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- Corio Generation unveils plans for huge Inverloch windfarm

THE threat posed by the development of a huge offshore wind farm, as close as 10 kilometres from the coast at Inverloch, has not gone away.

The local community, including representatives of the South Gippsland-based lobby group, Responsible Renewables, heaved a sigh of relief on December 19 last year, when the Minister for Climate Change and Energy Chris Bowen declared a 15,000 square kilometre area, in three

zones, east of Wilsons Promontory, as suitable for offshore wind development.

At the same time, he declared that turbines would be placed no closer than 10km from the shoreline, previously 5km, anywhere along the Gippsland coast.

However, while he stopped short of declaring proposed development zones between Wilsons Promontory and Phillip Island as part of the ambitious rollout of renewable energy, he didn't rule it out.

"The area that I am declaring today will start 10 kilometres from the shore, not five kilometres as we previously consulted on, taking into account community feedback," said Minister Bowen at the time.

"Also, I am declaring the area east of Wilsons Promontory, not the area west of Wilsons Promontory today, in response to community concerns, environmental concerns and feedback."

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"I look forward very much to working with Lily (D'Ambrosio) and the Victorian Government to further consider that area west of Wilsons Promontory over the coming 12 months to see if those community concerns can be dealt with and those environmental concerns can be dealt with."

So, consideration of development areas offshore from South Gippsland and Bass Coast is still very much a live issue.

This was confirmed last Thursday, February 2, by representatives of Corio Generation, a company owned by the \$150 billion Macquarie Group, when they attended a public information session in Inverloch to answer questions about their Great Southern Offshore Wind project.

"I can be very clear, we are not proposing a project that is offshore from the Prom or Waratah Bay... we are looking at a Bass Coast site and our preferred location is off Inverloch," said Development Director for the Corio project, Penny Pickett.

They outlined plans for a 1.5 gigawatt, fixed-bottom windfarm, of upwards of 100 turbines, each of them 360 metres high, along the Bass Coast, preferably off Inverloch.

Ms Pickett confirmed that water depths of up to 60 metres could be considered, but no closer than 10km from the shore, prompting a question from Inverloch resident, Chris Howard.

"We've heard that you are looking at a reef location, directly off Inverloch, 30 metres deep, as being your preferred location. Is that true?" asked Mr Howard.

"I couldn't say," Mr Pickett said.

According to a spokesperson for Responsible Renewables, Chelsea Taylor, such a location would make the turbines clearly visible from the Inverloch Surf Beach.

"Absolutely, we will see them without any problem at all. If you put them into context with our local windfarm at Bald Hills, those turbines are 120 metres tall and we can see them from many, many miles away," said Ms Taylor.

"If we have 360-metre-high turbines in the ocean, 10 kilometres offshore, we're going to know about it, not to mention all the environmental



Representatives of Corio Generation fielded some pointed questions about their plans to develop a 100-turbine windfarm off the coast of Inverloch at a community consultation session in the town last Thursday.

considerations as well."

Ms Taylor said her group was perplexed to understand why Corio was out spruiking its proposal at Inverloch when the government hadn't even declared any development zones along the Bass Coast and South Gippsland coast, that these would still be under consideration for the remainder of 2023.

"I asked that question of the advisors that are here representing Corio today, the company associated with Macquarie Bank, and they advised me that it's up to the proponents to take the risk on of potentially lobbying the government to have these areas included."

Ms Taylor said that only a small amount of information was available about the Macquarie Bank proposal but noted that it was particularly concerning that they were considering a Bass Coast project ahead of any approval of development areas by government.

The decision by Corio to rule out locating their windfarm near the Prom or Waratah Bay is in line with statements by Minister Bowen in December last year.

Speaking on Gippsland ABC Radio, Minister Bowen said: "I've taken out that area west of Wilsons Promontory around

Waratah Bay, et cetera. I've just removed that area in total. That's the big change.

"So, basically all the area that was around that Waratah Bay, Wilsons Promontory area is out. There is an area which is much, much further out, about 40 kilometres out from that area, which remains in. And that was based on two things, community concern about visual amenity around that beautiful Wilsons Prom area, and also, we've still got work to do on the orange bellied parrot which may fly through that area."

Asked if she thought the Corio project, and how far it was advanced, would come as a surprise to many in Inverloch, Ms Taylor agreed.

"From what I can tell from my discussion with other community members is that there is a complete lack of awareness regarding what these proposals potentially mean and what they will look like from a visual perspective along the coast at Inverloch and the rest of Bass Coast and what the impact will be on the marine environment, where they will bring this facility on shore, how that will march over our land terms of connecting to the grid.

"So, there are many, many unanswered questions right

now."

The issue of 'why Inverloch' was raised by another Responsible Renewables member Tim Leroy who put it to the Corio representatives that relatively shallow sites in Port Phillip Bay, with strong wind profiles, close to the grid represented far better propositions than deeper sites off Bass Coast with no connection to the grid.

The Corio representative said they weren't looking at Port Phillip Bay.

"You're simply picking on a small, rural community, knowing it will be easier to get it through than if you look on a more populated area where you would soon lose your social licence for a project like this," Mr Leroy said.

The community will get another opportunity to ask questions about the proposed Great Southern Offshore Wind project at Wonthaggi next Sunday, February when Corio sets up a stand at the Rotary Market in Apex Park at Wonthaggi from 8am to 1pm.

For further information go to: <https://www.coriogeneration.com/great-southern-offshore-wind-australia>

<https://www.facebook.com/responsible renewables>

Or view the YouTube video at <https://youtu.be/vUOT34114Po>

POLICE BRIEFS

Zero tolerance for anti-social behaviour

THERE is zero tolerance for anti-social behaviour, intoxication in public places and public order offending across South Gippsland and Bass Coast.

The warning comes as police and licensed venue premise employees have borne the brunt of poor behaviour over the holiday period.

"Poor behaviour will not be tolerated," Senior Sergeant Brad Steer stated.

"We encourage individuals to go out, have fun, but respect others and respect property."

Two individuals (a male and female) have been banned from licensed premises of late with both subject to additional criminal offences, and that is just two cases.

"Anyone intoxicated in a public place and anyone with open liquor in public will be charged. Likewise, public order and criminal behaviour offending will not be tolerated, and individuals will face charges.

"We are working with licensed premises and sporting clubs to educate people, but after 6-8 weeks of witnessing (and being the focus of) these anti-social behaviours increasing they will no longer be tolerated on any level anywhere across South Gippsland."

Pedestrian struck in Cowes

A 74-YEAR-OLD Cowes female is recovering after being stuck in a serious injury, low-speed collision in Cowes on February 5, at 3.20pm.

It's understood the female was struck after parking on Settlement Road and walking between vehicles by a turning car driven by a 69-year-old Cowes male driver.

Enquiries are pending and anyone with information contact Bass Coast Highway Patrol Leading Senior Constable Kylie Holmes on 5671 4100.

Young offender hands himself into police

IN AN unusual turn of events, a 21-year-old Wonthaggi man handed himself into Wonthaggi Police Station after committing a spate of offences on February 2 kicking off at 7.15pm.

The offender allegedly stole a dummy alien from a local licensed venue before being followed by venue staff who had been made aware of the incident.

The offender then hid behind bins on Billson Street, where the individual was confronted by the manager. The offender then allegedly proceeded to assault the male and smashing the alien. The offender moved to the rear of Billson Street whereby they smashed the alien again breaking off an arm, before presenting to Wonthaggi Police Station.

The male has been charged with theft, assault and criminal damage.

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SOUTH GIPPSLAND



TUE | Feb 7

Cloudy.

Wind AM: Light

Wind PM: Light

14° 21°



WED | Feb 8

Sunny.

Wind AM: Light

Wind PM: SE 15-20km/h

11° 25°



THUR | Feb 9

Partly cloudy.

Wind AM: E 15-20km/h

Wind PM: Light

15° 28°



FRI | Feb 10

Partly cloudy.

Wind AM: Light

Wind PM: Light

16° 28°



SAT | Feb 11

Partly cloudy.

Wind AM: N-E 15-20km/h

Wind PM: N-E 15-20km/h

15° 29°



SUN | Feb 12

Cloudy.

Wind AM: W-SW 15-25km/h

Wind PM: W-SW 15-25km/h

15° 24°

IN BRIEF

3mFM is updating its on-air name

SIMPLY put, 3mFM are one of the few remaining radio stations in the area to still have the Victorian designation "3" in their on air callsign.

The commercial radio stations have all gone to a name that represents their image or have dropped the number. Smooth FM Sydney is actually 2PTV. The ABC is no longer 3LO / 3AR / 3GL they use Radio National, ABC Radio Melbourne, ABC Gippsland etc. South Coast FM represents the "South" of South Gippsland and the "Coast" of Bass Coast Councils.

When? The station is to become South Coast FM at midnight on Saturday, February 11, 2023.

Make sure you listen to hear how the new station name sounds on air!

Pub ceiling fell in after deluge

THE roof and ceiling of the Fish Creek Hotel simply couldn't cope recently when more than an inch and a half, over 40ml of rain fell in 10 minutes.

However, while service in the pub's bistro was interrupted for the day, there's no indication they stopped drinking in the public bar.

The tropical weather of last week also produced a meteorological phenomenon on Monday when a waterspout was photographed moving from Inverloch inland.

Change to permanent water saving rules

WESTERNPORT WATER has revoked Water Restriction By-law 105 and replaced it with Water Restriction By-law 106. According to Westernport Water, the new Model Water Restriction By-law is the same as the previous with two minor additions.

The first of the two additions relates to Part B – Schedule

of Restrictions Category 6, which 'encourage(s) the use of alternative water sources (such as recycled water) for dust suppression under all stages of restriction where it is practical, safe and reasonable to do so. The existing By-law only encourages the use of alternative sources under stage 4 restrictions.'

The second addition relates to 'Category 3 – Using Supplied drinking water in Swimming Pools and Toys'. According to Westernport Water's website, 'require residential and commercial pool and spa owners under stage 4 restrictions to submit a Water Use Plan if topping them up with anything other than a bucket or watering can. The existing By-law only allows top ups using a bucket or watering can under stage 4 restrictions.'

The change will encourage pool and spa owners to consider water efficient practices, such as using a cover, to help conserve water during restrictions.'

The 'Schedule of Restrictions' also outlines in more detail each of the four stages – including, Alert, Save, Just Enough and Critical across each of the eight 'Category of water use'.

The purpose of these changes is to promote the efficient use and conservation of water. For more details including the Permanent Water Saving Rules currently in place visit westernportwater.com.au/pws-rules

Customers and stakeholders are invited to an online public forum to discuss Westernport Water's 2023 water price review on Thursday February 16 at 1pm.

Hosted by the Essential Services Commission (ESC), the event is an opportunity to hear about the ESC's assessment and draft decision of their price submission ahead of a final decision expected in May 2023.

Westernport Water's price submission was fast-tracked for early draft approval based on the quality of their submission and the customer value that it represents.

1:00pm: Introduction to the ESC's role in price regulation by Essential Services Commission Commissioner Sitesh Bhojani

1:10pm: How the ESC assessed the price submission and their draft decision by Dean Wickenton, Senior Regulatory Manager, Essential Services Commission

1:25pm: Westernport Water's response to the ESC's draft decision by Westernport Water

1:35am: Opportunity for questions from participants Register at bit.ly/3JvfQOr
Can't attend but have feedback? You can have your say anytime at Engage Victoria. A recording of the forum will be available on the ESC website after the event.

Kona hits tree

A HYUNDAI Kona travelling along Yarragon Rd, Leongatha (heading towards Mirboo North) at 10.30am impacted head on with a tree on the nature strip in front of Saputo on February 2. The female single occupant driver was conveyed to hospital with minor injuries. The vehicle sustained major/irreparable damage. No other vehicles or persons involved.

Police are still investigating the collision and anyone with information please contact Bass Coast Highway on 5671 4100 or Crimestoppers.

EPA blitz in Cowes industrial estates

EPA Gippsland Region authorised officers will be conducting inspections in Cowes industrial precincts as part of a state-wide blitz to ensure businesses are meeting their responsibilities.

The General Environmental Duties (GED) requires that all Victorian's do everything reasonably practicable to minimise the risk of harm to human health and the environment from pollution and waste.

The Environment Protection Act 2017 makes it clear that it's everyone's job to act to protect the environment and EPA is working to generate a greater understanding of that responsibility.

Before EPA unexpectedly arrive at your business, make sure you are doing the right thing by visiting [For business | Environment Protection Authority Victoria \(epa.vic.gov.au\)](http://business.epa.vic.gov.au)

Know your school zones

POLICE want to remind motorists of their obligations around school zones with the return of schools. Police will be patrolling school crossings and enforcing speeding offences throughout Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

Single-use plastics in the bin

VICTORIA'S single-use plastic ban came into effect as of February 1, 2023.

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Too high or not too high, that is the question

BEST man on the ground at the week-long Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) hearing into an application for a 42-unit, four-storey residential hotel at Inverloch, was the developer's legal counsel, Dominic Scally, a principal at Best Hooper Lawyers.

Mr Scally presented his client's case clearly and addressed the other side's arguments with the precision of a trial lawyer.

And he injected notes of humour and sarcasm in equal measure, at one stage accusing his opposite number, Barnaby McIlrath, for the South Gippsland Conservation Society, of "chasing another rabbit down a hole" over whether or not the venue would have a liquor licence.

"No application has been sought to sell liquor. It's not relevant to the proposal," he said.

It didn't hurt that Mr Scally praised the South Gippsland Sentinel-Times during proceedings for "getting it right" when reporting his own claims that the campaign against the project by the conservation group had been "an appalling disgrace".

But it was the calm, careful presentation by the Responsible Authority's lawyer, Maria Marshall, a partner at Maddocks, especially her cross-examination of the developer's expert witness, Tim McBride-Burgess, that may have won the day.

Only time will tell.

Representing the Bass Coast Shire Council, Ms Marshall focussed her attention on the key point of the shire's case, that the proposed foreshore building is simply too high at 14.2 metres, 4.7 metres above the maximum height in the shire's Design and Development Overlay Schedule 10 (DDO10), uniquely applying to the old Inverloch Marine site.

"Is it important to have regard to the DDO10 as it only relates to a specific site? Do you think you should have had regard to that?" Ms Marshall asked the Forte Group's planning expert.



Opponents of the proposed four-storey residential hotel at Inverloch have cried 'foul' over the use of wide-angle or 'fisheye' photos which they allege have skewed the likely impact of the foreshore development.

Mr McBride-Burgess said the DDO10 was relevant but so was the fact that in surrounding residential areas (GRZ), 11 metres had been allowed.

He said the earlier planning panel did not have this new project in front of them when they recommended a 9.5 metre height limit, and he said it was reasonable for a key development site to deliver a building that was at least the height achievable in nearby residential areas.

"But I put it to you that you can't absolutely say that if you can go higher in a residential area, that it would automatically carry over into a Mixed Use Zone or a Commercial Zone, can you?" Ms Marshall said.

"No," said Mr McBride-Burgess, noting however that the proposed building was below the tree height and its impact was reduced by the design of the "nautical" design of building and setbacks.

Ms Marshall used case law

to argue that "special circumstances" needed to exist if the height limit of 9.5 metres was to be exceeded and Mr McBride-Burgess had to agree with the shire's advocate that no special "social utility" had been demonstrated or that there was anything "atypically excellent" about the building's architecture or urban design.

At the time the C124 amendment to the planning scheme was introduced, the independent planning said: "The Panel accepts that the site is a key site in the town centre and that any development of it should be carefully managed given its abutment to the foreshore reserve. The application of a mandatory 9.5 metre height limit is considered appropriate at this location."

The only chink in the shire's height argument is that the height limit would only be considered "explicitly mandatory" if the planning schedule carried the words: "A permit cannot be granted

to construct a building or construct or carry out works which are in accordance with any requirements in a schedule to this overlay."

It doesn't.

So, while the shire mounted a strong argument that the residential hotel be limited to three storeys of 9.5 metres, it remains open to the VCAT panel to agree with Mr Scally and the Forte Group that it has been designed in the context of its foreshore location and within the scope of the shire's design controls and the realm of its planning scheme.

The VCAT panel, headed by Senior Member Laurie Hewet, will visit the site this coming week ahead of handing down its decision which the local conservation society argues will have far-reaching implications for future development in the town, not to mention dominating The Glade community park, the CBD and the foreshore.

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POLICE ROUNDS

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January 13: Police are continuing to appeal for information following an altercation near a licensed premises on The Esplanade, Cowes around 11.30pm. Investigators have been told that a confrontation between three men occurred out the front of the premises, during which a knife was produced. Police have released images of a man, believed to frequent the Box Hill area, who they believe may be able to assist with their enquiries. Images can be found on Facebook: Eyewatch – Bass Coast Police Service Area.

January 28: A red coloured motor-bike is on the run after a petrol drive off at BP Wonthaggi at 5.13pm. The offender kept their helmet on for the duration of filling up and took off thereafter. Investigations ongoing.

January 28-30: Burglars forced their way into a shed to the rear of a laundry on Bass Avenue in Cowes. Three whipper snippers, a hedge trimmer, blower and lawn mower were stolen. Investigations ongoing.

January 29-30: Offenders broke into a locked car in front of a house on Kingston Avenue in North Wonthaggi where they proceeded to steal cash and sunglasses between 9pm and 8am. Investigations ongoing. Contact Wonthaggi Police Station.

January 30-31: Between 3pm and 9.10am two number plates were stolen from a black Volkswagen Golf at the Kilcunda Car Park. Investigations ongoing.

January 31: Between 4am and 1pm a trailer at Corinella Boat Ramp had the valves cut on all four tyres. The trailer was connected to a vehicle whilst the victim was on the water. San Remo Police Station: 5678 5500.

February 1: An offender wearing light coloured clothing under a black jacket is wanted after attempting to burgle two businesses on McBride Avenue around 5.30am. At the first venue the offender forced through a rear locked door and stole cash. The offender was unsuccessful at the second business targeted unable to gain access. Investigations ongoing.

February 5: At 11.20am a car utilising stolen number plates has filled up with fuel at Endeavour in Grantville and failed to pay. The number plates were stolen a short time earlier from a car parked at the Grantville Boat Ramp. Investigations ongoing. San Remo Police Station: 5678 5500.

February 5-6: A 2018 grey Isuzu DC Ute has been stolen overnight from the Outtrim area. The Ute has a silver toolbox on the tray.

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Two vehicle collision in Tarwin Lower

INVERLOCH-Venus Bay Road reopened just after 9pm on January 31 after a car collided with a truck near the intersection of Sparks Road around 4pm.

It is understood the car crossed double white lines and collided with the truck, causing the 44-year-old Leongatha South truck driver to lose control, with the vehicle running off the road and rolling onto its side as it went through the drain.

The car speared off the road into a tree whereby the 40-year-old female driver from Tarwin Lower was trapped.

Multiple emergency services attended the scene including paramedics, Bass Coast Highway Patrol, Fish Creek CFA, Pound Creek CFA and Tarwin Lower CFA, who were able to cut the female from the vehicle.

The woman was airlifted to Royal Melbourne Hospital in a stable condition with upper and lower body injuries. The truck driver was taken by road to a local hospital for observations in a stable condition.

Opportunistic crime on the rise

POLICE are urging people to lock up. Police are also urging anyone who sees any suspicious behaviour to call 000 immediately, to not approach but obtain as much detail and particulars about the suspicious person or vehicle.

"There are ongoing investigations, and we are urging people to report any suspicious behaviour any time of the day," Senior Sergeant Brad Steer said.

From stolen chainsaws to farm machinery, vehicles and home burglaries, Police are concerned by the spike in recent crimes, which is occurring at all hours of the day.

Families desperate for more childcare



New arrivals at the Phillip Island Early Learning Centre's 3-year-old kinder program open some great, healthy lunches under the supervision of early childhood educator Denise Szutta during back-to-school week last week.

THERE are 216 families on the Phillip Island Early Learning Centre's waiting list.

For a centre that has 250 families enrolled, 34 staff and as many as 176 children, aged six weeks to six years, under the roof at any one time, that's a lot.

But they're not on their own.

Childcare centres across the region, across Australia, are in the same boat.

At the Karmai Community Children's Centre in Korumburra, built in 2017, and already expanded twice, they have a waiting list of 130 families.

The 8 per cent increase in fees last year, with more hikes on the way, is an issue but simply finding a place in childcare, afterschool care, 3-year-old or 4-year-old kinder near where you live or work, at the right time, is a nightmare for many.

At Cowes, they are doing what they can, says campus principal Rod McKenzie, with the school community paying for two extra buildings to be constructed on the site to boost capacity at the main centre.

"We're already the biggest early childhood centre in Gippsland. It's an indication of how this area is growing," says Mr McKenzie, indicating the site could handle more kids with more facilities.

But the shortage of places and rising fees isn't even the biggest problem.

The biggest issue is not having enough early childhood educators to fill all the shifts.

So, essentially, some centres can't accept the kids they're allowed to take because they simply don't have the staff.

And it's not unusual for a centre to call a parent at work and ask them to come in and pick up their children early because they don't have anyone to fill the next shift, or can't reach the required staff-to-child ratio at a certain time.

Karmai Community Children's Centre presently has vacancies for Cert III and Diploma in Early Childhood Educators for their afternoon shift (2pm-6pm), for casual rotating shifts (6am-6pm) and their after-school program.

The centre has capacity for 120 children at the centre, an additional 35 in their after-school program and 44 in the before-school group.

They can even take Bachelor of Education undergraduates for the after-school program, where they are all school-age kids.

But, again, the story of staff vacancies is the same all over.

The State Government is responding this year with a range of measures, including offering free TAFE and vocational education and training for applicants from the start of January 2023.

Funding for additional centres and the implementation of free kinder for 3-year-olds and 4-year-olds are other initiatives, but it doesn't solve the staff crisis.

The State Government is hosting an education conference at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre on Wednesday, February 15 that is expected to shed some light on the problems. The conference is also available online from 9am to 5pm.



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Island joy after lost dog is found

HAPPY days! The owners of a much-loved Rottweiler, Heidi, are ecstatic about the return of their pet, a full 31 days after the dog went missing.

Many business owners in Cowes, and elsewhere around Phillip Island, along with shoppers and residents were aware, from the large number of posters around the place, that Heidi had been missing.

She went astray from a holiday home in Walpole Street Cowes on New Year's Eve because of the fireworks, and despite desperate efforts by the family of the dog's owner, Matthew Scavo, they couldn't locate the dog.

Finally, after the family returned to Melbourne, the dog was located on a rural property on Pyramid Rock Road, reportedly in a poor condition.

"She's been to the vet and she's pretty skinny and a bit sick, but she'll recover. We're just happy to have her home," said Matthew.

Mr Scavo said his family was visiting South Australia at the time the dog escaped from his parents' Cowes home on New Year's Eve.

But he has highly praised the response from the local community.

"It's been phenomenal. I couldn't tell you how many people have contacted me with offers of help, all the way from San Remo to The Esplanade in Cowes and everywhere in between."

Staff at Subway in Cowes were typical of the local response.

"We've all been worried. It's great she's been returned," they said as one of the staff members took down the "Heidi missing" sign.

But Matt reserved his highest praise for the Phillip Island farmer 'Peter' who found the dog.



Lost on Phillip Island for a month, Heidi, has been found and returned to its Melbourne owners.

Road works underway in Bass

ROAD safety improvements are underway at the intersection of Soldiers Road and Agar Road in Bass as part of Local Road Safety Improvement Program.

Sight-line improvement works will commence with tree removal/trimming followed by the replacement of fences, which are anticipated to be completed by mid-February.

Trimmer Tree is awarded for the tree removal/trimming works followed by fencing works by Jeffery Rural Fencing.

These works are carried out as part of council's adopted Capital Works Program 2022/23.

This is a carryover project funded by Council's Local Road Safety Improvement Program.

The total cost of this project is in the order of \$65,000.

Benefits for the community from the works include upgraded road safety at the intersection of Soldier and Agar Road, improved motorist's sight distances, and enhanced intersection lighting.

Business advice from the bus

THE Small Business Bus will be visiting Apex Park (10 Murray Street) Wonthaggi on Tuesday, February 7, from 10am to 4pm.

The Small Business Bus is a mobile service that offers free, one-to-one 45 minute financial counselling and business support sessions by an experienced business advisor.

It is a great opportunity for small business owners to receive tailored advice and support for their business.

To book your appointment, simply visit the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/small-business-bus-wonthaggi-tickets-487302132797>.

The service is offered on a first come, first served basis, so don't miss out on this opportunity to receive valuable support for your business.

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It's a question of no playing the anthem

THE Bass Coast Council might be expected to field a number of questions at next week's council meeting about why the playing of the national anthem wasn't part of the program for the Citizenship Ceremony at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club on Australia Day.

While a Phillip Island resident has alleged in his question to council that an official of the council insisted the anthem not be played, reportedly out of respect to First Nations' People, the Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association has also weighed in.

From the association's president Kevin Griffin: "The Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code advises the Australian national anthem (Advance Australia Fair) should be played. The failure of council to play the national anthem at the recent citizenship award ceremony should concern all councillors. What procedures will council put in place to ensure that such oversights are not repeated?"

Gippsland PHN releases climate change strategy

THE connection between climate change and health is the driver for Gippsland Primary Health Network's Gippsland Climate Change Adaption Strategy.

The paper endorses world, national, state and local climate change reports which argue the health impacts of climate change are "overwhelmingly negative" and that reducing emissions of greenhouse gases will improve health outcomes.

Gippsland PHN is offering grants of up to \$1000 to 22 Gippsland general practices to undertake an energy assessment which will allow them to measure their climate impacts and facilitate positive steps toward climate change mitigation.

Slow progress for housing needs

CALLS are being echoed locally for more housing following an alarming report which showed Victorians in desperate need of social housing are waiting far longer than the national average.

The Productivity Commission's Report on Government Services 2022 report, released in January, showed an average wait time of 17 months for 50 per cent of the greatest need households in Victoria.

The national average is six months.

The report also shows an increasing proportion of people accessing homelessness services are employed.

Another report, released by the Community Housing Industry Association (CHIA), revealed the areas suffering the most from housing stress.

The analysis by CHIA and the UNSW City Futures Research Centre based on census data has found 6 per cent of households in Melbourne and 5.7 per cent in regional Victoria, are not appropriately housed.

According to the data, for Bass Coast, the number of households with unmet needs (not being met by the housing market) was 1300, or 7.2 per cent as a proportion of all households.

Rental stress was identified as the top source of the unmet need at 68 per cent.

Projected need by 2041 showed that:

- No action – 1500 (estimate)
- Annual growth of current social housing required to meet need by 2041 - 9.1%
- Average annual new dwellings < 100



Recent reports have highlighted the dire need for more social housing in Bass Coast and the wider Gippsland region.

For South Gippsland, the unmet housing need was at 600, with the projected need by 2041 estimated at 700 (if no action taken).

For the Latrobe-Gippsland region, the number of households with unmet needs was estimated at 7300.

Big Housing Build

The State Government's \$5.3 billion Big Housing Build, an investment in social housing, had \$1.25 billion dedicated to regional Victoria.

Bass Coast had been allocated a 'minimum guarantee' of \$25M as part of the initiative.

A grant of \$3.6M was also announced last year, as part of the Social Housing Growth Fund.

This was to build up to 18 houses, providing social and affordable housing to respond to the increase in population, regional employment opportunities and community need.

Funding was to be provided to Community Housing Limited, Housing Choices Australia Limited and the Haven Foundation.

The new homes will be allocated to people who have applied for housing through the Victorian Housing Register.

Projects were expected to be commencing throughout 2023, as planning and other approvals are obtained.

According to Homes Victoria, six housing projects are underway in Bass Coast, with 36 new homes expected.

This has seen \$13.5M invested so far.

While in South Gippsland, three projects are underway.

Local sentiment

Following a council resolution during December 2021, the shire made available surplus road reserve land for the provision of social housing.

At the time, Community Housing Limited were progressing with two sites – the first at Ivor Street, Henry Street East, and Henry Street West, Wonthaggi North and the second at Wyndham Street and Roydon Street, Cowes.

Community Housing Limited

had submitted their application to Homes Victoria during mid-2022.

If successful, Community Housing Limited will further develop their proposal including consultation with Council and the community before submitting it to the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change for approval.

Jessica Harrison of Housing Matters highlighted the organisation has been eagerly waiting for an announcement that the two housing developments in Cowes and Wonthaggi are going ahead.

"However, as the situation worsens, no announcement has been made," she said.

"When the projects do go ahead, we hope local building workers will find employment there. But if any workers come from outside Bass Coast, they are unlikely to find a place to live. There is fierce competition when any rental accommodation becomes available."

"There needs to be a huge building program to provide public housing, after many years of chronic lack of investment by successive governments.

"The working poor are struggling while people on Jobseeker or a pension have no chance of paying market rents.

"Benefit payments have not increased substantially since the Howard years.

"Unless the local and state governments want tent encampments on the edges of towns and businesses collapsing due to lack of accommodation for staff, they had better act much more quickly than they have to date."



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Free Kinder is here!

Three- and Four-Year-Old Kinder is now free across Victoria at participating services — saving families up to \$2,500 per year per child.

Over the decade, we'll also transition Four-Year-Old Kinder into Pre-Prep to become a 30-hour a week program, and establish 50 Victorian Government-owned and affordable childcare centres.

Learn more at vic.gov.au/kinder

Korumburra community unites to support mental health

A CHARITY event will be held in Korumburra for Beyond Blue to honour the life of Rohan Treacy who sadly lost his battle against mental health earlier this year.

Organisers Molly Patten, Jack Gilchrist and Alma Morrison are working with Ben Fisher from The Middle Hotel and Trudy Cairns from the Austral Hotel.

All funds raised on the day will be donated directly to Beyond Blue, and they have already raised more than \$5500 just from social media.

The fundraiser, to be held on February 25, will be a whole day event at three separate venues with a range of activities for all ages to enjoy:

- The first event is a Beyond Blue Breaky at Pure Fitness Korumburra from 9am - 12pm where they will have a range of games and activities for everyone to join in including a jumping castle and face painting. They are looking for teams of six who are wanting to join in on this event - team members will take turns in 5 minute intervals and build up a sweat for a good cause! The entry fee for those wanting to participate is \$25 per person and all funds go directly to Beyond Blue. If you're not one for exercising, come along and support the teams, grab some breakfast and enjoy the morning.

- At 1pm, The Middle Hotel have a guest speaker to chat



Jack, Alma and Molly are seeking donations in the lead up to their charity event. ns050623

about mental health as well as a discounted lunch and a silent auction, plus a visit from Bluey for the kids. The Middle are donating half the cost of lunch to Beyond Blue so come on down, grab a bite to eat and support a good cause.

- Finishing at The Austral Hotel from 5pm onwards, Jack Patten will be shaving his beloved mullet for a good cause and there

will be a goods and services auction and raffle downstairs before they head upstairs to dance the night away to live music from Lionel Loves Vinyl and again, all proceeds on the night are going directly to Beyond Blue.

Donations for the event are also being sought such as goods, services, soft drinks and meat for a barbecue.

Organisers have donation

boxes available for business counters and they are happy to collect donations, or they can be dropped off at the gym (Pure Fitness).

For more information on the event or to make a donation, please visit:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/512714690847607>

<https://inmemory.beyondblue.org.au/rohantreacy>

Local beaches among top picnic spots

GOOGLE search data has revealed that searches for 'picnic areas near me' have grown by more than 5000% in the last 30 days in Australia.

Searches for 'picnic places near me' are also up 170%.

EveryPlate has revealed Australia's top 10 most popular picnic locations, which includes beaches in Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

By analysing tagged locations on Instagram, the rankings have revealed Australia's most popular picnic spot including Squeaky Beach (Wilsons Prom), Woolamai Surf Beach and Shack Bay (Inverloch).

History search starts here

THE Korumburra Historical Society usually meets at 7pm on the first Thursday of the month in their meeting rooms under the Korumburra Library.

Ultimately, they will be in the Korumburra Hub.

They do lots of interesting stuff and after a few changes in leadership, they're looking for new membership as well.

If you're interested in the history of the district or have a story of your own to tell or research, come along and get the benefit of collective knowledge.

The next meeting of the group is this Thursday, February 9 at 7pm. All welcome.

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To all those Unsinkable Guys out there -

You might think it's safe to have a few drinks around water, skip the lifejacket when you're out on the boat or go for a swim without checking the conditions.

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Council Meeting Dates for 2023

This month Council meetings resume for 2023. Attending a Council meeting provides a great opportunity to learn about projects and strategies that are proposed for South Gippsland, and to watch our Councillors discuss and vote upon important issues.

Council meetings can be attended in person or online. The livestream of the meeting can be viewed in real time or after the meeting has concluded, at a time that suits you.

The Council Meeting dates for 2023 were determined at Council Meeting 478 which was held on 14 December 2022.

The dates for 2023 are:

- Wednesday 15 February 2.00pm
- Wednesday 15 March 2.00pm
- Wednesday 19 April 2.00pm
- Wednesday 17 May 2.00pm
- Wednesday 28 June 2.00pm

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 15 February 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/
meeting-dates](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates)

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

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Please contact the Governance Team for questions about Council Meetings.

IMPOUNDED VEHICLES

Council impounded the following

- Wednesday 19 July 2.00pm
- Wednesday 16 August 2.00pm
- Wednesday 20 September 2.00pm
- Wednesday 18 October 2.00pm
- Wednesday 15 November 2.00pm
- Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor Wednesday 22 November 2.00pm
- Wednesday 13 December 2.00pm

Council Meetings are normally held on the third Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm in the Council Chambers, Leongatha.

