approx) grazing
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SITUATED only a short 20 minute drive from Wonthaggi is this magnificent 7.57 acre (approx.) property sitting high on a hill with unapparelled views.

The north facing brick rendered home has been tastefully renovated and looking brand new. Comprising of four bedrooms with the master boasting the most stunning views from Wilson's Promontory, Anderson's Inlet through to Kilmunda with the added bonus of an ensuite and walk in robe.

The large living area, with equally amazing views, has a modern kitchen with all electrical appliances and stone benchtops.

The flooring is Travertine tiles with under floor heating, zoned and controlled from your phone. Leading off the living area is a large outdoor entertaining area perfect for large gatherings.

The 12m X 10m shed will bring out the tradie in anyone with lined, insulated walls plenty of power and a wood heater.

Other fantastic features include:

- 6kw solar system.
- Double glazed windows and sliding doors.
- Ducted vac system.
- Walk in shower and separate bath.
- Separate toilet to the ensuite.
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FEATURED on 1600m² (approx.) allotment and located in the popular Ventnor area of Phillip Island, this home is perfect for those looking for something special.

Situated close to the beach, the wildlife corridor, Ventnor Common and the bird sanctuary, this home is a perfect sea change or holiday home away from the hustle and bustle.

When you pull up to this unique property and drive through the large treed entrance, it feels like you have arrived home.

This light filled family home with a new modern feel has been architecturally designed to take advantage of the northerly aspect overlooking your own bush like setting with birds and native animals as your neighbours.

The grand entrance gives you that sense of space which flows through the whole property. This unique home offers large living areas with high ceilings.

The first level offers a lock up garage/shed and plenty of undercover parking, two large bedrooms and a study or smaller bedroom and a bathroom.

As you walk up the stairs to the main living area, you start to anticipate what the

outlook will be like.

You will not be disappointed - the extra-large living space is unique with plenty of windows and high ceilings designed to take advantage of the rural feeling this property offers, complete with a gas log fire and reverse cycle heating and cooling unit to keep you comfortable through the year.

The Hostess kitchen is large and offers a walk-in pantry, stone benches and direct access to the large outdoor living space.

The master bedroom is located on this level and is tucked away for privacy yet enjoys the rural feeling of the property.

A second bathroom is located on this level with hidden laundry facilities and an ironing centre.

If you are looking for a home with native gardens, a rural feeling with plenty of room for the boat and caravan and within a one-minute walk to the beach, call to arrange a private inspection.

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- 7 brand new homes
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\$628,000-\$658,000

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1/8 McLeod Street

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\$419,000

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LEONGATHA



24 Willow Grove

- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car garage
- 2 living areas (1 could be 4th bedroom)
- As new locally built home

\$735,000

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KORUMBURRA



15 Riflebutts Road

- Neat home, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms
- Corner block with access to back yard
- Move in or rental potential \$460 per week

\$550,000

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7 Gardiner Way

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- Double storey home
- 737m² corner block

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SOUTH DUDLEY



3/33 South Dudley Road

- Modern feel, brick rear unit
- 2 spacious bedrooms, light décor
- Central location

\$439,000

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4 Sawyer Street

- 5 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car
- Over 2 acres in town with rural views
- Potential to subdivide (STCA)

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33 Riflebutts Road

- 4 years old, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms
- 3 living areas, 2 outdoor ent. areas
- Secure backyard, new 5.5 x 5.5m shed

\$749,000-\$769,000

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PIONEER BAY



6 Loter Avenue

- 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom, 1 car
- 727m² block
- As new brick veneer home

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1/53 Murray Street

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84 Princes Street

- Neat 3 bedroom home, R/C air con
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BASS



70-72 Nolan Road

- 3 houses, 4 titles
- 336 acres, Bass River frontage
- Prime cattle country

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194 Graham Street

- Better than new, THE best position
- Beautiful townhouse, just a stroll to town
- 2 living, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms

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Bigger and bolder flavours for the Meeniyian Garlic Festival 2023

THIS year the Meeniyian Garlic Festival will offer the public two new varieties of garlic.

The Festival and Hillston varieties are bigger than similar varieties and packed with a more intense flavour.

The Hillston garlic is a re-emergence of a lost variety back in 1990 and has now been brought back to market by a long-standing commercial grower.

The Festival Creole is a good-sized bulb coming originally from Tasmania. Be warned, while it ranges between mild and hot flavoured – it comes with the kicker of what the garlic industry euphemistically refers to as “delayed-extreme heat.”

Now in its 5th year, the annual Meeniyian Garlic Festival draws in thousands of festival-goers to celebrate the region's high-quality garlic and produce.

The festival aims to connect Gippsland and Melbourne with fine food offerings, great garlic and great produce, making this a one-off opportunity to explore the food and beverage of the whole region.

In the Taste of Gippsland section of the festival, visitors can choose from two dishes from two of the region's finest eateries.

The festival is delighted to announce the two award-winning restaurants coming to Meeniyian are The Tinamba Hotel and The Long Paddock.

Chef Gerard Phelan from The Tinamba Hotel and Tanya Bertino, Chef and Co-founder of The Long Paddock, will each prepare two unique dishes featuring local produce and, of course, garlic.

The Tinamba Hotel was recently awarded a Chef Hat in the 2022 Australian Good Food Guide Awards. Their philosophy is simple.

“There's nothing better than



The Meeniyian Garlic Festival will have something for everyone to enjoy this year.

local Gippsland produce, and where possible, we source everything locally. And we cultivate a hotel garden with fresh herbs and vegetables, producing dishes that deliver a memorable experience.”

The Long Paddock is a critically rated destination restaurant for foodies, travellers and locals in the town of Lindenow, East Gippsland.

Anton Eisenmenger and Tanya Bertino once worked with top chefs in Melbourne and London and now specialise in seasonal dishes made with local produce, right down to the wine list.

Dining at the Long Paddock is a remarkable encounter with a region, its produce and its people.

Both eateries have placed a ‘foodie spotlight’ on Gippsland and are a great addition to the Meeniyian Garlic Festival.

More announcements will be made soon on the new Gippsland Wine Academy at the festival, featuring 10 award-winning local wineries and 40 selected wines.

The re-birth of the festival has been made possible by funding from Visit Victoria as Event Partner. Together with the support from the Events Gippsland Acquisition Fund, an initiative of the new regional peak event body ‘Events Gippsland’ supported by Regional Development Victoria, Latrobe Valley Authority and local councils, including South Gippsland Shire Council.

Meeniyian Garlic Festival Day Saturday, February 18, 9am-4pm Meeniyian Reserve and Meeniyian Hall - home of the Garlic Institute \$15 for adults.

Kids are free and pets are welcome meeniyangarlicfestival.com.au/

Calf management: The New Frontiers

PROFESSOR Nina von Keyserlingk will be visiting Australia in February and will hold a series of interactive workshops for farmers and industry stakeholders exploring the challenges and opportunities of calf rearing into the future including:

- Accelerated nutrition implementing new systems
- Surplus calves a challenge we face now
- Cow-calf separation a challenge we will likely face in the future

Professor Marina (Nina) von Keyserlingk, a professor of Animal Welfare at The University of British Columbia,

combines research in both the social science and animal science fields, working to find practical opportunities to produce food in ways that work for the farm business, protect social license and improve animal welfare.

Take the opportunity to discuss the future sustainable dairy management with other farmers and Nina.

Thursday, February 9 10am-1pm, Space 47, 47 McCartin Street, Leongatha

To register visit dairyaustralia.com.au/events-calendar/calf-management-the-new-frontiers/a3a6F000001vfB-KQAY#.Y9HKx8IBxPb

Seven female innovators announced as grant recipients

ALICE Bennett (Crystal Brook, SA), Thea Walker (Jardee, WA), Nadine Holgate (Kialla, VIC), Emma Goodall (Clunes, VIC), Leanne Kruss (Dimbulah, QLD), Kate Webster (Muttama, NSW) and Sara McCarthy (Narromine, NSW) successfully pitched their ideas, ranging from health chats, value-add ice cream and pastures under horse grazing, to a brain injury summit, Australian fibre apparel rental, classroom resources about agriculture and delivering medication with a drone, and been named 2023 AgriFutures Rural Women's Acceleration Grant recipients.

The Rural Women's Acceleration Grant was launched in 2021 and is designed to foster growth and development in women involved in Australia's rural and emerging industries, businesses, and communities.

“We are thrilled to be offering these seven rural women the leadership and development opportunities they need to

make real and tangible impacts in their industries and communities,” said Managing Director of AgriFutures Australia, John Harvey.

The AgriFutures Rural Women's Acceleration Grant is an important program as it provides a vehicle for women across the nation to realise their potential. It will nurture the development of new and exciting ideas, and we encourage the successful applicants to apply for the AgriFutures Rural Women's Award in the future.”

Each of the seven women will receive a learning and development bursary of up to \$7000 for professional development to enable them to bring their idea, cause, or vision to life.

Applications for the 2024 AgriFutures Rural Women's Acceleration Grant will open in September 2023.

To find out more about the Acceleration Grant, visit agrifutures.com.au/acceleration-grant.

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Dairy Australia have launched a new job board to help farmers and jobseekers in the industry. Photo by Jan Huber | Unsplash

Launch of New Dairy Farm Jobs Board

ONE IN two dairy farmers are seeking people to work on farm and 76 per cent of those continue to find sourcing labour a challenge according to a recent Dairy Australia survey.

To help tackle the continuing labour shortage, Dairy Australia has launched a new Dairy Farm Jobs Board.

The online jobs board at dairyjobsmatter.com.au enables farmers to list job vacancies and reach jobseekers who are exploring the benefits of dairy farming. Aimed at farmers and job seekers, the Dairy Farm Jobs Board is free and easy to use.

"For farmers ready to start advertising for new workers, it's as quick and easy as submitting an online form with job vacancy details including any links to any existing online advertisements," said Dairy Australia's General Manager, Regional Services, Verity Ingham.

"And for jobseekers, if you like working with animals, working outdoors, seek career progression, job variety and training and want job security – visit the online jobs board to see if there's something for you."

The dairy industry is seeking a broad range of farm workers and there are opportunities in dairy for everyone, no matter what your skillset is.

The Dairy Farm Jobs Board complements

Dairy Australia's broader Workforce Attraction program that delivers on Dairy Australia's commitment to attract and support new people in the industry.

The program includes a new national marketing campaign aimed at jobseekers to promote the benefits of working in dairy farming and encouraging Australians to explore a job in dairy. To date, the campaign has attracted over 200,000 people to the website.

It also includes a focus on increased careers education for school students on job opportunities in dairy farming and career pathways. Dedicated staff in dairy regions called Workforce Attraction Regional Leads also help connect farmers seeking workers with the networks used by jobseekers. In addition, two new initiatives for farmers to support people management skills are being piloted called 'Farming with My Team' and 'Managing People 1:1 support'.

Farmers can contact one of Dairy Australia's regional Workforce Attraction Leads for employment support and help connecting with jobseeker networks, and for additional resources to help promote dairy farming jobs, visit dairyaustralia.com.au/people.

Farmers can access the Jobs Board to list jobs via dairyaustralia.com.au/people-skills-and-capability/reaching-jobseekers

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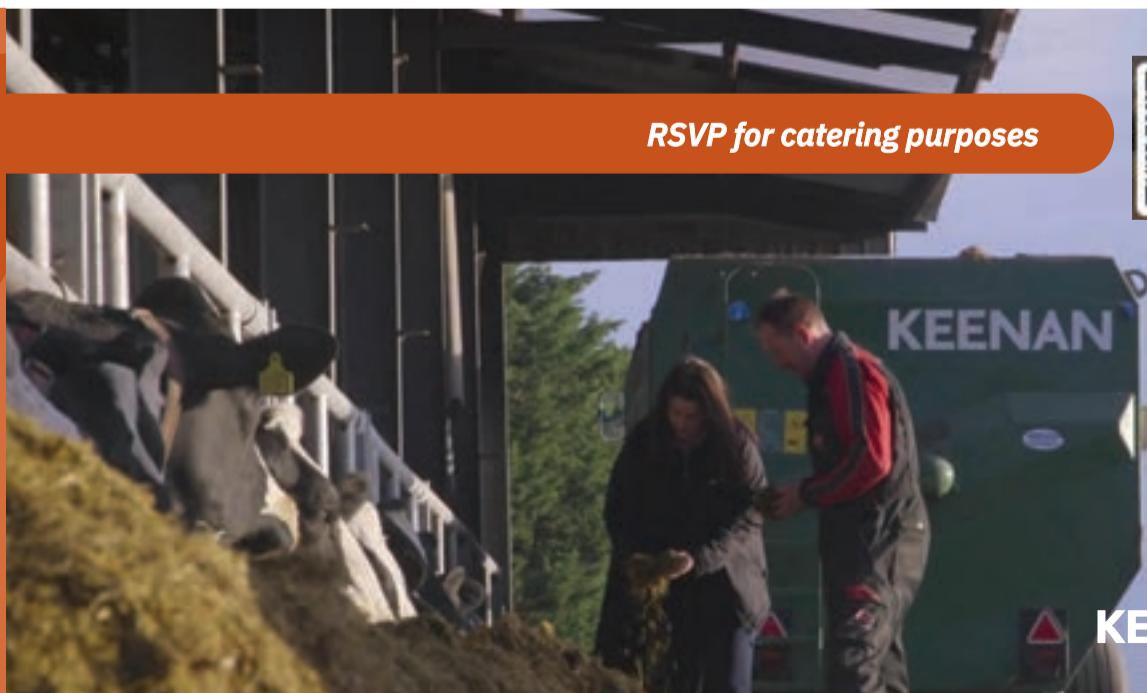
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DEMODairy Scholarship recipient Rachael feels she is in a better position to manage the farm after completing her diploma. Photo: James Braszell Photography.

Course scholarship inspires young farm manager

RACHAEL McGrath has taken on many challenges in her farming life – but returning to study has inspired her to do even more.

Already managing the family farm at Orford and investing in her own cows and sheep, Rachael is now looking at purchasing land.

“I want to try to get the ball moving now and start investing in land,” she said.

“I do like a challenge.”

Rachael previously completed a Certificate IV through RIST before taking on management of the family farm at just 25. Now, with the support of a DemoDAIRY Foundation scholarship, Rachael has completed her two-year Diploma of Agriculture.

She says the course made her a better farm manager and inspired her to look at more opportunities.

The farm milks a peak of 300 cows and Rachael owns 30 milkers and has about 30 heifers to join this year.

With her brother Leo no longer working on the farm, cow numbers have

been reduced, but Rachael with help from her parents Anne and Eddie and uncle Andrew, also farm 350 sheep.

“I like a bit of diversification,” Rachael said. “I’m going to Dairy Week tomorrow and I’m selling some lambs today.”

However, the investment in sheep is still secondary to dairy.

“I had some spare money and could buy more sheep than I could cows,” Rachael said.

“We have 350 in total, and I own 50 per cent and this year we have nearly 400 lambs and I own half of them. However, the main income source is still dairy. Things are going well there so I’m thinking about dropping back on sheep numbers and milking more cows.”

Rachael says she wanted to return to study to broaden her knowledge of farming.

“I really like the agronomy side of things and wanted to brush up on that, but the course was so much broader than that,” she said.

“It was invaluable in

teaching me how to manage staff and to implement policies and procedures. Farming is not just milking cows; it’s all the book work that goes with it.”

Rachael said the diploma complemented her on-farm knowledge.

“Obviously, day-to-day stuff is different, but it was important to wrap my head around the theory behind it. That’s why I wanted to do the course. I’m definitely in a better position to run the farm now. The Diploma has really helped me to realise how much is involved.”

Rachael added that the DemoDAIRY Foundation scholarship gave her extra incentive to study.

“It made it so much easier,” she said.

“I think a scholarship holds you accountable. You have responsibility to someone else, so it makes your work harder. It isn’t just for me; it’s also for DemoDAIRY Foundation.”

DemoDAIRY Foundation has a variety of scholarships and grants available. Visit demodairy.com.au/scholarships-and-grants for more information.

Lace Monitor surprise in Inverloch

GIPPSLAND Threatened Species Action Group members recently had a welcome surprise.

The group was setting up audio monitoring equipment at a member’s property at Inverloch, with an endangered Lace Monitor (*Varanus varius*)

sunning itself on a log near the wetland.

This is the second sighting this year at the same property.

Lace Monitors are found in hollow logs or up in tree branches and can travel up to 1km per day.

These reptiles are not

often seen in Bass Coast due mainly to tree clearing for urban development as their habitat consists of mature trees and large hollow logs.

Their diet consists of a variety of insects, reptiles, small mammals and birds.

ANNUAL F1 HEIFER SALE 1000 CATTLE 1000

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2023 - Starting at 10am

HEIFERS & CALVES

A/c Willawa Grazing, Foster (NUTRIEN) "Annual Draft"
28 X 28 Angus/Friesian X heifers, 30-32 mths
42 X 42 Angus/Friesian X heifers, 26-28 mths
VB, All heifers by McIndoe & Hazelwood Stud Angus Bulls, with Uluawatu & Sharoy Park blood Limo CAF, not rej, treated 5/1/23 with Vetmec Pour On, Multimin & B12, 2x7in1, calves treated 5/1/23 Vetmec Pour On, Multimin, B12 & 1x5in1

A/c L & L Hornby, Monomeith (ALEX SCOTT)
50 x 50 Angus/Friesian X & Hereford/ Friesian X heifers, with “Heatherdale” Limo calves at foot, 6-10 weeks

A/c J Jans, Hallston (ALEX SCOTT)
20 x 20 Angus/Friesian X heifers, 2.5 yo, well grown with “Cheltenham Park” Angus calves at foot, 2-4 weeks

A/c MJ & LM Schwennesen, Poowong Nth (PHC)
17x 17 Angus/FF X heifers, 2-2.5 yo, bucket reared, CAF, 8-10 weeks by Top Limousin Bull, not redespasted, calves marked, 1x 5 in 1 inj.

