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BROADBENT RIDES AGAIN

THE Federal Electorate of Monash will be one of the most watched seats in the nation this year when Australia goes to the polls in April or May.

It follows the decision by the sitting member, Russell Broadbent, to deny the will of his former Liberal Party masters, who overlooked him for preselection in November 2023 and run again for office.

"We're standing. We will be renominating," he told the Sentinel-Times on Monday.

It was with those words that

Mr Broadbent revealed he would be running as an independent after much speculation.

"I've been asked many times as I go around to stand again and that's what we're doing.

"There's a lot of unfinished business and we are going into a time of great uncertainty in the parliament where I don't believe either of the major parties will have the numbers to govern in their own right.

"It's going to be a time when strength and experience is

needed in the parliament."

Mr Broadbent will be opposed to the endorsed Liberal candidate for Monash, Mary Aldred, whose father Ken he served with between 1990 and 1993, and independent Deb Leonard.

There's also likely to be a Labor and a Nationals candidate although neither have named their representatives.

Speaking about Mr Broadbent's decision to stand, Ms Aldred said simply that she wished him well.

Deb Leonard welcomed Mr Broadbent's involvement.

"It's great to hear Mr Broadbent is in the race. I enjoyed our interactions during the 2022 campaign. Having a choice is good for democracy," said Ms Leonard.

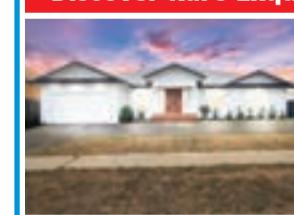
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We're standing: Russell Broadbent rides again

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With only 5600 votes out of 100,000 the deciding margin last time, after distribution, the result is entirely up for grabs, especially with Labor failing to nominate so late in the process.

Asked about the issues ahead for the electorate of Monash in particular, Mr Broadbent said cost of living was clearly the focus, but he said energy policy was another standout for the region.

"I've been very clear about this that coal and gas will continue to have an important role to play in energy production and I've been a strong advocate for a new gas-fired power station to be established in the Latrobe Valley."

Mr Broadbent said he was also in favour of nuclear being part of the energy-generation mix in Australia and was open to the idea of the Latrobe Valley hosting one of those nuclear plants.

Mr Broadbent said he was also well acquainted with the coastal erosion problems at Inverloch, and also at Silverleaves on Phillip Island, an area with which he has had a long association.

It was during Mr Broadbent's term of office, in February 2022, that Inverloch was awarded \$3.3 million from the Australian Government's \$50 million Coastal and Estuarine Risk Mitigation Program for "on-ground works" outlined in the Cape-to-Cape Resilience Project "to reduce disaster risk to critical infrastructure and services for the Inverloch township and surrounding region".



Veteran Monash MP Russell Broadbent announced in Warragul this week that he is nominating as an independent.

"Supporting our farmers, families and small businesses" were other issues he mentioned noting that his approach was always to engage directly with the community and actively advocate for what matters most to them.

Mr Broadbent will be in Canberra this week and next for what is expected to be the last two sitting weeks of the current parliament with the Prime Minister Anthony Albanese expected to call an election for April or May next month.

Russell Broadbent MP Election Announcement:

Hi, it's Russell Broadbent here, independent Member for Monash. Truth. Wisdom. Justice. These are the values that I have stood by during my years as a parliamentarian. Whether in the Liberal Party or as an independent, I have always been driven by values-based leadership – what is right, not what is politically expedient.

Issues that lie close to the heart of

Monash residents – issues like cost of living, energy prices, supporting our farmers, families and small businesses. I engage directly with the community and actively advocate for what matters most to them.

My focus has always been on getting what's best for Monash. I have worked tirelessly for new and improved infrastructure of this electorate – from big projects like the L. Rigby Cancer Centre in Wonthaggi and funding to address erosion at Inverloch and Silverleaves, to the small ones that make a big difference – like installing the Prom Views Street Library in Walkerville or sprucing up the Community Hub in Longwarry.

I have a broad understanding of the issues that matter most – big or small. After all, I am answerable to you, the people. I am not motivated by towing the party lines or being a career politician.

I am not, and never have been, a yes man – I crossed the floor when I was a member of the Liberal

party. I am prepared to take a stand when it matters – even when it puts my career on the line.

Over the past 12 months or so, I have spoken to many people across this beautiful electorate.

They are rightly concerned about the path this nation is on. They are concerned about our national identity, and how we, as a nation, should navigate what's to come.

We are in unprecedented, uncertain and unexpected times. I believe that we are entering a difficult political climate, and no one knows what the next few years will bring. But far from being lost in the wilderness, the path ahead is clear.

I have unfinished business. I have spoken to many people from Monash who have called on me to stand for the seat of Monash in 2025. And that is exactly what I intend to do.

I also announce today that I will not be canvassing or accepting any donations. And if I receive them, they will be respectfully declined and returned. Reason being I do not want to be beholden to any individual, group or party. As an independent, I want you to know that I am working in your interests and not for any other interest group.

However, I do need help on polling booths or putting a sign in your front yard, or just your conversation amongst your fellows. Monash needs a representative who has the experience and tenacity to advocate for what is best for the region. And I have the strength, expertise and wisdom to be more than just a voice for Monash.

Dramatic storm pummels Island

A FEROIOUS storm battered parts of Phillip Island on Sunday between 4pm and 5pm with power off to hundreds of homes on the island as trees were brought down on houses and roads.

It's understood SES attended 17 emergency calls for fallen trees that included building and properties, whilst Phillip Island Fire Brigade attended a blaze in Ventnor that started from a lightning strike.

One resident noting they'd never heard such loud thunder and lightning and were sent backwards when multiple lightning strikes hit their property.

The electrifying front only recorded 15mm of rain in Cowes.

Bass Coast hurry up for Environment Minister

THE Bass Coast Shire Council sent a delegation to meet with the Victorian Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos, on Wednesday last week, to impress on him the need for urgent action on the coastal erosion problems at Inverloch and Silverleaves.

Attending for the Bass Coast Shire Council were the Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead, Deputy Mayor Cr Brett Tessari, the shire CEO Greg Box and Teena Hale Pennington, the shire's General Manager Innovation and Culture.

Speaking about the meeting, also attended by Bass MP Jordan Crugnale, the Bass Coast Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead said the delegation got a good hearing.

"In line with the motion passed by council at the December meeting, to try to get a meeting with the Minister at the earliest opportunity, we met with Minister Dimopoulos yesterday, the head of DEECA and the regional manager to discuss the communities concerns.

"All of the things the community has raised and the council has discussed were discussed and we received a very good hearing from the Minister."

Cr Halstead said the council was seeking urgent commencement of the large-scale dune restoration at Inverloch, and an urgent commitment to funding the recommended Geotech sandbag revetment solution proposed as interim protection for the Silverleaves foreshore.

Retreat, said Cr Halstead, was not discussed.

Hazardous material callout at Island Surf Beach

A COMMON ingredient in the manufacture of a wide range of products, phosphoric acid is also rated as a "severe marine pollutant" that can also adversely affect human health through the inhalation of mist, ingestion and contact with skin and eyes.

Which is why the Phillip Island Fire Brigade, when called to the discovery of a 15-litre drum of the substance, found on the rocks at Surf Beach, immediately called in the Hazmat unit from Wonthaggi.

"We got the call at 16.43 on Wednesday (January 29) that a drum of potentially toxic chemicals was found on the rocks at Surf Beach," said Phillip Island

CFA Captain Lino Drazzi.

"It hadn't been opened and while we couldn't be sure what was in it, apart from the label, we had to treat it as toxic and called in Wonthaggi Hazmat."

The Hazmat officers used their self-contained breathing apparatus and hazardous materials splash suits to pick up and dispose of the container.

RIGHT: Wonthaggi Fire Brigade members, Peter Dell and Kevin Else, donned hazardous material 'splash suits' while disposing of a full drum of Phosphoric Acid Solution recovered from the rocks at Surf Beach on Phillip Island.



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Wind PM: E 20-30km/h
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IN BRIEF

Preliminary hearings before Erin Patterson trial

THE 'mushroom murder' trial involving Leongatha mother of two, Erin Patterson, is not scheduled to start in the Supreme Court, sitting in Morwell, until Monday, April 28.

However, the matter of DPP v Erin Patterson is set to return to the Supreme Court of Victoria in Melbourne this Wednesday, February 5 for the continuation of preliminary hearings before Justice Beale.

The latest hearing is listed from Wednesday, February 5 to Friday, February 7 but could also run into the following week.

The hearing is subject to section 3 of the Judicial Proceedings Reports Act 1958, under which there are very significant limitations on the reporting of the proceedings in order that it not prejudice the fair trial of Ms Patterson.

Erin Patterson, 49, was charged with three counts of murder and five counts of attempted murder in November 2023, the most serious of these offences resulting from the deaths of three family members, allegedly from mushroom poisoning, who attended lunch at her Leongatha property on July 29, 2023.

Ms Patterson has always maintained her innocence.

School reunion for classes pre-1950 – 1965

A LEONGATHA High School reunion will be held this coming March for all past students who attended the school pre-1950 and up until 1965, all-inclusive.

With seventy past students already confirming attendance at the event and coming from as far afield as Queensland, NSW and regional Victoria, the reunion will provide a good opportunity to catch up with old friends. Barry Davies is organising the event after successfully holding a reunion for the class of 1963 in October 2023 and is expecting over

100 people to attend.

He has had many requests to hold additional reunions for other years, so, decided to organise an event for students that spanned over 15 years of classes and for the 60-year anniversary of the class of 1965.

Barry commented he had already received responses from many past students who are excited to attend.

For those who would like to attend the reunion please contact Barry Davies at bazdav48@outlook.com.

'Politics in the Pub' heads to Fish Creek

FISH Creek residents are invited to join Deb Leonard, independent candidate for the federal seat of Monash, for an engaging "Politics in the Pub" discussion on growing food, community cohesion, and strengthening the local economy. The event will be held on Saturday, February 8 at 1.30pm in the Oberon Room of the Fish Creek Hotel.

This event is an opportunity for residents to share their ideas and concerns directly with Deb, and discuss how federal representation can better support initiatives that matter to Fish Creek.

This community event is open to all residents of Fish Creek and surrounding areas are encouraged to attend and be part of the conversation.

Attendees should RSVP via Deb Leonard's website events page: debleonard4monash.com.au/fish_creek_pip

New administration for cemeteries

SOUTHERN Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust (SMCT) has welcomed San Remo and Wonthaggi cemeteries and community to new administration arrangements.

San Remo and Wonthaggi Cemeteries have been voluntarily transferred to Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust (SMCT) from February 1.

"SMCT supports this decision by the Victorian Government and looks forward to welcoming two new cemeteries into SMCT's family of cemeteries and memorial parks."

Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust has also thanked those who have worked to support the Bass Coast community at these sites over the years and looks forward to exploring a legacy of history, reflection, and compassion.

"We continue to work closely with community and stakeholders to understand their unique needs and to provide a seamless transition for families and the local community."

All enquiries regarding existing or new burials, funerals, and management of the Wonthaggi or San Remo cemeteries should contact SMCT on 1300 466 904 or email enquiries@smct.org.au.

Experience the magic at Eroni's

STEP right up! Eroni's Circus, renowned for its vintage charm and captivating performances, is bringing its 2025 edition to Wonthaggi.

Performances will take place at the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve, with showtimes on Friday, February 7 at 7pm, Saturday, February 8 at 1pm and 7pm, and a final show on Sunday, February 9 at 1pm.

Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis, with the ticket office opening one hour before each show. It's recommended to arrive at least 30 minutes prior to secure your seats, as doors close once the show begins.

Why there's no ENT service at Leongatha

GIPPSLAND Southern Health Service is working through options to provide perioperative Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) services following a local workforce change.

GSHS has confirmed it continues to deliver planned surgery at its Leongatha hospital, but the ENT surgical list will not be available until the workforce issue can be resolved.

Acting CEO Jenny Dempster said a workforce change for perioperative ENT services had meant GSHS was supporting a small number of patients to reschedule their surgery at a nearby health service.

"Gippsland Southern Health Service is actively working with surrounding health services to reschedule any impacted patients and ensure continuity of quality care," Ms Dempster said.

"We understand how challenging and frustrating waiting for surgery can be, and the impact that it can have on families. It is very important to our community to have their ENT surgery as soon as possible and we are working with hospitals in our region to find alternative solutions."

It has been reported to the Sentinel-Times that at least one patient impacted by the workforce change was advised their procedure would not be going ahead at short notice.

For the glory of the spud

THE Thorpdale Potato Festival is on again on Sunday, March 9 at the Thorpdale Recreation Reserve.

It's the ideal day out for carb lovers with 'tato picking, stacking, throwing and eating events, and stall holders selling every kind of potato treat you can think of!

Created to celebrate the area's strong potato farming heritage, it has evolved to become a jam-packed day that the whole family can enjoy and don't miss the "Hessians on the Field" event, with outfits made from potato sacks. There are also sheep shearing races, wood chopping comps, a petting zoo and plenty of live entertainment.



Time for action is now

By Chloe Kent

'TO WHOM it may concern, I am writing requesting serious and immediate consideration of vegetation and habitat overgrowth clearing and maintenance at a troubling stretch of road located at Lynnes Road and Inverloch-Kongwak Road, Wattle Bank.'

'On Tuesday, January 14, (I) was involved in the second serious motor vehicle accident for the year at this intersection...'

The four-way intersection, though functioning more like a T-junction, resembles thousands of others across Australia. Yet, in a span of just weeks, three serious collisions have occurred – one on December 2, another in the first week of the new year, and the latest on January 14.

"The biggest concern is the flow of traffic," local farmer and writer of the letter, Ben Hurst told The Sentinel-Times.

"We have these great, expensive flashing lights that only work intermittently. We often see technicians working on them – one will flash, both will flash or neither will flash when a car is approaching on Lynnes Road. Then, the roadside vegetation is overgrown."

Mr Hurst, who lives and works near the intersection, describes the dense gum trees and roadside vegetation as a serious obstruction to visibility.

"You've got to practically park in the middle of the road to see what's coming when you're turning from Lynnes Road."

"Poor vegetation, poor vegetation maintenance, trees covering signage, especially the flashing LED signs – it makes it pretty hard to see anything at all."

Mr Hurst speaks from first-hand experience. Not only was he involved in the January 14 crash when his car, travelling southbound along Kongwak-Inverloch Road, was struck by a driver pulling out of Lynnes Road, but just weeks earlier, he was among the first on the scene of a crash that left Korumburra Secondary College staff member Kim Cross with severe injuries.

"Since my crash on January 14, they haven't replaced the end of the road curve marker – the one that everyone looks for when there's an end of the road. It's another thing nothing has been done about."

Mr Hurst is not the only local calling for immediate action.



Ben Hurst was lucky to escape with minor injuries after his vehicle left the intersection and ended up in roadside vegetation from a collision at the notorious intersection. A100_0525

Tony Cuzzupi, who regularly passes through the intersection on his commute between Wonthaggi and Jumbunna, has been pushing for safety improvements for years.

"(The road) has always been a concern for me," he said, noting he originally contacted local council. However, after persistently following up, he eventually received an email stating the vegetation and pruning had been completed – only to find it untouched. He was then informed it was, in fact, a VicRoads issue.

"VicRoads wrote an email back saying they patrol the area every two weeks and there is no concern there. For six to eight months, I kept pushing them, and finally, they admitted, 'We can see what you're talking about, we'll get that cleared,' and they fixed it."

Mr Cuzzupi contacted VicRoads again after Mr Hurst's accident, urging immediate vegetation clearance – but received no response.

"On Thursday (January 30), I contacted them again because I had a close call at the intersection.

"You can only see vehicles when they're about 50 metres away, and even then, you have to stick your nose out onto the road (to see oncoming traffic)."

Like many others, Mr Cuzzupi urgently wants to see overgrown vegetation cleared before there is another fatality.

Local Wattle Bank resident

Mr Alan Brown agrees.

"Everybody locally agrees – it is a highly dangerous intersection. The (overgrown) vegetation urgently needs to be removed, as drivers cannot see adequately."

Mr Hurst, fortunate to escape with minor injuries, is still recovering.

"I'm still recovering from my seat belt injuries, it's bruising, but (the crash) was completely avoidable."

"We go through the intersection at least twice a day – people are constantly jolting forwards and pulling out in front of us."

Local firefighters agree that it's a problem corner, though they attribute many of the crashes to driver error with one local firefighter stating they "hate the intersection. There are warning signs everywhere, but drivers don't see them."

Inverloch Fire Brigade Captain Shane Maskell agrees.

"If drivers can't take notice of the signs already there, they won't take notice of more signage – flashing or not," Captain Maskell said.

"It comes down to driver awareness. Tourists may not be aware of roads locally, but locals are becoming complacent."

"Recently, over peak holiday season, two mid-20s drivers were drag racing up and down Sandymount Avenue in Inverloch. They didn't care."

According to Member for Eastern Victoria, Melina Bath, Ambulance Victoria data on rural road emergencies

highlights the deteriorating state of regional roads and the parallel spike in serious road trauma.

"Intersections like Lynnes Road and Inverloch-Kongwak Road have known safety issues that are exacerbated during holiday periods," Ms Bath said.

"In 2022, Bass Coast Council conducted a speed limit review on Lynnes Road to assess and address safety issues for Wattle Bank residents."

"The intersection is eligible for black spot funding, yet the Allan Government has turned a blind eye."

"I, like many locals want to see public safety improved at this dangerous intersection."

According to the Department of Transport and Planning, Side Road Activated Speed signs were installed at the intersection in 2020, along with some improvements to signage, road markings, and pavement. The department states they "continue to regularly maintain" vegetation at the intersection to enhance safety.

"Everybody has a role to play in ensuring our roads are safe, and we always encourage drivers to drive to conditions and obey all signage," Beth Liley, Executive Director (Gippsland Region) Department of Transport and Planning said.

"We are constantly monitoring our roads and looking into ways we can improve safety for everyone using them."

Full story at sgst.com.au

Lucky to be alive

KIM Cross is lucky to be alive after surviving a terrifying car accident on December 2 at the intersection of Inverloch-Kongwak Road and Lynnes Road, Wattle Bank.

"For over 10 years, I've travelled this road daily, commuting to and from work without incident," Ms Cross explained.

"However, on that afternoon (December 2, 2024), around 4.45pm, my routine journey home from Korumburra to Inverloch turned into a life-threatening experience."

"I was driving along the bitumen, slowing down to 70 km/h as I approached the light indicators when I suddenly caught a glimpse of a gold car in my peripheral vision."

"Before I could react, the car struck me at full speed from the side, coming from the dirt road at an estimated 100 km/h."

The impact sent Ms Cross' vehicle spinning before it crashed into a tree on the driver's side. The force resulted in significant injuries, including a fractured right collarbone, four broken ribs, and a dissection of an artery in her neck.

"Thanks to the quick actions of a courageous off-duty paramedic who happened to be a witness, I was able to receive immediate assistance before emergency services arrived."

"This individual remained calm under pressure, ensuring the car was safely turned off, checked my limbs, and stabilised me for the paramedics. Despite the severe damage to my vehicle, which left me trapped against the tree, I was eventually freed by the fire department and SES personnel."

Due to the severity of Ms Cross' injuries, she was airlifted to the Royal Melbourne Hospital where she was assessed for neck and spinal damage.

"I am thankful that, despite the seriousness of my injuries, I did not suffer permanent damage in those areas. However, I've had to take seven weeks off work to recover, undergo extensive physiotherapy and (have) numerous scans."

For Ms Cross, the accident is a stark reminder of how dangerous this intersection has become.

"The combination of high-speed traffic, limited visibility, and poorly designed road access puts all drivers at risk. My car was written off, and the driver of the other vehicle has since been charged."

"I am lucky to be alive, but not everyone will be as fortunate unless we take action."

"Ben Hurst, who assisted in this accident, has also been involved in a similar incident. I urge the local council and relevant authorities to address the safety hazards at this intersection before more lives are impacted."

"The people who use this road every day deserve to feel safe, and it's time for change, especially the dirt road, even just speed bumps to slow people down and keep on top of tree growth for visibility."

The scarred tree that Ms Cross' vehicle collided with is visible at the scene of Mr Hurst's accident on January 14.

"I want to express my gratitude to Officer Joshua Hill, who assisted my daughter during this traumatic event, as well as to the paramedics, the fire department, and the SES for their life-saving work."

Kim and Ben were lucky, as have the other drivers who have narrowly escaped disaster at this intersection. But luck isn't a safety measure, and it's only a matter of time before someone doesn't make it home.

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Cr Rochelle Halstead



LAST week, I had the opportunity to meet with the Hon. Steve Dimopoulos, Minister for Environment, alongside Deputy Mayor Cr Brett Tessari, as part of Bass Coast Shire Council's ongoing efforts to address the critical issues of coastal erosion and inundation affecting Inverloch and Silverleaves. With 200km of coastline, many of our communities, infrastructure and assets are at risk. This meeting was a critical step in ensuring the urgency of our community's concerns are heard at the highest levels of government.

In December 2024, Council unanimously agreed that urgent action is needed from the Government. We resolved to write to the Victorian Minister for Environment, highlighting the increasing threat of coastal erosion and the damage caused by severe storm events. In response, Minister Dimopoulos, along with Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale and Department of Energy, Environment, and Climate Action (DEECA) officials agreed to meet with our delegation.

During our meeting, the Minister acknowledged the seriousness of the challenges we face. Residents of Inverloch and Silverleaves have experienced firsthand the devastating impacts of coastal erosion, which threaten not only their homes but the long-term sustainability of the area. We made it clear to the Minister that timely action is critical, especially as we approach storm seasons and high tides.

I was impressed by Minister Dimopoulos's understanding of the urgency and need for action at Inverloch and Silverleaves. The Minister advised that funding applications are currently under review by the State Government Cabinet and the Treasurer, with decisions expected soon. This was encouraging to hear, but we know there is much work to be done. We continue to advocate for immediate investment and the commencement of works to protect our community and our coastline. Minister Dimopoulos assured us that decisions are expected soon, with work progressing as quickly as possible.

This is a complex issue, and we've heard many questions and concerns from our residents and community about what's happening and how it impacts them. We will continue to keep our community informed and updated on State Government decisions. The most up to date information can be found on our website or engage Bass Coast.

I look forward to working in partnership with the Victorian Government to secure urgent funding and a physical works program to protect our communities and infrastructure for the future.

'Retreat' won't save the surf club

A POLITICAL stoush has been joined between Bass MP Jordan Crugnale and Eastern Victoria MP Melina Bath about what should happen next in response to the erosion crisis at the Inverloch Surf Beach.

While Ms Crugnale has ruled out "hard engineering" options in favour of dune renourishment and retreat as the best solutions for Inverloch in a recent letter to the town's residents, Ms Bath has accused the State Government and Ms Crugnale of being "solely focused on a retreat".

But, as much as it's been getting good publicity, it's not helping the good folk at the Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club.

Once located 70 metres from the shoreline, the surf lifesaving clubrooms, opened in January 2011 at a cost of \$1.5 million, is now teetering on the brink, with only a failing barrier of geotextile bags between the facility and the crashing waves.

Asked what the club would like to see in the next three to four months, surf lifesaving club president Glenn Arnold said a solid defence, like the rock structure at Apollo Bay, was what was needed in front of the clubhouse, while a longer-term solution was found.

"The textile bags have done their job over the past four years but as you can see, they've started sagging in the middle and there's been issues around the edges," said Mr Arnold.

"What we'd like to see is a proper structure, not just sand, that could be removed when a more permanent solution is found.

"The one we are looking at is similar to what the government has put in at Apollo Bay. It's a rock structure but not a rock wall. The rocks go in and then it's backfilled and covered with sand."

The club is firmly of the belief that sand replacement and dune renourishment on their own will not save the clubhouse from the next storm surge and high tide event, like the one in August last year.

Asked for her response, Ms Crugnale said she was authorised to make the statement that the sandbag wall would continue to do its job.

"The existing sandbag seawall in front of the Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club will prevent erosion from encroaching on the club while we continue



In 2021, the State Government invested \$7.6 million to address erosion problems at Apollo Bay, with works including sand-covered rock reinforcement on the foreshore. Why not at Inverloch?

to work on the final adaptation model," Ms Crugnale told the Sentinel-Times this week.

"We understand from our consultation the importance of the natural beach setting to the community for recreation, tourism and the town's liveability and that will be a factor for future adaptations.

"I know the Inverloch community is very acute to the approaching Easter King Tides and potential coupling of a storm and how this may affect the surf beach, and this goes also for the Silverleaves community as well.

"DEECA have a package of works currently with the Treasurer seeking immediate funding for projects across the coast of Victoria including for Silverleaves and Inverloch and I continue to voice the urgency with both the Environment Minister and the Treasurer and their respective offices.

"I want to thank Council for being very active in this space and endorsing DEECA's package of works by making representations to the Minister with myself also present last week on behalf of both communities and as per their resolution.

"The key stakeholder community organisations ITA, SGCS and the ISLSC will be meeting for the fourth time with DEECA in February and I hope that as a collective we are able to provide an update on the dune reconstruction project and the survey results from the C2C engage.vic consultation as well.

"Council and DEECA continue to work together alongside other members of the Inverloch

Interagency Working Group to plan and carry out maintenance work and interim nourishment activities for the protection of assets including the surf club and the road coming up to Easter and work that will be required following a storm event," Ms Crugnale said.

As well as the town-wide letterbox drop by Ms Crugnale over the Australia Day long weekend, and the critical response from Ms Bath, also noting official questions had been asked of the Environment Minister Steve Dimopoulos, the Bass Coast Shire Council took a delegation to meet the Minister in Spring Street last Wednesday.

Speaking about the meeting, Bass Coast Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead said she believed progress had been made in impressing on the Minister the need for urgent action.

Background

According to details provided by Ms Crugnale, the sandbag seawall at the Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club has a 10 to 20-year lifespan. She said relocating the clubhouse out of the hazard zone is identified as an option in the adaptation pathway. Relocating the clubhouse, she said, would allow the beach to be retained for use by the community and visitors in the longer term.

The Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club and public assets like roads are the most at risk from coastal erosion and inundation in the future.

Retreat of these assets has been identified as an adaptation pathway that may be

required to manage erosion and allow Inverloch to retain its natural beach in the future, so it can continue to thrive as a tourism destination.

Since 2014, the Labor Government has invested \$140 million into marine and coastal projects.

She said DEECA had received \$1.53 million from the Australian Government's Disaster Ready Fund (2) to develop Statewide policy guidance on ways to manage coastal erosion, including what transition and retreat adaptation options could look like for property and assets impacted by coastal hazards and sea level rise. This work is being undertaken now. Consultation for the project will take place later this year with Traditional Owners, Victorian coastal local government authorities, including Bass Coast and South Gippsland, and coastal land managers.

At Apollo Bay

The Victorian Government invested \$7.6 million to address erosion problems at Apollo Bay. Stage 1 was delivered in June 2021. Stage 2 was delivered in December 2021. Works included three rock groynes and approximately 900 metres of rock wall.

"The groynes hold sand on the beach and the seawall protects the Great Ocean Road, foreshore path, cypress trees and other assets," according to DEECA (Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action). More information at marineandcoasts.vic.gov.au/coastal-programs/barwon-south-west.



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Bath MP challenges 'sand and retreat' options

THE Nationals' Member for Eastern Victoria, Melina Bath, has accused the State Government of being "solely focused on a retreat" as the way to deal with Inverloch's beach erosion crisis.

That is, as storm surges and high tides batter the coast in the months ahead, assets and infrastructure, including the Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club, should be allowed to fall into the sea and members "retreat" elsewhere. Homes on the other side of Surf Parade would be the next in the firing line.

In a statement released by Ms Bath on Friday, in response to an extensive letterbox drop by the Labor Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale over the Australia Day long weekend, Ms Bath said residents she had spoken to found the update by Ms Crugnale raised more questions than it answered. And she has promised to raise those questions with Labor's Minister for the Environment Steve Dimopoulos.

"The Allan Labor Government appears to be solely focused on a 'retreat' option despite the Cape-to-Cape Resilience draft plan being met with a tsunami of community opposition," said Ms Bath. "The letter confirms Labor is only planning for a dune renourishment strategy to tackle coastal erosion, with tenders going out late in 2025 – it dismisses other options including hard engineering without any transparent analysis."

Ms Bath claimed a \$3.3 million grant from the Federal Government in 2022 accounted for only one-third of the funds required to implement the whole Cape to Cape Resilience Plan which she said was estimated to cost over \$10 million.

"Labor needs to come clean on how much of the federal funding grant has been spent on external consultants and did the government's terms of reference consider all best practice options for coastal protection.

"Many locals are justifiably sceptical that a project that only replaces lost sand and begins late this year, is likely to be a waste of time.

"It is a temporary measure; the surf life-saving club and other public and private infrastructure will remain vulnerable to erosion from tides and storm surges.



The Nationals' Member for Eastern Victoria, Melina Bath, has slammed the State Government's focus on a "retreat" strategy for Inverloch's worsening beach erosion crisis.

"The Allan Government has taken many years to author a draft report that makes recommendations which overwhelmingly do not reflect community sentiment.

"There is clearly a significant funding shortfall, and it appears the Allan Government is doing everything to avoid picking up the tab for coastal erosion mitigation works in Bass Coast."

Jordan Crugnale's letter

Here is a copy of the letter Bass MP Jordan Crugnale delivered to letterboxes in Inverloch recently:

Dear Inverloch residents,

This spring will see the start of a massive dune reconstruction project to protect our beautiful beach. This is the first of a series of regular newsletters to update you on the project.

Background: We have all watched with alarm the changes to the Inverloch surf beach over the past 10 years. The problem of coastal erosion is not peculiar to Inverloch. All around the world, coastal communities are confronting the same challenges.

Inverloch is a particularly complex coastal environment. A dynamic estuary system,

changed wave patterns in Bass Strait and climate change have combined to cause the most severe beach erosion in the state.

Inverloch is also the most studied part of the entire 2500 kilometre Victorian coastline, thanks to the Victorian Government's Cape to Cape Resilience Project involving multiple government agencies and the Bass Coast Shire Council.

In 2022, we secured \$3.3 million from the Federal Government's Coastal and Erosion Mitigation Program to address coastal erosion.

Coastal erosion management is a growing discipline with thousands of case studies to draw on from around the world. Our researchers have looked at global best practice to determine the best solution for our beach.

While some communities have opted for hard engineering solutions such as rock walls and groynes to protect houses and infrastructure, the results are clear: if we put in a rock wall at Inverloch it will lower the sand level, and we will lose our beach. It will also create scouring at each end of the wall.

Dune reconstruction: The Inverloch community has stated overwhelmingly that the sandy beach and coastal landscape are what

we value most. It's why most of us live here, it's why thousands of people visit Inverloch.

In Australia, more and more councils and state governments are turning to dune reconstruction and vegetation as the best way to preserve beaches while protecting homes and other buildings. The advantage of sand is that it absorbs and dissipates the force of the sea rather than transferring it, and it restores the natural contours of the beach rather than destroying them. Byron Bay was facing similar problems to Inverloch when they began their dune restoration project in 2022. Since then, erosion has been significantly reduced, beach amenity has been restored and environmental values continue to improve. The South Australian Government has carried out a number of projects to stabilise and replant dunes, including at West Beach near Adelaide.

Dune reconstruction is not a permanent solution to rising seas, however, it is the first step in the adaptation plan recommendations that goes towards building back the beach, raising its level, protecting threatened assets like the Surf Club and the dune vegetation for potentially the next 10 years.

The Timing: Large-scale dune reconstruction of the Inverloch surf beach will begin in early spring, using a large barge to pump up to 200,000 tonnes of sand onto the beach to recreate the dune. Make no mistake, this dune will be as highly engineered as any other coastal protection measure but designed to protect the beach using a local material that's cheap and plentiful.

The dune needs time to stabilise over the spring and summer before the south-westerly storm surges begin in autumn. Planting of the dunes with suitable species including coastal native grasses is a crucial part of the project and is best done in spring.

In the meantime, the Inverloch Inter-agency Working Group will continue to monitor the coastline to determine whether emergency sand renourishment works are needed to protect the existing dunes in response to the expected autumn and winter storms.

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'Relief and gratitude' after The Gurdies bushfire



Local resident Mahanama Wijayasiri continues the clean-up at his Gurdies-St Helier Road property where it was "touch and go", according to firefighters, whether a December bushfire destroyed his home.



Fencing contractors Scott Dare and Scott Davidson of East Gippsland get to work replacing some of the fencing lost in The Gurdies bushfire.



In total, 192 hectares of forest was burnt at The Gurdies but the bushfire also caused significant damage to private property in the area.

WHEN The Gurdies bushfire blew up into a seriously dangerous inferno at 4.55pm on Friday, December 20, local resident Mahanama Wijayasiri was safely 30 minutes away from his home, on Gurdies-St Helier Road, at Pakenham.

But the dramatic escalation in what had previously been a relatively small blaze, following a blustery south-westerly wind change, still came as something of a shock.

"We decided to go at about 1.30pm on Friday, with the fire mainly contained to the Woodlands Close area, just to be on the safe side," said Mahanama.

"We'd taken away most of the branches and trees that came down during the February storm, cleared the gutters and cleaned up around the place. There wasn't much more we could do."

He went to his daughter's place on the Mornington Peninsula but came back to Pakenham later in the afternoon on Friday for a family medical appointment, around the time The Gurdies fire was hitting crisis point.

"We saw the smoke coming from that direction and knew it had taken a turn for the worse," he said.

From that time onwards, until the next morning, he had no idea whether he'd still have a home to go to – he very nearly didn't.

"We didn't know anything until Wendy and Bruce came down from The Gurdies Winery the next day and told us the house was still there."

They'd stayed to defend the winery, also an incredibly lucky save, again thanks to the courageous efforts of the firefighters.

"They apparently had four fire trucks in our backyard protecting the house. It used to be a greyhound-training facility so there were quite a few sheds out there with old furniture, tools and bits and pieces in them. We lost all those."

"But they saved the garage and the house which is pretty amazing when you take a look around at what else burned," he said, pointing across the roof of the house to the forest on the other side of the road and tall trees in his own front yard.

There's little doubt these would have been battering the crews with fiery embers as they stood in the path of intense heat and strong, shifting winds, ready to defend Mahanama's house.

Reports were received of several fire truck burn-overs at the height of the fire but not a single home or life was lost.

"We just can't describe how grateful we are for what the fire crews did. Incredible," he said.

"My daughter and I came back when they finally opened the road for the residents and it was relief mostly, relief and gratitude, to see the house still standing."

"The fire chief, the guy in charge of the whole operation, came back and spent time with us after. He told us it was pretty touch and go but we came through with only relatively minor damage to the house."

"But we'd have loved to get the crews that protected our house back just to

say thank you."

While some of the outbuildings were lost, it was mainly the radiant heat which caused damage to the house.

"The air conditioner melted and the solar panels," said Mahanama.

"The insurance will pay for that."

A beautiful big magnolia tree beside the house, the orchard, some of the other trees, the fencing, and much of the garden has also been destroyed, burnt or singed, possibly beyond recovery, but Mahanama has already made great inroads into the clean-up.

"We've got the fencing being done today and we've cleaned up a fair bit of the mess," he said.

Most of the burnt or fallen trees have been cut into firewood and it's starting to look like the old place again.

"We missed having a family Christmas here like we'd planned but we're getting back to normal now."

In reality, The Gurdies fire, which burnt around 192 hectares of land, was mostly contained to the Gurdies Nature Conservation Reserve where around 125 hectares of bush in the northern section of the reserve was burnt.

But it's here that it broke out across Gurdies-St Helier Road towards Mr Wijayasiri's place, the Gurdies Winery and a few other properties, sending fingers of fire out as far as the Hurdy Gurdy Creek Nature Conservation Reserve.

Some homes on Woodland Close and Hendy Lane also had fire all around them, saved by the fire brigades, and are still recovering from the incident.

At one stage, the fire threatened to break out of The Gurdies Nature Conservation Reserve and into open farmland further along Gurdies-St Helier Road but again, a big turnout of brigades from right around the area and back into the Melbourne suburbs saved the day.

According to the CFA, The Gurdies bushfire was started by a chainsaw at approximately 3.28pm on Thursday, January 19 and spread into the 52.2ha Bass Coast Shire Council-owned Gurdies Bushland Reserve and 260ha state-owned The Gurdies Nature Conservation Reserve.

The shire is yet to respond to questions about whether it complied with the requirements of its own Municipal Fire Management Plan in relation to the reserve as set out in Terra Matrix Fire Plan.

The CFA said the chainsaw incident at The Gurdies should serve as a reminder to be careful using machinery on a day with elevated fire risk.

In fact, many may be unaware that you are not allowed to use a chainsaw during the declared Fire Danger Period unless strict conditions are complied with, including having a 9lt (plus) fire extinguisher on hand and only use a chainsaw if absolutely necessary on days of Total Fire Ban.

For more information go to the cfa.vic.gov.au website and search for Home Warnings & Restrictions Fire Bans, Ratings and Restrictions, Can I or Can't I.

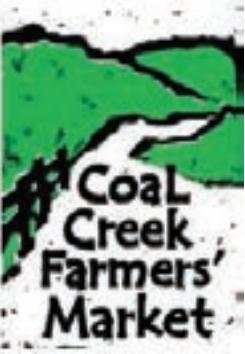
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Big dry grips Bass Coast and South Gippsland but no drought relief

ONE of the driest years on record with half the usual rainfall for many parts of Bass Coast and South Gippsland has failed to trigger state government drought relief.