If you have any questions about attending a Council meeting, please contact our Governance team on 5662 9200. Meeting agendas and minutes can be viewed at:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/
councilmeetings](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings)

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For enquiries, please contact Mez Manners, Local Laws Officer on **5662 9200** during office hours.

MEET THE MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR

Thursday 23 February at Council Chambers in Leongatha from 9.00am to 5.00pm for short, face-to-face chats. Booking are required to secure a 20-minute slot.

Please email:

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The interior of the new Korumburra Community Hub is well advanced.

Korumburra Hub advances

TENANTS of the Korumburra Community Hub are expected to begin moving in this April, with South Gippsland Shire Council forecasting the new facility will be fully open to the public by July.

The Hub will bring together a number of community services, with Korumburra Library, Milpara Community House (including Centrelink agency and Foodbank), Korumburra Senior Citizens Club, Medicare Services and Korumburra & District Historical Society all under one roof.

These community services are currently operating in infrastructure that is nearing the end of its serviceable life, with the library's present home to make way for a new IGA supermarket.

South Gippsland Shire Council will join the community organisations as a Hub tenant, establishing a customer service centre there.

External wall cladding, completion of masonry, services fit-off, painting, floor finishes and landscaping remain to complete Korumburra Community Hub and its surrounds.

Work thus far has consisted of completion of the structure and roof, solar installation, services rough-in, internal wall framing and lining, internal and external window frames and most of the glazing, and lift installation.



The impressive scale of the almost complete Leongatha Early Learning Centre facility can be clearly seen from above.

Leongatha set for childcare and kinder boost

LEONGATHA Early Learning Centre's building is nearing completion, with final finishes and painting taking place, and will soon help meet growing local demand for kindergarten and day care services.

Works are expected to conclude during March, with the facility set to begin operation in April.

Kindergarten, long day care and supported playgroup will all be accommodated at the Leongatha Early Learning Centre, with the spacious new building also set to host related family services.

At approximately 1095 square metres, the facility consists of four main day care/preschool rooms with shared amenities, allied health and associated staff and administration rooms, including a kitchen, laundry and

outdoor staff area.

Children using the centre will enjoy a large outdoor play space when the South Gippsland weather plays its part.

Measuring approximately 1500 square metres, the play space will consist of a mixture of nature-based elements and natural play structures designed to cater for varying age groups.

The adjoining Leongatha Children's Centre Incorporated will operate the Leongatha Early Learning Centre, having run a kindergarten and preschool since 2001, with councillors voting to approve that recommendation at their July 2022 meeting.

Leongatha Early Learning Centre was originally expected to open in 2022, with Mayor Nathan Hersey outlining reasons

for the delay in its completion at last December's council meeting.

"The construction of the facility has been significantly delayed by recent issues widespread in the construction industry such as material and labour shortages and poor weather conditions," mayor Nathan Hersey said in response to a question from a member of the public.

Delays were also previously acknowledged.

The centre's \$5 million budget was increased to \$5.325 million in 2021 following receipt of construction tenders, Cr Hersey stated at the December council meeting.

Council committed contributed just under \$3 million to the project with the remaining funds coming from the Victorian Government.

Korumburra Urgent Care Centre expands

GIPPSLAND South Health Service's (GSHS) Korumburra Urgent Care Centre has moved to a larger space as demand for the service hits record levels.

The centre has been relocated to the former theatre recovery area, effectively tripling its size.

GSHS Korumburra director of Nursing Tracey Edmonds said the new location was better able to cope with increasing demand.

"The new facility allows for more throughput and is a more comfortable, efficient and private environment for the community," Ms Edmonds said.

"It now better fits the criteria of an Urgent Care Centre," she said.

The centre was moved in response to a suggestion from the last accreditation review to create more space and easier access for people needing the centre.

It is at least three times the size of the previous room, improving efficiency for patients and staff.

"Having a bigger space has allowed us to set up two beds, which are often



Associate Nurse Unit managers, Chloe Checkley and Lisa Shannon, director of Nursing: Tracey Edmonds, Nurse Unit manager: Rinos Palathinkal Thomas

needed, and to have more people working in the room," Ms Edmonds said.

"It has its own amenities which improves privacy for patients and nurses and doctors appreciate working in the better space."

Existing equipment was relocated to the new site, including Telehealth capabilities and observation machines.

"It was essentially moved and improved at no expense," Ms Edmonds said.

The relocation has been timely to deal with a big increase in demand.

"Demand for our urgent care services has increased substantially, though not necessarily due to moving to a new

space," Ms Edmonds said.

"Demand has almost doubled in the past three months so we're pleased to have this better space."

The centre continues to be operated by ward staff under direction of the nursing unit manager.

The Korumburra centre is seeing an average 50 per cent increase in presentations with patients presenting with a wide variety of conditions.

The old urgent care space is now an infusion clinic, which provides a service for patients requiring a short procedure such as iron infusions and pain management treatments, in a more comfortable environment.

Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey



Gut Health Month

AS WE all re-emerge from the haze of summer events, BBQs and holidays, the start of the new year is a perfect time to make small changes in our routines and lives for the better. February is Gut Health Month which aims to raise community awareness about the importance of gut health.

For the month of February, the team behind Gut Health Month – Dieticians Connect – are running a gut health trial, and South Gippsland community members are being involved. Direct promotion has been done within Poowong to sign up families to actively participate. My family and I have also formally signed up – upping our dietary intake of fruit and vegetables, learning how to make some easy swaps to add more fibre into our everyday diet and develop a better understanding of the impact foods make to gut health. It has been a great opportunity for South Gippsland to feature in a national health campaign. If you would like more information on Gut Health Month and how to feel better from the inside out, visit: <https://nutritionconnection.com.au/gut-health-month>

Events

The contribution and longevity of our volunteer-run organisations is something to be commended. I thoroughly enjoy hearing about the history and achievements of local groups, and how we can support them for the future. Councillors have recently attended the 50th anniversary of the Korumburra Italian Social Club and 60th anniversary of the Waratah Beach Surf Lifesaving Club. Both events highlight the value and long history of volunteers in our diverse community.

There are also some fantastic not-to-be-missed events coming up – the Mirboo North Italian Festa on Sunday, February 15 and Meenyan Garlic Festival on Saturday, February 18 just to name two. Council is proud to support these events with funding through the Events Acquisition Fund. As well as funding, Council supports events across the Shire in many ways, such as through the loan of equipment (umbrellas, marquees) and through general organisation advice and assistance.

Get along and support those who put in such significant effort to ensure successful events for our community!

Meet the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

In my last message, I mentioned the Meet the Mayor and Deputy Mayor catch-ups but the date was listed incorrectly.

Councillor Williams and I will be available on Thursday, February 23 at Council Chambers in Leongatha from 9am to 5pm for short, face-to-face chats. Booking are required to secure a 20-minute slot.

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

Coastal Strategy Engagement Period Extended

The consultation period now closes on Tuesday, February 14, 2023.

Thank you to those who have already given their responses and attended pop-up engagement sessions. There is still time if you haven't engaged, and we are keen to hear from more community members – particularly from our younger residents, those who visit our coastal areas, and those who live further inland.

This is an incredibly important document that will help us put plans in place to protect the future of our pristine coastline.

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



Tahlia Jeffries' 'Big Lick' took out the award for Best Image (under 15).

Stunning images rewarded

SOUTH Gippsland Shire would like to congratulate the winners of this year's Australia Day Photography Competition:

Best Image (under 15): Tahlia Jeffries for the image 'Big Lick'.

Best Image (open section): Lisa Riley for the image 'New Year's Morn'.

This year there were over 100 entries for the competition with many photographers reflecting on the beauty of South Gippsland and on family, friendship and community.

An awards presentation announcing the winning entries can be viewed at: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/AustraliaDay

More time for input

THE engagement period for the South Gippsland Coastal Strategy has been extended to February 14.

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

South Gippsland Shire Council has received a lot of feedback in relation to what should be included in the strategy, what coastal areas people think are most at risk, and the challenges and opportunities facing coastal communities.

However, it was decided that an extended deadline would give community groups and people who may have been away for the school holidays, a longer chance to have their say.

Feedback can be provided at: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/>

Reseal preparations underway for South Gippsland roads

FORTY NINE roads in towns across South Gippsland Shire are scheduled to be resealed this financial year, with preparation work underway to enable that to occur.

Before resealing can take place, each of these roads needs to be inspected for defects then patched, with the aim of maximising the time the subsequent reseal will last.

Resealing provides a waterproof barrier that helps to protect the road for longer.

"Heavy rains last year caused damage to a number of council roads, which is why an extensive reseal program is now underway," a council spokesperson said.

Further resealing work is scheduled to occur during the 2023/24 financial year.



Almost \$130K of damage occurred at Carinya aged care earlier this year when a garbage truck hit the building.

Repairs on hold at Carinya Lodge

WORK to fix the new front entrance of Korumburra's Carinya Lodge aged care facility is awaiting processing of an insurance claim, with approximately \$130,000 of damage done when a garbage truck hit the building's recently completed front canopy early last month.

At the time of the accident, the new entrance and administrative area was to be handed over in a couple of weeks, with just finishing touches remaining, such as the installation of handrailings.

Carinya Lodge CEO Cindy

Nicholas expressed her disappointment for locals affected by the setback.

"We were so close to opening and we really wanted the facility to be finished for the community and we want to express how sorry we are that we cannot open when we planned," Cindy said just after the building damage happened.

Quotes have since been provided to the relevant insurance company, with Carinya Lodge management stressing the urgency of repairs to the new entrance.

However, Cindy conceded that insurance companies are busy and there is no way of knowing how long it will be before work commences.

The handover of the front entrance and administration area will signify the completion of an extensive redevelopment project at Carinya Lodge.

Earlier stages of the project took longer than expected due to COVID-related construction delays, so given the latest hurdle, it will be an emotional day when the new section opens.

Putting people on the road to better health

LATROBE Community Health Service is calling out for volunteer drivers across the South Gippsland and Bass Coast region, with Wonthaggi's Amanda Carson still loving the role after nearly four years.

"You meet terrific and interesting people," she said, adding there is the opportunity for a good chat on longer drives.

Drivers are needed to transport patients to appointments across Gippsland and further afield such as Melbourne.

Amanda said volunteer drivers become part of a great team, backed by strong support, with any issues quickly resolved.

Each driver's schedule is tailored to their life requirements and wants, with the flexibility to choose the days you are available and whether you wish to stick to journeys in the local region or are happy to take on longer trips as well.

Amanda does both, with plenty of trips around Gippsland but also venturing to Berwick, and Monash Hospital in Clayton.

She said while some appointments are quick, other patients require treatment, with drivers able to explore nearby or enjoy a bite to eat while they wait.

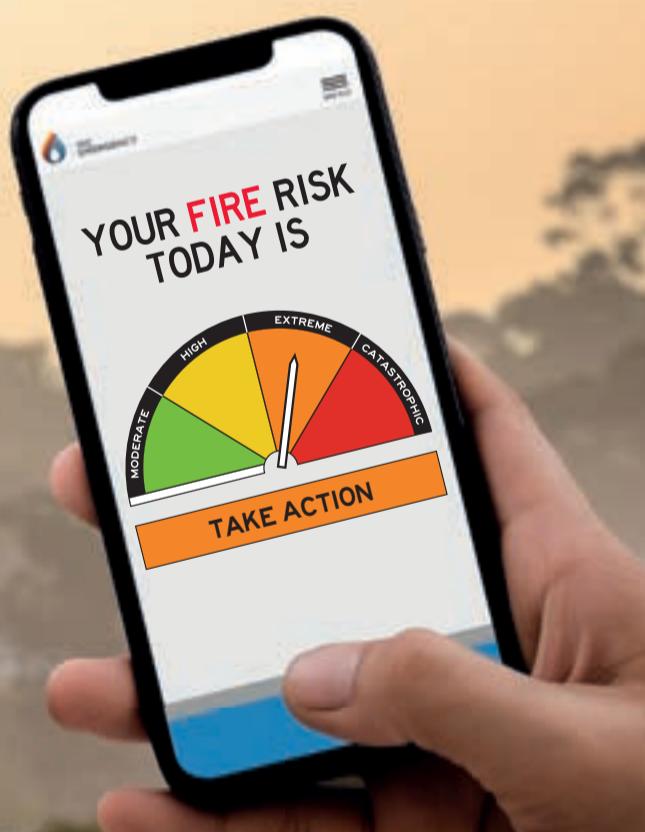
Modern cars are provided by the health service, with fuel paid for.

While the social interaction and the chance to help others are strong incentives to volunteer, those on Centrelink benefits can also put their volunteer hours towards mutual obligation requirements.

Amanda said an additional benefit is the training opportunities that arise, such as learning first aid skills.

Latrobe Community Health has experienced a 50 percent dip in the number of volunteer drivers it can call on since the pandemic arrived.

To express your interest in joining the volunteer driver team or to find out more please visit lchs.com.au/volunteer, email volunteers@lchs.com.au or phone 1800 242 696.



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Premier visits Wonthaggi Hospital

PREMIER Daniel Andrews, Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas, and Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale, officially opened the new Stage One expansion and update of the Wonthaggi Hospital facility on Wednesday (February 1).

The project includes 32 new inpatient beds and 18 additional emergency department treatment spaces, which will treat an extra 26,000 emergency patients a year.

The hospital's surgery capacity has also doubled – with three new theatres and a procedure room, as well as additional car parking and a new central energy plant.

"We are committed to stage two, and we will have more to say about as this term of Parliament unfolds. 2027 is our stated completion date and if we can beat that, if we can do more and if we can bring any of that forward, we stand ready to do that," Premier Andrews said.

"(Stage two) will have great economic benefits for this local community, as well as incredible benefits for



Premier Daniel Andrews, Minister for Health Mary-Anne Thomas and Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale were introduced to Phillip Island resident and Bass Coast Health Ladies Auxiliary member, Yvonne Morgan by Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child. C01_0623

patients. When it comes to things like maternity services, where not only can we have bigger spaces, but we can offer a degree of complexity for women in this local community that isn't offered now. That's hundreds of families, of patients, who don't have to travel out of their community..."

Costed between \$250 to \$290 million, stage two (and three) will build two new

wards, boosting the capacity to treat sick and injured patients by up to 64 beds. Mums-to-be on the Bass Coast will benefit from a new labour and delivery complex with three birthing suites and neonatal unit.

A new outpatient clinic with around 25 treatment spaces will mean patients needing dialysis, chemotherapy and attending specialist appointments will be

able to get the care they need closer to home, eliminating the need for many patients to travel to Latrobe Regional Hospital or Melbourne.

The investment will complete the medical imaging unit begun in the first stage of works, refurbish allied health treatment spaces, administration buildings and training areas, and deliver extra car parking for staff, patients and visitors.

High praise for Bass Coast Health as demand increases

THE Emergency Department (ED) in the new Wonthaggi Hospital has been welcomed by patients and staff after its first month of operation.

Everyone has appreciated the first purpose-built ED to be offered from Wonthaggi Hospital and opened by Bass Coast Health (BCH) in December last year.

Patient Dorothy Gordon of Cape Paterson was impressed by the extensive space the new ED offers.

"The ED in the old hospital was cramped and this new department is almost luxurious. I've been to a couple of hospitals in my time and this is a nice space," she said.

Nurse in Charge Kort Johnson said the new ED's private rooms ensure patient privacy while allowing them to rest, which benefits their wellbeing.

"I used to work in the old ED and this is state-of-the-art. It has the room we need to keep the patient flow going, as well as everyone having an appropriate workspace," he said.

The new ED is also making an impression on Interns. BCH is hoping the new facility will help to attract new staff.

Dr Vikram Amara is one of the Monash Health Interns now undertaking a 10-week term in the ED as part of his medical training.

"It's a nice new environment and there are enough places for the patients and the staff to work in a more cohesive space," he said.

The new ED has passed the test posed by the demand of the hectic summer holiday period, when staff treated 972 patients from December 24, 2022, to January 4, 2023 – a 21.5 per cent increase on the same period for 2021-2022.

Fractures were the most common reason for presentation, followed by chest pain, abdominal pain, COVID-19 positive or probable, infections, wounds, sprains, limb and back pain, allergy and viral infection.

The ED treated patients from as far east as Wilsons Promontory, and west to Phillip Island and the northern Bass Coast Shire.

Members of the community are urged to be patient when presenting to the ED and know they will be seen as soon as possible. Patients are triaged based on the severity of their condition and are not seen in order of presentation.

Sicker patients requiring more urgent medical attention, such as those who may be experiencing a heart attack, are seen sooner than patients with minor wounds.

The Emergency Department at Wonthaggi Hospital is located at 235 Graham Street, Wonthaggi. In the event of a medical emergency, always phone 000 and request an ambulance.

Urgent Care Centre

The dedicated team at the Urgent Care Centre at the Phillip Island Health Hub is also receiving the 'thumbs up' from patients during this busy summer.

Cowes resident Mark O'Reilly visited the Urgent Care Centre in Cowes to receive treatment for a puncture wound from a snapper he caught at Rhyll Jetty.

"They do a great job at the Cowes Urgent Care Centre. I've been there a few times and it doesn't matter whether it's 5pm or 3am, it's always first-rate treatment. Five out of five stars from me!" he said.

The Urgent Care Centre at the Phillip Island Health Hub treated 746 patients from December 24, 2022, to January 4, 2023, – a 13.2 per cent increase on the same period for 2021-2022.

Viral infection was the most common reason for presentation, followed by tonsillitis, fracture, ear infection, wounds, infection, and COVID-19 positive or probable.

UCC patients are triaged based on the severity of their condition, not in order of presentation. As a result, some patients may face a wait.

The Urgent Care Centre is open 24/7 for the treatment of minor injuries and illnesses, and is located at the Phillip Island Health Hub, 50-54 Church Street, Cowes.

In the event of a medical emergency, always phone 000 and request an ambulance.

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Cr Michael Whelan



THOUSANDS of Bass Coast children returned to schools last week, which I am sure made many parents happy, and draws attention to the amazing service to our community by school crossing supervisors.

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Bass Coast currently have 12 school crossings that service 10 schools across the shire, with 18 dedicated school crossing supervisors that work hard to staff these locations.

We are seeking the support of our community to help promote awareness and inspire safety around our school crossings and affectively change driver behaviour to ensure road safety for our children and school crossing staff who support them.

Safe routes to schools are a priority for Bass Coast Shire Council – and all councils across the state - but sadly a lack of support and funding certainty from the Victorian Government means delivery of a safe, sustainable program is becoming very difficult.

Issues with the program are driven by severe school crossing staff shortages - including staff being seconded from other duties – due to the lack of state funding. At least 15 councils across Melbourne and surrounds are currently looking for lollipop people.

The short-term nature of the State funding commitments and the failure to maintain a true partnership with Council makes planning and delivering the program extremely challenging.

At this point in time, councils have no commitment from the Victorian Government to fund the service beyond term 2 this year.

Every year, councils must wait for the State Budget to be handed down in May to learn whether the service will be funded and what the State contribution will be.

Bass Coast Shire Council along with Councils from across the State, strongly urge the Victorian Government to provide sufficient funding to secure the future of the stressed school crossings program.

There is a significant opportunity to deliver a safer and more cost-effective solution for children travelling to and from school and we are seeking a true partnership between the State Government and councils. Unfortunately to date, the Victorian Government has continued to refuse to invest in such a critical partnership.

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2022 the year that was

- Review and 2023 outlook

By David Caporale,
Investment Manager of Gippsreal Limited

Exiting the COVID pandemic in 2022 should have been welcomed with great fanfare, however its timing was overshadowed by a global economy under pressure on a number of fronts which included war, inflation and rising interest rates, all of which impacted on assets returns which will be explored in this editorial.

The invasion of Ukraine by Russia shocked the world in February last year. The initial expectation was that it would not last long, however Ukraine's admirable resistance has proved greater than what Russia anticipated and the war remains ongoing.

The impact of this war on the world economy has been a disruption to the supply of energy and food, resulting in higher prices which has in turn contributed to rising inflation.

In 2021 inflation in Australia began rising off the back of Covid lockdowns, and continued to rise rapidly in 2022 following the reopening of the economy which lead to further supply and demand constraints on goods and services.

The high inflation levels increased the cost of living, yet the Reserve Bank of Australia waited until May 2022 before exercising its monetary power policy of increasing the cash rate in a bid to curb inflation.

In hindsight it proved too late as the eight consecutive rate increases since have not slowed down inflation which currently sits at 7.8 per cent, a level not seen since 1990.

Subsequently the increases to the cash rate by the RBA lead to increases in interest rates. This resulted in a negative impact to home and business loans as repayments increased.

On the other hand, for retirees with interest bearing investments relying on cash to generate income for living expenses, it was a positive outcome

as it has increased their returns, although offset by the higher cost of living (inflation).

Looking at the 2022 returns* from the major asset classes, it was mostly negative with the exception being unlisted property and infrastructure as well as cash, albeit still low at 1.3 per cent.

Hardest hit was real estate investment trusts both international and domestically, posting negative 20 per cent and 25 per cent respectively. The negative territory was a direct correlation with the change in bond yield.

Similarly, residential property prices (Australian homes) fell by 7 per cent due to the rise in mortgage interest rates coupled with poor housing price affordability after the property boom.

Given the events noted earlier, international equities (global shares) also struggled with returns greater than negative 10 per cent. In comparison the Australian share market performed better with only a negative 1 per cent return.

The bond market experienced one of its worst years in decades with Australian bonds delivering negative 9.7 per cent and global bonds negative 12.3 per cent.

Economists have predicted that the outlook for 2023 is going to improve on 2022 and yield positive growth for most asset classes, however it will be a low return market due to the continued high levels of inflation worldwide and the ongoing risk of recession.

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A resident is campaigning for a speed review of Campbell Street partly due to its transition from 50km/h zone to 100km/h. ns010623

Hopes for speed review sees slow progress

A LOCAL resident is frustrated at what they say is a lack of action after campaigning for years for a speed review of Campbell Street in Wonthaggi.

According to the resident, they had contacted Bass Coast Shire in 2019 and 2020, raising concerns about the street such as:

- The street transitions from 100km/h zone to a 50km/h zone, (no intermediate speed buffer)
- Fronts Low Density Residential Zoned Land
- Caters for shire roadside bin collection
- Bisects a shire wildlife corridor

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The resident has since contacted the shire again to see if there had been any progress of a review, after noticing other roads such as Lynnes Road in Wattlebank were under review.

In response, the shire stated they acknowledged the concerns regarding Campbell Street.

"The Department of Transport (DoT) regulate speed limit changes in Victoria. The VicRoads Speed Zoning Guidelines are applied to set speed limits consistently and credibly across Victoria," a shire

spokesperson said.

"Council advocates on the community's behalf with requests to change speed limits on Council managed roads on the State managed arterial road network. Council receive a number of community requests for speed reductions each year.

"Council is working with DoT to assess this request along with many others.

"Campbell Street has been added to the speed limit change priority list for further investigation and review.

"The investigation will inform what treatment options would be appropriate."

Premier pressed on road conditions

ADDRESSING the media on Wednesday, Premier Daniel Andrews was asked about the carnage on regional roads.

"We know that record rainfall, and then culminating in one of the biggest flooding events that we've ever seen, off the back of an extended period of very dry weather, has caused a lot of damage to our road network," Premier Andrews said.

"There are teams, as we

speak, who are repairing hundreds of 1000s of potholes, resurfacing entire stretches of roads, replacing bridges."

Record funding as part of the flood relief will see roads repairs continue across the state.

"More money in road maintenance and new road surfacing than we've ever seen. We've brought a level of consistency to that funding so it's not boom and bust, it's much more

consistent and that gives you better outcomes as well.

"However, for the longest period last year because it was so wet (pre-flood). We couldn't get our crews onto these potholes and into this work. There's then had to be a whole lot of emergency work done post flooding and we might have to go back and redo some of that. But that's the price that you have to pay in order to get the road network functioning."

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Why it's important to change 'Poowong' to 'Pooright'

OUTSIDE of South Gippsland, they're still sniggering and even gufawing about the town name we locals don't even notice – Poowong.

Although the sensational rise to fame of the town's favourite son, Hawthorn midfielder Jai Newcombe, and the fact they launched the critically acclaimed movie, *Kenny*, here, has certainly polished up the infamous moniker.

Even South Gippsland Shire Mayor, Cr Nathan Hersey, himself a Strzelecki representative, was careful not to make fun of the Poowong name this week, when a National Gut Health Month promotions team engineered a change in the name to 'Pooright'.

Get it, don't eat badly and 'Poowong', enjoy a balanced diet and 'Pooright'!

They say it improves sleep, reduces stress, increases the feeling of well-being and better equips us for a happy productive life.

But Cr Hersey was more than happy to get involved in the Gut Health Month launch at Poowong this week, where a team of dietitians from the Dietitian Connection ran a gut health awareness program and trial involving six local families during the past week.

"It's a good message. It's



Gippsland dietitian Olivia McArthur and Gut Health Month Ambassador Robbie Medica helped spread the message about eating a balanced diet for health and wellbeing at Poowong this week.

obviously we're here in Poowong and because of the name but we all know we love Poowong because it's a beautiful town, with its green, rolling hills and fertile soil. But if we can promote and support a really good message, which is about improving your health, making small changes in your diet that can impact long term outcomes, of course, we're happy to support it," said Cr Hersey, stressing the inclusion of milk and probiotic yogurt, along with veggies, lean meat, fruit and nuts.

Gut Health Month is a national month, led by a team of dietitians from Dietitian Connection, to help all Australians feel better from the inside, out.

But the launch at

Poowong wasn't about trivial name play, it provided the opportunity to release important new research that states:

- Gen Z and Millennials are more likely to always / often experience gut-related health issues compared to older generations (Gen Z: 49%, Millennials: 51% compared to Gen X: 40%, Baby Boomers: 34%).

- Australians who have children under 18 at home are more than twice as likely to say they always experience gut-related health issues (22%), compared to Australians who don't have children under 18 at home (10%)

- Australians living in capital cities are more likely to say they experience gut-related health issues always or often (47%) com-

pared to those who don't live in capital cities (38%)

- Nearly half (48%) of Australians claim they are experiencing constipation or diarrhoea once a month or more often, with almost a quarter (23%) experiencing these once a week or more.

The Gut Health Month team was undertaking Australia's first gut health community study with the residents of Poowong.

The visiting dietitians guided the household groups to make simple changes to their diet and lifestyle to help improve their gut health and overall wellbeing.

And the results after only a week of diet changes were revealing, to the health team and to the participating locals.

The Poowong Challenge demonstrated to the nation how simple dietary and lifestyle changes can make a massive difference to gut health and overall wellbeing.

The results of the study are being released this week, taking Poowong to a national audience again, and that can't be a bad thing.

Poowong is an Aboriginal word meaning 'carrion' and First Nation's representatives were consulted about the promotional event.



Physiotherapist Jye Rogers cares for and treats patient Kylie Tracey.

Health and education in one profession

FULLER Life Australia, the mobile based Physiotherapy and OT service for Bass Coast, now has its very first Physiotherapy practice on McBride Avenue in Wonthaggi.

Managing director Lewis Ray said they are excited to open their clinic doors to residents who require expert physiotherapy, for an array of conditions.

"We are proud to offer a NO GAP Bulk Billing service (with GP referrals), along with NDIS Physio, Home Care Packages and more. We also use HICAPS for people with private health cover."

Fuller Life work with clients who have chronic

pain, post-surgical rehabilitation, reduced mobility or balance, physical disabilities, spinal and nerve-related conditions, arthritis and so many more.

"We also use evidence-based treatments such as dry needling, exercise, hydrotherapy, hands-on mobility treatments and more. We aim to eventually provide specialist expert physio for specific conditions - so watch this space."

For more information on Fuller Life Australia, visit www.fullerlifeaustralia.com.au, or visit in person shop 3 50-52 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi.

Progress update on the decommissioning of Esso's Bass Strait offshore facilities

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

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

For our steel piled jackets, we have identified a number of decommissioning options and assessed each one in order to determine which approach balances the needs of other users of the sea by ensuring the safety of navigation and delivers an equal or better environmental outcome by retaining the marine ecosystems which have developed around the jackets.

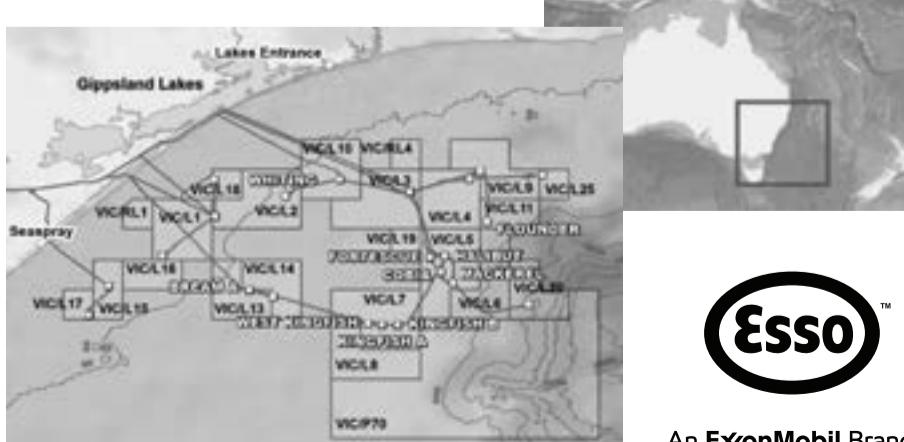
All of the options for decommissioning the steel piled jackets include full removal of the upper sections of the platform including the accommodation and processing facilities, known as the topsides for disposal onshore. The overall demand for a skilled workforce to support the decommissioning program will vary minimally regardless of which option is pursued for

the cut off depth of the steel piled jackets.

More information on these options and how we are assessing them are available here: <https://exxonmobil.co/3R6U8E8>.

Prior to commencing and throughout our decommissioning activities, we continue to identify and actively engage with key stakeholders across the Gippsland region. We have also undertaken a national public consultation process facilitated by the National Offshore Petroleum Safety and Environment Agency. This and our ongoing consultation play an essential role in how we align our approach and ensure the essential work that we are undertaking meets the community's needs and expectations.

If you would like to learn more about our decommissioning process and the approach we are considering for the removal of steel pile jackets and platform topsides, or feel that you are a relevant person as per the Offshore Petroleum and Greenhouse Gas Storage Act 2006, we welcome you to reach out via consultation@exxonmobil.com.



Horses stand aside for Foster oval upgrade

WHILE the upcoming Foster Show will proceed, horse events have had to make way this year to enable significant improvements to the field.

Those improvements include new subsurface drainage, currently being installed, and the now completed establishment of a new automated irrigation system.

Reshaping and surface levelling of the field have occurred as has the planting of new grass.

Works will be put on hold for the duration of the Foster Show on February 25.

After that, action will resume to achieve the project's aim of providing a high-quality playing surface for the 2023 football season and beyond.

South Gippsland community groups to share knowledge

COMMUNITY groups from across South Gippsland are urged to connect through council's Community Planning Network, which is back for 2023.

"There are so many terrific community groups in South Gippsland and it makes sense to bring these groups together to learn from each other and to harness their combined knowledge into useful community plans for the future," Mayor Nathan Hersey said.

The community led Network offers groups the opportunity to learn from the experiences of others, particularly in relation to community engagement and the running of projects and events.

Enabling participants to learn how to create community plans for their towns and deliver them effectively is one of the Network's key objectives.

The Community Planning Network started in 2022 with a mix of workshops and presentations held throughout the year.

At their final meeting in November, participants presented their community plans to councillors along with an overview of the community engagement considered in their development.

They also outlined what was next for each of the groups.

This year, a mix of face-to-face and online meetings are scheduled, with the first meeting to be held on Thursday February 23 at 5.30pm.

Representatives from community groups interested in joining the Community Planning Network are encouraged to contact council's Community Strengthening team on 5662 9200.

Don't miss this weekend's Mirboo North Italian Festa

TRADITION comes alive with the Mirboo North Italian Festa Sunday, February 12, 2023.

The event started in the 1960s with a group of Italian immigrants commissioning a statue of St Paul, the patron saint of their hometown in Sicily, Solarino.

Since 2017, the Mirboo North Italian Festa has grown to become one of regional Victoria's largest Italian Festas.

Holding with tradition, the day begins with an open-air mass at 10am led by Father Peter Brickley in Baromi Park.

After the mass, there will be a procession of St. Paul through Baromi Park, highlighting the Festa's importance to the local Italian Community.

Mirboo North Italian Festa MC and comedian James Liotta has been involved in quite a few Festas.

"Support is absolutely massive, and it has got to be one of the biggest and best Italian Festas in country Victoria," Mr Liotta said.

"We are always blown away by the support for the event from not just Mirboo North but from absolutely everywhere."

Mr Liotta will kick off the Festa with the official opening at 11.45 am on the main stage.

Mirboo North Primary School performs at noon with two traditional Italian dances, il Ballo del Qua Qua (or chicken dance) and the Tarantella.

The day's entertainment will continue with music, dancing, grape stomping and spaghetti eating.

Top Shelf Duo will bring their energy and atmosphere to the Festa with their repertoire of Italian and English songs.

The Sbandieratori (Flag Throwers) of Faenza, Italy, will execute their only Australian performance at the Festa.