A/c Harris Farms, Dumbalk (SEJ)
6x6 Angus Friesian X heifers, 2 1/2 yo, with Speckle Park calves, bucket reared

10x10 Angus Friesian X heifers, 2 1/2 yo, with Angus calves, bucket reared

A/c Mindarra Park, Benalla (NUTRIEN)

12x12 Angus Friesian heifers, 2.5 yo, with 3-4 week Speckled CAF, drenched Trifecta 3/1/23, Multimin & 7in1 Vacc, quality outfits, in good order

A/c V & D Guastella, Hallora (NUTRIEN)

10x10 Angus Friesian X heifers & calves, 2.5 yo, with Angus CAF, 4-10 weeks

A/c A & L Sage, Ruby (NUTRIEN)

5x5 Angus/Friesian X heifers, 2.5 yo, With Angus CAF, not rej

A/c L & L Chown, Trida (SEJ)

4x4 Her/Friesian X heifers 2.5 yo, With Angus CAF

A/c BS Cantwell, Stony Creek (PHC)

1x1 Angus/FF X heifer, 2.5 yo, with Limousin CAF, not redespasted

1x1 Hereford/FF heifer, 2.5 yo, with Limousin CAF, not redespasted

JOINED HEIFERS

A/c JP O'Loughlin, Berry's Creek (Annual draft) (SEJ)
80 Angus/Friesian X heifers, 2 1/2 yo, PTIC to Limo Bull to commence calving February 8, bucket reared & very quiet

A/c D&R Kellam, Poowong (ALEX SCOTT)

30 Belgian Blue /Friesian X springing heifers, joined to Speckle Park bull to calve February 10 on, VB

A/c Glen Alvie Dairies, Glen Alvie (NUTRIEN)

25 Angus/Friesian X heifers, 2yo, synchronised to Al Black Limo Bull & Followed by Angus, PTIC for Feb 10 on calving

A/c Stewart, Kermot (NUTRIEN)

25 Angus/Friesian X heifers, 2 1/2 yo, PTIC, Joined 7 weeks to Harris Angus Bull to calve Feb 16 on, drenched, multimin

A/c Hemrick Pty Ltd (ELDERS)

20 Angus/Friesian X heifers, 2 1/2 yo, PTIC to Speckle Park bull to commence calving Feb 25

A/c C & M Amor, Korumburra (NUTRIEN)

10 Angus/Friesian X springing heifers, 2.5yo

10 Charo/Friesian X springing heifers, 2.5yo

Bucket reared, VQ, PTIC to Limo Bull to commence calving Feb 6 on

A/c J & L Jenkins, Korumburra (NUTRIEN)

10 Angus/Friesian X springing heifers, 2.5yo

6 Charo/Friesian X springing heifers, 2.5yo

Bucket reared, VQ, PTIC to Limo Bull to commence calving Feb 6 on

A/c M & J Erickson, Yarroweyah (NUTRIEN)

13 Speckle/Friesian X heifers, 2yo, PTIC to Stud Speckle Park bull to calve March/April

A/c Hollyrood P/L (ELDERS)

12 Angus /Friesian x heifers, 2 1/2 yo, springing to Sim/ Angus bull

A/c P Baillie, Boolarra Stn (NUTRIEN)

12 Angus/Friesian X heifers, 2yo, PTIC to Low BW

Merlewood Bull for end Feb on, calving for 6 weeks

A/c Debreceny & Humzy, Mirboo North (SEJ)

7 Angus Friesian X heifers

3 Hereford Friesian X heifers

PTIC to low birth weight Hedley Range Red Angus Bull,

to commence calving late Feb

A/c MJL Racing (ELDERS)

8 Angus/Friesian heifers, PTIC to Stud Speckle Park

Bull to commence calving March 1

A/c McCrorey Pty Ltd (ELDERS)

8 Shorthorn/FF X heifers, 2yo, PTIC to calve Feb 24 to LBW Banquet bull

A/c Hollyrood P/L (ELDERS)

10 Angus/Friesian X heifers, 18-20 mths, running with Sim/Angus bull (will be preg tested prior to sale)

A/c Lavinia Park Pty Ltd (ELDERS)

18 Angus/Friesian X heifers, 18 mths, been running with stud Speckle Park bull “Bellenden George” since Nov 1, synchronised for 6 weeks (will be preg tested prior to sale) bucket reared

12 Shorthorn x Friesian heifers, 16-18 mths, running with stud black Limo bull since Nov 1, synchronised for 6 weeks (Will be preg tested prior to sale) bucket reared

A/c MJL Racing (ELDERS)

15 Angus/Friesian X heifers, 15-16 mths old, running with registered Black Limo bull since Nov 1 (will be preg tested prior to sale) bucket reared, synchronised for 6 weeks

8 Speckle Park/Friesian X heifers, 14-15 mths old, running with stud Speckle Park bull (Eccles park bred) since Nov 1 (will be preg tested prior to sale), synchronised for 6 weeks

F1 COWS & CALVES

A/c R Stipani, Willung (NUTRIEN)

10x10 Angus/Friesian X & Hereford/Friesian X cows & calves, 2nd calvers, With Speckle Park CAF, 6-10 wks

A/c R & H Stephens (ALEX SCOTT)

10X10 Angus/Friesian x cows with Speckle Park calves at foot, 5 weeks

A/c G & P Addamo, Darnum (NUTRIEN)

10 X 10 Hereford/Friesian X cows & calves, 2nd calvers, with Limo CAF, 3-4 mths, redespasted to Limo Bulls to commence calving Sept

A/c B Verwey Mitchell, Bass (NUTRIEN)

10x10 Angus/Hereford cows & calves, 3-5 to, with Speckle Park CAF

A/c Willawa Grazing, Foster (NUTRIEN)

8x8 Angus/FF X cows & calves, 3-5 yo, treated 5/1/23 with Vetmec Pour On, Multimin & B12, 2x7in1, calves treated 5/1/23 Vetmec Pour On, Multimin, B12 & 1x5in1

A/c LJ & MM Overall, Tarwin Lower (PHC)

Herd Dispersal Springing Angus/Friesian X cows 6 second calvers
10 fourth calvers
3 seventh calvers
All PTIC to Stud “Garren Park” Limousin Bull to C. C. Feb 13 for 9 weeks

UNJOINED HEIFERS

A/c Yarrabee Park (ELDERS)

20 Angus/Friesian X heifers, 16-18 mths, bucket reared

20 Speckle Park/Friesian X heifers, 16-18 mths, bucket reared

A/c GI & LIM Webster, Middle Tarwin (NUTRIEN)

16 Friesian Hereford X, 18 mths, Unj

5 Friesian/Speckle Park X, 18 mths, Unj

4 Friesian/Lincoln Red X, 18 mths, Unj

A/c L & L Chown, Trida (SEJ)

15 Hereford/Friesian X heifers, 16-18 mths

15 Angus/Friesian X heifers, 16-18 mths

A/c B, D & M Calder, Dumbalk (NUTRIEN)

25 Angus/Friesian X heifers, 18-20 mths, By Harris Bulls

A/c AL & KM Edey, Heyfield (NUTRIEN)

24 Angus/Friesian X heifers, 18 mths, Innesdale blood

A/c S&B Micalaidis (ELDERS)

20 Angus/Friesian X heifers, 14-15 mths, bucket reared

A/c Sampson Ag P/L, Wonthaggi (NUTRIEN)

15 Angus/Friesian X heifers, 16-18 mths

A/c M&C Pastoral (ELDERS)

15 Angus/Friesian X heifers, 14-15 mths, bucket reared

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Saputo's big milk processing plant in Maffra closes on Friday, February 10 with the loss of between 75 and 80 jobs across the three impacted plants at Maffra, Leongatha and Mil-Lel in South Australia.

End of an era for Gippsland milk production

SAPUTO Dairy Australia is set to permanently close its Maffra plant on February 10, 2023.

The company announced plans to close the milk processing plant on November 9 last year, a not-unexpected but still an unwelcome announcement.

At the same time, it will shut down its bulk powders production area at Leongatha and close its cheese packaging area at Mil-Lel in South Australia.

At the time, Saputo said it was undertaking further consolidation initiatives intended to enhance its operational efficiency and strengthen its competitiveness in the face of dwindling milk supplies.

"While a very difficult decision to make, the announcement continues our journey

towards long-term success for our business in Australia by increasing our efficiency and productivity, and making our business more competitive," said Leanne Cutts, President and Chief Operating Officer (International and Europe), Saputo Inc.

"These strategic steps, taken to further streamline our network, aim to leverage SDA's broader manufacturing network capabilities while creating synergies to maximise the return on every litre of milk."

Saputo said that while many of the impacted production and packaging functions at these three facilities would be absorbed or integrated into the company's other facilities, approximately 75 employees would be impacted.

United Workers Union

dairy representative Neil Smith acknowledged on ABC Gippsland Radio this week that about 80 jobs would be lost as part of the restructure.

He said the South Australian site would be used as a transport depot and also claimed the UHT function at Leongatha would be "down-sized" but that the Maffra site would be completely closed.

Located at 14 Bundalaguah Road, just off the main street of Maffra, the Saputo factory maintains a large presence in town, now for all the wrong reasons.

The town's association with milk processing stretches back more than 100 years with the Maffra Co-operative Milk Products Company Ltd formed in 1918 and taken over by Nestle in 1921.

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KONGWAK Hills Landcare Group will be holding their first meeting for the year on Saturday, February 4, at the Kongwak Hall, starting off with a Bird ID session with Jane Taylor from 10.30am-12.00pm.

Jane is a self-confessed 'bird nut' and is helping with the nesting box project bird surveys.

After lunch (please bring something to share) and photos from photographer Robyn Bolding, the KHLG meeting will begin at 1pm to deal with outstanding business and set the agenda for 2023.

Please send any items of new business for discussion to kongwakhillslandcare@gmail.com

Woody weed ID and control workshop

JOIN South Gippsland Landcare for a Woody Weed ID and Control practical session where you will learn about local woody weeds and the various techniques used to control them.

When: Saturday, February 11

Time: 10am - 1pm

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What to expect:

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How to control woody weeds.

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Small axe (hatchet) or pruning saw.

Any plants you want identified.

Mug (for tea/coffee) and note pad.

Please note: Herbicides will be used at this event.

This event is sponsored under the Gippsland Transport Environmental Projects, Regional Roads Victoria.



Importance of supporting your local farmers

EMMA Germano was re-elected last year as President of the Victorian Farmers Federation after a successful first term.

With a determination to keep Victorian farming alive, relevant and healthy, the Sentinel-Times spoke with Emma to find out what challenges lie ahead in 2023.

"My re-election demonstrates that the (VFF) membership are absolutely on board with the notion of modernisation of the organisation," Emma said.

"The way that we do advocacy and also our corporate governance as an organisation. That change agenda has been reaffirmed by the members who want the organisation fit for the next generation."

"The challenges are going to be the economic environment, like all Australians we've started to see an impact on the cost of living and farm production costs, in particular, and ensuring that farming is still viable, but also being able to communicate with the community around why the cost of a lot of food products has increased and demonstrating the value of having a strong and resilient agriculture sector in Australia."

And the hot topic of late, has been potatoes.

For years viewed the bad carb, suddenly a shortage has seen everyone flock to the frozen chip section and limits on products reintroduced.

"These extreme weather events that have occurred in a lot of Australia's potato growing regions has led to this shortage. It's that perfect storm, where input costs have increased – the natural increase in the cost of potatoes, overlay that with a production shortage because of the weather events, and then overlay that with difficulties accessing labour, input prices going up, the fact that potatoes have been under-priced for a period of time, and how do farmers capture more of the value of the end sale."

For example, imagine a bag of McDonald's fries – only three fries in the entire pack represents the monies that go to the farmer.

"Potatoes have been in a situation for a long time where there has been a lot of unfair trading



Rising costs to the household are also felt on farms, alongside the rising costs of farm production, according to Emma Germano.

terms, and the farmers essentially bear all the risk, and in my opinion, farmers never get paid adequately for the amount of risk that they're actually taking on their farm by putting in a crop.

"When you add to that risk increase, because the cost of production has increased, and you would even say, the weather events have increased in regards to risk, it means a lot of speculative growing hasn't happened."

"All of those things combined to this perfect storm scenario."

A potato farmer herself, Emma is one of many who are crossing their fingers and hoping that potatoes planted now, by the time harvesting occurs, will retain their prices.

"The whole country needs to have a conversation around food affordability and making sure that we've got a profitable farm sector. Risk has changed. As a nation, we do not have a risk assessment across agriculture, and that with a food security plan is something the federal government absolutely needs to be focused on."

"It's really interesting that people

still have a very low knowledge base about understanding where their food comes from, how it's grown, and all the implications to a farmer."

With people asking 'why is everything so expensive', many are failing to realise farmers face those same household living cost increases on their farming properties – electricity, gas, diesel, mortgage... alongside increased farm production costs.

"Farmers have traditionally been and continue to be price takers, not price makers, and therefore, the real risk right now is that farmers are going to be absorbing a lot of that cost into their businesses; and sometimes it takes a few years for people to actually work out whether or not the activity they're doing is profitable."

"Yes, we might be getting slightly higher prices at a farm gate, but have they kept up with or do they outstrip the rising cost of production? That's a risk factor across all agricultural production systems at the moment."

A farmer with a roadside stall herself, Emma is a strong advocate for supporting local

producers, which in turn supports the community and farm.

"I always advise people to buy from a roadside stall!"

"What's interesting is that notion of value and convenience. It used to be that you would go and buy a few kilo bag of potatoes in a hessian sack, and they would have dirt on them, which would help them with storage, and you would put them in a dark place in the cupboard – you'd feed your family from that bag for six months."

"Now people only want to buy 1.5 kilo plastic bag of washed potatoes each week or each fortnight and I'm not storing them I expect farmer to do that, I'm not washing them, I expect the farmer or the packer to do that for me. And expecting that is maintained even though financially they're not able to actually afford that anymore."

"A lot of people have moved away from the notion of how to be really thrifty in regards to their food purchasing. Potatoes are still some of the best value foods you can buy, it's still cheap to eat a potato that is full of nutrition."

In highlighting the nutritional value, Emma also covered the psychological impact.

"When iceberg lettuces went to \$12, all of a sudden everybody wanted an iceberg lettuce. Iceberg lettuce farmers had been trying to convince you to eat iceberg lettuce since the 80s when it fell out of fashion for mixed leaves, rocket, spinach, kale..."

Even Emma has had the agonising conversations with family over their farm gate.

"As a family we agonised over the decision to put the price up a bit, we want to be loyal to the customer who is making the concerted effort to come to the farm gate and purchase something which means that they do care about a farmer and farm store."

"They come because they feel that sense of connection."

"And that sense of connection to Australian farmers couldn't be more important when it comes to the notion that farm businesses are absolutely impacted by policies that are set for a government that is facing the majority of the population being in the city."