Almurta farmer Peter Miller says it's the driest he's ever seen it.

"I keep expecting it will rain, and we did get some rain in spring, but not enough."

Rainfall figures released by the Bureau of Meteorology show rainfall well below average for Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

The past twelve months in Bass Coast and South Gippsland have been among the driest 10 per cent of years in recorded history.

"Almurta received 640mm last year compared to an average year of a metre," said Peter.

The official rain gauge at Inverloch recorded 626mm for 2024 compared to a mean average of 945mm.

The last time Bass Coast achieved anywhere near mean average rainfall was 2020 when the weather station at Inverloch recorded a total of 1041mm in the rain gauge.

Peter Miller says 1200mm would be a wet year in Almurta.

"The dams are pretty low now and the pasture is fast disappearing."

"I'm now starting to feed stock."

Mr Miller said farmers left with excess stock could be in trouble.

Replacement heifers in North-East Victoria costing \$1250/



Almurta farmer Peter Miller is concerned.

head three months ago are now selling for \$880/head.

Mr Miller says it's crunch time with prices in the saleyard already dropping 10 to 15 per cent.

"Farmers are being cautious," said Mr Miller.

Never having experienced a drought Mr Miller is unsure what to expect.

State Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale MP said Agriculture Victoria is continuing to monitor seasonal, economic and social conditions across the state including Gippsland.

"We encourage farmers to seek out support through Agriculture Victoria's tailored programs and services as well as accessing the Rural Financial Counselling Service and loans provided by the Commonwealth Government through the Regional Investment Corporation," said Ms Crugnale.

The State Government does

not make formal declarations of drought.

Drought declarations are aligned to the National Drought Agreement that Victoria is a signatory to with support provided to farmers on an ongoing basis when facing prolonged dry conditions and early intervention to ease the impact of droughts on local farming communities.

The Victorian Farmers Federation is also closely monitoring conditions throughout Victoria to help ensure the government is tuned into issues on the ground. "South Gippsland is usually reliable country," said Mr Miller. "I'd be happy not to get two bad seasons in a row."

Local farmers expect an autumn break around Anzac Day, though as Peter notes "Anzac Day is a long way off".

Bass Coast and South Gippsland water storages are reported to be managing the dry

conditions remarkably well with Lance Creek Reservoir currently sitting at 70 per cent capacity.

Ruby Creek is just below 80 per cent capacity and Battery Creek and Deep Creek are almost 100 per cent.

The volume in storage outlook for Lance Creek Reservoir for the period November 2024 to October 2025 indicates that storage levels are expected to remain high.

The Lance Creek system is connected to the Melbourne metropolitan supply which increases resilience in times of low rainfall.

Annual maximum temperatures are also very much above average for 2024 placing Bass Coast and South Gippsland in the warmest 10 per cent of years of all time.

Peter Miller said he's been farming in the district for fifteen years and with 450 head of cattle, he needs to be careful about replacing stock.

For town residents, Gippsland has permanent water-saving rules in place.

Water from a hand-held hose must not be used for any purpose unless the hose is fitted with a trigger nozzle and is leak-free.

Permanent water-saving rules do not apply to recycled or reclaimed water, greywater, stormwater, or rainwater collected in a storage tank.

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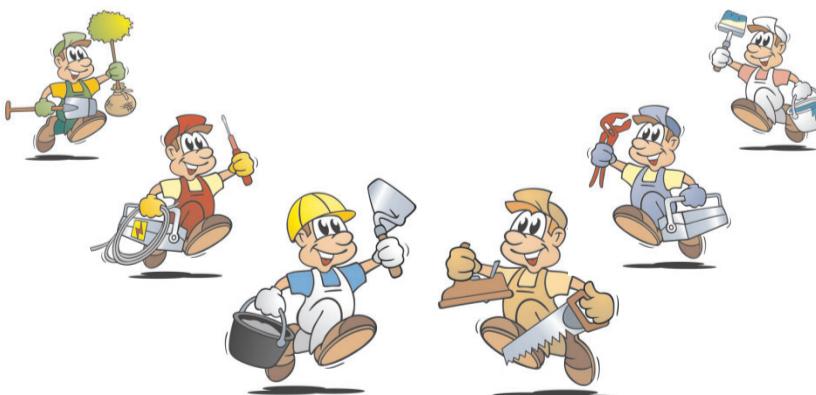
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Shaping South Gippsland



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Help Shape South Gippsland

We want to hear your thoughts to help shape the future of South Gippsland.

Shaping South Gippsland is a large community engagement conducted by Council to help inform the development of key plans for South Gippsland.

The engagement will check whether the priorities outlined in the 2024 Community Vision still meets our community's aspirations for the future of our region. It will also provide an opportunity to contribute feedback toward the next Council Plan which will drive Council direction and initiatives over the next four years.

You can engage with council in-person and online. There will be pop-up events happening in a number of towns and you can also visit the Shaping South Gippsland website and tell us your thoughts.

Councillors will also be attending several meetings with stakeholders such as Youth Council and the Access and Inclusion Committee. The broad engagement aims to ensure a cross section of voices are heard from across the South Gippsland community.

To find out where Council is popping up next or to provide feedback online, please visit: www.shapingsouthgippsland.com.au

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Details will be available on Council's website:

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These sessions offer free learning opportunities to all members in our community.

Starting with Good Governance, on Tuesday 18 February online from 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

To register for a session and see what else is available, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitytraining

REQUEST FOR TENDERS

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

RFT/434 – KiRC Civil Drainage Works Project

Tenders close 2.00pm AEDT on Tuesday 18 February 2024.

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New leadership team elected to head One Gippsland

ONE Gippsland has elected a new leadership team to lead the organisation for the next 12 months.

South Gippsland Shire Councillor Nathan Hersey was elected Chair, while the Mayor of Bass Coast Shire Council, Cr Rochelle Halstead, was elected as the Deputy Chair at the organisation's board meeting held in Morwell last week.

A key priority for the new leadership team will be advocating for the region during the federal election campaign and in the run-up to the next state election in November 2026.

Cr Hersey said he was proud to be elected to advocate for Gippsland to ensure its prosperity during a time of change and to continue the work of One Gippsland from his time as Deputy Chair in 2023.

"Gippsland is on the frontline of change and we are doing the work to prepare our community for what the future holds and making sure we become more prosperous because of it," Cr Hersey said.

"Gippsland has many valuable assets – including our people – and One Gippsland will continue to work alongside



South Gippsland Shire Councillor Nathan Hersey was elected chair, while the Mayor of Bass Coast Shire Council, Cr Rochelle Halstead, was elected as the Deputy Chair of One Gippsland last week.

both the state and federal governments to ensure our region grows and prospers.

"Our region is stronger when our local governments and industry partners work together, with a clear focus of making Gippsland a great place to live, work and enjoy.

"We want more people to call Gippsland home and to attract

them here we need to ensure services such as telecommunications and transport links are efficient, effective and resilient."

Cr Halstead said One Gippsland was an important advocate for the region.

"One Gippsland unites many voices across Gippsland and has a strong track record as a valuable partner for government,

both state and federal," Cr Halstead said.

"Our members work together to champion the interest of Gippsland and its people and we speak with a strong, unified voice."

In its pre-budget submission to both the state and federal governments, One Gippsland has recommended funding be allocated to projects including

- four key road projects to boost safety, cut congestion and maximise freight efficiency;
- five tertiary education projects to make Gippsland the centre of offshore wind and energy excellence;
- improving access, coverage and resilience of the telecommunications network, and
- measures to support Gippsland and enable its communities to prosper as it uses its natural resources to power the country and to move towards a net zero future.

Cr Hersey and Cr Halstead will lead a One Gippsland delegation to Canberra in mid-February to further discuss these priorities and advocate for government funding.

Mayor's Message



Cr John Schelling

HELLO South Gippsland.

What an exciting time of year it is as students go back to school, or start their schooling. I would like to wish everyone who is back at school a wonderful 2025 and hope you all do a great job this year. Especially I would like to shout-out to the Preps, who are now on a journey of growth and learning. May it bring you friendship and joy. I'd also like to pass on a friendly reminder that school zones are operational again. Please slow down during school times and help keep our youngest community members safe.

Community Grants

The second round of the 2024/25 Community Grants Program closes at the end of March, so now is the perfect time to think about a project you would like to see funded.

There are details on the Program, including the four categories and Grant Guidelines on Council's website: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/grants

If you would like some support with your application, even if it is just to make sure you're on track, you can contact the Community Development team on 5662 9200 or email council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Shaping South Gippsland engagement

Thank you to everyone who has already completed an online survey or said 'hello' at a pop-up for our Shaping South Gippsland engagement. The feedback we hear during this stage will help inform the Council Plan 2025-2029 and determine if the Community Vision 2040 needs a refresh.

This weekend, you can find us at the:

- Korumburra Agricultural Show – Korumburra Showgrounds on Saturday, February 8 between 9am and 12 noon.
- Stony Creek Publicans Day – Stony Creek Racecourse on Sunday, February 9 between 12 noon and 2pm.

To see where we'll be 'popping up' next or to complete your online survey, please visit: www.shapingsouthgippsland.com.au

Support our Local Events

In South Gippsland, we are extremely lucky to have a variety of events close to home. From music to visual arts and sport, there is something for everyone here.

If you want to see what's happening in our region, the Visit South Gippsland website is a great place to start. Organisers can add their events for free and it gives you the details you need to plan a weekend here.

To view the list of events and to add yours, please visit: <https://visitsouthgippsland.com.au>

Roads

In a community as far-reaching as South Gippsland, roads are a key connection to our loved ones and the things we love to do (or have to do, like work).

Because of this, Council consistently undertakes maintenance works to our extensive road network to ensure everyone can travel safely. If you spot something not-quite-right though, please let us know via the Snap Send Solve app.

It has been great to see more Victorian Government contractors in our region doing maintenance works to some of our key connecting roads. I look forward to seeing these works continue so locals and visitors alike can make it to their destination safely.



South Gippsland Shire's Simon Dean and Christian Stefani were on hand with council's Shaping South Gippsland – Council Plan 2025-2029 and 2040 Community Vision. C55_0525



The kids were having a blast, but took a moment for a picture with Owen, Spencer and Brenna. C56_0525

Sizzling sounds and good vibes at Coal Creek Summer Session



Tim Smith and Phill Dempster from Burra Brewery were delighting tastebuds on Saturday at Coal Creek. C59_0525

"It's a great opportunity to relax and enjoy a drink and listen to some awesome tunes, and we are looking forward to focusing on next year's program."

Also on hand were South Gippsland Shire Council's Manager Regional Partnerships, Christian Stefani and Manager of Digital Technology, Simon Dean, who were discussing Council's 2040 Community Vision and Council Plan 2025-2029.

"And we are expecting many more through the doors for the free event."

"Giving people a sense of the park in the twilight hours, is fantastic."

Noting it was a smaller program this year, Kim has assured music lovers to keep their eyes peeled for 2026 for a bigger and better return.

many people as possible in the community for their input and feedback," Christian explained.

Surrounding Christian and Simon were five boards with stickers and two boards that posed questions with sticky note suggestions from the community.

"The Plan is one of Council's most important documents as it drives council direction and the initiatives that will be delivered over that period.

"Council are also seeking feedback on the 2040 Community Vision, to check that the aspirations are still in line with those in the community."

Common themes amongst feedback include infrastructure, maintenance of towns, villages and assets, attracting visitors and tourism by showcasing the shire, and addressing/assisting with cost of living – ensuring council administrators are using the money they have efficiently.

"Themes are developing over the period, and they tend to become more refined towards the latter half."

There are still plenty of opportunities for community members to have their say with upcoming events including Korumburra Agricultural Show (this Saturday) and Stony Creek Publicans Day (this Sunday).

Councillor Pop-Ups will be next weekend, February 15.

For all the pop-up and event dates throughout February or to fill in the survey online head to shapingsouthgippsland.com.au.

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Wonthaggi RSL President Dan Lucas, Vice-President Kevin Walsh, Eastern Region MP and Shadow Minister for Public Land Management and Aboriginal Affairs Melina Bath, RSL Secretary Toni Cornelius, Treasurer Andy Forster and Gippsland East MP and Shadow Minister for Veterans Affairs Tim Bull. B22_0525

Veteran welfare a major concern at Wonthaggi RSL

THE welfare of returned servicemen and women was drawn sharply into focus in Wonthaggi last week when National Party MPs Melina Bath and Tim Bull visited the Wonthaggi and Leongatha Sub-Banches of the RSL and the National Vietnam Veterans Museum at Phillip Island.

"Veterans that are homeless are a major concern to the Wonthaggi RSL," said Wonthaggi RSL President Dan Lucas.

Gippsland East MP and Shadow Minister for Veterans Affairs Tim Bull said the visit to Leongatha, Wonthaggi and Phillip Island with Eastern Region MP and Shadow Minister for Public Land Management and Aboriginal Affairs Melina Bath was to give veterans a chance to talk to them.

"Veteran suicide is of major concern," said Mr Bull.

"We need the States on board providing feedback at a Federal level.

"Many veterans have challenges and need help and support.

"Veterans need access to mental health services, housing and employment."

Wonthaggi RSL membership has grown substantially over recent years with social members now helping to provide support for veterans.

"We have 165 members now up from 70 two years ago," said Dan Lucas.

Funding is being sought for a three-stage project to provide a rear deck for the RSL in Graham Street, improved toilet facilities with showers for veterans who are sleeping rough and an accommodation space.

"The first stage is estimated to cost \$50,000," said Mr Lucas.

A major upcoming event for the Wonthaggi RSL will be the unveiling of a plaque at the Wonthaggi Town Hall acknowledging the link between the town of Wonthaggi and the Prahran Regiment during WWII.

The Prahran Regiment trained in Wonthaggi between 1937 and 1945 forming the 14th/32nd Battalion infantry battalion which served in Australia and Rabaul.

"Members of the 14th/32nd Battalion included Wonthaggi volunteers," said Mr Lucas.

A morning tea is held on the third Wednesday of every month at the Wonthaggi RSL for veterans who need support from other veterans.

"Veterans often communicate more easily with other veterans on mental health and first aid issues," said Mr Lucas.

"Friday nights are our social nights with meat tray raffles and a light supper."

For more information search for Wonthaggi RSL Sub Branch on Facebook.



Maddi, Erin, Fiona and Michelle of Bass Coast Support Work Services are holding an all-inclusive disco at Phoenix Rise in Kilcunda this Valentine's Day and doors open at 5pm.

All-Inclusive Disco in Kilcunda this Valentine's Day

BASS Coast Support Work Services is hosting an exciting All-Inclusive Disco, set to bring people together from all walks of life for a fun-filled night of dancing, conversation, and community.

Open to everyone aged 18 and over, the event is designed to be a welcoming space for all individuals, with free entry for support workers or family members who attend with a participant.

For just \$20 cash entry, attendees will enjoy a lively dance floor, complete with cue cards to help spark meaningful conversations and connections throughout the evening. The event also offers a BBQ, nibbles and drinks, ensuring there's plenty to keep everyone fuelled and engaged.

Maddi Fellowes, Office Manager at Bass Coast Support Work Services said the team look forward to seeing a lot of familiar faces and welcoming those who haven't been to a disco before.

"We host an incredibly warm and welcoming environment. And if you come alone, you will have friends within minutes, but feel free to bring along your support worker or a family member."

The All-Inclusive Disco is more than just a party; it's an opportunity for individuals in the community to step outside their comfort zones and meet new friends in a supportive, inclusive space. Maddi and the team at Bass Coast Support Work Services are looking forward to seeing plenty of familiar faces, and they encourage everyone to come along for a dance.

The event is set to take place at Phoenix Rise in Kilcunda this Valentine's Day and doors open at 5pm. So, if you're interested in attending or seeking more information you can contact Maddi Fellowes, Office Manager, on 0434 047 764.

Join in for a social night of music, food, and dancing – it's a night not to be missed!

Nine penguins saved on Phillip Island

NINE penguins, including five fluffy chicks, have been found by members of the public on Phillip Island.

The penguins were struggling to stand and walk and showing other signs of distress.

Some of the chicks were just days old and some were weighing just 200 grams.

They were brought to Phillip Island Nature Parks' Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre, where they are hand-fed up to four times a day until they are strong enough and a healthy weight to be released back into the wild.

Researchers at the Nature Parks believe rising ocean temperatures are forcing some fish to move to cooler waters, which means penguins are travelling further in search of food.

Despite the long trips, Phillip Island's world-famous penguin colony is still returning in large numbers to the Penguin Parade each night.

However, at this time of year, during breeding and moulting season, penguin chicks are at risk of starvation as their parents continue to spend longer at sea feeding before returning to their burrows.

Senior Phillip Island Nature Parks wildlife welfare officer Brittany Pullin said while not uncommon to have multiple penguins in care at one time, having nine penguins including five chicks and other seabirds, makes for busy days for staff caring for the birds.

"The penguin prey have moved further offshore, which means the parents have to swim further out to find food to stay alive, which means it takes longer to return to feed chicks, often over numerous days, resulting in starving chicks," she said.

"In fact, adult penguins will choose to feed themselves first, before returning to their chicks."

"The chicks in care are still fluffy so they need to moult the downy feathers



It's feeding time for the smallest fluffy chick.

before getting their first waterproof feathers so they can take the brave step of swimming back in the ocean.

"As these feathers grow, the team at the Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre will continue to feed the chicks fresh fish and will monitor their weight, behaviour and health conditions. Once moulting completes and adult feathers have grown, swim testing in the specially designed rehabilitation seabird swimming pools will commence.

"Also in care are some slightly older little penguins who are of fledgling age. This is when penguins will leave the nest and begin their life at sea. These penguins came into care underweight, suffering from malnutrition and in poor health at Christmas time. The penguins have gained weight, improved their strength and are maintaining good feather condition, and swim tests are underway."

All the penguins will be microchipped and released into the wild so researchers can follow the individuals from hatching and across their life cycle.

Rangers at the Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre are preparing for more penguins

to enter rehabilitation over the next week, as weather patterns are showing there may be heatwave conditions.

Heatwaves pose significant risks to penguins, especially during summer breeding and moulting.

Temperatures above their comfort zone of 27-30 degrees Celsius can cause heat stress, with burrows regularly exceeding 35 degrees Celsius.

People can help penguin rescue, rehabilitation and release by donating or adopting a penguin with the Penguin Foundation to continue their lifesaving efforts for penguins and other seabirds.

Each year, the Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre responds to between 1500 and 2000 calls relating to injured wildlife on Phillip Island, and provides rescue, care and rehabilitation to up to 600 native animals, including approximately 64 little penguins and 54 other seabirds each year.

It is funded through Phillip Island Nature Parks ecotourism activities and the Penguin Foundation Adopt a Penguin Program, and supported by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action.

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- How Investment Markets are Reacting Across the Globe

By David Caporale,
Chief Investment Officer of RELIcapital

The re-election of President Donald Trump has reignited volatility in global investment markets, prompting investors to reassess risks and opportunities across the United States, China, Europe, and Australia. With renewed pledges of protectionist trade policies, corporate tax cuts, and an aggressive stance on tariffs, financial markets are already responding to shifting economic realities.

Global Markets: Uncertainty and Volatility

The U.S. stock market initially reacted positively to Trump's victory, buoyed by expectations of tax cuts and deregulation. However, this optimism quickly faded as his administration announced sweeping tariff measures. His proposal for a universal 10% import tariff and potential 60% tariffs on Chinese goods has sent shockwaves through global markets, raising concerns about supply chain disruptions and inflationary pressures. The U.S. dollar has weakened against major currencies as investors brace for potential economic retaliation from trade partners.

China's response has been twofold: while the government has sought to stabilize the renminbi, its bond markets have experienced a surge in demand, pushing yields on its 10-year bonds to historic lows. With an already fragile economic recovery, Beijing has been forced to navigate the dual challenge of maintaining a competitive export market while countering inflationary pressures from rising import costs.

European markets, particularly in Germany and the UK, have seen a mixed reaction. While some sectors, such as luxury goods and pharmaceuticals, have benefited from a weaker U.S. dollar, concerns about renewed transatlantic trade disputes have kept investors cautious. The euro has gained strength against the dollar, creating new challenges for European exporters. Moreover, the uncertainty surrounding Trump's policy

decisions has driven investors toward safe-haven assets, including Japanese yen and European corporate bonds, as a hedge against market turbulence.

Australia: Balancing Risks and Opportunities

Australia's exposure to U.S. tariffs is relatively minimal, given that direct exports to the U.S. account for only 4% of total exports. However, as a trade-dependent economy with strong ties to China, Australia is highly vulnerable to the ripple effects of a renewed U.S.-China trade war. Any disruption to Chinese exports will have flow-on effects for Australian commodities, particularly iron ore and coal, which remain integral to China's industrial sector.

Despite these concerns, Australian markets have displayed resilience. Investors initially reacted to the global market turbulence by adopting a cautious stance, with technology and export-driven sectors experiencing sell-offs. However, key domestic players such as Wesfarmers and major banks have continued to attract investment, reflecting confidence in the strength of Australia's financial system and consumer sector.

The emergence of China's DeepSeek AI model has also presented an unexpected challenge to the global tech landscape, particularly affecting U.S. giants like Nvidia. While some Australian firms have faced scrutiny over AI investments, major institutional investors remain optimistic about long-term growth opportunities in the sector.

Looking Ahead: A Period of Adjustment

President Trump's return to the White House has injected new levels of unpredictability into global markets. The aggressive stance on tariffs, trade realignments, and potential regulatory shifts mean that investors must navigate a complex landscape. While U.S. and European markets remain in flux, Australia's relatively stable economy and strong banking sector provide some insulation from external shocks.

Nevertheless, investors must remain vigilant. Trade tensions, currency fluctuations, and shifting capital flows will continue to shape investment strategies in the coming months. Those with diversified portfolios and exposure to multiple markets may be best positioned to weather the uncertainty and capitalise on emerging opportunities in an increasingly interconnected global economy.

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A new year, why not give the Duke of Ed a try?

By Jasmin Ruffin

DID you know that the hobbies, sports and volunteering you're doing every week could earn you an internationally recognised certificate which can substantially aid you on resumes and university applications; such as gaining an early access offer to Latrobe University through its aspire program?

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a highly commended certificate that signifies you have explored or continued to pursue hobbies. Individuals often neglect this as they grow more invested in academics and forget the importance of exploring a variety of interests and activities.

I found the volunteering aspect of the award the most challenging but certainly the most rewarding. Volunteering can range from an admin role for a sports club to tutoring and aiding a teacher in a classroom. Having experienced these roles myself, I have gained so much knowledge, especially in professional writing, communication with my assessors, organisation, and so much more.

I cannot recommend completing the Duke of Edinburgh award enough, as it has taught me invaluable lessons and skills that will aid me throughout my academic and future career journeys.

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the number of weeks you must continue your activities varying from each level of the certificate. As well as a number of camps which vary depending on the level of award you are completing.

The aim of the award is for students and individuals from 14-25 years to be exposed to experiences that will broaden their views on life; contrary to finding success and validation only in academic pursuits.

The Duke of Edinburgh is extremely flexible and allows you to choose your own activities to complete your award, catering to everyone's personal interests, goals and beliefs. Each 'activity' requires an assessor, who will track your progress over the hours needed to complete your level of award.

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Rose Lodge staff Karen, Ashlee, Caroline, Jenny and Sharon, Board Member Kerryn Griffiths and CEO Shane Jenkins with Darren from DB Design and Luke and Trevor from TS Constructions B23_0525

Memory support unit for Rose Lodge

ROSE Lodge community aged care in Wonthaggi is investing \$2.5 million into dementia care by converting an existing 14-bed wing into a 17-bed memory support unit.

Rose Lodge management has been working with local companies TS Constructions and DB Design to modify a \$1 million Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing grant received in 2020.

The grant was initially intended to help build a 20-bed memory support building, however, due to the COVID-19 outbreak and its effect on the building industry the project cost doubled from the original \$5 million estimate making it impossible to complete the building as planned.

Rose Lodge Board of Management undertook an options analysis conducted by Ninety Mile Consulting and an application was made for a grant variation and additional funding of \$1 million from the Department of

Health and Ageing.

The grant variation and \$1 million in additional funding were approved in April 2024 and final building approvals were received just prior to Christmas.

CEO Shane Jenkins said that over 40 per cent of Rose Lodge residents are impacted by dementia and the creation of the memory support unit will provide a safe environment where residents can be better provided for.

"Renovation works which commenced last month will be staged over the next ten months to take into consideration the impact on residents who call Rose Lodge home," said Mr Jenkins.

The renovations include several small extensions to include a larger dining space and a separate quiet and lounge activities area.

The existing courtyard will be covered to allow all-weather access, resident rooms in the area will be

upgraded to be more dementia-friendly, new furniture will be provided for the living areas and the resident call bell system throughout the home will be upgraded with new technology.

Mr Jenkins said that in partnership with Dementia Australia and under the guidance of the Director of Care, Michelle Denman, Rose Lodge will increase training in dementia care for all staff over the next six months.

Evening sessions will be provided for residents' families.

"Rose Lodge would like to lead this space of providing a dementia-friendly community through ongoing education," said Mr Jenkins.

Rose Lodge welcomes financial donations from the community to assist with this project, all donations are tax-deductible and can be made by contacting Rose Lodge reception on 5672 1716.

For more information on Rose Lodge go to roselodge.com.au.

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Millar Road, Yanakie

Tuesday 18 February 2025 - Foster
Foster War Memorial Arts Centre
Main Street, Foster

Wednesday 19 February 2025 - Leongatha
Leongatha Memorial Hall
6-8 McCartin Street, Leongatha

Monday 24 February 2025 - Lakes Entrance
On the Wharf Café, Bullock Island
Lakes Entrance

Tuesday 25 February 2025 - Yarram
The Yarram Country Club
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90 Macalister Street, Sale

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The Esso Consultation Team will also be available to discuss all current activities, including:

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- Bass Strait Environment Plan
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Back to School

Dogs take the lead at Loch primary



Students in Grade 5/6 at Loch Primary School were delighted to catch up with one of the school's two therapy dogs, Klover, on their first day back at school on Wednesday.

THE chooks, the dogs, the teachers, the parents and the kids; everyone was up for it and raring to go when the gates opened at the Loch Primary School last Wednesday on the first day of the 2025 school year.

Most of the school's 125 students streamed in, with the exception of the 20 or so new preppies, who were starting later in the week, and it was quickly down to work.

Klover, one of the school's two Leonberger therapy dogs, even at just one year old already a gentle giant, was doing his rounds and there was activity out in the yard too, while the kids were getting down to it inside, with tradesmen applying the finishing touches to a new wellbeing centre, and a brood of chickens at work in the garden under the watchful eye of an alert rooster.

There's a path meandering up from a secure new fence and gates, past the wellbeing room, through a colourful playground, which will soon be augmented by a set of monkey bars financed by the school community, past the garden and into the classrooms.

Gone are the days of austere-looking school grounds and rooms with Loch boasting some great improvements in recent years, and more on the way while the much-loved facility caters to a steadily growing population.

"The new wellbeing centre is just an old shed we've adapted and renovated with a big new deck," said principal Liz Alderson.

"We've got three staff who specialise in wellbeing support, and they mainly used the staff room before but with people coming and going it wasn't ideal. This new space will be great."

And it's right on message

for one of the key themes across schools in Victoria to "continue the nation-leading investment in initiatives that support wellbeing for learning, including access to mental health professionals in schools".

It's a first-order focus, together with a number of new learning programs, including phonics and numeracy checks in Year 1, to make sure the kids are on the right track.

Which is why Loch has its three-way conferences between parents, teachers and kids early in term one, as part of briefing but also to discuss the student's individual needs in the year ahead.

"We've had quite a few improvements over the past year and the next will be the arrival of a new 'Mod 5' classroom to replace an old 1960s building that's long past its use-by date."

The school worked super hard to get the new building which will provide two modern classrooms and office space in the middle.

The school has a total staff of about 20 including a new business manager Sophie Doig, education

support person Sam White and learning specialist Sam Jelbart.

Highlights of term one include the eagerly anticipated trip to the Prom for Grade 6s, the swimming carnival next Friday at the Poowong Pool, swimming sessions for seniors at Splash in Leongatha, and the Easter bonnet parade and end-of-term activities.

"That'll come around soon enough," said Liz.

Another welcome activity in term one is the peer mediation sessions with the Poowong and Nyora primary schools where scenarios about conflict resolution in the classroom and out in the playground are explored.

"We've had that going for 10 years now and some parents come back and tell us they are still using some of those techniques years later," said Liz.

There's an exciting year ahead for students, teachers and parents at Loch Primary School with the thought of the two lovable therapy dogs Klover and Koa roaming around keeping everyone connected, an especially soothing thought.



One hundred Back to School Packs have been created and distributed thanks to The YES Youth Hub, local CWA and generous community donations.

Back to School Packs support young people

THE YES Youth Hub, managed by The Y Bass Coast, have been working with the community to provide Back to School Packs for young people in Bass Coast.

The idea came about from young people asking if they could take some pens and books for school. The YYH staff spoke to other young people and realised that many young people, and their families, may not be able to afford school supplies.

Conversations followed with the local CWA branch, who fundraised and purchased stationery for the YYH. During the school holidays, members of the Youth Advisory Council came together to pack the supplies and meet with the CWA representatives.

The YYH have distributed the Back to School Packs to local support services, community groups and directly to school campuses. The aim initially was to

provide 50 packs, however, there was such high demand additional supplies were sourced for another 50 packs.

One community member heard about the high demand and generously donated additional stationery supplies.

There will be limited packs available at the YES Youth Hub which can be collected Monday – Thursday between 2.30pm and 5.30pm.

Back to School



Newhaven College welcome new staff in 2025. Back, from left, Annie Brewin, Andre Hetebrueg, Tony Corr (Principal), Zach Walker, Carel Fourie, James Ryan, Tove Chadwick, Rebecca Burgan, Ryan Gingell. Front L-R: Casey Bartlett, Gayle Roberts, Elyse Jamieson, Nala Taylor, Kim Northover, Danae Ziolkowski, Aisling Fagan, and Samuel Armer.

Newhaven College Back to School

NEWHAVEN College came back to life as students returned to school on Friday and Monday. Teachers and support staff commenced early to partake in three days of collaborating, professional learning sessions and planning for the year ahead. Everyone was ready and excited to welcome students back to campus.

The greatest excitement was the arrival of the 2025 Preps on Monday, with a welcome parade, greeting every Junior School student with a fist bump, handshake or wave. Although there were some nerves amongst the College's youngest students, they all settled in very quickly.

New Year 7 students enjoyed meeting their teachers, connecting with new friends, and exploring their new school environment. Year 5 students were excited to spend their first day in Middle School and quickly settled into their classrooms. The 2025 Year 9s pulled

on their hiking boots and donned their ranger-style uniforms ready for a year of adventure at the special Year 9 Environmental Centre. Everyone is looking forward to hearing about their escapades over the coming year.

A special Forum Day was held for the 2025 Year 12 cohort. Designed to prepare students for their last year of school, the specialised program forms the basis for a successful year. Students attended workshops on improving learning practices and enjoyed a delicious lunch in the College Pavilion, followed by a House-focused pastoral care activity with Year 7 students.

The College grounds have had a facelift over the summer break, with the Newhaven College Grounds and Maintenance crew working on new play areas, replanting some of the gardens plus new car parking near the gym and Senior School. The school

campus has never looked so good.

College Principal, Tony Corr welcomes everyone to the College community. "Newhaven College is thrilled to be welcoming students back to school for an exciting 2025. We are especially pleased to be welcoming more than 100 new students, 16 new and returning staff to our school."

"We have a busy start to the year planned with our first full school assembly, the commencement of weekly SEISA sport and Parent Welcome Drinks in the first week. Camps will also run in Junior, Middle and Senior Schools in Term 1. Preparation is also well underway for a number of school events throughout the year including our school production, Xanadu, early in Term two, plus our student trip to Borneo in the middle of the year."

The group of 16 new staff

and teachers truly represents the broad range of employment opportunities provided by Newhaven College. The new staff cohort includes Annie Brewin (Learning Support), Andre Hetebrueg (Teacher), Zach Walker (AFL SportsReady Trainee), Carel Fourie (Teacher), James Ryan (Music Teacher), Tove Chadwick (Teacher), Rebecca Burgan (Teacher), Ryan Gingell (Teacher), Casey Bartlett (Nurse), Gayle Roberts (Teacher), Elyse Jamieson (Learning Support), Nala Taylor (Learning Support), Kim Northover (Teacher), Danae Ziolkowski (Learning Support), Aisling Fagan (Teacher), and Samuel Armer (IMT).

Newhaven College still has limited places available for 2025. Please contact our Admissions Officer, Bec Anderson to arrange a college tour on 5956 7505 or visit newhavencol.vic.edu.au for more information.

Healthy Harold program to feature 10-year-old Auslan presenter

IN AN Australian-first, 10-year-old Charlie is the first ever child Auslan presenter to feature in an Australian education program. She has been filming alongside iconic mascot, Healthy Harold to translate key education experiences in Auslan to make the Life Ed health prevention program more accessible to deaf children, like herself.

"I'm so happy to be a part of this amazing project to help other kids using Auslan so they can understand the whole experience because they deserve to know," shared Charlie.

"Auslan is very special. I like it because it's able to give a language to people that can't hear or are hard of hearing. I had a lot of fun working with Healthy Harold."

Life Ed has partnered with Sign Hear on this project, an organisation dedicated to bridging the gap between the deaf and hearing communities. Thanks to their support and mentorship, Charlie is using her Auslan presentation skills to provide translations to help Life Ed empower deaf children on the key topics impacting young people today, like social and emotional wellbeing, respectful relationships, online safety and physical health.

The Life Ed team continue to work with young people, teachers, communities and peak bodies to ensure content is accessible and inclusive.

Mental Health check-ins essential during school transition

WITH young people across the country heading back to school, headspace is encouraging families to continue to check in on their young people's mental health in the face of study, work and relationship pressures.

New findings from the first-ever National Family Mental Health Survey released last week reveal the issues Australian families believe are most impacting their young person's mental health, with social media (52 per cent), online bullying (28 per cent) and body image (26 per cent) identified as the top three issues impacting young people.

Furthermore, three in four (74 per cent) family members said they believe the mental health of young people today is significantly more impacted compared to when they were young themselves.

Many families are already taking natural opportunities to check in with their young people. Those surveyed said they regularly discuss ways of coping with stress or pressure (62 per cent), and topics relating to school or work (59 per cent) with their young people, with the most popular place to have these mental health chats being 'in the car' (48 per cent). However, headspace is encouraging all parents, carers and family members to ensure they're making time to chat to their young person during this period.

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• Bass Valley PS

BASS Valley Primary School welcomed back all staff and students last week, with over 40 new preps starting and three new classroom teachers.

The staff at Bass Valley are excited to implement their new maths program where all teachers and support staff have been professionally developed to deliver Explicit Instruction practices in all classrooms, which aligns with the directive for all schools across the state.

Sharon King and Ben Hallas now share the Principal role at Bass Valley, a school of just over 200 students that services the waterline towns of Coronet Bay, Corinella, Grantville and surrounding areas.

The excitement of students was evident on day one, with most students looking forward to their two swimming lessons each week in term one, held onsite at the school's 25-metre swimming pool.

• Wonthaggi PS

TRANSFORMED into a foundation hub for first-year prep students the former art room at Wonthaggi Primary School has proved an outstanding success.

Modelled on kindergarten-style learning spaces the foundation hub layout was already familiar to prep students on their first day at school.

Few tears were shed except perhaps by one or two mothers.

Art room activities are being temporarily relocated to individual classrooms until the first stage of a new \$6.7 million dollar learning complex is completed at Wonthaggi Primary School.

"Work should start on the new building in May," said Principal Wendy Truett.

"Thirty-nine foundation students started this week bringing the total enrolment to 370."

A newly developed STEAM learning program will also start at Wonthaggi Primary School this year for senior students in Grade 5 and 6.

STEAM is an innovative approach to learning using science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics to encourage student inquiry.

"Grade 5 and 6 students will be given project-based learning opportunities with a new assignment every term," said Ms Truett.

Wonthaggi Primary School has fifty teachers and education support staff with most students coming from Wonthaggi but also a number travelling by bus from Cape Paterson and further afield.

"We provide an extensive transition program from kindergarten to school," said Ms Truett.

"Most students and parents are very well prepared."

"It was great to see so many mums and dads and grandparents for the foundation students' on their first day at school."

Lead teacher for the foundation children is Jo Ross who described the newly transformed foundation hub as inspiring.

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Leongatha Primary School Preps and principal ready for year ahead

IT'S uncertain who was more excited about the first day of term at Leongatha Primary School (LPS) with a new crop of Prep students arriving and Warwick Ford beginning his time as principal after the retirement of Dot Coghlan.

Warwick said the school year has crept up quickly but not before improvements to the grounds were made that included painting buildings, adding to the warm and welcoming atmosphere.

Staff returned on Tuesday, getting together as a team to set goals, focusing on the school's values of promoting learning, respect and resilience.

Kindness and curiosity are also important, with STEM subjects a key to developing the latter, enabling students to learn in small groups and display their work.