Trafficking in tradition, Siesta Cartel's heart beats to the music that reminds everyone of their Italian heritage, playing music from long ago with electric energy.

Luigi Zucchini will be roving around all day to help keep the kids entertained with his goofy Italian antics.

"Besides the entertainment, I look forward to seeing people have an amazing time," Mr Liotta commented.

"I'm looking forward to seeing everyone and having some



There will be a procession of St. Paul through Baromi Park, keeping with tradition of course!



Everything you love about Italian cuisine will be featured in Mirboo North this weekend.

Italian-flavoured fun.

"Seeing people bring out their families, no matter what culture you are celebrating, the Festa is a free family fun day, for everyone."

"And it is about the stall holders as well; obviously, a big part of that is food."

"Because what's an Italian festival without great food?"

There will be over 30 food stalls at this year's Festa with everything Italian from arancini, pasta, cannoli, and

gelato, along with many drinks, gluten-free and vegetarian options.

Nonna's cooking demonstrations will be in the marquee from 11am with traditional recipes, salami making, hands-on pasta rolling, crispeddi (Italian doughnuts).

Mr Liotta's advice is if you are coming to the Mirboo North Festa, come early.

"If you are coming from Melbourne, come early because we park Italian style in Mirboo

North; we just park anywhere and everywhere," he said.

Parking is at the Walter J Tuck Recreation Reserve, Strzelecki Highway, Mirboo North, with a gold coin donation to support the town's sporting clubs and facilities.

The Mirboo North Italian Festa runs from 10am to 4.30pm on Sunday, February 12, 2023, in Baromi Park, Mirboo North.

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Sustainable eating inspiration on the Bass Coast

PASSION and a willingness to share knowledge were evident at the second Bass Coast Edible Gardens weekend as people explored up to 15 gardens across the shire.

The same welcoming atmosphere greeted you whether visiting small home gardens or vast community ones.

While the weather didn't live up to summer expectations, people were happy to venture outdoors learning techniques for growing, preparing and preserving their own food.

That may have involved seeing wicking beds, or a modern hothouse in action at The Cape Community Farm in Cape Paterson, and learning how they operate and promote efficiency.

Or perhaps it was hearing about Jane Bari's unique approach to determining if soil temperature is right for planting, checking if it is comfortable to sit on with a bare backside.

Such is the Wonthaggi gardener's passion for sustainable and affordable living, she has written a book on the subject, with ideas on how to budget, recipes, and the need to understand the microclimate in which your garden operates.

In her case, the wind plays a major part with many of her plants needing to be supported.

Wonthaggi is also home to a couple of community initiatives for growing fresh produce, with the Harvest Centre and Wonthaggi Community Garden both inviting people for a look and chat over the weekend.

Sharon Willcox, the volunteer who coordinates the Edible Gardens event said it is all

about encouraging more people to grow food.

That's something community gardens are brilliant at, providing space, companionship and valuable guidance.

Volunteer Caylie exemplified the effectiveness of the Edible Gardens weekend, having attended as a patron last year, and now an enthusiastic member of the crew at the Harvest Centre.

While she already had strong growing knowledge, Caylie is relishing the community atmosphere of gardening with others.

"It's good for mental and physical health," she said of the shared work.

Caylie said the Harvest Centre also welcomes refugees, with members from Myanmar enjoying seeing what grows in Wonthaggi while expanding their social network.

Linda Gordon is one of the motivated volunteers at Wonthaggi Community Garden, with the keen gardener enjoying the social element there and the chance to share produce with others.

Glenda's Gourmet Garden was an excellent spot to check out a range of ways in which you can preserve produce.

Kohlrabi was among the crops she is currently growing, being the most vitamin-rich vegetable and able to be used in soups and casseroles, roasted, or grated raw as a cabbage substitute in coleslaw.

On a spectacular community scale, The Cape Community Farm has already attracted 70 household members in its

months of operation, with 60 of those living in the Cape Eco Village and 10 from the wider Cape Paterson community.

As with the other community gardens involved in the Edible Gardens event, organisers will be delighted to welcome more members from the local area.

The Cape Community Farm is already producing a large volume of fresh food, benefiting members, the broader community and charities.

People can draw on the knowledge of the farmer, but many members also bring their valuable ideas and techniques.

Graeme McAlpine is one of those knowledgeable volunteers, with his expertise proving critical in setting up a high quality hothouse that will eventually incorporate heat beds.

He was happy to answer questions over the weekend on how it operates and outline its value in enabling seedlings to be nurtured for the farm and beyond.

Bass Coast Edible Gardens weekend drew people from all around, with many venturing from Melbourne, and even those with tiny home gardens would have learned ways to use their limited space effectively to grow food.

Such was the reach of the event, it had a presence in several Phillip Island towns, Glen Forbes, and Coronet Bay.

With supermarket prices on the rise and people's desire to minimise food miles and know how their food has been grown, the Edible Gardens weekend is sure to continue long into the future.



Jane Bari displays her bush pumpkins in Wonthaggi. A40_0623



Phil Bourne, Brendan Condon and Kate Lewer at The Cape Community Farm where Kate and Phil volunteer and Brendan is the director. A46_0623

Do you have questions about offshore wind?

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

Wonthaggi Rotary Market

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

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Anderson Road boat ramp upgrade needs a builder

BASS Coast Shire is seeking tenders for the Cowes boat ramp and jetty upgrade at Anderson Road.

The \$2M project includes the widening and extension of the existing boat ramp, elevation of the existing jetty landings and extension of the jetty.

The tender period closes at 2pm, Wednesday February 22.

The current facility comprises a shallow gradient boat ramp which enables restricted launching by typically smaller vessels, generally at higher tides.

The Cowes boat ramp operates within only a limited tidal range, during mostly favourable conditions.

The ramp is regularly impacted by sand which moves along the shoreline throughout the year generally influenced by prevailing winds.

The sand makes launching and retrieval difficult, particularly for 2WD vehicles and is a significant ongoing maintenance burden for the facility manager.

The new design raises the height of the ramp to just above the existing beach height.

The height of the ramp has been reduced as a large solid structure would trap sand on one side, but also starve the beach of sand on the other side, resulting in significant erosion elsewhere along the beach.

The key features of the proposed upgrade are expected to improve the functionality of the facility.

Construction is planned to commence between May – August 2023, pending final approvals and contractor availability.

The ramp will likely need to be closed during construction.

Upgrade nearing closer for Mahers Landing boating facility

A PLANNING application to upgrade Mahers Landing boat ramp and carpark has been lodged with Bass Coast Shire.

The \$4M project, which received funding through the state government's 2022-23 Victorian Recreational Boating Action Plan, is undergoing progress designs and permit approvals with construction expected early this year.

The current facility comprises a shallow gradient, single-lane boat ramp which enables restricted launching by smaller vessels (typically up to 5 metres), generally only at high tides. Informal parking is available and the site has toilets and fish cleaning facilities.

An updated concept had been released last year, which seeks to improve the functionality of the ramp and increase the capacity of the site.

Alterations have been made to the design to provide greater numbers of formalised car and boat trailer parks, the configuration of the ramps has also changed from the western side to the eastern side to improve launching efficiency, traffic flow and accommodate a longer queue.

The double laned ramp itself now extends further out into the water providing all tide access for boats up to 8m in the length, and provision has been made for the installation of a jetty to enable temporary on water berthing.

The new design features an



Planning permits and updated designs for Mahers Landing have been lodged with the shire.

all-tide, double-lane concrete boat ramp with a jetty, along with a sealed car park with more than 50 formal car and boat trailer spaces including provision for accessible spaces.

There will be one-way anti-clockwise traffic flow throughout the facility and the provision of rigging and de-rigging lanes will assist in efficient launching and retrieval of vessels.

Some parts of the facility may have to be shut while construction works are underway.

Access to the existing ramp will be maintained where possible, which will remain open and operational for most of the construction period for boaters to use.

Construction will also be

scheduled during the off-peak period to avoid any major disruption during the peak tourism and boating season.

In summary the project comprises:

- Retention of the existing boat ramp to provide a launching place for non-powered craft.
- A new all-tide dual-lane boat ramp extending approximately 80m from the carpark into Anderson Inlet, elevated above the beach on concrete piles.
- A 2m wide dual level jetty/holding structure adjacent to the ramp.
- Formalised rigging and de-rigging area adjacent to the boat ramp.
- Formalised and extended paved car park accommodating a

total of 66 spaces: 57 x car-trailer spaces, 5 x standard car spaces, 2 x car-trailer spaces

- Widening of the entry to the carpark.
- Upgraded rock revetment around the water side of the Mahers Landing precinct.
- Construction of a new public toilet/amenities block and park benches.
- Retention of the fish clearing facilities.
- Removal of existing vegetation and provision of new landscaping.
- Provision of pedestrian paths.
- Provision for stormwater treatment (swales and sand traps). Extracts of the proposed plans are provided below.

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Newhaven College new staff members (left to right) Leisa Lomax (HR manager), Matthew Jackson, Louise Larcombe, Sam Foura, Jenna Harman (AFL trainee), Jess Moed, Marc Tillotson, Joanne Savona, Tony Corr (principal), Melanie Redmond, Tahnee Brown, Luke Kennedy, Ash Ellis and Sarah Taylor.

New staff and friendly faces at Newhaven

THE 2023 year has started with much excitement at Newhaven College with students returning to school over Wednesday and Thursday last week.

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 2023 Preps. With three separate classes for the first time in college history, the Preps were welcomed with a parade, greeting every Junior School student with a fist bump, handshake or wave.

The 2023 Year 9s have strapped

on their hiking boots and pulled on their ranger-style uniforms ready for a year of adventure at the special Year 9 Environmental Centre.

A special Forum Day was held for the 2023 Year 12 cohort.

Designed to prepare students for their last year of school, the specialised program forms the basis for a successful year.

Educational Neuroscientist Jared Cooney-Horvath presented 'How To Use Your Amazing Brain' - a workshop on how to improve learning practices.

The College grounds have had a facelift over the summer break, with the Newhaven College Grounds and Maintenance crew working to stain decks and facades, create new gardens,

install art installations and commence work on a trail around the school grounds.

College Principal, Tony Corr welcomes those new to the College community including 10 new and returning staff.

This new group of staff and teachers truly represent the broad range of employment opportunities provided by Newhaven College.

The group includes Matthew Jackson (PE, Maths), Louise Larcombe (Maths, Science), Sam Foura (Humanities, Science), Jenna Harman (AFL Trainee PE), returning teacher Jess Moed (PE), Marc Tillotson (Maths, Science, Biology), Joanne Savona (Library, English), Melanie Redmond (Student Support), Tahnee

Brown (Head of Wellbeing), Luke Kennedy (Infrastructure), Ash Ellis (Grounds) and Sarah Taylor (English, Humanities).

To top off the week, College leaders and staff welcomed parents and guardians with drinks and canapes on Friday evening, providing the perfect opportunity to show off the new Performing Arts Centre as an incredible venue for the school and the community at large.

Newhaven College still has limited places available for 2023 in Year 2, Year 4, Year 9, Year 10, Year 11 and Year 12.

Please contact registrar, Belinda Manning for details or to arrange a college tour (subject to restrictions) - (03) 5956 7505 or visit www.newhavencol.vic.edu.au

Teacher shortages hitting hard in first weeks back

SCHOOLS, especially in Victoria, are already reportedly under great strain from a lack of workforce coverage. This crisis has been brewing for a long time and has been having real impacts for a long time. Has it finally hit home?

"There are some hard lessons that must be learnt. Our research shows teachers are burning out," Dr Fiona Longmuir (Educational Leadership - Monash University) said.

"Our research with over 5000 Australian teachers indicated that teachers are burning out from long hours and emotional drain combined with feeling undervalued and disrespected. And with the current widespread staffing shortages, teachers are being stretched even further. This means the most likely trajectory is that the crisis will get worse."

"Actions directed at retaining current staff and appealing to those that have recently left must be a focus. Interventions that reduce workload and work intensity are most likely to have an impact."

"Our research suggests that teachers want less administrative burden, (including reduced data reporting), they want more specialist support for students' socio-emotional needs, and they want more time to build relationships that support students' learning and social development."

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Candlelight walk supports the voice

By Lorraine Rodda

EIGHTY people arrived throughout the evening at San Remo earlier this year keen to celebrate the oldest continuous culture on earth and their Voice to the Parliament.

The spectacular light display guided people through the 20 twists and turns of the path and invited walkers to connect with the Yallock Bullock people, who walked this land for 40,000 years reflecting on their lived experiences since the British took over their homelands in 1788 and beyond.

Lorraine Rodda, event organiser, highlighted that the Law Council of Australia's statement released in May 2022, stands side by side with First Nations peoples advocating for changes to the Australian Constitution for the Voice to inform Parliament on the laws and issues affecting them and their communities; the basic entitlement of all persons is to control their destiny and to be treated respectfully.

The statement continued, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander affairs have historically faltered because elected leaders have not listened.

A First Nations Voice to Parliament highlights the right to self-determination that all people should possess and enjoy, which would be a significant step toward rectifying the problem.

People wanting to have a greater understanding of the impact of colonisation and racism embedded within our society can view the hearings of the Victorian Yoorrook Justice Commission.

Lorraine said she was shocked to learn that 45 per cent of Aboriginal men and 55 per cent of Aboriginal women are being held in remand, while waiting for their case hearing, including for minor offences.

In contrast, non-aboriginal people are released on bail.

- Hear the Voices of First Peoples through hearings of the Yoorrook Justice Commission <https://yoorrookjusticecommission.org.au/hearings/>

- Join the Reconciliation Victoria's mailing list <https://www.firstpeoplesvic.org/walk-with-us/>

- Ways to support the Voice to Parliament <https://fromtheheart.com.au>

Lorraine invited people to walk the Labyrinth in reflection of the need for First peoples Voice to Parliament and to contribute to the stone altar around the Aboriginal, Torres Strait and Australian flags to symbolise support for the Voice.

Those present, new to the Labyrinth, were thrilled, after all the rain to see how it was beautifully mounding by staff from the Bass Coast Shire Council. The Labyrinth is always open.

Directions: Drive along Back Beach Road in San Remo, continuing along the unmade road, past Lions Park. The Labyrinth is on the right, alongside a row of cypress trees.



Peter's home-life therapy after the accident.



The Recovery

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

"MY journey of ABI (acquired brain injury) – that was a real journey," Peter said.

"I was in hospital for a while in South America, Punta Arenas up in Chile. I was then airlifted back to the Alfred.

"It took years of recovery – brain scans and MRIs, speech therapists and meditation. Meditation was fantastic for me. It made a huge difference.

"But none of it works until you swallow the pill of acceptance, and that took me a couple of years to really accept that I stuffed up, there'd been a mistake made and I was responsible for it.

"It had a consequence. People were affected. People were traumatised, and until I accepted all that no change was possible for me. No transformation was possible.

"When I did accept that and took full responsibility for my actions, in that I took responsibility for the avalanche. Once I got that, then a whole world of transformation was available to me and contribution and healing. On the other side of healing, it was beautiful."

The key for Peter had always been purpose, and at that period in his life he lost who he was.

"After one of my operations, I was supposed to be there about three hours and I'd been in for three weeks, and

a doctor comes around. His name is Dr. Kwan Chen. Dr Kwan Chen, who's an Eastern man in the western world comes around, he says 'Peter, we're amongst the best doctors with regard to infectious diseases and you're on the best drugs modern medicine can provide and you're a fit young man. Tell me, is there anything spiritual going on with you that isn't sitting right with you?'

"And I said, 'Yeah, well, I'm doing this network marketing, and I hate it – it's killing me'. And he says, 'I'm only a doctor, but if I was you, I'd be you...'

"Now, that was profound. I'm an adventurer, that's what I am, that's what I do. I run trips with purpose.

"I came out of that, literally, and I rang up my old contacts in the Antarctic world, and Roger with the boat Tooluka and new boat Australis, I chartered that and put the word out there and I put teams together."

Heading to private schools, Peter offered rites of passage. Trips of a lifetime for year nine/ten boys and their fathers to venture away and learn about leadership, empathy, resilience, discussions on the outdoors and work as a team.

"That was all inside of me – waking up to the best thing I

could ever do for myself was being me.

"This is who I am.

"Now I run these adventures for purpose – we bought this farm, we grow vegetables and mushrooms, we transitioned to a vegan lifestyle, and we run workshops down here.

"Healing, helping, contribution and growth is a theme for us."

And whilst Peter loves his natural horsemanship experiences and the workshop opportunities offered at Wattle Bank Farm, he still finds time to complement life in Bass Coast with life in the polar circles.

"I've got this trip to the Arctic in September, which is around climate change," Peter beamed.

"I'm looking to work with 18 other like-minded passionate adventurers, who want to sail with me on a tall ship from Norway into the Arctic Circle."

Setting sail from Longyearbyen, Svalbard – the world's northernmost settlement – crews will sail, snowshoe, ski and ice climb over eight days with the purpose of getting access to the scientists on the ice in research laboratories.

"Discussing the data that they are finding (from core samples) about microplastics, which have been found in the ice and waterways, and secondly, the temperature

changes that are occurring from the albino feedback loop that is happening.

"As the sunlight is coming down and ice is melting, more and more sunlight is being absorbed therefore melting more ice, exposing more ground, the more exposed ground is absorbing more sunlight. It's a lose, lose feedback loop.

"I want more people to be aware of it and also have an incredible time coming out with me and seeing the walrus and the polar bears, the minke whale and humpback whales – and the rest of it.

"And bringing awareness to what we can do to make a difference in the world with climate change.

"My focus at the moment is bringing people together, running camps here at the farm and getting people ready for this trip."

Peter's book 'A Step Too Far', which recounts in detail his polar journeys, is available for purchase from Wattle Bank Farm in person and online, and through Amazon.

For more information on Northern Enlightenment and the opportunity to visit the Arctic, or Rites of Passage visit leadershipgroup.format.com

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Councillors fiddle while height limit burns

THE horse has bolted apparently and it might be too late for the State Government to allow the Bass Coast Shire Council to shut the gate.

We're talking about the character of Inverloch and the fact that 11 metres, not 7 metres or even 9.5 metres, is now effectively the allowable height limit for houses and residential projects in the town's General Residential Zone (GRZ).

In fact, those who've accepted the shire's recommendation over the years and built a house under 7 metres are starting to look like real dopes.

At a VCAT hearing into the planned development of a 14-metre-high apartment block, adjacent to the foreshore, on the old Inverloch Marine site, not even a specific DDO, setting a height limit of 9.5 metres could hold the developers off.

And it was the existence of a growing number of homes and townhouses, stretching up towards 11 metres in the residential zone of the town, hoping to gain even a glimpse of the water, if not a commanding view to add to their project's value, that could swing the result for the residential hotel's investors.

The council will tell you that the State Government's controversial Bass Coast Distinctive Areas and Landscapes project has delayed the preparation of its Neighbourhood Character Study, Housing Strategy, and Residential Development Framework, supposed to protect Inverloch and elsewhere from the evils of growth.

It's supposed to stop the nuking of home sites in the once leafy town, the 100% footprints of these new McMansions and, yes, the reaching for the skies... but it might simply be too late.

You can't pull them down. In the absence of a planning scheme with real teeth, one that actually said homes over 7 metres would not be approved, local homeowners and developers have driven a truck through the shire's flimsy regulations and pretty much done whatever the hell they like at Inverloch.

What they've done, in the absence of an enforceable law, has already established a new character for built form in the town, and it's looking increasingly like we're simply going to have to adjust our tape measures, up.

Supporting survivors

The Catholic Church of St Joseph in the small township of Bass is a long way from St Mary's Cathedral Sydney.

A quiet, respectful, and safe protest at the Catholic Church's lack of appropriate response to sexual abuse was held to coincide with Cardinal Pell's funeral in Sydney.

A number of coloured ribbons were attached to the railing outside St Joseph's front door.

Each ribbon indicates support for the victims of sexual predator priests and brothers in parishes, schools and institutions over a great number of years.

Victoria did not escape the problem, and a number of abuses sadly took place in Gippsland churches and schools.

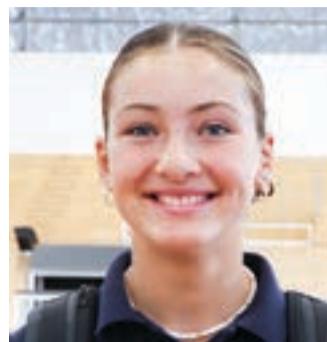
Many of these have either gone through the courts or are currently in progress.

Survivors' stories were shared with the Victorian Enquiry, a predecessor to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, and many of these described the terror and life-changing effects of sexual abuse.

Particularly by those whose mandate is to at the very least care for the spiritual needs of followers.

Vox Pop

What are your goals for the year? (New Year 10 students at Bass Coast College Senior Campus)



Milla Laub

"I aim to do well in my year 11 subjects, work outside school and pay attention in class."



Sarah Seuren

"I intend to keep up with everything and try my best in each subject."



Bella Gude

"I want to finish all my work and get good grades and to be more social."



Fynn Canobio

"I aim to focus on myself and my learning and not get caught up in other things."

Failures to report abuse to authorities, and in doing so enable further abuse, and perpetrators not being brought to justice.

Most survivors do not report and do not tell their stories for fear of being shamed even among their families.

It is acknowledged worldwide, the pivotal role Ballarat played in child abuse, even to the extent of calling Ballarat 'Abuse Ground Zero'.

Not something that a beautiful city would appreciate.

The Royal Commission went a long way to support the plight of Australian survivors and bring sexual abuse to the public arena.

Let's hope the benefits brought by the Commission continues, and the lives of those struggling to even just live normally will be better off.

If anyone is triggered by this article or by the news coverage of the funeral in Sydney, contact Beyond Blue or another appropriate body.

If anyone wishes to share their story there are ways and means of doing so.

www.snapnetwork.org/australia

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For support, visit Beyond Blue www.beyondblue.org.au 1300 224 636 or Lifeline Australia <https://www.lifeline.org.au> 131 114

Donald McLeish, Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests (SNAP) leader

Another example is the draconian changes our councillors have introduced to council meeting rules. Having initially allowed public questions to simply be ignored, they subsequently codified the ability to prevent reasonable and legitimate public questions from ever seeing the light of day at council meetings.

The mayor alone holds sole discretion to determine if a question will be put to the public meeting.

The current sitting mayor, Cr Michael Whelan (Island Ward), has abundantly made clear his disdain for public questioning of council.

In March 2022, he took the unprecedented action of stopping public questions being put to the Council meeting.

And he later told ABC radio of his view that the need for public questions at council meetings is a fantasy.

So with just half their term remaining, in 2023 will our councillors start kicking some goals to unwind the appalling culture which they have allowed to be introduced at BCSC? Or will mediocrity be their goal?

Kevin Griffin, Address supplied

24th. This short sighted reactive action is not helpful to community amenity/well-being nor to the staff and employers affected.

Bass Coast Shire Council is also guilty of many things including not thinking and following through with programs designed to benefit the community as a whole. Two years ago, BCSC advertised a plan to make the central business precinct at Wonthaggi more pedestrian friendly by extending pedestrian areas with outdoor seating and attractive landscaping. Local business owners panicked at the thought of losing a few parking spaces and the Council caved in and nothing except for a few pedestrian crossings has materialized. These crossings give small protection against the busy traffic along Graham Street and the increasing prevalence of 40 tonne gravel trucks motoring down Graham Street does nothing to encourage the development of outdoor hospitality venues and of course there has been no attempt to improve the street ambience with landscaping and attractive seating.

Back in 2017, Tallangatta Township (in Towong Shire) had a very linear, unattractive appearance with shopfronts adjacent to a 3 metre, straight concrete footpath and continuous parking spaces down the street punctuated with telegraph poles. When the Shire advertised a plan to remodel the main street with landscaped zones, outdoor seating and underground power, some of the business community jacked up, claiming loss of business due to reduced parking for cars. The Shire stuck to their plan and today Tallangatta is a bustling township with a very attractive landscaped main street enjoyed by visitors and locals alike. The business owners have not lost patronage and the town is busier than ever; and there are no 40 tonne gravel trucks rampaging up the main street. Bass Coast Shire Council needs to reset its priorities.

The other impediment to the availability of hospitality venues is the total absence of affordable accommodation for potential hospitality staff within walking distance of town centres and hospitality sites. This problem is nation-wide. It could be solved easily by Local Government acquiring some real estate within walking distance of town centres and providing low-cost hostel style accommodation to potential hospitality staff. Apart from local unemployed people there would also be casual staff such as university students that might take advantage of cheap hostel-style accommodation if available. It's no good just whining about the lack of hospitality staff along the Bass Coast, we need to do something constructive to overcome the problem.

It could be a win-win solution for hospitality workers as well as the broader community because of the provision of more open-air hospitality venues along the coast. It's just unfortunate that Local Governments and many individual councilors cannot see how simple the path to community wellness could be.

Edward Minty, North Wonthaggi

Halfway point for councillors

Christmas and the summer holidays have passed and it's now time for the kids to return to school and the oldies return to work.

So to our Bass Coast councillors will return to work this month.

They've reached the halfway mark of their current term.

Some of them will likely reflect on what they consider to have achieved in the past two years, and what they might achieve in the second half.

One thing that none of them is able to claim so far is any improvement toward open and transparent processes at Bass Coast Shire Council.

For example, we have the administrations ongoing disgraceful misuse of the Unreasonable Customer Conduct (UCC) to silence reasonable and legitimate alternate community viewpoints.

The UCC is a policy that is entirely subjective in content, and which is invoked at the whim of the executive.

Our councillors willingly accept that their CEO can make false assertions in effort to impose the UCC against individual community members.

In my case for example it is falsely claimed that I sent more than 400 emails to council in a 12-month period. The CEO refuses to substantiate the claim.

Community well-being and priorities

People along Bass Coast like to get out and socialize over a meal or cup of coffee like the rest of Victoria. Meeting and talking to other people over a meal or cuppa is important for everyone's mental health. However, there are impediments which make this basic activity either unsafe or non-available.

The first impediment is safety. COVID is still a real threat to community health and many people choose to avoid indoor venues because of the ongoing risk to their health. The second impediment is opportunity. Many cafes, restaurants and coffee shops cannot get staff and/or cannot provide open air venues for seating patrons due to local government restrictions. These problems need to be addressed and solved by Local Government. If that happens then our community will feel happier and more people will be attracted to our area to work in hospitality. All they need is affordable short-term hostel-style accommodation so that they can actually afford to live close to potential workplaces.

The impediment to open-air hospitality venues could be solved with the stroke of a pen, subject to a few common-sense guidelines by utilizing footpaths and some parking areas. The present availability of open-air venues along the Bass Coast is scarce and getting scarcer. Recently, South Gippsland Shire Council sent a "dawn raid" to remove umbrellas and seating from parking places in front of the Cavity Bar at Venus Bay, as reported in the Sentinel Times on January

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In a fun and exciting growth stage, Summersalt Gymnastics have not only opened into the space next door, but the team have opened 100 classes with plenty of availability over their four opening days.

Suitable for boys and girls, the team also cater to NDIS plans and have participants referred under physio and occupational therapy. Summersalt truly is beneficial for all ages (up to 18 years – sorry adults) and abilities, and kids are welcome to come along and watch from the side before trying out the classes.

With classes ranging from trampoline to ninja (and a combination) to teenage classes, gymnastics and ones for those from 12 months of age, there is literally something for everyone.

Open from 9.30am until 6pm, Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays pop in for a tour and chat with the friendly team or head online to book classes, a trial or party. Birthday parties are available on Friday evenings and over the weekend.

Smell the sea and feel the sky, let your soul and spirit fly at Summersalt.



The girls climb the walls and showing the adults how it's done. C12_0623



It's a different view upside down. C10_0623



Macie and Stuart love all the fun things they get to do at Summersalt, wearing themselves out by the end of the hour. C13_0623



Shorter House is Connecting2Australia's respite and Short Term Accommodation for NDIS participants.

Respite and short-term accommodation

ONE in five people in Australia live with a disability and over 90% of disabilities are invisible. With such an impact on the community, the stress on families and carers is considerable.

Providing community supports for people living with disability, Connecting2Australia can offer a much-needed break for NDIS participants with the Support For Carers Program, at no cost.

Located in Traralgon, Shorter House provides short-term accommodation including respite when applicants need to spend time away out of home for a short period of time.

Short term accommodation funding can be used for respite to support those candidates and their carers; meaning that carers can take a short break from their caring role as well.

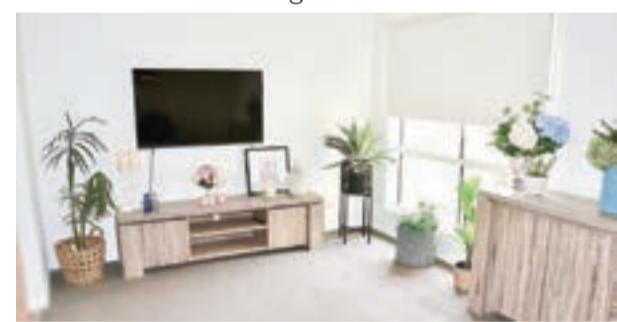
A short stay away from home may help to maintain the current living

situation by giving informal supports a break and give those in need the chance to try new things, the opportunity to develop new skills, and a place to make new friends.

The Support For Carers Program includes personal care, food, negotiated activities, and one on one support for overnight stays. The services are tailored to everyone's individual needs and Shorter House strive to provide the highest quality of care possible.

The NDIS usually fund up to 28 days of short-term accommodation per year and participants can use their funding flexibly - the amount of funding received depends on the level of support required.

Connecting2Australia will do their best to meet the needs and goals of all applicants, for more information on short-term accommodation including respite, visit www.connecting2australia.org.au or call 1300 111 212.



Inviting interiors for time away from home for a short stay.



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WHAT'S OP!

Connecting2Australia's Community Op Shop is looking for volunteers to work alongside & assist people with disability.

Being an Op Shop volunteer helps:

- Support people living with disability
- Provide community inclusion
- Teaching new skills
- Provide purpose

1/120 McKenzie St, Wonthaggi
1300 111 212 info@c2a.org.au

You can make a difference for people living with disability.



Connecting2Australia



CUC Bass Coast centre manager Andrea Evans-McCall hopes to see your face on their alumni wall eventually! Ns020623

CUC ready to welcome fresh faces for 2023

NEED somewhere where you can solely focus on your studies while taking advantage of state-of-the-art equipment?

Well CUC Bass Coast is the place for you!

Situated along Baillieu Street East, the centre features outstanding facilities offering the latest computers, spacious study spaces and support staff.

One such staff member is Karen Crinall PhD, CUC's learning skills advisor, who has worked in higher education for more than two decades.

Karen's qualifications span humanities and social sciences, and include a Diploma of Art and Design, Master of Education and PhD in Social Science.

Since taking on the role during August 2022, Karen has loved being able to assist students.

"I'm available to help them analyse assignment questions or tasks,"

she said.

"As well as plan study programs.

"I can help them with their essays, prepare assignments, and interpret feedback once they've been assessed."

Karen can also assist with linking students to support services that are available through their university.

"I work out with them what assistance they might need or can even help explore ideas for assignments," she said.

However, she highlighted the role doesn't involve editing or proof reading.

Karen is available for 15 hours a week during university semesters, for face-to-face assistance at the CUC.

The centre is open seven days a week from 5am to midnight.

For more information, visit www.cucbasscoast.edu.au/



Karen Crinall PhD is CUC Bass Coast's learning skills advisor.



Studio Phoenix offers a range of classes from tap, jazz, contemporary, hip hop and musical theatre.

Studio Phoenix is dancing into the future

HAVING had a hugely successful 2022, including RAD ballet exams, professional Broadway Dance Workshops with New York Choreographer David Wynen, sold out mid year showcases, three end of year concerts, Studio Phoenix Directors traveling to Las Vegas to see former Studio Phoenix student Marni McGrath perform in Cirque Du Soleil... Studio Phoenix is making more exciting moves in 2023.

From student discos to parent social nights, mid year showcases to professional workshops, there is always something exciting happening on the 2023 Studio Phoenix calendar!

In fact, Thursday, February 9, they're having their first Dance Workshop of the year with Marni McGrath.

Marni has danced professionally all over the world with some of the best choreographers and has just

come off her wildly successful contract dancing in Cirque Du Soleil's 'Mad Apple' in Las Vegas. How exciting Marni is bringing all that home to Studio Phoenix for one very special workshop experience!

"We love creating a bridge between our beautiful small town community and the performing arts community out in the big wide world!" says Studio Phoenix Directors Naomi Laing and Jane Hanley.

"We believe the skills you learn in dance class (teamwork, freedom to express creativity, cognitive flexibility and social interaction) are important life skills that benefit a dance student in all facets of life, now and into the future! Our focus is on creating a nurturing but really exhilarating dance environment to guide our students on the journey to becoming strong, happy, inspiring performers!"

With high level training that allows

students to reach their full potential, staff who have worked professionally in the Dance and Performing Arts industry, Studio Phoenix is more than a dance studio.

It is a community that focuses on helping students achieve their goals so they can truly thrive (both inside and outside of the dance studio).

Whether you're a beginner or an experienced dancer, Studio Phoenix has a class that is perfect for you.

Studio Phoenix offer R.A.D classical ballet, tap, jazz, contemporary, hip hop, musical theatre, vocal performance, wedding dances, adult classes and ready set dance.

Ready Set Dance is an award winning pre-school dance and performing arts program and can be seen on Nickelodeon TV.

Head to their new website www.studiophoenix.dance for more information or email admin@studiophoenix.dance for enquiries.