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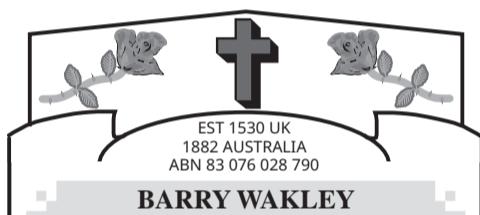
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BRUSAMARELLO, Aldo: In loving memory of Aldo, our brother-in-law and uncle. Rest in Peace. -- Love from Josephine, Bob, Kathleen, Peter, Darren, Ruth, Geordie, Rachael and Gwenyth	FINLAY, William Robert (Bill): Passed away peacefully on January 22nd, 2023, aged 93 years. Dearly beloved son of the late Gilbert and Ivy Finlay of Bass and loved brother of Colin (dec.). Cherished and loved husband of Mary for 67 years. Loving Dad and father-in-law of Ian and Kylie, Anne, Leigh and Gary, Graeme and Tracey, Greg, Karen and Michael. Adored Grandad of Sahlia and Robert, Elise, Aaron and Jodie, Nathan and Emma, Jess, Samantha and John, Maddy and Nathan, Phoebe, Sequoia and Lucas, James and Mim, Harry and Sophie, Claire, Louise, Kyle and Grace, and Nakita and Justin. Great Grandfather to Ivy, Lily, Gus, and June. Forever in my heart, Mary.	FINLAY, William Robert (Bill): Dear Dad, You held my hand when I was small. You caught me when I fell. You are the hero of my childhood, and my later years as well, and every time I think of you my heart still fills with pride though I will always miss you DAD. But someone we could turn to when times were good or bad one of our greatest blessings, that man we call Dad. With Love, Ian and Kylie, Aaron, Jodie and Lily, Nathan, Emma, Ivy and June and Nakita and Justin.	FINLAY, William Robert (Bill): To the best father and grandfather, we could have ever asked for. It is hard to put into words what that we love about you the most - your unconditional love for family, your moral compass, your kind heart, your strength, your smile, your courage, your sense of humour. The legacy you have left is second to none. You were our favourite person in the whole world. We miss you so much already and will hold a special place in our hearts forever.	FINLAY, William Robert (Bill): 18.09.1929 - 23.01.2023. Loved brother-in-law of Kathie and Jim McDonald. Much loved uncle of Joe (dec.) and Christine, Mark and Nicole, Richard and Susie, Nanette and Garry, Chris and Melissa and all their families. You will be missed by us all but never forgotten. R.I.P.	GLOVER, Geoffrey: Loving brother-in-law of Colin, Margaret and Family. Respected by all. A life well lived. Rest now.	KELLY, "Toby" Walter John: 08.05.1939 - 23.01.2023. Passed away peacefully at Korumburra Hospital	STEFANI (nee Pangrazzi), Agata Olga: 06.01.1937 - 24.01.2023. Loved and loving wife of John (dec.). Cherished mother to Christian and mother-in-law to Samantha. Much loved and adored Nonna to Isabella and William.
CROUCH (nee Colley), Nancy Mavis: Passed away peacefully at Woorayl Lodge on 22.01.2023, aged 92. Late of Leongatha. Dearly loved wife of Arthur (dec.). Loved mother and mother-in-law of Isabel and Jim, Gail, Barbara and Colin, Beverley and Colin, Heather and Graeme, Dianne and John. Much loved by her 15 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren. No More Pain.	 Adored Grandad of Sahlia and Robert, Elise, Aaron and Jodie, Nathan and Emma, Jess, Samantha and John, Maddy and Nathan, Phoebe, Sequoia and Lucas, James and Mim, Harry and Sophie, Claire, Louise, Kyle and Grace, and Nakita and Justin. Great Grandfather to Ivy, Lily, Gus, and June. Forever in my heart, Mary.	 In loving memory of William Robert Finlay (Bill). A loving Dad to Anne and Grandad to Sahlia and Sequoia, who left a legacy created by strength of character, integrity, kindness, and a gift to love deeply. A strong yet gentle man who loved life, adventure and had a marvellous sense of humour. We loved you dearly and you will be greatly missed.	 Thank you, Mum/Nana, for being Dad/ Grandad's guardian angel all these years, nurturing him through the ups and downs. It is because of you we were able to continue to make memories for such a long time. He loved you more than anything else. We love you so much Dad/Grandad. Rest in peace and forever in our hearts. Love Greg, Elise and Jessica	 FINLAY, William (Bill): Members and Committee of the Probus Club of Wonthaggi Inverloch Inc, deeply regret the passing of our valued and respected member. Bill was a friend to all and will be sadly missed.	 GLOVER, Geoff: 29.09.1930 - 22.01.2023. The Carrigy family would like to pass on their deepest sympathies to Hilda, Jeanette and the extended Glover family on the passing of Geoff.	KELLY, Walter John (Toby): 08.05.1939 - 23.01.2023. Loved brother of Fay, brother-in-law of Peter, Uncle to Jamie and Sharyn, Jeff and Katrina (dec.) and their families.	 Ciao Poppa! -- Christian, Samantha, Isabella, and William.
		 Dad, Grandad, You always had a smile for everyone, a laugh to share and a heart of gold. Thank you for always being part of our lives, a kind and loving Dad/ Grandad, and a beautiful husband to Mum. We love you, will miss you and always remember you. Love Leigh, Gary, Samantha, John, James and Mim	 Dad, We were blessed to have such an amazing father, father-in-law, grandfather and great grandfather in our life. You were a loyal, generous loving man blessed with a wicked sense of humour. You taught us so much and we will miss you greatly. You were our hero. Love always Karen and Michael, Madeleine and Nathan, Harrison, Sophie and Gus and Kyle and Grace.	 FISHER, Lewis Alexander: 21.04.1941 - 26.01.2023. Passed away peacefully at his home in Korumburra. Dearly loved husband of Elaine. Devoted father of Catherine and Tim, and Rachel.	 GLOVER, Geoff: 29.09.1930 - 22.01.2023. The Nyora Football Netball Club would like to pass on their deepest sympathies to Hilda, Jeanette and the extended Glover family after the recent passing of Geoff.	KELLY, Walter (Toby): Passed away 23.01.2023. Loved nephew of Lester and Ivy Wyatt (both dec.). Cousin and friend of Kelvin, Geoff, Lyle, Susan, and Leonie. His visits and yarns will be missed.	 Always remembered with love. Reunited with her loved ones.
		 Dad, My Billy Boy, my mate, my hero, my teacher. There are no words to express the pain of losing you. Thank you for being a great teacher in the lesson of life. We will miss your big smile. I miss our weekly chats already! The best father, father-in-law, and grandad. Forever in our hearts. Love Graeme, Tracey, Phoebe, Claire, and Louise	 FINLAY, Bill: Loved brother and brother-in-law of Col (dec.) and Glenda. Uncle of Michael and Christine, Vicki and Chris and families. Our love and deepest sympathy to Mary and families. Remembered always.	 HANSEN, Cecil Gibson "Sos": 30.06.1932 - 27.01.2023. Loved husband of Agnes (dec.) and Joy (dec.). GLOVER, Geoff: Loved brother and brother-in-law of Dorothy and Joe (dec.) Jury Loved uncle of Gael, Laurie and Lynda and their families	 PARKES, Allan Vincent: 29.12.1952 - 28.01.2023. Loved husband of Anne. Devoted dad to Emma, Allana, Jaynelle and their partners. Adored brother of Keith and David (dec.). Admired Grandad of Eevee, Jaxen and Angus. Respected brother-in-law of Peter, Bruce, Jeff and their families	 STEFANI (nee Pangrazzi), Olga Agatha: Much loved sister-in-law of Duilio and Bianca. Loved Zia Olga of Sergio, Danielle, Vivienne, and their families.	 STEFANI (nee Pangrazzi), Olga Agatha: Much loved sister-in-law of Duilio and Bianca. Loved Zia Olga of Sergio, Danielle, Vivienne, and their families.
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				 Resting Peacefully. For funeral details go to www.handleyanandersonfunerals.com.au	 PARKES, Allan Vincent: 29.12.1952 - 28.01.2023. Loved husband of Anne. Devoted dad to Emma, Allana, Jaynelle and their partners. Adored brother of Keith and David (dec.). Admired Grandad of Eevee, Jaxen and Angus. Respected brother-in-law of Peter, Bruce, Jeff and their families	 CLASSIFIED DEADLINE 12.30PM MONDAYS	 STEFANI (nee Pangrazzi), Olga Agatha: Much loved sister-in-law of Duilio and Bianca. Loved Zia Olga of Sergio, Danielle, Vivienne, and their families.

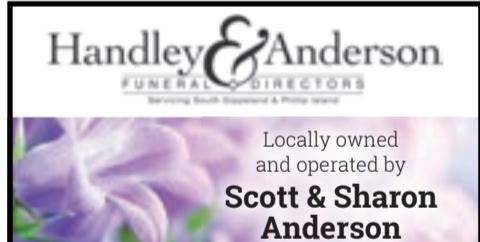


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WONTAGGI 5672 3123 PHILLIP ISLAND 5952 3485 PRE-ARRANGED AND PRE-PAID FACILITIES AVAILABLE Office - 102 Graham Street, Wonthaggi	SONNBERG, Donald (Don): 20.8.1947 - 21.01.2023. Loved husband of Jacqueline (dec.). Don will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.	 STEFANI (nee Pangrazzi), Agata "Olga": Loving and much loved sister-in-law of Angelina and Harry (dec.) Polato. Adored Zia of Loretta, Cristina, Nico, John (dec.), Liliana and all their families.	 STEFANI (nee Pangrazzi), Agata "Olga": Your smile, kindness and loving heart will live on forever in ours. Another beautiful flower in God's garden.
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STEFANI, Olga:
Loved sister-in-law of Maria (dec.) and Luciano (dec.).

Cherished Zia of Enrico (dec.), Attilio, Claudio, Bruno, Luisa, and their families.

Zia Olga, we will miss your gentle nature, kindness, and humour.

Love from the Cester family.

STEFANI, Olga:
Cara Olga, you will be deeply missed by all who knew you and will remain forever in our hearts.

May you rest in peace reunited with your beloved husband John (Giovanni).

Our heartfelt condolences to Christian, Samantha, Bella and Will. All our love - Zia Maria Pangrazzi (sister-in-law) and children Olga, Paul, Antoinette, and their families.

ZWYGART, Fred:
On January 24, 2023. Dearly loved husband of Marlene, father of Anthony and Kate and grandfather of Abbey (Arty), Becca and Meg.

Our thanks to Rose Lodge for their exceptional care.

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FUNERALS

ANDERSON:

The Memorial Service for Mrs Mary Margaret Anderson will be held at Handley & Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi on FRIDAY, February 3, 2023 commencing at 2pm

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FINLAY:

The Funeral Service for Mr. William (Bill) Finlay will be held at St. George's Anglican Church, McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi TODAY, TUESDAY, January 31, 2023, commencing at 2pm. At the conclusion of the service the funeral will leave for the Wonthaggi Cemetery.

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FUNERALS

FISHER:

A Funeral Service to Celebrate the life of Mr Lewis Alexander Fisher will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Queen Street, Korumburra on Friday February 3, 2023, commencing 1.30pm.

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GLOVER:

The Funeral Service for Mr. Geoffrey Glover will be held at the Nyora Football Club, Grundy Avenue, Nyora, TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY February 1, 2023, commencing at 11am.

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The service will be live-streamed, go to www.handleyandersonfunerals.com.au.

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STEFANI:

The Funeral Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Mrs Agata Olga Stefani will be held at St. Laurence's Catholic Church, Ogilvy Street, Leongatha on Monday, February 6, 2023, commencing at 11am.

The Funeral will leave at the conclusion of the Mass for the Leongatha Cemetery.

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Your loving son Tony, Tricia, all the grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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BELLIS:

The Bellis family would like to sincerely thank Wendy, Jenny, Kylie and Ian and all dear friends for helping us through this emotional and difficult time.

The offers of help were amazing.

A special thank you to K.D.H. staff for the compassion and care given to John, and support given to our family.

I would like to say a personal heartfelt thank you to Madeleine and Jason, without them I would be lost, and sister Janet who came from U.K.

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We are offering a flexible role with full training while you have the chance to gain extensive knowledge in the application of Australian tax laws and experience in a wide variety of accounting tasks.

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Applications close:
Thursday, February 9, 2023.

SITUATION VACANT Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit

GO KART SUPERVISOR

Full time position

The Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit is seeking a dedicated customer service professional to supervise the day-to-day operations of the Go Kart facility.

Key Responsibilities:

- Lead and develop a customer service focused team
- Supervise and ensure the smooth running of the daily Go Kart operations in line with policy and procedures
- Keep a high standard of maintenance and presentation regarding the Go Kart track, buildings and facilities

The successful applicant will possess:

- More than 3-year experience in a supervisory role
- Be enthusiastic with a strong work ethic
- Work well under pressure in a fast-paced environment

For the full position descriptions and closing date please visit our website:

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SITUATION VACANT Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit

GO KART MECHANIC

Full time position

We are currently seeking a qualified Light Vehicle Mechanic to maintain and service our Go Kart fleet located at the world-renowned Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit.

Key Responsibilities:

- Ensure the smooth operation of the Go Kart workshop
- Perform regular workshop spare part stock control, including ordering and stocktake
- Assist with the Go Kart operations including customer service and track marshalling as required

The successful applicant will possess:

- Mechanical knowledge and a minimum three years on the job experience
- Ability to work under pressure and to deadlines
- Success as a team player in a dynamic work environment

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Pharmacy Assistant Dispensary Technician

Part-time and full-time options

- Pharmacy assistant dispensary technician qualification preferred
- Excellent communication skills required
- Availability to work weekends
- Competent computer skills with patient-centred care essential

Applications close: Wednesday, March 1
Forward resume attention Louise to
amcalfax@dcsi.net.au

PUBLIC NOTICES

INVERLOCH RECREATION RESERVE

Notice is given of a PUBLIC MEETING

to be held at Inverloch Recreation Reserve on Wednesday, February 15, 2023 at 7.30pm.

The purpose of this meeting is to nominate no less than three (3) or more than nine (9) persons as the Committee of Management for the Inverloch Recreation Reserve for a term of three years.

The current committee's term will expire on March 1, 2023. All positions will be declared open and nominations will be accepted prior to or on the night. Nominations for women, Aboriginal people, people with disabilities, young people and people from culturally diverse backgrounds are encouraged.

Further information, nomination forms and nominee declarations may be obtained by contacting your local Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action Office, or at the meeting.

For further inquiries, please contact the Secretary, Chris Rankin on 0408 680 282.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Water Act 1989

Westernport Region Water Corporation (Trading as Westernport Water)

Water Restriction By-law 106

Westernport Water revokes Water Restriction By-law 105

In accordance with section 287ZC of the Water Act 1989, Westernport Water hereby gives notice that it has made a by-law, titled 'Water Restriction By-law 106', pursuant to sections 171 and 160 of the Water Act 1989.

Water Restriction By-law 106 is made using a Model Water Restriction By-law issued by the Minister for Water on 4 March 2022. Water Restriction By-law 106 is made in relation to restrictions and prohibitions on the use of water that may be imposed in the Water Supply Districts of Westernport Water.

The purpose of the by-law is to:

- promote the efficient use and conservation of water
- set out four stages of restrictions on the use of water
- specify things which must not be done while each stage of restriction persists
- specify principles for considering applications for exemptions from particular restrictions
- prescribe offences and penalties for the contravention of the by-law, including for which an infringement notice may be served
- prescribe classes of persons for the purpose of issuing infringement notices.

A copy of the By-law 106 is available for inspection by visiting our website,

by emailing: westport@westernportwater.com.au

or visiting our office at:

2 Boys Home Road Newhaven.

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One-club player Jake Hackett recently reached the 250 game milestone for Nyora.

Jake brings up 250th game for Nyora

PASSIONATE Nyora Cricket Club representative Jake Hackett brought up his 250th game for the club this month, just its fourth player to reach that milestone.

Making his senior debut as a 14-year-old in the 2004/5 season, Jake has never looked back, being a fixture at senior level ever since.

He joins fellow life members Les Glover, Wayne Richards and Peter Jensen in reaching the 250-game milestone at the club.

"He's a loyal one-club player, a past captain, and remains an onfield leader," Nyora Cricket Club secretary Adam White said, noting players can rely on Jake's honest feedback.

Jake's big game took place on rival turf at Bass Recreation Reserve.

It was appropriate that he was at the crease with brother Gavin when Nyora brought up the winning runs in its A2 clash with Kilcunda Bass.

Jake was 19 not out, with the brothers' partnership adding 52 runs to see Nyora home by seven wickets.

Jake's season highlight with the bat was 115 not out in a previous game against Kilcunda Bass in December, and he is averaging 62.8 for the campaign.

In his most recent knock, Jake was a handy contributor for Nyora making 31 in its first innings win over Foster and taking a wicket in the second innings.

Jake has been solid with the ball this season, albeit bowling limited overs, picking up six wickets at an average of 19.2.

The Hackett family are a big part of Nyora Cricket Club, with Jake's and Gavin's brother Brenton having previously played there.



Joe Van Dijk is one of five surfers who will be hitting the waves in NSW this weekend.

Waves, trophies and achievements

THE COUNTDOWN is on as Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) heads to Newcastle Beach this weekend (February 4-5) for the Hyundai Australian Boardriders Battle.

Presented by Zambrero, 24 clubs will battle it out in the country's biggest grassroots boardriders event that has involved more than 75 clubs and over \$110,000 in prize money across Australia.

Marking the 10th anniversary, PIBC are representing Victoria for their fourth consecutive year.

"Phillip Island Boardriders Club are honoured to be representing Victoria alongside Torquay Boardriders Club in Newcastle at the ABB on the 4th and 5th of February," PIBC President, Hannah Eisen said.

Coinciding with the opening of the Festival of Surfing at Bang Bang Bar and Restaurant (Cape Woolamai), Vice President, Geoff Russell, will launch the Festival of Surfing while President, Hannah Eisen will accompany the team to Newcastle.

"The eight state qualifying rounds have been, now 24 clubs will come together at the national final in Newcastle to battle it out to become series ten Australian champions.

"This is an amazing event which the club has been training really hard to try and achieve a good result."

As president, and long-time local surfer, Hannah could not be prouder of each surfers' achievements and performances.

"This year PIBC are taking some junior PIBC members up

to see what ABB is all about. I am looking forward to a great weekend with lots of surfing and a lot of fun."

Each team is made up of five surfers – two Open Men, one Open Woman, one Master (O35 male or female) and one Junior (U18 male or female). Open is classified as any age group.

"The Club Captain (Ash Easton) will also nominate a power surfer."

Broadcast live and free on the Seven Network's digital streaming platform, 7plus, Ash Easton, Dylan James, Carl Wright, Joe Van Dijk, Blake Green and Sage Goldsbury will be accompanied by fellow PIBC (cheer squad) members next weekend as they take on the NSW waves.

Wishing the team the best of luck on the waves.



OMK veteran Paul Harper celebrates his 400th game with family on the weekend.

Harper hits 400 game milestone for OMK

SATURDAY was a big day at Outtrim with OMK's Paul Harper playing his 400th club game.

Harper is an OMK life member, having represented the club in eight premierships, five of those as captain.

He's renowned as a great clubman whose leadership has had significant impact on other players at the club, including those who are up and coming.

Harper's illustrious career includes over 5,800 runs highlighted by three centuries.

While batting and keeping are his main strengths, he has taken 70 wickets with the ball, including one five wicket haul to the surprise of many at the club.

Now keeper in B2 competition, Harper has held over 380 catches in his OMK career.

His achievements have earned

him a club batting award, 13 fielding awards and two Captain of the Year awards.

Harper made 14 in OMK's win over Glen Alvie on the weekend, topping off the celebratory mood by handing over the keeping gloves to snaffle a wicket with the ball.

That success ended the match and started the milestone party, as Harper finished with 1/12.

Family fun at the Cutback Festival

THE PHILLIP Island Boardriders Club lays claim to be the oldest continuously running surfing club in Australia, and as they celebrate 60 years, the Festival of Surfing is a time for surfers and the community to come together, share the stoke and celebrate their rich history.

The Cutback Festival, February 25, is a community-focused, family friendly music event that includes surf movies, food trucks, vintage surfboard display alongside memorabilia, skate activities, raffle and mural painting by Steve Parker.

Kicking off at 3pm the event will not disappoint. To get your tickets visit pibc.com.au/cutbackfestival

Phillip Island Bridge results

THERE were 6 and a half tables on Monday the 23 January. Greg Nicholson and Deb Anglim were winners for North/South with 62.08%. Lorrie Read and Neville Chapman weren't far behind on 60.42%. Lois Dwyer and Anne Gibson came in third on 55.83%.