Sixty full-time staff are almost all ongoing, with Jake Proctor returning to teach Grade 5 after a couple of years away from the school and Warwick new, albeit moving



New Leongatha Primary School Prep students look forward to their first day. Back row: Scarlett, Adrian, Alyssa, Brodie and Jack. Front row: Helena, Angus, Imogen, Airlie and Ryleigh. A01_0525

from the next-door Leongatha Secondary College.

There are three classes of Preps, numbering about 70 kids.

One of the school's therapy dogs, Millie was proving popular during the Sentinel-

Times visit and along with fellow canine Winnie is sure to help ease any nerves for those starting their school journey.

Warwick's spirit of fun was quickly apparent as he climbed to the top of a piece of play equipment.

Afterwards, he gave a brief talk to the parents and guardians of the Prep group and it was evident the warmth and friendliness that retired principal Dot has long been renowned for will continue under Warwick's leadership.

Newhaven College introduces student leaders for 2025



Newhaven College Year 12 Leadership 2025, led by Captains Gabriel de Falco, Abby Papas, Isaac Savona and Grace Howlett.

and Indi Keady.

At the College's first all-school assembly, our Year 12 Cabinet will be inducted by Principal Mr Corr. Each student will embrace their leadership duties with honour, representing their Year 12 peers with pride. The Year 12 Leadership team consist of: College Captains - Abby Papas, Gabriel de Falco, Isaac Savona and Grace Howlett, House Captains - Marley Brown, Charlotte Derham, Jasper Cashman, Nissa Campbell Walker, Jasmine Crooks, Andrew Nowell, Grace Morris and Matilda Russell, Sport - Finn O'Brien and Lara Smyth, Drama - Cecily de Gooyer, Music - Cecily de Gooyer and Archie Robson, Visual Arts - Sienna Bell, Well-being - Lola Afford and Bailie Patton, Social Justice - Indigo Aurora and Joey Thompson, and Environment and Sustainability - Thomas Scott.

The college community congratulates our 2025 student leaders and looks forward to seeing them all develop their leadership skills over the coming year.



2025 Middle School Captains, led by Captains Indi Maloney and Lucy Thompson.



Head of Junior School Cath Huther pictured with Junior School Captains Peyton Rhee, Dallas Latham, Venus Mudiyanse and Nate Kondarios.

Kinder to school transition picture perfect at Newhaven

IF THERE was any crying going on as a record 36 new preppies arrived, with a skip and a jump, for their first day of school at Newhaven Primary School last Thursday, it would only have been the parents.

As far as the new kids were concerned, they were up and about and raring to go.

"The kinder is fantastic," said Newhaven Primary School Principal Sharyne Munday about the students' preparation.

"Having the kinder on site here has been great and into our third year now, you really notice the difference, not only with the way the kids are prepared but also with our enrolments.

"This is our biggest intake for many years, and they've already settled in," she said.

A "where is the green sheep?" treasure hunt around the school, as a fun orientation exercise, certainly helped.

"As well as the education support they receive at kinder, they're practically onsite already and they get six sessions at the school before they start," said Sharyne.

"They've already had a PE session, they've been to art and science and a lot of the kids have siblings here so they've already been on the school grounds numerous times."

Ms Munday said the new group of 36 preps would split



One of two new Grade Prep classes at Newhaven Primary School, under the supervision of Jo Robinson and education aide Ruby Anderson, herself a former student of the school, heads off for a PE session during their first two days of school.

ideally into two classes of 18 under the supervision of experienced teachers Jo Robinson and Beth Williams, together with support from education aide Ruby Anderson, herself a former student at Newhaven, and planning to go on and complete her teaching qualification.

It all made for a successful transition and a great start to the school year at Newhaven with something over 150 total

enrolments, including two additional kids who showed up out of the blue on Tuesday.

There are plenty of highlights to look forward to in term one but the school is already gearing up for its key fundraiser for the year, its main community outreach activity, the Newhaven Primary School Music Festival and Market.

"The fete just got too big, and the weather was unpredictable,

so we've opted for a music festival and market now and we're into our second year. The kids perform and we also have a range of local artists as well."

They've got the swimming sports at Wonthaggi this Friday, for grades 3-6, and there's a twilight athletics carnival later in February but the focus is on establishing a year of progress in the classroom and they're off to a flying start in that regard.

Twenty new students start at St Joseph's Korumburra

ST JOSPEH'S Primary School in Korumburra have welcomed 20 foundation students who have begun their school journey.

"Everyone has settled beautifully and there is already a buzz of curiosity and learning happening," stated Principal Sharon Anderson.

"The class is being expertly led by our magical foundation teacher, Natalie Kratz and supported by Learning Support Officer, Belinda Whiteside who is famous for her nurturing kindness."

This year, the school are excited to be adding Auslan (sign language) to their suite of specialist subjects which include Art, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and Physical Education.

Auslan will be taught by Mrs Daphne Ward.

With growing enrolments, St. Joseph's are also welcoming several new staff to the school.

Mrs Robyn Brownett will be leading a focus on Wellbeing and Mental Health across the school community. Miss Rania Tadros is joining the teaching staff in the Junior Team as well as Mrs Natasha Kuyer and Mrs Karen Sandman in the Senior Team.

Miss Nicole Kennedy will bring her expertise in the area of Language Support and Miss Rachael Ramsay and Miss Cate O'Brien will be supporting students in both the Junior and Senior Teams. These new staff members join an already dedicated and expert team at St Joseph's.



Ted was already getting started on his first day of school with his brother Eli, mum, Melissa and dad, Luke at St. Joseph's Primary School, Korumburra.



Aaliyah on her very first day at St. Joseph's Primary School, Korumburra, with her Dad, Justin and her Mum, Heidi.



Will with mum, Nicole and dad, Tim was excited for his first day of school at St. Joseph's Primary School, Korumburra.



Alfie in class as his first day as a foundation student at St. Joseph's Primary School, Korumburra with Mum, Jade.

• Poowong Consolidated

EXCITEMENT describes the feeling of the 17 prep students and their families as they started their school journey at Poowong Consolidated School last week.

Together with their teacher, Caroline Wilson, students will engage in exciting learning opportunities both in the classroom and in the specialist areas of physical education, the arts and science this year.

As well as other fun programs such as Buddies and PMP Prep students will celebrate community events including The Harvest Festival, Harmony Day, 100 Days of School, Book Week, Grandparents Day, the Bush Dance and many more. This year is promising to be a fantastic start for these little learners.

• San Remo PS

SAN REMO Primary has had a wonderful start to the school year with the grade 1-6 children beginning on Wednesday, January 29, before they were joined by the preps on Thursday, January 30.

Once again, San Remo Primary have a strong grade prep enrolment of 22 students, many of them joining their older siblings at school for the first time and giving the school an enrolment of 160 students.

Principal Karen Bowker was thrilled to see the students return for the 2025 year.

"Our focus this year continues to be delivering an evidence-based reading program with a focus on the explicit teaching of phonics and phonemic awareness in line with Victoria's approach to teaching reading," said Karen.

"Explicit teaching in mathematics and all other curriculum areas is also a core focus this year."

As well as welcoming the students back, new staff were warmly welcomed to San Remo Primary, with Kim Hawley and Callum Golightly joining the team, as well as Alyce Houston returning to work in the area of STEM.

"We are looking forward to some wonderful events scheduled throughout the year for our school community, including the welcome to San Remo evening run by the School Council," said Karen.

"This year it will be bigger than Ben Hur with a pop-up cinema, BBQ and drinks. Other events during the year are a bush dance, drumming concert and colour run."

This will also be the second year of The Resilience Project (TRP) with a parent information evening scheduled during the year and supportive articles in the newsletter for parents.

"All students loved TRP last year and will continue to develop their skills in this area."

San Remo continues to work extensively to cater to all students' needs, with a strong wellbeing program and classroom adjustments to meet the needs of all students.

"Our greatest wish however is to have money allocated in this year's State budget to begin stage one of our building works. The school council is hoping that all of our hard work and planning will lead to the breaking of ground and new buildings in 2025."

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Eira was all smiles on her first day of Prep at Bass Valley Primary School.

BACK TO SCHOOL PHOTO GALLERY



Liam ready for his first day of Primary School at Bass Valley.



An exciting start for San Remo Primary School as they smile for their first day. 'Oh, the places you'll go'.



It was funny faces all around on the first morning at Wonthaggi North Primary School for the new prep cohort who enjoyed dancing, reading and drawing activities. Teacher Michelle Inness, joined by education support, Ryan, had all the systems ready to go for the first day, with many of the students really benefiting from the early transition program – Ready Set Prep available at WNPS. C08_0525



New principal Warwick Ford acquaints himself with the play equipment. A02_0525



San Remo Primary School Grade 6 students in their new shirts.



Leo, Beau and Juno are among the 29 Prep students who started their schooling at Mirboo North Primary School on Wednesday; the overall group consists of a mix of kids who attended kinder locally, others from nearby places such as Meenyan and Thorpdale and those whose families have moved to Mirboo North from various parts of Victoria. A09_0525



Prep teacher Bonnie Collins with Prep student Leo and Leo's Grade 6 'Buddies' Lara and Scarlett. The older students both enjoy the school's library and art and say it is fun supporting Bonnie who they meet at recess and lunchtime. A10_0525



Liam with parents Rebecca and Joseph. B08_0525



Rylan enjoying his first day at school with parents Shane and Teagan. B18_0525



Hunter's first day at school with sisters Winter and Willow, brother Lucas and mum Kristy. B10_0525



Starting school was an exciting way to celebrate your birthday for new student Whitney at Newhaven Primary School during the week.

BACK to SCHOOL

PHOTO GALLERY



Ruby and Indiana playing on their first days as Preps at Poowong Consolidated School.



Poppy had a blast on her first day of school at Phillip Island Village School last week.



IT'S been an exciting week for the youngest recruits at Tarwin Primary School with Oscar, Ivy, Ellis, Luci, Indie and Silvian starting their educational journey.



Grade 6 Buddy Tess reads to Billie on her first day as a Prep Poowong Consolidated School.



Preps Indi Muratore and Winter Shepherd, bonded quickly in Mrs Lynch's class.



The Russo family now have three students at Newhaven, with a little sister keen to join them. Mum Lauren dropped off Coco, Remy and Alfie on Friday with big smiles all round!



Regan was looking forwards to the playing with the Lego on his first day of prep at St Joseph's Wonthaggi, pictured with mum and dad, Jacqui and Adrian. C04_0525



Prep Ned Webb settled in very quickly to Miss Bassed's classroom, picking up a pencil and drawing a picture.



New Preps and Grade 6 student leaders at Kongwak P.S.



Hudson Thomas and Flynn Kemper were excited to start Prep at Inverloch Primary School on Thursday. tk01_0525



Saban and Brady were busy playing with the dinosaurs on their first day of school at St Joseph's Wonthaggi. C02_0525

Sentinel-Times COMMENT

That's not a rate notice...

THE Shadow Minister for Agriculture and Federal Leader of The Nationals, David Littleproud, is one of the most accessible Federal MPs in the country, always publishing his interviews on a range of subjects around the place.

Last Sunday, he was on the Weekend Today Australia show on Channel 9 when co-host Alison Piotrowski started complaining about how ratepayers in North Sydney "are facing a hike of nearly 90 per cent over the next two years" while ratepayers in Sydney's northern beaches are staring down the barrel of a 40 per cent increase in rates.

While sympathising with the interviewer about cost-shifting from state to local government he said the city ratepayers needed a bit of perspective around their concerns the minimum rate was going up to \$1200.

Ahead of any rate rise, council rates in North Sydney, in 2024-25, were an average of \$1040 while most ratepayers in Bass Coast are paying \$2000 plus and South Gippsland ratepayers considerably more.

On the 'Know Your Council' website the average rate in Bass Coast is listed at \$1680 and in South Gippsland it's \$2220.

We'd love a rate notice that had \$1200 on it.

So, why are cashed-up homeowners in affluent metro municipalities paying only a fraction of what socio-economically challenged ratepayers are paying in our rural town?

We've been saying it for a long time, rural and regional ratepayers are getting slugged for maintaining huge road networks and for providing services to widespread communities and something needs to be done about it.

In so many ways, local government, especially in country areas, is broken and needs a complete overhaul but do you hear the state and federal MPs talking about it in the lead-up to the looming federal election, and state election in 2026... barely a word.

Local newspapers fly fact-checking flag

META's plans for the removal of fact-checking services on content posted to its platforms and the government's decision to introduce age limits for access to social media has brought a renewed focus on the importance of regional, rural and local news publishers.

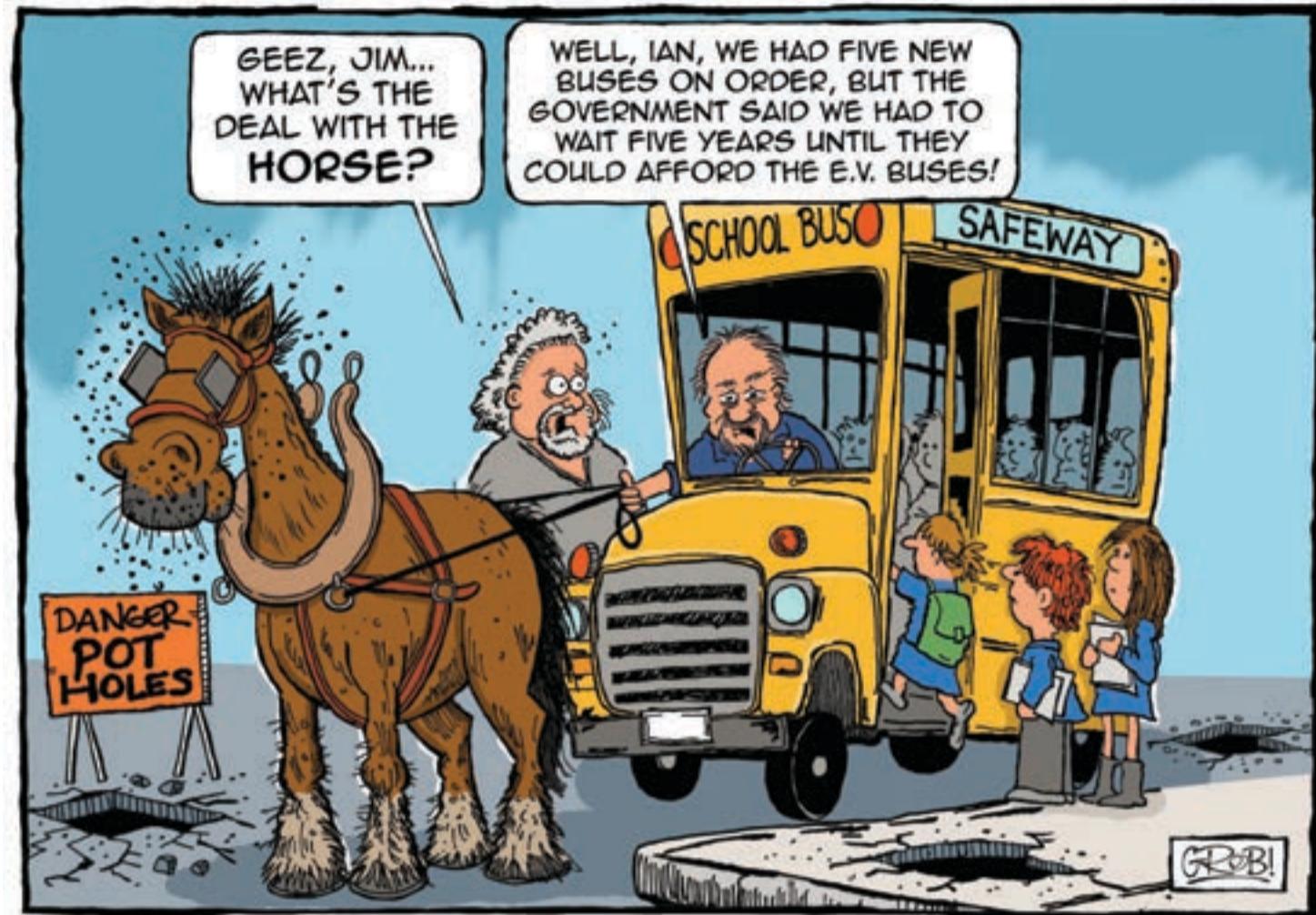
Publishers have never been tasked with so many layers of responsibility, and it's never been more vital for the work they do to be appropriately recognised and valued by government and the broader community.

The decisions local newsrooms make about content, photo selection, accuracy, fairness, balance and integrity go to the heart of the craft of journalism.

Our papers don't engage in clickbait, they don't produce or publish fake AI content, they work hard to ensure misinformation and disinformation are not allowed to fester in the communities we serve.

The vast majority of Country Press Australia publishers are the only local media outlet with boots on the ground in these communities, producing public-interest, place-based journalism that fulfils a vital role in our democracy.

Country Press Australia is disappointed at Meta's decision to abandon third-party fact-checking on its Facebook and Instagram platforms in the US. Third-party fact-checking has not yet been abandoned on Meta platforms in Australia, however,



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

Vox Pop

Have you seen the new Bob Dylan film (A Complete Unknown) and what's the best concert you've ever been to?



Maryanne Jackson
"Not yet. The Seekers when I was 14/15 years old at Sidney Myer Music Bowl, over 105,000 people were in the audience."



Bruce Nicholls
"Yes and enjoyed the movie. Thank God It's Over (Midnight Oil) in the Summer of 1980 at the Myer Music Bowl."



Wendy McCarthy
"Yes, it was good. The Rolling Stones last time they were in Melbourne at the MCG, have also seen Mick Jagger without the Stones – they're good!"



David Jackson
"Not yet. We are seeing Ross Wilson at Archies Creek on Sunday, which should be good, but we are musical junkies, opera, classical, Human Nature... We just love it."

Australia Day Honours List

THE Australia Day Honours list has become a standing joke.

Unlike the Australian of the Year Award which went to the very deserving Neale Daniher, the Honours list has been hijacked by university academics who are nominating each other and receiving the highest awards. They disproportionately outnumber the many deserving members in all local communities who work tirelessly for charities and institutions where they are not well paid (e.g. aged care centres and personal emergency centres such as Lifeline).

Obviously, the criteria for the awarding of the Honours have been skewed in favour of professors and associate professors.

As a result, many good people are being awarded an AM when they are deserving of an AO. The higher award AO is almost exclusively the domain of an elite academic and political class who are less deserving.

Alan J. McDonald, Woodleigh

'Sand plan', no thanks

THANKS to the SGST for a more insightful discussion of our beach erosion issue than was shouted at the beach protest after New Year (Inverloch Surf Club 'too close' to natural hazard zone, 29/1).

The reassurance oozing from MP Jordan Crugnale's circular, letterboxed around Inverloch this week, that the government's 'sand plan' is the way to go is totally undermined by the comment from a state government spokeswoman in The Age on Australia Day: "The government does not expect private dwellings to be at risk in the next few decades"!

Given the speed at which climate impacts are evolving, the insurance industry knows that sort of myopia is just what we don't need to counter both knee-jerk reactions and climate denial.

Ken Blackman, Inverloch

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.



Dowson family – First generation.

Dowson family reunion celebrates rich history in Wonthaggi

FOUR generations of Wonthaggi's Dowson family have come together to share stories – and in some cases be introduced to relatives they had never previously met.

About 50 members of the family gathered at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club on January 18, some having travelled hours and even from interstate.

Those gathered spanned four generations with the youngest

just five years old and the oldest aged in their 80s. All descend from Joseph William Dowson, who along with his parents immigrated from England to Tasmania in 1890.

The Beaconsfield bricklayer and mine worker married Emeline Green, and the pair had seven children.

When tragedy struck and Joseph Williams died of pneumonia aged 38, Mrs Dowson remarried James Watkins and

the entire family settled to Wonthaggi around 1924 – marking the start of the family's century in the town.

Throughout the years, the family has been connected to Wonthaggi's social groups, sporting clubs and business community, including through Dowson's cordial, Dowson's petrol station, Wrench's Footwear and others.

Albert John Dowson – Joseph William's grandson better

known as Porky, said the day was a reminder of the importance of family.

"It was a great opportunity to catch up with everyone, particularly family you hadn't seen in a while," he said.

The family gathered informally at the start of 2024.

With even more in attendance in 2025 and a great day had by all, the family hopes to make the "Dowson Reunion" an annual tradition.



Dowson family – Second generation.



Dowson family – Third and fourth generation



Call for knitted or crochet toy penguin jumpers

THE Penguin Foundation and Phillip Island Nature Parks Knits for Nature program has been hugely successful for over 20 years.

Generous knitters and groups from all around the world answered the call to knit jumpers for little penguins to save their lives in the event of oil spills. Their Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre is well stocked with jumpers in the unfortunate event of an oil spill, and they thank the hundreds and thousands of people who have contributed their expert knitting skills to provide these life-saving garments.

To continue raising vital funds for the Penguin Foundation, they gladly accept themed jumpers, which they sell with plush penguin toys in the retail stores. These funds directly support penguin and wildlife rehabilitation, as well as research.

Any style that is a bit eye-catching, stripey or themed would be wonderful as they are very attractive souvenirs for people visiting in-store and they raise vital funds for the not-for-profit Penguin Foundation.

As the jumpers are not for use on animals, the need for pure wool is gone – acrylic is fine. Little hats and scarves are very welcome too. Please note that buttons and other embellishments that may pose a choking hazard to children cannot be accepted.

More information at penguinfoundation.org.au/whats-new.

• FAITH FACTOR

When somebody hurts us deeply, we can never heal until we forgive

By Assistant Pastor Karen Thorp, Grace Chapel, Archies Creek

ON JANUARY 27, survivors took part in the ceremony to mark the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau in Oswiecim, Poland where 1.1 million people, mostly Jews, were murdered.

Corrie Ten Boom comes to my mind, she had worked hard against the Nazis in WWII hiding Jews in her home. When caught, she was sent to Auschwitz-Birkenau, the deadliest camp where human life had no significance, stripped of her dignity, put to work and her family members murdered. This is precisely why her encounter with forgiveness is so memorable.

After the war, she boldly preached forgiveness because Jesus set the example to all of mankind by dying a cruel death for doing no wrong.

But it was at a church service in Munich that her own forgiveness was put to the biggest test. On seeing the former S.S. soldier who she remembered during the worst years of her life.

In Corrie's own words, "He came up to me as the church was emptying, beaming and bowing. 'How grateful I am for your message, Fraulein.' He spoke. 'To think that, as you say, He has washed my sins away!' . . . angry, vengeful thoughts boiled through me; I saw the sin of them. Jesus Christ had died for this man; was I going to ask for more? Lord Jesus, I prayed, forgive me and help me to forgive him."

Corrie added, "Christ gives us the love we need to forgive as we practice forgiveness."

Let me now encourage you. The struggle to forgive is real, it is not easy, however, it does set free those who are determined to work hard at it. I don't know if you are struggling to forgive, but I pray that you find encouragement in Corrie's story to know the forgiving love of Jesus Christ in your life.

Come and join us

Every club, group and volunteer organisation
IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!



Upside downside, inside outside, there's lots of fun to be had whilst learning at SUMMERSALT.

Skyrocket this year at SUMMERSALT

IT ALL starts with a small step that turns into giant leaps.

We're not talking about a mission to the moon, but that may be the theme this week, instead, we're embracing SUMMERSALT in Wonthaggi, the best launchpad for your child to skyrocket.

Everything at SUMMERSALT has a purpose, it's not just about the ninja course or giant trampolines, although they are pretty swish, for young and old alike!

Let your child's mind explore the endless possibilities.

Walk across the beams stepping over the sea creatures, don't step on them they may squelch underfoot. Bounce along the trampoline, collecting the gold medals along the way, learn to tumble, pinch the pegs, climb the frame, colour match the bean bags to hoops, slide across the floor and more, and that's just the Lil Groms (1-2 years) circuits. Up the ante for the two-year-old toddlers to preschoolers in the Groms circuits, there's plenty of energy to run off.

Flip out on the Olympic trampolines with exciting aerial challenges, learn street gym, parkour and rock climbing skills in non-traditional ways in the Ninja arena and twist, tuck, pike, cartwheel and kip your way to strength in the

gymnastics program for those aged four years and upwards.

With the same great faces there to support your little (or big) ones, grab a coffee from the café and take some time to yourself.

If homeschooling is your norm, then the casual Home School Session on a Friday from 11.30am to 12.30pm is not to be missed!

But the fun is not limited to the kids with Flipping Freestyle for those aged six to 99 years (and older if you're game!) on Tuesday from 5.30pm.

With sessions daily there is bound to be something that suits the schedule with classes suitable for all abilities and capabilities.

And never fear when it's time to organise the birthday party, with timeslots available on weekends, let SUMMERSALT entertain the masses.

Starting from the first birthday, a SUMMERSALT party is like no other with exclusive access, a personalised birthday sign, an invitation template, use of all the equipment, and a special birthday gift for the lucky birthday child – it's sure to be a birthday they won't forget.

So what are you waiting for? Flip into SUMMERSALT today for a flipping great time.

Ignite joy and confidence through dance



Whether your child is taking their first dance steps or perfecting their technique, Studio Phoenix is where confidence, creativity, and friendships flourish.



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Every class is designed to leave students feeling like they're walking on the moon – excited, inspired, and eager for more! Studio Phoenix is our happy place, and we want it to be yours too.

Here's a fun fact: our two studio directors actually went to dance school together as kids! We grew up giggling in tap class, performing on big stages, and falling in love with dance – we went off into the world, worked professionally and studied with some amazing teachers, both in Australia and the US and now, we've made it our mission to create opportunities for regional kids to experience the same joy.

We offer a wide range of styles, including:

- Royal Academy of Dance Classical Ballet
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- Competition Work and Adult Classes

For little ones, our award-winning Ready Set Dance program – featured on Nickelodeon TV – includes Ready Set Move, Ready Set Ballet, and Ready Set Acro, designed to develop confidence, creativity, and coordination in a fun, playful way.

Why Studio Phoenix?

- A true dance family – Our students form friendships that last a lifetime.
- Passionate teachers – We bring passion, professional experience and a love for teaching.
- Performance and fun – Concerts, dance competitions, workshops, and social events keep the excitement going all year!

Enrol for 2025 today with classes in Wonthaggi and Newhaven.

For more information visit studio-phoenix.dance, email admin@studiophoenix.dance, or follow us for all the inside fun: Instagram @studiophoenix, Facebook @studiophoenix-basscoast

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Keeping in touch with the drama and creativity

OFFSHORE Theatre are opening their doors to the public through their 2025 membership. Whether you're a budding drama student or an experienced performer, the volunteers and cast are welcoming 'Friends of Offshore' to take on a backstage role or simply keep up to date with what's on in the world of theatre.

Under the leadership of President Remi D'Agostin, Offshore Theatre will be holding their first performance in May and there are a range of opportunities for those on stage and behind the scenes.

In 2025, Offshore Theatre will hold four Script Clubs.

"It's our version of a book club," said Remi.

"It's an opportunity to bring a script to life through a group reading. As a participant, you can sit back and observe or join in and take on a role. You don't need any prior experience – just a love for theatre, reading plays and a desire to connect with like-minded people."

Offshore will also be introducing Theatre Club, a chance for people to come together and see both professional performances in Melbourne and community theatre on the Bass Coast. Offshore will organise group discounts on tickets and transportation to at least four shows



Offshore Theatre cast Steven Boon, Antonio Castello, Kate Brindley, Marni Johnston, Simon Furniss, Remi D'Agostin, Steven Burchell, and Melissa McMillan. Photo: Snapshot Photography.

this year. The first show on the list is David Williamson's 'The Removalists' performed at the Melbourne Theatre Company in March.

Offshore will be presenting two shows this year, one in May and another in the second half of the year.

In preparing for two productions, Remi said "we will be looking for a cast of four to six members. These roles are open to anyone over 18 years, and we'll undergo auditions soon."

"By becoming a member of Offshore it allows you to be the

first to know about our clubs, upcoming auditions and performances and have access to discounted ticket prices on all our shows. Becoming a 'Friend of Offshore' enables members of the community who share a love of theatre to be the first to know and support the arts on Phillip Island."

With a core committee of approximately eight people who bring each production to life, Remi said Offshore Theatre focuses on drama rather than musical theatre.

"We're pretty light in terms

of the people who make things happen but we're starting to grow little by little and we are always welcoming more performers and volunteers who are keen to help with the administrative aspects of the company," said Remi.

So, whether you're interested in performing in Offshore's upcoming shows, volunteering to help out backstage or just wanting to spend time with other theatre lovers, a 'Friends of Offshore' membership gives you the chance to be in touch with the art of drama.

Join a community of like-minded people researching family history

THE Genealogical Society of Victoria (GSV) provides a community for people who are researching their family history or curious about their ancestry, with a local branch existing on Phillip Island.

Research in this area is now easier to do than ever, because of all the online databases and gene testing that is available.

GSV helps Victorians research their ancestry not just locally, but also nationally and internationally too.

A library of resources exists at GSV, both physically and digitally, with information that has been collected since opening in 1942.

This collection is ever-expanding as volunteers continue to index documents.

However, as Rebecca Landy of GSV points out, undertaking

research on your own can be lonely, and GSV together with their regional branches helps to create a sense of community around this pursuit.

"You can join in with other people who are curious and work together with other people who are novices or draw on the knowledge and insight of experts who've been pursuing their family history for 50, 60 years," explained Rebecca.

GSV has made their society as remotely accessible as possible and holds the majority of meetings via Zoom.

There are 17 different online groups called discussion circles, which people can join, and each has a particular focus area.

For example, one group is called VicTas which is for people who are researching their ancestors from Victoria

and Tasmania.

Another is called Family History, Tips and Tools, which offers skills and knowledge for novice researchers.

GSV also has 47 sub-branches around Victoria, like the Phillip Island and District Genealogical Society and regional members are part of GSV, who also work closely with local history groups.

"It's a great way to have a connection with others while you're pursuing your research from home, or if you are going to come into the city, we've got the library in the CBD of Melbourne. So there's both options, if you like, face to face or remote."

Official researchers of GSV are also available to answer questions and offer options for those who might get stuck and need some guidance on where to look next.

There are also education sessions, speakers and courses that GSV regularly hold on a vast variety of topics, with one coming up in March on how to use DNA results to trace family trees.

"There's constant activities and constant opportunities to learn more," explained Rebecca.

There are a range of membership fee options for GSV, from basic to all-inclusive, which includes access to multiple meetings and education sessions a week, access to the library and digital resources, including recordings of meetings and much more.

To find out more contact Phillip Island and District Genealogical Society via email at piadgs@gmail.com or GSV at gsv@gsv.org.au.

Wonthaggi's best kept secret

THE Wonthaggi Lions Club is on the lookout for new members, particularly early retirees – men or women – who are keen to give back to the community. Whether it's helping out at barbecues, selling Christmas cakes, or running raffles, there's always something to be done, and not only do more hands make light work, but they mean greater things can happen!

The club meets on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Wonthaggi Club. Dinner kicks off at 6.30pm, with the meeting starting at 7pm. If dinner isn't your thing, no worries – just head along for the meeting.

So why join the Lions? Like most community groups, the more you put in, the more you get out. It's about connection, fun, friendship, fellowship, and making a real difference. Every dollar raised goes straight back into the community – whether that is supporting the CFA, the ambulance service, or local schools, amongst other things. Each year, the club provides scholarships to students who may be struggling with school costs, ensuring they have the books and resources they need. They also work closely with the local specialist school and health organisations, providing extra support where it's needed most. One recent project has seen members work with a local resident and Latrobe Health to get his TV back up and running – as they say it's the little things that can mean the most to people.

The Lions may not have the same public profile as Rotary, but their impact is just as significant. And they even collaborate from time to time, as demonstrated at the annual show.

Beyond Wonthaggi, they're involved in larger projects like Need for Feed, delivering hay to farmers in crisis, and knitting blankets for those who have lost everything in natural disasters.

For many members, the real joy comes from the camaraderie – whether it's chatting with locals while selling Christmas cakes at the plaza or firing up the barbecue at Woolies. If you're looking for a way to get involved, why not come down to this Saturday's barbecue at Big W and have a chat? Next week, they'll be at Woolies. You can also reach out to the club directly for more details, phone Georgi on 0427 364 926.

One small step into the Lions could mean a giant leap into new connections, friends, and helping out your community.



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The Lions Club of Wonthaggi welcomes membership enquiries from community minded men and women.



We meet for dinner at 6pm every 1st and 3rd Tuesday at the Wonthaggi Club
For further information call Neil Barnes on 5672 2559

Strike coal as a Friends volunteer

Underground Tours at the State Coal Mine have grown increasingly popular in recent times, and the Friends of the State Coal Mine, in partnership with Parks Victoria, need your help! Particularly they are looking for volunteers to assist with their fantastic Walk-In, Walk-Out Guided Tours.

As a Mine Tour Guide, you will receive training from the Parks Victoria team and support from experienced Volunteer Tour Guides, who love sharing their knowledge with visitors from around the world.

In addition to tour guiding, volunteers are also needed to help in the gift shop and maintain the beautiful gardens. Whether you have experience in these areas or are eager to learn new skills, you are more than welcome to join. The Volunteer Team is always happy to mentor new members, and teach new skills.

Volunteering at the State Coal Mine is unlike any other volunteer role. The opportunities are diverse, allowing you to use your unique skills while forming friendships, making connections, and educating visitors about the mine's rich history and the miners who worked tirelessly to support their families.

Parks Victoria and the Friends of the State Coal Mine welcome volunteers of all ages.

If you're interested in becoming a Tour Guide, Gift Shop Assistant, or Gardener, please call Parks Victoria on 842 2118 or drop by for a chat with Parks Victoria and the FSCM Volunteer Team. They'd love to discuss how you can get involved.

Once you join, you won't regret it! You'll become part of a passionate team preserving a beloved historical site in the Bass Coast region – it's an exceptional type of volunteering.

We look forward to you joining our Volunteer Team!

Head underground this year

Walk-In Walk Out Mine Tours are back in action with the café in full swing and site looking spectacular in the summer sunshine. Pop along, explore the above-ground facilities for free, take a stroll through the gardens or follow the heritage walk among the historic buildings. And for those looking to explore under the surface, purchase your underground tour tickets online for the 11.30am or 2pm timeslots. For more information, see the friendly team at the State Coal Mine.



ANDERSON INLET ANGLING CLUB

Our core activities include:

- Promote recreational fishing
- Run fishing competitions for members
- Organised fishing excursions
- Actively supporting & participating in community events
- Hall hire

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A lifetime of fishing enjoyment at the Anderson Inlet Angling Club

JOINING the Anderson Inlet Angling Club and learning how to fish is just the beginning.

Sharing the joys of fishing with other like-minded anglers in one of the most popular fishing locations in Bass Coast and South Gippsland is sure to follow.

The Anderson Inlet Angling Club was founded by a group of fishermen in 1960 and soon after an application was lodged for a clubhouse near the corner of Cuttriss Street and The Esplanade.

The building chosen for the clubhouse still stands today with only a few alterations.

The hall is available for hire to community groups, private functions, weddings, art shows, children's birthday parties and family get-togethers.

Lessons for newcomers include choosing the right hook for different kinds of fish, rod and reel basics, casting practice, fishing regulations, identifying common fish species, and conservation and the environment.

"We need juniors," said Club President Peter Knigge.

"All ages are welcome, but we particularly need more keen anglers under 15."

Existing club members are more than willing to share their lifetime of fishing experience.

The club conducts a monthly three-day competition including a sumptuous BBQ.

Prize-winning catches from fishing competitions conducted by the Anderson Inlet Angling Club are more than impressive.

A 454g whiting was caught by a club member in April, an 879g salmon in August, 855g bream in October and a 939g flathead in November, all landed locally.

The next fishing competition days are February 14, 15, and 16 with double points for perch, and March 14, 15 and 16 with double points for snapper.

More information on the Anderson Inlet Angling Club can be found at inverloch-angling-club.rbh49.com.



Mason of Inverloch fishing with Anderson Inlet Angling Club President Peter Knigge. BO1_0525



From sporting events to tours, regular walks to monthly morning teas and Friday sippers there's always something at Wonthaggi RSL.

Not just for veterans

WONTHAGGI RSL is not only for our past and present service men and women, but also for their families and friends and for those in the community.

For current and returned service personnel, Wonthaggi RSL offers a range of events.

The most prominent is Wonthaggi's RSL Active, which includes fun events and exciting activities. Join in the Monthly Veteran Member Morning Tea (on Wednesday, February 19 this month), pop down for a shot at Wonthaggi Gun Club in some friendly competition against Inverloch RSL or take a tour underground at the State Coal Mine, and that's just some of the fun had in recent times with a visit to South Eastern Target Archers, and walks through our beautiful trails and tracks in the past quarter of a year.

A little closer to home, and open to all members, Friday sippers are back this week (February 7). Pop in during the weekly event from 4pm – 7pm, catch up with friends, share in a weekly story, or listen to a few and join in the weekly meat tray raffle.

Behind the scenes Melissa Lucas has been working hard as the veteran support officer over the past couple of years, with a fluid and vital service in place to help connect veterans to services that can assist them, at whatever stage in life that may be.

Veterans do not need to be a member to access the RSL support and services.

For more information about Wonthaggi RSL, to become a member whether service, affiliate, or social pop into the branch and have a chat with the team.



WONTHAGGI RSL SUB BRANCH

Serving veterans and the local community

60 Graham Street, Wonthaggi VIC 3995

President Dan Lucas 0432 417 401



WHAT'S ON AT THE RSL

Monthly Veteran Member morning tea

Wednesday, February 19, 10.30am at the RSL Hall.