ARE YOU STUDYING?

CUC Bass Coast can support you, all you have to do is step through our door

- It's **FREE** to register
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- Fast, reliable internet
- Free academic assistance
- Open 5am to midnight

A space to gain focus, expert support and tools for motivation and success



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Have a swing and meet new friends at Wonthaggi Golf Club

THE rolling green hills, beautiful sunshine and 'tink' as the club meets the ball sending it sky high down the fairway, cheered on by the watching kangaroos.

Maybe you have dreamed of having a round at St Andrews or Augusta, but don't even know which club to pick up, let alone how to swing and hit the ball.

Well, your luck has changed with a beautiful course in the heart of Wonthaggi kicking off their junior and women's training programs this month.

Learn how to swing, where to stand, what club to use and even if you're right or left-handed, be a pro in no time, and the best part you don't have to travel far with Wonthaggi Golf Club right in the heart of town, easily accessible by car or foot.

With their newly opened driving range, beginners and experts can practice their skills without having to worry about collecting the balls, with a dedicated volunteer sweeping up a couple of times a day.

For the more experienced, jump into a competition or head out for the weekly rounds – Wednesdays are for the ladies and Saturdays for the men.

"We have 12 volunteers in the pro shop and eight gentlemen who help out around the course," Wonthaggi Golf Club Member, Chris Hamilton noted.

"We have a lot happening and the course is the best it has been in years, everyone is commenting, and

the volunteers are working hard to create a course that can be used 12 months of the year."

Assisted by the Bass Coast Shire Community Grant, the course has recently completed works on the cart tracks and drainage, with irrigation works on the fairways also in the near future. No more soggy feet in winter.

A whilst there may be a little bit of competition between the ladies with a new range of clothing arriving in the pro shop, the atmosphere is friendly fire with weekly tournaments a social affair.

Whether you prefer a round with the rising sun followed by Sunday brunch in The Clubhouse, or lunch followed by a hit in the afternoon, the pro shop is open from around 8am in the morning to 5pm each evening.

Set on 103 acres of undulating land, the 18-hole course can be tackled in one hit or as two 9-hole courses.

With plenty of advertising opportunities, local businesses are also welcome to reach out and sponsor a hole or jump on board a competition, with the Women's Classic, a popular event that brings women golfers from around Australia.

For junior and women program information and mentoring contact Chris Hamilton on 0456 382 616.

New member introductory offer is also available.

Come for a round and stay for the fun!



Head down to Wonthaggi Golf Club and grab a bucket for a hit down the new driving range. C07_0623

Juniors ready for 2023 season

THE Meeniyan Dumbalk United Football Netball Club is part of the Central Gippsland Junior football league and are growing their junior teams for the 2023 season.

All players both boys and girls from seven years of age are encouraged to kick start the new year and join the league for weekly training sessions and weekend games.

The under 14 and a half, under 12s and under 10s train at the MDU football oval every Thursday evening and following training members are supplied with a meal, and have the opportunity to be apart of the membership draw for the chance to win a prize each week.

Vice president Dave Trotman said they're hoping to grow the league this

year and get the kids active again, providing a family friendly social club with good sportsmanship.

"We began the league with no junior teams and have seen consistent growth, but we have room for more members, we work closely with Meeniyan Auskick to get those kids that are ready for the next step and are welcoming new players to start training," said Dave.

"Registration is on March 16 and regular training will begin subsequently."

Junior games are played on Saturdays with reserves and seniors played on Sundays.

To sign up and join the MDU club in the 2023 season call Dave Trotman on 0418 589 805.



The Meeniyan Dumbalk United Football Netball Club are welcoming more juniors to the 2023 season.

Practice your golf at our new driving range

Small bucket (approx. 50 balls) \$8
or large bucket (approx. 100 balls) \$15

OPEN 7 DAYS 9AM - 5PM

Simply tee off, no need to pick up the balls, our machine will do it for you!

COME AND TRY GOLF

Junior training including two weeks with golf pro, five week program, Thursday's 4.30 - 5.30pm - \$85
Ladies training - expressions of interest



Wonthaggi Golf Club Sleeman Drive • Pro Shop 5672 3697

**JUNIOR FOOTBALL
SEASON 2023**
Come and join us!

**ALL PLAYERS (BOYS AND GIRLS) ARE INVITED
TO JOIN US FOR OUR 2023 JUNIOR FOOTBALL SEASON.**

AGE GROUPS

Under 14 and a half
Under 12's
Under 10's

TRAINING

All Junior teams will train at the MDU football oval every Thursday evening.

REGISTRATION NIGHT

Thursday, March 16 at 5pm, MDU footy oval

Stay tuned for more information on when training will start etc. And make sure to follow us on Social Media to keep up to date with us.

For any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact **Dave Trotman** on **0418 589 805**

We hope to see some new & familiar faces join us for a great year at MDU!

Come and join us

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

Discover the rewards of volunteering at Girl Guides

WANT to develop your leadership skills, learn new things and have fun?

Want to work with a group of enthusiastic young girls in a positive, encouraging environment?

If you are over 18 years of age and are a caring, enthusiastic person and enjoy working and having fun with young people, then you are the kind of person we are looking for to be a unit helper or Leader of Girl Guides in South Gippsland (or anywhere in the State!).

Girl Guides is an organisation that works to help young girls grow into confident, self-respecting, responsible community members.

The fundamentals of our program are leadership, outdoors, service, guiding traditions and the patrol system.

We are an ethics based organisation, but we believe in learning through fun.

Being a volunteer with Girl Guides can have all sorts of benefits including a variety of personal and professional development, building networks and making new friends.

If you think this might be for you, contact Chris Oliver at christopher.oliver@guidesvic.org.au

Join your local Rotary Club today



ROTARY is a global network of 1.4 million neighbours, friends, leaders, and problem-solvers who see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change.

For more than 110 years, Rotary's people of action have used their passion, energy, and intelligence to take action on sustainable projects.

And there's no shortage of clubs throughout Bass Coast and South Gippsland to get involved in.

Many local clubs host an array of events throughout the year and significantly contribute to the community.

For example, Leongatha Rotary recently held their renowned 'Art Show', which is a major fundraiser for the Club, supporting projects locally, nationally and internationally.

It featured more than 630 works with \$7300 worth of prizes across 16 award categories.

They also support the local community through youth vocations, targeted donations, and volunteering.

For more information on Rotary and to find your nearest club, visit www.rotary.org/en

LEFT: The Leongatha Rotary Art and Photography Show is a huge event for the club. Pictured is committee member, hanger and artist Bob Hickman with the show's secretary Michael Hogan and its chair David Panther before the show got underway in January earlier this year. A19_0223

Start your GUIDING JOURNEY

We are currently looking for a Unit Helper or Leader of Girl Guides for South Gippsland Girl Guides.

If you are over 18 years of age by volunteering with Girl Guides we can help develop your leadership skills, build networks and make new friends!

Ready to get involved? Contact Chris christopher.oliver@guidesvic.org.au | www.guidesvic.org.au



Make a difference in 2023

Rotary assists and supports local communities, provides health and education programs, cares for the environment and promotes peace.

There are educational and leadership programs for students and young adults.

Rotary serves people around Australia and the world.

Become a Rotarian. Make a difference to your community. Reach out and help make the world a better place. Meet new people, hear interesting guest speakers, make friends, work on projects together and have fun.



Learn more about Rotary at rotary.org or contact your local Rotary club on line at rotary/name of town.

For more information contact 0408 642 256



WONTHAGGI RSL SUB BRANCH

Serving veterans and the local community
60 Graham Street, Wonthaggi VIC 3995
President Dan Lucas 0432 417 401



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Join us at the RSL Sub branch on
SUNDAY, MARCH 5 AT 2PM

All members and new members are welcome to attend.

Wonthaggi RSL operates as a traditional RSL with the aim of supporting the local community and maintaining the capacity to maintain the traditions of ANZAC and Remembrance Day in Wonthaggi.

We invite people to join as a member or as a friend of the RSL.

Is Korumburra Rotary right for you?

Do you want to make a difference?

LOCALLY...

- Annual Dinner Auction
- Robyn Holmes Foundation
- Youth exchange - inbound & outbound
- Fundraising events

NATIONALLY...

- Disaster aid
- Life education
- Donations in kind

INTERNATIONALLY...

- End Polio now
- Youth exchange
- Disaster aid

and lots more...

Come along and join our very friendly, proactive club -
NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

We meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday in the month at 6.30pm
at the Austral Hotel Korumburra.



For any enquiries call our
President George Auddino on 0417 311 942
or email: korumburra.rotary@outlook.com





Dance Design offers a range of classes in jazz/modern, tap and contemporary.

Get your dance shoes ready for 2023

DANCE Design's 2023 Classes have recommenced at Wonthaggi as of Monday, January 30, at Bass Coast Secondary College McKenzie Campus Theatrette and at Korumburra on Friday, February 3, at Korumburra Scout Hall.

Dance Design offers classes in jazz/modern, tap and contemporary classes under the

instruction of their teachers: Michelle Mabilia and Alycia Marotta.

After almost 12 months hard work and rehearsals, the students will perform their annual end of year concerts in front of capacity crowds.

Each year the concerts feature a pantomime, however the title remains a mystery

until July, just to keep the students guessing.

Last year the students were excited to perform in front of audience with the concert including the highly popular & successful pantomime "The Megamind".

It was a fabulous success with students performing as townspeople, space trainers,

the black hole, prisoners, metro city kids, evil sadness, school kids and more.

Enjoyment is the key to our teaching methods, and we encourage everyone to try our classes and see.

For all enquiries and enrolments; email dancedes@bigpond.net.au or phone Michelle on 0417 579 349.



There is a wonderful opportunity for volunteers at Banfields Aged Care

Banfields Aged Care is part of the Australian Aged Care Group which prides itself on imagination and innovation in caring for the aged, with a mission to excel in providing quality care services and accommodation. We are located at 192 Thompson Avenue, Cowes and the 90-bed facility is set amongst beautiful landscaped grounds.

Banfields Aged Care is inviting volunteers to become a part of the 'Lifestyle Teams Innovated Program' which is planned to enhance the residents' lifestyle.

Some of the ways you may wish to assist and support the program are by being involved in the: bus outings that occur one to two times a week (this varies week to week so flexibility is required); supporting residents with garden walks; wheelchair walks; bingo; hoy; happy hour; men's group activities; craft; art therapy; quizzes; BBQs; group discussion; etc.

This is a great opportunity to become involved with your local community and for further information please do not hesitate to contact reception on (03) 5951 2500.

It is a requirement that all volunteers have a current adult aged/disabled care police check, evidence of current influenza vaccination and 3 COVID-19 vaccinations.

Male volunteers are encouraged to apply!

Korumburra-Bena Football Netball Club



COME JOIN US

We are looking forward to an awesome 2023 season
New members, players and supporters always welcomed

Go Giants!

Contact

FOOTBALL ENQUIRIES

Russ White 0409 574 334

NETBALL ENQUIRIES

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2023 CLASSES
Recommence Wonthaggi Monday, January 30 Korumburra Friday, February 3 Enquiries: 0417 579 349 dancedes@bigpond.net.au

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VOLLEYBALL
SOUTH GIPPSLAND
2023 Summer/Autumn Season

Thursday nights - Leongatha SPLASH Stadium
SENIORS: 7.30pm starts Feb 9
SPIKEZONE & JUNIORS: 6pm starts Feb 9

INDIVIDUAL PLAYERS WELCOME ALL EXPERIENCE LEVELS
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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

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Strong employment regionally

REGIONAL Victoria, including the Gippsland region, has achieved a record low unemployment rate as more than 7000 new regional jobs were added across the state in December.

Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) figures show that Victoria's economy is continuing to grow jobs in towns and cities and on farms as the regional unemployment rate fell to 2.8 per cent – the lowest in the country.

Latrobe-Gippsland and Geelong recorded the biggest jumps in employment in December – with thousands of new jobs being created in each region.

Victoria also leads the nation with the lowest regional youth unemployment rate of 6.0 per cent – 1.4 percentage points lower than the next closest state, New South Wales.

Women in new careers workshop

COME and learn from women in local industries who have forged their careers using non-traditional pathways and methods. This will also involve:

- Women sharing compelling career journey stories
- Employers with valuable insights into what they look for in an employee
- Industry leaders who are leading the way to break down female career progression barriers

This session is designed for women returning to work, looking for a career change, school leavers and those wanting to try something new. Register your attendance at Women In New Careers Sessions | AGA

When: Thursday, February 16 - Town Hall, Wonthaggi

Come and join us

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

Supporting culturally diverse women

MINISTER for Education Natalie Hutchins is encouraging culturally diverse women across the state to apply for the Women of Colour Executive Leadership Program.

The program will support 20 diverse women – including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women – to upskill and navigate the distinct barriers that women of colour face in advancing their careers through workshops, mentoring and coaching over seven months.

It will also help women to complete an individual strategic challenge project and improve their board capabilities.

The State Government is investing \$1 million in leadership programs for women – with the Women of Colour Executive Leadership Program one of four initiatives announced in 2022, to help women gain leadership roles and build more inclusive workplaces.

The program is the first leadership program of its kind in Australia – designed by Women of Colour Australia, with an advisory group of Women of Colour leaders including First Nations leaders from Women's Business.

Under the program, workplaces of the participants will also contribute a one-off \$10,000 co-payment to help identify ways they can strengthen diversity in the workplace and be more inclusive.

Applications to join the program are now open until February 28, 2023. The program will run from May.

COME AND TRY JUNIOR NETBALL!

Wonthaggi Netball Association is a safe, friendly and fun place to learn to play netball.

We encourage all new and existing players to join us for the 2023 season.

REGISTRATION DAY

for Junior Saturday Netball Competition with FREE SKILLS TRAINING

Open to girls and boys of all ages

Season to start Saturday, April 29

Come and join Australian men's player and Wonthaggi boy, Zac Mabilia, for a fun training clinic with our local talented netball star, Zali Anderson

Saturday, March 18 with Zali starting 10am

Saturday, March 25 with Zali starting 10am

Saturday, April 1 with Zac starting 10am

Registrations 9.30am sharp!

UMPIRING AND COACHING WORKSHOPS

FREE if your child is enrolled to play Saturday competition or you play our night netball competition

Introduction to Umpiring course, Saturday, March 18, 10am – 12noon
Introduction to Coaching course, Saturday, March 25, 10am – 12noon

COME ALONG TO OUR A.G.M. SATURDAY, APRIL 1

10.30am at the Netball rooms
(Korumburra Road, Wonthaggi)
Positions available as a committee member or join as a volunteer for one of our competitions.

Please enrol into courses prior to dates
contact 0419 399 415
wdnawonthaggi@outlook.com

Wonthaggi and District Netball Association



Work or Volunteer with Bass Coast Health

BASS Coast Health (BCH) is a growing sub-regional health service and we're recruiting new staff and volunteers to help us expand.

If you are after a rewarding and well supported career, on a lovely coastline, in rural Victoria, where we partner with our community to improve their health, then come and work at Bass Coast Health.

We are a fantastic team joining us will be a decision you won't regret.

We recently expanded our hospital at Wonthaggi with a brand-new Emergency Department, Theatre Suite and Inpatient ward, and are currently building the new Phillip Island Community Hospital to grow Day Treatment, Urgent Care and Surgical Services. The number of services we offer is increasing, as is their complexity. This means we can help advance your career with the latest technology, high quality training in a truly wonderful community.

Find your next role online at basscoasthealth.mercury.com.au or email your resume and details of the role you're interested in to: hr@basscoasthealth.org.au

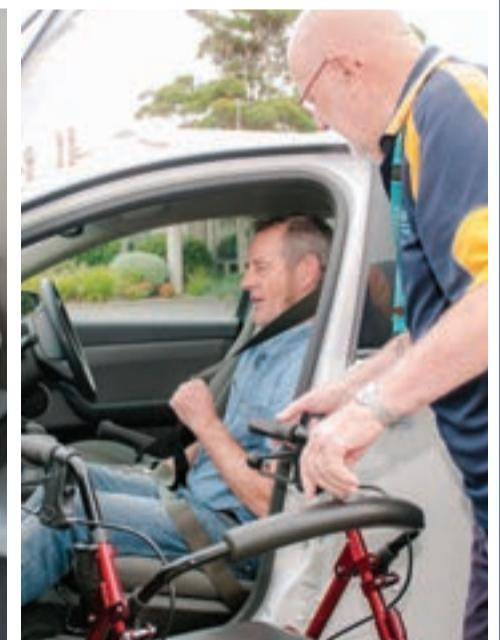
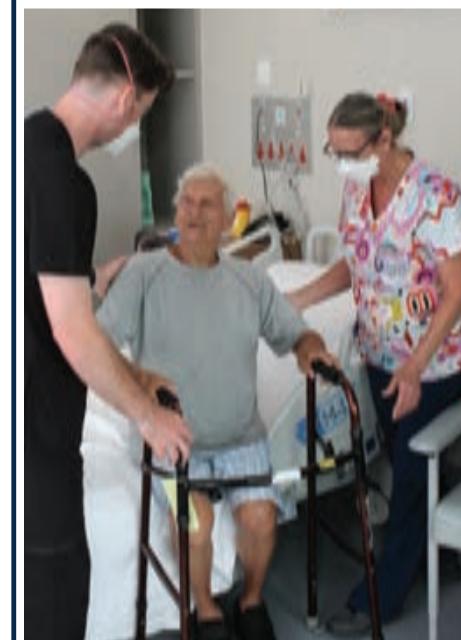
Many of our services are supported by dedicated, community-focused volunteers. We're very grateful for their generosity and are looking for more volunteers to support our community.

Volunteering can occur in a number of ways – as a concierge, transport driver, aged care visitor, gardening, administration, activity programs, car washing, and pet therapy.

We also have fundraising auxiliaries that welcome new members, including the Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary, BCH Ladies Auxiliary, Inverloch Art Auxiliary, San Remo Opportunity Shop Auxiliary and Phillip Island Health Hub Auxiliary.

To learn more, contact our Volunteers and Fundraising Manager Vicki Riley on vicki.riley@basscoasthealth.org.au or phone 0439 367 129.

LEFT: Lymphoma patient Susan Nation receives care from nursing student Jade Kelly and Registered Nurse David Chun in the Integrated Care Unit, one of many services provided by Bass Coast Health at Wonthaggi Hospital.



**Searching for your next career move?
Looking for a new volunteering opportunity?**

WORK WITH US!

We're seeking clinical and non-clinical staff. We offer you:

- a modern hospital
- a supportive environment
- learning opportunities.

If you would like to learn more, contact our HR team:
hr@basscoasthealth.org.au
or phone 5671 3151.

VOLUNTEER WITH US!

We offer these volunteer roles:

- Administration
- Community Activity
- Concierge Service
- Transport Driving
- Visiting aged care residents
- Gardening Program
- Car Washing
- Auxiliaries.

Contact Vicki Riley, 0439 367 129 or vicki.riley@basscoasthealth.org.au

Wonthaggi Hospital, 5671 3333
Phillip Island Health Hub, 5951 2100
basscoasthealth.org.au



Inspirational speakers to feature at Women's Day event



BASS Coast Shire is inviting the community to celebrate cultural diversity this International Women's Day.

Locals can join a special lunch on Thursday, March 9, with keynote speaker Div Pillay, guest speaker Nicky Chung, MC Deputy Mayor Cr. Rochelle Halstead, alongside women from all backgrounds – and allies – at Phillip Island Winery.

For this year's Bass Coast event, the theme is embracing cultural diversity.

Please join and be inspired by keynote speaker Div Pillay, CEO of MindTribes and Co-Founder of social enterprise, Culturally Diverse Women, plus guest speaker, Nicky Chung, CEO of Australian Vietnamese Women's Association, president of Rotary Club Wonthaggi and deputy chair of Bass Coast Health.

Nicky joined the Bass Coast community in early 2019 and has since made it home - where her heart is.

After the Vietnam War, Nicky and her family of six fled their home country, leaving behind their loved ones, taking a risk in the hope of finding a better life.

It may have started with a perilous boat trip, but the end result has been the opportunity to make the most of living in Australia.

In 2022, Nicky was appointed the CEO of the Australian Vietnamese Women's Association where she now leads a team of more than 300 employees to provide health and community care services to other migrants of all ages and genders, from culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

Tickets for Bass Coast International Women's Day: Embracing

Cultural Diversity go on sale Monday, February 6, at 9am from basscoastinternationalwomensday.eventbrite.com.au

This event is not just for people who identify as women; everybody is welcome.

Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023

Time: 12 noon to 2.30 pm
Venue: Phillip Island Winery, 414 Berrys Beach Road, Ventnor VIC 3922

Tickets*: \$35 per person (includes two course meal and speakers)

Buy from: basscoastinternationalwomensday.eventbrite.com.au

*On sale Monday, February 6 at 9am, limited availability.

LEFT: Nicky Chung will be a guest speaker at Bass Coast Shire's International Women's Day event this year.



Banfields Aged Care is a luxury and boutique residential aged care facility. It is family-owned and operated by 2nd and 3rd generation family members who have been involved in providing premium aged care for over 60 years.

Banfields Aged Care is a world-class residential facility situated right within the heart of Cowes offering the ultimate in luxury living. Set amongst beautiful landscaped gardens in the grounds of the former Banfields cinema and restaurant complex, Banfields Aged Care is a state-of-the-art residential aged care facility with hotel-style amenities. The single level facility provides care to 90 residents with ageing in place programs offering all levels of care. We also offer a dedicated 14 bed Memory Support Unit. The spacious and elegant facility consists of six separate wings, adjoining central lounges, café, bar, reception centre and provides an extensive range of services to assist residents in remaining active and engaged.

Features include:

- Single, spacious rooms with ensuite bathrooms and comfortable living area
- Ageing in place programs
- Suites with fully equipped kitchenettes and lounge area for a larger style of living
- Spacious lounge, sitting and dining areas within the fully air conditioned facility
- Individually controlled heating and air conditioning in every room
- Telephone and Foxtel connection points in every room
- Ample car parking
- Courtyards and outdoor sitting areas
- Covered pedestrian walkways
- Hairdressing & Beauty Salon

- Chapel (non-denominational)
- Theatre / Cinema
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It was a wrap for grade 3/4 students on Friday having completed their first week of Primary School.

That's a wrap

THE weather may have put a dampener on the end of the first week of the school year on Friday, but students were still excited to be back in the classrooms with all their friends.

Established in 1912, Wonthaggi North Primary School celebrated a successful, yet busy, first week as they welcomed 154 students through the doors with 25 new students across prep and various year levels.

Nine teachers across multiple specialities have also joined the team with the school looking forwards to new outside social spaces, playground upgrades, the installation of solar panels and expansion of the edible garden amongst the plans for this year.

Additionally, Term 1 will bring swimming sports for the senior school, parent/teacher interviews and the annual WNPS Family Picnic in late February.

New room same great time

PLAY and Explore at Wonthaggi North Primary School is back with a new term kicking off last week.

Head to the 'old' prep room near the library on Fridays from 9am to 11am for sensory games, messy activities, arts, crafts and an interactive time with other pre-school aged children.

Open to everyone, even the school aged children during curriculum days, stay for the full time or pop down for 20 minutes, the choice is up to you with song time at 10.30am.

Specialising in sensory activities last week's little attendees embraced the Oobleck experiment alongside dried rice and pasta activities, not to mention books, trucks and cars got a good workout too.

Join the volunteers and fellow parents this Friday – head to Wonthaggi North Primary School office and they'll show you the way.

SunSmart's new global UV app a game changer

SUNSMART Victoria brings new technology to combat skin cancer with the launch of the SunSmart Global UV app which provides daily sun protection advice to Victorians, particularly men who are twice as likely to die from melanoma compared to women.

SunSmart's transformation of the iconic Slip, Slop, Slap slogan of the 80s into the new app brings together decades of experience of delivering sun protection information to the Australian public.

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The student leadership group for 2023 at the senior campus of Bass Coast College, with SL denoting Student Leader. Mica Geronimo (SL), Heidi Peterson (SL), Noah Robertson (SL), Lachie Owen (Arts Captain), Jake Dennerley (SL), Billy Soumalis (Arts Captain), Isaac Seuren (Sports Captain), Asha Boyd (SL), Charlotte Morris (Sports Captain), Eve Leversha (SL), Kayla Humphrey (SL), Chloe Woolley (VM Captain). A06_0623

Busy year ahead at Bass Coast College

IT was a busy and lively morning at Bass Coast College's senior campus on Tuesday, with students energised after holidays and plenty of chat as they caught up with friends.

Student numbers at the campus have increased and are set to top 750.

Year 10 students were delighted to reunite with schoolmates they were separated from last year, with some coming to the senior campus from Wonthaggi's Dudley campus and others having spent year 9 at the new San Remo campus.

Oscar Dellamina is one of the newly welcomed year 10 students.

"It's a bit overwhelming but there are new things I'm

looking forward to like international cooking classes," he said.

Georgie Bright is another who has made the move from Dudley campus.

"I'm excited for new beginnings and seeing new people," she said.

Year 12s embarked on the start of their final year at school, with some taking on the added responsibility of leadership.

"It's exciting being the last year of school and good things will happen," joint school captain Asha Boyd said.

Fellow school captain Jake Dennerley is also enthusiastic about what lies ahead in 2023.

"It's exciting to be back and I'm looking forward to a good year of school," Jake said.

He's not daunted by the prospect of tackling a leadership role in addition to his studies.

While Jake feels being a leader is a big responsibility, he is confident the school has a strong team of leaders who are well placed to hear what students want, and act when required.

Principal Ross Bramley welcomed students from years 10 to 12 at a whole-of-campus assembly in the stadium.

He told the year 10 group that it was a big change coming to the senior campus but one he is confident they will quickly adjust to, warning them they will trip up and down the stairs.

The principal urged all the students to make the most of

the start of the school year.

"Make sure you are thinking about the goals you have," Ross said, explaining that will help achieve a desirable outcome for students later in the year.

The young audience was encouraged to take a positive outlook and a proactive approach to life.

"You've got to go out and make it happen, and don't be a bystander," the principal said.

After the general assembly, students were gathered into year level groups as they prepared to launch into another year of school.

Hopefully, the buoyant mood and bubbliness of the first day will get them off to a good start as they prepare to take on the challenges of 2023.

Boosting confidence and leadership



Year 7 students at the Bass Coast College San Remo campus Maddison Leed, Entayah Paynter, Pheonix Stedman and Charlotte Olsson have settled in nicely to their first days in secondary school. Z01_0623

THE Year Seven students at Bass Coast College have had a smooth transition to their secondary learning and are prepared to take on more responsibility in the 2023 year.

San Remo campus principal Emma Harris has welcomed five new teachers this year, including Lisa Foster – Maths, Jack Parsons – Information Technology and Physical Education, Emily Scott – Technology, Anna Kallstrom – English and Dance and Dave Graves – Humanities.

With a new structure in learning, secondary teachers will have more time for planning their lessons, which opens up further opportunities for employment in education – allowing a good balance between planning and face to face teaching.

"Our numbers this year remain consistent from last year, we said goodbye to a large cohort of Year nine students that's transitioned over to the senior campus and welcomed a good number of year 7s to both junior campuses," said Emma.

"This year we have welcomed a pastoral care program called boost for all students across 7 to 12 and this allocates a one hour lesson per week dedicated to health and wellbeing, respect in relationships, community connection and career pathways."

Senior students will concentrate on VCE study skills and career planning, again participating in the local learning employment network program that connects students with local employees to develop an

understanding of their available pathways.

As the junior students settle into their new surroundings, Year seven pupils Maddison Leed, Entayah Paynter, Pheonix Stedman and Charlotte Olsson explained that they are amid learning their timetables, finding their classrooms, and meeting new friends.

"Although it's a transition from primary to secondary school, we have been made to feel welcome into a safe space where we feel confident

to express ourselves and take on the new responsibilities," said Charlotte.

"We have more PE classes, and we are all really looking forward to the science lessons, as they are more practical in secondary school and we have a dedicated lab to learn in."

Beginning the year with the whole school swimming carnival in Korumburra, the cohort of students from all three campuses were encouraged to meet their fellow pupils and make new connections – all while having a positive start to their school year.

"With the upgrade of Shetland Heights Road underway, we look forward to the safer and more accessible access for students to get to and from school, as well as our working relationship with the local San Remo Primary School," said Emma.

Enrolments for Bass Coast College are still open, welcoming new students to both the junior and senior campus, for more information on the College visit www.basscoast.vic.edu.au

Smooth transition for new Leongatha year 7 group

YEAR 7s are settling in quickly at Leongatha Secondary College (LSC), with Sentinel-Times paying a visit on Thursday.

Twin sisters Abigail and Aurora Barry are among the 80 percent of the year level to arrive from the adjoining junior campus, while Liam O'Neill has shifted from St Laurence O'Toole Primary School, also in Leongatha.

Many of the other year 7 students have arrived from LSC's official feeder schools in Meeniyan and Tarwin Lower, with some venturing from places such as Melbourne.

Abigail said having a leadership role at junior school has stood her in good stead for the start of senior school, helping her make more friends and getting her used to taking on extra responsibilities.

"The teachers make sure you are taken care of," she said.

Abigail has already taken a liking to the culinary offerings at the senior school.

"The canteen's great," she said.

Aurora is also making a smooth transition.

"It's really good and the teachers made sure last year that we knew what is happening, and they make you feel welcome," Aurora said.

She added that teachers are



Year 7 students Aurora and Abigail Barry and Liam O'Neill have settled in quickly at Leongatha Secondary College. A11_0623

already demonstrating adaptability in meeting the learning needs of individual students by gaining an understanding of how they learn best.

Liam said the move from St Laurence O'Toole Primary School has been a smooth one as he was already friends with a number of now year 7 LSC students through sport and

those friends have been quick to introduce him to others.

Guy Thomas is now responsible for looking after the transition of students to LSC, most of whom are in year 7.

A number of year 10 students were quick to put up their hands to act as peer support leaders for year 7 arrivals.

"They're keen to do it and

appreciate the value of it when they were in year 7," Guy said.

Many of the year 10 students who embrace the responsibility of becoming peer support leaders go on to assume further leadership roles during the remainder of their time at LSC, with those experiences enhancing their future job prospects.

A great start to a new year at Inverloch Childcare

IT'S BEEN a busy but exhilarating start to the year for local childcare centres across Bass Coast and South Gippsland with Inverloch Childcare excited for the months ahead.

"The kids are settling in really well," Centre Manager Aleesha Lawrence smiled.

"Sometimes it's the families that have to get used to the process, the children seem to be quite resilient and go with the flow. It's good, it's busy and we've still got people on the waitlist!"

With beach kinder kicking off this week, it's never been a better time to consider a career in the field.

"We are still recruiting experienced certificate III and diploma educators to join Inverloch childcare," Aleesha said.

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

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

The beach kinder program supports children learning in their local community and



Opportunities for children to play, explore and discover, one of the most exciting for children and early learning educators is the beach kinder program.

teaches them to respect the environment.

"This program also provides a collaborative partnership with the local community and along with other community experiences we engage in at the centre such as visiting the local library, Auskick programs and our community garden provides learning opportunities outside of the centre," Kellie said.

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

Not only is the outdoor learning important for the

children, but incredibly beneficial for the team, who highlight it as one of the best parts of the job.

A strong belief in a work life balance, early learning team members have the opportunity to continue growing their skillset in a supportive environment with abundant training prospects.

"A priority for us here at Inverloch Childcare is our employee's wellbeing and mental health," Director, Angela Webster said.

"We have a Mental Health First Aid Officer that is on the premises and educators can

access this program at any time.

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

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Inverloch Childcare also have a few vacancies available in their higher age group sessions.

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Forward thinking VCE approach in Leongatha

LEONGATHA Secondary College is taking a proactive approach to ensure its year 11 and 12 students are well positioned to make a positive start to the year.

Year 12 coordinator Dave McGillivray, who also teaches Indonesian and art, has been in that position for seven years.

He is delighted to see things getting back to normal after the Covid-related challenges faced by recent year 12 groups.

"Students had trouble in 2021/22 getting back into that routine but this year they have been awesome and have been really keen on being in class," Dave said.

As well as class time since commencing year 12 this week, the students were presented with an off-campus opportunity to build confidence and preparedness for a successful year ahead.

"We had a leadership day at Cape Paterson run by Jamin Heppell and the kids were really responsive, asking lots of questions and wanting to know how to get the best result this year," Dave said.

Jamin is the brother of footballers Dyson and Aaron, with Dave highlighting Jamin's ability to motivate his young audience.

"It's basically getting the kids to connect with each other, building strength in community, and challenging themselves," Dave said.

He noted it is important for students to have the confidence to pursue the results they are capable of.

"With COVID, students were used to being home and not being challenged as much as they should, so now we're face-to-face we took the opportunity to challenge them and make sure they assess their ideas on what they thought success would be in year 12," Dave said.

He explained that can mean very different things for each individual, whether that entails setting themselves to achieve a high ATAR score, or they just want to pass and get into the workplace in 2024.

"Jamin talked about his ultramarathon running," Dave said, something that undoubtedly painted a clear picture of taking on challenges.

Dave spoke about the change in approach in recent years in terms of encouraging students to take a more proactive outlook to their futures.

"It's just not about I'm going to pass my VCE, then I'm going to see what's going to happen after that, and we really push the envelope in terms of counselling students from year 9 level to year 12," Dave said.

He stressed that it is ok if students don't yet know what they want to do, but the school wants to give them the opportunity to perform at their best.