East/West players Karen Klym and Diane Coleman got top percentage for the day with 63.93%. In second place were Maureen Stiles and Hannah Martin on 58.98%.

Shirley Stewart and Bron Sund finished third on 50.71%.

Attendance on Wednesday 25, was light with only three tables.

Leng Leng Haggith and Caroline Shaw added to their master points with 69.17%. Diane Coleman and Molly Downing were next in line with 55%. Paul Waylen and Karen Klym were a fraction behind on 49.17%.

Social Bridge commences this Thursday at 1.00pm. Tables fees are \$2.

It is intended to start each session with discussion on a bridge topic of interest to be nominated by attendees. To ensure there are sufficient numbers please register with Wendy on 0459200265 by Wednesday Evening.



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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 31
1.05am	0.64m
7.34am	1.45m
1.43pm	0.29m
9.00pm	1.4m

WEDNESDAY	February 1
1.49am	0.74m
8.15am	1.37m
2.27pm	0.34m
9.56pm	1.37m

THURSDAY	February 2
2.39am	0.82m
9.01am	1.29m
3.17pm	0.39m
10.55pm	1.34m

FRIDAY	February 3
3.38am	0.89m
9.57am	1.23m
4.19pm	0.42m
11.57pm	1.34m

SATURDAY	February 4
4.53am	0.91m
11.01am	1.19m
5.28pm	0.43m

SUNDAY	February 5
12.58am	1.37m
6.11am	0.88m
12.06pm	1.18m
6.31pm	0.41m

MONDAY	February 6
1.50am	1.41m
7.18am	0.82m
1.06pm	1.21m
7.26pm	0.38m



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INVERLOCH

CORPORATE Bowls starts up again on February 1, some of the bowlers are chaffing at the bit to try their skills again.

Pennant results:

Midweek Division 1 Inverloch 55 defeated Wonthaggi 42. Ladder position 1st. Division 2 Inverloch 57 defeated Land Lang 45. Ladder position 3rd. Division 3 Inverloch 45 defeated Fish Creek 29. Ladder position 3rd.

Weekend Division 1 Inverloch 63 defeated Leongatha 46 Ladder 6th. Division 2 Inverloch 61 defeated by Leongatha 63. Ladder position 5th. Division 3 Inverloch 54 defeated by Leongatha 69. Ladder position 6th. Division 4 Inverloch 53 defeated by Tarwin Lower 62. Ladder position 6th.

Social Bowls:

Twenty-five players fronted up with 2 visitors from other clubs. Players were split into 7 teams of triples and one team of 4 each playing 2 games of 10 ends. Runners Up on 2 wins and 31 points were the team of Bill Selby (skip), Tony Attard (Sunshine RSL) and Allan Johnstone. Winners on the day on 2 wins and 33 points were the team of Geoff Coleman (skip), Jeff Curwood and Di Selby.

KORUMBURRA

ANOTHER busy week around the club with Pennant.

On Tuesday, Division one travelled to Corinella.

Jo Lomagno had a win getting up 18 shots to 17, Judith Nicholl had a 19 all draw while Lena Harfield went down 10 shots to 22 an overall 11 shot loss.

Division 3 hosted Tarwin Lower with Cheryl Moore getting up 17 shots to 16. Unfortunately Katrina Evans went down 9 shots to 23 an overall 13 shot loss.

On Australia Day we had the Les and Jessie Chapman Australia Day fours sponsored by Ross Chapman Cartage, winners of the day were local team Col Underwood Peter Spark George Hams and Bob Snooks.

Runners up were the Meenian team of Robyn and Dale Scott Ray Corry and Rita Richardson.

We thank the Chapman family for their support.

Saturday Pennant saw Division one travel to Mirboo North with the news all bad.

Col Underwood had a 13 to 23 loss, Ken Cecil lost 34 to 7 while Rob Cosson lost 13 to 29.

Division 2 hosted Loch with Graham Freestone the only winning rink getting up 22 shots to 19, Rob Sund lost 22 to 18 while Les Eastman went down 25 shots to 10.

Division 4 also hosted Loch with better results. Alan Cherratt had 23 shots to 14 win, Jo LoMagno had a 25 16 win, while Peter Horsfield lost 20 to 25 an overall 13 shot win.

Thanks to Loch and Mirboo North for allowing early starts to avoid the heat.

LEONGATHA

ROUND 11 of the Midweek Pennant competition was played on January 24.

The result of the Division 1 game was a win to Leongatha by defeating Meenian with an overall score of 68/46 shots and 14 points.

Leongatha Div 1 are now ranked in 3rd position on the ladder.

The Midweek Pennant Division 3 game against Loch was won by Leongatha with an overall score of 47/31 shots and 10 points.

Leongatha Div 3 are now ranked in 4th position on the ladder.

The Monthly Triples was played on Wednesday, January 25, with 21 teams represented on the day. Sponsorship was provided by TTMI which has built a office across the road from the Leongatha Bowls Club. Paul Fawcett a staff member of the firm presented the prize money to the winning team being A. Robertson, K. Watson and J. Bowman.

Round 12 of the Saturday Pennant competition Division 1 game against Inverloch was won by Leongatha with an overall score of 63/41 shots and 14 points. Leongatha Div 1 are now ranked in third position on the ladder.

The Division 2 game was played at Leongatha against Inverloch and the home side recorded a close win with an overall score of 63/61 shots and 13 points Leongatha Div 2 are now ranked in second position on the ladder.

Round 12 of the Division 3 game was played at home against Inverloch and the Leongatha side recorded their first win for the current Pennant season which was accepted joyously (whoopee). The overall score was 69/54 shots and 14 points. Leongatha Div 3 side are still bringing up the rear and ranked in 8th position.

Barefoot Bowls

This continues next Tuesday, January 31, for four weeks.

It would be great if all members at some stage over these next four weeks could give up some of their time to help at some stage.

Kitty Club this Friday night February 3.

MIDWEEK

WHAT a great way to spend Australia Day. With our friends enjoying what could only be called a perfect day.

Twenty-six bowlers turned up to once more fight it out for the honour of leading the charge for the week.

Winners on 35 points were:

Michael Dady (S), Frank d'Univerville (3), Bill Williams (L)

Runners Up on 34 points were:

Michael Walton (S), Dehlia Cave (3), Enid Johnson (2), Max Williams (L)

Best One Game on 21 points were:

Terry Floyd (S), Ken Barnes (3), Tony Morris (L)

A big thank you to all our players for turning up and making this Australia day so memorable.

Looking forward to seeing everyone next week at Koo Wee Rup at 10am for a 10:30am start.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

AN AMAZING week of bowling with a total of 49 players competing over the week 23 on Tuesday 26 on Friday.

Just a reminder that Wednesday nights competition (united)

begins on 1/2/23 be there 7pm. Tuesday's winners with a plus four winning both games were Phylis Peterson, John Postlethwaite, Allan Ireland and Jim Wilson.

Coming second on plus 6 winning one game only were Teresa Ireland, Helen Rook, Lia Smith and John Rook.

Friday's winners with a plus 10 winning both games were Lia Smith, Fred Demenech and Judy Sweetman.

Runners up on plus four with a win and a draw were Rhonda Rattenbury, Jan Milkins and John Postlethwaite.

WONTHAGGI

AS USUAL another busy week at the club starting with Mid Week Pennant on Tuesday.

Div 1 travelled to Inverloch to do battle with a team that is always hard to beat.

The final scores Wonthaggi 42 Inverloch 55.

Div 2 travelled to Phillip Island with a win in mind against good opposition.

The final scores Wonthaggi 52 Phillip Island 63.

Bare Foot bowls is going well on Tuesday night with perfect weather and a happy group. Wednesday social bowls saw a smaller number of twenty-five grace the greens.

Teams of three and four were the order of the day with two games of ten ends.

There were two teams that were two game winners with the unlucky team being Rob Westbrook, Tony Marotta, John Hill and Doug Archer a visitor from Inverloch with a score of 2 wins and 33 points.

The winners were the team of Allan Gilmour, Frank Cimino and Rob Aitken with a score of 2 wins and 34 points. Thursday was a big day for Wonthaggi with the club hosting the Strzelecki champion of champions.

Saturday Pennant saw Wonthaggi and Phillip Island play in all divisions with all matches starting at 10.00am.

Div 1 travelled to Phillip Island looking for a win to keep their season on track.

The final scores Wonthaggi 39 Phillip Island 53.

Div 2 played host to Phillip Island at Wonthaggi once again with a 11.00 am start.

Being top team the visitors were ready to play with Wonthaggi looking for a win.

The final scores Wonthaggi 49 Phillip Island 62.

Div 3 also played host to Phillip Island at home and went about their work and were able to get the result they were after in a very tight match.

The final scores Wonthaggi 57 Phillip Island 49.

Div 4 travelled to Phillip Island looking for a win to get into the top four.

The final scores Wonthaggi 53 Phillip Island 67.

The Ladder positions Div 1 4th, Div 2 4th, Div 3 1st, Div 4 5th, Mid Week Div 1 2nd, Div 2 1st. The club is delighted with the presentation to Rod Beech on Australia Day with his award for service to the community. Look for a photo of Rod on our Facebook page and on our Web page. Bowls this week Tuesday Mid Week Pennant Bare Foot Bowls. Wednesday Turkey Triples. Thursday social bowls at 10.00am. Friday coaching at 10.00 am. Saturday Pennant.



Korumburra's winners of Australia Day fours Col Underwood, George Hams, Bob Snooks, Peter Spark and organiser Ken Cecil.



Korumburra's runners up of Australia Day fours Rita Richardson, Dale Scott, Robyn Scott, Ray Corry and organiser Ken Cecil.



Inverloch Bowling Club social bowls winners Geoff Coleman (skip), Di Selby and Jeff Curwood.

Exciting times for croquet club

WONTHAGGI Croquet Club's new pavilion is confirmed to begin in February at the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve, Wentworth Road.

Council appointed TS Constructions Pty Ltd - Master Builders Victoria's 2022 Regional Commercial Builder of the Year.

Benefits for the community from the new space - for members and visitors of the Wonthaggi Croquet Club - include: fully accessible facilities; office space; full kitchen with modern appliances; multi-purpose social space and a deck with views over the existing lawns; and a new equipment shed.

The new energy efficient facility

will provide a permanent home for the Wonthaggi Croquet Club, who have been operating from a small portable building for many years.

Club members and guests will be able to continue with their competitions and practice throughout the construction.

Works are to be completed by early August 2023, subject to favourable weather, contractor availability and material supply.

The total project cost is \$727,650, jointly funded by Sport & Recreation Victoria (\$459,000), Council's Capital Works Program (\$243,650) and the Wonthaggi Croquet Club (\$25,000).



January Westernport Field and Game winners.

Stan McFee Memorial

WESTERNPORT Field and Game held the Stan McFee Memorial/Club Championship on January 14-15 with 83 shooters competing on Saturday and 102 shooters on Sunday.

Three rounds of 33/33/34 were shot Saturday and 2 rounds of 38/37 with Julian Lieshout, Wade McGirr and Bobby Jacobsen shooting the perfect 25/25 on Saturday and Robert Passarin and Brian Sartori on Sunday.

Gold sponsors for the event were Betsys Glass, Plumbers Now Contracting and sponsors Cowes TV and Antenna Systems, and J&K Handyman Services.

Overall scores:

Club Champion and High Gun: Jarryd Passarin with a score of 161.

Grade winners are:

AA Grade: 1st Robert Passarin (159), 2nd Alan White (158) and 3rd Wade McGirr (156).

A Grade: 1st Matt Harris-Spencer (159), 2nd Bobby Jacobsen (155) and 3rd Julian

Lieshout (152).

B Grade: 1st Nick Trajkovski (128), 2nd Trevor Columbine (127) and 3rd Jarvis Atkinson (126).

C Grade: 1st Sam Columbine (126), 2nd Anthony Koumis (113) and 3rd Jai Derrick (112).

Veterans: 1st Lionel Bradley (143), 2nd Warwick Cumberland (119) and 3rd Danny Genovese (96).

Ladies: 1st Sarah Fritsch (135), 2nd Anna Wratten (135) and 3rd Brooke Tangey (134).

Juniors: 1st Will Witkowski (148), 2nd Mitchell Briscoe (78) and 3rd Brianna Tangey (42).

Our next shoot is on Sunday February 19, consisting of 75 targets with nominations commencing at 9:30am. MCC Field and Game will again join us in a friendly inter club competition.

Self-nominations will be available through MCMS before the event. Clay target shooting is suitable for all genders, ages and fitness levels with juniors shooting for free.

Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun

THIS weekend was the first market weekend of 2023, which meant a few more visitors were attracted to this friendly parkrun event. Thirty-one people laced up their running or walking shoes and took on the Grand Ridge Rail Trail at their own pace.

There are parkrun events all around the world (just ask Mark and Liz who sampled a few!).

Some courses have many switchbacks, crowds into the hundreds and pavements with no views! Us regular parti-

Written by Julia Groves

pants were reminded just how lucky we are to have this event on our doorstep.

Many thanks to the volunteers this week: Stephanie Collins, Holly Grady, Julia Groves, Leon McDonald, Chris Waldron, Eudora Walker, Glenn Wearne and Linda Zhang.

You can sign up at parkrun.com.au and come along any Saturday morning- we give a briefing just after 7.45am and set off at 8am.

Perfect conditions at Koonwarra

By Etsuko Yasunaga

THE LAST Saturday of January we all gathered at the picnic table at Great Southern Rail Trail. It was a perfect sunny morning for Koonwarra parkrun. Run director Steve Fuer started the briefing with acknowledging the two aboriginal countries where our course runs, and revisiting the spirit of 'Hygge' in our parkrun community.

Christie Nelson reached her 100th milestone today and wore a special 100th cape. Congratulations Christie on this significant milestone. We had visitors from Warragul, Ballarat, Altona Beach, Parkville, Chelsea, Wilson Botanic, Frog Hollow and Penrith Lakes and they were warmly welcomed.

Steve Dinneen who was paced

by dual Olympian Liam Adams ran the course record of 15:43, 11 seconds faster than the previous record. That is an astonishing pace of 3:086 minutes per km! Congratulations Steve on achieving the new course record for Koonwarra parkrun.

We had 117 participants, 16 people were first timers, and 11 people achieved new personal bests: Stephen Dinneen 15:43 (Koonwarra course record), Joel Cahir 18:46, Katrina Hall 25:52, Janice Dunn 27:01, Jeanette Brown 29:35, Ellen Wilson 32:01, Oliviah Joyce 33:10, Steve Santilli 34:33, Tracey Anderson 35:02, Brad Turner 35:39 and Carolyn Turner 38:21.

KORUMBURRA

WINNERS last week: Men's competition. Tuesday, January 24 - Stableford (30 Players)

A Grade: Ev Allaway (15) 41pts. B Grade: John Kerr (24) 40pts. NTPs: 1st Steve Duffield, 7th Peter Hislop 10th Doc Dixon and 13th Mat Wrigley.

Thursday, January 26 - Stableford (60 Players)

A Grade: Paul Hopkins (11) 40pts. B Grade: Deb Wrigley 38pts.

NTPs: 1st Peter Van Agtmael, 7th Russell Fields, 10th David Sorrell and 13th Levi Cocksedge.

Saturday, January 28, Sponsor: Elders, 2 Man Ambrose: Member/Guest Rob Gallagher & Scott Roda 57.75. 2 Man Ambrose: Member/Member, Zac Scholte & Billie Wrigley 60.75

NTPs: 1st Nick Moore, 7th Shane Pouw, 10th Zac Scholte and 13th Peter Johnson.

Ladies

THE club was rapt to have eighteen women have a go at playing golf on Beginners Day last week.

The purpose of the day is for those who have had little or no opportunity to play golf to come along and experience the game.

Member/guest winning pair were Lynette McIvor and Sharon Cox.

R/Up were Allison Henderson and Merrissa Cosson.

Third place went to Tanya and Aliesha Wrigley.

NTP: 1st Barb Twite and 7th Aliesha.

The member/member comp was won by Johanna van den Heiligenberg and Lee Clements with Julie Brannagan NTP on the 13th.

The novelty event, the team with matching outfits, went to Mandy Seater and Trudy Mantell, with the Wrigley family donating the prize.

Our twilight 9 hole comp had a novelty free throw last Thursday night. Winning with 25pts were Johanna VDH and Betty Thomson. R/Up 23pts Allan and Lyn Perks.

Saturday was sponsored by Elders Real Estate and we thank them for their ongoing support. Winning with a fabulous score of 44pts was Jennie Loughnan (41).

R/Up with 41pts Lee Clements (21). BDTL went to Aliesha Wrigley 35pts and Judy Webb 34pts. NTPs: 1st Johanna, 10th and 13th Lee.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY Stableford January 24. On Tuesday 71 members/guests played in a Stableford Round.

A-Grade Winner: John Ryan with 40 pts. A-Grade Runners-up: Garry Rotteveel with 39 pts.

B-Grade Winner: Timothy McCarthy with 38 pts. B-Grade Runners-up: John French with 37 pts.

C-Grade Winner: Graham Fitton with 42 pts. C-Grade Runners-up: David Child with 35 pts on a countback.

NTP 14th: Dean Kellet at 200cm.

NTP 16th: Stephen Lacy at 220cm.

Special Congratulations to Michael Westaway for his Eagle on the third.

Australia Day Stableford.

On Thursday we had an excellent turnout with 119 members/guests play in the Stableford event.

A-Grade Winner: Peter Hart with 36 pts on a countback.

A-Grade Runners-up: Glen Marshall with 36 pts on a countback

B-Grade Winner: Darren Read with 39 pts.

B-Grade Runners-up: Gordon Walling with 37 pts.