This event runs third Wednesday of the month.

Bar re-opens

Friday, February 7 for sippers 4pm-7pm. This is a weekly event.

RSL Active events

Keep an eye open for our next event.

Come and join us

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Your local learning community at CUC Bass Coast

MAKING higher education more accessible for students of all ages, CUC Bass Coast is a local learning community located in Wonthaggi, that supports schools, tertiary partners and other educational organisations to increase opportunities for students across the region.

Through the support of the Commonwealth Government Regional University Study Hub program CUC Bass Coast provides a free study and learning space for students studying a degree, diploma or Certificate IV through any Australian University or higher education institution.

Research tells us that people living in regional and rural parts of Australia are 50 per cent less likely to engage in higher education. To address this discrepancy and build aspiration while students are engaged in their schooling the Regional Partnership's Program Pool (RPPP) funding has enabled CUC to widen their reach in the community and roll out participation programs for current primary and secondary school students in the region.

Centre Manager, Sarah Bourke said "Historically students have had to leave their homes or give up on their dream of pursuing further education, through CUC what



CUC Centre Manager Sarah Bourke with Swinburne University Student Ambassadors visiting Bass Coast College San Remo campus as part of widening participation programs at CUC Bass Coast.

we are now seeing is how the opportunity to remain local whilst studying and working works for regional students. This is not only great for the students themselves, but also our region in helping to build the capacity of our local community and workforce capacity".

In 2024 the Centre supported 198 local students, 47 per cent of whom were first in their family to study

at university from 32 different institutions across the country, with 59 per cent studying full-time and 41 per cent part-time. The majority of students were enrolled in undergraduate courses, followed then by postgraduate and tertiary pathways programs. Modes of study included 62 per cent online, 18 per cent on campus and 20 per cent hybrid (online/campus). The top areas of

study were health, education, psychology, social work and community services.

All registered students have access to the centre seven days a week, providing high-speed technology, academic mentoring and a network of like-minded students to create a community learning environment. For more information, please give the team a call on 0472 741 451 or visit cucbasscoast.edu.au.



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Leongatha RSL general manager Greg Nugent, President Bill Verboon and Vice President Gordon Vagg are always pleased to welcome new members. A11_0525

Enjoy benefits while supporting Leongatha RSL and veterans

LEONGATHA RSL is taking steps to increase its engagement with the community and encourages people to become members, with all membership categories providing benefits to those who join.

Increasing membership numbers will strengthen the Sub Branch, boosting its ability to service the local community including veterans.

While all members are valued, those who are eligible are best to take up a Service or Affiliate membership, with everyone else able to become a Social member.

Service members enjoy a monthly free lunch at Leongatha RSL, current and former members of the ADF with at least one day's service, or a person with a minimum of six months of service in the Allied Armed Forces are eligible for that membership type.

Those lunches on the second Wednesday of a month generally attract 30 to 40 people.

Affiliate memberships are available to relatives of a person who was eligible to be a Service member of the RSL.

Those in the emergency services, who have belonged for at least six months, are also able to be Affiliate members, as is a Bronze Medallion member of a Surf Life Saving Club or a Corrections Officer.

All membership categories provide food and beverage

discounts, with reciprocal rights at RSL Sub Branches across Victoria.

Service and Affiliate members can book a function space at Leongatha RSL with the booking fee waived.

Those becoming Affiliate members and wanting to learn more about a relative who served will be offered advice on how to discover more.

As part of Leongatha RSL's increased focus on community engagement, a new memorabilia room will be established during the first half of this year and will include a computer linked to service records through the DVA that will help people research veterans.

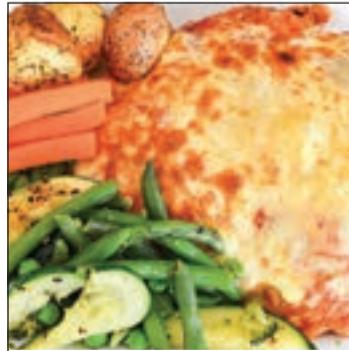
Leongatha RSL general manager Greg Nugent highlighted the demand for veterans' support and how membership of the Sub Branch assists.

"We've got two (veterans) advocates that work every Thursday at our resource centre and they're flat out, so we need to put more resources into that to help them," Greg said.

"The more members that we can get, the stronger we can be and the stronger we can be, the more funds and resources we can put back into the Returned Services."

Those wanting to learn more are invited to pop into Leongatha RSL or ring 5662 2747.

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There's a Milpara course waiting for you

TERM 1 at Milpara Community House in Korumburra has barely started but already the place is a hive of activity in the delightful surrounds of the Korumburra Community Hub.

Last Thursday afternoon, two of the training rooms were hosting sessions with the Milpara Singers belting out some well-known standards in room two and around the corner, the Milpara Book Club comparing notes on the first book in the Outlander series by Diana Gabaldon.

"We discuss the book as we go, after the next 150 pages or so. That way everyone's observations help with the enjoyment of the book," said a member of the group.

Although, in this case, there was a wide divergence of opinion on what they thought about the historical fantasy novel in question, made famous by the television series of the same name.

You can join the book club any Wednesday, between 1.30pm and 3.30pm, and it's one of the groups that continues through the school holidays.

Milpara Singers takes all comers, singing for health and happiness, not as a choir, and instruments are welcome.

However, while the new term is in full swing, it's still a great time to "come join us" by checking out the programs and activities on offer.

"There's a wide range of social, creative, training and educational activities on offer from yoga, mahjong and cards to international cooking and Tai Chi," said Milpara Community House Program Co-ordinator Jess Beachley.

The sessions are led by regular contributors but with extra activities throughout the year.

There are free information sessions to get people comfortable with the use of technology and IT and more in-depth classes where you can begin to build your skills with computers, English language and creative writing for example.

It's a blend of social and educational.

The Korumburra Men's Shed also comes under the banner of Milpara with upwards of 50 members, presently with the big project in front of them of rebuilding the shed.

The Korumburra Community Garden, on the grounds of the hospital, with eight-10 volunteers involved, is also part of Milpara.

As well as the classes and



The Food Bank at Milpara House in the Korumburra Community Hub is open three days a week on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10am to 1pm accepting donations of non-perishable food and fresh produce while providing prepared meals and food to anyone who needs it. Pictured is Milpara Program Co-ordinator Jess Beachley.



Come join the Milpara Book Club where you'll find keen readers including Sylvi, Kathryn, Leanne, Joan and Maureen; breaking down their latest novel or literary work.

activities, Milpara runs a Food Bank, open Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays accepting non-perishable food and fresh produce and providing prepared meals and other food to anyone who needs it. A food exchange table operates five days a week.

Milpara also acts as a Services Australia Agent providing access to a wide range of government services, and they offer the Korumburra Community Hub Flexi Space for meetings and events, public and private. Bookings via the South Gippsland Shire

Council website.

But the heart of Milpara is its program of activities offering everything from first-aid training to computer and smartphone skills, to job-ready training, language classes, crafts and art, healthy cooking on a budget, learning guitar and more.

And if they haven't got it, they'll get it, while also providing small-business training as the need arises.

The window at the Milpara Community House office is open from 9.30am to 4pm Monday to Friday.



Check out the courses and classes on offer in Term 1 in our Term Program.

This Program would have been delivered to your letterbox at the end of January. Or you can check out the activities via our website.

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Spike an interest for fun and fitness with volleyball

VOLLEYBALL is one of the most popular and widely enjoyed sports in the world and locals can enjoy playing the dynamic, action-packed game with the South Gippsland Volleyball Club Inc. (SGVCI).

SGVCI has been running for over 40 years and locals aged from ten years to adults can join in for social and competitive indoor games both locally and statewide.

With a junior league for kids and competitions for adult mixed teams, beginners to intermediate to experienced players can all have plenty of fun at SGVCI.

Teams play all year round, except during the school holidays.

"We're a very welcoming club. We're a childsafe club and we're a club that supports everyone," said Jessica Sanders, Secretary of SGVCI.

"There's no discrimination and we help support the juniors participating in tournaments, and we do a lot of subsidies."

On Thursday nights the club plays within their social league (A and B-Grade and Junior) and on weekends, Men and Women teams compete in the

Gippsland Regional League and against other regional clubs throughout the state, and often participate in tournaments, Country Championships and the Victorian Volleyball League.

Being involved in the Victorian Volleyball League also gives the ladies a chance to compete against other women and play on a women's net height.

Jessica commented that volleyball is unlike basketball or netball as the ball has to be kept off the ground, so it takes strategy, agility and endurance, and is a very satisfying team game.

"We've had a lot of feedback about how welcoming our club is and people can just come for a chat or come and try. There's no real commitment if you want to give it a try," said Jessica.

The club also holds an annual beach volleyball competition in January, which has proved to be popular with people coming from far and wide to compete.

"We're always looking for new members," said Jessica.

For more information or to go and try out volleyball contact Jessica Sanders on 0447 262 522 or southgippslandvolleyball@outlook.com.



The South Gippsland Volleyball Club welcomes locals to come and play from age 10 and up with junior, women's and men's teams.

Fun, fitness and community

LOOKING for a great way to stay active, have fun, and meet new people?

The Wonthaggi & District Netball Association (WDNA) is calling on players of all skill levels to join their 2025 Indoor Night Netball Summer Competition!

Whether you're a seasoned player or just looking for a social and enjoyable way to exercise, this competition is the perfect fit.

Starting February 18, the competition runs for 11 weeks plus finals at the Bass Coast Indoor Stadium, with finals set for May 20 and 27. It's open to ladies and girls aged 14 and above, and both teams and individual players are welcome.

If you're looking to get involved in the game in other ways, there are also umpiring opportunities available.

Netball is more than just a game – it's about teamwork, camaraderie, and community. Whether you're looking to stay fit, improve your skills, or just enjoy some friendly competition, WDNA provides a supportive and welcoming environment.

WDNA provide an array of opportunities throughout the year for individuals and teams to get involved from the winter and spring competitions to mixed netball nights, Junior Twilight Competition and more. There is something for everyone.

So why not gather some friends, dust off your netball shoes, and come along for a fantastic season of netball? Whether you're looking to compete seriously or just have fun, WDNA has a place for you. Join in, stay active, and be part of something great!

Any interested teams for U13 and U15 for Saturday mornings, reach out!

To get involved in the Summer Competition, make sure to register by February 11. Entries can be submitted via Facebook, Cargills, or by texting 0419 399 415.

Flowers and community powers revitalising landcare together

LANDCARE has been running for over 30 years in Gippsland, with a strong legacy of putting people in touch with others in their community and willing to learn from each other.

The South Gippsland Landcare Network, which turns 30 this year, is running an event to revitalise Landcare in the northern part of its network.

Landcare Facilitator Nick Stephens, who is running the project, says Landcare is often a long-term journey.

"You become part of a group, you do the things to your property you want to achieve, and you either stick around or come out the end and move onto something else."

Like any ongoing community movement, you need regular reinvigoration and re-energising.

"These things peak and trough over time". Nick said.

"Our focus with this project is matching, or mashing, people's passions, be it cycling, kayaking or photography with what a

Landcare group might pursue, it's not the same old same old.

"The event we're running is for the whole community, not just existing Landcare people. It's not just about planting trees or spraying weeds. We need fresh ideas and people," said Nick.

If you live around the Hallston, Allambee or Yarragon area and have some ideas and passions connected to the environment, land management or just living sustainably you are warmly welcome to attend this event.

The morning discussion will be followed by a tour of the Allambee Flower Farm with owner Neil O'Sullivan, with lunch provided. Registrations are essential (see link in ad) or contact Nick Stephens on nick.stephens@sghn.net.au

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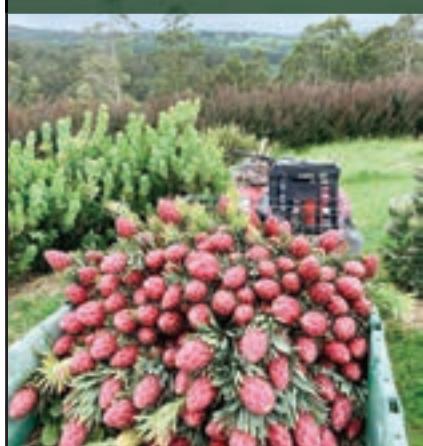
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Neil O'Sullivan at his Allambee Flower Farm.

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Combining plants and fun

LEONGATHA Horticultural Society (LHS) is a highly active friendly club with a strong membership and is always happy to welcome new people.

The Society runs Leongatha's yearly daffodil and rose shows, organises garden-themed bus adventures, and holds club meetings with a social vibe on the fourth Thursday of a month.

Those monthly get-togethers have no formal meeting component, with attendees free to chat, check out plants brought in by others, and enjoy afternoon tea.

"We try and cover a wide range of subjects at the meetings, from vegetables right through to fruit trees and specialist plants," LHS committee member Sue Thompson said, with talks delivered by guest speakers or members.

Free raffles are held at the meetings with plant prizes up for grabs.

LHS also has a yearly propagation day that takes place in March at the Leongatha Community Garden, growing plants to sell at the flower shows.

"People bring things along, and if you come to help you get leftovers to take home for your own garden," Sue said.

While this year's bus trips are yet to be locked in, the most recent one was a visit to 'Alowyn Gardens' in Yarra Glen.

"That was a fabulous day; it's a huge garden," Sue said, adding that the experience doubled as a breakup for the year with members enjoying a meal together.

While LHS offers lots to do in its own right, it also belongs to a group of horticultural societies across the region, providing further opportunities to socialise and learn about plants.

Warragul, Lang Lang, Inverloch, San Remo, Welshpool and Poowong are among those clubs in the group.

Membership of Leongatha Horticultural Society is just \$10 for a year, ensuring everyone is included.

For further information visit the Leongatha Garden Club Facebook page, email leon.horticulture@hotmail.com, or contact Sue Charlton on 0427 313 890.

Why it's the right time to go golfing



Leongatha Golf Club general manager Kate Rowe welcomes new PGA teaching professional Rick Warren on to the team. The experienced golf professional is available for lessons and also to assist you with your golf club selections at the pro shop.

THERE'S never been a better time to "come join us" than right now at the Leongatha Golf Club.

The renowned Vern Morcom-designed course has just been confirmed in the top 60 best public access courses in Australia, with the greens in their best condition ever and PGA professional Rick Warren signing on as the club's second teaching professional, joining Melissa Taylor.

While members, regular players and green's fee-paying players will be delighted with the playing conditions of the course right now, there's also the opportunity to hit 100 balls for \$20 at the golf club's new driving range, looking a picture after the addition of a new turf verge.

"As well as welcoming Rick to the team and just being advised that we're number 60 on the top 100 list, we've also got the 2025 Leongatha Golf Club Annual Tournament coming up on March 6-9 which is a great opportunity to have some fun and enjoy all that the course and club have to offer," said golf club general manager Kate Rowe.

The tournament is open to members and all visiting players with a Golf Australia handicap. And on that score, there's still time to play the necessary handicap rounds at the club to qualify for the tournament.

Events are Thursday, March 6 4BBB Stableford; Friday, March 7 Ambrose; Saturday, March 8 Stableford and Sunday, March 9 Gentsomes. Email info@leongathagolf.com.au or phone 5664 3314 (option 1).

And why not sign up for a lesson with Rick Warren while you're at it.

Rick is available most days in the pro shop not only for lessons but also to help you with your golf club and accessories selection.

The pro shop has one of the best ranges of clubs and equipment available in the region, including shoes, with full sets and other equipment available to order, arriving in a matter of days.

Check out the Leongatha Golf Club webpage at leongathagolf.com.au/golf/membership for information on how to join and membership options available.

Caregiver returns for a life in aged care

HAVING spent a lot of her childhood living in nursing homes, there was a degree of inevitability about Paula Viergrever's career path.

"Our unit was at the back and my bedroom had a door into the nursing home. We lived there for about two years from when I was eight to 10.

She recalls another nursing home where her mother worked night shifts.

"I can remember sliding down the big staircase railing. It wasn't like the nursing homes we have now. It was a very big old house with two or three residents to a bedroom and three storeys high.

"I was scared of sleeping in my room by myself because it was right at the top, almost like an attic."

Wherever she stayed, Paula loved the experience of interacting with the residents.

"We moved from England when I was three so my grandparents weren't here, but I had plenty of others and was never short of someone to read with," she said.

"I'd often walk around and

see all the residents. I could read my reader to any of them.

There were a couple in particular that I kept in contact with and would see after we left."

Sue also did night shifts in aged care nursing work and Paula would join her.

"It's pretty ironic when you think about it and look back and think 'gee, I used to live in a nursing home and now I'm still around one,'" she said.

Paula didn't immediately move into aged care work.

"I had children young and then worked cleaning houses for the shire before doing my personal care certificate and starting care in the home."

But nursing "ran through the family" and Paula's two sisters had become registered nurses.

She started her nursing career at age 33, following in the footsteps of her younger sisters.

The reasoning was simple "I've always loved caring for people."

"I love the work environment,

and I love working with the residents."

Now 57 and celebrating 20 years with GSHS, Paula has no plans to retire just yet.

"I couldn't see myself doing anything else," she said. "It's all I know, and I enjoy it."

And when she does eventually retire, Paula will more than likely keep visiting residents, just as she does these days with her little dog Charli, who has become a favourite at Alchera.

Paula says aged care has changed dramatically for the better from the days she was sliding down the railings in Sandringham.

"It's much better now," she said.

"I don't know how the backs of the older nurses held out when they were lifting people without the supports that we have today. All the supports have made it a lot easier physically and now we have a lot of tools, guidelines and training for dealing with people."

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Inverloch Classic Dinghy Regatta to feature Wonthaggi Citizens Band

THE annual Inverloch Classic Dinghy Regatta on February 15 and 16 promises to be a great weekend of entertaining and competitive sailing with uplifting music provided by the Wonthaggi Citizens Band.

The Classic Dinghy Regatta is a showcase for all, but not limited to sailing boats of timber construction built and raced between the 1940s and 1980s.

The much loved Moth which is now sailed around the world is always of special interest at the Inverloch Classic Dinghy Regatta because the Moth class originated in Inverloch.

The first moth was built by South Gippsland Yacht Club member Len Morris.

Boats encouraged to participate in the Classic Dinghy Regatta reads like a Boys Own adventure book, Moth, Vee Jay, Cherub, Heron, Mirror, Javelin, Sabot, 125, Canoe, Skate, Minnow, Flying Ant, Light Weight Sharpie, 12 Sq Metre, 14-foot Skiff, Fireball, FJ, Flying Dutchman, Lazy E, Finn, O.K., Cadet, Fairy Penguin, GP 14, Gwen 12, Minnow, Many Junior, Miracle, NS14, Rainbow, Sabre, Solo, Elwood Seahorse, Port Phillip 12 and Sailfish.

Fishing boats such as the Couta sailing boat will also be at the regatta along with general-purpose or recreational sailing boats built in the classic style.

South Gippsland Yacht Club is a family-oriented club with an emphasis on participation and fun for all sailors and family members regardless of skill level or class of boat.

The main classes of dinghies sailed at SGYC include Impulse, Laser, Aero

and Sabre, as well as Taipan and Mosquito class catamarans.

Races are usually held between 11am and 2pm each Sunday with more races during the summer holiday period to provide good competitive sailing.

Club boats are available for new members to sail which allows training and development of young or beginner sailors until they have their own boat.

The race schedule for the Inverloch Classic Dinghy Regatta begins with a sign-in and swap meet from 9.30am to 10.30am on Saturday, February 15 followed by a public boat display, lunch and a dinghy sail past at 1.15pm.

Racing starts at 1.30pm and 3.15pm on Saturday, and 11am and 1.30pm on Sunday.

The Wonthaggi Citizens Band will perform from 4.30pm to 5.30pm on Saturday.

Race presentations will take place on Sunday, February 16 between 3pm and 4pm.

The Inverloch and District Community Bank Labour Day race series will run on Sunday, March 9 and Monday, March 10, with the John Parry Race on Sunday, March 16, the Francis Sullivan Autumn series on Sundays – March 23, March 30, April 6 and April 13, the Debenham Australia Easter series on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, April 19, 20 and 21, and the Anzac Day series on Saturday and Sunday, April 26 and 27.

Sailing is always subject to weather conditions.

You can find the South Gippsland Yacht Club at 22 The Esplanade, Inverloch or online at sgycinverloch.com.au.



Hayden Marollo and daughter Alana from the South Gippsland Yacht Club. B56_0325



Former SGYC commodore Wayne Smith and Andrew Biram with a taipan class catamaran. B57_0325



Pic: Korumburra Campus,
District Nursing Entrance

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BECOME A VOLUNTEER

We are looking for enthusiastic people to join our volunteer team to assist in a range of areas across GSHS including; Aged Care Facilities, Planned Activity Groups, Administration, Patient Transportation. Possible locations; Korumburra, Leongatha, Mirboo North & Tarwin Lower.



MEET, GREET & HAVE A CUPPA!

Join us for a chat about our current priorities and how we're working to meet the needs of the community. Offering these forums quarterly, we encourage members of Leongatha, Korumburra, and the surrounding areas to join us. Future dates will be advertised on our website and Social Media pages.



CANCER SURVIVORSHIP

The Cancer Survivorship Program aims to support and empower cancer survivors in South Gippsland. The program focuses on understanding survivors' needs and providing appropriate referrals and information for monitoring long-term effects and accessing support close to home.



PLANNED ACTIVITY GROUPS

These programs offer recreation, entertainment, laughter, activity, fun, food, and help establish new friendships. Available for frail/older individuals, those with disabilities, and those receiving NDIS or Home Care Packages. Referrals by contacting the Planned Activity Group Coordinator, Gateway, or My Aged Care.



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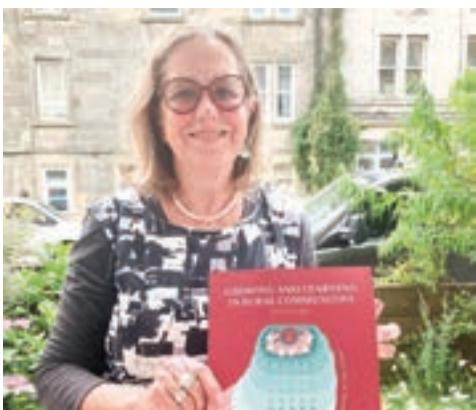
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Join Southern Business Women's Network for an evening with Dr Helen Sheil on February 20.

An evening with Dr Helen

CONNECT and be inspired on Thursday, February 20 when Southern Business Women's Network hosts 'An Evening with Dr Helen Sheil'.

Discussing the value of networking, Dr Helen Sheil is a community development practitioner, researcher, educator, and writer.

For her, community is about place and the way community life contributes to or diminishes people's ability to care for each other and their environment.

Two pivotal experiences shaped her understanding of the importance of local knowledge in public planning.

In 1993, after moving to Mirboo North from the forests of East Gippsland, she was one of many affected by Kennett-era policies that dismissed the value of small communities. Unemployed, she joined others in founding the Centre for Rural Communities at Monash University and embarked on a research degree. The second experience – her involvement with the Rural Women's Program led by Helenè Brophy and the statewide Rural Women's Network – highlighted how women transformed the ways they accessed and shared information, raising awareness in public forums and driving meaningful change.

Her research identified nine key strategies that formed a Model of Collaborative Engagement for Transformation, later embedded into a postgraduate course for community facilitators, accredited by Monash University (2000–2007).

Dr Sheil has worked extensively with communities, TAFE institutions, universities at undergraduate and postgraduate levels, local government, and both urban and rural organisations, and as host of Stories of Influence on Lake Tyers for a decade.

Her work is captured in the revised edition of Growing and Learning in Rural Communities (2024), documenting real-life transformations made possible through collaborative engagement. With national and international recognition, she currently contributes to Deakin University in partnership with Australian Business Volunteers, as well as the Wilderness Society and First Nations communities in East Gippsland.

Lisa Pellin Dancers is nurturing artistic potential



Lisa Pellin Dancers in Leongatha, Inverloch and Mirboo North, provides a space for movement and growth for dancers as young as two years.

SHARING her passion for dance, founder Lisa Pellin opened her own studio in Gippsland to help her students find their own potential in the world of art and movement.

Lisa Pellin Dancers is a well-respected dance school in Leongatha, Inverloch and Mirboo North. The studios provide an all-inclusive space for students to progress in dance at their own pace. Lisa and her team of qualified staff teach a wide variety of classes including ballet, jazz, hip hop, acrobatics, vocals, drama, music and theatre, alongside a dedicated preschool program for those as young as two years. Classes are available in appropriate age groups for all dance genres.

"We've been running for over 35 years in the local area, and we're very proud of the programs we have. We've seen students come through the doors that just want to dance recreationally and others who have gone on to pursue it as a professional career," said Lisa. "I'm fully qualified as a licensed teacher in the Australian Teachers of Dancing (ATOD) as well

as fully qualified in The Vaganova Method with The Australian Conservatoire of Ballet."

Whilst providing her students with the opportunity to perform in the local region at the annual showcase in August, Lisa also encourages her students to participate in regular performances throughout the year, including their end-of-year display in December and regular competitions.

"As a performing arts school, we value regular performance opportunities," said Lisa.

"At Lisa Pellin, we offer a range of opportunities to all our students, including an advanced program, a competitive program, a scholarship program for ballet students and our music theatre program. We also offer adult classes, these classes are designed for those wanting to learn or those returning to dance, and the classes are open to any level of experience."

Lisa Pellin Dancers encourages students of all ages to take the stage and develop a love for performing, and term one begins on February 3, so enrolment is still open for new students. Visit lpd5678.com.

CWA Gippsland Hills Group to hold their 70th exhibition

THE Gippsland Hills Country Women's Association (CWA) Group, 94 years young in South Gippsland this year, is celebrating its 70th annual exhibition on April 5-6 in Meeniyan. The annual event will showcase the continued generosity of the CWA members from their 10 branches that make up the CWA Gippsland Hills Group, inclusive of Bena, Inverloch, Kardella, Korumburra, Leongatha Twilight, Meeniyan, Mirboo, Mirboo North Night Owls, Poowong & District, and Woorayl.

Heather Scott, former group president and current treasurer of Meeniyan said that the annual event would exhibit a range of crafts, cooking, and preserves, as well as art in a range of mediums, and this year there will be contributions from neighbouring branches, including Fish Creek and Yarram.

"Our first exhibition was in 1954, but we had to have a gap for COVID so that's why the 70th is in 2025," said Heather.

"We're very proud of that tradition and the fact that all



Individual Aggregate Winners at the 2024 Gippsland Hills CWA Group Exhibition: (from left) Marilyn Mackie (3rd), Maryke Dann (1st), Savannah Facey (Junior) and Vanessa Fisher (2nd).

our branches participate in displaying all their beautiful work."

The CWA has long been dedicated to supporting women and children, through various initiatives, such as the "Hope in a Suitcase" project.

"These children were provided with a suitcase full of clean

pyjamas, a cuddle toy and clean clothing; this initiative was a way of giving those children a bit of dignity and hope," said Heather.

"Our support could also be aiding communities affected by natural disasters, or preparing meals and delivering them to a family that's in difficult circumstances," Heather explained.

"It could also extend to providing scholarships for children in need at school."

The CWA Gippsland Hills Group is always welcoming new members; together they are providing an opportunity to combat isolation.

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Tanya Cowell offers son Dylan support.



A trio of riders work on their track skills.

Kids encouraged to give track cycling a go in Leongatha

LEONGATHA Cycling Club (LCC) offers a great opportunity for kids to learn track riding skills, with training sessions running on Monday evenings at the town's velodrome.

Fourteen-year-old Dylan Cowell of Sandy Point, who was already a keen mountain biker and distance runner, is glad he gave track cycling a go after his mum Tanya spotted the opportunity in the *Sentinel-Times*.

"It's more complicated than I thought," Dylan said of learning the strategies involved.

"It's fun and you build your fitness and I enjoy it," he said.

Tanya commented that community members are fortunate to have such an opportunity locally, both she and Dylan noting the friendly atmosphere at the club.

"It's a great little cycling community with no pressure," Tanya said, encouraging more kids to give it a go, obligation-free and using a club bike.

Those in charge of the club are keen to boost numbers to ensure its survival while providing a sporting opportunity for locals that offers fun and fitness.

Participants will be under the watchful eye of coach Tony Smith

or assistant coach Stephen Wilson, both Life Members of LCC.

Skills learned include riding next to each other and swapping turns, Stephen explaining the meaning of the latter.

"Generally, riders will sit at the front for half a lap and then they'll swing up the track and the next rider will go through," Stephen said.

"We often have a slow race on the grass to give them the bike handling skills," he remarked of those starting out.

Cyclists learn how to ride safely near others.

"You've got to keep fairly close

together so you get a draft, so you need the skills to stay up with the rider in front of you," Stephen said, explaining that makes it easier for you.

Although a couple of parents ride, the focus is predominantly on the kids, with adult riders kept separate to maintain on-track safety for young participants.

LCC has some track bikes people can use during its Monday night training sessions.

"They're a special bike; they've got no brakes," Stephen said, explaining you use the fixed wheel to stop yourself by backpedalling.

Membership of the club hasn't bounced back to pre-COVID numbers, currently sitting at 32 compared to 65 then.

Some of those are social members only, not riding, and others belong but ride elsewhere.

"Our riding numbers are down considerably since COVID," Stephen said, keen to see more young people give track cycling a go.

Those keen to do so are encouraged to attend a Monday night training session, which runs between 5.45pm and 7pm, to learn more, with the 'season' likely to run until the end of March.

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Local Bass Coast artist, Maddy May will perform on Sunday, February 9 and Sunday, February 23.

Summer Sessions at Churchill Island

THE family-friendly Summer Sessions are back in February featuring local acts performing on the picturesque Roger's Lawn within the farm precinct on Churchill Island.

The music-lovers concert series promises an afternoon of cool tunes against a breathtaking oceanic backdrop as the perfect ending to the weekend.

Soak up the summer ambience, panoramic views and a fantastic lineup of local performers for your entertainment.

- Sunday, February 9:
 - 12pm - 1pm - Imogen Price
 - 1.30pm - 2.30pm - Maddy May
 - 3pm - 5.15pm - The Times Duo

- Sunday, February 23:
 - 12pm - 1pm - Daisy Spratt
 - 1.30pm - 2.30pm - Maddy May
 - 3pm - 5.15pm - Dan Lunn

This event is open to all ages. By purchasing a general admission ticket to Churchill Island, you will gain access to this event, as well as the farm and historical buildings.

Local Passes cannot be renewed on the day of your visit. For Local Pass renewals, kindly visit the friendly team onsite prior to your visit. For more information and to book tickets, visit penguins.org.au/whats-on.

Funding for live music in regional venues

MINISTER for Creative Industries Colin Brooks launched the new Victorian Music Industry Advisory Council and announced the latest rounds of the Music Works and Victorian Gig Fund grants last week.

Victorian musicians, bands, music workers and venues will receive a boost with the latest round of the grants program now open for applications, and the 10,000 Gigs: Victorian Gig Fund opening on January 30.

The Music Works program provides grants to artists and music workers to support career-building projects ranging from writing and recording new music to professional development, touring, marketing and more.

The 10,000 Gigs: Victorian Gig Fund provides grants to venues to stage paid gigs by Victorian artists. Applications will open next week to licensed live music venues or venues that can host live performances in regional Victoria. Venues can apply for up to \$11,000 to stage up to 20 gigs. To find out more visit creative.vic.gov.au/news.

Bass Coast Fine Film Group

10.30am SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY
PARTHENOPE
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Born in Naples, Parthenope grows into a beautiful and intelligent young woman, captivating everyone. She learns to navigate the complexities of a distracted and volatile family, the endless attention of boys and men, and the rigorous expectations of academia.

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96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

Check the website for more info:
basscoastfinefilmgroup.weebly.com

Join John Waters, Stewart D'Arrietta and band as they bring the 60s to life

By Chloe Kent

YOU may have seen him recently in the biographical musical film Better Man, perhaps you recall him from All Saints or on stage as The Narrator in the Rocky Horror Show or starring in The Woman in Black. There is little that English-born Australian John Waters hasn't done in the realm of film, television, theatre, music or otherwise, and he's back and headed to Wonthaggi on February 22 at The Union.

"For a long time, Stewart D'Arrietta and I toured with the John Lennon 'Looking Through a Glass Onion' show, on and off in various different shapes and forms," John explained.

"We added bands, string quartets, and then we did it mainly as a two-man show, and then suddenly the licence went.

"I'd always wanted to present a show of the best British music of the 60s played live by a great band, and I think we'd toured and exhausted all the possibility with the Glass Onion."

And so, Radio Luxembourg was born – a homage to the radio station of the 50s and 60s that broadcast pop and rock music to the UK via Luxembourg.

The story of Radio Luxembourg is intriguing in its own right, and worth a look into, but for the show, it is simply a vehicle, and one would digress to get into too much history.

"We listened on an old thing called the medium wave, and it floated in and out, a little bit because of the weather conditions – it was coming from across the North Sea, but it was fantastic.



From six in the evening until 3am it was solid pop music, classic favourites and new releases.

"There was a show called Friday Night Party and the DJs were Pete Murray and Muriel Young... You could hear the crowd of young people dancing to the music and chatting as they introduced various different acts. One act they introduced came on with this song in late 1962 called Love Me Do. It had a harmonica intro, which sounded very bluesy, but they were too bluesy to be poppy, but too poppy to be bluesy – I didn't know if they'd fall through the cracks, they might not get anywhere... Of course, it was The Beatles. It was my first introduction to (them)."

Radio Luxembourg had a huge impact on a generation with transistor radios.

"The music was empowering to young people, to have their own voice."

And the show is no different.

"It is a list of songs that people might hear on classic FM radio anytime. Most of these songs are radio favourites," John continued.

"The idea was that we wanted people to hear these songs played live by a really great band. Stewart D'Arrietta attracts all the best musicians around, so Sydney's best are all in this band – they really do cracking versions of these songs."

"It's Baby Boomer music, but it's filtered down through all the subsequent generations."

And there would be no better way than to kick off with the classic My Generation.

"When I sing My Generation – it's about my generation, but also your generation, your children's generation, your grandchildren's generation – because this is the music that started it all off."

As for John's favourite song in the show, there isn't one, but he does have a special place for the ballad He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother by The Hollies.

"It's not a song you hear played live very often and this band just plays it beautifully. It's quite emotional to sing."

"Chris Farlowe – Out Of Time, it's such a great good time song, it's very simple and it's got a repetitive chorus that people absolutely roar along with."

"This is the thing I love about live entertainment. It's a shared joy between the performers and the audience, it really is cathartic."

And when the venue allows, don't be surprised to see John jumping off the stage, high-fiving the crowd and giving you the chance to sing into the microphone.

From the evocative strains of Where Do You Go to My Lovely, the memory-dredging Waterloo Sunset and To Love Somebody, to the infectious grooves of Itchycoo Park, Waters and his band reprise and reinvent the classic hits.

There's also the quaint, old-fashioned advertisements that stir memories for those whose childhoods started in England.

"There are people who come up to be after the show and say, 'You know I'm from England, that was such a blast from the past for me – I remember every detail, all the jingles', and we sort start singing them together."

Whether young in age or young in spirit, Radio Luxembourg is for all.

"Don't worry about the title. It's a two-hour concert of some of the best songs ever written, played by a great band."

By the end, you'll be dancing in your seat. Head to radioluxembourglive.com to secure your tickets before they sell out.

A dazzling dive into identity and beauty



Parthenope, born in the sea of Naples in 1950, searches for happiness over the long summers of her youth, falling in love with her home city and its many memorable characters. From Academy Award-winning filmmaker Paolo Sorrentino comes a monumental and deeply romantic story of a lifetime.

to Sorrentino's flair for visual storytelling, rich in symbolism and striking imagery. Each frame captures the vibrant essence of Naples, with scenes that oscillate between the bright, lively streets and the introspective moments of the protagonist. This duality in visuals represents the contrasting layers of identity – public versus private life.

For instance, the nocturnal strolls through the city are filled with vivid colours and elaborate details.

The emotional tone of



Parthenope. Is she a siren or a myth?

protagonist's world and her struggles.

Screening at the new time of 10.30am, Sunday, February 9 at The Union Theatre, 96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi. BCFFG member's entry free, with general public welcome at usual box office prices.

To find out more, visit the website: basscoastfinefilmgroup.weebly.com/current-season, and follow the links to the film.

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

Friday night fun set to flow in Saturday action

THIS year's Korumburra Show is set to deliver an action-packed weekend of entertainment, agriculture, and family fun, with an exciting new addition to the schedule.

Running across two big days, the 129th annual event kicks off on Friday, February 7, with the introduction of a Family Carnival Night, ensuring even more opportunities for the community to come together and enjoy the festivities.

The Family Carnival Night will run from 5.30pm to 9.30pm, bringing a vibrant atmosphere to the Korumburra Showgrounds. A huge range of carnival rides will provide thrills for all ages, while more than 40 market stalls will showcase an array of local products and crafts.

Buskers will add to the lively energy of the night, and food vans will be serving up a variety of tasty treats. The evening will also feature meet-and-greet opportunities with beloved character Bluey, a car show, monster truck, and remote-control cars alongside pygmy goats, sheep and cattle.

One of the biggest highlights of the night will be the spectacular fireworks display at 9.15pm, lighting up the sky to celebrate the show's grand opening.