Dave spoke of the new VCE Vocational Major (VCEVM).

"We used to have VCAL and it's all VCE now," he said.

Dave explained those desiring to go to university and wanting an ATAR to tackle the VCE, while others wanting to move straight into the workforce may elect to undertake the VCEVM, which still enables them to earn a VCE certificate.

The VCEVM is designed to provide work-related skills and prepare students for further education and training.

Take up of the VCEVM is extensive at LSC, with close to a fifty-fifty split between that and the VCE.

Year 11 students also undertook a leadership day.



Healthy lunches are an important focus for students at Chairo Christian School Leongatha.

New year, new opportunities

CHAIRO Christian School Leongatha Principal Christine Hibma was excited to not only have all students from Kinder to Year 10 on-site January 31, but commented how delightful it was to start the year with the ability to have the whole community come together.

The school had parents, friends, and grandparents at their opening assembly, new parents shared dessert with staff, the board chair and the executive principal, and Year 10 families have been in to hear what Senior School at the campus will look like - all in week one. Christine said the school is looking forward to an exciting year, with new garden areas taking shape, plans for a new building being worked through, and building on the successes of last year in new endeavours, such as the Human Powered Vehicle Program.

STOP! At school crossings

SCHOOL crossings are back in use and Victorian's are being urged to take care around Children's Crossing when flags are displayed.

"When entering a school crossing area please slow down and be prepared to stop, as there are kids around," Acting Sergeant Jack Allen of Wonthaggi Police said.

"You can help keep them safe by following the school Crossing Supervisor's directions."

"When a School Crossing Supervisor approaches the crossing and displays a stop sign, you need to come to a complete stop on the white line."

"When the Supervisor steps on the road, you must remain stopped until the children have finished crossing the road and the Supervisor returns to the footpath."

"Our safety matters," students from Wonthaggi Primary School added.

"Please take care around our School Crossings!"



Interns from Monash Health on the steps of the new Wonthaggi Hospital. From left, Anastasia Stenos, Lauren Wright Hill, Jessica Hinh, Vikram Amara and Dan Zou with BCH Clinical Dean Assoc. Prof. Bruce Waxman and Sophie Henderson from BCH's Medical Workforce team.

Interns making the most of their time at Wonthaggi Hospital

BASS Coast Health (BCH) remains a training destination of choice for the next generation of medical professionals.

BCH is now hosting the first round of Medical Interns from Monash Health for 2023.

Whilst with us, they will undertake a 10-week term of training in our new Emergency Department at Wonthaggi Hospital.

The interns are Anastasia Stenos, Lauren Wright Hill, Jessica Hinh, Vikram Amara, Dan Zou and Joel Wheatley-Price.

Interns are required to gain training in Emergency Departments and Surgical and

Medical wards for a year as part of their mandatory training to become registered as a medical practitioner once they graduate from their medical degrees.

This registration is governed by the Australian Health Practitioners Regulatory Agency (AHPRA). Whilst at BCH, the interns will shadow doctors in the Emergency Department and be fully supervised.

BCH Clinical Dean Assoc. Prof. Bruce Waxman said BCH welcomes five groups of interns from Monash Health each year.

"Wonthaggi Hospital is a

great hospital for them to gain experience in a rural setting. Our Emergency Department is led by specialist emergency physicians and they are able to closely supervise the interns to ensure they gain maximum experience whilst with us," he said.

"Past interns have said they feel part of a 'family' here and they develop autonomy in decision-making about a patient's treatment, although the final decision about the path of care is made by their supervisor.

"It is also our experience that by having a positive rural experience at BCH, the

interns will return to our health service once they have completed vocational training, further bolstering our senior medical staff."

Intern Joel Wheatley-Price is looking forward to experiencing rural health.

"This is an exciting opportunity to get out of my comfort zone and practise medicine in a particular environment. Hopefully I will learn a lot and who knows, I may end up working back here," he said. The other interns commented they appreciated the warm welcome they had received.

One, two, three new teachers at San Remo Primary

IF THERE was a spring in the step of students and teachers at the San Remo Primary School last week, on the return to school, it's entirely understandable.

The school is among those set to benefit most from the State Election in November 2022, ahead of which local MP Jordan Crugnale announced that the school would get a whopping \$5.3 million for a major upgrade to the school.

All that has to happen now is for the school to get a program for the works which will include removing old portables and replacing them with "modern, light-filled, accessible and permanent classroom spaces".

There's also an outdoor inclusive learning space on the way from the Inclusive Schools Fund.

In other good news, the school welcomed three new teachers to the school in the past week; Kelly-Ann Thompson, Stacey Grindy and Tara Macdermid, bringing a broad range of skills to the mix at San Remo.

Tara Macdermid from Cape Paterson is a new graduate, completing a Bachelor of Education at the Australian Catholic University, after four years



There are three new teachers at the San Remo Primary School; from left Kelly-Ann Thompson, Stacey Grindy and Tara Macdermid. San Remo PS teachers_0623

of study, and now into her first school placement.

Bringing the latest in teaching methods, Tara has been appointed to Grade 1 and has been working hard on her preparations for months.

She's delighted to have been accepted at a school in her local area.

Stacey Grindy comes to San Remo from Beaconsfield, with seven years of teaching behind her.

"We've been regular visitors to Phillip Island for years and finally made the move down to Cowes last year."

Stacey has experience at both junior and senior levels and will

be taking a Grade Two class this year.

Kelly-Ann Thompson is into her 14th year of teaching, with experience in most classroom roles and leadership as well.

Also after visiting the area for much of her life, she decided to move to the area and she's glad she did.

Valentine's Day

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

AUSTRALIANS are set to splash out \$485 million in the name of love this year (up 16.9% on 2022), with date nights and getaways showing a strong resurgence post-pandemic and flowers remaining a cornerstone of Valentine's Day gift-giving.

Research from the Australian Retailers Association (ARA), in conjunction with Roy Morgan, shows Australians will this year be spending an average amount of \$118 each on their gifts (up 6.3% year on year).

Flowers will be in hot demand, identified by 42% of people who plan on buying

a gift followed by chocolates/food (29%), sex toys/other toys (7%) and dining out/getaways (7%).

The bulk of the spending is set to be done by 18-34 year olds, who'll spend \$215 million, followed by 35-49-year olds who will spend \$140 million.

ARA CEO Paul Zahra said the 'freedom spending' phenomenon has resurfaced as couples celebrate their first restriction-free Valentine's Day since 2020.

"For couples who have begun a relationship in the last three years – this will be the first opportunity for them to celebrate Valentine's Day without limitations.

"Flowers remain the go-to gift, cementing their status as a staple of the Valentine's Day experience. They're a sentimental token of love and affection that can be customised and tailored to fit any budget.

"Sensory indulgence is certainly a theme this year, with dining, getaways and sex toys rounding out the top gifts.

"Other hot ticket items include watches, lingerie and Airpods."

Despite economic headwinds, 89% of respondents say they will spend either more (25%) or the same (64%) as a year ago.



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Ross Crawford is ready for this year's Korumburra Show, looking to build on his Rich Fruit Cake triumph in 2022.

Ross aims for further fruit cake success

ENTERING pavilion exhibits not only provides the opportunity to earn local bragging rights, but the potential for regional success, leading to a shot at the holy grail, the Melbourne Show.

Ross Crawford has been entering his Rich Fruit Cakes, baked to the stipulated Victorian Agricultural Society (VAS) recipe, for 20 years and persistence paid off when he triumphed at last year's Melbourne Show.

That was two steps further than he has progressed previously, not having won the regional final before.

"I spend a lot of time in the preparation, making sure I've got a consistent mix," Ross said, also stating the importance of temperature control.

While Ross is driven by a competitive streak, he loves the social element of entering his baking in the show.

"It's fantastic living in the country and one of the great things is the socialisation; you get that through sport, church for some people, but the Show is a great event that brings the community together and you can all have a bit of fun," he said.

Cooking in general is something Ross enjoys so preparing his entries is not a chore.

In his early years of entering the Rich Fruit Cake category at the Korumburra Show, Ross aspired to "knock off Mrs Hopwood", a renowned entrant, a goal he eventually achieved.

Ross fondly recalls the feedback he got from a judge in his early days of entering, after his Rich Fruit Cake claimed a place.

"There was a comment that said I had a wrinkly bottom," he said.

In recent years, Ross has also begun entering the VAS Carrot Cake competition, once again requiring adherence to a set recipe, and has been working hard on his technique after last year's effort sank in the middle and missed out on a Show appearance.

While this year's carrot cake will be baked just prior to the Korumburra Show, his fruit cake is set to go.

"The cake's been baked and it's ready to rock 'n roll," Ross said, noting this scribe will be held accountable if it doesn't win.

Rare sheep breeds heading to Show

RARE sheep varieties will feature at the Korumburra Show, with the Valais Blacknose appearing in the show-ring for only the second time in Australia, and Elliottdale and Babydoll breeds on display.

The Elliottdale was bred as a carpet wool sheep, with its wool being coarse and fast growing, with Sugar Gum Farm based in Elaine between Ballarat and Geelong set to introduce the breed to Korumburra Showgoers.

Development of the breed commenced in 1967 and the first rams were released to the industry 10 years later.

"They were developed in Tasmania at the Elliottdale Research Station, which is how they got their name," Sue Curliss of Sugar Gum Farm said.

The creation of the breed was prompted by the importation to Australia of vast quantities of wool suited to carpet manufacturing.

By 1987 there were over 140 flocks of Elliottdales in Australia.

Although the breed is dual



Sue Curliss of Sugar Gum Farm will be bringing Babydoll sheep like Minnie to the Korumburra Show.

purpose, suitable for meat as well as wool production, it has become highly scarce since the demise of the local carpet manufacturing industry.

"It would be one of the rarest breeds in Australia," Sue said, noting there are now only three flocks of Elliottdales in Australia, with the other two in Tasmania.

Korumburra Showgoers will meet Elliottdale 'Koda' and

probably his friend 'Wallaby'.

Koda was quick to take to halter training in preparation for the show, needing just quarter of an hour, but Sue said he differs from his fellow Elliottdale Wallaby in being bottle raised, making Koda easier to train.

Babydoll sheep will also be making the journey from Sugar Gum Farm to Korumburra Showgrounds.

Originating in the UK, the miniature breed is excellent for pets.

Babydoll sheep are also ideally suited to vineyards, orchards and cherry farms, grazing between the rows to keep everything neat without the need for chemicals.

"They fertilise as they mow," Sue said.

The Valais Blacknose is an ancient sheep breed originating in the Swiss Alps, in the Valais region, and having not only black noses but also black knees.

Members of the breed will venture to Korumburra from Farm Valais at Yarrambat for the Show.

While the Valais Blacknose can be used for meat and wool production, its cuteness and friendliness makes the breed a perfect pet.

"They will follow you around just like a dog and can be trained to do all sorts of tricks," Jane Lauber who is showing the breed in Korumburra said.

The Valais Blacknose only reached Australia in 2021.

Korumburra Show through the years



Remember when: Back in 1983, the annual 'Showgirl' event at the Korumburra Show provided the opportunity to get dressed up, like Fashions on the Field and also opened up the opportunity for the winners to be hosted at the Melbourne Show. Among the winners were, from left, Jeanette Dean 14, Simone Lawson 9, Belinda Graham 5, and Anne Miles 18 'Miss Showgirl Korumburra 1983.'

BACK in 1983, when Compass Building Society was offering 14.5% on investments and the Karmai Festival was coming up in March, the Korumburra Show on Saturday, February 12 was held against the backdrop of a Federal Election, and a nasty drought.

Chariots of Fire was showing at the Wonthaggi Cinema, you could buy a three-bedroom home in Korumburra for \$25,000, dairy cows sold for an average of \$210 at a local clearing sale and you could buy a second-hand 120Y Datsun from Don Mullin Motors for \$4495 (sounds a bit dear)...

Ahh, those were the days!

But it was on with the show with the campaigning politicians all about the place, including Peter Nixon and the first-time hopeful Peter McGauran.

Maisie Brooks won the best orange cake event, Cliff Wallace

had the champion dairy cow, Val Wilson the best pure wool knitted garment, W.C. Calder the best Friesian and Myrene Rowe of Loch took out several championship ribbons in the poultry.

Leongatha's 80th show followed a week later.

30 years ago: Saturday, February 13, 1993 was Korumburra's Centenary Show, which makes it the 120th year this year. For the occasion, the show society had pulled off the huge coup of having the famed Carlton and United Brewery's Clydesdale team visit, with its beer wagon, making a proper spectacle in the grand parade.

During the week, Shadow Minister for Industrial Relations John Howard had attended an 80th birthday party locally, lamb chops were \$1.99 a kg, and the Leongatha Cycling Carnival attracted 6000 people, including 1992 Olympic Gold

Medallist Cathy Watt.

At the Korumburra Show, Wayne Kuhne and Bushlea Jerseys had the supreme dairy cow, Mickey Auddino was the Korumburra Miss Showgirl and camel rides were a novelty.

20 years ago: Making news in February 2003 were the upcoming council elections in March 2003 with John Hulley facing challenges in Bass Coast's Leadbeater Ward while in South Gippsland, Dick Lester and Ross Svenson were among the candidates in Tarwin Valley.

At the Korumburra Show in 2003, Jack Glasgow was the most successful exhibitor in the farm produce and Margaret Morrison won first in the Kelly's Great Apple Pie Competition, knocking off a visiting apple pie specialist from Scotland. M&C Jones won the soft feather large ribbon and there was a huge contingent of horses.

Korumburra A&P Society teams with Karmai

YOUNGSTERS will benefit through the combined efforts of Karmai Community Children's Centre (KCCC) and the Korumburra Agricultural & Pastoral (A&P) Society at this year's Korumburra Show.

The A&P Society is providing an array of children's activities, with volunteers from Karmai running those with a craft focus.

By way of appreciation, the show society will make a donation to the children's centre to help buy new toys and equipment for its young clients to enjoy.

KCCC committee member Ailiu Liu, is delighted with the new arrangement.

"The show society has been generous to make donations to

help provide fresh equipment for the centre, and we love giving back to the community," she said.

Ailiu outlined a selection of activities Karmai volunteers will oversee.

"We've got painting of plaster figures, we're making craft with egg cartons and paper plates, and creating pasta necklaces," she said.

The egg cartons will be transformed into spiders, while turtles will come to life through the creative use of paper plates.

There will also be a quiet play area with toy animals, cars and doll houses.

Children's activities form part of what is sure to be a busy and entertaining family day at the Korumburra Showgrounds.



Clients at Karmai Community Children's Centre can look forward to new toys and equipment thanks to an arrangement with the Korumburra A&P Society.

KORUMBURRA SHOW

Big day ahead at Korumburra Show

KORUMBURRA Showgoers will enjoy a busy day of entertainment on Saturday February 11, with animals, craft, cookery, produce, music, children's activities, hot rods and classic cars featuring, along with market stalls, followed by a night-capping fireworks display.

Pavilion exhibits are a long-standing show tradition, with Allison Potter one of the keenest entrants and the most successful exhibitor in the home products (cookery) section over recent years of the Show.

With children in primary school and full time work, she manages to achieve a sufficient level of organisation to enter around 20 items each year.

"It's a personal challenge, because it's a mammoth task to do as many of the cooking entries as I can," enthusiastic baker Allison said.

The farm-based Poowong North resident is a member of the Poowong CWA, which she helped establish.

Leading into the show, Allison will be hard at work preparing boiled fruit cake, plain and date scones, and many other items, with the preparation of specific entries timed according to how well they last, something that requires good planning.

"I like the atmosphere and the pavilion building and the way they display everything," Allison said.

Korumburra Agricultural & Pastoral Society president Rhonda Brooks will again take charge of the pavilion.

"I think the pavilion is great because people get to display how creative and talented they are, whether it's cooking or growing plants or sewing," Rhonda said.

Along with seasoned show entrants,



The Korumburra Show offers a great family day out. A09_0623

children's work will again be on show in the pavilion, including handwriting, with Banjo Paterson's poems featuring this year.

"It doesn't hurt kids to learn about Australian poets," Rhonda said, noting some of the youngsters have beautiful handwriting.

Free children's activities run in the Amenities Complex, including hands-on craft opportunities and performances by young magician Lachlan Wilde who had his audience spellbound at last year's Korumburra Show.

Lachlan's shows take place at 11am, 12.30pm and 2pm, with chosen audience members set to play a part.

Face painting is free, as is the animal nursery, with gold coin donations accepted to help bring them back for next year's show.

While changing rural demographics over the years has necessitated a wider variety

of show entertainment, there is a strong commitment to maintaining a healthy agricultural element, with cattle, poultry and sheep judging to take place.

About 20 classic cars were on show last year, with at least that many hoped for this time.

Members of the South Gippsland branch of the Ulysses Motorcycle Club will be riding into the showgrounds, showing off their bikes and happy to have a chat about them.

While horse events this year are taking place the week after the show, the oval won't go to waste, set to be graced by hot rods.

Market stalls will include wares such as art, craft, clothing, candles and jewellery.

President Rhonda expressed her appreciation of the support provided by many local businesses that helps make the Korumburra Show a success.

"Some of them donate cash so that we can give cash prizes or buy special prizes, and a lot of them give vouchers to their business, so I am really grateful to them," Rhonda said.

Sponsorship from local businesses allows organisers to hold the Korumburra Music Festival Competition, which commences at 12pm offering a first prize of \$600 cash in the 'open age' section.

Entry forms and fees for those wishing to participate in the Korumburra Music Festival Competition must be received by Wednesday February 8, with the entry cut off extended from January 29.

Please email Shirley Cowling at shirley.cowling@outlook.com or phone her on 0400 976 248 for enquiries or to book your place in the competition.

Locals and those from further afield are encouraged to enter, with all musical styles welcome.

A flyball dog demonstration takes place at the showgrounds at approximately 5pm.

Fireworks launch at 9pm.

Korumburra Show details:

When: Saturday February 11, gates open 9am.

Where: Korumburra Showgrounds

Cost: Family (2 adults and 2 children) \$25, Adults \$10, Ages 10-14 \$5, Under 10 years free entry, after 5pm entry - gold coin donation.

Horse Show details:

When: Sunday February 19, with all rings commencing at 9am.

Where: Korumburra Showgrounds

Cost: All entries on the day are \$5 per class. Gate entry fee is \$10 per vehicle.

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• FAITH FACTOR

Kindness and friendship are under-rated

By Reverend Wendy Elson, Uniting Church, Inverloch and Wonthaggi

KINDNESS is a subversive quality. We talk about the fruits you will see in us when we are following Jesus. They are kindness, peace, love, joy, patience, goodness, gentleness, self-control, and faithfulness. I wonder if that is what you see in us Christians. My assessment is that we do some of it well but that we don't rate things like joy and gentleness and kindness highly enough. St Aidan asked his monks to share kindness with the Northumbrians in the sixth century and it changed the whole of their society. Sometimes we are more about asserting our own rights as church than loving one another with kindness, joy and gentle good humour. Hugh McKay claims that the key to having a meaningful life is kindness, which is available to us even when fondness is not. Being kind changes both the world and us.

In recent years we have been robbed of company and the sharing of social space. We have a loneliness epidemic and people feel isolated and that creates the need to see life purely from our own perspective. Friendship and compassionate support are the things we offer as church that can alleviate the loneliness. Nadia Bolz-Weber suggests that the way to get out of our own 'heads', our anxieties and fears and stresses, is to be of service to others and to allow them to be the same with us when we need kindness.

One of my favourite saints, Dorothy Day, believed that love of others was essential to knowing God and that in sharing together "we are not alone anymore". "Heaven is a banquet and life is a banquet, too, even with a crust, where there is companionship", she said.

Friendship is a 'gift of wisdom', and it is friendship itself with God which is at the core of our belief. In my own tradition we talk about being companions "on the way" together. The very definition of God is community and connection. It is in God's DNA! It is also what churches can offer the wider community around us, especially toward those who are marginalised through various diversities and struggles. So, as we continue to 'emerge' from the shadows of being shut in and isolated, let's think about how we can put aside the things which cause separateness and re-connect in friendship and kindness. How refreshing to concentrate on what unites us rather than what divides us. We may just discover that we all have a lot in common!

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

NOW is the week of our getting fully into gear with what we have to offer our neighbourhood and community.

This coincides with the school term starting: facilitators, children, schools, can you make a connection here? We hope that the school holidays were happy ones for young and old.

Our Free Supported Play groups are in line with the start of the school term. Facilitated by Bass Coast Health for families with a Health Care Card (or equivalent). They are on Monday mornings with Cath, call her on 0427 729 695 to enrol and Friday mornings with Janine, call her on 0457 834 960 to enrol.

The Harvest Centre, beyond the Goods Shed out the back of the Big W carpark, has a couple of groups: The Garden Group which meet on Wednesday mornings, 9.30am to 12noon. A great place to get involved with gardening and share ideas. Then there is the Seed and Veggie/Produce Swap which is on Saturday, February 11, 10 to 11am. Bring along your excess produce from your garden, fresh or processed, all is good.

Following this is the Wonthaggi Food Collective where food bought in bulk, and then distributed at a low mark up to members. Ring Michael Nugent on 0416039933 or email him at WonthaggiCoop@gmail.com for the stockist and other information.

A one off event on Saturday 18th February, 2pm at Mitchell House, 6 Murray Street Wonthaggi is the Reduce, Reuse and Recycle meeting. A forum to explore why it is important to manage our waste responsibly and how this can be achieved. The guest presenter is Shana Bremner (Waste Education Officer Bass Coast Shire Council.) We hope many of you will come along.

We will be having our first Fixit Café for the year on Sunday 19th February, 11am to 1pm and we have a call out to anyone who can fix a zip on a rain jacket. Now, we do have two sewers, Sabah and Wendy. They are offering to do two types of textile mending repairs (neither cover the rain jacket repair.) These are the types they will do: Hand-sewn mending repairs for clothing with small problems and needle felting/ darning to mend small holes in hand-knitted woollen items (sorry no socks) and hand knitted wool rugs. So if you have a favourite textile that needs repair and matches the guidelines above then book them in now, before the two hours on Saturday are booked up! As items and fixit people need to be matched up before hand, walk-ins cannot be attended to on the day. But hey, do come over for a chat, cuppa and maybe cake, it's a good place to hang out and watch what's going on. It may remind you of an item that may be able to get mended at another Fixit Café day.

Become a member of the WNC and get discounts to many of our activities and receive a newsletter, every so often plus The Grapevine, delivered online or by post. Call Mitchell House or visit us on Facebook Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House.



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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

BETWEEN working from home, Zoom meetings, and QR codes, one thing the pandemic taught us is digital literacy is more important than ever. And while we have mostly moved on from those times, some things remain. Meetings can still be held over Zoom without having to travel, and telehealth has become the preferred option for many.

Digital literacy is a catch-all term for familiarity with technology from computers to smartphones, to smart TVs and other home devices. BCAL has a wide range of courses to help people from every level to get their heads around the digital world.

For the beginner, there's Computers, The Basics. This course starts from scratch. If you don't know where to start, this is for you. For those who have a little experience, there's Computers for Office Skills - an 8-week course which gives people a full introduction to all aspects of computing in a work or office situation.

For those who know the basics and want to kick it up a notch, BCAL now offers Certificate III in Information Technology. This is a nationally accredited course which includes managing security, using databases, producing images, providing advice to clients, an introduction to programming and much more.

If you need some tips and tricks with technology, the Friday afternoon Tech Club returns this week. Plus, there is a new course on how to stay safe from scams starting later in February.

For more information on all BCAL's courses and services, please visit www.bcal.vic.edu.au or call 5672 3115 to learn more.

■ WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

Despite plenty of spring rain and a mild summer so far, the garden's water tanks are just under half full. Less water means the end of warm season planting and a shift in focus at the garden.

Volunteers have instead been busy preparing for an influx of visitors as part of the Bass Coast Edible Gardens weekend this Saturday and Sunday 4-5 of Feb.

Last week a small crew cleared tired plots, nourished the all important compost with weed tea, green waste, manure and straw, as well as weeding paths, mulching pumpkins and watering priority fruit and vegetables.

There may be neater gardens on show over the weekend but there's much to see and learn in a working, communal garden, with its different plots, styles and plantings, not to mention the composting bays, which are the garden's beating heart.

All are welcome at the garden. Hope to see you this weekend or on any Thursday between 10 and noon. Contact the garden coordinator at tgordon@westnet.com.au for more information.

And remember you can book tickets to this weekend's Bass Coast Edible Gardens even at www.basscoastediblegardens.com.

■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

With a lot of people taking a 4-day weekend, the traditional Bunnings sausage sizzle did double time over the Australia Day weekend and the Woodies were on the grill on the 26th. Members volunteered to serve the public and it made an excellent fundraiser.

One of the added benefits of being in the club is discounted rates on consumables such as sandpaper, glue, wax, and wood polish. The group is able to buy these in bulk and share the savings with members. They also have supplies of hearing protection and dust masks.

As they say, membership has its benefits. For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit www.wonthaggewoodcrafters.com.au or pop in to the workshop.



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MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

WELCOME 2023, it's feeling like it going to be a fantastic year at Milpara Community House.

It was fabulous to be back in the house last week and seeing loads of familiar and new faces.

A number of our regular activities and courses commenced including Sunshine Spreaders now on Monday mornings, Games and Giggles Tuesday afternoons, Milpara Singers Wednesday afternoons, Mahjong alternating Wednesday mornings and Monday evenings and of course Crafts with Barb on Friday afternoons.

This week First Aid will be held on Tuesday, February 7, and again on April 11, remember bookings are done direct with Victorian First Aid, let us know if you need their contact information.

We are trying something different this term with our Death Cafe on a weeknight and in the evening, it will be held this Wednesday at 7pm (February 8).

Also this week we welcome back the Korumburra Craft Group who meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 10.30am.

Lastly, we have our Colour Wisdom Workshop on Sunday, February 12, bookings are essential and places limited, give us a call to book your place asap.

Coming up next week we hope to have an in-person Food Safety Level 1 and Supervisors on Thursday, February 16, please book your place as soon as possible, minimum numbers are required.

We also hope to commence French Classes Thursday evenings 6.30 pm - 8.30 pm.

It was amazing to see the results of last terms Pencil and Charcoal Portraits Class, so we are really pleased to be offering it again, this term we have a morning and after school class.

It will run over 6 weeks starting Tuesday February 14, mornings 10 am - 12.30pm, afternoons 3.30pm - 6 pm.

If you would like any more information or make a booking, please call Milpara 5655 2524.



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February may not be best gardening time, but plenty of options out there

FEBRUARY is often not the most favourite month for gardening not only is it often hot and dry but the flies are troublesome.

However, there are many plants that love the heat and put on a real show this time of year.

One of those are the Echinacea also called the coneflower, which is one of the most popular herbs worldwide.

Native Americans have used it for centuries to treat various ailments.

We grow it for the stunning floral display. Coneflowers are perennials that bloom from summer to autumn.

It is an easy-going, long flowering plant, the flowers are daisy in appearance with raised cone-like centres which vary in colours from green to yellow and brown.

Depending on variety the flowers are usually purple, pink or white, however, hybrid colours ranging from hot red to sunset pink, pale yellow and oranges as well as double forms are available.

Echinacea prefer a full sun to light shade position in the garden that has well drained humus rich soil.

They are frost hardy and tolerant of drought conditions. Echinacea are ideal for borders, rock gardens, garden beds, pots and containers and look great planted en-masse.

They attract birds and butterflies to the garden and can be used fresh or dried for flower arranging.

One plant that has made a big comeback in popularity is the hydrangea, most of the mop top varieties are finishing flowering now and unless you want to keep the aging flowers, it is best to give them a cut back.

A good rule is to make the cut above two buds on the stem.

Coming into flower now and making a big statement are the paniculata hydrangeas.

Native to China and Japan, hydrangea paniculata is a deservedly popular deciduous shrub. Tough, cold hardy, easy care, long lived, it is laden with large, conical snowy flowers from midsummer to fall.

Each lacy flower cluster is composed of small fertile flowers, and larger showy sterile blossoms that are subtended by showy petal like sepals.

As an added bonus, they change colour as autumn approaches, gradually turning pink, and ultimately brown. Persisting well into winter, the panicles provide additional winter interest.

As the flower show fades, the leaves turn to lovely shades of red for a breathtaking fall display. Paniculata hydrangeas can grow up to two metres plus and can be grown as a single stemmed specimen or multi-stemmed shrubs.

They require a few hours of direct sunlight to flower best and are not fussy about the soil type as long as it is well drained. They are more drought tolerant than other hydrangeas.

Perfect for the shrub or mixed border and make an excellent backdrop in a perennial bed.

The flowers can be used fresh or dried and they are best pruned back in late winter or early spring (blooms occur on current seasons growth).

There are many varieties = Grandiflora or Pee Gee is a very large growing variety with large white cone

**By Karen Haw,
Mirboo North Garden Centre**

shaped flowers that become pink-tinted.

Hydrangea paniculata greenspire features long pointy, conical panicles that retain their lime green colour and the most popular of the paniculatas is the Sundae Fraise.

This compact bushy shrub has large fluffy conical flower heads at the tips of gracefully arching branches in summer.

Opening creamy white in mid-summer the florets turn to strawberry-pink as they age, before finally taking on rich pinkish-red tones as autumn approaches.

The large blossoms retain their red colour for 3-4 weeks prior to turning brown.

With its compact habit, this hardy hydrangea adds striking flowers to small gardens and is perfect for patio containers.

Fleming's nursery is renowned for their quality trees and when there is a new species or variety it is only released after many years of trials in their gardens in Silvan.

This year they are delighted to introduce the latest and greatest all rounder landscaping shrub to Australia – Distylium.

It is an evergreen, low growing shrub that does its job without fuss or fanfare and loves a tough situation.

Originating in China, the Distylium has been refined through a breeding program in the United States where the evergreen shrub has become an exceptionally useful landscaping plant.

While preferring acidic soils they are highly adaptable to site conditions including heat and drought conditions as well as wet soils and cold climates.

Through Fleming's trialling program, it has shown that Distylium perform best in full sun to part shade positions, but will also cope well in full shade. They flower from winter through to early spring with small, inconspicuous red apetalous flowers along the stem. The best thing about this plant is that it is so easy.

Once established they require little to no maintenance they do not even need pruning, the first variety to be released is called Vintage Jade which has a distinctive layered branching habit, forming a low spreading shrub. As a single plant it will reach to around 1-2 metres tall and 1.5 metres wide.

In the vegetable garden there is plenty that can be planted now including brussel sprouts, broccoli, cauliflower, beetroot, spring onions and lettuce to name a few.

The main thing to look out for this time of year are the white butterflies that are in abundance at the moment.

You can try using derris dust or the ornamental butterflies that are supposed to trick the white butterflies that that spot is already taken.

Seed of the above can also be planted along with carrots.

But if you don't want to garden this time of year, it is also a good time to plan and order trees for bare root, as most nurseries put in their orders and if you want multiples of trees or a specific rose now is the time to order.



Jess Brown at the launch of the new plant distylium, which according to Wes Fleming, is the best plant you've never heard of.



Harvest Centre coordinator Jessica Harrison, Stella Hitchins, Sabah Walsh and coordinator of the Bass Coast Edible Gardens event Sharon Willcox at the Harvest Centre in Wonthaggi. A37_0623

Edible gardens a delight for all

THE second Bass Coast Edible Gardens weekend was a huge success as people explored up to 15 gardens across the shire.



All produce at the Harvest Centre in Wonthaggi is shared, including the pictured zucchinis and onions. A38_0623



Beetroot, potatoes and tomatoes are just a few of the crops grown at the Harvest Centre in Wonthaggi. A39_023



Fuchsias - many varieties including doubles, upright, hanging basket and species all named with a photo from \$5.00.

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Festival of Small Halls heading to Tarwin Lower

THE Festival of Small Halls is a series of tours that takes some of the best folk and contemporary acoustic artists and sends them on the road to halls in communities all over Australia.

Each night on the tour is a beautiful evening filled with community catchups, high quality original music, and endless good spirit.

The 2023 autumn tour is hitting the small town of Tarwin Lower on March 18, at the Tarwin Lower Mechanics Institute Hall and tickets are now on sale.

This is the 33rd festival of Small Halls Tour in Australia and they are touring 18 regional town halls in one festival, presenting the heavenly harmonic Folk Bitch Trio (FBT) and acclaimed Canadian songwriter Scott Cook - this big-hearted tour is set to be another inspiring and galvanizing experience for the regions it will touch.

Tickets are on sale now, visit www.festvalofsmallhalls.com

Working together on climate action in Bass Coast



Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Michael Whelan will chair a forum which will focus on the shire's Climate Action Plan 2020 – 2030.

IN 2019, after a broad community campaign led by the Bass Coast Climate Action Network, Bass Coast Shire Council (BCSC) declared a climate emergency.

BCSC is one of more than 100 councils across Australia to take this step, recognising both the dangers and opportunities that climate change presents.

Community members were then involved in helping write Council's Climate Action Plan 2020 – 2030. The plan is ambitious – that the Bass Coast Shire will achieve zero net emissions by 2030. Only seven years from now.

So how is implementation going? What else is happening in our community to support this goal? How would you like to be involved?

BCCAN is holding a forum on Saturday, February 18, where these questions will be addressed.

The forum will be chaired by Mayor, Michael Whelan who actively supports ambitious action to reduce emissions.

Christian Slattery, Council's Climate Emergency Project Officer will provide an update on implementation of their climate action plan.