C-Grade Winner: Ian Debengam with 42 pts. C-Grade Runners-up:



Korumburra's Beginners Day: Allison Henderson/Merrissa Cosson, Lyn McIvor/Sharon Cox (absent for photo), Tanya Wrigley/Aliesha Wrigley.

Tyrone Zukovskis with 40 pts.

D-Grade Winner: Steve Vuillermin with 41 pts. D-Grade Runners-up: Kate Dwyer with 36 pts on a countback

Saturday, January 28, Par.

On Saturday 91 members/guests endured a warmer day during the Saturday Par round.

A Grade Winner: Phil Douglass with a score of 4 up. A Grade R/Up: Mark Lafferty with a score of Square.

B Grade Winner: Barry Attwood with a score of 5 up on a countback. B Grade R/Up: Gordon Morrison with a score of 5 up.

C Grade Winner: John Moor with a score of 1 up on a countback. C Grade R/Up: Peter Read with a score of 1 up.

D Grade Winner: James Sandman with a score of 7 up on a countback. D Grade R/Up: Ian Watson with a score of 7 up.

Special Congratulations to Craig Hutchison for his Eagle on the 5th NTP 14th Hole Renato Monacella with 1.80 m. NTP 16th Hole Michael Thomas with 1.37 m.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, January 26, Stableford.

A Grade: B Bradshaw (10) 37 pts. B Grade: J Mc Farlane (17) 39 pts. C Grade: T Tomada (32) 38pts. DTL: D Evans, N Baker 37, J Smeriglio, G Shandley, P Kearns 36. J Kidd 35 c/b.

NTP: 4th S Beitz, 6th J Kidd, 13th D Taylor, 16th R Kidd.

Birdies: 4th S Beitz, A Liebe, W Gervasi, 6th J Kidd, 13th B Bradshaw.

Saturday, January 28, Par.

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Birdies: 4th D Taylor, P Woodall. Eagles: B Bradshaw, 17th.

WONTHAGGI

MEN'S results January 28, S.R 71

Competition type: Stableford A Grade: Allan McLean 39

B Grade: A Hooton-Shandley 42

C Grade: Glen Rielly 46

NTPs: Bill Howard 2nd, Gerald Michael 4th, John Geyer 8th, Simon O'Halloran 13th, Shane Osborne money hole 17th.

Men's results January 26.

Competition type: Stableford 18 Hole SR. 71.

Winner: Gary Lock 43.

Runner up: David Ricardo 43.

Men's results January 26.

Competition type: Stableford Front 9-hole, SR. 34.5.

Twilight golf at Korumburra

THE Korumburra Golf Club is trying to drum up more interest in their Thursday evening, 9-hole twilight competition.

The social event has been running for years, with players urged to play in mixed pairs,

or social groups, and to bring something to eat and to share.

The event will run through until the end of daylight savings and is open to all. Sign-up sheet at the clubhouse of call (03) 5655 1886, email admin-kgc@dcsi.net.au for details.

Ladies

THE great summers scores continue to be posted.

There were 24 players and Simone Lindsay had the round of the day to win C Grade with (45) 48 pts, and a new handicap of 41 A Grade was won by Catherine Bolding (21) 41 pts.

Dawn Judkins was our B Grade winner (31) 40 pts.

BDL R Wilkinson 39, Pam Hanley 39, Merryn Dear 38, Irene Walsh 37, Patsy Britt 37, Jan Beaumont 36, Bev Bobson 36, Betty Bowmar 36.

WOORAYL

A FABULOUS field of 58 players attended the club's season opening Australia Day 4BBB mixed and men's event.

There was some early drizzle but the day cleared for great golfing weather and some fantastic scores were carded.

Thanks to Lois and Graham Young both Life Members of the club for their continued sponsorship of this event with it being 24 years of support for this day.

The winners of the mixed with a great score were Pauline and Lance Lancaster 48pts with runners up Ross and Sherrill Winkler 47pts on a countback from Sharyn and Peter Rayson.

In the men's event the duo of Troy Scoble and Daniel Pearce had a day out with the super winning score of 53 pts.

DLBs went to 47 pts S & P Rayson, M Hanly & B Walsh, 46pts G & J Fennell, N & T Hanly, M Grist & W Turner.

NTPs Ladies 8th Jean Hayes, Men 8th Michael Collins and 17th Paul Jones.

Ladies

WE'RE BACK, the summer break is over and 19 women arrived full of enthusiasm and hope for a great year of good golf.

Thanks again to Mitre 10 for their continued sponsorship of our opening day.

We welcomed Maggie Robjant, Narelle Sullivan and Jean Hayes to our Ambrose event.

There was much laughter both on the course and in the retelling of stories during our shared lunch.

The clever group of Jenny Risley, Fay Maynard, Sherrill Winkler and Lyn De'laney with a handicap of 17 3/4 came in with a hot score of 62 1/4.

Closely followed by runners-up were Jo Fennell, Heather Sullivan and Narelle Sullivan with a handicap of 16 came in with a score of 62 1/2.



The Tyrrell 012, in the original Benetton sponsored livery as driven by Michele Alboreto in 1983, will hit the track at the Phillip Island Classic in March.

Phillip Island Classic 'Festival of Motorsport' to return

THE 2023 Phillip Island Classic – Festival of Motorsport will host a number of spectacular historic F1 cars from Europe along with nine international drivers competing at the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit on March 10 – 12.

Regarded as the largest historic motor race in the Southern Hemisphere, the 'Festival of Motor Sport' is renowned for attracting some of the finest historic race cars in the world and this year will certainly not disappoint local and international fans.

The 1974 Surtees TS16/02 was designed and built by the legendary John Surtees, raced in Argentinian, British, South African, Spanish, Belgian,

Swedish, Monaco and French Grand Prix's over the 1974/1975 seasons. Now owned by Marc Devis a prolific-historic racer and a regular participant in the Master Racing Legends for 1966-1985 F1 cars, the Surtees TS16 car has continued to be raced in historic events in Britain and Europe.

Of particular Australian significance is the 1977 Shadow DN8 of James Constable, a Formula One car of the Shadow Team during the 1976, 1977 and 1978 Formula One season. Driven by 1980 World Champion Alan Jones, Jones finished in the points in Monaco and Belgium and won the 1977 Austrian Grand Prix.

Racing at Phillip Island will

also be the Tyrrell 012 in the original Benetton sponsored livery as driven by Michele Alboreto in 1983. Designed by Maurice Phillippe and Brian Lissles the chassis was used by the factory team between the 1983 Dutch Grand Prix and the 1985 Australian Grand Prix.

Now owned by Ian Simmonds in the UK, Chassis 012-1 is recorded as having contested nine Formula 1 World Championships over this period and has raced in the historic Masters in the UK and Europe over the last ten years. Drivers included Michele Alboreto, Stefan Bellof, Martin Brundle, Stefan Johansson and Danny Sullivan.

Six international cars will be competing against some of Australia's top drivers including Guido Belgiorno-Nettis in the 1985 Ferrari 156/85, Ian Buddery in the 1986 March 86C, Ian Ross in the 1985 Lola THL1-F1 plus two other F1 cars not previously raced here, Formula 5000's and Formula Holden's in a grid of 40 cars.

With some of the largest crowds expected, the Phillip Island Classic-'Festival of Motorsport' will be held at the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit over the long weekend March 10 – 12, with one, two and three day tickets available at the gate.

Gippsland Goannas win clash against South Gippsland rivals

GIPPSLAND Goannas Over 60s have retained the annual Gippsland Lifestyle Magazine trophy by beating South Gippsland in a high quality game at Stephenson Park in Sale on Sunday.

The Goannas captain, Rino Metlikovec, won the toss and batted on a good wicket but with a slow outfield.

Rob Taylor and Ray Floyd opened the batting, with Floyd caught for 6 and Taylor bowled for 12. Player-of-the match Ken Bailey (36 off 30 balls) and Rino Metlikovec (30 off 33 balls) then dominated the bowling with some enterprising batting, supported by Ian Southall (19 not out), Neil Meredith (11), Ian Gibson (14) and Rob Bacchetti (12).

Two run outs were a disappointing part of the Goannas innings.

The final score of the Goannas – 152 – looked light, but proved to be adequate following some tight bowling and solid fielding. The South Gippsland batsmen worked hard for their runs, but struggled to take control at any time.

The opening bowlers for the Goannas, Ian Southall and Rob Bacchetti, bowled accurate spells, with Bacchetti's 1 for 7 off six tight overs being a highlight.



Goannas captain Rino Metlikovec from Churchill attacks the South Gippsland bowling.



Korumburra's Oleg Makovey plays a nice forehand in a match at Leongatha on Saturday.

Alambee Mirboo & District Tennis results

A DAY of all seasons this week – hot and windy in particular.

Although some scores seem one-sided, there have been a lot of tiebreakers – good to see and keeps the scores interesting throughout the match.

In Section 1, Korumburra won two men's sets against Inverloch, one of those in a tie-breaker. Leongatha North lost a tiebreaker and won their first mixed. Section 1 ladder hasn't changed in the last three rounds.

In Section 2, Korumburra were big winners over Leongatha Green. A tiebreaker in the first ladies set was a long one. It was great to see Ethan and Zac Langstaff playing with their "Pa" Neil Langstaff. Well done to Leongatha Gold for winning against Baromi. The match was very even with lots of long rallies. It was a great game to watch.

Section 1 results: Inverloch 7.65 defeated Korumburra 2.36, Westernport 8.69 defeated Leongatha North 1.43, Koonwarra BYE Ladder: Inverloch 97, Westernport 78, Koonwarra 57.5, Leongatha North 51, Korumburra 47.5

Section 2 results: Korumburra 9.72 defeated Leongatha Green 0.36, Leongatha Gold 6.62 defeated Baromi 3.49, Outtrim BYE Ladder: Outtrim 78, Korumburra 72, Leongatha Gold 71, Baromi 69.5, Leongatha Green 38.5



Korumburra's Chris Amor digs out a ball near the net at Leongatha on Saturday.



Macy stands alongside Djokovic with the coveted Norman Brookes Challenge Cup on Sunday evening.
Photo: AAP Photos

Best seat in the house at the Australian Open men's final

THERE was a wild crowd in Melbourne on Sunday night as Serbian Novak Djokovic took on Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas in a thrilling final.

And whilst your average person would be pretty damn pleased to have been court side, one local 15-year-old Cape Paterson girl had even better seats in the house.

2023 Top Gun Ballkid recipient Macy Peterson was part of the action on court.

"I am still excited about last night," Macy stated on Monday as she ventured home with mum, Lyndal, after the men's final.

Excited and shocked were an understatement for the young gun who has participated as a ballgirl in the last four Australian Opens, two as a leader.

"This is insane and unbelievable! I was shaking, my hands and legs, everything was shaking, it didn't feel real."

"It means a lot for me to be top gun, I've done this for four years and wish I could come back, it's such a good community and an experience of a lifetime."

The shock extended beyond Macy with Lyndal initially questioning the news.

"We are very proud! I didn't believe her when she told me," Lyndal exclaimed.

"It was very surprising, but very exciting!"

Macy is also one of very few who can claim the privilege of handling the coveted trophy un-gloved.

"Djokovic handed Macy the trophy to hold with him – it was fantastic," Lyndal added having watched from nearby courts.

An avid sportswoman, Macy's passion on court was cemented after her dad, Greg took her to the tennis.

Trying out before her 12th birthday Macy was successful in securing a position, and every year since, and the rest is history.

"I enjoy meeting new people. It's a close-up view of the game. The best seats in the house!"

Two squads rotate on

each court, with ballkids performing 45 minutes on court before rotating out for a 45-minute break.

Blisters and physio trips are some of the problematic downsides to the job, but Macy wouldn't change it.

"You can also get knee burn from the mats, kneeling down they get very hot."

"It's very rare you're allocated on the same court two days in a row, but as top gun I had the privilege of being on court for both the men's and women's finals."

"The crowd was great during the men's match; the women's game was slower but was really good tennis to watch. It's a lot of fun and you get to meet new people – the supervisors are great."

Alongside Djokovic, Macy was also fortunate to meet Ash Barty and many other high-profile players over the years, and also counts the near record-breaking match earlier in the week amongst her credits, on court.

"I got to (be a ballkid) at the sold-out exhibition game, that was a lot of fun and the Andy Murray/Thanasi Kokkinakis match that went until 4am."

"That was by far my earliest and latest game I've ever done."

"Macy was also supposed to have the day off the following day, but they were short and was asked earlier in the day to come in the next day – a bad decision," Lyndal smiled.

Lyndal and Greg could not be prouder of their daughter, even if it has meant balls rolling down the hallway and around corners of the home with a quick catch called.

"I'm a little bit competitive," Macy said.

"I keep fit by playing a lot of sport, I love basketball, netball and tennis and used to play football and soccer."

The Road to TopGun has also been filming with a documentary crew spending time with Macy during and in the build up to the Australian Open.



The AMX MX OPEN was presented by Penrite Oil, Wonthaggi Motorcycle Club and KMG. Z31_0523

AMX MX OPEN hailed a success



The AMX MX OPEN juniors is important for the targeted growth, and they put on a brilliant performance on Sunday afternoon. Z33_0523



The AMX MX OPEN saw great racing with 280 entries for the 2023 race. Z32_0523

THE AMX OPEN has been hailed a success by riders, industry leaders and fans. The Wonthaggi Motorcycle Club and KMG worked closely together for a third year and club president Chris Townsend wants more of these events in the future.

"280 entries, a large crowd, trade displays and great racing, what more can we ask for. The entry numbers have improved year on year and that's in line with the growth we have been experiencing in motorcycling," said Townsend.

Chris continued, by saying "The clubs need these types of events; their success helps us improve our infrastructure and resources. Yarrive and his team of people and the event sponsors help make this event rewarding for all involved."

Event coordinator, Yarrive Konsky appreciates the efforts of those involved.

"Firstly, without the Bass Coast Shire this event isn't possible, neither is the equal prize money amongst the Pro Women and Men. Between the Bass Coast Shire, Motorcycling Victoria, and the Dandenong Club (Wonthaggi) we are able to deliver a professional event that provides something for everyone. The inclusion of juniors, girls, senior men, and women is important for our targeted growth, such inclusion creates accessibility which inspires and influences participation," said Konsky.

Kyle Webster won the Pro Open Class aboard his Factory Honda CRF450R, his teammate finished second.

In the MX2 class it was Nathan Crawford who took the honours against his teammate Kayden Miner. Both riders rode brilliantly on their KTM's, Honda rider Brodie Connolly took third. Webster and

Crawford were pleased with their results.

"Three wins from four starts is a good way to start the year off. I made some mistakes and I need to clean those up, but overall, the bike is great, and I am ready for the season ahead," said Webster.

Whilst Crawford was pleased with his results, he believes he has not yet reached his potential.

"It's going to be a big season, but I am happy with where I am at, given there is five weeks to go before the first round of the Nationals," said Crawford.

Kawasaki's Taylah McCutcheon was dominate winning the Women's Pro class ahead of Honda's Tahlia O'Hare and Emma Milesevic.

Taylah was thrilled with her overall performance and is looking forward to round one of the Women's nationals in five weeks.

"I didn't know what to expect as this is a new team and bike for me. I am pumped with the overall result as I know we can improve on this as we prepare for round one of the MX Nationals in a few weeks," said McCutcheon.

McCutcheon also appreciated the equality with prize money.

"We train hard, we know we aren't as fast as some of the men, but we are training as hard to be the best in our class and to be treated equally for the effort we put in is appreciated."

The AMX MX OPEN has already been approached to run again next year. The \$20,000 in prize money is appreciated by everyone, the club does a tremendous job with the track and the sponsors and KMG come together for betterment of the riders and sport.



Introduction of the jockeys of the 2023 Woolamai Cup on Saturday afternoon before the big race. Z24_0523



Smiles all round as winning trainer Lachlan Cormick and jockey Shaun Cooper accept their 2023 Woolamai cup trophies from race sponsors Tom Gibson and Greg Price of Alex Scott & Staff. Z22_0523

Grande Marengo takes the 2023 Alex Scott and Staff Cup

WHAT a day for the 2023 Woolamai races with Grande Marengo taking out the Woolamai cup for trainer Luke Oliver and jockey Shaun Cooper – a good win for owners Lachlan and Emma.

The crowd were embracing the atmosphere of the summer weather and live music by Imogen Price, whilst celebrating the fashions on the field hosted by Eventful Horizons Wedding and Event Decorating with Glenn and Jessica Odgers.

Judges Mandy Manning and Karlie Owen joined Jessica in selecting fashion finalists from the crowd, looking for the glorious return of style to the country racing festival – selecting those who incorporated colour and accessories.

Throughout the afternoon, MC Glenn and Jessica highlighted three category winners, including best suited, best couple, and best dressed, with Angela Merton taking out best dressed for her bright green creative look.

“It was time to bring fashion back to country racing, to celebrate individual styles and highlight the personalities attending the Woolamai cup – a little extra fun on race day,” said Jessica.

The fashions on the field were sponsored by Influence clothing, the Wonthaggi Club, the Westernport Hotel, the Phillip Island Winery, Jettah and Till design, the Conlan family and the Woolamai Racing Club – awarding the winners of each category with a picnic hamper, filled with wine and a picnic rug.

Tom Gibson from Alex Scott and Staff said it's great to be a part of the great race and was a pleasure to be presenting the trophy.

He congratulated the committee for a fantastic day, noting that the track looked an absolute treat.

An amazing ride by Shaun Cooper who said, “he did it all for me, it's good to be a part of it – special thanks to Emma and Lachlan.”

Shaun Cooper also took away the first race of the day – TS Constructions Cup Open riding Peace Process and race four – 5 Blind Maiden Plate on Epsom Magic.