Saturday, February 8, will bring the Traditional Agricultural Show, running from 9am to 3.30pm. Livestock lovers



Talia Ferris of Drouin and Ella Braumann of Wonthaggi showcased their jerseys at the 2024 event.

can enjoy classic displays of sheep, cattle, poultry, and Australian stock horses, while the exhibit pavilion will be bursting with arts, fresh produce, and baking competitions. The entertainment continues with the ever-popular monster truck display, agility dog events, and chainsaw carving demonstrations. Vintage and modern farm machinery displays, as well as a car show, will appeal to automotive enthusiasts.

For younger attendees, a dedicated children's entertainment program offers free pony rides, face painting, balloon twisting, an animal nursery, and even a

magician. The beloved Dinkum Dinosaurs will make an appearance, and the Myli Library will host a special storytime session. Children can also complete the Karmal Worm Adventure Map to earn a free show bag.

A special ticketing offer this year allows anyone purchasing a Friday Night Show ticket to receive free entry into Saturday's Show, making it even easier for families to experience the full weekend of festivities.

Show organisers have been hard at work planning this incredible event, ensuring there's something for everyone. Whether you're a thrill-seeker keen

to ride the carnival attractions, an animal lover eager to see the livestock, or simply looking to enjoy great food and entertainment, the Korumburra Show 2025 promises to be unmissable.

Admission Fees: Family Pass: \$25, Adult: \$10, Concession: \$8, Children (10-14 years): \$5, Children under 10: Free

Passouts are available, and tickets can be purchased online via TryBooking or at the gate. Don't miss out on the biggest weekend in Korumburra!

For more information visit korumburashowgrounds.com.au.

Jet cars to fire up show

A LATE addition to the entertainment at this year's Lang Lang Show n' Shine will be the appearance of not one or two, but three, jet engine road cars. It's a truck-full! 'Shockwave' is a Holden Crewman four-door Ute that is fitted in the tray with a Rolls Royce Viper 535 jet engine.

A Holden Shuttle van that goes by the name of 'Firestorm' has a Rolls Royce Viper 202 fitted in the back behind the driver. 'Delta Force' is the third of the vehicles and, believe it or not, is a Mazda RX7 once again fitted with a Rolls Royce 202. Both the Mazda and Holden Shuttle jet engines were previously fitted to Machi trainer jets.

The addition of these vehicles just adds to an already exciting day that includes a spectacular car display, mower racing and the swap meet. The action takes place at the Lang Lang Reserve, corner of Westernport Road and McDonalds Track. Gates open for the Swap Meet at 6am with general admission and show vehicles from 7am.

Radio show 'by youth, for youth'

COMMUNITY radio station Life FM Gippsland has created a unique program, Youth On Beat: By Youth, For Youth, to give young people of the region the chance to share their voices, stories and creativity with the world.

The new initiative is designed to train, equip, guide, and empower youth to create their own quality content, while amplifying the voices of diverse communities.

Whether they're interested in radio, music, interviews or storytelling, young people can receive full support to create something truly unique.

Youth wanting to be part of something powerful can email gippsland@lifefm.com.au to express their interest and join the crew.

NEW BINGO LOCATION

Wonthaggi Angling Club's Bingo

Will now be held at Wonthaggi football ground, Korumburra Road, Wonthaggi (Wonthaggi Angling Club Clubrooms)

Fantastic prizes, laughter and a whole lot of fun await you!



Weekly commencing February 7
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- CATTLE
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- EXHIBIT PAVILION
- AUST STOCK HORSES
- AGILITY DOGS
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Sarah Wickham with son Braxton who is starting Grade 1 and is excited to be back at school in a supportive and friendly environment. A06_0525



Dermot O'Hara with Bella who is starting Grade 4 and Flynn who is ready to tackle Grade 2. A07_0525



Auslan teacher Genevieve and son Angus who is starting Prep. A08_0525



Teacher Michelle Hughes with school therapy dog Millie and Grade 2 student Heidi. A04_0525



Mary McCaughan and Marlene Archibald at Pound Creek for Australia Day celebrations. B29_0425



Dr Terrence Shannon OAM and his wife Lyn celebrating Australia Day at Pound Creek. B26_0425



Darryl and Peter from the Pound Creek CFA celebrating Australia Day. B24_0425



Mary and grandson Lachie at the Inverloch Farmers Market. B18_0425



Gary and Lynne Griffin from Wonthaggi at the Tarwin Lower long table BBQ. B44_0425

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Australia Day celebrations, Back to School at Leongatha Primary and Wonthaggi North Primary School Family Picnic.



Proud parents Lukman and Khadija have bid their fourth oldest child off to school with Rosila joining prep this year. It's still a couple of years off for Barzani however, who was enjoying the family picnic. C10_0525



Imogen arrives with her parents, ready for her first day of school. A05_0525



Grade 5 student Spencer was joined at Friday's picnic by his grandparents Wendy and Tony. C12_0525



Franklin is looking forward to not being distracted this year as he tackles grade three, pictured with mum Laura. C15_0525



Mum Jess joined prep student Xavier for the family picnic with Xavier enjoying drawing on his first day, the day prior. C18_0525



Ivy is looking forward to art and painting this year; joined by mum Ash at Friday's picnic. C17_0525



Lily and Savannah were all smiles at the family picnic where they were joined by family. C16_0525



Jack stepped in for a photo with Tammy and Kellie before taking off to join friends and family playing. C19_0525



Stunning family home!

LOCATED in a quiet, established court, with an easy-to-maintain garden, is this lovely home that needs to be seen to be truly appreciated.

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 • 3 bay lock up shed with concrete and power.
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 • Gorgeous family home on approx. 1.6 acres
 • Open plan living, modern kitchen with WIP.
 • North facing alfresco decking, native gardens.
 \$830,000



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LEONGATHA 4 2 2
 Absolutely Stunning!
 • Spacious, rendered home on approx. 871m².
 • Executive kitchen with large island bench.
 • Dble LU gge, great shedding & studio/workspace.
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FOR SALE

LEONGATHA 3 1 3
 Timeless Elegance - 1910 Period-Style Home!
 • Stylishly renovated 3 bedroom home.
 • Dble car garage, small workshop, garden shed.
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 \$750,000



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 • Solid brick veneer home on approx. 70 acres.
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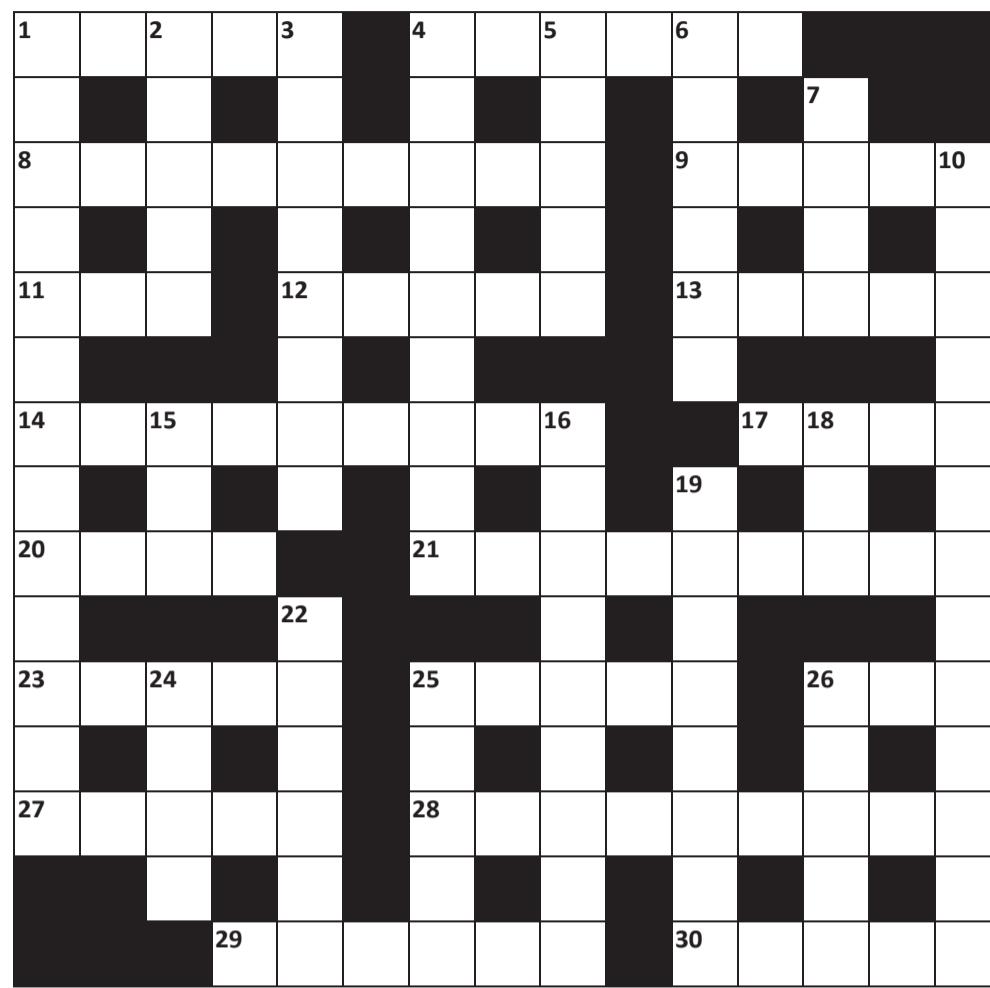
CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Joyce character's hand in crash (5)
- 4 Pipeline of Bezos iPhones (6)
- 8 Reconciles brand with exercise (5,2,2)
- 9 Pain starts over leanest intake in centuries (5)
- 11 Paddle Pop, even a raspberry one (3)
- 12 Before due process. Really? Without legal cover? (5)
- 13 Dante poem sees no end; go figure (5)
- 14 Accompanies troublesome witch (5,4)
- 17 'Siri, get over 1-across' (4)
- 20 1-across. Got up (4)
- 21 Die-back returns to low cover of bed (9)
- 23 Noisy active sailor cops face-off (5)
- 25 Flush, high head-1-across (5)
- 26 Hem's going up? Big deal (3)
- 27 Upsetting niggle: 'No good, friendless misfit!' (5)
- 28 Gaming: 'tis unfortunately a huge problem (9)
- 29 1-across and derail (had chain in wheel) (6)
- 30 Gene edited review, with no *Alien* reference (5)

DOWN

- 1 Obama opened up to decry offhand heart-to-heart in political divide (6,7)
- 2 Rough Aussie waterside worker, first to go out (5)
- 3 She manipulates wholesale energy value (8)
- 4 Mysterious trace of gas from Spoooner (9)
- 5 Sweet; after three pass their driving test, 1-across! (5)



No. 65 - by 'Johnno2' of Cape Paterson

STRAIGHT CLUES

ACROSS

- 1 Joyce *Ulysses* character, Leopold ___ (5)
- 4 Pipe, drain (6)
- 8 Reconciles (also, fabricates) (5,2,2)
- 9 Pain, usually for babies (5)
- 11 Paddle, blade for rowing (3)
- 12 Before due (5)
- 13 Figure, conclude from evidence (5)
- 14 Accompanies, or is accompanied by (5,4)
- 17 A floral 1-across (4)
- 20 A floral 1-across (4)
- 21 Blanket, bed cover (9)
- 23 Noisy, active (5)
- 25 A floral 1-across (5)
- 26 Big deal, so what (colloq.) (3)
- 27 Friendless misfit (colloq.) (5)
- 28 Syndrome that is, for the person, a 'huge problem' (9)
- 29 A floral 1-across (6)
- 30 Reference, base (5)

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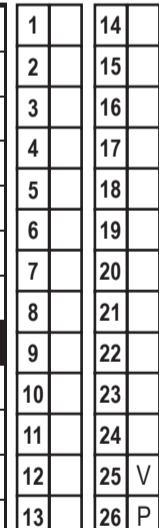
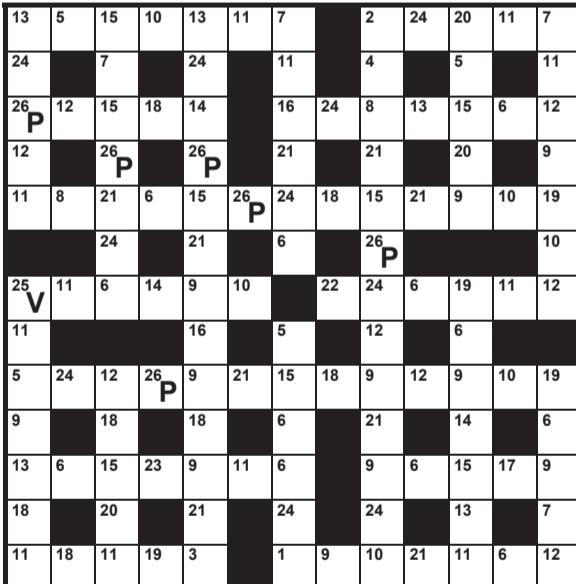
- 1 Imaginary Asian political divide (6,7)
- 2 Rough Aussie (5)
- 3 She manipulates bodies (8)
- 4 Mysterious, gloomy of demeanour (9)
- 5 A floral 1-across (5)
- 6 A floral 1-across (6)
- 7 Musical pitch sign (4)
- 10 A floral 1-across (13)
- 15 Short facial hair; also, signature actions (abbr.) (3)
- 16 A floral 1-across (9)
- 18 'River' in Spanish (3)
- 19 Having no mum and dad (8)
- 22 A floral 1-across (6)
- 24 Champion, encourage strongly (4)
- 25 German idealist/philosopher (5)
- 26 Somewhat wet (5)



CODEWORD

No. 256

Each number corresponds to a letter of the alphabet. Two have been filled in for you, can you work out the rest?



SUDOKU

No. 265

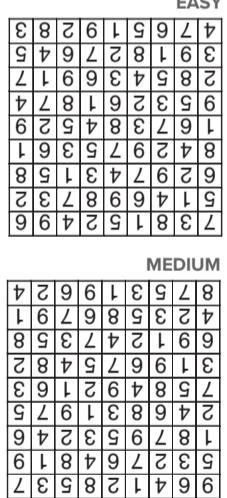
To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.



EASY



MEDIUM

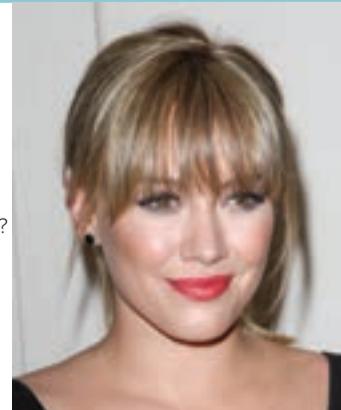


SOLUTIONS

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QUICK QUIZ

1. What colours appear on Norway's flag?
2. True or false: Hurricane Sandy was the largest Atlantic hurricane on record by diameter?
3. Hilary Duff (pictured) starred as Sophie in which sitcom?
4. Podgorica is capital of which country?
5. Laurence Tureaud is the birth name of which US actor?
6. Lake Garda is located in which European country?
7. Which 2021 film stars Jenna Ortega and Maddie Ziegler?
8. Which actress stars as Katniss Everdeen in the Hunger Games film series?
9. The Space Needle is in which US state?
10. Who was the Australian prime minister when decimal currency was introduced?



WORD SEARCH

No. 176



Can you find all the words listed? The leftover letters will spell out a secret message.

ARTIST	DIRECTOR	SURVEYOR
BAKER	DOCTOR	TEACHER
BUYER	EDITOR	TRANSLATOR
CASHIER	JOURNALIST	TURNER
CHEF	LECTURER	TUTOR
CHEMIST	MACHINIST	TYPIST
CIVIL	NANNY	WELDER
SERVANT	NURSE	
CLERICAL	PILOT	
OFFICER	RESEARCHER	
CLERK	SERVICE	
COOK	MANAGER	
COURIER	SOLICITOR	

working?

SECRET MESSAGE: Working hard or hardly

ANSWERS: 1. Red, blue and white 2. True 3. How I Met Your Father 4. Motenebro 5. Mr. T 6. Italy 7. The Fallout 8. Jennifer Lawrence 9. Washington 10. Harold Holt (February 14, 1966)



Gardiner Foundation awards tertiary scholarships to local students

TWO local students commencing their first year of tertiary study in 2025 have been honoured with scholarships provided by the Gardiner Foundation.

Of eight students from Victorian dairy regions, Sage Anderson from Fish Creek (Doug Weir scholarship) has been named a Gardiner Foundation tertiary scholar whilst Shaye Brown from Kongwak has been named a Niel Black scholar.

From Fish Creek in Gippsland Sage Anderson is set to begin a Bachelor of Science at Monash University, with aspirations to pursue veterinary medicine. After spending her gap year working at Burra Foods, she is passionate about becoming a mixed-practice vet, supporting both companion animals and livestock to strengthen her local dairy community.

Shaye Brown who grew up on a dairy farm in Kongwak is set to study a Bachelor of Biomedical and Exercise Science at Victoria University with hopes of becoming a physiotherapist. Inspired by her own injury and the challenges of accessing healthcare in regional areas, Shaye is passionate about returning to her community to support and treat the many hard-working dairy farmers in need of care.

Gardiner Foundation scholarships are granted to students accepted into courses that will benefit the Victorian dairy industry or dairy communities with each scholar set to receive \$10,000 annually for three years to support costs associated with their studies.

Gardiner Foundation CEO Allan Cameron said the program encourages students to return to Victoria's dairy regions on graduation or after gaining work experience to ensure a diverse range of essential skills within these regions.

"For 25 years the Gardiner Foundation has been committed to building a strong future for the Victorian dairy industry, our tertiary scholarships empower young people with the skills and knowledge to drive



The 2025 Gardiner Foundation scholarship recipients with Bill Pyle, Shirley Harlock, Eve Black and Jean Malmo.

innovation, sustainability and prosperity in their communities," said Mr Cameron.

"The Gardiner Foundation is proud to provide students with the opportunity to gain their tertiary qualifications without some of the financial constraints that can often exist for students from the country."

There is no preferred field of study with past students enrolling in a variety of courses including agriculture science, nursing, medicine, engineering, journalism and commerce.

Since the launch of its Tertiary Scholarship Program in 2008 the Gardiner Foundation has awarded 90 scholarships with a total investment exceeding \$2.1 million.

"These scholarships are more than an investment in education, they are an investment in the future of our dairy regions.

"By supporting the best and

brightest young minds we are strengthening the communities and industries that make Victorian dairy thrive," said Mr. Cameron.

The scholarships are named in honour of dairy industry giants Niel Black, Shirley Harlock, Jakob Malmo, Bill Pyle, and Doug Weir.

These individuals epitomise dedication, innovation and leadership in the dairy sector.

For more information go to gardenfoundation.com.au

The 2025 Gardiner Foundation Tertiary Scholars are: Chris Dwyer, Newry (Bill Pyle scholarship); Scarlett Southern, Leitchville (Shirley Harlock scholarship); Sage Anderson, Fish Creek (Doug Weir scholarship); Anna Dickson, Garvoc (Jakob Malmo scholarship). The 2025 Niel Black scholars are Shaye Brown, Kongwak; Ryan Smith, Tongala; Georgia Anderson, Denison; and Ella Harwood, Colac.

Applications open for business management programs

APPLICATIONS for the 2025 intake of Rabobank's Business Management Programs – the Farm Managers Program and the Executive Development Program – are now open.

Designed for farmers at various career stages, the two available programs – the Executive Development Program (EDP) for farm business owners or senior managers and the Farm Managers Program (FMP) for emerging farmers – aim to provide participants with the latest insights in business management.

Announcing the opening of applications for 2025, Rabobank regional manager Australia and New Zealand Mark Weissing said more than 1400 primary producers from both sides of the Tasman had participated in the business management programs across the past 25 years.

"The programs are incredibly valuable for primary producers as they allow the opportunity to take a step back from the day-to-day operational side of business and spend time developing strategies to help ensure that the operations remain resilient into the future," he said.

Mr Weissing said this year's FMP program – for young and emerging farmers – will be run in Victoria's Yarra Valley from June 15 to 20 this year.

"The FMP provides a forum for farmers from across a range of agricultural sectors to find out what is working for them in their farming roles," he said.

"The program will help participants enhance their leadership and operational skills to prepare themselves for future management roles, and includes sessions on topics including communication and influencing skills, conflict management, sustainable farm business planning, financial management and managing people."

Mr Weissing said the EDP, which runs as two

one week long residential modules approximately a year apart, will be held at Macquarie University in Sydney, with the first module running from August 24 to 29 this year and the second scheduled for late July 2026.

"The EDP helps participants build strategic planning capabilities and commercial management skills to help drive business growth," he said.

"Key topics covered on the program include formulation and implementation of long-term strategy, applying effective economic rationale to goal setting and decision making, and effective leadership skills.

Applications for the FMP and EDP close on Monday, March 31.

Further information and applications can be found on the Rabobank website.

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Drying season forcing prices down

By SGSA

AGENTS yarded 4500 head at last Thursday's VLE Leongatha store sale in an outstanding quality offering with some excellent drafts of all grades on offer and including a big line of heavy bullocks.

A smaller buying field attended with processors and feedlot orders securing a large volume of the medium and heavy steers and bullocks with some purchased for kill with prices generally easing another 10-20 cents; local re-stockers cautious with purchases as the season dries off and some hot weather on the way.

A very good line up of Angus grown and weaner heifers sold to strong competition with prices being firm.

CLEARING SALE

**Saturday, February 15
commencing 10am**

On site - 40 Hewett Street, Meeniyan
**The Len & Ethel Hanks
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SEJ have much pleasure in offering for sale by public auction, the Len & Ethel Hanks Vintage Tractor Collection.

COMPRISING: 1934 International McCormack Deering W12, petrol / kero; McCormack Deering W4, petrol / kero; 1953 McCormack Deering AOS-6, petrol / kero; 1948 International McCormack Deering AW6, petrol / kero; 1958 Massey Ferguson 65 MK1, diesel; Fordson Dexta, petrol; 1956 Ferguson, Grey Gold, petrol; 1960 Massey Ferguson 30, diesel; 1942 John Deere Model B, 2 cyl, petrol / kero; 1949 Field Marshall Series 2, diesel; 1953 Minneapolis Moline Twin City petrol / kero; Lanz Model H, diesel; 1968 Ferguson FE35 Deluxe, diesel; Minneapolis Moline Universal, petrol; Massey Ferguson 35, petrol; Massey Ferguson 65, diesel; 1957 Chamberlain Super 70, 371 GM two stroke diesel; 1958 Chamberlain Champion 9G, diesel; 1967 Massey Ferguson 175 Multi Power; Nuffield Universal, diesel; Massey Ferguson 65, diesel; 1977 Massey Ferguson 148, diesel; Massey Harris 55K, petrol / kero; Nuffield 4/65 BMC, diesel; Massey Ferguson Super 90 Multi Power, Perkins, diesel; Fiat 880, diesel, fire damaged; Massey Harris, petrol / kero; 1993 Hino Harrier tray truck, 6.4m tray and crate, inc Hobbs hoist, 238000 km, VGC; 2008 Ford Ranger XL 3.0 TDCI 4x4 Space Cab, 209,000km, 5 speed manual, steel tray, VGC; Massey Ferguson 3080 tractor, turbo motor, FEL, motor is good, transmission faulty, missing components of front diff; Massey Ferguson 40 FEL /backhoe; Commer Knocker truck, 3 cyl two stroke motor, spare doors, manuals.

OTHER ITEMS: 15' Stejcraft Fibreglass half cabin boat, on trailer, with 50 hp Johnson outboard motor; Jayco Starcraft Pop Top caravan, single axle, 2 berth, fridge, microwave, gas stove; 1971 Ford Fairlane Custom sedan, 6 cyl; Holden FB sedan, complete, ideal restorer; Ferguson 3 furrow mouldboard competition plough; G&N 3 hp stationary motor; Ajax P2 pump; belt pulleys; car/tractor ramps; Ferguson hay mower; Massey Ferguson MF 42 hay mower; slasher; Roll King round bale roller; sundry tools etc.

COMMENTS: Len and Ethel Hanks are very well known and very highly regarded within the vintage tractor world. A collection acquired and loved over many years, age and health now determine must be sold. An opportunity for fanciers of several marques to acquire well presented tractors that Len is extremely proud of, and willing to share information and knowledge.

DIRECTIONS: Parking in paddock adjacent to property. Entry from Hewett St, from Meeniyan - Promontory Road.

TERMS: Number system to operate, ID required. No Buyers Premium. Payment required on the day - Cash/Cheque/EFT. Refreshments available. NO GST. Phone bidding available on day.



For further information please contact Vendor:
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MARKET REPORT

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Leongatha Store Sale on Thursday, Jan. 30, 2025

Steers

Koonunga Beef 15 Angus	721kg	\$3.31	\$2390
Koonunga Beef 15 Angus	711kg	\$3.23	\$2300
Breeden 16 Angus	693kg	\$3.47	\$2410
Koonunga Beef 16 Angus	684kg	\$3.45	\$2360
Breeden 16 Angus	684kg	\$3.52	\$2410
Koonunga Beef 16 Angus	680kg	\$3.51	\$2390
Koonunga Beef 15 Angus	671kg	\$3.53	\$2370
Clarke 19 Angus	671kg	\$3.57	\$2400
Koonunga Beef 15 Angus	668kg	\$3.54	\$2370
Koonunga Beef 21 Hereford	579kg	\$3.28	\$1900
EJ Charlton 15 Angua/BB	574kg	\$3.86	\$2220
Koolomurt Hereford	566kg	\$3.35	\$1900
Koonunga Beef 20 Hereford	561kg	\$3.38	\$1900
I&R Hengstberger 12 Hereford	559kg	\$3.46	\$1940
TK&S J Missen 17 Angua	546kg	\$3.73	\$2040
Koolomurt 13 Angus X	546kg	\$3.53	\$1930
Malabar 13 Angus X	546kg	\$3.53	\$1930
Stafford 14 Angus	546kg	\$3.62	\$1980
Koonunga Beef 13 Hereford	537kg	\$3.40	\$1830
Malabar 19 Hereford	525kg	\$3.40	\$1790
Koolomurt 19 Hereford	525kg	\$3.40	\$1790
EJ Charlton 15 Angua/BB	524kg	\$3.62	\$1900
Hooper 22 Angus	522kg	\$3.73	\$1950
EJ Charlton 18 BB	521kg	\$3.54	\$1850
TK&S J Missen 17 Angua	517kg	\$3.70	\$1920
P Walker & T Mason 13 Angua	517kg	\$3.49	\$1810
Malabar 11 Angus	516kg	\$3.33	\$1720
Jasmel 14 Angus	516kg	\$3.43	\$1770
Koolomurt 11 Angus	516kg	\$3.33	\$1720
Hooper 18 Angus	515kg	\$3.51	\$1810
R&M Broadment 10 Hereford	510kg	\$3.31	\$1690
Stafford 14 Angus	507kg	\$3.62	\$1840
B&H Savage 18 Angus	506kg	\$3.55	\$1800
C&F Sutherland 16 Angus	503kg	\$3.53	\$1780
Minaminkah 14 Angus	501kg	\$3.64	\$1830
Ranleigh Downs 21 Angus	494kg	\$3.48	\$1720
B&H Savage 18 Angus	492kg	\$3.59	\$1770
EJ Charlton 17 BB	487kg	\$3.53	\$1720
B&H Savage 20 Angus	486kg	\$3.63	\$1770
C&F Sutherland 15 Angus	484kg	\$3.46	\$1680
B&L Jefferis 16 Hereford	482kg	\$3.37	\$1630
R&H Harrison 17 Angus	479kg	\$3.50	\$1680
Hall 20 Angus	476kg	\$3.76	\$1790
Jasmel 13 Angus	475kg	\$3.34	\$1590
Jasmel 14 AA/BB	473kg	\$3.46	\$1640
Ranleigh Downs 15 Angus	464kg	\$3.44	\$1600
G&G Thompson 19 Angus	462kg	\$3.54	\$1640
C&F Sutherland 14 Angus	461kg	\$3.53	\$1630
Jasmel 18 Angus	461kg	\$3.64	\$1680
Grazing Developments 10 BB	459kg	\$3.15	\$1450
Wallenbeen 14 Angus	457kg	\$3.25	\$1490
P&S Thorpe 21 Angus	453kg	\$3.57	\$1620
Jasmel 19 Angus	450kg	\$3.44	\$1550
Merlewood Angus 24 Angus	448kg	\$3.58	\$1610
I&R Hengstberger 22 Angus	447kg	\$3.50	\$1570
C Jefferey 21 Hereford	445kg	\$3.45	\$1540
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Webb 18 AA/BB	419kg	\$3.00	\$1260
Whittaker & Staton 29 Angus	417kg	\$3.51	\$1470
Jasmel 19 Angus	418kg	\$3.37	\$1410
T&B Bedgood 18 Char x	413kg	\$3.29	\$1360
SP Dunlop 12 Angus	411kg	\$3.40	\$1400
I&R Hengstberger 23 Angus	409kg	\$3.34	\$1370
C Jefferey 19 Hereford	400kg	\$3.29	\$1320
P&S Thorpe 11 Angus	398kg	\$3.68	\$1470
J Flint 12 Angus	394kg	\$3.29	\$1300
MJ Jeffery 22 Angus	392kg	\$3.54	\$1390
Burwood hills 11 Angus	389kg	\$3.51	\$1370
EM Summerell 23 Char	386kg	\$3.34	\$1290
Chrypin 23 Angus	385kg	\$3.73	\$1440
J&M Savage 18 Hereford	381kg	\$3.40	\$1300
K&K Brislain 10 Hereford	376kg	\$3.21	\$1210
M Rice 14 hfd	375kg	\$3.19	\$1200
N&K Hansford 15 Hereford	372kg	\$2.95	\$1100
I&R Hengstberger 28 Angus	367kg	\$3.59	\$1320
Tarqua Past 26 Angus	365kg	\$3.82	\$1400
Webb 20 AA/BB	363kg	\$3.30	\$1200
SHA Valley 14 Angus	360kg	\$3.46	\$1250
J Flint 16 Angus	355kg	\$3.09	\$1096
Crypin 21 Angus	347kg	\$3.88	\$1350
GS Conroy 15 Angus	336kg	\$3.30	\$1110
Tarqua Past Co 24 Angus	344kg	\$3.80	\$1310
MJ Jeffery 26 Angus	335kg	\$3.91	\$1310
GS Conroy 15 Angus	335kg	\$3.35	\$1110
Sampson Ag 17 Limo x	355kg	\$3.09	\$1100
Webb 18 Angus	318kg	\$3.14	\$1000
Heifers			
Kuch Grazing 21 Angus	495kg	\$3.41	\$1690
AF Sheridan 22 Angus	434kg	\$3.38	\$1470
A&A Missen 24 Angus	433kg	\$3.37	\$1460
AF Sheridan 25 Angus	427kg	\$3.39	\$1450
R&B Broadbent 14 BB	427kg	\$3.37	\$1440
AF Sheridan 19 Angus	425kg	\$3.48	\$1480
S&M Beasley 23 Angus	423kg	\$3.30	\$1400
CW Littlejohn 18 Angus	419kg	\$3.36	\$1410
P&S Thorpe 19 Angus	410kg	\$3.48	\$1430
S & M Beasley 23 Angus	409kg	\$3.29	\$1350
AF Sheridan 12 Angus	402kg	\$4.02	\$1380
S&M Beasley 13 Angus	379kg	\$3.26	\$1240
Webb 16 Angus X	364kg	\$3.15	\$1150
S & M Beasley Angus	362kg	\$3.31	\$1200
Hulls 22 Angus	358kg	\$3.10	\$1110
Burwood Hills 12 Angus	353kg	\$2.96	\$1050
Hulls 25 Angus	350kg	\$3.11	\$1090
Chrypin 23 Angus	349kg	\$3.34	\$1170
Hulls 25 Angus	340kg	\$3.17	\$1080
S&M Beasley 10 Angus	335kg	\$3.12	\$1050



Jack Ginnane sells for Nutrien (South Gippsland Livestock) with fellow auctioneer Brian McCormack ready looking for buyers and ready to record winning bids. A13_0525

Strong yarding at Leongatha

WHILE prices at Thursday's Leongatha Store Sale were slightly softer than those of a couple of weeks ago, there was an impressive yarding of over 4400 cattle and calves held their value well.

"It was an outstanding run of cattle today, especially grown steers, and yes it was off the top a little bit, it was probably 10 to 20 cents cheaper on those cattle (compared to two weeks ago), and I thought the calves sold pretty firm on a fortnight ago," Nutrien's Brian McCormack said.

There were lots of good quality cattle across the yearling bracket, Chrypin from Westbury an example, offering both steers and heifers.

"The steers sold exceptionally well," Brian said of their cattle, a pen of 21 Angus steers weighing an average of 347 kilos fetching \$1350 a head at \$3.89 per kilo.

Another pen of 23 Angus steers averaging 385 kilos drew \$1440 a head at \$3.74 per kilo.

Twenty three Angus heifers weighing an average of 349 kilos went for \$1170

per head at \$3.35 a kilo.

P&S Thorpe of Narracan had just over 50 calves that also fetched strong prices, Brian describing them as "exceptionally well bred".

A pen of 11 Angus steers averaging 398 kilos fetched \$1470 per head at \$3.69 a kilo, while another pen of 21 steers brought \$1620 for cattle weighing an average of 453 kilos, equating to \$3.57 per kilo.

Nutrien also sold 19 Angus heifers for the Thorpes, averaging 410 kilos and going for \$1430 per head at \$3.48 per kilo.

Vaccination urged for agricultural workers

AGRICULTURE workers in Gippsland who have contact with cattle, sheep, or goats are being urged to get vaccinated against Q fever as the region continues to record high rates of infection. This includes dairy farmers, stock agents, livestock transporters, shearers, wool sorters and abattoir workers.

Family members and others living with at-risk workers are also vulnerable due to potential exposure through contaminated clothing or equipment.

In 2024, Gippsland reported 45 per cent of



New parents plan for strong dairy future

WITH high hopes that newborn Toby Greaves will continue a long family dairy farming tradition, parents Josh and Julia are already planning for the future.

Toby arrived in the world last October with a rich family history of pioneering dairy farming spanning seven generations across his parents.

Josh and his partner Julia milk 260 Jerseys at Nerrena in South Gippsland on a farm purchased 21 years ago by Toby's grandfather Simon.

With an eye on continuing the family legacy, Josh is eager to expand the dairy operation and this season the family has chosen to supply their milk to Frestine.

Josh sees the supply connection as an important part of the family's future plans.

He became familiar with Frestine through extended family members who had supplied milk to the company the year before last.

"I spoke to a few local farmers who are pretty savvy and always shop around for the best milk price," he said.

"When I heard nothing but good things from those who had worked with Frestine, we had no hesitation in coming on board. The price we're getting is far better than any other offer we had."

The decision to join Frestine has turned into a family affair.

Julia's father Paul Cockedge, who milks 240 cows near Meenyan, has also signed on to supply Frestine this season.

In addition to their 121-hectare dairy farm, the Greaves family owns several beef properties, totalling more than 400 hectares.

Simon runs an on-farm butchering business and remains heavily involved in the day-to-day farm operations.

Josh's primary focus is on the dairy side of the business, with invaluable support from Julia, who is currently on maternity leave from her role as a large animal veterinary technician with the Gippsland Veterinary Group.

Now with Toby in the family, Josh sees the competitive milk price offered by Frestine as a potential key factor in purchasing a neighbouring property that has come on the market.

Acquiring the land, currently used for beef, would enable the family to increase cow numbers and continue the growth of their dairy business.

Toby will be a third-generation dairy farmer if he decides to milk



Josh and Julia Greaves at Nerrena are planning their family's future in dairy following the arrival of Toby last October.

cows, and Josh wants to make that an easy option.

"My parents purchased the farm in their mid-20s," he said.

"They had to do it on their own, but I'd like to be able to pass it on to the next generation if we can. Everyone in my family is a farmer and it's the same on Julia's side.

Agriculture is in the blood of both families.

"We're already fairly large so the opportunity is there, but they're not making any more farmland so if you have the opportunity to purchase some, it's going to be better for the future. It's better than buying Bitcoin."

If they can expand, they will stick with Jerseys.

"They're the only cow to milk," Josh said.

"We have a bit of an undulating farm, and the furthest paddock is three kilometres away, but they've got good feet and can handle walking long distances. They eat less and produce well and have good components."

The move to Frestine is part of a long-term industry outlook.

"I've been happy with them, and they've been easy to deal with," Josh said.

Frestine Dairy Australia Chief Operating Officer John Best is enthusiastic about the Greaves family joining their supplier network.

"We are delighted to have the Greaves family supplying milk to us this season," he said.

"Their production profile aligns perfectly with

our needs, and our payment scheme ensures they're compensated competitively."

The competitive milk prices offered by Frestine play a key role in the family's planned expansion, ensuring the farm's long-term sustainability.

Although the Frestine brand is relatively new, the company has been operating in the Australian dairy market for more than 20 years, specialising in Australian dairy products for food manufacturers.

In recent years, Frestine has expanded to produce its own branded products in Australia, sourcing milk directly from local dairy farmers.

Frestine has built a loyal customer base, working with local food businesses, multinational companies, and long-term clients across Southeast Asia, particularly in sectors such as chocolate, yogurt and ice cream.

Over the past five years, Frestine has carefully cultivated its reputation at the farm gate by fostering direct relationships with farmers.

The company places great emphasis on being a reliable, honest and valued buyer of milk, directly off the farm.