Zoe Geyer, the co-ordinator of Totally Renewable Phillip Island will talk about current clean energy projects in that community and which ones

could be duplicated across the shire.

Joey Thompson, a local student, will tell us about campaigns he is involved in to support a clean energy future. He is excited to share this opportunity with other community members to take action which will 'aid in the transition to a greener lifestyle and planet, both locally and nationwide'.

There will be opportunities for questions, and discussions in break out groups about projects attendees would like to be involved in.

All of which will be followed by afternoon tea.

The forum is on Saturday, February 18, 2 – 4 pm at the Bass Coast Adult Learning Centre (BCAL), 239 White Road Wonthaggi.

At 1.30pm, the Energy Innovation Co-operative is holding the official 'launch' of the installation of solar panels at BCAL.

This was made possible by a no-interest loan from EICo, which received part funding via a donation from CoPOWER, a community based not-for-profit electricity retailer.

Come at 1.30pm and help us celebrate this project and stay for BCCAN's forum.

Contact BCCAN Jessica 0438 174 029 Aileen 0408 726 717, if you need more information.

South and West Gippsland artists launch

"A PLAY on Paper" by Helen Reeves and "My Happy Place" by Jessie McLennan have launched the WAS Gallery program for the new year in Warragul.

Helen recently set up a new studio at her Mount Eccles property, South Gippsland, and much of her inspiration has come from the surrounding countryside. Jessie has worked and been active in public art projects in West Gippsland for many years. Helen's large collection of collages features small, intricate pieces of paper, paint and thread while Jessie has a range of work including sculpture, painting and collagraphy.

"I create small scale works that invite closer viewing. Making art in a series or grid encourages the viewer to move from one image to another and back



Helen Reeves (left) with her small collage and Jessie McLennan in front of her large painting at WAS Gallery.

again," said Helen.

While Jessie describes her approach as, "Primarily I identify as a sculptor, working figuratively in clay. I am also a printmaker, painter and illustrator, often viewing my drawing, printing, painting and sculpture as separate aspects of my creative self."

The shows were opened on Saturday, January 14 with a large crowd of Gippslanders as well as Melbourne and interstate visitors. Both shows run until March 11.

WAS Gallery is at 37 Latrobe Street, Warragul. Hours: Wednesday to Saturday, 10am - 4pm.

Don't miss 'The Great Fete' this year at Inverloch

THE Inverloch-Kongwak Primary School has announced The Great Fete will make its debut on March 18, 2023 from 10am-3pm at the Inverloch Primary School grounds.

The school is excited to invite both the school community and broader community to this major event.

The new event is different and a bit smaller from the school's well-known Easter Fair of years past. The event will not be held at Easter

and will be sure to impress with local entertainment featured on The Great Stage, as well as food trucks and a fun-filled array of games and stalls running in partnership with several local community groups, businesses and volunteers.

"The support and involvement of the broader community is vital in ensuring success. The Great Fete is a way to rebuild connections between the school and community and celebrate

and acknowledge the various community groups that make where we live and learn so great," shared Brett Smith, IKPS School Principal.

The event is approaching quickly and more volunteers, sponsors, in-kind and cash donations are needed.

To get involved, email ikpsfete@gmail.com or call the School (03) 5674 1253.

For information and updates, go to Facebook @inverlochikpsfete.

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CWA Wonthaggi Owl Women back in action

CWA Wonthaggi Owl Women are pleased to announce that they are back for 2023!

Our diverse group provides many opportunities for education, community involvement, craft, cooking, walking group and more.

Currently our community involvement includes raising funds to support local youth through headspace, assisting the RSL with ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day activities and other emergency situations.

Our first meeting will introduce a member of our local legal community who will provide general advice on preparation for the future. The meeting will be held on February 16, at the RSL Hall, 60 Graham Street, Wonthaggi starting at 7.15pm (RSVP required)

As an evening branch we provide an opportunity for women of all ages to share and grow together.

Those wishing to attend or wanting further information may contact the Branch Secretary, Marg Hauser, on 56783384 or email cwaofvic.wonthaggi@gmail.com

Get jazzy in Inverloch

By South Gippsland Jazz Society Club

OUR band for February 12, at the Inverloch RSL will be the "Wades All Stars".

Consisting of Jon Wade piano, Hammond and vocal, Wendy Wade, the beautiful lady singer, David Galea, super star local bass player and the inimitable Rob Mercer on drums.

Jon's description of his band's repertoire as "heavy metal grunge" is more accurately an example of his sense of humour, rather than an accurate description of the smooth professionalism of the groups presentation of a regular mainstream selection.

Although the Hammond Organ is the wild card that could shake the deck up quite a lot.

The group will perform from 2.00 - 4.30pm, cost is \$18 for non members.

For more information contact Marg 0438 420 770.



Tony Parisi of Art Connect South Gippsland looks forward to meeting South Gippsland artists keen to be involved in a September art trail, and will be at February's information sessions with president George Manis. A08_0623

South Gippsland artists called on to join the trail

ARTISTS with studios or galleries in South Gippsland Shire are encouraged to learn more about becoming part of the Art Connect South Gippsland Art Trail, with two information sessions scheduled in February.

The open studio art trail will take place each weekend throughout September, showcasing the works of the creative community across South Gippsland Shire to locals and visitors, and supported by a marketing campaign.

Art Connect South Gippsland strives to foster stronger connections between artists, the broader community and the local tourism sector and is run by artists Tony Parisi and George Manis.

The art trail initiative will promote South Gippsland Shire by revealing its wealth of artistic talent, highlighting to people from far and wide what the local art community can achieve.

Tony said that as well as encouraging artists to open their studios to the public, the art trail will act as an incentive for gallery operators to try something new.

"Maybe they could have some other artists in their spaces, or they can run a themed event," Tony said.

He added that those wanting to be involved will have freedom to choose what they wish to do as part of the art trail, and can decide how many of its weekends to open for.

While experienced artists will undoubtedly feature prominently on the trail, there is enthusiasm at Art Connect South Gippsland to also promote the works of young and inexperienced artists.

"We want to get the schools involved, whether having something within the schools or off the premises, and the teachers can possibly look at creating a space where they can show artwork during the month," Tony said.

The Art Connect South Gippsland Art Trail will run every Saturday and Sunday of September.

Tony and George look forward to running February's information sessions, which will provide the chance for those interested in participating in the art trail to get answers to their questions as well as guidance on the

application process.

There will also be a discussion on insurance, so that those keen to take part in the art trail can be confident they know what is required to ensure they are adequately covered in terms of public liability.

The information sessions will also be a chance for the art trail organisers to gauge the level of interest from artists.

Art Connect South Gippsland Art Trail information session details:

- Korumburra – February 23 at 7pm in the KCDA Meeting Rooms, located at 3 Radovick Street Korumburra
- Venus Bay – February 25 at 3pm in the Venus Bay Community Centre, located at 27 Canterbury Road Venus Bay

Persons interested in attending these sessions will need to email artconnectsouthgippsland@gmail.com to indicate which session they would like to attend.

For enquiries regarding the trail please contact the above email address or call George Manis on 0412 446 990 or Tony Parisi on 0407 219 639.

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What's On?

LIVE SHOWS COMING IN 2023!



WTG presents
School of Rock
Fri 3 March - Sat 18 March
trybooking.com/CFAWF
\$45.00 / \$49.00

Andrew Lloyd Webber, the man who brought rock and romance to Broadway, is back with a new heart-stirring hit.

The Poems, Prayers & Promises of John Denver

starring Darren Coggan
Sat 15 April 7.30pm
trybooking.com/CERTH
\$60.00 / \$65.00



Multi award winning performer, Darren Coggan, returns to his country roots, delivering the vocal authenticity of one of the most passionate performers of all time.



Wallflowering
by Peta Murray
Tue 18 April 2.00pm
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A delightfully amusing and poignant play about the nature of marriage, the pursuit of happiness and the perfect foxtrot! Acclaimed Director Denny Lawrence known for Blue Heelers and A Country Practice, takes us on a theatrical journey looking back over the life and love of Peg and Cliff, once prize-winning ballroom dancers.

Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow

Wed 28 June 7.30pm
trybooking.com/CFEJY
\$40.00 / \$50.00

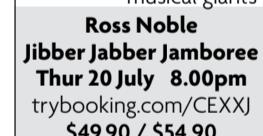


Australia's biggest and best comedy festival is hitting the road for a huge 25th year! Featuring the best and brightest of the 2023 MICF, we're bringing the funny to you!



Robertson Brothers 60s Variety TV Show
Guest starring Dean Bourne & Simon Brook McLachlan
Sat 8 July 8.00pm
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\$74.95 / \$79.95

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Ross Noble Jibber Jabber Jamboree

Thur 20 July 8.00pm

trybooking.com/CEXXJ

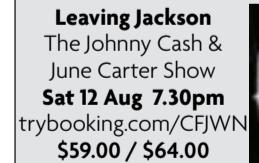
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The 2 of Us
Marina Prior & David Hobson
Sat 22 Jul 2.30pm 7.30pm
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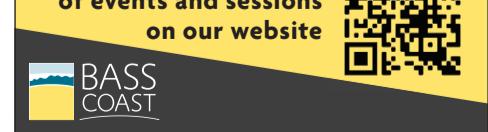
The Johnny Cash & June Carter Show

Sat 12 Aug 7.30pm

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Stella Hitchins loves creating mosaic pieces for the Harvest Centre in Wonthaggi, saying you never know how each one will turn out. A12_0623



Ryan, Leonie and Christabel McGaw of Warragul check out Jane and Jonathan's Garden in Wonthaggi during the Bass Coast Edible Gardens event. A13_0623



Adriaan and Arend ventured from Melbourne to explore Bass Coast's edible gardens, starting out at Jane and Jonathan's Garden in Wonthaggi. A14_0623



Mariama Camara, Rob and Jess Hard and Lorraine Cuthbert of Venus Bay explore the Wonthaggi Community Garden for ideas on edible gardening. A15_0623



Cecile and Lucy of Glen Alvie and Jill from Melbourne visit Wonthaggi Community Garden, with Jill belonging to a community garden in Gardenvale. A16_0623



Arabella Wall, Alora Webster and Ella Scott of Geelong slugged it out in the kids 1km beach event. A33_0623



Harriett Parkinson, in the centre, was tired and sore after running 17 km, with friends Olivia Sheehan and Karin Martin showing their support after the race. A29_0623



Berwick quartet Jaimie Collard, Emma Banane, Hayley Trait and Bec Potalej took on the 10km course. A31_0623



Charlie Pratt competed over 5km, with the nine-year-old little athletics participant upstaging adult opposition to finish third, with sister Sapphire unable to run due to injury. A34_0623

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the Bass Coast Edible Gardens Weekend, Kilcunda Half Marathon and Phillip Island State Junior Surfing Titles.



Sophie Thompson (green) third, Sarsha Pancic (yellow) first, Luka Woods (white) fourth, and Eva Bassed (red) of Sandy Point second get together on the beach after the Under 18 state final at Phillip Island on the weekend.



Cape Eco Village residents Kate Lewer, Phil Bourne and Mike Wiles look forward to welcoming visitors to The Cape Community Farm, with those from the local area hopefully becoming members. A17_0623



Linsey Boddy and Benjamin Miller tackled the 10km distance, with Jess O'Neill pleased with her fifth place in the five-kilometre race. A28_0623



Ballarat's Jamie Burton ran second in the 5km race, with Joseph Hall completing the 10km course, with the pair having participated in the Kilcunda event four or five times. A30_0623



Belinda Pitt and Annabel Brown volunteer for Running Wild, ensuring runners have something to replenish energy levels after their events, while Noreen Krusel of RemoteMed is on hand in case anyone needs medical assistance. A32_0623



James Barnett was quickest over the half marathon distance in Kilcunda. A35_0623



Lily, Damien and Lisa Palmer of Gembrook relax after Lisa won the 5km race. A36_0623



Inverloch surfing family; Sarah, Sonia and Bec Seuren rugged up for the wintry conditions at the state junior surfing titles at Phillip Island on the weekend. A37_0623



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A north facing deck is accessed via big sliding doors and alfresco dining can be enjoyed in an enclosed rear courtyard complete with outdoor spa.

Upstairs connects seamlessly with a mezzanine floor connecting the two spaces.

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- Rear lane access, double carport

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- Just meters to North facing Cowes beach
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- Fairly level, partially treed

\$850,000

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- As new locally built home

\$735,000

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112 Isabella Boulevard

- Stunning, nearly new 3 bdrm, 2 bath home
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- Stylish design with quality finishes

\$815,000

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9 Waldorf Road

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- Amazing farmland views
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\$585,000

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- Updated kitchen, open plan dining/living
- Rear lane access to shed

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CAPE WOOLAMAI



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Australia's cattle herd to reach largest size in nearly a decade

THE Australian Beef industry and cattle herd are well positioned to capitalise on changing global supply dynamics in 2023.

This year will be a year of transition and maturity for Australia's cattle herd, with any increases in numbers now beyond rebuild status, with all key production metrics forecast to improve this year, according to the latest Cattle Industry Projections update from Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA).

Continued rainfall and favourable seasonal conditions seen last year will ensure that there will be solid supply of both young and slaughter weight cattle over the next two years, regardless of seasonal outcomes.

Southern Australia will continue to drive increases in cattle numbers, particularly New South Wales, with supply improvements also expected from southern Western Australia, South Australia and Victoria to different extents.

In the north, 2022 saw favourable seasonal conditions for large parts of Queensland, driving the beginning of the state's herd rebuild and an improvement in female numbers. Northern Australia's rebuild is expected to gain significant pace this year.

Overall, the cattle herd in 2023 will grow to its highest level since 2014, reaching 28.8m head, an increase of 1.1m or 4.5% year-on-year. According to MLA's Senior Market Information Analyst Ripley Atkinson, this growth is underpinned by a few key factors.

"The record retention of



The nation's cattle herd is expected to reach its largest size in a decade this year.

females for 15 consecutive months, coupled with above-average marking rates has delivered larger calf drops. This bodes well for supply to increase substantially in 2023 for both young and slaughter-weight cattle," Mr Atkinson said.

Both of these metrics suggest that the lowest or most significant retention of stock on record occurred for the year. This underpins the positive growth in numbers forecast for the next three years.

By 2025, the national herd is expected to reach its highest level since the 1970s at 29.6m head, before a steady decline. This continued growth is due to strong female reproductive performance, genetic improvements across

the herd and sound on farm management.

Input prices and cost of production will be major factors affecting the ability of the sector to remain productive and efficient.

In addition, the availability of skilled and unskilled workers to manage the increased supply of cattle in 2023 will be the major issue affecting the red meat industry. The processing sector's ability to process cattle will determine production levels and therefore exports in 2023.

MLA's Market Information team have recognised this with a two-scenario forecast for 2023.

"If labour concerns are not addressed within the processing sector, slaughter is forecast to reach 6m head."

according to Mr Atkinson.

"Based on actual supply of cattle this year, the forecasts indicate an uptick in numbers to 6.625m head."

This year will be a year of transition for the cattle industry according to Mr Atkinson.

"Positive outcomes along the entire supply chain seem likely as the exceptional operating conditions on-farm continue.

"The overall outlook for Australia's beef industry both domestically and internationally is one of optimism and positivity, whilst it continues to deliver high quality beef in larger volumes, this is expected to be a major feature in 2023," Mr Atkinson said.

View a full copy of MLA's 2023 Cattle Industry Projections here.

Grants on offer for dairy farms

IN PARTNERSHIP with the Gardiner Foundation, FRRR has announced the opening of this year's round of the Gardiner Foundation Community Grants Program.

The program aims to strengthen small, Victorian dairy communities.

Community organisations in the three recognised dairy regions - Gippsland, northern Victoria and south west Victoria - can apply for grants of up to \$5000.

In total, there is \$120,000 available.

Funds can be used to support a broad range of community projects including those that strengthen the community socially and economically, support environmental sustainability, make the community more culturally vibrant, support education and training or improve health and social wellbeing.

Once again, grants will be awarded at local ceremonies in each region, providing valuable networking opportunities as well as the chance to celebrate local grantees.

Applications for the Gardiner Foundation Community Grants Program close Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 5 pm AEDT.

A dedicated online grant seeking workshop will be held online Monday, February 13, 2023, 12 - 1pm. More information can be found on the FRRR website.

Genetic solution to phase out bobby calves

AUSTRALIAN dairy farmers are embracing specialist dairy beef genetics to reduce bobby calves and diversify farm businesses.

Nearly 14 per cent of all ABS semen sold to dairy farmers last year was ABS InFocus™ - a genetic product designed to breed a quality and consistent beef animal from a dairy cow.

Increasing demand for a genetic solution to improve the profitability of bobby calves and animal welfare in the dairy industry comes, as leading New Zealand milk processor Fonterra has ordered its dairy farmer suppliers to stop killing bobby calves.

Fonterra New Zealand suppliers must now raise bobby calves for beef, slaughter them for calf-veal or the pet food market.

ABS Australia technical and genetic services manager Matt Aikenhead said more dairy farmers than ever are looking for a sustainable solution to phase-out bobby calves.

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24 Friesian x heifers

Very well grown and in good healthy condition, calving to 'Wallacedale' Jersey bull February 20 onwards.

These heifers are represented from the existing cow sale lot above, and the change of calving pattern necessitates this sale.

\$1850 + \$185 GST

14 Friesian Jersey x and Jersey heifers

'Hill Valley' (Perrett) bloodlines, very good condition and quiet, springing to Jersey bull for February calving.

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8 Holstein heifers

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Application extended for Women's Leadership

APPLICATIONS for the 2023 Rural Women's Network Leadership and Mentoring Programs will now close 5 pm on February 27.

The 2023 Leadership Program will provide women with support to participate in training and study that accelerates their development as leaders.

In addition, the 2023 Mentoring Program will pair rural women together for a peer-to-peer exchange of skills and experience.

For more information on the programs and to apply agriculture.vic.gov.au/support-and-resources/networks/rural-women-network

MARKET REPORT

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CLAAS Harvest Centre

Leongatha Prime Sale on Wed, February 1, 2023 Bullocks

1 Prosser WC & MS 1 Outtrim	720.0	395.6	2,848
2 Carinya Lodge Homes Inc	692.5	395.6	2,739
Nicholas Lucinda	550.0	395.6	2,175
1 Hall RF & GP Woodleigh Vale	550.0	388.0	2,134
1 Potter GD & SM Flynn	603.8	385.0	2,324
8 Siggins A Korumburra	636.7	385.0	2,451
9 Calder Jeffery Koonwarra			

Steers

2 Cummaudo GT Mirboo Nth	422.5	472.6	1,996
2 Oleary JF & PT Allambie	365.0	460.0	1,679
1 Fisher CJ & VJ Tarwin South	405.0	459.6	1,861
1 Murdica D & LM Leongatha	465.0	450.0	2,092
1 Reiske RG AM & CA Boolarra	450.0	450.0	2,025
2 Crawford G D Bass	412.5	440.0	1,815

Heifers

1 Walker NJ & SL Korumburra	455.0	477.6	2,173
1 Cummaudo GT Mirboo Nth	430.0	442.6	1,903
1 Glover BT & D Lang Lang East	350.0	437.6	1,531
1 Freeman H Mirboo Nth	465.0	420.0	1,953
2 Fisher CJ & VJ Tarwin South	370.0	420.0	1,554
1 Rinaldi B1 West Creek	425.0	415.6	1,766

Cows

1 Whiteside P & LA Leongatha	620.0	330.0	2,046
1 Ajay Partners P/L Leongatha	605.0	320.0	1,936
2 Bowron RJ & MJ Sandy Point	535.0	320.0	1,712
1 Dyson Holland J & M Allambie	540.0	320.0	1,728
3 Egan G & S Alberton West	650.0	312.6	2,031
2 Fleming JT & PJ Willung	640.0	312.6	2,000

Bulls

11 Merlewood Angus Mirboo Nth	541.8	403.6	2,186
2 Woorayl View Nom Leongatha	590.0	349.6	2,062
1 Julie K Livestock Foster	530.0	310.0	1,643
1 Missen L9 Kilmany	795.0	310.0	2,464
1 Shaw A & Shaw PA Hazelwood	895.0	300.0	2,685
1 Whiteside P & LA Leongatha	810.0	300.0	2,430

Vealer Bulls

5 Love VR Boolarra Sth	357.0	394.6	1,408
1 Kelly J & S Korumburra	325.0	389.6	1,266
1 Edwards F & J Boolarra	355.0	270.0	958
1 Dykes G Budgeree	380.0	250.0	950
1 Stuckey P & M Flynn	310.0	200.0	620
1 Benson RA & MP Bena	225.0	132.0	297

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, January 30, 2023

Jersey & Jersey x \$15 to \$60
Friesian Bulls \$50 to \$100
Friesian Heifers \$180 to \$330
Beef Bulls \$220 to \$340
Beef Heifers \$300 to \$360

Number of Calves: **33**

Number purchased to rear: **29**



Almost 40 Angus and black Baldy Steers will be sold at this week's cattle sale in Koonwarra to help raise funds for the annual Pink Stumps Day.

Pink Stumps Day is back this month

A TOTAL of 39 Angus and black Baldy Steers are expected to be sold at Koonwarra on Friday, February 10, with all profits going towards the annual Pink Stumps Day.

SEJ Leongatha have generously supported the fundraiser for the last three years.

Organisers noted that while cattle prices have dropped slightly, they hope buyers will dig deep for a great cause.

These cattle were purchased last year with the support of SEJ Leongatha and agisted out to 30 different local farmers (who each took one or two) from Loch to Buffalo, Inverloch

Along with this fundraiser, there will be a Pink

Stumps Day at Outtrim which will be on Saturday, February 18, where the event has already sold out with more than 200 people attending.

Tracy Bevan (ambassador and director of the McGrath Foundation) will be the special guest for the third time.

Over seven years the event has raised in excess of \$200,000 and this year, organisers look forward to taking their cumulative total to over a quarter of a million dollars!



Elders team together with vendor Tony Maruzza, his partner Cathy and Frank Maruzza.

Successful clearing sale

ELDERS Korumburra conducted a Clearing Sale at Dumbalk last Friday (February 3) for client Tony Maruzza. Tractors, trucks, farm machinery, trailers, tools, equipment and cattle were offered.

The property has been sold, hence why the clearing sale of all the goods.

Dumbalk Weather is "Good one day and Perfect the next."

Two hundred and fourteen registered buyers, came to support

the clearing sale, buyers from South and West Gippsland, even a bidder from interstate on the Case tractor which sold for a healthy \$70k.

A special thanks to the local Dumbalk CFA for the fantastic catering!

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Dr Adrian Clements and Deb Sullivan monitoring at Heart Morass.

Happy World Wetlands Day with the CMA

WETLANDS are essential for the health of people and the planet.

With 35 per cent of the world's wetlands having disappeared in the past 50 years, West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (WGCMA) is proud to be working all year round reflecting this year's World Wetlands Day theme to 'revive and restore degraded wetlands.'

Celebrated annually on February 2, the international day aims to raise global awareness about the vital role of wetlands for people and planet.

In Gippsland there are many ecologically and recreationally important wetlands, including two Ramsar-listed wetlands – Gippsland Lakes and Corner Inlet.

"There is a lot to celebrate about the restoration and protection of wetlands across the vast West Gippsland region," said WGCMA CEO Martin Fuller.

"As well as having strong cultural significance, they provide essential habitat for wading birds and wildlife. They also protect the environment by capturing and filtering water and acting as a natural sponge to absorb, store and reduce flood levels."

"There are many examples of wetland restoration in keeping with this year's theme – including mighty stories of partnerships to restore and protect wetlands such as Heyfield, Heart Morass and the

Lower Latrobe," said Martin.

"There are also many private landholders who have created wetlands on their property and are actively contributing to ongoing wetland recovery across the region."

The CMA is proud to be part of protecting these wetlands that have all been improved through community effort such as tree planting with Landcare and partners, citizen science monitoring through programs like Waterwatch and strong partnerships to secure funding for initiatives such as watering infrastructure in the Lower Latrobe.

Results from ongoing efforts are encouraging and the combination of recent high rainfall and ongoing managed deliveries of environmental water are seeing wetlands coming back to life along with wildlife, including endangered species such as the Australasian Bittern and Growling Grass Frog, returning to feed and breed.

"Wetlands are essential to the health of the West Gippsland catchment and we will continue to work together with Traditional Owners, community and partners to help these important ecosystems thrive. Much of the groundwork has been done and we look forward to continuing to redress the impact on these important areas," said Martin.

Have your say in new Biosecurity Strategy

YOU'RE invited to a workshop to help develop Victoria's new Biosecurity Strategy.

The development of the new Biosecurity Strategy, for release in 2023, is the next step following the Victorian Government's recent endorsement of Victoria's Biosecurity Statement.

With the statement providing a shared ambition for biosecurity in Victoria, the focus is now on turning those broad aspirations into tangible priorities.

It's crucial the strategy is informed by diverse expertise and experience – whether you a farmer, operating at a corporate or peak body level, caring for country with your local community, managing a small number of livestock on your land, or taking care of the backyard garden.

This series of workshops will bring a wide range of voices to the conversation about how we can strengthen the system to protect our land, waters, communities, culture, and economy.

Please register for the event that suits you best, via the links below

- Online Workshop, February 13, 12.30 – 4 pm. Tickets available at agriculturevictoria.cmail20.com/t/r-l-tjkrkhll-bthtilyui-c/
- Gippsland region (online workshop), February 14, 12.30 – 4 pm. Tickets available at agriculturevictoria.cmail20.com/t/r-l-tjkrkhll-bthtilyui-z/

Space in each workshop is limited, so please register now!

Should you have any questions, please contact svbsprogram@agriculture.vic.gov.au



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100 Angus Steers, 18-20 mths, Leewood & Wattlewood blood, Greenhams NE accredited
- A/c Kuch Grazing, Darriman (NUTRIEN)
100 Angus steers, Aug/Sept 21 drop, Landfall blood, MHR & IBR vaccinated, EU & Greenhams NE Accredited
- A/c Von Pace Pastoral, Giffard (NUTRIEN)
28 Angus steers, 2yo
- A/c Condoluci Produce P/L, Korumburra (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 2yo
- A/c Ponderosa Herefords, Meeniyan (NUTRIEN)
50 Hereford steers, 14-15 mths, VB, GH & JBS Accred, By Mountain Valley & Glen Park Bulls, 2x5in1, Drenched Eprinex
- A/c A & A Missen, Woodside (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus steers, 14-15 mths
- A/c JW & BJ Dunbar, Traralgon (NUTRIEN)
21 Angus steers, 16-17 mths
- A/c Kuch Grazing, Darriman (NUTRIEN)
100 Angus heifers, Aug/Sept 21 drop, Landfall blood, (60% pregnancy tested empty after short joining, and all Heifers have been checked for breeding soundness) EU & Greenhams NE Accredited
- A/c D & H Campbell, Mirboo Nth (NUTRIEN)
90 Angus mixed sex, 15-16 mths
- A/c Buneep Park, Bunyip (SEJ)
60 Angus heifers
- 10 Angus steers
- 16-18 mths old, VB, GF and AB Free
- A/c R & V Perks, Kardella Sth (NUTRIEN)
10 Charo steers, 15 mths
- A/c T Crook (ELDERS)
24 Angus heifers, 14 mths

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- A/c MJ Jeffrey, Driffield (NUTRIEN)
50 Angus mixed sex, 10-12 mths, Leewood & Innesdale blood, 2x5in1
- 30 Angus/Char X mixed sex, 10-12 mths, By Stud Char Bulls
- A/c Burfield Partners, Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
70 Angus steers, 12-13 mths
- A/c R Wright & Son (ELDERS)
70 Angus steers weaners, Innesdale blood, weaned 6 weeks, VB, GF & ABF
- A/c D & M Jackman, Welshpool (PHC)
60 Angus steers, 12 mths, by Pathfinder Bulls, weaned
- A/c Loch Park, Loch (ALEX SCOTT)
60 Angus mixed sex weaners, 10-12 mths, by stud Wattle Wood Angus bulls
- A/c NP & JA Chandler, Hedley (PHC)
35 Angus steers
- 25 Angus heifers
- All 10-11 mths by Yancowinna & Langi Kal Kal bulls, weaned
- A/c J&S Bland (ELDERS)
45 Angus & Angus/Speckle X mix sex weaners, 9-11 mths, VB, GF & ABF
- A/c Whittaker & Staton, Tarwin Lower (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus mixed sex, 12 mths
- A/c S&D Curtis (ELDERS)
40 Angus mix sex weaners, 10-11 mths, VB, GF & ABF
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DEATHS	DEATHS	DEATHS	DEATHS	DEATHS	DEATHS	DEATHS	FUNERALS
BRISCOE, Maurice Ian: Aged 89 years. Passed away peacefully at Mirboo North Aged Care, Strzelecki House surrounded by his family. Loved husband of Margaret (Tuppence) for 69 years. Loved father of Ian (Frazz) and father-in-law to Terri. Loved father of Leonie and partner Greg. Loved Pop to Dale and partner Lynette, Gwen and Stefan, Libby and Aiden, and great grandsons Max and Sean. It's been a long road. KEEP on Truckin' Private Funeral.	CHARLTON, Jean: Mum, Thank you for all the love, kindness and support you gave us as a Mum, Mother-in-Law, Grandma, and Great Grandma. We will always cherish the memories and times we had together. -- Twig xx You will be sadly missed, forever remembered. -- Sue xx Grandma, Although we are sad that you have gone, we are so grateful for the many memories shared together - especially family Christmas' and the many visits and chats we'd had with you. May you now rest in peace. Much love always. -- Eliza, Trav, Blake, Darcy, Ryder, Renee, Dave, Eden, Harper, Arlo, Mel, Luke, Degan, Isabella, Prue, Kane, Paige, Kenzie, and Parker xxx	CHEN, Ash: My dearly loved friend. You enriched my life with the gift of laughter, joy, and love. I hold you so dear in my heart, I did then, I do now, And I will for eternity. You truly blessed my life. My love to you. -- Cath	HANNAY, Norma Smith: 19.10.1932 - 29.01.2023. Norma, loved sweetheart of Reg for 74 years. Devoted mum to Lynn and Louise. Cherished sister to Jen. Adored nan to Elissa, James, and Erin. Deeply loved by Ralph, wee Norma, David, Mark, Matthew, and Tim. Treasured Nanny Hannay to Rowan, Quinn, and Isabelle.	HARLEY (nee Gilhome), Dorothy (Dorrie): 19.10.1932 - 29.01.2023. Loving, caring, beautiful mum of Narelle, cherished mother-in-law to Keith. Very special Gran to Christy, Lance, and Jackie and Great Gran to Tommy. <i>We will miss you greatly, the memory of you will be in our hearts forever.</i>	MATHEWS, Kate: My beautiful darling Kate, you are at rest now love. You were my world Kate, you cared and looked after me. You organised things that you thought I would like to do, but most of all, you gave me your precious love. Till we meet again my darling. -- Your loving Mum.	O'BRIEN, Pauline: Passed away 27.01.2023. 103 years old. Pauline previously lived Tenby Point then Koo Wee Rup. Beloved wife of Les (dec.). Loved mother of Coral. Adored Nan, Great Nan and Great Great Nan of 3 grandchildren, 6 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. Memories will be held in our hearts forever.	CHARLTON, Jean Margaret (nee Garton): 4.01.1929 - 31.01.2023. A Funeral Service for Jean Margaret Charlton will be held at the Fish Creek Memorial Hall, Fish Creek on Saturday, February 11, 2023 commencing at 12pm. Handley Phone: (03) 5662 2717
BROWN, Colin James: 18.05.1949 - 28.01.2023. Passed away peacefully in W.A. aged 73. Dearly loved son of Jim (dec.) and Betty Brown. Loved husband of Carolyn, loving father and father-in-law to Craig and Kerry, Shane and Sarah, Pop to Grace, Millie, Audrey, and James. Much loved brother, brother-in-law and uncle of Marlene and Dennis, Dallas, Heath, Emma, and Mark. Forever in our hearts.	CHEN, Ashley Grant: 21.11.1965 - 29.01.2023. Resident of Wonthaggi, formerly of Melbourne. Passed away peacefully, Sunday evening at Wonthaggi Bass Coast Hospital, after a courageous battle with cancer. Beloved son of Philip Chen (dec.) and Edith Florence Connolly (dec.). Loved brother of Philip, Lucinda, and Adam (dec.). Loving uncle and great uncle. Greatly loved and adored. Forever in our hearts.	HARLEY (nee Gilhome), Dorothy (Dorrie): 28.07.1929 - 06.02.2023. Passed away peacefully at Carinya Lodge Korumburra, aged 93. Beloved wife of Tommy (dec.). Dearly loved mum of Christine, Narelle, and Wayne. Mother-in-law of Trevor, Keith, Laraine (dec.), and Noelle. Gran to Michael, Sally, Christy, Jackie, Craig, Thomas, and Matthew, and their families.	FLEMING, Justin James: Passed away peacefully at the Korumburra Hospital holding Margaret's (Gosia) hand, after a long battle with cancer. Devoted husband to Margaret. Adored father to Eryk and Daria. Justin was loved by so many and will be sadly missed.	HARLEY (nee Gilhome), Dorothy (Dorrie): 28.07.1929 - 06.02.2023. Passed away peacefully at Carinya Lodge Korumburra, aged 93. Beloved wife of Tommy (dec.). Dearly loved mum of Christine, Narelle, and Wayne. Mother-in-law of Trevor, Keith, Laraine (dec.), and Noelle. Gran to Michael, Sally, Christy, Jackie, Craig, Thomas, and Matthew, and their families.	TWITE, Roderick James (Rod): 27.10.1946 - 29.01.2023. Passed away peacefully on January 29, 2023, aged 76 years. Son of John Henry (dec.) and Winifred Mary (dec.). Brother and little mate to Gil and loving brother-in-law to Irene. Uncle to Andrew, Jason, Kristen and Travis and their families.	FLEMING: A Funeral Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Mr Justin James Fleming will be offered at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Guys Road, Korumburra on Friday, February 10, 2023, commencing 1pm. At the conclusion of Mass, the Funeral will leave for the Korumburra Cemetery. This Service will be livestreamed, to view please visit www.handleyfuneralservices.com.au	
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PARKES:
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Refreshments will follow the Service.