The Green Valley Grains race was won by jockey Melinda McDonald on Rivers Reward, Wonthaggi Workmen's Club Open won by Raymond Douglas on Copthorne and race six the Bet365 won by Maddison Morris on Hayrick Lane.



Number one Grande Marengo taking out the Woolamai cup for trainer Luke Oliver and jockey Shaun Cooper coming straight down the side. Z20_0523



Sarah Delosa, Mandy Manning, Arlene Dean, Angela Merton and Karlie Owen representing fashions on the field for the 2023 Woolamai races. Z30_0523



Friends gathered at the Woolamai races on Saturday afternoon, enjoying an afternoon of live music, fashion and the 2023 cup win. Z26_0523



James, William and Jacob enjoyed a bucks celebration at the Woolamai races on Saturday afternoon. Z25_0523

Road safety in the headlight

MOTORCYCLISTS of South Gippsland welcomed the Victorian Motorcycle Council (VMC) Road Show to the Austral Hotel in Korumburra on Saturday, January 21, to discuss a number of topics around motorcycle safety.

The VMC aims to represent all types of on-road and off-road motorcycle riders in Victoria and encourages membership to advocate for rider rights.

They had members of the BMW, Ulysses, Vintage Japanese Motorcycle Clubs as well as other interested riders hear from Graham Solomon, VMC Chair and Rob Salvatore, VMC Deputy Chair talk about a range of issues including helmet standards, safe travel speeds on regional roads and installation of wire rope barriers on road sides.

It was an open forum and the discussion was interspersed with personal perspectives which included discussion on 'selective blindness' or SMIDSY (Sorry Mate, I Didn't See You) an ongoing issue for all motorcyclists.

The VMC would like to have another Road Show with South Gippsland motorcycle riders in the future and the assembled riders agreed we would like to hear more.

Piper remains Tiger's president

by Rover

JOE Piper was reelected president of Mirboo North Football Netball Club for 2023, during its recent annual general meeting at Walter J Tuck Recreation Reserve's Tigerland headquarters.

Mr Piper presented a comprehensive 18-page MNFNC annual report that included color photos of its four 2022 Mid Gippsland premiership teams.

These were the mighty Tigers' B Grade, D Grade and 13s netball and thirds football combinations.

Long-serving business manager, Janine Alexander, did not seek reelection and Mick Lockie has stepped down as bar manager, after many years of loyal service.

Andrew Taylor and Jess Holland remain vice president football and vice president netball respectively.

Media liaison will again be carried out by Rover and Susan Mitchell has agreed to one more season as canteen manager.

Vale Ron Mullins

Mirboo North Football Netball Club is saddened by the passing of its 1958 and 1966 senior premiership footballer, Ron Mullins, earlier this month.

Ron also coached Mirboo North's fourths for the 1978 season.

Farewell #11.

LDCA women cricketers on fire

THE LDCA Women's team have triumphantly made it to the GCL final.

The girls will travel to Bundalaguah on Sunday, February 5, 2023 to take on Sale-Maffra.

LDCA has only made it to the final twice before, 06/07 and 07/08 and in both years, they were unable to secure the win.

The LDCA is immensely proud of the team as well as their supporters.

The team will be announced later in the week.



Proud competitors of the South Gippsland Bass team.

Local swimmers do region proud against tough competition

WANGARATTA was the stunning setting for three days of racing for the Victorian Country Long Course Swimming Championships recently.

Almost 47 families made the trip to enjoy the delights of the region and watch the 61 swimmers representing South Gippsland Bass (SGB) compete against powerhouse clubs like Traralgon, Geelong and Ballarat, from large centres who have amazing swimming complexes to train in.

SGB matched them in the pool and came a very close third.

Proud parents and family watched on as swimmers did their best, knocking off two, four or even 10 seconds of their personal best as they tried so hard.

So many youngsters with so much spirit and determination gave their all and it showed in the results. A number of swimmers have qualified for State and National Championships after their amazing times. Many of them made finals.

If there were medals for fourth, there would have been a lot of swimmers with something hanging around their necks, but in a sport of milliseconds, there is always next meet.

Importantly though, they were all proud to be part of the team and to have been able to race there.

The club is keenly awaiting the final team results- the result of a protest over a disqualification by Ballarat will either have SGB in 3rd or 4th. If it is 3rd, this will be the best results they have ever achieved.

Head Coach Dylan was so proud of how many swimmers had qualified.

"The year after I started, we had 9 at Long course countries that year as it was outside of Gippsland. I could name them all on my hands!"

The sport has just grown in popularity in our regions and this is our biggest team of 61. Plus we had a number of swimmers who were oh so close and just missed out."

The 2023 Long course team were: Rebecca Barclay, Hayden Barnes, Lillian Bassed, Freya Berry, Billy Boyd, Maddie Boyd, Max Brocklesby, Rex Brocklesby, Asha Chalmers, Nyah Chapman, Emily Croatto, Isabel Croatto, Claudia Croatto, Tomei Dal Pozzo, Ebony Donohue, Maggie Fisher, Billy Fisher, Cormac Flynn, Annie-Jean Giliam-Rodda, Caiden Gill, Lachlan Grimes, Olivia Holmes, Sienna Hunt, Josh Hunt, Holly Hurst, Kiarah Kranen, Hannah Lucas, Mostyn Lumsden, Ethan Lynch, Isabella Lynch, Rahni Matheson, Sienna Matheson, Tayah Matheson, Neka McKenzie, Sophie McKenzie, Noah McMillan, Harper McRae, Ruby McRae, Dylan Muir, Hugh Munro, Skye Munro, Trinity O'Keefe, Lachlan Paterson, Maddison Pocklington, Gypsy Quaife, Cooper Quaife, Andrew Rice, Eden Roberts, Miah Roberts, Jasmine Ruffin, Gemma Cook, Jemma Rump, Joshua Seignior, Zac Sherar, William Simmons, Aiden Smyth, Archie Smyth, Lara Smyth, Will Simmons, Jedda Tagell, Jarrah Tagell.



Cormac Flynn, Hugh Munro, Jarrah Tagell and Billy Fisher celebrate their relay swim.



Silver medallists Gypsy Quaife, Harper McRae, Holly Hurst and Sienna Hunt.



Medallists Olivia Holmes, Mostyn Lumsden and Andrew Rice.

See website story on sgst.com.au for full list of finalists.



Phillip Island's T20 premiership team. Back: Marcus Baxter, Simon Kirton, Jarrod Black, Tom Keily, Andrew Tolley, Steve McIntyre, Charith Keerthisinghe. Front: Shiran Rathnayake, Brodie Johnston, Daniel Mock (Captain), Lachie Cleeland.

Phillip Island T20 premiers

PHILLIP Island was crowned T20 champion, comfortably accounting for Korumburra in the final of the knockout competition at Leongatha's Scorpion Park on Sunday.

The Sharks chose to bat first, posting a solid 6/139.

That total was built chiefly through the work of skipper Daniel Mock who delivered an entertaining unbeaten 68 off 53 balls, and a knock of 41 from opener Lachie Cleeland also at better than a run a ball.

Evan Allaway with 2/24, Inshaka Siriwardena (2/26) led the way for Korumburra's bowling attack.

While the seven runs per over required

for victory appeared manageable for the Cobras, the Phillip Island bowlers were quick to make a mockery of that prospect.

Such was the Sharks' dominance with the ball, not one Korumburra batsman was allowed to reach double figures, with Allaway's innings of 7 the best.

With the Cobras skittled for a total of just 48, there were no poor bowling figures for Phillip Island, but Tom Keily was the standout performer with 6/15 from his four overs.

Simon Kirton and Shiran Rathnayake were the other multiple wicket takers for the premiership side, evenly splitting four wickets and conceding just 18 runs between them off their combined six overs.

T20 action across the weekend

IT WAS a busy day's cricket at Scorpion Park in Leongatha on Sunday, with three T20 games held, starting out with semi finals, won by Phillip Island and Korumburra.

Phillip Island bowlers to rescue in tight semi

After electing to bat, Phillip Island was knocked over for just 95 by a switched on Koonwarra Leongatha RSL bowling attack, leaving the Sharks precariously placed, but they responded emphatically to claim a spot in the T20 final.

Remarkably, the Sharks defended such a modest target despite taking only six wickets, with the Cougars managing just 82 runs off their 20 overs.

Sri Lankan pair Shiran Rathnayake (3/21) and Charith Keerthisinghe (2/10) were the Island's wicket takers, with Simon Kirton's miserly four overs for just 11 runs also crucial to its success.

While Koonwarra Leongatha RSL's chase began disappointingly with the dismissal of Mitchell Scrimshaw for a duck, the Cougars reached 56 before further loss.

Their captain, Ben Walsh, fell at that point for 23, with number three batsman Ben Perry run out shortly after having made a promising 29 off 40 balls.

Phillip Island added a couple more quick wickets and the Cougars couldn't find the momentum needed for victory.

Earlier, Rathnayake and Marcus Baxter top scored for the Sharks in what appeared an inadequate total, with 21 apiece.

Kasun Weeranga (4/13) and Nick Arnup 3/13 starred with the ball for the Cougars, giving their side strong hope of success.

But Phillip Island's fighting spirit came to the fore.

Korumburra chases down Leongatha Town

Korumburra sent Leongatha Town in as the sides prepared to battle it out for a finals spot, with the Cobra bowlers backing their skipper's call with a disciplined display that set up a four-wicket win.

The Cobras' decision to bowl appeared questionable early, as Leongatha Town's top three batsmen all contributed well and scored around a run a ball to establish a good foundation.

Madura Madusanka top scored with 34, with captain Jesse Giardina making 33 and his opening partner Amila Ratnaike 29.

However, Korumburra swung the match with its bowlers taking charge and no other Scorpion player managed more than six runs.

Mitchell Young helped spark the turnaround by removing the Leongatha Town openers on his way to figures of 2/24 from his maximum allotment of overs.

Young star Evan Allaway also took two wickets, with his four overs yielding 21 runs.

Leongatha Town's total of 7/122 left Korumburra needing just over a run a ball.

The Cobra openers made that appear a simple assignment, with Rumesh Rangaña blasting 50 off 33 balls and Harshika Fernando 35 from 26 deliveries.

Leongatha Town's bowlers then set about doing some damage, but Allaway's unbeaten 19 ensured Korumburra reached the final, albeit triumphing by a few less wickets than seemed likely.

Darcy Hume was the main reason for that, snaring 4/11 off his four overs for Leongatha Town.

Leongatha and District juniors the best of the best

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U15 results

Needing a win to be guaranteed a spot on the grand final, the LDCA boys lost the toss and were sent into bat on a sticky Mirboo North Turf Wicket by the Latrobe Valley.

Riley Harris 15 (Inverloch) and Heath Womersley (Phillip Island) opening the innings, conditions were pretty tough against some quality bowling with the LDCA reduced to 4/28 with the dismissal of skipper Andot Mankhong (Wonthaggi).

At 7/8 Archie Casey 21 (Imperials) Kade Berryman 18 (Nerrena) Archie Gannon 13no (Nerrena) finished off the innings extremely well with some great running between the wickets and some good strokes to get the score up to 134, a good effort given the lively nature of the pitch.

The LDCA's turn to bowl saw George McCausland (Phillip Island) Isaac Bolge (Imperials) once again bowl great opening spells, to reduce the Latrobe Valley to 3/4 off 12 overs the introduction of Rhys Newman kept the wickets falling to see LV at 6/26.

some solid defence and smart strokes.

They put on a valuable 40 runs before as often happens, both boys were dismissed soon after.

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Rhys Newman (Inverloch) 3/6, George McCausland 2/1 the pick of the bowlers with Fletcher McLennan (Town), Isaac Bolge and Klayton McGrath (Imperials) all single wicket takers in another good team performance with the ball and in the field.

Thanks to Mirboo North Cricket Club for the use of their ovals and facilities as host club.

The boys now take on a very good Bairnsdale team in the Grand Final at Wurruk (Sale) on Sunday, February 5, in what should be a great game of cricket.

Good luck in the grand final LDCA!



Andot Mankhong - captain - Wonthaggi Club



Heath Womersley - vice captain - Phillip Island



Archie Gannon - Nerrena



Bryce Riddell - Korumburra



Clayton Quaife - OMK



Fletcher McLennan - Town



George McCausland - Phillip Island



Archie Casey - Imperials



Isaac Bolge - Imperials



Kade Berryman - Nerrena



Klayton McGrath - Imperials



Rhys Newman - Inverloch



Riley Harris - Inverloch



Roy Checkley - Korumburra



David Harris - team manager - Inverloch



Scott Checkley - Coach

C GRADE

DIVISION 1

MDU 4/206 d Club 2/200

Club – 1st INNINGS: A Mankhong 101*, C Krause 26, J Burns 54, M Cadwallender 2*. Bowling: K Brown 0/31, K Sinclair 0/19, A Richardson 1/40, L Bell 0/17, W Stewart 0/30, J Riley 0/9, S Riley 1/20, J Brown 0/27.

MDU – 1st INNINGS: D Thomas 61, J Riley 28, K Sinclair 71*, W Stewart 1, L Bell 3, C Schwennesen 27*.

Bowling: M Sharp 0/49, C Krause 0/4, L Borne 0/28, A Mankhong 0/5, A Ray 2/40, L McRae 1/49, J Burns 0/17, R Gray 0/7.

Phillip Island 4/114

d Inverloch 4/112

Inverloch – 1st INNINGS: W Stewart 53, D Harris 5, J Rowe 8, A Terlich 10*, W Chapman 18*, JJ Dennerley 6. Bowling: MA Cleary 0/14, sT Sirirathnage 0/21, C Fall 1/12, D Mani 0/22, P Francis 1/18, J Parry 1/21.

Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS:

GR Excell 31, J Manning 0, J Parry 18*, M Arceo 0, D Fusinato 1, D Ivey 38*. Bowling: C Butler 1/12, C O'Flynn 0/16, M Marston 1/16, L Radford 1/19, A Terlich 1/22, W Chapman 0/18.

Korumburra 9/148 d Nyora 7/93

Korumburra – 1st INNINGS:

PD Beadel 31, T Morrison 2, D Scott 12, M Olden 53, J Dunn 13, P Whelan 5, D Kimmer 5, A Green 2*, H Scott 1, AT Knight 0, S McKinnon 3*.

Bowling: A Maclure 2/28, A Simmons 0/13, B Pugh 2/30, TL Howarth 0/7, T Perkins 3/24, W Dixon 1/42.

Nyora – 1st INNINGS: P Dixon 28, B Pugh 4, K Linford 0, A Simmons 17, K Wurzbacher 0, K Maclure 4, C Kennedy 10*, A Maclure 4, W Dixon 15*. Bowling: M Olden 0/11, S McKinnon 2/17, D Scott 4/18, PD Beadel 1/17, J Dunn 0/10, AT Knight 0/7, A Green 0/8, P Whelan 0/3, D Kimmer 0/1.

Koonwarra L/RSL - BYE

C GRADE

DIVISION 2

OMK 8/105 d Kilcunda-Bass 9/100

Kilcunda-Bass – 1st INNINGS: S Oates 49, A Joseph 10, ZB Crow 5, R Blackney 4, C Bettles 1, P Bardwell 18*, O Shumack 2, A Blackney 0, H Bettles 0, P DeRubeis 4, D Bettles 2*. Bowling: M Whiteside 1/7, D Wylie 0/33, G Lomagno 2/9, G Furness 1/20, J Myors 2/5, TWalker 2/9, M Whiteside 0/9, R Wyatt 0/5.

OMK – 1st INNINGS: G Lomagno 52*, N Furness 0, TWalker 0, J Myors 11, C Walker 3, M Whiteside 9, D Wylie 9, M Whiteside 8, D Wylie 0, R Wyatt 3*. Bowling: H Bettles 2/13, A Joseph 0/14, P DeRubeis 2/25, A Blackney 1/16, C Bettles 2/15, ZB Crow 0/16.

Glen Alvie 3/148

d Koonwarra L/RSL 7/146

Koonwarra L/RSL – 1st INNINGS:

K Collins 7, L Smith 29, G Matthies 12, G Perry 23, D Murdica 0, J Brocklebank 2, G Birnie 41*, B Smith 15. Bowling: A Luke 0/18, H Driscoll 0/24, G Hynes 0/5, D Hale 1/14, P Loos 1/16, R Luke 1/15, L Sinclair 0/20, J Hynes 0/3, B Mitchell 1/6, M Dhar 0/16.

Glen Alvie – 1st INNINGS: R Luke 68, B Mitchell 57, D Hale 0, A Luke 5*, P Loos 0*. Bowling: B Smith 0/29, K Collins 0/41, G Birnie 0/16, J Brocklebank 0/8, L Smith 0/12, G Perry 0/12, T Lund 3/20.

Town - BYE



That's not good! Phillip Island's John Manning turns to see his castle disturbed by a Cameron Butler in-swing at Inverloch on Saturday.



Callan O'Flynn opened the bowling from the carnival end at Inverloch on Saturday against Phillip Island.



Gavin Excell set up a successful chase by Phillip Island in C Grade Division 1 at Inverloch opening with a handy 31.

Mankhong heroics not enough for Club

C Grade, Division 1

ANDOT Mankhong's unbeaten century wasn't enough for the visiting Wonthaggi Club to topple Meeniyian Dumbalk United, despite Club's impressive 2/200 at the rapid rate of 5.71 per over.

The MDU top order, led by unbeaten number three batsman Kurt Sinclair (71) and captain, keeper and opener Dale Thomas (61), helped the side to an impressive six-wicket win.

In a tough match for bowlers, Club's Alan Ray was the game's only multiple wicket taker, managing 2/40 off his seven overs.

Steven Riley was best with the ball for victorious MDU with 1/20 from six tidy overs on a day when batsmen were hard to contain.

For beaten Club, Jayden Burns could hold his head high with his quickfire 54 the side's next best behind Mankhong's run-a-ball 101 not out.