"Our commitment to honouring agreements and ensuring timely payments has earned us a strong reputation for trust and reliability among dairy farmers. We are excited to continue growing our direct supply relationships as we build our brand and expand our customer base."

Rural Aid responds with free water tanks

THE charity, Rural Aid, has seen an unprecedented surge in requests from farmers in desperate need of clean, fresh drinking water. Every six months Rural Aid puts the call out for water tank applications with between 50 to 100 tanks available each round.

Rural Aid purchases the water tanks and donates them to farmers in need. These tanks provide vital storage for water, enabling farmers to secure a reliable water supply for their families. The demand for these water tanks continues to far exceed what the organisation can supply, and without additional donations, Rural Aid will not be able to provide tanks to all the farmers who are requesting them. To make a donation today visit ruralaid.org.au

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GROWN STEERS

A/c Strathbrae Equity, Inverloch (ALEX SCOTT)
30 Angus steers, 15-16 mths, EU Accred, VB, By stud Banquet bulls and Banquet blood cows, and have been 5 in 1 vaccinated, B12, copper, selenium and drenched with Doramax injectable. Noted doing cattle and very well bred

A/c Hendricks Farm, Yarram (ELDERS)
26 Angus steers, 22 mths, GF & ABF

A/c Sandy Hills Past (ELDERS)
20 Angus steers 15 mths

8 Angus X & BB steers, 15 mths
NE Accred and very quiet

A/c RK & WJ Horner, Woolamai (ALEX SCOTT)
24 Angus steers, 16 mths, By Fernleigh Bulls

A/c W Churchill (ELDERS)
20 Angus steers, 18-20 mths, Tasmania bred

A/c France Walker (ELDERS)
10 Angus steers, rising 2 yo, Ireland blood

WEANERS

A/c Strathbrae Equity, Inverloch (ALEX SCOTT)
180 Angus steers, 10-12 mths, EU Accred, VB, By stud Banquet bulls and Banquet blood cows, and have been 5 in 1 vaccinated, B12, copper, selenium and drenched with Doramax injectable. Noted doing cattle and very well bred

A/c P. Evans, Bass (ALEX SCOTT)
90 Angus steers and heifers 9-11 mths, By "Rosedale" Angus bulls, Drenched and 5in1 inj.

A/c S & D Curtis, Leongatha (ELDERS)
80 Angus m/s weaners 11 months, VB, GF & ABF, NE Accred

A/c P&M Batters, Woodside (ELDERS)
50 Angus steer weaners, 10 mths

20 Angus heifer weaners, 10 mths

VB, GF & ABF

A/c Northside Pastoral, Inverloch (ALEX SCOTT)

20 Angus steers

40 Angus heifers

14 mths, By Kirribilli Angus bulls, VB, GF, ABF & NE Accred

A/c R Wight & Sons, Woodside (ELDERS)

60 Angus Steer weaners, 10 mths, GF & ABF, VB

A/c 'Rosebank Farm', Loch (ELDERS)

50 Angus steers, 10-11 mths, Lawson & Milwillah

Angus blood, VB, GF, ABF & NE Accred

A/c T Brusamarello (ELDERS)

50 Angus mixed sex weaners, Harris blood

A/c GM, GA & KA Olsen, Mt View (ALEX SCOTT)

50 Angus mixed sex weaners, March/April drop by "McIndoe" Angus bulls

A/c T Warren, Poowong East (ELDERS)

40 Angus weaners mixed sex, Battersby blood

A/c France Walker (ELDERS)

34 Angus mix sex weaners, Ireland blood

A/c C & R Hasthorpe (ALEX SCOTT)

32 x Angus steers, 10-16 mths

A/c S & L Storti (ELDERS)

30 Angus steers, 12 mths, Battersby blood quiet & certified organic

A/c B & K Drew, Mt View (ALEX SCOTT)

30 Angus & Angus/Charolais X mixed sex weaners by "Newpark" Angus bulls, weaned 6 weeks

A/c K Jeffs (ELDERS)

20 Speckle mix sex weaners

A/c Vuiller Poll Shorthorn, Yanakie (ALEX SCOTT)

15 Poll Shorthorn steers, 12 mths, Vuiller and Royalla blood lines, yard weaned, treated with B12, selenium, copper and drenched with Eprimax, NE Accred

A/c W & J Slatter (ALEX SCOTT)

15 x Gelbvieh mix sex Weaners

A/c D Hasthorpe (ALEX SCOTT)

10 x Angus heifers

JOINED COWS

A/c Aridge, Almurga (ALEX SCOTT)

12 Angus cows, PTIC to stud Fernleigh bull to start calving mid February, cows are Banquet blood purchased from Strathbrae Equity as heifers having their 3rd calf

A/c Coulter & Hasthorpe (ELDERS)

5 F1 Speckled Park cows 2nd calvers, PTIC to pure bred Speckled Park bull, Due to start 15th Feb



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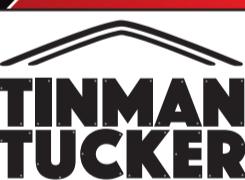
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**CLARK (Gifford),
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Cherished son of Patricia and Richard (dec.).

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**DUNLOP (nee Whay),
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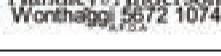
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BCFFG set for another boffo year

WITH screenings starting this Sunday, the Bass Coast Fine Film Group (BCFFG) presents the best value movie going in town. Still at pre-COVID prices, the annual membership is only \$65 for 10-12 films each year. The BCFFG launches its 2025 season with Paolo Sorrentino's "Parthenope".

Last year as an innovation, the BCFFG introduced a rating of films screened. The results show not only the variety of films screened but also the scores. In order of screening dates, the scores were: Caravaggio's Shadow (Italy) 4.0; Fallen Leaves (Finland) 4.3; Perfect Day (Japan) 4.5; Evil does not Exist (Japan) 3.7; The Taste of Things (France) 4.6; The Promised Land (Denmark) 4.8; Touch (Iceland) 4.8; Lo Capitano (Italy) 4.1; A Difficult Year (France) 4.3.

Last year BCFFG membership started at around 160 with a further 40+ members joining later, leading to an overall membership of just over 200. The sessions are also open to the public at usual cinema prices and the average non-member attendance at the screenings is around 35-45 patrons.

The BCFFG screenings are presented in association with the Bass Coast Shire Council. Overall, the arrangement meets the needs of fine film lovers and appears to be financially beneficial to the Council.

Over the past four years, there has been no price increase with the average price around \$6.50. Looking at Screen Australia data, a ticket price of \$6.50 takes you back to 1990, the year that "Cinema Paradiso" won the Best Foreign Language Film Oscar and "Driving Miss Daisy" beat "My Left Foot", "Dead Poets Society" for Best Picture.

... and a shout out for "Strikebound" + Q&A with Director

The Shire is hosting a program launch at 6.30pm on Saturday, February 15 at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre (WUCAC). More interesting though, the launch features a screening of "Strikebound" which was in part filmed at Wonthaggi's Old State Coal Mine. The launch - tickets only \$10 - will also feature a Q&A session with director Richard Lowenstein. (See the WUCAC website for more details). The film premiered at the Union Theatre in 1984 with PM Bob Hawke, director and cast in attendance and what a night it was.

Other film groups

As well as the BCFFG, there are regular film screenings presented in social settings by the Phillip Island Movie Club, the Tarwin Lower Film Society and the Prom Coast Film Society.

From Bond girl to Bad Grandma

The Prom Coast Film Society kicks off their 2025 season on Friday with the knockabout comedy "Lucky Grandma" (M). Starring former Bond girl Tsai Chin (now in her late 80s) as a chain-smoking cranky pensioner who heads off from New York on an Atlantic City casino tour on the advice of a fortune teller. Her good fortune soon leads to bad fortune and run-ins with the local Chinese mafia.

Tsai Chin's extraordinary six-decade career ranges from being in bed with Sean Connery in "You Only Live Twice" to Auntie Lindo in "The Joy Luck Club" and even part of the Marvel Cinematic Universe surely warrants a film of its own.

"Lucky Grandma" screens this Friday at 7.30pm at the Fish Creek Memorial Hall. Subscriptions are only \$60 for the year or \$25 for three consecutive months. The PCFS provides a terrific opportunity to see a worldwide selection of quality films in a very social setting.

For movie news, views and reviews, catch Bill Ten Eyck and Paul Coulter "Talking Pictures" returning this Wednesday at 11.05am on South Coast FM 88.1, live or streaming.

South Gippslander to make contribution at Tanzanian school

PRESIDENT of the Southern Business Women's Network Robyn Eva is excited to be heading to Arusha in Tanzania where she will spend five weeks volunteering at The School of St Jude, supported by the Leongatha Rotary Club.

The school, founded in 2002 by Australian Gemma Sisia and her Tanzanian husband, now has over 1800 students across three campuses, one of which is primary and two secondary.

St Jude's association with Rotary stretches back to the school's inception, some NSW members of the organisation having helped build it.

Robyn was inspired to share her skills as a mentor with St Jude staff and students after hearing Gemma speak at one of the Business Women's Network meetings.

Robyn's background in education includes having been director of an Australian training institute and early learning centre in Shanghai, delivering training based on emotional intelligence to teachers, staff and parents.

She now runs her own training business, also specialising in emotional intelligence, helping people achieve self-awareness, self-management and social awareness.



Mary Dortmans of Leongatha Rotary Club is confident Robyn Eva will do a great job in her volunteer role in Tanzania.

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It's Robyn's first trip to Tanzania.

She will be teaching pupils

who are in between Years 10 and 11, her emotional intelligence training fitting into a program that equips that group with additional knowledge such as leadership skills and English as a Second Language.

Robyn explained that she has already been involved with St Jude from afar.

"After I met Gemma, I started mentoring one of the teachers to deliver lessons in emotional intelligence," Robyn said, having

done so through weekly Zoom meetings as well as preparing relevant lesson plans.

Her first couple of weeks at the school will offer her a chance to attend classes that include Swahili lessons and cooking, gaining an appreciation of the culture and getting a feel for the environment before she starts teaching.

Leongatha Rotary Club is providing funding to support the trip and to buy some teaching resources, Robyn expressing her appreciation for the assistance.

The club, along with other Rotary clubs in the area and elsewhere has supported St Jude over the years.

The school's founder, Gemma, whose father was a Rotarian, often employs former students, pupils of the school also having gone on to a wide range of professions including becoming doctors and scientists.

Mary Dortmans of the Leongatha Rotary Club has met Gemma and is impressed by what her school offers.

She is confident Robyn will make a positive difference for teachers and students.

Visit schoolorstjude.org for further information and to donate.

Invy Baker bringing home the bakery to Paperplay



Lara Campbell from Paperplay Inverloch taking pre-orders for The Invy Baker's new book Bring Home the Bakery.

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AN EXCITING new book from Inverloch bakers Grego Montalbán Sánchez and Hanna Löfgren 'Bring Home the Bakery' is now available for pre-order from Paperplay at Inverloch.

This beautifully written and illustrated guide to making bakery-worthy breads comes from the married owners of popular The Invy Baker and will be officially launched at the Inverloch library in March.

Published by Pan Macmillan Australia 'Bring Home the Bakery' is Grego and Hanna's first book and draws on Grego's years of experience as a professional chef and baker.

Grego and Hanna reveal the secrets of their successful bakery inspired by the baking traditions of Grego's home country of Spain and time spent living in Sweden.

From artisan sourdough loaves to creative pastries and authentic Swedish buns Grego and Hanna will have you begging for more.

Stunning and authentic recipes are beautifully revealed with easy-to-follow tutorials and gorgeous photography offering readers invaluable knowledge from a couple who have made sourdough their craft and career.

Each recipe for bread, pastries and buns comes complete with in-depth instructions and step-by-step images to ensure success for beginner bakers.

Mouthwatering recipes include Oat, Beurre Noisette and Honey Loaf, Poached Pear and Hazelnut Danish, Sun-Dried Tomato and Manchego Baguettes, Palmeras de Chocolate, Lemon Butter Swirls, Olive Oil, Polenta and Olive Loaf.

Supporting cancer patients through their emotional journeys

COMPASSIONATE clinicians are supporting cancer patients through life-changing diagnoses and treatment at Bass Coast Health.

The 'United by Unique' theme for World Cancer Day on February 4 places people at the centre of care and their stories at the heart of the conversation.

The dedicated team at the L. Rigby Integrated Care Centre at Wonthaggi Hospital always places patients' best interests at the forefront of the work they do.

Together the team provides excellent care close to patients' homes saving them where possible, the emotional, physical and financial toll of travelling to Melbourne or the Latrobe Valley.

Patient Cheryl Lindsay said she will forever be grateful to her BCH team of Medical Oncologists, Professor Mark Shackleton and Dr Mitchell

Chipman, and the cancer nurses at Wonthaggi Hospital.

"When you're told you have cancer you feel as though your world is falling apart, but then with all the scans and treatment you don't get time to think about what's going on just the results of the tests and the treatment, and your family," said Ms Lindsay.

Cheryl has been coming to Wonthaggi Hospital for treatment for lung cancer every three weeks for 12 months and is now in remission.

"The staff here are just brilliant," said Cheryl.

"The Oncologists are all just fantastic doctors."

"I can't praise the place enough."

"When you are down, the staff lift you up."

"They laugh with you, and they cry with you."

"It's absolutely brilliant to be able to have this care close

to home because my husband doesn't have to take time off work."

"If I had to go to Melbourne it would be at least a four-hour round-trip and three hours of treatment requiring an overnight stay."

"It's not just easier for patients because having this treatment facility locally creates jobs for the staff too," said Ms Lindsay.

BCH's cancer service continues to grow providing 1020 admitted cancer treatments in the L. Rigby Centre in 2023-24 with an amazing team of medical, nursing, pharmacy and allied health staff who work alongside cancer specialists from Alfred Health providing proven treatment options and extra services.

The cancer team at BCH includes Medical Oncologists, Haematologists, Breast Surgeons, Radiation Oncologist,

Dermatologist, Palliative Care Medical Specialist, a McGrath Foundation Breast Care Nurse, a Melanoma Specialist and a Lymphoedema Physiotherapist along with many other allied health professionals and the L. Rigby Centre cancer team.

Wonthaggi Hospital also offers comprehensive radiology services including MRI, CT, Ultrasound and mammograms through Breast Screen Victoria.

"Our longstanding partnership with Alfred Health means that local cancer patients can receive the care they need from Alfred specialists at Wonthaggi, rather than travel to Melbourne when that's the last thing they feel like doing," said interim Bass Coast Health CEO Simon Alexander.

To receive cancer treatment at Bass Coast Health, ask your medical practitioner to email a referral to access@basscoasthealth.org.au or fax 9102 5307.



Winner of the Open Men's section Tom Fahey. Photos: Andrew Lidsey @bunpix.

Longboards feature in Cat Bay Classic

ON THE weekend, Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) held its annual two-day Longboard competition the Cat Bay Classic, which was broadcast through a free webcast.

The action included 55 competitors, both PIBC members and non-members battling it out over 11 five-person heats, with three rounds over the two days, all ages and genders surfing together.

Each surfer's best two waves from each of their three heats were calculated to a grand total.

There were four divisions, being Open Mens, Open Womens, Mixed Masters 45+ and Mixed Juniors U18.

Saturday's two rounds were held at Shelly's surf break which brought clean waves and solid performances.

Saturday's competitors then went back to the clubhouse for a raffle, food truck, PIBC bar and live music.

Sunday was changed up to Flynn's right-hand point break, the first time the Cat Bay Classic has been held there, and added a new challenge to the competition for the third and final round.



Winner of the Open Women's section Ebony Maier.



Winner of the Mixed Masters 45+ section Liam McCafferty.

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

▲ 4.57am	1.65m
▼ 10.52am	0.28m
▲ 5.25pm	1.59m
▼ 11.01pm	0.44m

WEDNESDAY

▲ 5.32am	1.63m
▼ 11.34am	0.21m
▲ 6.15pm	1.58m
▼ 11.45pm	0.52m

THURSDAY

▲ 6.08am	1.59m
▼ 12.16pm	0.18m
▲ 7.10pm	1.55m
▼ 1.00pm	1.50m

FRIDAY

▼ 12.30am	0.62m
▲ 6.46am	1.47m
▼ 1.00pm	0.19m
▲ 8.07pm	1.50m

SATURDAY

▼ 1.15am	0.71m
▲ 7.29am	0.23m
▼ 1.46pm	1.44m
▲ 9.10pm	1.40m

SUNDAY

▼ 2.03am	0.80m
▲ 8.19am	1.39m
▼ 3.45pm	0.29m
▲ 10.16pm	1.38m

MONDAY

▼ 3.01am	0.87m
▲ 9.22am	1.31m
▼ 3.45pm	0.35m
▲ 11.26pm	1.38m



Around the bay

By Jim's Bait and Tackle

expect plenty of reports soon.

Surface lures, skirts or poppers colours haven't made a lot of difference, just people's favourites but size has with almost all catches on small 4" to 6" whereas the deep divers the Halco in king brown, gravel rash and silver shadow constantly being reported as best.

The size of the tuna has been interesting this year with very tiny ones you need to look twice to make sure they are bluefin, to some 40kg models.

The most important piece of advice I can give based on customers' reports is to be prepared and expect anything.

This couldn't have been truer for a customer who went out for a quick fish after work and was coming back in dark when they noticed a bit of action just before the red pole in the eastern entrance, threw a couple of poppers and managed two bluefin almost in Cleeland Bight.

Flathead have been on and off and a little hard to find, but when you do there is plenty of quality amongst them.

The usual 20m to 40m line the place to start but build up the muscles a bit, hook on a heavier sinker and wander out around the 60m plus quality gummies and schoolies from the heavy bottom off Kilcunda with the odd snapper thrown in as well.

Wander in a little closer on the right day and there is a patch of kingfish that have been holding there since long before Christmas.

They are shallow, 9m to 20m so it's not always possible to get in there but when you do be ready because some of the models we have seen will definitely give your gear a test.

There are plenty of rats but also some quality 10kg plus, even a couple passing the 20kg mark, slow jiggling with a flutter type jig, large soft plastics and even the odd popper when they come to the top worked but still the best method, live baits, or fresh strip baits.

Back in the Bay and we have had a lot of fish reported but not easily caught.

To describe where the best place to target any of them is you need to look for the biggest group of people fishing and go nowhere near them.

With the large numbers of people fishing and just general boat traffic in the usual spots, the shallower ones especially need to be fished very early morning on daybreak or late evening on dark.

In between is difficult especially whiting and calamari and those having success are heading for their deep-water whiting spots or spots less fished from Bass to Corinella along the shallows.

From the reports we've had we don't find this has had a big effect on the pinkies you just need to do some moving around to actually find where they are.

Email us your fishing photos
news@sgst.com.au

Stop for safety at superbike opener

WORLDSBK championship organisers have announced they will keep mandatory pit stops for the 2025 season opener at Phillip Island.

This decision stems from safety concerns around the unpredictable nature of weather and track temperatures on the weekend of the first round, which will take place from February 21 to 23.

Dorna and the FIM have said that rear tyres must not exceed 11 laps for WorldSBK and 10 for WorldSSP races. These changes mean WorldSBK Race 1 and Race 2 race distances are set at 20 laps. Riders will be allocated two additional sets of tyres for the weekend.

A similar approach was implemented for the 2024 season opener following the work done to the track's resurface.

WorldSBK Executive Director Gregorio Lavilla said: "Phillip Island is renowned for its thrilling, high-speed layout, but it also presents unique challenges due to its surface and rapidly changing weather."

"Despite improvements to the track conditions over time, it remains extremely demanding, especially if you bear in mind it will be the first round of the season where teams are still fine-tuning their basic set-up."

They said enforcing the mandatory pit stop was the best approach, also adding to the strategic nature of racing.

RIVERSIDE TENNIS ASSOC.

ROUND 11 results: Section 1/2 doubles: Warragul Blue 5 - 41 defeated Drouin Gold 4 - 41; Warragul White 1 - 29 defeated by Drouin Maroon 8 - 51; Moe 8 - 54 defeated Poowong 1 - 24; Hallora 2 - 29 defeated by Neerim District 7 - 48; Trafalgar - bye.

Drouin Maroon 93.5, Moe 80, Warragul White 68, Neerim District 66.5, Hallora 66.5, Warragul Blue 54, Drouin Gold 43.5, Trafalgar 37.5, Poowong 33.

Section 1 singles: Drouin Maroon 1 - 2 - 23 defeated by Moe Blue 2 - 5 - 34; Drouin White 0 - 0 - 8 defeated by Moe White 3 - 6 - 36; Moe Red 1 - 2 - 22 defeated by Trafalgar 2 - 5 - 33; Drouin Gold - bye.

Moe White 44, Moe Blue 39, Drouin Gold 28.5, Moe Red 27, Trafalgar 21.5, Drouin Maroon 18, Drouin White 14.5.

Section 2 singles: Neerim District 3 - 35 defeated Trafalgar 3 - 32; Warragul 5 - 43 defeated Drouin Gold 1 - 18; Drouin Maroon 5 - 44 defeated Moe 1 - 25.

Trafalgar 61, Warragul 53.5, Neerim District 50, Drouin Gold 48.5, Drouin Maroon 33, Moe 16.

AM&DTA TENNIS

WESTERN Port teams played in the club derby this week in Section 1.

White had a comprehensive win not allowing Red to win a set and Inverloch returned to their winning ways defeating Korumburra.

Will Littlejohn played for Inverloch once again this week and good to see Jimmy Monaghan playing this time for Korumburra, Will and Jim both enjoying their tennis.

Koonwarra and Leongatha played the match of the round with Koonwarra winning by just one game. Well done to Nikki Cornelis and Alicia Marshman for winning the ladies sets and playing well in the mixed.

Outtrim are well on top in Section 2 and won again this week against Korumburra, both Korumburra teams playing in Korumburra which made for a great social afternoon.

Baromi vs Leongatha had a tiebreaker go each way in their match, Leongatha winning three sets but losing by nine games.

Just goes to show the importance of winning as many games as possible.

Good luck to those heading off to Country Week which starts on Monday February 10 and over the weekend, hopefully, the Swan Hill weather is kind to you all.

Section 1 Results: Westernport White 8.48 def Westernport Red 0.12, Inverloch 7.48 def Korumburra 1.33, Koonwarra 4.30 def Leongatha 4.29. Ladder: Inverloch 91, Koonwarra 72, Westernport White 62, Leongatha 57, Westernport Red 48, Korumburra 37

Section 2 Results: Outtrim 7.69 def Korumburra 2.47, Baromi 6.62 def Leongatha 3.53. Ladder: Outtrim 85, Baromi 63, Korumburra 63, Leongatha 51

By Emmy-Lou Mills

ON SUNDAY January 19, Inverloch once again became the home of beach volleyball, hosting the longest continually running beach volleyball competition in Victoria.

Organised by the South Gippsland Volleyball Club, this annual event brought together players and spectators for a day of intense competition and community spirit.

The day started early, with the committee and volunteers setting up six beach volleyball courts at the stunning Pensioners Point beach.

The idyllic location, with its pristine beach and breathtaking views, was the perfect setting for players from across the region to showcase their skills and passion for the sport.

The event began at 9am with sunscreen generously provided by TerryWhite Chemmart Leongatha, ensuring all players were protected against the Summer sun.

After the formalities, conducted by Nick Dunkling, teams launched into action.

Competition was spread over six divisions, with 25 teams and 108 players, 15 of the teams being from the local area and others from places such as Melbourne, the Latrobe Valley and Bairnsdale.

Spectators enjoyed a thrilling day of volleyball under sunny skies, with temperatures soaring into the low 30s.

The players gave it their all, battling on the sandy courts, with some opting for a refreshing dip in the Inverloch lagoon after their matches.



Purple Division winning side Dig Dynasty

Division Results:

Blue Division: Net Ninjas defeated Monstars (21-16, 21-15).

Net Ninjas were represented by Jack McIntosh, Locky Morland, Seth Germaine, Jack Johnson.

Monstars' team consisted of Jacob Careels, Alex Miller, Ben Careels, Andrew Provan.

Purple Division: Dig Dynasty edged out Rusty in a nail-biting 34-32 match.

Dig Dynasty was represented by James Ryan, Trent Westaway, Vinny Monaghan, Eldon Westaway.

Rusty players were Brock Churchill, Michael Axford, Duncan Macdonald, Andrew Burgess.

Green Division: Beach Please triumphed over Maz Fam (31-16).

Beach Please players were Erik Webster, Scolaighe Morison, Khalil Cheikh-Hussein, Zachary Grant.

Maz Fam was represented by Soraya Mazoori, Fardin

Mazoori, Sohaila Mazoori, Zabi Mazoori.

Red Division: Diggers emerged victorious against Power (31-26).

Players for the Diggers were Mark de Guzman, Joemar Gloria, Charlotte Smith, Tamara Miller.

Power players were Sandi Kilpatrick, Ellie-Rose Rogers, Trent Simpson, Blake Hunt, Alex Vuillermin, Ashleigh Vuillermin.

Pink Division: A Crumb of Rettes overcame Sandy Balls (31-21).

A Crumb of Rettes was represented by Curtis McCann, Nathan East, Stacey Rogers, Natalie Gillard, Lucy Fletcher, John Plotena.

The Sandy Balls team consisted of Sharon Sabu, Antonella Paz Sepulveda, Sebastian Laughton, Darren Gardiner.

Yellow Division: Surfs Up secured a win against Dolphins (25-21).

Surfs Up players were Shelley Churchill, Jessica Churchill, Matthew Churchill, Noah Rodriguez.

Dolphins consisted of Lorraine Tangpos, Yasmin Gloria, Jye Wiedemann, Ysabella Gloria.

The South Gippsland Volleyball Club extends its heartfelt gratitude to all the players and spectators for their energy and enthusiasm, TerryWhite Chemmart Leongatha for sponsoring sunscreen and donating a fantastic player door prize, won by Eeve Dennehy, and the organising committee, including Liselott Webster and Poppy Noble, for their exceptional efforts.

The strong performances by local teams have set an exciting tone for the upcoming Summer/Autumn club season held at Splash in Leongatha.

The club warmly welcomes new and returning players of all skill levels.

Key Dates:

- First Training Session: Wednesday, January 29, 7 pm - 9 pm (weekly thereafter).
- Annual Fun Night: Thursday, January 30, 7:15 pm.
- Season Start: Thursday, February 6.
- Juniors Program: 5:45 pm - 7:15 pm.
- A and B-grade matches: 7:30 pm onwards.

For more information, contact Club Secretary: Jessica Sanders at southgippslandvolleyball@outlook.com or visit the club at Splash, 52A Roughead Street, Leongatha.

Follow South Gippsland Volleyball Club on Facebook and Instagram for updates.

Aislin triumphs at National champs with three more titles



Aislin Jones has started the year with a bang taking out the ACTA ISSF Commonwealth Championship and the National Championship recently in Sydney.

after the Olympics, and world champion selection hasn't started yet, so for me, Nationals was just about seeing where I'm at, getting a gauge before world champ selection starts in March. It was a great event to kick off the season, and obviously, coming away with the Commonwealth and National titles, plus the high gun, was a bonus."

The tough conditions kept scores lower across the board, but Aislin adapted and brushed it off.

"There were a couple of rounds where I'd shoot a 22 or 23 out of 25 and think, 'You know what? That was a good round.' You just have to read

the conditions, be responsive, and not let it get to you. If you dwell on a missed target, that's how you shoot lower scores."

Back to training with an eye on upcoming competitions, Aislin will use an event in Melbourne in mid-March as a warm-up before heading to Sydney for the first World Championship selection event. From there, she'll be competing in Brisbane and Melbourne, with possible international events in Cyprus and Italy leading up to the World Championships in Athens in October.

Away from the range, Aislin has been balancing shooting

with her studies (Bachelor of Commerce at Deakin University) and work, alongside running.

"After the Paris Marathon (at the Olympics), I did two halves - a 21 kilometre in Leongatha, and then Hallora in December, which is a 24 kilometre."

Aislin, her mum and a friend then braved Sunday's heat and took on the 17-kilometre trail at Kilcunda Running Festival.

"It was really hot, it's beautiful, one of the most scenic runs I've ever done, but it's hard and hilly."

For anyone interested in trying clay target shooting, Aislin is a big advocate for giving it a go.

"It's a sport where anyone can compete on a level playing field, no matter your age or gender. You can be 12 or 70 and still win a title. The local club at Korumburra is open for practice on Wednesday and Sunday afternoons, and the members are really friendly and always happy to see new people come out and have a go."

"You can have a go without a gun licence - you just need to be supervised. Just give it a go, that's how I got into it. You never know where it'll take you."



And they were off in the first Deb Rielly Run for the Kids at Kilcunda since COVID held over the March long weekend in 2024.

Keeping the spirit alive

THE Deb Rielly Run for the Kids is back on Sunday, February 23 and is looking to get bigger and better. The event will continue to perpetuate the memory of local legend and tireless community worker Deb Rielly and carry on her desire to help young people and the broader community.

In 2012 Deb created the Keeping Kids on Track Fun Run to encourage families and particularly young people to become more active and get out and about in the environment. The event continued until 2018 before going into a hiatus during the COVID-19 period. Deb passed away in 2019 and in 2024 the Run was resurrected as the Deb Rielly Run for the Kids to help recognise her massive contribution to the community.

The 2024 event was fairly low key as it set about re-establishing itself. It was well supported and set the groundwork for its future. The 2025 run will take significant steps forward with the introduction of a half

marathon and timing to encourage participants who have a more competitive edge.

While the event will broaden to attract the more serious competitors it will still remain family-orientated with a range of distances for less serious runners and walkers. There is also the opportunity for competitors to form teams with prize money for the team with the most members.

Starting at the main Kilcunda Foreshore car park the various distances will take in the Kilcunda Trestle Bridge, Bass Coast Rail Trail and for the half marathon part of the George Bass Walk.

The event is being organised by the Dalyston Football Netball Club with support from other community groups. For further information contact the event coordinator Frank Angarane on 0418 529 310 or ontheroad3995@gmail.com To register go to raceroster.com/events/2025/98253/deb-rielly-run-for-the-kids.



Penelope Lyttle and Malcolm Hyde of the Wonthaggi Lifesaving Club supported Deb's Run last year.



Organiser of the 'Deb Rielly Run for the Kids' Frank Angarane of the Dalyston Football Netball Club chats with Deb Rielly's mum Barb Slavin and other family members including Chris-Ann Slavin and Michael Anderson before the 2024 event.

Don't miss last two meetings of Stony Creek season

STONY Creek Racing Club (SCRC) is ready for an exciting finish to the season, its final two meetings for 2024/25 kicking off with the Furphy's Publicans Day on Sunday, February 9 and culminating in the Ladbrokes Stony Creek Cup on Sunday, March 9.

At the first of those meetings, representatives of local pubs and clubs will get together for the Publicans' Luncheon, trying to outgun each other in the friendly Punters Competition, having fun and raising money for local charities and community groups.

The Foster Exchange Hotel is striving to defend last year's Punters Competition triumph.

Other participating venues at Publicans Day are the Meenihan Hotel, Fish Creek Hotel, Inverloch Esplanade Hotel, San Remo Hotel, and the Middle Korumburra Hotel.



Stony Creek Racing Club celebrated the recent anniversary of its famous 1987 triple dead heat as it looks forward to the final two meetings of the current season.

SCRC is pleased to be hosting this year's Publicans Day on a Sunday, hopeful more locals and visitors can attend.

The club's CEO Jason Benbow highlighted the wide range of entertainment that

will be on offer for Publicans Day attendees, including live music, food trucks, the presence of award-winning Gin Distillery the Original Spirit Co, and kids' activities such as inflatables and face painting.

The Ladbrokes Stony Creek Cup takes place during the Labour Day weekend.

"We're excited to host our final race days of the season, and we encourage the community to come and experience the fun of country racing," SCRC president John Schuijers said.

Fingers are crossed for ideal conditions after the January 12 race meeting at Stony Creek was cancelled due to adverse weather.

For more information, memberships, and ticket bookings, visit stonycreek.com.au

SCRC recently celebrated the 38th anniversary of an iconic moment in its history, the Triple Dead Heat on January 23, 1987, one of only four triple dead heats in Australian racing history, the event putting Stony Creek on the global racing map.



John French and Debbie Anglim were South Gippsland Bridge Club's happy winners again on Tuesday, January 28.

South Gippsland Bridge Club

JANUARY 28 at Wonthaggi: six tables.

First: John French and Debbie Anglim 65.93 per cent. Second: Matti Shub and John Quayle 55.19. Third: Bronwyn Sund and Mike Dooley 54.81. Fourth Julie Perriam and Anne Gibson 51.85.

Inverloch, January 31: nine tables competing.

North/South pairs:

First: Phillip and Neville Chapman 62.50. Second: Alan Johnston and Clive Hope 60.88. Third: Maureen Stiles and Penny Loughran 57.18. Fourth: Bronwyn Sund and Marie Sands 49.54.

East/West pairs:

First: John French and Deb Anglim 64.58. Second: Moya Crowley and Mike Dooley 61.81. Third: Ruth Harvey and Phillip Rinder 58.33. Fourth: Julie Perriam and Anne Gibson 55.79.

New running Festival to showcase South Gippsland

RUNNERS of all levels can enjoy the backdrop of South Gippsland's stunning landscapes during the inaugural Southern Rail Trail Running Festival on Saturday, May 31, supporting vital medical research in the process.

Participants can choose from a 100-kilometre Ultra, 72-kilometre Ultra, Marathon, Half Marathon, 10-kilometre and five-kilometre distances, the inclusive festival paying homage to the history of the Great Southern Rail Trail while exposing runners to its mix of lush forests, rolling hills, charming towns and views of Wilsons Promontory.

The event arose from the efforts of Gippsland local Jake who ran the Great Southern Rail Trail from Nyora to Port Welshpool in January 2024 to raise awareness of the rare skin disease Epidermolysis Bullosa and generate funds for medical research into and treatment of the condition.

That's what the new festival will do, with EB Research Partnership (Australia) involved in the event.

Epidermolysis Bullosa covers a group of rare genetic diseases that cause very fragile skin susceptible to being injured easily resulting in blisters and wounds, and while many types of EB can be well controlled, there is currently no cure.

The Great Southern Rail Trail now stretches over 130 kilometres, following the original path of the Great Southern Railway.

Elite Energy Events, a family-owned business based in Nowra, New South Wales, has organised the Southern Rail Trail Running Festival, bringing vast experience, having operated since 1999.

Visit southernrailtrailrun.com.au for more information and to register.

Early registration prices apply until February 7.

Expect an afternoon of thrilling action at the Woolamai Cup

ROLL up as the racing peaks at Woolamai Racing Club this coming Saturday, February 8 where the gates will open at 11am for the annual Alex Scott and Staff Woolamai Cup.

The \$10,000 Alex Scott and Staff Woolamai Cup will be run as the fifth race with other exciting activities rounding out a big day for the club.

The Victorian Wakeful Club will again award a \$250 prize for the best-presented horse

and strapper in the Cup field. The club is expecting a strong field for the Cup with a number of Balmarrin Cup runners likely to contest the event.

Local trainer and well-known track curator Mal Watts and his wife who had the third placegetter in the Balmarrin Cup, the nine-year-old See It All, are likely to be keen contenders in the Cup as well as for the Wakeful award.

Hawkstone could also be trying to make it a cup double; after winning the Balmarrin Cup, he's hit form and could have a good chance of winning again.

The Woolamai version of fashions on the field with its formal and novelty categories is always a hit with patrons and last year attracted entrants in their finery from as far as Griffith, New South Wales.

The historic track promises an afternoon of thrilling action, with weather forecasts looking favourable at a sunny 21 degrees, it's shaping up to be an unforgettable day of racing.

The Trew Road gates open at 11am with the first race at around 1.30pm and the last around 4.45pm. Book online via the club's website countryracing.com/woolamai or head to the gate.



From teams two and three, John Stewart and Helen Gladstone, and Wilma Marshall and Brian Newman won Breakaway Bowls on Friday. Absent: Les Stanbury.



The Bendigo Bank three-bowls Pairs Day winners Darren and Ian at the Foster Bowls Club.



Foster's Judy, Nancy and Maureen after their great win in the South Strzelecki State Triples ladies' final.



Foster Bowls Club's Jack Attack winners, the Wheels, Des and Ross.



Bruce Corrigan, Helen Twite and Patrick Bowd won social bowls at the Inverloch Bowling Club on Thursday.



Graham Cornell, John Newcombe and Peter Forrest were the Monthly Triples winners at the Leongatha Bowls Club recently.

BREAKAWAY BOWLS

ANOTHER week came to an end, with good numbers attending both days.

The afternoon tea was to die for – as usual.

The winners were John Stewart and Helen Gladstone, and Wilma Marshall, Brian Newman and Les Stanbury.

They played as teams of two and three respectively.

Both teams won by +28 – well done to all involved.

FISH CREEK

THE Fish Creek midweek Pennant side was narrowly defeated last week by six shots against Leongatha with the Wendy Watkins' rink being the only winning rink.

Division 2 journeyed to San Remo and left very disappointed, losing 50 to 71 and not winning a rink.

This leaves Fish Creek in fifth and needing maximum points against Inverloch next weekend.

Division 4 was at home against Korumburra and recorded a huge 82/16 to 25/0 win.

Don Cripps and Rob Poletti's rinks had excellent wins whilst Milton Heywood's team got over the line on the last two ends.

Currently, Fish Creek is sitting third but needs to beat Phillip Island next weekend to play the finals.