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TWITE:
The Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Mr Roderick Twite will be held at the Southern Hills Christian Church, Commercial Street, Korumburra TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, February 8, 2023, commencing at 1:30pm.

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Part time - 30+ hours

All positions are required to work across 7 days including Public Holidays.

If you are interested in working in hospitality and fit one of the above positions or require a position description email info@pirsl.com.au,

please lodge a cover letter with your resume stating the position you are applying for or drop into the RSL.

HM1039

General Farm Hand

Bena.

Duties include milking a small number of cows, feeding a few calves on milk and grain. Be involved in management and calving down of beef heifers. General fencing.

To discuss wages and job, and arrange a visit, please text Trevor 0427 572 270

LB0729



South Gippsland Hospital

Positions Vacant

Registered Nurse or RN Midwife or Enrolled Nurse

up to 1.0 EFT

Physiotherapist

Grade 1 or Grade 2

0.63 EFT (Neg), permanent part time

Podiatrist

Grade 1 or Grade 2

(depending on experience)

0.84 EFT, permanent part time

Occupational Therapist

Grade 2

0.42 EFT, up to 11 months fixed term

parental leave position

For more information, visit our website at: southgippslandhospital.com.au

LB0727

Administration Officer

We are looking for an energetic, highly organised admin officer with good computing skills to support our education program, shop and office located in Inverloch.

This is a part-time position of 12 hours per week

Email: info@sgcs.org.au to get a copy of the position description or ring Jennifer on 0400 590 191 or Nigel on 0407 820 533.

Closing 5pm Friday, February 24.

LB0774

WONTHAGGI AMCAL PHARMACY

Community Pharmacist

Part-time and full-time options

- Bachelor of Pharmacy / AHPRA Registration essential
- Well supported by 2nd pharmacist at all times & experienced technicians

Position allows the successful applicant to be part of our experienced healthcare team that provides (but is not limited to):

- Patient-centred dispensing, drug information, medicopak services
- Liaising with medical practitioners and Hospital regarding on-going patient care
- Vaccination services, home medicine reviews
- Excellent communication skills essential

For any enquiries please call 0421 969 360 and speak to Louise.

Applications close: Wednesday, March 1
Forward resume attention Louise to amcalfax@dcsi.net.au

JA21283

Sentinel-Times

COVERING SOUTH GIPPSLAND AND BASS COAST

Journalist

– Full Time –

The South Gippsland Sentinel-Times is an award-winning regional newspaper covering Bass Coast and South Gippsland. We have an opportunity for a journalist who lives and breathes the 24/7 news cycle to join our team.

The successful applicant will have experience in writing balanced reports to a high standard of spelling, grammar, and style and be driven to provide accurate information to the greater community.

Responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- Generating story ideas;
- Meeting deadlines;
- Covering a range of news, including local government, sport, human interest, arts and entertainment, farming, and advertorial; and
- Working flexible hours, including some nights and weekends.

If you are an experienced journalist, please apply. We would also like to hear from university graduates, preferably with writing, reading, IT, photographic, social media, and people skills. A driver's licence is essential. The role will be based out of our Wonthaggi office.

Please send a cover letter and resume to Michael Giles via email to michael@sgst.com.au

Only suitable applicants will be contacted, and an appointment will be made as soon as the right person is found.

JA19438



WONTHAGGI & DISTRICT
ELDERLY CITIZENS' HOMES INC.

Lifestyle Assistant

Permanent Position – Up to 18 hours per fortnight plus leave relief.

Rose Lodge is seeking a dedicated Lifestyle Assistant who genuinely wants to make a difference in our residents' lives. We believe in creating a community filled with love and laughter for our residents and staff and if that sounds like where you belong, please apply.

This position is part-time and the successful candidate will work with the Lifestyle Team to ensure our lifestyle programs are delivered in accordance with the changing needs of our residents.

Skills & Experience

- Current Police Check or willing to obtain
- COVID-19 vaccination x 3
- Current Influenza vaccination.
- Certificate III/IV Aged Care/Individual Support/ Leisure & Lifestyle or equivalent
- Certificate III/IV in Individual Support / Aged Care or similar highly desirable
- Current Drivers Licence and confident to drive Mini-bus for resident outings.
- Current First Aid
- Demonstrated understanding of Leisure and Lifestyle programs
- Demonstrated understanding of Aged Care Quality Standards
- Previous experience as a Lifestyle Assistant in aged care desirable
- Previous experience in Dementia care desirable
- Exceptional interpersonal and communication skills, both verbal and written

- Ability to involve community, relatives, team members and volunteers
- The capacity to work well autonomously and be a team player
- A pro-active and energetic self-starter with a strong customer service focus
- Good computer literacy skills
- Barista experience or willingness to learn

Applications close Friday, March 3, 2022

Enquiries to Carolyn Thompson - Lifestyle Manager – on 5672 1716 or email carolyn@roselodge.com.au

LB0772



Exciting Employment Opportunities at Karmai

Karmai Community Children's Centre (KCCC) is a not-for-profit organisation providing quality education and care to children and families in Korumburra and the surrounding community. We are an innovative, progressive organisation and an equal opportunity employer that supports diversity in all aspects.

We are currently offering a number of exciting employment opportunities within our education teams supporting our early learning programs and our after school care program. We are looking to employ some additional educators to join our team to meet the growing need of our community.

We have casual opportunities available for Bachelor, Diploma and Cert III Qualified Educators. We are looking for individuals who are passionate about excellence in children's learning, customer service and quality improvement.

Early Childhood After School Care Program 2pm – 6pm: 1-2 days per week (This role would suit someone currently studying their Bachelor of Education or Diploma looking for industry relevant work to compliment your studies, or someone who is looking for shorter hours)

Early Childhood Educators 2pm – 6pm: 5 days per week

Early Childhood Educators in our Long Day Care Programs – Casuals, rotating shifts

As an educator at Karmai you will work collaboratively within a team of Qualified Early Learning Educators and Bachelor Qualified Early Childhood Teachers as part of our shared leadership model, in our child guided curriculum which features exploration, discovery and encourages curiosity.

At Karmai we are proud of our community connections and engage with the community on many levels across the whole organisation, through excursions, incursions, community wide activities and learning from our valued members of the local community.

As an Early Childhood Educator at Karmai you will:

- Develop and deliver a quality education program and practice that ensures the care and development of each child in the program
- Work closely with the whole Karmai team to build positive relationships with children and families
- Demonstrate excellent communication skills both verbal and written with co-workers, families, and children
- Be incredibly passionate and excited about providing high quality, innovative and creative programs, and service.
- Support and work collaboratively with your colleagues to deepen their understanding of the curriculum and embed a culture of ongoing reflective practice.
- Shared Leadership

The ideal candidate for these positions will possess:

- Bachelor of Early Childhood, Diploma of Early Childhood or equivalent as recognised by ACECQA
- Previous experience as an Early Childhood Educator, with demonstrated experience in implementing VEYL, EYLF and NQF is desirable. New Graduates are encouraged to apply
- Passion and enthusiasm for creating a happy, nurturing, relaxed and enriched environment where play experiences are fun, exciting, spontaneous, stimulating, comforting, and challenging.
- Current first aid, CPR, Asthma and Anaphylaxis management
- COVID-19 Vaccinations

All employees of Karmai must have a WWC check, National Police Check, COVID-19 Vaccinations, complete Mandatory Reporting training and comply with child safe standards.

If you believe you are the right person for any of these roles, please email your CV/resume and cover letter to admin@karmaiccc.asn.au, for further information in relation to either of these roles, please call Sue or Chloe on 03 5655 2121, Applications close on Monday, February 13, 2023.

LB0771

Employment

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LB05666



Mary MacKillop
Catholic Regional College

Teachers 2023
Maths/Science
Full time ongoing
French

Casual Relief Teachers

All Staff must demonstrate an active commitment to the ethos of a Catholic school. Mary MacKillop College is a Child-Safe school.

Further information can be found on our website or contact the Principal's Personal Assistant, Carly Kitchingman ckitchingman@mmcrc.catholic.edu.au.

Applications close:
Thursday, February 9, 2023.

LB0753

Nicholson set to strut his stuff on the national stage

LOCAL prodigy Luke Nicholson, who paced Olympian Izzi Batt-Doyle in the Melbourne Marathon last year, is making some serious strides in his own running career as of late.

The San Remo athlete last week ran in the Box Hill Burn, searching for a quick time to earn him qualification into the Australian 5km Championships in Brisbane.

After training for months, running 90-100 kilometres per week, mixed between hard sessions, long runs, easy runs and gym sessions, Nicholson took aim at his goal, the National qualifying time of 15 minutes 30 seconds.

Competing on a 400m metre athletics track, Nicholson completed 12 and a half laps pacing himself with the quick group, who completed the first three kilometres only seconds slower than his personal best.

Nicholson spoke to the Sentinel-Times last week about his plans and feelings during the big event.

"Twelve and a half is a lot of laps so I just tried to settle in and find pace, it was wet, cool conditions, which I love, really set me up for a fast time," Nicholson said.

"I knew I was relatively fit, but was not expecting to be this quick, I always thought I had a chance for the time, but the mental and physical



San Remo's Luke Nicholson competes in the Box Hill Burn last week.

fatigue can sometimes get the better of you."

The 21-year-old set himself up beautifully after the first three kilometres and he followed through in the final two to finish with an outstanding time of 15 minutes and 14 seconds, earning him national qualification!

He spoke on the outpouring of emotion he felt when the realisation that he had done it had hit.

"When I was crossing the line, my arms were elevated, and I was so happy with what I had achieved, I have had this goal in mind for over one and a half years," he said.

Nicholson is an extremely passionate and driven sportsman and has been working hard for several years, he is also a fantastic young man and former Newhaven College school captain.

He will now represent Victoria at the Australian Track and Field Championships in Brisbane in April, where there will be over 200 live events taking place.

"I am excited to race some of Australia's best over the five-kilometre distance, whilst Olympians and Commonwealth Games representatives will likely take the medal places, I look forward to being

in amongst some high-quality athletes," said Nicholson.

Nicholson, despite being insanely quick, finished 12th in the C grade race, showing how strong the Victorian distance running scene is.

"My goal for this championship will be to run a sub 15 minute race (14:59), that would be epic," he said.

He now plans to train with his Victorian teammates prior to the championships, in the hopes that they can build each other up to some sensational results.

The promising athlete, as usual, remained incredibly humble, and was extremely grateful for those that have assisted his career so far.

The talented runner is also excited to get more people involved and would absolutely love any and all support on his journey.

"As a full time Uni student (studying Health, PE and Chemistry teaching at Monash Uni), I will try my best to work and save up enough funds so I am seeking some local sponsorship to help cover my financial costs in getting to Brisbane," he said.

"If you would like to get involved or support me on my running journey please reach out, my number is 0497 264 146."

Tightlines



San Remo cray fisherman Jonathan Brocklesby and son Rex take the opportunity to effect a few running repairs while sheltering in port from Friday's stormy blast.

Tempest drives fishers back to port

'A VIOLENT windy storm' is the meaning given for a 'Tempest'.

And if ever there was a sign that Victorian coastal waters had been hit by a violent windy storm last Friday, it was the sight of the Jonathan Brocklesby's rock lobster boat, Tempest, loaded up with all its cray pots and paraphernalia, safely back in port at San Remo.

"That's why we're in here with all the gear," said Jonathan, calling out to the San Remo's fisherman's Wharf with son Rex to effect a few running repairs during an extended stay in port.

"It's an unusually big swell for this time of the year," he said, the wind also blowing a gale after the main front had come through at about 4pm, leaving behind it hundreds of wintry storm cells.

"The season has been ok, a bit up and down, but alright," he said.

Jonathan expects the China trade to be back up and going by next season but to the detriment of the local market for crayfish which has enjoyed modest prices, allowing anyone and everyone to eat one of the true delicacies of the deep.

But take the chance now in case most of next year's catch goes to China.



Tahnee caught her an impressive 69cm Flathead with Ladies Fishing Charters San Remo. The ladies also hooked in some nice Salmon.

Salty Seas surfing awards finalist

SOME of the biggest names in surfing have been revealed as finalists in the 2022 Australian Surfing Awards incorporating the Hall of Fame.

Jack Robinson, Ethan Ewing, Stephanie Gilmore and Sophie McCulloch are among the top athletes who could take out Male and Female Surfer of the Year.

"You won't be too surprised by the finalists given the high calibre of surfing in 2022," Surfing Australia CEO, Chris Mater said.

"It's been an epic 12 months for our athletes and the surfing community making this year's event one of the most exciting yet. This is a chance to recognise not only our top surfers but also those who work behind the scenes in events, business, media, photography and more."

This year Allison O'Halloran of Salty Seas Surf School at Inverloch has been named a finalist for the Ruffie Coach of the Year Award, whilst surf photographer Ted Grambeau (originally of Bass Coast) is a



Allison will head up the coast in the coming weeks for the awards ceremony, which will also see other elite Australian surfers recognised for their contribution to the industry.

finalist for Surf Photo of the Year.

"It's very exciting," Allison exclaimed.

"I was in the peak of my season working every day, I had no idea I'd been nominated! Very unaware."

"I'm still struggling to get my head around it, I'm just humbled to be a part of the whole process. In a room full of a lot of people I idol as well; it will just be a really wonderful thing to be a part of."

Booking flights with the assistance of her daughter, Lily, Allison is overjoyed at the momentous occasion.

"This is my sixth year with my own surf school. I've been coaching for 13/14 years now.

"I found out that it was a couple of very loyal customers that nominated me, obviously, I'm extremely appreciative. I didn't even know there was such a thing!"

The news broken to Allison by former Surfing Victoria

CEO, Max Wells.

"I was made aware of it through a close friend of mine, Max Wells. He rang to congratulate me, and I was actually at Wilsons Prom having a few days off surfing. And I said, I don't even know what you're talking about. I actually thought he was just having fun with me, so I just left it alone and waited until I came home a couple of days later to try and get my head around it."

And whilst Allison is having a week's break after the summer period she'll be back in the Victorian surf from mid-February.

Australia Surfing's night of nights will be held at QT Gold Coast on Thursday, February 16.

Hosted by surf media icons, Vaughan Blakey and Jess Grimwood, the awards honour the best surfers over the past 12 months across 17 categories, adding to the excitement of our biggest gong, the Australian Surfing Hall of Fame, which this year goes to Taj Burrow.

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	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
February 7	February 8	February 9	February 10	February 11	February 12	February 13
2.31am 8.11am 2.00pm 8.13pm	3.06am 8.53am 2.46pm 8.53pm	3.36am 9.30am 1.31m 9.29pm	4.06am 10.03am 4.09pm 10.01pm	4.35am 10.34am 4.48pm 10.34pm	5.05am 11.05am 5.28pm 11.09pm	5.35am 11.35am 0.38m 0.46m
1.46m 0.74m 1.26m 0.37m	1.50m 0.65m 1.31m 0.37m	1.53m 0.57m 1.36m 0.39m	1.55m 0.50m 1.41m 0.42m	1.56m 0.43m 1.45m 0.46m	1.55m 0.38m 1.47m 0.51m	1.53m 0.33m 1.48m 0.57m

Email us your fishing photos
news@sgst.com.au

FOSTER**Ladies**

IT WAS great to see a good turnout for our February medal.

Medal and B Grade winner was Kaylene Morris with an impressive 69 nett. 100 (31) 69.

Jenny Mountford not far behind winning A Grade 94 (24) 70.

Scratch Barb Warren 89. and Kaylene B Grade scratch 100.

Putting, a good effort from Beth Curram 29.

BDT Trudi Prue 71 nett Karen Saunders 71 nett and Michelle Sait-Bennett 75 on a CB.

NTP on the 17th, and you can't get much nearer than a HOLE IN ONE! Anne Heywood.

Congratulations Anne, your first I believe.

The 9-hole event was won by Lyndell Sheilds with 18 points.

Raffle winner... Judy Bacon.

Thank you to Alayne McKenzie for sponsoring the day.

Next week February 15, stableford.

KORUMBURRA

WINNERS last week: Men's competition

Tuesday, January 31

Stableford (30 Players)

A Grade: Barry Kerr (13) 42 Pts

B Grade: Jake Fowles (37) 46 Pts

NTPs: 1st Mick Belvedere, 10th

Barry Kerr and 13th Ray Ludenia

Thursday, February 2

Stableford (60 Players)

Winner: Brian Clasby (14) 39 Pts

NTPs: 1st Roland Rees, 13th

Mick Belvedere

Saturday, February 4

A Grade: Ian Gibson (13) 39 Pts

B Grade: Peter Hornibrook (20)

34 C/B

NTPs: 1st Zac Scholte, 7th Greg

Wilson, 10th Barry Kerr and 13th

Brian Pope

LEONGATHA

ROD Brown Memorial American Foursomes

An exceptionally large field competed in the Rod Brown Memorial American Foursomes held in honour of Rod, a well respected member of Leongatha. Captain Rebecca Thomas welcomed the visitors from Woorayl Golf Club, Korumburra Golf Club and Mirboo North Golf Club. It's the third time the event has been run since its inception in 2020.

As is fitting for the day it was quite the family affair. Wendy Brown, sponsor and widow of Rod, combined extremely well with son-in-law Michael Thomas to win the event with a nett 63. Runners up, with 66.8, were Rebecca Thomas, daughter of Rod partnered with son Ryan Thomas.

Down the line balls were won by: Greg Eltt and Maryanne Gartner 70.3 nett, Else and Tony Gedy 72, Neryl and Rod Hopcraft 72.5, Kate and Michael Rowe 73.6, David and Vivienne Enbom from Korumburra Golf Club 73.6, Chris and Wendy Fletcher 74.8, Chris and Ken Lay 75.2, Tony Morganti and Colleen Touzel 75.3, Paddy and Kate Dwyer 75.6, Dot Stubbs and Craig Hutchinson 76.2, Josh and Karen de Groot 76.6, and Rebecca Wilson and Glenn Marsham 76.7 nett.

TUESDAY Stableford January 31.

On Tuesday, 71 members/guests played in a Stableford Round.

A Grade Winner: Doug Cleemann with a score of 41 points

A Grade R/Up: Patrick McDonald with a score of 39 points

B Grade Winner: Colin Bear with a score of 38 points

B Grade R/Up: Ian Barlow with a



Wonthaggi ladies' B Grade winners Simone Lindsay, Donna Brosnan, Catherine Bolding, A Grade winners Pam Russell, Geraldine Prentice, Marion Walker.

score of 37 points

C Grade Winner: Sean Munley with a score of 50 points

C Grade R/Up: John Pearse with a score of 40 points on a countback

NTP 14th: David Richards at 2.09m

NTP 16th: Sean Munley at .90m. Congratulations to Doug Cleemann who broke his age by three shots today with a 77 off the stick.

Thursday Gentsomes February 2 On Thursday we had an excellent turnout with 94 members/guests play in the Gentsomes 9am Shotgun start event.

Overall Winners: Alan Sperling, David Vorwerg, Bruce Cathie, Wayne Elliott with 104 points

Overall Runners-up: Ian Trease, Steve Vullermin, Doug Cleemann, Anthony Giles with 98 points

NTP 14th: John Ryan at 3.3m NTP 16th: Malcolm Gin 2.4m Club Championships first Round Stroke Event February 4

On Saturday 100 members/guests played in wet and blustery conditions during the 1st stroke round of the LGC club championships.

Overall Winner: Thomas Williamson with a net score of 60

A Grade Winner: Nath Wardle with a net score of 68

A Grade R/Up: Brendan Simon with a net score of 73 on a countback

B Grade Winner: Patrick McDonald with a net score of 69

B Grade R/Up: Norman Hughes with a net score of 71 on a countback

C Grade Winner: Thomas Williamson with a net score of 60

C Grade R/Up: Andy Bassett with a net score of 72 on a countback

D Grade Stableford Winner: Richard Harper with a score of 40 points

D Grade Stableford R/Up: Michael Rowe with a score of 36 points

NTP 14th Hole Trevor Rickard with 4.6m

NTP 16th Hole Brendan Simon with 3.0m

Ladies

THE first round of the women's Championships was played in near perfect conditions for the 33 entrants.

The winner of A Grade, with an excellent score of 89/71 nett was Colleen Touzel.

B Grade was won by Debbie Miller with another great score, 94/69 and Helen Mackenzie won C Grade with 105/71, another exceptional score.

Karen Murchie cleaned up in D Grade with 35 points. All four players are currently leading their respective grades in the Championship but will have to wait for the Saturday players before the final positions are known.

Down the line balls went to: Karen Bear 74 nett, Ev Indian, Joy O'Sullivan and Robin Smith 75 nett, Vicki Milner, Glenyne

NTP: 5TH Brett Pascoe 7th Colin

McRobert, Marg Griffiths and Trish Owen 76 nett, Maryanne Gartner 78 nett and Lianne Adamson 79 nett. The down the line ball winners in the D Grade stableford event were Delia Perry and Karen de Groot.

Bronwyn Debenham was closest to the flag on the 16th and Deb Miller won the putting competition with 29 putts.

Debra Kilpatrick had a day out winning her first 9 hole event with 19 points. Jill Steer, Glenys Day and Lesley Renwick all earned a ball down the line with 18 points.

Players are reminded to inform Captain Rebecca Thomas if they are unable to play in the final round of the Championships to be held on Sunday, February 12.

MEENIYAN**Ladies**

ON WEDNESDAY 16 ladies played stroke for the monthly medal.

The day started out in fine weather but unexpectedly rain appeared half way through but did not deter our medal winner Andrea Thorson with a lovely 80-9- 71 nett.

R/U was Veronica Park 90-17-73nett.

BDL Heather Poletti (21) 74 nett, Tanya Thorson (25) 76 nett, Dot Christie (10) 77nett

Putting - Dot Christie 25

Next week is our Opening Day for 2023 and a shared lunch will be enjoyed by all.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, February 2, Stableford.

A Grade: N Lugton (6) 37pts c/b

B Grade: S Hill-Smith (20) 38pts

DTL: D Reynolds 37, S Reynolds 36, P Cummaudo, S Beitz 35 c/b

NTP: 4th T Makepeace, 16th A Leibe.

Birdies: 4th D Reynolds, T Makepeace, 6th N Lugton 16th D Reynolds.

Eagles: S Reynolds 11th Hole.

Saturday, February 4, Stroke.

A Grade: T Bradshaw (10) 71 nett

B Grade: R Clark (18) 75

DTL: J Robbins, M Payne 72, C Allford 73, M Snell, Tim Traill 74.

NTP: 2nd shot to the 1st hole, Tim Traill. 4th G Dawson, 6th J Smeriglio. 13th Tim Traill. 16th S Mills.

Birdies: 4th T Bradshaw, G Dawson, J Smeriglio, 16th J Pisa

PHILLIP ISLAND

TUESDAY, January 31, Men's 18 hole Stableford

A Grade winner: Wayne Morris (9) with 40 points from Christian Lloyd (15) with 38 points

B Grade winner: Alf Micallef (21) with 38 points countback from Shane Harding (22)

C Grade Bez Moustafa (26) with 37 points c/b from Geoff Williamson (31)

NTP: 5TH Cheryl White 7th Lesley Meadowcroft

BDL to 31 points countback

Sunday, February 5, PIGC Open day, 4 person Drop out Ambrose

The winners were Liz and Craig

O'Neill, Pam Rothfield, Ray Jansson with 58.625, runners up were Steve and Camille Morris, Craig

and Wayne Morris with 60 nett.

WONTHAGGI

MEN'S February 4, S.R 72

Competition type: Stroke Monthly Medal and putting

A Grade: Alex Geyer 70

B Grade: Gary Kirk67 (Monthly Medal)

C Grade: Peter Liddle 71

NTPs: Alex Geyer 2nd, Mick Bourke 4th, Michael Scott propin 8th, Robert Geyer 13th, Beau Van Agtmaal money hole 17th, Brad Andrew Putting C/B.

Men's results February 2.

Competition type: Stableford 18 Hole, SR. 71

Winner: Ian Hack 42

Men's results February 2.

Competition type: Stableford 9 hole 10 to 18, SR. 36

Winner: Paul Cornelis 22

Open Seeded Draw for Saturday February 11.

11.04am: M. Scott, M. Johnson, A. Cubbon.

11.12am: I. Baker, S. Kane, D. Crellin, B. VanAgtmaal.

WONTHAGGI

ON a lovely calm Sunday, our traditional Opening Mixed Canadian Foursomes Event was supported by an enthusiastic group of members with many different pairings and some playing for the first time.

Everyone was warmly welcomed.

At presentations we were grateful for the generous sponsorship of Handley & Anderson Funeral Directors as their wonderful prizes were on display.

There were two grades and scores were very close to determine the lucky pairs.

A Grade winners were Catherine Bolding and Andrew Hooten - Shandley 72.375 from Sam Dennis and Bianca Davis 73.75.

B Grade winners were Steven Kane and Layla Robertson 72.375 from Paul Cornelius and Patsy Britt 72.875.

NTP 2nd Patsy Britt, 8th Bianca Davies, 13th Paul Cornelius, 17th Rod Walker.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY was the Opening Day with a fun day of Ambrose and a lovely lunch to get back into our normal ladies day.

The weather was a Goldilocks day UNTIL we had a 3 hole storm which managed to soak many unprepared ladies.

We had two Grade with close scores to decide the winners.

A Grade winners were Pam Russell, Geraldine Prentice, Marion Walker 65.5 from runners up Betty Bowmar, Yvonne Everitt, Wendy Cross 66.16

B Grade winners were Catherine Bolding, Donna Brosnan, Simone Lindsay 63.5 from runners up Marg Johnson, Donna Van Veenendaal, Anne Poulton.

NTP 2nd and 13th Jan Beaumont, 4th Ivy Ruby, 8th Anne Poulton.

WOORAYL**Ladies**

THE February Monthly Medal sponsored by Invisage was won by an excited Kath Davis.

She is B grade and Monthly Medal winner with a score of 108-35-73.

Elly Berryman came in winner of A grade with 84-10-74.

BDL went to Sherrill Winkler with 75 nett, Pauline Lancaster with 75 nett and Bev Bridge 76 nett. Best 9 out was won by Carol Johnson and Putting Heather Sullivan with 30 putts.

NTPs were 8th Elly Berryman, 11th Sherrill Winkler and 17th Anne Grist.



Inverloch's Allan McLean, Terry Seaward, Carol Waters and Len Petersen.

INVERLOCH

CORPORATE Bowls

What a fantastic night we had with the return of our Corporate Bowlers. After a very wet start to the day, the sun came out prior to start time making conditions more enjoyable.

Winners on the night were the Yacht club with VB's runners up. Both teams were awarded 6 packs thanks to sponsorship from Stockdale and Leggo.

Three more weeks of competition remain with our last night, Feb 22nd culminating in a final's playoff between our two top teams.

Social Bowls

40 players fronted up last Thursday to play in ten teams of Fours. 2 games of ten ends. Results were mixed for the teams with excellent bowling displayed by many bowlers. The Hard Luck story of the day was the team of Geoff Coleman, Rob Howard, Christine Corrigan and Chris Neville. They missed out on being Runners Up by one point. The Runners Up with 1 draw and 1 win on 27 points was the team of Daryl McStravick, Craig Selby, Jeff Curwood and Tony Latham.

Saturday Pennant

Division 1 Inverloch 67 defeated Korumburra 48. Division 2 Inverloch 57 defeated by Korumburra 66. Division 3 Inverloch 36 defeated by Mirboo North 69. Division 4 Inverloch 58 defeated by Loch 67.

Midweek Pennant

Division 2 Inverloch 78 defeated Phillip Island 67. Division 3 Inverloch Inverloch 42 defeated by Phillip Island 50.

KORUMBURRA

WITH pennant rapidly drawing to a close, we had a couple of pleasing results.

In midweek, Division 1 travelled to Meenyan and came away with a good win. Jenny McVeigh's rink led the way with a 28 shots to 12 win.

Jo Lomagno won 19 shots to 13, unfortunately Judith Nicholl went down 11 shots to 18.

In Division 3 We hosted Loch. Katrina Evans had a 19 all draw, unfortunately Cheryl Moore went down 16 shots to 24.

Saturday pennant saw Division 1 hosting Inverloch. Rob Cosson had a 22 shots to 16 win. Keith March went down 13 shots to 24 and Col Underwood went down 13 shots to 27.

In Division 2 we travelled to Inverloch.

Rob Sund won 34 shots to 13. Les Eastman Got up in a close one 18 shots to 17.

Unfortunately, Peter Hearn went down 14 shots to 27 an overall 9 shot win.

Division 4 travelled to windy Wonthaggi. Jo Lomagno had a 27 to 19 shot win Peter Horsfield went down 11 shots to 27,

while Alan Cherrett went down 12 shots to 31.

All pennant bowlers are reminded that there will be Pizzas back at the club at 6pm Saturday night. Please put your names on the list in the club rooms to assist with catering.

LEONGATHA

ROUND 12 of the Midweek Pennant competition was played on Feb 3.

The result of the Division 1 game was a win to Leongatha by defeating Corinella with an overall score of 62/41 shots and 14 points.

Leongatha Div 1 are now ranked in third position on the ladder.

The Midweek Pennant Division third game against Tarwin Lower was won by Leongatha with an overall score of 50/35 shots and 10 points. Leongatha Div 3 are now ranked in second position on the ladder.

Inclement weather on Wednesday, February 1, forced the Match Committee to abandon Social Bowls for that day.

On Saturday, February 4, we awoke to atrocious weather for Bowls but the show must go on to the detriment of players health. Clubs were also keen to establish their representative sides in the finals draw with 1 round to play.

Round 13 of the Saturday Pennant competition Division 1 game against Toora was won by Toora with an overall score of 66/62 shots and 14 points. Leongatha Div 1 are now ranked in 4th position on the ladder.

The Division 2 game was played at Leongatha against Fish Creek and the visitors got over the line by 1 shot with an overall score of 51/50 shots and 12 points Leongatha DIV 2 are now ranked in 3rd position on the ladder.

Round 13 of the Division 3 game was played at home against Meenyan and the Leongatha side went from chocolates to boiled lollies compared to their performance last week. All 3 rinks were defeated to the tune of 36/77 shots overall & 16 points. Leongatha Div 3 side are still bringing up the rear and ranked in 8th position.

Kitty Cub was well patronised last Friday night, and the ladies did a sterling job with providing meals for the needy. The guys on the Barbecue know how to grill cuts of Gippsland beef and will certainly get my vote.

Club pennant Selectors should make themselves conversant with the qualification clause for finals to ensure that selected players qualify.

Barefoot Bowls This continues next Tuesday, February 7, for 3 weeks.

It would be great if all members at some stage over these next three weeks could give up



Wonthaggi Turkey Triples winners Kevin Brown, Graham Cornell and John Newcombe from Phillip Island.

some of their time to help at some stage.

MIDWEEK

TWENTY-SEVEN of our bowlers turned up to Koo Wee Rup to once again fight it out for team of the week.

Winners on 36 points were:

John Nicholson (S), Frank d'Unieville (3), Bill Williams (L)

Runners Up on 34 points were:

Tony Heppleston (S), Robyn Dahl (3), George Crynes (L)

Best One Game winners on 23 points were:

Vern Elliott (S), Sue Stansfield (3), Tony Morris (L)

Next week we will be at Lang Lang to once again challenge for the week's best teams.

WONTHAGGI

ANOTHER full week of bowls at the club starting with Mid Week Pennant on Tuesday.

Div 1 and Div 2 were both playing at home which helps friends and members to come and support the players.

Div 1 played host to Foster who needed to win to cement their place in the top four.

Wonthaggi had two rinks get over the line with the other rink not having a good day enabling Foster to have a win.

The final scores Wonthaggi 53 Foster 60.

Div 2, also at home, played host to Lang Lang with the weather being fine and sunny, making a perfect day for bowls.

Wonthaggi are going along well with another good win to keep top spot on the ladder. All rinks had good wins for an excellent win. The final scores Wonthaggi 77 Korumburra 59.

Tuesday night saw good numbers at Barefoot Bowls with perfect weather.

Wednesday saw our Turkey Triples on a day where rain interrupted the second game and lunch was brought forward.

The weather cleared up and the day went off, with both greens full of local teams, which is a good result for Fred and his helpers.

Four teams were four game winners, with the runners up being a team from Wonthaggi.

They were Trevor Teer, Rob Aitken and Glenn Birt with a score of 4 wins and 25 shots up and 28 ends. The winners were a team from Phillip Island, consisting of Kevin Brown, Graham Cornell and John Newcombe, with a score of 4 wins, also 25 shots, but 30 ends to win on a count back.