Inverloch can't set enough for Phillip Island

HOST Inverloch elected to bat first but was well contained by the Phillip Island bowlers, setting the Sharks just 113 for victory at the comfortable rate of 3.22 per over.

Phillip Island recorded a six-wicket win with the Sharks needing just 22 overs to knock off the modest target, taking down the top side in impressive style on its home turf.

The successful chase was achieved mainly by David Ivey with 38 not out and Gavin Excell (31).

Stingy bowling was the key to Phillip Island's win.

Chris Fall and Peter Francis each took a wicket, conceding just 30 runs between them off 14 overs, with Inverloch unable to get on top of any of the Phillip Island attack.

After his decision to bat, Inverloch captain Warren Stewart played a solid hand opening the batting, finishing with 53, but nobody managed to seize the initiative for the ultimately beaten team.

Cameron Butler was outstanding with the ball for Inverloch, allowing just 12 runs off his seven overs and capturing the wicket of Phillip Island number three batsman John Manning for a duck when he misjudged a swinging delivery.

However, the Sharks were able to score at a good rate off the rest of the Inverloch attack.

A delightful sea breeze moved in between the innings, dropping the temperature from an uncomfortable 35 degrees to the mid-20s and the visiting Phillip Island batsmen appreciated the change, as did Inverloch's bowlers.

Korumburra bowlers outclass Nyora

NYORA'S bowlers did a decent job after skipper Ben Pugh sent Korumburra in, but knocks of 53 by Mathew Olden and 31 from opener Patrick Beadel allowed Korumburra to build a defendable total.

Nyora was unable to keep up the required rate of more than 4.25 runs per over after falling into early difficulties with the bat.

While keeper and opener Peter Dixon went on to make 28, Nyora lost a couple of early wickets with captain Pugh and Keith Linford, batting at first drop, sent on their way by the time the total was 18.

Aidan Simmons helped steady the ship, but fell for 17, with a tumble of wickets thereafter.

Although Nyora finished its overs with three wickets remaining it was 55 runs adrift of reaching Korumburra's total.

The Cobras ensured Nyora faced plenty of variety, using nine bowlers and while all did well, Darren Scott stood out with 4/18 off seven overs.

That included the prized scalp of Dixon when the opener was well set.

Earlier, Tyler Perkins was Nyora's top performer with the ball capturing 3/24 off his maximum allowance of overs.

He too dismissed a well-established opening batsman, in Beadel.

Cougars hibernate

KOONWARRA Leongatha RSL had the bye.

C Grade, Division 2

Glen Alvie top order takes charge in chase

VISITOR Koonwarra Leongatha RSL elected to set a target for Glen Alvie but although the Cougars saw out their maximum allotment of overs they were well contained, with the hosts then comfortably knocking off the required 147 with seven wickets in hand.

Openers Ryan Luke (68) and Brian Mitchell (57) took charge of the chase, ensuring not much was left to others in the Glen Alvie batting lineup.

Luke has found impressive form recently, having made 71 the previous round.

While Koonwarra Leongatha RSL gave seven of its side a go with the ball in its efforts to reign in Glen Alvie, Terry Lund was the only wicket taker for the Cougars with 3/20.

Earlier, keeper Geoff Birnie made 41 not out, with Lockie Smith (29) and Gabrielle Perry (23) helping Koonwarra Leongatha RSL set a reasonable target.

Glen Alvie successfully shared the bowling duties, with 10 of its side rolling their arms over.

Darcy Hale, Pieter Loos, Luke and Mitchell collected one wicket apiece, with three other Cougars run out.

OMK scrapes home on Kilcunda-Bass turf

KILCUNDA-Bass wasn't able to capitalise on its decision to bat first at home, setting Outram Moyarra Kongwak just 101 for victory, but the Sharks bowlers almost made that enough.

OMK used up its full 35 overs, sneaking over the line by two wickets.

Opener George Lomagno's unbeaten 52 saw the Diggers home, with captain Jordan Myors the side's next best scorer with just 11.

Hunter Bettles (2/13), Cruz Bettles (2/15) and Pat DeRubeis (2/25) performed admirably with the ball for the Sharks, making what shaped as a straightforward run chase for the Diggers one fraught with danger.

Steven Oates gave those bowlers some hope with his opening knock of 49, almost half of the Kilcunda-Bass score.

Lomagno preceded his game's best batting effort by taking 2/9 off his seven overs to help keep the Sharks to a manageable score.

OMK teammates also excelled with the ball, with captain Myors taking 2/5 and Thomas Walker 2/9.

A week off for Leongatha Town

Leongatha Town had the bye.



Nerrena's Rupesh Elava came up against a very talented Wonthaggi Club batting line-up at Leongatha on Saturday.

Inverloch recovers to down Imperials

• B Grade, Division 1

INVERLOCH got off to a shaky start after choosing to bat first on its home turf, but bounced back to record a solid total of 185.

The Stingrays slumped to 3/16 but opener Brett Debono survived the early fireworks from the Imperials bowlers to help drive Inverloch's fightback.

While Debono fell for 38, Dean Cashin stepped up with 89 not out off 99 balls, featuring 11 boundaries and three sixes.

Kristian Gray (3/21) and Liam Buckland (2/18) were commendable with the ball for the Imperials, with both inflicting damage on Inverloch's top order.

Cameron Bruce also captured three wickets for the Imperials but couldn't contain Inverloch's scoring, conceding 63 runs from his seven overs.

Inverloch's bowlers ensured the Imperials didn't threaten to reach the target after reducing Imps to 5/66.

While four members of the Imperials batting lineup reached double figures, Dallas McLennan's 39 was the chasing side's highest score.

Cooper Newman snatched 4/37 to help guide Inverloch to victory, taking the valuable wicket of McLennan before destroying Imps' tail.

While Rhys Newman didn't join him among the wicket takers, he helped build the pressure on the Imperials by allowing just five runs off his seven overs.

Although it was a highly successful day for Inverloch, the Stingrays will look to tidy up a little in the extras department, having sent down 11 wides, albeit they were disciplined in not overstepping once in 40 overs.

MDU too strong at home for OMK

OUTTRIM Moyarra Kongwak set a decent 152-run target for host Meeniyan Dumbalk United after choosing to bat, but MDU marched to a resounding 8-wicket win.

That successful chase was chiefly built on the undefeated 83

of Colin Knox, who entertained the home crowd with brisk scoring, including eight fours.

Earlier, the MDU bowlers all contributed well, with four of the six used taking a wicket each as the attack prevented OMK scoring freely.

Knox was particularly mean spirited from an OMK perspective, yielding just 11 runs off his eight overs and grabbing a top-order wicket in David Creed.

Noel Creed, who finished 24 not out, then took 1/25 off seven overs despite the generally aggressive outlook of the MDU batsmen.

Nerrena makes light work of chase

HOME side Nerrena skipped to the 151-run target set by Korumburra, mounting a blistering pursuit to win by eight wickets with a staggering 22 overs to spare.

David Baldi blasted 42 from just 27 balls, while opening partner Lachlan Roberts scored 55 at slightly better than a run a ball to lay a terrific foundation for Nerrena.

While the pair eventually succumbed, teammate Damien Symmons also lit up Nerrena Recreation Reserve, belting an unbeaten 43 off only 30 balls that included six boundaries and a couple of maximums.

Noah Christensen and Scott Head each took one wicket for beaten Korumburra, but none of the Cobras bowlers escaped heavy-handed treatment from Nerrena.

It was a different story earlier in the day as Korumburra couldn't get on top of any of the Nerrena bowlers.

While Tyson Harris (2/36) and Mitch Croatto (2/16) were the multiple wicket takers for the winner, William Croatto went wicketless but allowed just three runs off his four overs.

While it was no surprise to see the top-of-the-table Nerrena beat winless Korumburra, the manner of the victory was impressive.

Cougars kick back

Koonwarra Leongatha RSL had the bye.

• B Grade, Division 2

Wonthaggi Club in command against Nerrena

OPENER and skipper Luke Sibley set the tone for some aggressive batting by Wonthaggi Club against Nerrena in the cauldron at the Leongatha Velodrome, clobbering four sixes and two fours on his way to 52 off 72 balls.

One of his 'sixes' was caught in the deep in fine style by Joel Moore, with his knees still on the Velodrome grass, off the bowling of Rupesh Elava, but the outside athletics lane was being used as the boundary and a six was signalled.

A talented Club batting lineup followed, with Jason O'Reilly (54) and Gav Britt (97) adding to the Calypso-style atmosphere, helping their side to an excellent 7/274 off 40 overs.

Nerrena's Elava returned fire with 53 runs off 54 balls, as the Red Caps reached a respectable 8/201 but Club is going to be a tough proposition for any team with its powerful batting line-up.

Club used seven bowlers in defending its massive score, with six of them taking wickets and Rohan Todd's 2/26 from eight overs the pick of its figures.

Earlier, Nerrena's Charlie Dougherty stood up admirably against the Wonthaggi assault, finishing with the outstanding figures of 3/29 off eight overs, including stopping Britt just short of a century.

OMK outclasses Glen Alvie

OUTTRIM Moyarra Kongwak lost just four wickets in setting an imposing 227-run target, with the OMK bowlers then putting Glen Alvie on its knees by taking as many wickets in a stunning scoreless patch for the chasing side.

While Glen Alvie started its pursuit with a 27-run opening partnership, the removal of its captain, Jay Tiziani, sparked a dramatic slump as the side slid to 4/27.

Although Glen Alvie showed fight to take the score to 91 before the next wicket fell, much

of the damage had been done, and top scorer Vijai Gopal (64) was unable to find sufficient support.

Jarra Standish was the next highest scoring batsman for the defeated side, managing 20, with a tally of 24 extras adding respectability to its total.

Ben Maguire was the chief destroyer for OMK with the ball, completing the excellent figures of 4/9 off eight overs, with Campbell McKenzie capturing a less economical 3/29 from five overs.

Earlier, Justin Greenwood (71) top scored for the victorious Diggers, with Brad Hayes notching an unbeaten 51.

Captain Russell White (48) and opener Robert Quaife (31) were the other noteworthy contributors in a commanding team batting performance that set OMK on the way to victory.

Phillip Island outmuscles Kilcunda-Bass

AFTER choosing to bat first in Ryhill, Phillip Island mustered a strong score against Kilcunda Bass, despite no batsman reaching a half century.

Matthew Parsons was the Island's biggest contributor with 39 not out, but Tharidu Asurumui (37), Henry Peppard (34) and Kurt Lane (31) all did their bit, with Daniel McCausland's rapid-fire unbeaten 23 adding late polish.

Kilcunda Bass number three batsman Stephen Leman hit seven fours and a maximum in an entertaining 53 off just 39 balls, but Chris Elliott's 26 was next best for the beaten side.

McCausland added to his late flourish with the bat with a commanding bowling performance of 2/24 from eight overs to help guide Phillip Island to victory.

Parsons and Tarryn Allan also took a couple of wickets each for the winner.

Daniel Bettles captured 3/26 off eight overs for beaten Kilcunda Bass to be the game's leading wicket taker.

Town relaxes

Leongatha Town rested up with the bye.

B GRADE

DIVISION 1

Nerrena 2/151 d

Korumburra 6/150

Korumburra - 1st INNINGS: T Allen 49, P Richards 22, N Christensen 14,

J Wrigley 22, Z Barrett 0, R Checkley 1, J Jordan 32*, I Riddell 2*

Bowling: JA Checkley 1/34, WB Croatto 0/3, B Salmon 0/30, Z Trease 1/28, T Harris 2/36, MB Croatto 2/16

Nerrena - 1st INNINGS: D Baldi 42, L Roberts 55, JA Checkley 1/11, D Symmons, 43*, J Kelly 1*

Bowling: B Riddell 0/37, N Christensen 1/53, J Jordan 0/44, SR Head 1/9, T Allen 0/5

MDU 2/152 d OMK 4/151

OMK - 1st INNINGS: A Busana 28, M Sawyers 4, J Paterson 55, D Creed 9, N Creed 24*, D Jeffries 15*

Bowling: T Gordon 1/43, DA Mathews 1/30, C Knox 1/11, J Palmer 1/30, T Zukovskis 0/20, P Vine 0/15

MDU - 1st INNINGS: G Webster 18, C Knox 83*, J Fox 21, W Prosser 21*

Bowling: R Foster 0/18, D Jeffries 0/32, M Sawyers 1/28, J Paterson 0/47, N Creed 1/25

Inverloch 185 d Imperials 9/126

Inverloch - 1st INNINGS: B Phillips 0, B Debono 38, R Harris 2, R Newman 7,

D Cashin 89*, IJ Seuren 1, A Mujtaba 5, W Williams 27, N Dobbie 0, C Newman 0, T Debono 0

Bowling: L Buckland 2/18, KB Gray 3/21, I Bolge 0/35, K McGrath 1/29, M Reidy 0/6, C Bruce 3/63, N McLennan 0/8

Imperials - 1st INNINGS: GA Sauvarin 5, M Reidy 0, KB Gray 18, D McLennan 39,

C Honeysett 0, C Reid 3, C Bruce 15*, J Nagel 0, K McGrath 4, N McLennan 0, L Buckland 19*

Bowling: R Newman 0/5, N Dobbie 2/19,

A Mujtaba 1/13, D Cashin 2/30, C Newman 4/37, T Debono 0/10

Koonwarra L/RSL - BYE

B GRADE

DIVISION 2

OMK 4/226 d Glen Alvie 144

OMK - 1st INNINGS: R Quaife 31, P Harper 14, R White 48, J Greenwood 71, B Hayes 51*, S Handley 3*

Bowling: J Standish 0/42, L McRae 0/38,

A Brown 1/31, J Brown 1/7, J Burke 2/51, N Brown 0/11, V Gopal 0/41

Glen Alvie - 1st INNINGS: V Gopal 64, JA Tiziani 7, A Brown 0, N Brown 0,

J Burke 0, J Standish 20, D McGuirk 17, C Gooch 1, N Thatcher 1, J Brown 10, L McRae 0*

Bowling: P Jobling 0/22, J Greenwood 0/9, B Maguire 4/9, D Elford 1/45,

R Quaife 0/12, R White 1/4, C McKenzie 3/29, P Harper 1/12

Club 7/242 d Nerrena 8/201

Club - 1st INNINGS: L Sibley 52, R Todd 10, J O'Reilly 54, G Britt 97, W Speed 29,

A Quilty 2, J Licis 13*, S Roche 0

Bowling: P Joseph 1/31, C Dougherty 3/29, R Elava 0/57, RL Giliam 0/44,

A Gannon 1/62, P Johnston 2/26, K Berryman 0/17

Nerrena - 1st INNINGS: A Harrison 25,

B Gannon 36, C Dougherty 2, R Elava 53,

P Matheson 4, K Berryman 12, RL Giliam 24, BD Trotman 17*, J Moore 13, P Johnston 4*

Bowling: S Roche 1/43, C Fraser 1/43,

R Todd 2/26, N Cant 1/30, J Licis 1/47, W Speed 1/8, J Shannon 0/3

Phillip Island 8/203 d Kilcunda Bass176

Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS:

K Beaumont 16, K Lane 31, C Epifano 7, H Peppard 34, TS Niven 4, T Asurumui 37,

M Parsons 39*, T Allan 5, A Tolley 2, D McCausland 23*

Bowling: R Duff 2/40, C Peckett 0/41,

DB Bettles 3/26, SJ Leman 2/42, C Armour 1/25, C Elliott 0/29

Kilcunda Bass - 1ST INNINGS:

S Williams 13, A McBride 4, SJ Leman 53, C Armour 8, B Joseph 13, C Elliott 26*, R Gardiner 22, R Duff 9, K Anand 3,

DB Bettles 15*, C Peckett 5

Bowling: K Lane 0/27, H Arceo 1/18,

M Parsons 2/41, T Allan 2/33, D McCausland 2/24, A Tolley 1/32

Town - BYE



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A1: Ben Walsh (Koon L/RSL) 59 ; Callum Ashbury (Inverloch) 5/20

A2: Daniel Bourke (P-Island) 121* ; Stephen Kennedy (Glen Alvie) 6/32

B1: Dean Cashin (Inverloch) 89* ; Cooper Newman (Inverloch) 4/37

B2: Gavin Britt (Club) 97 ; Ben Maguire (OMK) 4/9

C1: Andot Mankhong (Club) 101* ; Darren Scott (Korumburra) 4/18

C2: Ryan Luke (Glen Alvie) 68 ; T. Lund (Koonwarra L/RSL) 3/20

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A GRADE, Division 1					
OMK	96	1.1976	OMK	84	1.6228
Nerrena	84	1.2411	Club	66	1.0300
Inverloch	78	1.1173	Nerrena	60	1.1970
Town	72	1.1116	Town	60	1.1394
Phillip Island	72	1.0574	Phillip Island	60	1.0193
Club	48	0.8665	Kilcunda-Bass	24	0.8126
Imperials	48	0.8452	Glen Alvie	0	0.4190
Koonwarra L/RSL	30	0.6653			
A GRADE, Division 2					
Korumburra	114	2.4391	Inverloch	72	3.2308
Phillip Island	96	1.4883	Korumburra	60	1.3695
Nyora	60	1.0508	Phillip Island	60	0.9854
MDU	60	1.0022	Koonwarra L/RSL	48	0.9305
Club	60	0.6298	Nyora	36	0.4310
Kilcunda-Bass	48	0.8634	Club	24	1.2519
Foster	48	0.8105	MDU	24	0.5796
Glen Alvie	42	0.6107			
B GRADE, Division 1					
Nerrena	84	2.1156	OMK	108	1.6476
Inverloch	72	1.8217	Town	90	1.9461
MDU	72	1.0740	Kilcunda-Bass	60	1.0896
Koonwarra L/RSL	60	1.4924	Glen Alvie	42	0.7464
OMK	36	0.9771	Koonwarra L/RSL	24	0.3483
Imperials	12	0.4949			
Korumburra	0	0.2968			

NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES & UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 4

A GRADE, Division 1

Nerrena v Phillip Island
NERRENA
Steve McNamara
Inverloch v Club
INVERLOCH TURF
John Schelling
OMK v Koonwarra L/RSL
OUTTRIM
Ashley Stride
Imperials v Town
LEONGATHA TURF
Shane Moore

B Grade, Division 1

Korumburra v Imperials
KORUMBURRA
Graham Wightman
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KOONWARRA
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C GRADE, Division 1

Club v MDU
McMAHONS
TBA
Nyora v Korumburra
NYORA
TBA
Phillip Island v Inverloch
Reece Park (Rhyll)
TBA
Koonwarra L/RSL - BYE

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A Grade, Division 2

MDU v Club
MEENIYAN
Terry Rogers
Foster v Kilcunda-Bass
FOSTER
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Glen Alvie v Nyora
WONTHAGGI TURF
Greg Goss
Phillip Island v Korumburra
COWES
Ian Thorn

B GRADE, Division 2

Town v Phillip Island
SCORPION 1
TBA
Nerrena v OMK
LG VELODROME
TBA
Glen Alvie v Club
GLEN ALVIE
TBA
Kilcunda-Bass - BYE

C GRADE, Division 2

OMK v Koonwarra L/RSL
DIGGER PARK
TBA
Town v Glen Alvie
SCORPION 2
TBA
Kilcunda-Bass - BYE



Inverloch's Lewis Rankin bowled tightly, at pace but without luck early, returning to take the crucial wicket of Sam Hughes just as Koonwarra were settling into some rhythm.