Division 6 travelled to Mirboo North and won 40/9 to 30/1 points.

It is also sitting third and needs to get points against Meenyan to maintain top-four position.

Barefoot bowls last week saw the winners being Craig Buckland, Ron and Anne Skinner.

Thanks to Brandt and Southern Stockfeeds for sponsoring the Tuesday evening competition.

The draws have been done for the 21 up and 100 up competitions, and also the mixed pairs championship, so please arrange your matches as soon as possible.

The Invitational Triples event is being held on Sunday, February 16, sponsored by Leongatha Optometrists.

Get your entries to Bill or Hocko.

FOSTER

THE Jack Attack nights are continuing to be full of fun and frivolity and rolling along comfortably with a 14-team competition.

Winners last week were the Wheels, Des and Ross, winning Chamber of Commerce vouchers sponsored by Prom Health. Prom Health is one of the newer sponsors this season – many thanks to them.

Runners-up were the Fatter Bastards, Alan, Lucas and Baden, receiving the choccy sponsored by Promontory Kitchens.

A big thank you to Prom Meats for jumping on board with a meat voucher to add to the raffle prizes.

A heads up to all, the next dress-up is for Valentine's Day on Wednesday, February 12.

Wear red or a costume of your liking.

On Thursday, January 30, the club held a three-bowl Pairs Day sponsored by Bendigo Bank.

The greens were humming and a wash with colour, with a great roll-up of 22 teams.

The weather was also perfect for a day of bowls.

At the end of the day, there were three teams with three wins.

On their points total, the winners were Darren Bellingham from Berwick and Ian McLeod of

Foster.

Runners up went to the San Remo team of H. Cave and B. McGowan, and third place was won by Ray Prain and Mark Taylor.

The wine prizes for 'best second game' went to the Foster team of Col Pulham and Rab Best.

A very big thank you goes out to the Community Bank, Bendigo Bank Foster and Toora for their continued support of the club and of the many recipients of their assistance.

The next event is the Roffey Paragreen Triples Day on Tuesday, March 25, followed by the Mixed Six-Player Medley on Sunday, April 13.

Start preparing for the annual Easter Car Boot Sale on Sunday, April 20.

For bookings and info, phone Bev on 0408 369 298.

The men's and ladies' finals of the South Strzelecki State Triples were played on Thursday night at Inverloch.

It was great to see a good crowd of spectators and supporters for everyone.

Both games were great to watch.

The men's results came down to the last few ends.

The Leongatha boys held on to finish the game with a win over the Tarwin/Inverloch team.

Foster was concentrating more on the ladies' match.

The Foster ladies came out strong and played a top-notch match to outbowl the Leongatha/Tarwin trio.

It was a great performance by the three of them.

The club is just as excited as they are.

Congratulations to Maureen, Nancy and Judy.

As the end of the Pennant season is almost here, the club should be lucky and have three

divisions in finals weeks – possibly a fourth.

It has been a great season so far for the club.

The bowlers will be doing their best to bring home a flag.

INVERLOCH

THIRTY-SIX players attended the Inverloch Bowling Club to play social bowls on Thursday.

It was a beautiful, perfect day for playing and there were two games of three bowl triples played.

Four teams on the day won both their games.

The winners with 34 points were the team of Bruce Corrigan, Patrick Bowd and Helen Twite.

Runners-up on 33 points was the team of Geoff Coleman, Di Selby and John Cook.

Also winning both their games were the team of Graeme Dunlop, Jenny Haydon and Pam Dickfos on 30 points and the team of Joy Brown, Joan McStravick and Jack Miller on 29 points.

KORUMBURRA

THIS week was a bit quieter around the club.

In midweek Pennant, Division 1 travelled to Tarwin Lower with only Jo Lomagno being successful, winning 23 shots to 15. Katrina Evans went down 17 shots to 24 and Jenny McVeigh lost 14 shots to 22.

In Division 2, Korumburra hosted San Remo and had a good win.

Lena Harfield won 22 shots to 11, Jim Garnham won 20 shots to six and Judith Nicholl went down 30 shots to seven.

In weekend Pennant, Division 1 travelled to Mirboo North and came home losers.

Robin Provan got up 21 shots to 16, Kevin Beecroft lost 14 shots to 28 and Charlie Edgerton went down 19 shots to 14 – not a good day.

Division 3 hosted Mirboo North.

Ken Cecil won 33 shots to eight, Les Davis won 17 shots to 16 and unfortunately, Phil Ashton lost 14 shots to 24.

Division 4 travelled to Fish Creek in very windy conditions.

All teams went down.

Jim Garnham lost 15 shots to 18, Rob Sund lost 34 shots to three and Jo Lomagno lost 30 shots to seven.

LEONGATHA

THE round 12 midweek Division 2 Pennant game was played against Fish Creek Bowls Club with the home side winning with an overall score of 60/54 shots.

Individual rink scores were as follows:

Dot Shandley skip Leongatha defeated Bronwyn Williams Fish Creek skip 25/17 shots.

Lynne McIntyre skip Leongatha was defeated by Wendy Watkins Fish Creek skip 14/21 shots.

Rosa James skip Leongatha defeated Graham Hoskin Fish Creek skip 21/16 shots.

Round 13 of the weekend Pennant competition was played in very warm weather conditions and the Division 1 game played at Leongatha Bowls Club against Inverloch resulted in a convincing win to the home side with an overall score of 85/43 shots.

Individual rink scores were as follows:

Jenny Miller skip Leongatha defeated Ron Burge Inverloch skip 25/20 shots.

Anthony Collier skip Leongatha defeated Ross Gabb Inverloch skip 32/7 shots.



The social bowls winners at the Leongatha Bowls Club were Vito Serafino, Lloyd Hemphill and Colin Williams.



Amanda Bozelle (2), Jenny Smith (L), Vern Elliott (S) and Neil Andreatta (3) were the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group winners.



The South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group runners-up were Tony Morris (L), Bill Williams (2), Luke Monckton (S) and Chris Brooks (3).



The best one-game winners for the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group were Mick Walton (S), Bev Elliott (3) and Shirley Corcoran (L).



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Wednesday winners were Fred Kellow, Joy Phillips and Stan Jackson.



Glenda Binch, Maggie Scapin and Betty Huitema were the winners of Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls on Friday.

John Hall skip Leongatha defeated Martin Hannaford Inverloch skip 28/16 shots.

The Leongatha Division 2 side hosted the Wonthaggi Bowls Club and managed to record a win, which has with one round to play the possibility of not facing relegation.

The overall score was 61/44 shots.

Individual rink scores were as follows: Ron Symmons skip Leongatha was defeated by Peter McBain Wonthaggi skip 17/22 shots.

Les Wilson skip Leongatha defeated Mick Yates Wonthaggi skip 21/12 shots.

Vito Serafino skip Leongatha defeated Raymond Hin 23/10 shots.

The Leongatha Division 4 side travelled to the Wonthaggi Bowls Club to possibly deliver a Division 4 side record score to the hosts.

The overall score at the completion of play was 102/33 shots.

Cricket players are known for recording the ton but the history books for bowls may not have the Centurian figure recorded. Individual rink scores were as follows: Klaus Kassek skip Wonthaggi defeated Alan Moxey Leongatha skip 34/14 shots.

Alan Bolding skip Wonthaggi defeated John White Leongatha skip 31/13 shots.

John Migliorisi skip Wonthaggi defeated Lynne McIntyre Leongatha skip 37/6 shots.

Social bowls were played last Wednesday and 16 bowlers took advantage of the sunny weather and played two games of triples in the afternoon.

Vito Serafino, Lloyd Hemphill and Colin Williams collected the chocolates.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

FORTY-SEVEN bowlers turned up at San Remo to fight it out for teams of the week.

They were welcomed by Pauline and John as Peter and Rob prepared the teams.

John promised great weather for the day as they went out to start the day - he was 100 per cent correct.

There was lots of laughter across the greens as friends fought friends for superiority on the green, and lots of friendly banter.

Most importantly, there was lots of excellent bowling by excellent bowlers.

Claire was kept quite busy keeping the crockery clean for all the members.

Mark was also kept busy behind the bar.

Once again, the wonderful volunteers are to be thanked for all their hard work.

There were one or two wrong bias bowls, but not too many considering how many bowlers were on the green.

The winners on a great score of 36 were Amanda Bozelle (2), Jenny Smith (L), Vern Elliott (S) and Neil Andreatta (3).

Runners up on a score of 35 were Tony Morris (L), Bill Williams (2), Luke Monckton (S) and Chris Brooks (3).

Best one-game winners today on a score of 21 were Mick Walton (S), Bev Elliott (3) and Shirley Corcoran (L).

Thank you to John and Rob for their hard work in the kitchen after the game - much appreciated.

The group wishes all players good luck in both their weekend and midweek Pennant games over the coming week.

With only two games left before

the finals, many are relying on some great games this week - best of luck to all.

Next week, the bowlers will be meeting up at Loch and District Bowls Club.

So, till then stay safe and have fun.

WONTHAGGI

ONCE again, it was a busy week at the club.

Tuesday saw Division 1 play host to Inverloch at Wonthaggi.

On a fine, sunny day, with both teams in the top four, it was always going to be a close match.

After a tight contest all day, Wonthaggi was able to secure the points for a good win.

The final scores: Wonthaggi 64, Inverloch 59.

Division 2 travelled down the road to Inverloch on a day with a breeze across the green.

Two rinks had wins, with the other doing well to get enough shots to secure a draw on the day.

The final scores: Wonthaggi 55, Inverloch 55.

Division 3 travelled to Meeniyian to do battle against the top team.

After a close battle all day, Wonthaggi just fell short on the scoreboard.

The final scores: Wonthaggi 51, Meeniyian 60.

Tuesday night was a success with a fine, warm evening.

The Kitty Kisses were the lucky team to win the team draw.

Wednesday saw a very good turnout of 36 bowlers gracing the greens.

Four teams were two-game winners.

The Donohue and Sartori teams were unlucky.

The runners-up were Syd Gostling, Denise Silver, and John

Duscher with a score of two wins, 34 points, and eight shots up. Fred Kellow, Joy Phillips, and Stan Jackson were the winners with a score of two wins, 34 points, and 14 shots up.

Thursday saw a good number of bowlers enjoy a game of social bowls in the cool of the day at 10am.

Saturday saw Division 1 on the rebound after a loss last week.

On a fine, warm day at Wonthaggi, they set about the task.

All rinks played well, with two securing wins and the other a draw.

The final scores: Wonthaggi 63, Toora 46.

Division 2 ventured to Leongatha on a fine but hot day.

Wonthaggi found the Leongatha greens very different to play on.

One rink had a win, with the other two going down.

With one Pennant game left, Wonthaggi is still in a good position on the ladder.

The final scores: Wonthaggi 44, Leongatha 61.

Division 4 played host to Leongatha at Wonthaggi.

With top spot on the ladder locked away, all rinks played well for a very good win.

The final scores: Wonthaggi 102, Leongatha 33.

Division 5, also with top spot on the ladder secured, travelled to Corinella, who are in third place on the ladder and looking for a win.

After a close battle all day, Wonthaggi just fell short.

The final scores: Wonthaggi 47, Corinella 59.

With one game left, the ladder positions are:

Division 1: first.

Division 2: third on percentage.

Division 4: first.

Division 5: first.

Midweek:

Division 1: first.

Division 2: first.

Division 3: fourth.

Bowls this week:

Tuesday: Pennant and Tuesday evening barefoot bowls from 5pm.

Wednesday: Turkey Triples Day.

Thursday: Social bowls at 10am.

Friday: Coaching at 10am.

Saturday: Pennant.

Friday night is very popular with the meat raffles from Wonthaggi Meats.

Norm and Sylvia were happy winners, with Wally winning a breakfast pack.

Next Sunday, the club has the Jimmy Smith Perpetual Trophy Day.

Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

A FUN and enjoyable week of bowling was had by all who attended.

There were 47 players competing.

The players had a lovely afternoon tea on Friday to celebrate Jim Wilson's birthday - thank you to Jan for the scones. Tuesday's winners on plus 14 were Pat Smith, Jenny Bakker and Jeannie Slocombe.

Runners up on plus four were Betty Huitema, Pam Russell, John Rook and Steve Kenny.

Friday saw a really close finish between first and second.

The winners on plus 17 were Glenda Binch, Maggie Scapin and Betty Huitema.

The runners-up on plus 16 were Phylis Peterson, Jeannie Slocombe and John Postlethwaite.

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Back from left, Wonthaggi Golf Club's 2025 opening day B Grade runners-up Donna Van Veenendaal and Wendy Cross, A Grade runners up Lisa Brusamarello and Donna Brosnan, front from left, B Grade winners Shaz Patullo and Heather Wintle, and A Grade winners Betty Bowmar and Merryn Dear.



The winners and runners-up of Wonthaggi Golf Club's Handley and Anderson Opening Day Mixed 2025 were Catherine Bolding, Ian Baker, Wendy and Jim Jordan, Kathy and Robbie Geyer, and Stewart and Jan Beaumont.



Nikki Rendon, Sharyn Rayson and Kath Davis won the Open Day at Woorayl Golf Club.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, January 28:

Stableford: 55 players.

A Grade: Guy Fields (5) 41 points. B Grade: Ross Besley (14) 40 points. C Grade: Lukas Gallagher (36) points.

NTPs: first John Kerr, seventh Jake Fowles, 10th Murray Webb and 13th Ross Besley.

Thursday, January 30:

Stableford: 30 players.

A Grade: Rob Gallagher (11) 38 C/B. B Grade: Chris McConnell (20) 46 points.

NTPs: first Joseph Salvatore, seventh Brian Clasby, 10th Chris Clements and 13th Noel Ladgrove.

Saturday, February 1:

Sponsor: Steve Duffield and Chris McConnell.

Par: 74 players.

A Grade: Barry Kerr (12) 40 points. B Grade: Ross Crawford (19) 40 points. C Grade: Zach Walker (20) 42 points.

NTPs: first Pete Wallace, second Ian Gibson, 10th Chris Clements and 13th Tim O'Neil.

Ladies

THE 2025 Opening Season kicked off last Wednesday with an Ambrose Event, having a fabulous 32 women enjoy the fine weather in perfect golfing conditions.

The course is playing at its best, thanks to the wonderful grounds staff and volunteers.

There were many great shots had with everyone enjoying the sun and sunshine.

Thanks to sponsors Kerri B and Kim E for the lovely prizes and supporting the day.

Congratulations to winners Judy Webb, Johanna VDH, Kim Enbom and Lyn Leppin for having a nice 59 net.

Runners up with 59.5 net were Deb Wrigley, Joan Wardle, Lyn McIvor and Julie Hislop.

NTP on the first and seventh greens was Johanna, 10th Merrissa Cossen, 13th Kerri Besley.

Thursday Twilight winners were Brae Byrne and Brodie Senior-Gibson with 28 points.

Runners-up with 27 points were Ian and Denise Gibson.

NTPs on the 13th green were Tim O'Neill and Viv Enbom.

Saturday was the start of the Singles Championships, playing the first of three split-stroke rounds.

Sixteen played in the daily competition.

Congratulations to A Grade winner Heather Grist (23), winning on a c/b to Aliesha Wrigley (22) both scoring a nice 70 net. B Grade's winner was Colette Pearl (35) with a lovely 69 net.

Runner-up was Lyn Leppin (38) 70 net.

BDTL went to Viv Enbom and Deb Wrigley with 73 net.

NTPs went to Judy Webb on the first, Johanna VDH on the seventh and Jenny Blackmore was closest on the 13th green.

Good Luck to all the women playing in the Singles Champs over the next three weeks, good hitting ladies.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, January 28: Stableford.

Tuesday's Stableford round had a field of 82 members/guests take to the course selecting either blue or yellow tees.

Overall winner: Ian Blencowe (21) with the high score of the day with 41 points.

A Grade winner: Peter Hart (10) with a score of 36 points on a countback. A Grade runner up: Winton Knop (9) with a score of 36 points.

B Grade winner: Mark Dunn (16) with a score of 37 points.

B Grade runner up: Colin Bear (16) with a score of 36 points.

C Grade winner: Ian Blencowe (21) with a score of 41 points.

C Grade runner up: William Norden (18) with a score of 38 points on a countback.

D Grade winner: Michael Delaney (28) with a score of 36 points on a countback. D Grade runner up: Robert Graham (31) from the Eastern Golf Club with a score of 36 points.

NTP fifth second shot: Colin Bear.

NTP 14th: Barry Attwood.

NTP 16th: Colin Martin.

Thursday, January 30: Stableford.

Thursday's event was a Stableford round with a field of 94 members/guests taking to the course, teeing off either the blue or yellow tees.

Overall winner: Gerald Free-stone (28) with the high score of the day of 40 points.

A Grade winner: Mark Collison (11) from the Traralgon Golf Club with a score of 38 points on a countback.

A Grade runner up: Norman Hughes (13) with a score of 38 points.

B Grade winner: Andrew Smith (18) with a score of 38 points.

B Grade runner up: Neale Gil-lin (18) with a score of 37 points on a countback.

C Grade winner: Gerald Free-stone (28) with a score of 40 points. C Grade runner up: Peter Hormann (30) with a score of 38 points on a countback.

NTP fifth second shot: Norman Hughes.

NTP 14th: Norman Hughes.

NTP 16th: Peter Hormann.

Saturday, February 1: Stableford.

Saturday's Stableford round had another great field of 116 members/guests playing in warm summer conditions, allowing for excellent scoring.

Overall winner: Paul Deery (11) with the high score of the day of 43 points and a score of 74 off the stick, three over par (71).

A Grade winner: Paul Deery (11) with a score of 43 points.

A Grade runner up: Christopher Leaver (6) with a score of 39 points. Another fine round with 73 off the stick.

B Grade winner: Patrick Mitchell (15) with a score of 40 points.

B Grade runner up: Timothy McCarthy (19) with a score of 38 points on a countback.

C Grade winner: Karen Mur-chie (39) with a score of 42 points. C Grade runner up: Karen Castledine Briggs (31) with a score of 41 points.

NTP fifth second shot: Simon Brendan.

NTP 14th: Christopher Leaver.

NTP 16th: Peter Brownlie.

Ladies

A VERY large field competed in the annual Opening Day Ambrose event in perfect weather conditions.

Trish Owen said it was great to see many new faces amongst the players.

Captain Janet Monk, Jo McNaughton, Kim Harris and Glenyce McRobert combined well to finish two strokes in front of the nearest contenders with a score of 57.125.

Karen Castledine Briggs, Nicole Whiteside, Marianne Leaver and Delia Perry finished in sec-ond place with 59.75.

In third place were Trish Miller, Ashleigh Hutton, Louise Schache and Cath Seccull with 60.625 points.

MIRBOO NORTH

TUESDAY, January 28: Stableford.

A Grade: R. Felmingham (8) 39

c/b. B Grade: J. Gunn (30) 44 points.

DTL: T. Whitelaw 39, J. Smerilio 38, C. Freshwater and S. Beitz 36.

NTP: fourth N. Baker, sixth T. Whitelaw, 13th T. Whitelaw and 16th T. Leggo.

Saturday, February 1: Stroke.

A Grade: S. Woodall (8) 72 c/b.

B Grade: N. Bracecamp (19) 70.

DTL: Tim Traill, D. Felmingham 72, T. Bradshaw, P. Smart 73 and J. Kidd 74 c/b.

NTP: fourth G. Shandley, sixth S. Woodall, 13th S. Jordan and 16th N. Bracecamp.

Birdies: fourth J. Kidd.

with a mystery partner not unveiled until presentations, so the winners were a surprise.

There were two grades.

The A Grade winners were Betty Bowmar 42 and Merryn Dear 32 total 73, from Lisa Brusamarello 37 and Donna Brosnan 35 total 72.

The B Grade winners were Shaz Patullo 34 and Heather Wintle 37 total 71 from Wendy Cross 38 and Donna Van Veenendaal 31 total 69.

NTP on second was A. Grenville, fourth S. Patullo, eighth B. Bowmar, 13th A. Tschiderer and 17th D. Brosnan.

Mixed

THE Handley and Anderson Opening Day Mixed 2025 was played on Sunday with a great field of 44 players.

Thank you to the generous sponsors who have been part of this event for many years.

The field overcame the hot weather to have a great day playing with family and friends as well as post some great scores.

A Grade winners were the captains Ian Baker and Catherine Bolding 70 net from Jim and Wendy Jordan 71.625.

B Grade winners were Robbie Geyer and mum Kathy with a fabulous 66.375 from Jan Beaumont and nephew Stewart 69.375.

NTP men's were fourth John Geyer, 13th Robbie Geyer and 17th Simon O'Halloran.

NTP ladies' were second Karen Davis and eighth Donna Brosnan.

WOORAYL Ladies

WEDNESDAY was the Open Day sponsored by Mitre 10.

An Ambrose event was played on a lovely sunny day.

Seventeen ladies played, including six new golfers.

An afternoon tea was held after the golf.

The club welcomed two life members Shirley Thomas and Lois Young.

There was lots of eating and chatter before the presentations.

The winners of the day were Nikki Rendon, Sharyn Rayson and Kath Davis 64 net.

BDL went to Elly Berryman, Linda Forrester and Anna Andronaco 64.5 net.

NTP on eighth was Kath Davis, 11th Pauline Lancaster and 17th Sherrill Winkler.

Ladies

WONTHAGGI ladies held their opening day for 2025 on Wednesday.

It was a round of Stableford

Gear up for Fish Creek Show 'n' Shine

MOTORING enthusiasts should note that all roads will lead to Fish Creek on Sunday, February 23 for the Community Bank Toora and Foster Bendigo Bank Car Show.

This year's Show 'n' Shine is the second instalment of the event, staged by the Fish Creek Football Netball Club as a fundraiser to rebuild its facilities after a devastating arson attack destroyed the clubrooms in 2023.

Organiser Jason Harding said more than 100 cars, motorbikes and trucks were polished and gleaming for display at Terrill Park Reserve last year, that number expected to be eclipsed in 2025.

"We had everything from a 1932 Jail Bar Rack Rat to a 1952 Citroen and a late sixties or early seventies Commer truck," Jason said.

"If you're into any type of vehicle with tyres and an engine, there's guaranteed to be something for you."

Members of the Gippsland Historical Car Club will judge vehicles in various

classes including restored originals, modified customs and hot rods.

Of course, there's also the hotly contested People's Choice Award and everyone who attends is encouraged to vote for their favourite.

"These events are a great opportunity for car owners to get together and share their knowledge; it's also good for those of us who don't own vehicles like these to admire the work that has gone into restoring and maintaining them," Jason said.

Barbecued food, doughnuts, cold drinks and a coffee van will be onsite, and with entry just \$10 per adult, \$5 for cars and children free, the event offers value-for-money family entertainment.

Gates are open from 8am to 1pm, with show cars arriving from 7am.

For further information contact Jason Harding on 0458 330 057, Ray Poletti on 0429 424 512 or follow FCFNC Kangaroos on Facebook and Instagram.



Megan Vuillermin (left) from the Fish Creek Football Netball Club, Ray Poletti (second from left) and John Denbrok (right) from the Gippsland Historical Car Club congratulate the winner of the 2024 People's Choice Award Adam Schmidt.



An immaculately restored 1930 Chevrolet.

Sharks lure in the kids with action packed event



Sporting opportunities for South Gippsland's women and girls

SPORT for women and girls in South Gippsland is set for a boost, thanks to the Play Well Participation Grants secured by South Gippsland Shire Council with support from GippSport.

With the campaign launch in September 2024, the coming weeks see the opportunity for local clubs to attend free workshops with the aim of building more welcoming and inclusive environments and for participants to come and try events in the local area.

Funded by the Australian Sports Commission, this initiative is designed to make sport more inclusive by removing barriers and creating welcoming spaces for women and girls.

The focus in South Gippsland is on three sports – Australian Rules Football, cricket, and soccer – and as GippSport program coordinator Gene Parini explains, it's a combined effort.

"We have the three state sporting associations and local associations, Southern Gippsland Junior Football, Leongatha and District Cricket Association and Gippsland Soccer League on board and working with us to try and promote and grow opportunities for more participation of women and girls in these sports," he said.

Local clubs can now take advantage of the free workshops aimed at helping them create more inclusive environments:

Workshop one: How to Make Sports More Inclusive and Engaging for Women and Girls.

- Date: February 12.
- Venue: South Gippsland Shire Council Rooms, Leongatha (online option available).
- Time: 6.30pm – 8pm.

Workshop two: How to Create an Action Plan for the Future Success of Women and Girls in Your Club.

- Date: March 3.
- Venue: South Gippsland Shire Council Rooms, Leongatha.
- Time: 6.30pm – 8pm.

To register for the workshops go to www.gippssport.com.au/playwell.

Come and have a go: Soccer Come n Try - women and girls (all ages):

- Date: February 2025 (exact date to be confirmed).
- Venue: to be confirmed.
- Time: 5.30pm to 7pm.

Girls Football (AFL) Come n Try:

- Date: March 2.
- Venue: Velodrome Leongatha.
- Time: 10am to 12pm.

Women and Girls Cricket Come n Try:

- Date: July/August 2025.
- Venue and time: to be advised.

For more information or to get involved, visit gippssport.com.au or contact GippSport at 5176 3020.

Helping more women and girls get into sport

THE Government is supporting more women and girls to get involved in the sports they love with more funds for sporting clubs and organisations to encourage and foster female participation.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence last week opened applications for the 2024-25 Change Our Game Community Activation Grants Program.

The program delivers grants of up to \$10,000 to community sport and recreation clubs to help inspire women and girls to take part – including new women's programs, hosting a women's round as well as opportunities for club leadership roles.

Now in its eighth year, the Change Our Game Community Activation Grants Program has provided more than \$2.9 million towards 580 grants to sport and active recreation clubs and organisations across the state.

A previous grant recipient was the Gippsland Soccer League which ran a six-week Regional Female Administrator Leadership Program.

Since the program, the League's Female Football Sub-committee has continued to increase participation among women and girls, with the League also achieving a 50/50 gender balance on its Board of Directors in 2024.

Wombats take on Geelong

THE West Gippsland Wombats over 70's played Geelong at the Pakenham Reserve on Tuesday, January 28.

The Wombats' captain Fred Debono won the toss and asked Geelong to bat first.

Guy Eastwood and Andrew Macdonald opened the batting, and they were both out on the 25th ball that they faced.

Macdonald five was bowled by Bob Phillips and Eastwood three was caught by Rod Pallot off the bowling of Graham Davey.

The score was then two for 10 in the 11th over.

Bruce Hogan 1 (25) and Peter Franklin 9 (25) both retired before Greg Lott was instrumental in the run out of Rob Foster 1(3).

Foster was the first of three wickets to fall with Geelong's score on 32.

David Lamb-Jenkins 0 (2) was caught by Rod Pallot off the bowling of Fred Debono and John Caulfield 0 (3) became Debono's second wicket when he was bowled.

Lott 20 (27) retired before David Jefferson 0 (15) was bowled by Pieter Loos. Both John Williams 11 (27) and Phil Dickson 0 (26) retired before Laurie Gay 3 (16) was bowled by Neil White.

Bruce Hogan and Peter Franklin returned and were both not out at the end of 40 overs.

Hogan had added eight off 16 balls and Franklin had added seven off 10 balls.

Geelong's total was seven for 78.

The fielding and bowling of the Wombats was excellent and the bowling figures were: Jim Gregory 4-0/2, Bob Phillips 5-1/9, Graham Davey 6-1/13, Pieter Loos 8-1/8, Carl Muscat 2-0/2, Fred Debono 4-2/11, Neil White 5-1/15, Rod Pallot 2-0/4, Basil Kehayas 2-0/2 and Jon Martindale 2-0/11.

The Wombats' innings started badly with Carl Muscat out second ball without scoring, bowled by Peter Franklin. Basil Kehayas 6 (25) and Jon Martindale five (25 both retired before Jeff Phillips 9 (21) was caught by Andrew Macdonald off the bowling of Greg Lott.

The devastating spell of bowling by Lott continued when he bowled Russell Ferguson zero (5) and Fred Debono three (6). The Wombats were in trouble with the score on four for 36 in the 19th over, when John Moore joined Rod Pallot.

With the help of 10 extras, the pair added 30 runs before they both retired, Pallot 10 (26) and Moore 10 (14).

With two runs needed to win Neil White nine (12) was caught by Peter Franklin off the bowling of Phil Dickson.

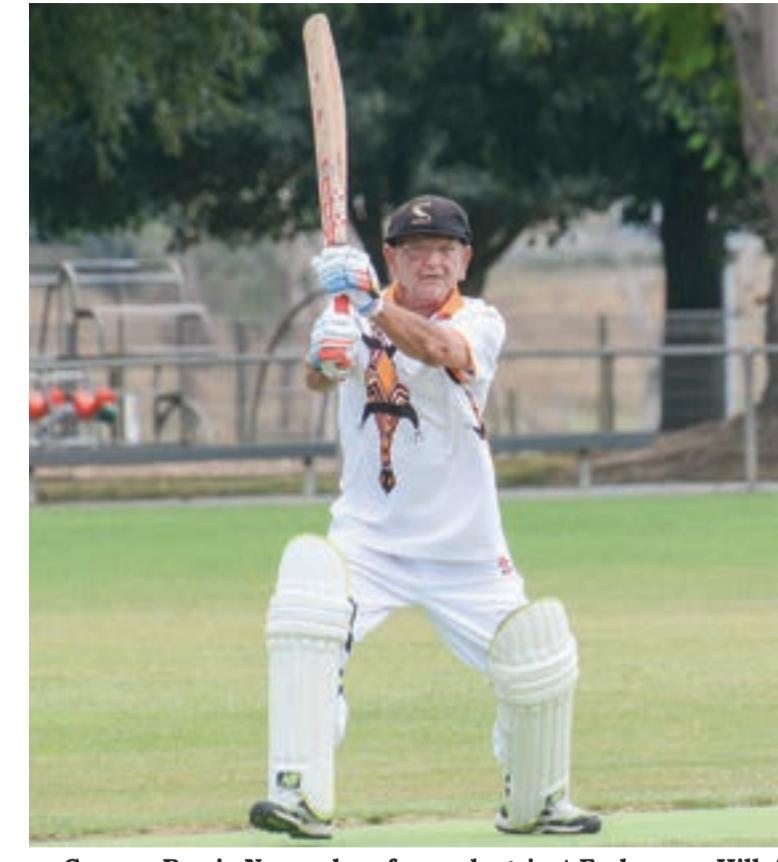
After Geelong's total had been reached, Pieter Loos eight (7) retired so that Jim Gregory and Graham Davey could have a hit, also Geelong wanted to give all their bowlers a couple of overs, as they had come a long way to play a game of cricket. When the game was called off after the 31st over Gregory 14 (22) and Davey nine (8) were both not out and the Wombats were five for 109.

Geelong's bowling: Greg Lott 4 overs 3 maidens 3 wickets for 1 run, Peter Franklin 4-1/11, Guy Eastwood 4-0/9, Rob Foster 4-0/11, David Jefferson 4-0/12, John Williams 3-0/11, Phil Dickson 2-1/17, Andrew Macdonald 2-0/7, Laurie Gay 2-0/4, John Caulfield 2-0/14.

Next Tuesday, the Wombats play Glen Waverley at the Koo Wee Rup ground.



Murray Moore drives for the Goannas.



Goanna Barrie Nunn plays forward against Endeavour Hills/Bayside.

Goannas secure a win at Yinnar

THE Gippsland Goannas Over-70 cricketers welcomed their counterparts from the Endeavour Hills/Bayside Over-70 team to the Yinnar Recreation Reserve to play their round five match on Tuesday, January 28.

This match had been washed out prior to Christmas.

After Monday's heat, it was pleasant to have to wear three layers of clothing in order to keep out the chills of the westerly wind.

Winning the toss, the Goannas batted first with Warren Dummett and Rob Francis opening the innings.

Australian opening bowler Ron Kasputis struck in the fourth over, inducing a skier from Dummett (six runs from 20 balls) which was well caught by the wicketkeeper.

Donald Cameron came in and was going along nicely when he

stumbled on a run and strained a hamstring.

He had made five from 10 balls.

Francis retired soon after for 16 from his 30 balls, bringing Neil Meredith and Garry Rose to the crease.

They were both bowled by Peter Hockey after 15 balls, with Mero scoring 19 runs and Rose six.

Steve Lincoln and Ian Gibson then took the score to 3/65 at the 20-over drinks break.

Gibbo retired for 13 runs and Lincoln was bowled by Joe McMaster for 30 from 22 balls.

The score was then 4/98 after 25 overs.

Ian Southall and Andrew Smith kept the score ticking over, with Southy retiring for 31 and Smith lbw for 21 from 29 balls faced.

Murray Moore, 23 not out

from 19, Gordon Cowling 9, caught, from 7 and Barrie Nunn 2 not out were the remaining batsmen, and the Goanna's score after their 40 overs was 6/187.

After building their own salad rolls for lunch, the Endeavour Hills/Bayside (EHB) team started its innings, with Southall and Cowling opening the attack.

After eight overs, for 11 runs, Nunn and Kel Bond came on.

Both openers retired, for a total of 16 runs from 60 balls, and Bond had John Wilson well stumped by Ian Gibson for 12 in the 14th over.

Four overs later, David Green skied a ball to cover for Cowling to take a good catch.

Bondy then had 2/17 from five overs, and the score had advanced to 2/58 at drinks.

Francis and Meredith bowled

seven overs between them, for just 22 runs, as Southy came back for two and Andrew Smith replaced Mero.

A good throw from Moore to Southall had McMaster short of his ground, and Smith had Stammers sky one to Southy for a first-ball duck.

The score was 4/87 after 28 overs.

Moore had four overs and Smith five overs for 1/15.

Southall and Cowling bowled the last four overs, finishing with 1/22 and 0/7 respectively, as the EHB innings concluded at 5/133.

The Goannas 70's have the bye next week and their round 10 game will be on February 18 against the West Gippsland Wombats at the Sale Oval.

Both Goannas 50's and 60's have a game on Sunday next, February 9.

Mixed fortunes for LDCA juniors against Latrobe Valley in GCL

THE LDCA U13 & U15 teams travelled to Yinnar to take on the Latrobe Valley on Sunday, a 9 am start and a change to T20 games chosen to beat the heat.

U13

LDCA 9/87 defeated by LV 3/93

Jaxon Eddy 24, Reggie Read 11, Toby Nicholas 10, Reggie Read 1/13, Oliver Bolge 1/5, Levi Richardson 1/3

With an early start and a T20 game to beat the heat the U13 LDCA boys finished off the series well with Jaxon Eddy's great little knock of 24 including five boundaries.

Batting first, LDCA was in strife early, as has been the case throughout the series but fought back to post a handy total, with Eddy supported by Toby Nicholas and captain Reggie Read.

LDCA's turn with the ball saw it never give in, making LV work hard to reach the total.

The U13 series has been a great learning curve for the boys and they will gain plenty from it.

Big thanks to coach Nick Eddy, team manager Kirsty Bolge



The U13 team with coach Nick Eddy and team manager Kirsty Bolge.

Bolge and all the families for their support.

Sponsors Manders Plumbing & Gas Fitting and MJA Accounting are appreciated for their continued support of the U13 team.

U15

LDCA 2/81 defeated LV 7/80

The U15 boys also travelled to Yinnar to take on the Latrobe Valley with a T20 game and

early start due to the hot weather.

Bowling first, the boys put in another disciplined performance to restrict LV, Archie Luke was very impressive with the new ball and Cooper Newman a threat as always with his leg spin.

The LDCA boys chased down the total with Tex Dyson showing his great talent and Ty Debono continuing his

excellent GCL form.

The U15s have now finished on top of the table and earned the right to host the Final against Sale Maffra on Sunday, February 9.

Congratulations to coach David Newman and the boys who are sure to have plenty of support on Sunday.

Thanks to Wonthaggi Toyota for their continued support of the U15 team.



Leongatha and District Cricket Association defeated Warragul in the Cameron White Cup T20 final.

LDCA go back-to-back in Cameron White Cup

THE Leongatha and District Cricket Association U18 team travelled to Hallora on Wednesday evening for the Cameron White Cup T20 final.

Batting first after winning the toss on a great-looking pitch, the early loss of Harry West after a brilliant catch at short cover by Harry Allsop brought Clayton Quaife to the crease.

He formed a good partnership of 46 with Riley Harris, who was looking in great touch.

The loss of Quaife and Harris saw co-captains Aydan Williams and Tadgh Gannon show their class, striking the ball to all parts of the oval, really upping the run rate and finishing off the innings very strongly to get the Leongatha and District Cricket Association (LDCA) to a competitive score.

Confident they could defend the total with a very strong bowling lineup at their disposal, the LDCA boys bowled and fielded brilliantly and

with great discipline – only two wides in 20 overs – to not only restrict Warragul but bowl them out in the 20th over and win back-to-back Cameron White Cups.

Congratulations to team manager Brian Gannon and the lads on a great performance.

The attention now turns to the 50-over format on Sunday when a win against Bairnsdale should secure a place in the final.

Thanks to all the families

for their support at the game.

Thanks to the GCL, the umpires, Hallora Cricket Club for hosting the game, and Evans Petroleum for its continued support of the U18 team.

LDCA 4/126 defeated Warragul 104 all out.

Tadgh Gannon 33no
Riley Harris 29
Aydan Williams 26
Clayton Quaife 20
Aydan Williams 3/13
Klayton McGrath 2/12
George McCausland 2/16
Rhett Hume 1/18



Jess McDonald led the way with the bat for LDCA going on to make an unbeaten 56.

Determined LDCA outplayed in GCL decider

THE LDCA women finished a strong GCL season as runner-up to the ladder-topping Sale-Maffra in Sunday's Grand Final at Bundalagah in scorching weather.

LDCA co-captain Gabby Perry lost the toss, her side having to bowl first on what looked like a great batting pitch.

Sale-Maffra got off to a solid start scoring around a run a ball, until the spin queen Brit Thomas struck removing three of the Sale-Maffra top order batters in reasonably quick succession.

Thomas finished with four wickets, taking her tally to nine for the GCL season, a fantastic effort.

Skipper Perry and young star Millie Gold took a wicket each for LDCA, the Sale-Maffra girls finishing their 40 overs at 6/185, with Jess McDonald's three catches a highlight for LDCA.

After lunch, it was LDCA's turn to bat and devastation struck early with top order batters Gabby Perry, Millie Gold and Jackie Newman all dismissed for a combined 15 runs.

Holly Williams and Thomas came to the crease and steadied the ship batting patiently until both girls were dismissed not long after.

Enter Elyse Fisher and McDonald and the girls played beautifully and patiently to get things back on track, with the highlight being the retirement of McDonald due to her score reaching 50 runs.

The LDCA continued to fight hard, never giving up with batters Nicole Creaser and Tiana Gold adding a valuable 25 runs combined to the score.

The loss of the last wicket saw Jess McDonald able to return to the crease and she continued to strike the ball well eventually finishing on 56*, an awesome innings.

After 40 overs LDCA finished on 9/136, which saw the GCL cup go to the Sale-Maffra girls.

Sale-Maffra was acknowledged as a well-deserved winner, with LDCA players looking forward to more great contests in the future.

Appreciation was expressed for those at Bundalagah Cricket Club who assisted in the ground preparation, providing lunch and hosting players, umpires and spectators.

Those at the LDCA look forward to continuing to build a sustainable and inclusive women's program.

Women's GCL Grand Final:

Sale-Maffra 6/185 def LDCA 9/136
Brit Thomas 4/19, Gabby Perry 1/22 (7), Millie Gold 1/4 (2)
Jess McDonald 56*, Tiana Gold 13*,
Nicole Creaser 12



Sisters Isla and Sari Hickey, Olivia and Chiara Marinou and Brenda and Kathryn Stewart playing for the Leongatha Town Scorpions.

Sister act at Leongatha Town Scorpions women's cricket team

THERE'S nothing quite like a sprinkling of sibling rivalry to add a bit of excitement and level up the banter at cricket training.

The Leongatha Town Scorpions women's team is keeping it all in the family with an impressive three pairs of sisters in the same squad this season.

Lining up for the Scorpions are sisters Sari and Isla

Hickey, Chiara and Olivia Marinou, and Brenda and Kathryn Stewart a unique sibling lineup believed to be a first for the club.

In all three families, it was the younger sisters in each of the pairs who encouraged their older sisters to get involved.

Chiara and Olivia Marinou are enjoying their debut

season at the club with mother Dianna also joining in the fun, taking part in training sessions and matches.

The Hickey and Stewart names are well known at Leongatha Town with a strong family legacy stretching across generations.

Ashley Hickey and the late Kingsley Stewart both donned the green with sons following

in their footsteps.

The women's team is now continuing this proud tradition.

The LDCA Women's comp now in its third season has provided a fantastic entry point for women and girls of all ages and levels to come and be a part of the main event at cricket clubs across South Gippsland and Bass Coast.

C GRADE

DIVISION 1

OMK 2/236 d Kilcunda Bass 7/206

OMK 1st INNINGS: R Quaife 28, R White 105*, O Fitzpatrick 42, J Greenwood 51*. Bowling: S Tapscott 0/40, H Bettles 1/41, S Leman 0/42, C Henderson 0/23, A Joseph 1/44, E Magnussen 0/25, V K Gopal 0/8, J Dickson 0/11. **Kilcunda Bass 1st INNINGS:** J Hackett 49, J Dickson 57, V K Gopal 30, S Leman 0, E Magnussen 1, C Henderson 36*, A Joseph 26, S Tapscott 0. Bowling: T Nicholas 0/33, R White 0/19, O Fitzpatrick 0/47, J Greenwood 3/36, J Myors 2/13, C Quaife 0/38, B Hayes 0/13, R Quaife 2/2.

Korumburra 0/96 d Town 94

Town 1st INNINGS: T Cashin 25, A Aeschlimann 3, S Vs 26, J Aeschlimann 5, T Strybosch 1, R Edward's 0, M Hogarth 3, P J Kallookkaran 5, C Smith 15, J Cashin 0*, D Wilson 2. Bowling: J Douglas 0/35, B Riddell 2/23, T Sorrell 2/2, S McKinnon 3/5, D Scott 2/18, Fill-in 1/5. **Korumburra 1st INNINGS:** Fill-in 29*, Fill-in 65*. Bowling: T Strybosch 0/15, P J Kallookkaran 0/7, S Vs 0/7, D Wilson 0/32, J Aeschlimann 0/20, M Hogarth 0/14.

Club 9/247 d Phillip Island 9/227

Club 1st INNINGS: W Speed 77, C Fraser 57, T Dudas-Jacobs 10, J Licens 26, M Chisholm, L McRae 0, L Borne 29, C Prosser 3, A Babu 1, S Liddle (c) 1*. Bowling: S McMillian 0/57, J Allan 0/35, J Marshall 2/49, T Hornsby 1/36, D McCausland 2/37, M Cleary 4/21. **Phillip Island 1st INNINGS:** J Manning 60, T Blackwell 7, T Hornsby 48, M Cleary 8, J Parry 31, A O'Brien 7, D McCausland 33, S McMillian 0, Z Hughes 21, B Marshall 8*. Bowling: L Borne 0/22, C Fraser 1/28, L McRae 0/46, J Licens 0/22, S Liddle 4/41, M Sharp 3/32, A Babu 1/34.

Nerrena - Bye

C GRADE

DIVISION 2

Glen Alvie 3/231 d Nyora 3/230

Nyora 1st INNINGS: G Alsem 0, K Maclure 71, J Waixel 76, C Chandler 48*, A Linford 7*. Bowling: N Luff 0/25, J Hynes 1/31, O Luff 0/24, L Scholz 0/18, C Andersen 0/19, W Bridle 1/30, C Stewart 0/24, J Cuttriss 0/21, K Andersen 0/23, D Hynes 1/8. **Glen Alvie 1st INNINGS:** D McGuirk 3, D Hynes 132*, I Thorn 14, L Scholz 19, O Luff 44*. Bowling: K Maclure 1/29, W Dixon 1/22, G Alsem 0/47, J Waixel 0/41, J McDonald 0/24, T White 1/53, C Chandler 0/12.

OMK 2/166 d Inverloch 7/162

Inverloch 1st INNINGS: D Harris 51, J Foote 17, W Chapman 47, S Hayes 6, J Mottram Carter 13, J Smith 2, C Terlich 14, M Woods 1*, I Richardson 1*. Bowling: M Whiteside 2/15, Fill-in 1/34, L Maskell 0/20, J Battersby 0/24, D Elford 0/27, R Wyatt 0/14, M Walker 2/26. **OMK 1st INNINGS:** R Wyatt 6, M Walker 67, N Furness 28*, D Elford 55*. Bowling: C Butler 0/27, A Parker 0/38, W Chapman 0/30, J Smith 1/24, J Mottram Carter 0/12, M Woods 1/27, I Richardson 0/5.

MDU 5/168 d Koonwarra L/RSL 102

MDU 1st INNINGS: G Webster 10, C Fisher 31, D Thomas 17, C Hooper 65*, G Cocksedge 0, T Cocksedge 7, S Riley 21*. Bowling: T Lund 1/44, S Paterson 1/18, A Piksons 1/33, J Pickersgill 1/28, D Yuthmika 1/42. **Koonwarra L/RSL 1st INNINGS:** A Boxall 19, D Hanly 3, T Collins 0, J Pickersgill 27, G Matthies 5, S Paterson 8, D Yuthmika 5, R Collins 14, R King 6, A Piksons 5, T Lund 0*. Bowling: K Brown 3/31, L Webb 1/20, S Riley 2/19, G Cocksedge 2/11, T Cocksedge 1/9, C Webb 0/9.

Phillip Island - Bye



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Town's Callum Smith launches into a powerful drive. C45_0525



Cobras' Shaun McKinnon found success with the ball claiming 3/5. C40_0525

Club withstands the Phillip Island pressure

C GRADE, DIVISION 1

Ash Joseph.

White and Justin Greenwood closed the innings together, making 105 and 51 not out.

Kilcunda-Bass was tasked with chasing down 2/236.

Joel Hackett and Joel Dickson had Kilcunda-Bass off to a good start with 49 and 57 runs respectively.

Both were bowled by Greenwood and Vijai Kumar Gopal, batting third in the order, adding 30 runs.

Chris Henderson wrapped it up for Kilcunda-Bass with 36 not out.

Greenwood recorded OMK's best bowling figures with 3/36.

Jordan Myors and Quaife claimed two wickets each.

Kilcunda-Bass could not manage to reach its goal, finishing the day with 7/206.

Town crumbles as Korumburra cruises

A MERE 13 overs were all that was required for Korumburra to secure a win over Leongatha Town.

Town won the toss and chose to bat first.

Captain Alex Aeschlimann opened with Tim Cashin, but a delivery from Bryce Riddell saw Aeschlimann caught by Rob Gallagher for just three runs.

Cashin and Sakthy Vs went on to put 25 and 26 runs on the board respectively, which were Town's top scores.

Callum Smith later added 15 runs.

Korumburra's bowling effort was led by Shaun McKinnon, who took 3/5.

Riddell, Thomas Sorrell and Darren Scott claimed two wickets each.

In the 29th over, Town was bowled out 10/94.

Korumburra went into bat, sending in Shayne Harland and Jacob Wrigley.

They were the only batsmen required to win the day.

Within the 13 overs, Harland made 29 not out and Wrigley made 65 not out.

Korumburra's winning total was 0/96.

Nerrena had the round eight bye.

WITH a 105-run haul from Russ White, OMK was able to hold Kilcunda-Bass back on Saturday.

OMK travelled to the Bass Recreation Reserve, where it won the toss and chose to bat.

White opened OMK's innings with Robert Quaife. Quaife made 28 runs before he was bowled by Hunter Bettles.

Owen Fitzpatrick joined White and made 42 runs before he was bowled by

C GRADE, DIVISION 2

Glen Alvie wins in nailbiter

AFTER a close contest, Glen Alvie managed to steal the win from Nyora on Saturday.

Playing at the Poowong Recreation Reserve, Glen Alvie won the toss and chose to send Nyora in first.

Opening batsman Gareth Alsem was immediately bowled for a golden duck by Jarvis Hynes.

However, the partnership of Keith Maclure and Jaylen Waixel kept Nyora well and truly in the game.

Maclure made 71 runs before he was caught by Owen Luff off the bowling of Wayne Bridle and Waixel made the top score of 76 runs before he was bowled by David Hynes.

Coby Chandler and Amanda Linford were at the crease for the rest of the innings, making 48 and seven not out.

Nyora reached a score of 3/230.

Glen Alvie also stumbled early when it lost Daniel McGuirk for just three runs, but Hynes delivered 132 not out to win the game.

Captain Ian Thorn and Luke Scholz stepped up to bat during the innings, making 14 and 19 runs respectively before they were dismissed.

The three wickets were taken by William Dixon, Maclure and Travis White.

Luff closed the innings with Hynes and contributed 44 runs to the total.

Glen Alvie won the day with 3/231.

Diggers dominate

OMK proved to be too tough for Inverloch.

Playing at home, the Diggers won the toss and chose to bowl.

David Harris opened for Inverloch and made the top score of 51 runs.

Wayne Chapman made 47 runs, but the rest of the order struggled to hit the scoreboard.

OMK captain Michael White-side and Mathew Walker shared

the bowling honours, claiming 2/15 and 2/26 respectively.

Inverloch played out its allotted overs and reached a score of 7/162.

Jason Smith was quick to bowl out Ryan Wyatt, but OMK took control of the game from there.

Walker top scored with 67 runs before he was caught by Shaun Hayes off the bowling of Mitchell Woods.

The partnership of Noah Furness and Danny Elford made 28 and 55 not out, closing the innings.

OMK defeated Inverloch with a score of 2/166.

Hoober heroics

MDU triumphed over Koonwarra L/RSL at the Koonwarra Recreation Reserve.

MDU won the toss and chose to bat.

Clayton Fisher had MDU off to a fine start with 31 runs before his wicket was taken by Shane Paterson.

Craig Hoober was the clincher for MDU.

Batting fourth in the order, Hoober made 65 not out.

He saw out the innings with Stephen Riley, who made 21 not out.

Koonwarra L/RSL's wicket-taking efforts were shared between five bowlers – Tyson Lund, Paterson, Alvis Piksons, Jordan Pickersgill and Dihen Yuthmika.

MDU wrapped up its innings with a score of 5/168.

Koonwarra L/RSL captain Ashley Boxall opened the batting for the Cougars with 19 runs.

Batting fourth in the order, the top score came from Pickersgill with 27 runs before he was stumped by Tim McGrath off the bowling of Glen Cocksedge.

Rhett Collins later added 14 runs.

MDU's Keiran Brown did the most damage against Koonwarra L/RSL, taking three wickets.

Riley and Cocksedge claimed two each.

In the end, Koonwarra L/RSL fell short of its target, reaching a score of 10/102.

Phillip Island had the round eight bye.

Club too strong for Inverloch

B GRADE, DIVISION 1

A THRILLING performance from David Britt saw Wonthaggi Club claim victory with ease over Inverloch.

Inverloch returned to Wonthaggi's McMahon Reserve on Saturday, looking to defend its total of 8/204.

Kai Allison and Britt opened for Club.

The partnership dominated the play until 1/150, when Britt was caught by Dylan Clark off the bowling of Isaac Seuren with 113 runs.

Lochlan McLean followed on from Britt, making 29 runs before his wicket fell to Brett Debono.

Allison went on to make 39 not out, finishing the innings with Jason O'Reilly, who made four not out.

In the 54th over, the game went to Club with a score of 2/205.

Sharks sink Burra

PHILLIP Island made short work of Korumburra's score of 10/89.

Playing at the Cowes Recreation Reserve, Kurt Lane and Kohen Beaumont opened the Sharks' innings.

Lane made 64 runs before he was caught by Phillip Richards off the bowling of Liam Dole.

Tharidu Asurumuni was at the crease after Lane, but Dole dismissed him for a golden duck.

Beaumont and Lawrence Ferrari went on to make 59 and 24 not out, and Phillip Island declared once it had reached 2/159.

Korumburra was sent back into bat, but Phillip Island bowlers Beaumont, Tarryn Allan and Lane kept the scoring opportunities to a minimum.

Batting fifth in the order, Richards attempted to steer Korumburra back into the right direction, making 47 not out.

George Edwards added 12 runs towards the end of the innings.

Allan was Phillip Island's top bowler, taking 3/26.

Korumburra ended the day with a score of 6/93.

Red Caps roll over MDU

NERRENA'S score of 6/303 was out of reach for MDU.

Steve Arnup opened well for MDU, making 29 runs before he was bowled by Shem Murphy.

This was ultimately the top score of the day, with Troy Sinclair adding 18 runs and 13 runs contributed by Dylan Zuidema.

William Croatto led Nerrena's bowling efforts, taking 3/8.

Jaxon Checkley and Tyson Harris claimed two wickets each.

MDU played out 49 overs before it was bowled out 10/109, giving the win to the Red Caps.

OMK had the round 11 bye.

B GRADE, DIVISION 2

Imperials steamroll Glen Alvie

AN INCREDIBLE team effort from the Imperials batsmen devastated Glen Alvie on Saturday.

Glen Alvie was looking fairly comfortable after its innings, having made 10/224.

However, the Imperials came back to Leongatha's East Campus on Saturday with other plans.

Gary Sauvarin and Kristian Gray opened for the Imperials.

At 1/136, Gray was the first out after he was dismissed LBW by Wayne Luke with 65 runs.

Sauvarin made the top score of 86 runs before he was caught by Glenn Moore off the bowling of Daniel Gilbert.

Captain Samuel Vagg was the only other batsman dismissed – his wicket also claimed by Gilbert – but not before he had made another 50 runs.

Francois Botha and Lucas Anderson saw out the innings, making nine and one not out.

The Imperials had passed Glen Alvie's score, finishing the day with 3/225.

Nyora knocks off Cougars, shakes up ladder

A LOSS for Koonwarra L/RSL resulted in a shuffle at the top of the ladder.

Leongatha Town has crept to the top by a slight percentage after the Cougars were outplayed by Nyora on the weekend.

Koonwarra L/RSL had reached a total of 10/231 the following week and Nyora was up to the challenge.

The opening partnership of Colin and Jordan Knox made 41 and 39 runs respectively before both had their wickets claimed by Nick Arnup.

Jarrod Shields top-scored for Nyora with 60 runs before his wicket was taken by Spencer Chadwick.

Captain Keith Linford finished off the innings with 28 not out.

The overall effort resulted in a score of 6/235, handing Nyora the win.

Foster fires past Killy-Bass

FOSTER enjoyed a win over Kilkunda-Bass.

Kilkunda-Bass was out to defend its total of 10/181.

Playing at the Foster Cricket Ground, Foster lost its first three batsmen quickly, but Jack Gay and Neil Henry ensured the win would not slip away.

Gay and Henry made 69 and 59 not out respectively.

For Kilkunda-Bass, Ben Rookes had the best bowling figures with 3/35.

Alister McBride claimed the only other wicket.

After 47 overs, Foster was crowned the winner with a score of 4/184.

Leongatha Town had the round 11 bye.



Imperials' stalwart Kristian Gray scored a handy 65. C48_0525



A sliding effort by Glen Alvie's Andrew Brown was enough to stop another boundary. C46_0525



Andrew Brown sends one to the spectacular partnership of Gary Sauvarin and Kristian Gray. C51_0525

B GRADE

B GRADE

P-Island 2/159 d Korumburra 89 & 6/93

Phillip Island 1st INNINGS: K Lane 64, K Beaumont 59*, T Asurumuni 0, L Ferrari 24* Bowling: L Dole 2/68, H Jefferis 0/25, G Edwards 0/42, N Belvedere 0/22
Korumburra 2nd INNINGS: T M Allen 8, Z Barrett 11, L Dole 0, T Dole 11, P Richards 47*, N Belvedere 1, G Edwards 12, L Gallagher 2* Bowling: H Arceo 0/15, D Womersley 0/2, K Beaumont 2/12, T Allan 3/26, K Lane 1/18, A Williams 0/18

Nerrena 6/303 d MDU 109

MDU 1st INNINGS: S Arnup 29, T Zukovskis 6, T Sinclair 18, J Bright 4, C McCaughan 1, D Zuidema 13, D Field 9, K Sinclair 5, A Dyke 8*, R Prosser 1, A Richardson 2 Bowling: W Croatto 3/8, C Dougherty 1/29, J Checkley 2/17, M Croatto 1/14, T Harris 2/17, S Murphy 1/16

Club 2/205 d Inverloch 8/204

Club 1st INNINGS: K Allison 39*, D Britt 113, L Mclean 29, J O'Reilly 4* Bowling: I Seuren 1/31, L Cole 0/7, J Richardson 0/56, C O'Flynn 0/18, D Clark 0/28, W Taberner 0/27, D Cashin 0/10, A Terlich 0/8, B Debono 1/13

OMK – BYE

B GRADE

Nyora 6/235 d Koonwarra L/RSL 231

Nyora 1st INNINGS: C Knox 41, J Knox 39, D Esler 22, M Lynch 19, J Shields 60, K Lindord 28*, R White 4, S Henry 4* Bowling: G Boxall 1/159, N Arnup 2/55, B Thomas 1/29, C Riseley 0/42, S Chadwick 2/23, W Cashin 0/16

Imperials 3/225 d Glen Alvie 224

Imperials 1st INNINGS: G Sauvarin 86, K Gray 65, S Vagg 50, F Botha 9*, L Anderson 1* Bowling: L McRae 0/20, W Luke 1/36, D Gilbert 2/47, D Hale 0/25, W Simmons 0/28, T Bals 0/28, A Brown 0/20, N Brown 0/13

Foster 4/184 d Kilkunda Bass 181

Foster 1st INNINGS: J Pilkington 12, B Bsuttil 1, T Garvey 10, J Gay 69*, B Davy 13, N Henry 59* Bowling: B Rookes 3/35, A Bedford 0/25, A McBride 1/32, A Leighton 0/22, J Papworth 0/34, Z Crow 0/26

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 B1: David Britt (Club) 113 ; William Croatto (Nerrena) 3/8
 B2: Gary Sauvarin (Imperials) 86 ; Ben Rookes (Kilcunda-Bass) 3/35
 C1: Russ White (OMK) 105* ; Michael Cleary (Phillip Island) 4/21
 C2: David Hynes (Glen Alvie) 132* ; Keiran Brown (MDU) 3/31

LADDERS

RD 11

Team	Points	%	Team	Points	%
A GRADE, Division 1					
Nerrena	108	2.232	Inverloch	90	1.440
Club	90	1.552	Nyora	90	1.282
Phillip Island	78	1.596	MDU	66	1.012
OMK	78	1.180	Kilcunda-Bass	66	0.750
Town	60	0.670	Foster	54	0.955
Korumburra	54	0.930	Glen Alvie	30	0.702
Imperials	50	0.722			
Koonwarra L/RSL	18	0.384			
B GRADE, Division 1					
Club	90	1.205	Town	84	1.287
Nerrena	84	2.459	Koonwarra L/RSL	84	1.228
Phillip Island	78	1.827	Imperials	66	1.325
OMK	48	1.085	Foster	66	0.854
Inverloch	42	0.668	Nyora	48	1.342
Korumburra	30	0.535	Glen Alvie	30	0.723
MDU	24	0.407	Kilcunda-Bass	18	0.617

LADDERS

RD 8

Team	Points	%	Team	Points	%
C GRADE, Division 1					
OMK	72	1.987	Inverloch	66	1.819
Nerrena	54	1.899	Phillip Island	54	2.787
Korumburra	54	1.310	MDU	54	1.106
Club	54	1.212	Glen Alvie	36	0.770
Kilcunda-Bass	30	0.942	Koonwarra L/RSL	30	0.600
Phillip Island	18	0.583	Nyora	30	0.586
Town	6	0.197	OMK	18	0.634

NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES & UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

ROUND 12 (DAY 1) - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

A GRADE, Division 1

P-Island v Koon L/RSL	Cowes	Glenn Plymin
OMK v Club	Outtrim	Brad Phillips
Imperials v Town	East Campus	Warren Williams
Nerrena v Korumburra	Leongatha Turf	Ashleigh Stride

A Grade, Division 2

Glen Alvie v MDU	Wonthaggi Turf	Michael Thomas
Nyora v Kilcunda-Bass	Nyora	Graham Wightman
Foster v Inverloch	Foster GC	Shane Moore

B GRADE, Division 1

Inverloch v OMK	Inverloch Turf	Les White
MDU v Phillip Island	Meenyan	Ian Salmon
Korumburra v Nerrena	Korumburra	Steve Williamson
Club - BYE		

B GRADE, Division 2

Kilcunda-Bass v Nyora	Bass 1	Neil Graham
Town v Imperials	Scorpion Park 1	Geoffrey Parkinson
Koon L/RSL v Foster	Koonwarra	Tyson Tootel
Glen Alvie - BYE		

ROUND 9 - SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

C GRADE, Division 1

Club v Town	McMahon	Noel Grayden
Korumburra v K-Bass	Poowong	TBA
OMK v Nerrena	Digger Park	Ken Scrimshaw
Phillip Island - BYE		

C GRADE, Division 2

MDU v OMK	Dumbalk	TBA
Inverloch v Nyora	Inverloch	TBA
Glen Alvie v P-Island	Glen Alvie	TBA
Koonwarra L/RSL - BYE		

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Despite the close attention Clayton Quaife scored 59 runs for OMK to lead his team to victory. C31_0525

Club makes a comeback

A GRADE, DIVISION 1

Klayton McGrath off the bowling of Wright for 10 runs.

Mitch and Ryan Thomas made 34 and 22 runs respectively, and Britt secured the points with 31 not out.

Wright claimed two wickets and one wicket was taken by Ginnane.

In an impressive effort, Club won the game with a score of 3/104.

Island's twin tons too much for Burra

KORUMBURRA was no match for the might of Phillip Island.

On day one, Phillip Island recorded two tons, which resulted in a handy total of 4/346.

Korumburra took on the challenge and played out its innings on Saturday.

Mustafa Nader opened well, making 40 runs.

Andy Millar, Tom Crocker and captain Ben Spicer were quickly dismissed at the hands of Phillip Island bowlers Max Royal and Timothy Niven.

They made nine, a duck and six runs respectively.

Their dismissals saw Rumesh Rangana and later Jason Richards step up to the crease, who contributed another 30 and 40 runs to increase Korumburra's final total.

Royal was one of Phillip Island's top bowlers for the day, claiming 4/41.

The other was Zac Brown, who took 4/21, wiping out the bottom of Korumburra's batting order.

In the 55th over, Korumburra conceded defeat and was bowled out 10/162.

Nerrena caps off victory

NERRENA went into day two of its A1 match against Koonwarra L/RSL with its eye on the Cougar's score of 10/113.

At the end of day one, Nerrena had made 2/60.

Picking up where he left off, Tadgh McGannon put 28 runs on Nerrena's scoreboard.

Thomas Cameron later led the Red Caps to victory when he made 59 runs, alongside Mitchell Clark who contributed 27 not out.

Joshua Thomas was Koonwarra L/RSL's stand-out bowler, taking 2/31.

Single wickets were shared between Matt Cooke, Jason Kennedy and James Rushton.

Nerrena declared with a score of 5/153 in the 50th over, sending Koonwarra L/RSL in for a second innings.

Koonwarra L/RSL was slow to add runs to the board as Timothy Wightman took out the batting order.

Wightman's bowling figures for the day were 5/44.

Kennedy top-scored for the Cougars with 35 not out and Cooke contributed a further 18 runs.

Koonwarra L/RSL had a score of 7/105 at stumps.

OMK cruises past Town

OMK overpowered Leongatha Town on Saturday.

Town was previously bowled out 10/116 and OMK resumed its innings from 3/58.

Clayton Quaife was the star batsman for OMK, top-scoring with 59 runs.

OMK's comfortable score was assisted by Koby Brann and Jacob Lamers making 46 and 40 runs respectively.

Town bowler Rhett Hume did what he could to slow OMK, taking 3/26.

Jack Hume and Buwaneka Wakishta claimed two wickets each.

In the end, the game belonged to OMK, which finished up with a score of 10/240.

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A GRADE

DIVISION 1

OMK 240 d Town 116

OMK – 1st INNINGS	
Ryan Williams lbw: R Hume	8
Zavier Lamers c: J Giardina b: J Hume	16
Jake Cochrane c: R Abeysinghe b: J Hume	8
Ethan Lamers c: Jack Hume b: DLMP Gallage	21
Clayton Quaife c: B De saram b: B Wakishta	59
Koby Brann c: R Abeysinghe b: R Hume	46
Noel Creed b: R Hume	12
Jacob Lamers c: R Hume b: E Smith	40
Paul Fermanis b: B Wakishta	0
Peter Dell c: J Giardina b: A Fixter	14
Ben Maguire not out	4*
Extras (1w, 3nb, 4lb, 4b)	12
Total 10 / 240 (67.4 Overs)	

Bowling: J Hume 17-7-40-2, R Hume 10-3-26-3, M Madusanka 12-7-27-0, E Smith 5.4-0-35-1 (1w), DLMP Gallage 7-2-19-1, B Wakishta 4-2-15-2 (2nb), R Abeysinghe 2-1-10-0, B De saram 4-0-8-0, S Clark 3-0-24-0, A Fixter 2-0-19-1 (1nb), J Giardina 1-0-9-0

Phillip Island 4/346 d Korumburra 162

Korumburra – 1st INNINGS

Andy Millar c: C Epifano b: M Royal	9
Mustafa Nader c: D Mock b: T Niven	40
Tom Crocker c&b: T Niven	0
Ben Spicer c: B Johnston b: M Royal	6
Rumesh Rangana c: T Niven b: M Royal	30
Jason Richards c: D Mock b: M Royal	40
Matthew Allen b: Z Brown	17
GSA Mudalige c: T Niven b: Z Brown	6
James Dunn c: H Womersley b: Z Brown	1
Caleb Turton b: Z Brown	4
Aaron Damon not out	1*
Extras (1w, 2lb, 5b)	8
Total 10 / 162 (54.3 Overs)	

Bowling: G McCausland 9-3-40-0, T Niven 9-4-20-2, M Royal 14-4-41-4, J Williams 4-0-24-0 (1w), Z Brown 14.3-6-21-4, H Womersley 4-1-9-0

Club 72 & 3/104 d Imperials 94 & 81

Club – 1st INNINGS

Mitch Thomas c: C Reid b: I Bolge	2
Alexander Geyer lbw: L Wright	7
Joel Brann c: N Eddy b: L Wright	0
Harry West c: J Ginnane b: I Bolge	0
Stewart Beaumont c: K Maskell b: L Wright	19
Ryan Thomas b: L Wright	1
Gavin Britt c: K McGrath b: I Bolge	17
Fraser West c: L Rogers b: L Wright	5
James Sheerin b: A Williams	4
Jack Sheerin not out	6*
Mark McCall b: L Wright	7
Extras (3lb, 1b)	4
Total 10 / 72 (40.4 Overs)	

Bowling: L Wright 20.4-8-40-6, I Bolge 16-6-24-3, T Sauvarin 2-1-0, A Williams 2-1-3-1

Imperials – 2nd INNINGS

Campbell Reid c: R Thomas b: J Brann	1
Kane Maskell c: S Beaumont b: J Brann	1
Aydan Williams b: J Sheerin	2
Nick Eddy b: J Brann	34
Jack Ginnane lbw: S Beaumont	12
Rowen McLennan c: J Brann b: J Sheerin	1
Luke Rogers c: ? b: M McCall	14
Lachie Wright not out	6*
Klayton McGrath c: A Geyer b: M McCall	2
Archie Casey c: S Beaumont b: M McCall	0
Isaac Bolge c: F West b: M McCall	0
Extras (8lb)	8
Total 10 / 81 (41 Overs)	

Bowling: F West 4-0-11-0, Joel Brann 11-6-25-3, J Sheerin 4-3-30-2, R Thomas 4-3-1-0, S Beaumont 5-4-1-1, M McCall 4-1-5-4

Club – 2nd INNINGS

Mitch Thomas c: K Maskell b: L Wright	34
Joel Brann c: K McGrath b: L Wright	10
Ryan Thomas c: ? b: J Ginnane	22
Gavin Britt not out	31*
Fraser West not out	3*
Extras (1w, 1lb, 2b)	4
Total 3 / 104 (11.2 Overs)	

Bowling: L Wright 5-0-49-2, I Bolge 1-0-8-0,

A Williams 4.2-0-39-0 (1w), Jack Ginnane 1-0-5-1

Nerrena 5/153 d Koon L/RSL 113 & 7/105

Nerrena – 1st INNINGS

Jack Curtis c: J Rushton b: J Thomas	3
Kade Berryman lbw: M Cooke	8
Tadgh Gannon c: K Scrimshaw b: J Thomas	28
Hayden Funnell b: J Kennedy	18
Thomas Cameron b: J Rushton	59
Mitchell Clark not out	27*
Timothy Wightman not out	0*
Extras (4w, 5nb, 1lb)	10
Total 5 / 153 (49.3 Overs)	

Bowling: J Thomas 12-1-31-2 (3nb), B Smith 2-0-8-0 (4w), M Cooke 10-2-16-1, J Kennedy 14-2-33-1 (1nb), C Buckland 4-0-24-0, J Rushton 5.3-1-16-1, I Darshana 2-0-24-0 (1nb)

Koonwarra L/RSL – 2nd INNINGS

Anthony Hunt c: D Berryman b: J Hoy	2
Mitchell Scrimshaw c&b: M Clark	7
Isuru Darshana c: ? b: T Wightman	6
Kayden Scrimshaw lbw: T Wightman	14
Callum Buckland b: T Wightman	4
James Rushton c: J Hoy b: T Wightman	8
Jason Kennedy not out	35*
Matt Cooke c: J Hoy b: T Wightman	18
Harry Scrimshaw not out	9*
Extras (2nb)	2
Total 7 / 105 (46 Overs)	

Bowling: J Trease 7-2-8-0, J Hoy 10-2-19-1 (1nb), T Wightman 18-3-44-5, M Clark 7-1-30-1 (1nb), A Gannon 3-1-5-0, D Berryman 1-0-3-0



It's clean sailing for Le Page as he looks over his shoulder after swatting the ball. Le Page retired on a century in Saturday's scorching heat. C26_0525

Stingrays rise to the top of A2

A GRADE, DIVISION 2

INVERLOCH climbed its way to the top of the ladder after defeating Nyora on Saturday.

Playing at Inverloch's Thompson Reserve, the Stingrays were fired up to reach its target of 10/101, resuming its innings from 3/32.

Jake Dennerley set Inverloch on its path to victory with 18 runs before his wicket fell to Henry Dolphin.

Captain Dave Newman sealed the deal for Inverloch, making 30 not out.

For Nyora, wicket-taking was shared between Reece Cordeux, Dolphin and vice-captain Aidan Simmons with two each.

Inverloch won the match with a final score of 7/104.

The win saw Inverloch take Nyora's place on top of the A2 ladder by percentage.

A ton and not out for Le Page

FOSTER was unable to defend its score of 10/169 against a strong MDU side on Saturday.

MDU's attack on Foster was led by opening batsman Mark Le Page, who made his ton before he retired not out.

Aside from Le Page, MDU lost the top of its batting order in quick succession, but Wayne Prosser managed to turn it around.

Prosser added 55 runs to the tally and also retired



Richard Johnson delivers a clean ball to a concentrating Wayne Prosser, who joined Le Page retiring on 55 runs. C27_0525

not out.

An additional 27 runs from vice-captain Mitch McGrath ensured the game would go MDU's way.

For Foster, Michael Cooke was the star bowler, claiming 2/46.

Single wickets were taken by Eddie Smith, Ryan Jorgensen and Mitchell Allott.

MDU took the points with a score of 5/231.

Kilcunda-Bass crushes Glen Alvie

KILCUNDA-BASS enjoyed a convincing win over Glen Alvie.

Batting first, Kilcunda-Bass had made 10/271 on

day one.

Glen Alvie had a consistent start to its innings with Matthew Donohue and Matthew Dakin contributing 18 runs each, and Archie Moore and captain Ben McRae making 10 runs each.

Unfortunately, Glen Alvie had very few opportunities to hit the scoreboard from there on out.

Wicket-taking was shared between Kilcunda-Bass bowlers Todd Smith, Brad Wright and Robert Wallace, taking two each.

In the 48th over, Glen Alvie was bowled out with a score of 10/81.

A GRADE

DIVISION 2

Inverloch 7/104 d Nyora 101

Inverloch – 1st INNINGS

Riley Harris c: M Cordeux b: H Dolphin	8
Kit Rottier c: A Thompson b: R Cordeux	13
Jack Butcher lbw: R Cordeux	0
Jacob Strickland c: R Cordeux b: M Cordeux	7
Jake Dennerley c: ? b: H Dolphin	18
Rhys Newman b: A Simmons	12
David Newman not out	30*
Ty Debono b: A Simmons	2
Jesse Dugard not out	8*
Extras (1nb, 2lb, 3b)	6
Total 7 / 104 (64 Overs)	

Bowling: A Kaddatz 13-3-20-0, R Cordeux 12-7-15-2, H Dolphin 17-8-18-2, M Cordeux 14-6-31-1, A Simmons 8-2-15-2 (1nb)

MDU 7/235 d Foster 169

MDU – 1st INNINGS

Paul Le Page retired not out	100
Tharindu Nuwan b: M Cooke	1

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Sharks lure in the kids

SMILES, laughter and frustration at times filled Tarwin Recreation Reserve on Saturday, February 1, as kids of all ages took to the field and courts for the Tarwin Sharks Family Day.

Not only was the event the perfect opportunity for families to catch up ahead of the forthcoming season, but it was a chance for those new to the area to suss out the club and say hi to not one, but three AFL stars, Xavier Lindsay (Melbourne), Kade Chandler (Melbourne) and Tom Hanly (Sydney).

Assisted by senior players, the junior squad in training ran through football drills on the recreation reserve before splitting up with some heading to the netball courts and others remaining on the football oval.

"It's early on in the piece, but we'd love to welcome new people to

the club," Club President Nick McRae smiled.

"It's a great opportunity to get the kids active and introduce them to football and netball, with drills running both on the football field and (later) on the netball courts."

The football drills were coordinated on the day by Gippsland Power's very own under 18 assistant coach, Craig McCaughan, who put the juniors through their paces with pushups, marks, tackles, kicks and more.

With plenty of space the Tarwin Sharks are looking forward to welcoming new families and individuals this season.

"Everyone is welcome to reach out whether for netball or football."

There would certainly have been a few stories at school yesterday, let's face it, it's not every day you get to take a specky off Lindsay's back!

See more photos inside of all the action.



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