OMK prevails over Club in first innings thriller

• A Grade, Division 1

ALEX Rose and number 11 batsman Adam Trotto were heroes for Outtrim Moyarra Kongwak, guiding their side home after it lost its ninth wicket when requiring a further seven runs for a first innings win.

It was a big day for the Lamers, with Ethan leading the way in the ultimately successful OMK chase with 53, while Jacob made 30.

Ryan Williams also played a significant part in the narrow win, making 38.

Ryan Birkett (3/11), James Sheerin (3/55) and Mark McCall (2/32) were instrumental in getting Club so close to victory.

However, a whopping 21 byes played a significant role in getting OMK over the line.

Inverloch bowlers outstanding against Koonwarra L/RSL

WHILE Inverloch was only able to set Koonwarra Leongatha RSL 167 for victory the previous week, its bowlers prevented the Cougars achieving that goal, guiding their side to a 6-run win.

Excitement built at Leongatha Turf as captain Ben Walsh gave the Cougars a big shot at running down the required total, falling for a patient 59 off 191 balls to leave his side 5/150, needing just 17 for a first innings win.

His knock added steel to the chase after the Stingray bowlers enjoyed early success to dismiss Ben Davison, Mitchell Scrimshaw and Calum Buckland cheaply.

While Walsh' dismissal appeared to come after he had put his side in command, the wheels then fell off for Koonwarra Leongatha RSL, with the side knocked over for the

addition of just 10 more runs.

Inverloch bowlers Callum Asbury and Andrew Donohue engineered the Koony collapse, leaving the Cougars teetering at nine down with nine runs needed off the last over.

Inverloch celebrations erupted when Jason Kennedy was caught at long off by Jacob Strickland, with Asbury the bowler.

Match-winner Asbury grabbed 5/20 in just over 12 overs, dismissing the opposition skipper and top scorer, with miserly teammate Donohue sending down twice as many overs and taking an impressive 2/38.

While the Leongatha outfield is in good shape, the pitch presented a testing surface for the batsmen, setting up an enthralling contest.

Leongatha Town dominates first innings

AFTER Leongatha Town soundly beat Nerrena on first innings, enforcing the follow-on, the visitor showed fight second time around.

While the fall of Luke Giliam for just 3 in the second innings gave Town's bowlers encouragement, his fellow opener Mitchell Clark and keeper and number three Hayden Funnell ensured there would be no further loss, combining for an entertaining 79 run partnership.

They blended disciplined defence with entertaining flourishes, highlighted by three consecutive boundaries from the flashing blade of Funnell.

A powerful pull shot by Clark narrowly failed to take out the square leg umpire as the ball rocketed past him to the boundary, much to everyone's relief.

After Leongatha Town set 287 on day one, it was always going to be a

tough assignment for Nerrena and the Scorpions never allowed Nerrena to establish any meaningful partnerships in its first dig.

Such was Town's stranglehold, Funnell's 24 was Nerrena's top score of the innings.

Mudassar Riaz tied the batsmen in knots, proving damaging to top and lower order as he took 5/36 off 12 overs, with fellow Scorpion Fletcher McLennan 3/22 from six overs claiming scalps in Nerrena's top and middle order.

Such was the discipline of the Leongatha Town bowlers, they sent down just one wide and didn't overstep.

Imperials get job done on the Island

PHILLIP Island showed fight after being reduced to 8/110 in pursuit of a 234-run target, eventually mustering 196, with Imperials ultimately enjoying a 37-run win.

In the week his grandfather Glenn Wright, an Imperials' club legend was named an OAM recipient for his service to the Leongatha community. Lachie Wright impressed with the ball, taking 4/53.

Teammate Lucas Anderson did the early damage removing both Phillip Island openers, finishing with 2/16.

Tim Sauvarin and Imperials skipper Jack Ginnane both took 2/46.

That completed a fine performance for Ginnane who was the game's top scorer.

Brodie Johnston played a stoic hand for the Sharks in their unsuccessful chase, making 56 off 121 balls and occupying the crease for a touch over three hours.

However, Charith Keerthisinghe (31) was next best for the Island crew, despite most of the batting line up reaching double figures.



Tharindu Nuwan blasts one over the boundary at Korumburra on his way to a hard-hitting 36 for Meeniyani.

Korumburra bowlers get job done against MDU

• A Grade, Division 2

KORUMBURRA was up and about in the field against Meeniyani Dumbalk United, with plenty of enthusiastic banter despite the heat in the middle of the day, with their energy ultimately paying off.

The Cobras appeared to have the visitors contained at 6/92, chasing the 161 set the previous Saturday, when a hard-hitting cameo of 36 by Tharindu Nuwan came to an end.

His skied top edge was neatly caught by Jacob Whiteside.

At one stage during his entertaining knock, Nuwan smacked one straight down the ground for six with the ball landing on the Colorbond roof of a nearby house with a loud bang.

But it was to be his next to last blow.

However, with Mitch Hoober stoically holding up his end without adding much to the score, it allowed Scott Browne to free his hands with four majestic fours and a six to raise MDU's hopes.

The pair got the score to 6/138 and there were danger signs for the home side, with Hoober and Browne appearing comfortable at the crease.

But, producing his best figures so far since his inclusion at Korumburra this year, Steve Hamill put paid to the MDU challenge, taking 4/10, at one stage being on a hat-trick during a late collapse.

It was an entertaining contest between two 'top four' teams and while Korumburra is way out in front at this level, MDU is clearly a competitive force ahead of the finals.

Glen Alvie bowlers deliver in Bass

STEPHEN Kennedy was the driving force behind Glen Alvie's success in defending a target of 162, dismantling the Kilcunda Bass batting lineup on his way to 6/32.

He inflicted damage from the top of the order down to the tail.

Already in trouble, the Sharks' chase spiralled into freefall with four wickets falling while the score was on 71.

That left Kilcunda Bass facing the forlorn task of needing 91 for the final wicket.

Cameron Davidson made a commendable surge with an entertaining 47 but was the last Shark to fall, as Glen Alvie claimed a 37-run win.

While Kennedy played the key role in victory, there were no weak links in the Glen Alvie attack, with its five other bowlers all proving frugal.

Bourke leads Phillip Island charge

A SCINTILLATING knock from Daniel Bourke propelled Phillip Island to a strong win over host Wonthaggi Club, with the Sharks surpassing what shaped as a challenging target with seven wickets to spare.

Club's bowlers had no answers to Bourke's mastery, with the Phillip Island opener remaining unbeaten on 121, having faced 162 balls.

He didn't leave much work to his

teammates, with Simon Kirton's 31 the next highest score for the winning side.

Wonthaggi left few stones unturned, using eight bowlers in an attempt to arrest the tide.

Jy Hull, Drew Herbert and Scott Williams each took a wicket for the beaten team.

Phillip Island's classy pursuit of a potentially difficult target showed why the Sharks are near the top of the ladder, behind only Korumburra.

Nyora comfortably eclipses Foster total

THE early loss of captain Henry Dolphin for only 7 didn't hinder home side Nyora as it swept past Foster's first innings tally of 141.

Gavin Hackett (69) and Kade Anderson (56) took charge, helping Nyora to a 99-run first innings lead.

Foster star and skipper Josh Toner made an aggressive 64, with 13 boundaries, as the Tigers advanced to 1/97 the second time around before stumps were drawn.

The beaten Tigers used eight bowlers as they attempted to halt Nyora's first innings momentum.

Jack Weston stood out with 4/54.

Jake Hackett was the successful Nyora bowler in Foster's second dig, dismissing Toner on his way to figures of 1/13.

While little separates Nyora and Foster on the ladder, it was a commanding first innings performance from the former.



Inshaka Siriwardena bowled a power of overs for Korumburra on Saturday, taking 2/41 off 22.

A GRADE

OMK 9/189 d Club 9/188

OMK – 1st INNINGS

J Cuman c RG Thomas b R Birkett	1
E Lamers c S Beaumont b M McCall	53
T Wyatt c M Thomas b R Birkett	0
K Brann c J Sheerin b R Birkett	7
J Lamers c J Sheerin b M McCall	30
RL Williams lbw b J Sheerin	38
J Hayes b J Brann	4
PJ Dell c J Brann b J Sheerin	4
N Auddino b J Sheerin	8
A Rose not out	12
AL Trotto not out	1
Extras (nb 2, w 2, b 21, lb 1 pen 5)	31
Total 9/189 (64.5 overs)	
Bowling: J Brann 23-7-1-64 (1w), R Birkett 7-3-3-11 (2nb), J Sheerin 23.5-6-3-55 (1w), M McCall 11-2-2-32	

Town 287 d Nerrena 92 & 1/97

Nerrena – 1st INNINGS

M Clark c A Ratnaike b M Riaz	11
LJ Giliam lbw b M Riaz	8
H Funnell c D Hume b F McLennan	24
T Wightman c B Hanrahan	
b DL Polwaththa Gallage	1
T Gannon c J Giardina b F McLennan	17
S Vagg c D Hume b F McLennan	2
R Clark c B Hanrahan b M Riaz	4
J Renden not out	17
J Hoy c B Hanrahan b M Riaz	0
C Salmon c P Jayasinghe	
b M Madusanka	5
J Trease c P Jayasinghe b M Riaz	0
Extras (nb 0, w 1, b 1, lb 1)	3
Total 92 (30.6 overs)	
Bowling: M Riaz 11.6-1-5-36, DL Polwaththa Gallage 6-2-1-12, F McLennan 6-1-3-22 (1w), A Ratnaike 4-1-0-9, M Madusanka 3-1-11	

Nerrena – 2nd INNINGS (following on)

M Clark not out	44
LJ Giliam c M Riaz	
b DL Polwaththa Gallage	3
H Funnell not out	43
Extras (nb 0, w 4, b 3, lb 0)	7
Total 196 (67.5 overs)	
Bowling: L Wright 14.5-5-4-53 (1w), L Anderson 10-3-2-16, T Sauvarin 19-5-2-46 (1w), J Ginnane 16-4-2-46 (1nb), AR Williams 4-1-0-12, D Ginnane 2-0-0-9, S Sameera 2-1-0-1 (1nb)	

A GRADE

Korumburra 161 d MDU 140

MDU – 1st INNINGS

S Arnup c R Rangana b J Whiteside	10
T Sinclair c B Fernando	4
MJ McGrath c B Hamill	27
J Sinclair b J Whiteside	0
T Nuwan c J Whiteside b H Fernando	36
J Bright b I Siriwardena	4
M Hooper c H Fernando b S Hamill	9
S Browne not out	41
S Bright b S Hamill	0
M Cantwell c & b I Siriwardena	0
B Cantwell b S Hamill	0
Extras (nb 4, w 1, b 1, lb 3)	9
Total 140 (68.3 overs)	
Bowling: J Whiteside 12-4-2-24, H Fernando 22-8-2-50 (1nb, 1w), T Crocker 2-0-0-11, I Siriwardena 22-6-2-41 (3nb), S Hamill 10.3-6-4-10	

Glen Alvie 161 d Kilcunda-Bass 124

Kilcunda-Bass – 1st INNINGS

J Tregear c M Allen b RV Sinclair	13
B Waldron c L Harris b S Kennedy	4
H Berry c S Smith b J Hales	11
J Mahood c L Harris b S Kennedy	16
TC Smith b S Kennedy	9
J Baker c W Luke b MA Dakin	4
D Ferguson c D Williams b S Kennedy	2
R Duff b MA Dakin	0
C Chasemore lbw b S Kennedy	0
C Davidson c RV Sinclair b S Kennedy	47
NJ McCallum not out	2
S Rozario not out	0
Extras (nb 2, w 6, b 1, lb 7)	16
Total 10/124 (65.1 overs)	
Bowling: N Findlay 11-1-0-30 (1nb, 1w), S Kennedy 25.1-11-6-32, RV Sinclair 8-1-1-13 (3w), Z Scholz 5-2-0-5 (1nb), MA Dakin 7-2-2-20 (2w), J Hales 9-2-16	

Phillip Island 3/213 d Club 209

Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS

D Bourke not out	121
S Angelo c LD McGuirk b J Hull	18
S McIntyre c H West b DT Herbert	4
S Kirton c J Hull b S Williams	31
D Womersley not out	20
Extras (nb 1, w 1, b 13, lb 4)	19
Total 3/213 (51.4 overs)	
Bowling: J Hull 7-1-1-22, F West 6-0-0-30 (1w), DT Herbert 8-0-1-23, S Williams 9-1-1-41, LD McGuirk 7-1-0-23, H Dobbie 7-2-0-25, J Williamson 5-1-0-15, M Chisholm 2-4-0-0-17 (1nb)	

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Bowling: M Riaz 3-1-0-14 (2w), DL Polwaththa Gallage 4-1-1-6, D Hume 4-1-0-1 (1w), M Madusanka 6-1-0-18, S Clark 3-1-0-15, L Gill 3-0-0-13 (1w), P Jayasinghe 1-0-0-8, A Ratnaike 2-1-0-9

Inverloch 166 d Koonwarra L/RSL 160

Koonwarra L/RSL – 1st INNINGS

BF Davison not out	0
M Scrimshaw b CW Asbury	0
C Buckland not out b CW Asbury	1
B Walsh b CW Asbury	59
H Hoekstra c & b T McQualter	9
S Hughes c D Newman b L Rankin	14
K Weeranga lbw b A Donohue	27
I Wickramasinghe b CW Asbury	1
J Hughes c R Newman b A Donohue	4
J Kennedy c J Strickland b CW Asbury	3
J Thomas not out	0
Extras (nb 9, w 2, b 5, lb 5)	21
Total 10/160 (81.2 overs)	
Bowling: T McQualter 18.3-7-1-38, CW Asbury 12.2-3-5-20 (2nb, 2w), A Donohue 24-9-2-38, L Rankin 14.3-4-1-31 (4nb), H Butcher 5-1-0-7 (2nb), JB Dennerley 6.1-1-0-12 (1nb)	

8/233 d Phillip Island 196

Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS

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Leongatha and District Cricket Association under 13s Junior Development League premiers relish in their victory. Back row (l-r): Tarryn Allan, Ty Debono, Jobe Williams, Hudson Guymer, Louis Read, Eamon Berryman, Brydon Marshall, Brett Debono. Front row (l-r): Jonah Foster, Cooper Newman, Evan Belvedere, Cole Munday, George Edwards, Archie Williams, Max Johnston, Jackson Allan.

LDCA juniors the best of the best

THE LDCA U13 and U15 teams travelled to Mirboo North on Sunday, the U13s for the grand final of the Junior Development League and the U15s with their last home and away game and a chance to qualify for the grand final.

U13 results

Sale Maffra won the toss and elected to bat first in overcast and humid conditions, S/M got off to a good start against the LDCA's dynamic duo Louis

Read (KLRSL) and Jobe Williams (Phillip Island), before the first wicket fell at 1/37 with Will Braden falling to Ty Debono (Inverloch).

This led to a great period for the LDCA boys, where they claimed 6/12 to reduce S/M to 6/49. Ashane Fernando batted very well late for S/M to get them to the total of 103 all out.

Best bowlers were Jobe Williams 2/13, Louis Read 2/23, Ty Debono 2/10 Max Johnston (Foster) 2/5 with the leg spin-

ning duo of Cooper Newman (Inverloch) and Archie Williams (Phillip Island) claiming a wicket each.

The LDCA's turn to bat with in form openers Eamon Berryman (Nerrenna) and Evan Belvedere (Korumburra).

An early wicket lost with Berryman dismissed saw a good little partnership with skipper Cooper Newman and Belvedere, before Belvedere was dismissed.

This saw another in-form

player Ty Debono stride to the crease, and together with Newman, (20) put on a handy 21 run partnership before both boys were dismissed to have the LDCA in some strife at 4/47.

This was when Jobe Williams and Louis Read formed the match winning partnership of 46, both left handers played very well showing good patience and technique against some very disciplined bowling, putting the few bad balls away that were on offer.

A mix up running between wickets saw Read (24) out at 6/94. Max Johnston and Jobe Williams 25no then saw the LDCA home to victory, with Williams showing great composure in the tense situation.

Well done to coach Brett Debono and team manager Tarryn Allan for their efforts in getting the boys to gel together and play great cricket throughout the series.

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