The best game went to a composite team from Inverloch, Phillip Island and Wonthaggi, being Keith Cousins, Daryl White and Ray Hin with a score of plus 20.

The naga award of four caps from the Wonthaggi Club went to a team from Korumburra

and they were Col Underwood, Rob Sund and Tom Brown.

Thursday social bowls is going well with good numbers and a good place to be.

Saturday Pennant saw bowlers looking to the sky with the very windy weather being a factor. Div 1 played host to Mirboo North at Wonthaggi in a game that was a must win to stay in the top four.

One rink had a good win with another a narrow loss and the other rink not having a good day. To be fair they were playing another team in the top four.

The final scores Wonthaggi 55 Mirboo North 64. Div 2 travelled to Korumburra to play Loch as

Loch are installing a new green. Once again, a loss was not an option. Two rinks had good wins, with the other also getting a win, with the team having to dig deep against a determined Loch team to get important points.

The final scores Wonthaggi 83 Loch 37. Div 3 travelled to Lang Lang feeling good after a number of wins and sitting on top of the ladder. On a windy day and against

a team also in the top four who were not planning to lose, Wonthaggi found the going a little tough with all three rinks going down. Time to move on to next week, and they are still in second spot on the ladder with the final scores Wonthaggi 52 Lang Lang

64. Div 4 played host to Korumburra at home and after a loss last week were ready for a scrap. One rink found the going a bit tough but the other two rinks had very good wins for a good win to move back into the top four. The final scores Wonthaggi 77 Korumburra 50.

Bowls this week: Tuesday Mid Week Pennant, Tuesday night Bare Foot Bowls, Wednesday social bowls at 1.00pm, Thursday social bowls at 10.00am.

Friday Coaching at 10.00am and Saturday Pennant.

Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI

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ONCE again an enjoyable week of bowling was had by all 49 players who competed.

Tuesday saw 22 players the winners on plus 18 winning both their games were Lia Smith, Judy Sweetnam, Jeanie Slocum and John Postlethwaite.

Running a close second on plus 17 winning one game only were Thelma Kavanaugh, Pat Smith and John Rook.

Friday had 27 players competing the winners on plus 17 were Thelma Kavanaugh, Murray Wilson and Judy Sweetnam.

Runners up on plus 10 were Jan Milkins, Marg Hender, William Marshall and John Rook.



Some budding juniors having some table tennis fun with David at Junior Coaching.

Wonthaggi Table Tennis resumes for 2023

JUNIOR coaching resumes at the Wonthaggi Table Tennis Club on Thursday February 9 at 6pm.

Junior coach David Kimmins is looking forward to seeing the juniors from last year, new players for 2023 and the eventual resumption of a junior or "B Grade" competition for any junior player willing to give it a go.

When the competition resumes coaching will be from 6-7pm on Thursdays with the competition following from 7pm until approximately 8pm.

All equipment needed is provided and some is also available for sale.

The cost is three dollars per player, per night for coaching and there will be a separate fee to enter competition teams.

Practice nights for A1 and A2 have also commenced on Mondays at the table tennis centre from 6:30pm.

Social table tennis is continuing on Wednesdays and Saturdays from midday.

New participants of all ages and abilities are welcome, equipment is provided and the cost is three dollars per player per week.

Phone Nancy on 5674 4628 or Trish on 5672 3421 for further information.

Phillip Island Bridge results

NORTH south winners for Monday, January 30, were Deb Anglim and Greg Nicholson on 64.64%. Anne Gibson and Lois Dwyer followed with 56.43%. Lorrie Read and Neville Chapman finished third on 52.50%.

Maureen Stiles and Hannah Martin claimed first place for East West with 62.70%.

In second place were Matti Shub and John Quayle on 53.33%. Third place went to Caroline Shaw and Ann Hodgson on 52.92%.

Caroline Shaw and Leng Leng Haggith kicked off February with a 61.67% win.

In second place were Deb Anglim and Greg Nicholson on 52.50%. Karen Klym and Paul Waylen took third spot with a neat 50%.

On Monday, January 30, club president Don Stewart-Uden, presented a cheque for \$400 to Matt Bowtell from 3D Hands. 3D Hands was chosen as the worthy recipient of funds raised from the Christmas raffle.

Phillip Island Festival of Surfing

A JAM-PACKED month of surfing, music, art and culture is currently underway as Phillip Island Boardriders Club, established in 1963, celebrates 60 years.

A family-friendly, sustainable event that appeals to all kinds of surfers of all ages and abilities – the festival is a celebration of surfing!

The festival of surfing kicked off in January and runs throughout February showcasing surfing culture through events, competitions, exhibitions, displays, art, and live music.

Alongside partners Bass Coast Shire Council, Surfing Victoria, Surfers Rescue Program, Phillip Island National Surfing Reserve, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Westernport Water, Island Surfboards, Girls on Board, Disabled Surfers Association Bass Coast, Phillip Island RSL and the PIBC Supergroms Program, members can enter events free of charge, whilst non-members can purchase a one-off event membership for \$50.

Remaining Events:

February 11: Cat Bay Longboard Classic, Phillip Island Boardriders Club

February 11: Supergroms at Smiths Beach

February 12: Disabled Surfers Association, Smiths Beach. Register at disabledsurfers.org

February 15-16: 24/7 Surfers Rescue Program. Book online surfingvictoria.com.au

February 18: Twin Fin Event, Phillip Island Boardriders Club

February 18-19: Indigenous High Performance Training Camp, Surfing Australia

February 25: Victorian Open Round 3

February 25: Cutback Festival, Phillip Island Boardriders Clubhouse

February 26: Victorian Teams Titles

**Dates and locations are subject to change. Please keep an eye on Phillip Island Boardriders Club website and social media pages.*

Huge blow as Channel Challenge rescheduled

ORGANISERS of the San Remo Channel Challenge made a difficult decision last week to postpone the event due to extreme winds and dangerous conditions on Saturday.

They stated it was not a 'decision that was made lightly', but was done as they were not willing to risk the safety of competitors.

The Channel Challenge has a new date of Saturday, December 2, 2023, with more information expected to come.

The date was chosen due to a lack of suitable dates and tides this summer.

All entries will be rolled over to the new date, which will be the third leg of the 2023 series.

If anyone would like a refund, please email enter@basscoastseries.com.au with your full name and details.

The Cowes Classic is still expected to take place on Saturday, February 18.

Junior surfers get their Woolies' worth at Phillip Island

THE finals of Round 1 of the Woolworths Victorian Junior Surfing Titles were held at Phillip Island last Sunday, February 5.

And the locals didn't have to wait long for an early thrill when Scarlett Rennie, a student at Newhaven College, finished a narrow second in the Under 14 Girls final.

Not a bad effort for a Phillip Island Boardriders' member aged 10, competing in the Under 14 division.

With two more rounds in the Junior Surfing Vic titles to go she's in shape to make the Under 14 team for the Australian Junior Championships. That would be something!

Delighted with her own success, Scarlett carried the board for the winner Rose Holland from Dromana when she was chaired off.

Arch Rayner of Inverloch got a combo of rides up early in the cross-shore conditions at Smiths Beach on Sunday to take the lead in the Under 14 Boys final, moving further left in the line-up than the others to try to find some clear air.

He then grabbed a long ride with plenty of completed turns to score a 7.77.

But Kai Coleman of Torquay scored a handy 6.17 ride to move strongly into second and soon picked up another decent wave for another 6.83 score to take a narrow lead.

And that's where it finished but you couldn't doubt Arch's endeavour, surfing an incredible 11 scoring waves in the final to the next best on six.

It's worth noting that on Saturday, in wild conditions at the Penguin Beach another young Inverloch surfer, Arch's younger brother Dusty produced the buzzer-beater highlight of the whole weekend when he moved from fourth to first with literally the last wave of the heat.

A man of few words, Dusty chatted with the Sentinel-Times on the beach afterward: How was it? Hard to catch waves?



Sandy Point surfing twins Jarrah and Rye Cicero finished second and fourth in the Round 1 of the Woolworths Victorian Junior Surfing Final, in the Under 16 Boys division on Sunday, February 5.

Are you through to the semis?

"Not bad. Yeah. Hopefully," he said.

The event continued with the Girls Under 16 final where Sara Hickson found four scoring waves to narrowly defeat Ava Holland in second.

In the boys under 16 final, Sandy Point surfing twins Jarrah and Rye Cicero faced off against Jerry Kelly and Jack Lindsay.

Midway through, Jarrah picked out two good waves and surfed them to their full potential to move into the lead from Jack Lindsay, one of them an 8.0 point score.

Both Jerry Kelly and Jack Lindsay pulled out two excellent waves of their own demonstrating full commitment on their cutbacks in a quality final, Kelly moving into second with an 8.03 pointer of his own. The wind had dropped, the waves were holding up better and the older,

stronger surfers were making the most of it.

Jerry Kelly went into the lead with five minutes to go on a handy-sized wave and a decent 5.37 score.

Priority was with Jarrah with two minutes to go but his next wave wasn't what he was looking for Kelly came out on top by only a 1.10 margin.

Rye Cicero got better the further the final went, nailing his best two waves right at the end and demonstrating some aggressive manoeuvres along the way. He could be one to watch in the remaining two rounds.

In the under 18 girls' final, Sandy Point's Eva Bassed took an early lead in suddenly sloppy conditions as the tide dropped, but Sarsha Pancic found a decent wave to move up into top spot with a 5.50 score relegating Eva back to second. Sarsha caught a 4.40 to extend the lead further and Eva couldn't quite

find the answer.

The sun finally popped out on Sunday and right on cue the sandflies materialised out of nowhere to annoy the hell out of the crowd with only the Under 18 Boys final to come.

The tightest contest of the day as a battle between Peninsula and West Coast surfers with Willem Watson 13.56 just edging Lucas Hickson on 13.37. To Watson's credit he was the busiest competitor in the field, finding seven scoring waves.

The presentations were held in the Smiths Beach Carpark afterwards and while the local surfers didn't get the chance to stand on top of the podium in any of the divisions, they were right there in the thick of it on finals day.

The next round will be held at Bells Beach on February 18/19 and on the Mornington Peninsula on March 25/26.

Wonthaggi feature in Cairnlea tournaments



Paul, Virginia, Neil, Tom and Sue at Cairnlea

CAIRNLEA, the Victorian Croquet Association headquarters, hosted a five day series of tournaments over the Australia Day period from January 25-29.

Four of our members entered (Neil Warburton, Virginia Wheeler, Tom Lacey and Paul Andrews) with Sue Baker cheering them on and ultimately assisting with the administration/scoring on the last two days. Great experience for her.

Neil Warburton won his section in the singles on the 25th with Virginia Wheeler coming third. Tom Lacey finished runner-up in his section of the singles.

Neil and Virginia fronted for the open doubles winning three games. This was won by the brother and sister combination of Shane Downie (Traralgon) and Julie Beasley (Warragul) winning all their nine games.

The open singles was divided

into 4 Blocks with Neil winning one game in Block A, Tom and Paul each winning 3 games in Block C and Virginia winning one game in Block D. The calibre of all players in both the singles and doubles was outstanding.

The title ultimately went to Shane Downie of Traralgon who, over the five days, won 21 of his 22 games in both doubles and singles combined. Congratulations.

Twilight play on Monday evenings at Wonthaggi has kicked off again with a bang by going back to a very social format, including a repast of fish n chips or the like.

In the wake of the announcement by council that all the funding has now been approved for the building of our new clubrooms, shed clearing has commenced and the excitement is building in anticipation.

Hawks nest in the Bass Coast

By Aiden Box

SEVERAL local footy loving kids were able to improve their skills and make some awesome memories on the weekend as the Box Hill Hawks VFL and VFLW squads ran a clinic at the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve last Saturday.

In a partnership with the Bass Coast Shire Council (BCSC), the Hawks men and women's teams made the trek down to the home of the Power and braved the chilly blustery conditions as they trained throughout the morning themselves, before refuelling and having a kick with the kids.

What made the day so special though, was seeing six locals in the Hawks colours, tearing up the training track and coaching the area's youngsters, some on the very ground in which they began their careers.

With Max Walton (Phillip Island) in the men's squad and Sunday Brisbane (Phillip Island), Grace Matser (Korumburra), Grace McRae (Dalyston) and Macie Gilmour (Wonthaggi) in the women's, the host region was well represented.

Speaking to the media after their session, a few of the local girls spoke on what it means to them to return home, train and coach the young locals.

"In the country footy and netball clubs are a big part of our communities, it's pretty much where you grow up as a country kid, the footy club is your family," McRae said.

"It's good too because I can just stay at mum and dads and I don't have to wake up as early, it's good to see the country community is getting exposed to more inner-city sports, because sometimes country and city are pretty separate and it's good that it's flowing out and getting to the grassroots of footy."

"When we were younger, we did basketball clinics and netball clinics but we never had footy



Local star Sunday Brisbane of Phillip Island handpasses to a youngster during the Box Hill Hawks clinic. B01_0623

clinics, so it's great that there's now a pathway for younger girls to actually come through and have a pathway and you actually know people, you know families and you're helping them out."

Walton also enjoyed the local session and the shorter travel time, coming from the Island.

"It's really nice being home, it was only a 35-minute drive for me, some of my teammates were travelling three hours so it was a bit of a swap around since I'm usually the one driving so it's nice to have a camp down here, relax and show the boys the ropes," Walton said.

Hawks coaches Zane Littlejohn and Cherie O'Neill agreed with their players.

"We all started there, all our players and coaches all started at community clubs like Wonthaggi Power so it's nice to come back so to have local players on our list is really exciting," Littlejohn said.

"It's a really good opportunity and with the kid's clinic it's a really good chance to interact with a bit of community and it's a really good pathway for girls footy," O'Neill said.

"Community I think is vital for the sport to keep going ahead and keep building and it's going to grow the more kids that have a footy in their hands growing up the better the game will get as we go on."

BCSC representatives Ali Wastie (CEO), deputy mayor Rochelle Halstead and mayor Michael Whelan were also in attendance.

There really isn't a measure on the value of inspiring and growing junior and youth sport, especially in country regions such as the Bass Coast and the Hawks are determined to continue the relationship with the area and already have plans to help it thrive.

After hosting a previous junior footy clinic in Inverloch late last year, and backing it up with the weekend's event, the Hawks will return in late April when they make Wonthaggi their home for the weekend once again.

On Saturday April 30, during the VFL/VFLW season, Box Hill will host the Casey Demons in a blockbuster double header at the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve, a ground that received much praise from the Hawks on

Saturday, despite the recent rain.

The Hawks and Demons matchup will surely be an exciting one, with the Casey men defending their 2022 premiership win against a Hawks squad who got a taste of finals a year ago, while the women's match features two teams coming off a finals berth and shapes to be a huge day for the region.

"We're really young but we've got a lot of youth and speed, so I'm really excited for that and everyone's really enthusiastic as well," said McRae.

"I'll definitely be putting my hand up for that one, it's really exciting to run out there (Wonthaggi) will be awesome, especially against Casey, so I'm looking forward to it," Walton said.

Fans can catch McRae and the local quartet in the women's match from 11:30am, while Walton and the Hawks men will take the field from 2:05pm.

For those itching to see more Hawks action at an earlier date, Box Hill's VFL and VFLW seasons kick off on the weekend of March 25/26 as they look to begin pursuit of their season goals.



There was plenty of hands-on opportunities for youngsters to have a try at softball.

Softball touching all bases

SOFTBALL is continuing to grow in Bass Coast after a local primary school made it all the way to the national finals last year.

Five students from Bass Valley Primary School (BVPS) represented Victoria at the School Sports Softball tournament, and since then, there has been a big swing to promote the sport.

Softball Victoria is now looking to start a new Softball association.

During January, youngsters were invited to participate in a free school holiday program to help kick things off and the response was amazing.

Up to 41 kids got to learn from some of Victoria's best junior development coaches, participation coordinators and state representative players at Bass Recreation Reserve.

To follow on from the school holiday program, Softball activities will be set up in the community for kids and their families to get involved in, and over the next 12 months there will be a range of options in place.

Softball Victoria are covering all bases with opportunities for every age group:

- Home Run Heroes – Sidekicks programs for kids aged 4-7 and a Superheroes T-ball programs for kids aged 7-10-year-olds looking for an entry level program
- U14 competition for the 10-14-year-old group
- Social7s competition for 15 plus Youth and adults in your community

Sidekicks and Superheroes are designed for kids of all ages and abilities, whether they already play sport or have not yet found their 'thing'.

Home Run Heroes is strongly aligned with the SportAus Playing for Life Philosophy, whereby participants are engaged in fun game sense activities with the aim of developing a life-long love of sport.

Softball Victoria are looking for community members who want to:

- Play Softball (all ages, all abilities)
- Help to run the competition and association (with the assistance of the Bass Kilcunda cricket club)
- Coach, Umpire or Score

For more information, visit Bass Coast Softball - Softball Australia Limited on Behalf of Softball Victoria

Beach Volleyball action at Inverloch

THE 30th annual Inverloch Beach Volleyball competition attracted 20 teams from Melbourne and across regional Victoria for a spectacular display of volleyball skill and healthy, fun-filled competition.

This tournament is known as the longest continuously run beach volleyball tournament in Victoria.

The quality of play attracted plenty of spectators along Inverloch's stunning foreshore. Bruised earned the top division's Grand Final win, defeating East-side Eagles (31:24). This was a back to back win for Bruised, a team that featured players from the Australian Volleyball League and strong supporters of the competition for many years. Congratulations to Bruised: Tom de Vries, Will Crawford, Jacob Gruis, Jack McIntosh and Locky Morland.

The Pink division was the second division resulting from this pool. Monstars had a strong final game to win the Pink division ahead of Gas Bois (31:18).

Congratulations to Monstars: Jacob Caarels, Ben Caarels, Alex Miller and Andrew Provan.



Yellow division grand final winners, Bruised, (left to right) Tom de Vries, Jacob Gruis, Locky Morland, Jack McIntosh, Will Crawford.

Despite winning almost all of their matches, Dawgz were challenged by windy conditions towards the end of the tournament. Not to be outdone by their siblings in the Pink division, the Flintstones rose to the challenge in the Grand Final and defeated Dawgz (25:16). Congratulations on an outstanding performance by the Caarels family and friends, Esther Caarels, Rebecca Caarels, Ethan Caarels and Karen Hirabayashi.

Results in the Blue and Orange

pools delivered some insanely close rankings with only a few percentage points launching teams into the Grand Final.

After pool play, the stronger teams entered the Orange division where Red Hot Silly Peppers defeated Loshen by the Ocean (26:16). In the Blue division, Wham Bams stepped up to defeat Power (25:20).

A Grade and B Grade competition begins February 9.

Junior training also begins on February 9 at 6 pm.

New players, of all levels of experience, are welcome.

Follow the club on Facebook and Instagram (South Gippsland Volleyball).

Contact Secretary Jess Sanders 0447 262 522 or email southgippslandvolleyball@outlook.com for information.

The tournament was sponsored by Nagels Pharmacy, Sports First, South Gippsland Volleyball Club and Volleyball Victoria.

South Gippy Bass win some cash

A SMALL, but spirited group of swimmers attended GSI 8: Moe Don Coupe Meet on Saturday, January 28.

Many were the younger swimmers, returning to the pool after a few weeks off racing.

It was a chance to get in some race practise and see what their times were like, in the lead up to the peak part of the long course season with both schools racing and the All Junior and Gippsland championships coming up.

The 22 swimmers in attendance enjoyed racing in the good weather with many of the juniors improving their times.

One of the fun parts of the meet is always the Skins Race, where the fastest swimmers race for cash prizes, after each heat the slowest is eliminated leaving the last people to win the cash.

Several SGB swimmers came home with the cash - Billy Boyd 1st (M 13&O), Bec Barclay 2nd (F 12&U), Maddi Boyd 3rd (F 13&O) and Isabella Lynch 3rd (F 12&U).

The meet is named after Don Coupe, a stalwart of the Gippsland Masters team.

SGB is currently launching their masters group, with trainings on Mondays 6:7:30am and Thursdays 6:15-7:30pm at Leongatha.

The Masters squad is for those who wish to extend their swimming skillset in fitness or for a particular goal.

SGB have swimmers who are looking at the Masters Swimming competitions, Triathlons and some for fitness only, for anyone interested contact sgb@sgbswimclub.com.au

Alambee Mirboo & District Tennis Association results

WEATHER again an issue for tennis this week.

Inverloch and Koonwarra played and had a result. Leongatha North and Korumburra tried but were unable to make a start. Inverloch are top team, so Koonwarra did well to win a ladies set and lose a tiebreaker in the mixed.

Baromi v Leongatha Green were washed out. No score was received from the Korumburra v Outtrim match. The ladder will be updated next week with the score from this match.

Section 1 results: Leongatha North v Korumburra WASH OUT, Inverloch 8.68 defeated Koonwarra 1.42

Westernport BYE

Ladder: Inverloch 107, Westernport 83.5, Koonwarra 58.5, Leongatha North 56.5, Korumburra 53

Section 2 results: Baromi v Leongatha Green WASH OUT, Korumburra v Outtrim NO SCORE RECEIVED, Leongatha Gold BYE

Ladder: Outtrim 78*, Leongatha Gold 76.5, Baromi 75, Korumburra 72*, Leongatha Green 44



Runners head off on the Kilcunda half marathon. A19_0623

Friendly vibe for Kilcunda run

MILD conditions greeted enthusiastic runners as they began the Kilcunda Half Marathon, or shorter events, on Sunday morning, with no local evidence of global warming.

Organisers were kept busy with a number of late entries, and there were around 225 participants in total over the various distances, up from 175 last year.

Even those striving to achieve a personal best couldn't help being impressed by the spectacular scenery, as they pelted along the picturesque course.

"It's probably the best coastal run in the state," race director Paul Ashton said.

The event attracted people from the wider Gippsland area, with many other runners coming from Melbourne, but Inverloch-Kongwak footballer Toby Mahoney added a local flavour, finishing runner-up in the men's 10km race.

While some aimed to reach the finish line in impressive time, just getting there was achievement enough for others.

Whatever the motivation of each individual, everyone looked to be enjoying the experience, and there

was a social vibe behind the finish line as runners completed the course.

In addition to the 21-kilometre half marathon, there were 17-, 10- and 5-kilometre options, providing broad appeal for all, from the serious runner to those wanting a fun fitness test.

For Lisa Palmer of Gembrook, winner of the women's 5-kilometre event, it was about challenging herself and having a go, previously having run seriously in her youth before life and family intervened.

She aspires to tackle longer distances including the half marathon in future.

Kids enjoyed a kilometre-long beach run, with a sandcastle making competition adding to the entertainment, illustrating the family-friendly nature of the day.

Kiwi runners Jason Holden and Josh Giruan enjoyed the half marathon, with Jason saying a couple of 'killer python' lollies gave him the energy to complete the distance.

Despite the benefits of the sugary snakes, Jason carried a snake bite kit in case he encountered a less friendly reptilian variety.

He praised the beautiful Kilcunda

coastline but said the undulations of the course were challenging.

While Jason finished eighth, a couple of places ahead of Josh, Josh's battle with ninth placed Angus Henderson was a highlight.

The pair sprinted for the line, with Josh edged out by less than a second.

Although normally a casual runner, Warragul's Olivia Sheehan went all out after seeing a poster at the Kilcunda pub promoting Sunday's event, successfully completing the 17km distance.

While sore, she looked to have negotiated the step up in distance well.

One runner took a tumble on the 17km course, crossing the finish line in a somewhat muddy state but with her positive attitude intact.

While she required minor first aid attention the team from RemoteMed, which supports many running events, had a pleasantly quiet day.

"Most people are self-sufficient, fit and well prepared," Noreen Krusel, general manager of RemoteMed said of the runners.

Competitors set out from the carpark area near the Kilcunda

caravan park, taking in the spectacular sights of cliffs, beaches and green fields along the George Bass Coastal Trail and eventually wending their way back to the starting point that doubled as the finish line.

Running Wild was in charge of the day, with the organisation overseeing a number of other coastal and alpine runs, all made possible by willing volunteers, many themselves runners.

Distance winners:

James Barnett won the men's half marathon in 1:31:29.3, with Gillian Turnbull the winning woman in 1:46:50.1.

Rob Thompson was the quickest over 17km, recording 1:30:26.6, while Nat Gowan was the fastest woman over that distance finishing in 1:40:13.5.

Jack Rickards (0:45:52.0) was first across the line in the 10km run, with Deb Yann leading the women home in 0:50:30.1.

Graeme Railton whipped home in 0:24:02.8 to set the benchmark for the men over the 5km course, with Lisa Palmer (0:27:20.2) quickest of the women over that distance.

Locals amongst underwater hockey state success

SEVERAL of the region's best young underwater hockey players took their talents across the country to Western Australia for the national championships recently.

Speaking to the Sentinel-Times last week, team Victoria's manager and assistant coach Michael Milnes explained how the tournament shaped up for the local stars.

"Bunbury, what an amazing week of competition we had over there, I'll start with the under 15's," he said.

"We had six players from the Wonthaggi Underwater Hockey (WUHC) club make the Victorian team, Maddi Maund (captain), Will Stein (vice-captain) Ethan Milnes, Jasper Shone, Felix Maund and Tamsyn Walsh."

The under 15s played a round robin format through the week to finish in a hotly contested fourth spot and were the only team to score a goal against the rampaging Queensland team, that finished on top of the table.

"On the Saturday they played off for bronze against South Australia (SA) who they couldn't beat during the round robin event but through some gutsy individual efforts and some amazing teamwork managed to beat SA 3-2," Milnes said.

"It was a tough game all the way to the end with SA in control of the puck and pushing towards the goal when the buzzer sounded to some very excited kids and



The Victorian under 15s team finished with bronze medals around their necks at the recent Underwater Hockey National Championships.

perhaps even some more excited parents on the sidelines."

Milnes also touched on the under 19s squad which also included some local talent.

"We had six players from the WUHC representing Victoria, Darby Hoskins (Captain) Hamish Scothern (vice-captain) Lacie Phillips, Caden Milnes, Dylan Shone, Maddi Maund and Jack Ryan," he said.

"The under 19s had a mixed round robin where they inflicted the only defeat Queensland suffered all week yet couldn't consistently match that level of intensity throughout the week and finished in fourth."

"In the bronze medal playoff, they played what was probably the game of the week, consistently attacking

throughout the game and controlling the puck for the majority of the time.

"Numerous times throughout the match, the puck sat on the edge of the goal tray and just wouldn't not quite drop in for a goal before being whisked away by the opposition's defence."

"The Vic's managed a goal late in the first quarter and played amazing defence until in the final two minutes but the opposition managed to sneak a goal in that drew the scores at 1-1 when the buzzer sounded taking us into overtime."

"The first five minutes of OT once again had Victoria attacking strongly with luck just not going their way, once again the puck was just not dropping in the tray."

"It took another five-minute OT session to get a result and somehow the opposition once again scored a goal with 1.30 on the clock."

Despite not finishing with a medal-winning position, Milnes was extremely proud of his squad for making it so far.

"The Vic team pushed relentlessly all game but just couldn't get a goal, seeing them finish the week in a very gallant fourth," he said.

Our first game back this year coincides with a come and try night at the Wonthaggi pool for anyone who might be interested this Thursday February 9.

All gear and instruction are supplied, just pay for pool entry and bring your bathers.



MDU dominated their hosts Wonthaggi on Saturday, taking 10 wickets and reaching their target without losing any wickets themselves. B09_0623

Demons demolish Club

• C Grade, Division 1

WONTHAGGI hosted MDU at McMahons Reserve and the hosts won the toss and chose to bat first in blustery conditions.

With a young line up in, Club struggled from the outset as the Demons feasted on wickets and starved their opponents of runs.

Steven Riley (3/7 from 6) led the MDU attack as they dominated the first innings, with three other Demons bowlers each taking two wickets.

The Club skipper Luke Borne (15 from 35) top-scored in a tough showing for his side who were dismissed for just 66.

In reply, the going got even tougher for the hosts, who unfortunately were unable to reel in the Demon demolition as the visitors rolled to a 10-wicket win with 20 overs to spare.

Dale Thomas (32) and Tim Bright (26*) saw their side home unbeaten, they'll now host Koonwarra L/RSL this Saturday, while Wonthaggi will have the bye.

Nyora prevail as wickets tumble

NYORA hosted Korumburra at the Nyora Recreation Reserve and the former won the toss and chose to bat first.

In an interesting innings, Daniel Esler (54 from 54) made a match-defining half century, while his teammates struggled to find runs.

The opener's brilliant innings set up his team for a decent total, but eventually saw them fall 10/108, which one would think gave the visitors an unmissable chance to win.

Although, it truly was a tough day for batting, as the Cobras stumbled in their chase and ultimately fell 40 runs short of the small target.

They too found the majority of their score from their number two batter, Jacob Wrigley (23 from 17) as the rest of the XI failed.

All 20 wickets fell in a dramatic afternoon, as Darren Scott (3/7 from 6) bowled well for Korumburra and Lincoln Brock (2/14 from 3) for Nyora.

The Cobras will now lick their wounds and look to next week, while Nyora will ride their wave into what they hope will be another victory.



The Demons were sharp in all facets of the game, including in the field where they continued to provide chances. B10_0623

South Gippsland Kookas bounce back over Gladiators

LAST Sunday, February 5, saw the South Gippsland Over 60s Kookas strive to bounce back after narrowly going down to their archrivals, the Goannas in the previous round.

The Gladiators sent the Kookas in. Vice Skippa Peter Pulvarizor Petro set the barbecue alight with a brutal 40 off a lazy 28 balls!

Super skippa, Peter 'Perfect Little 21no' and president Neil Whitey 18no, kept the burners on max. Ol Grayza Wighty played one of the most disgraceful shots in cricketing history and exited stage left.

Luckily Freddy, Mr Cricket Debono sculptured a graceful 18 no.

And Tiga Boy Trev Wilson also 18no, proving "you can't beat experience".

Waza Hayes put the icing on the cake with a whirlwind 21no.

The Kookas smashing 3/202 off their allotted 40 overs.

The Kookas then "speared the pill". Everyone kept it tighter than the upcoming voice vote - we will not go there.

Well, as predicted, the once again rampaging Kookas hit back harder than Thor's hammer.

Next week it's the mighty Richmond Tigers at the Burra, fun, fire and friendship will prevail as usual, and a win/win - either the Mighty Kookas or mighty Tigers will win.

C GRADE

DIVISION 1

MDU 0/71 d Club 66

Club - 1st INNINGS: L Ton 9, W Chisholm 6, A Chisholm 0, C Krause 4, L Borne 15, M Sharp 10, B Ton 0, J Caddy 4, B Caddy 1, D Beaumont 3, A Ray 0*

Bowling: K Brown 2/13, A Richardson 2/19, W Stewart 0/4, S Riley 3/7, C Schwennesen 2/16, L Bell 1/2

MDU - 1st INNINGS: D Thomas 32*, T Bright 24*.

Bowling: M Sharp 0/17, L Ton 0/37, J Caddy 0/12, A Chisholm 0/1

Nyora 108 d Korumburra 68

Nyora - 1st INNINGS: P Dixon 6, D Esler 54, K Linford 12, B Esler 1, D Blackney 10, W Dixon 0, B Pugh 3, K Wurzbacher 1, A Maclure 1, L Brock 6, TL Howarth 4*

Bowling: S McKinnon 1/27, M Olden 2/26, J Rockall 2/17, D Scott 3/7, D Whelan 2/15, J Dunn 0/9

Korumburra - 1st INNINGS: J Petrie 2, J Wrigley 23, D Scott 0, M Olden 1, J Rockall 16, T Morrison 0, J Dunn 14, D Whelan 5, A Green 0, RP Butler 4, D Kimmer 1*

Bowling: L Brock 2/14, D Blackney 1/9

Phillip Island drew Inverloch
Match Abandoned.

Koonwarra L/RSL - BYE

C GRADE

DIVISION 2

OMK drew Koonwarra L/RSL
Match Abandoned.

Town drew Glen Alvie
Match Abandoned.

Kilcunda Bass - BYE

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A1: Thomas Wyatt (OMK) 105 ; Harry Hoekstra (Koonwarra L/RSL) 4/40

A2: All Matches Abandoned

B1: Zach Barrett (Korumburra) 43* ; Mitchell Young (Korumburra) 3/33

B2: Matt Davies (Town) 59 ; Rohan Todd (Club) 3/7

C1: Daniel Esler (Nyora) 54 ; Steven Riley (MDU) 3/7

C2: All Matches Abandoned

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Team	Points	%	Team	Points	%
B GRADE, Division 1					
Nerrena	84	2.1156	Inverloch	72	3.2308
Inverloch	72	1.8217	Korumburra	60	1.3695
MDU	72	1.0740	Phillip Island	60	0.9854
Koonwarra L/RSL	60	1.4924	Koonwarra L/RSL	48	0.9305
OMK	36	0.9771	Nyora	36	0.4310
Imperials	12	0.4949	Club	24	1.2795
Korumburra	0	0.2968	MDU	24	0.5796
B GRADE, Division 2					
OMK	84	1.6228	OMK	108	1.6476
Club	66	1.0300	Town	90	1.9461
Nerrena	60	1.1970	Kilcunda-Bass	60	1.0896
Town	60	1.1394	Glen Alvie	42	0.7464
Phillip Island	60	1.0193	Koonwarra L/RSL	24	0.3483
Kilcunda-Bass	24	0.8126			
Glen Alvie	0	0.4190			

NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES & UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 11

A GRADE, Division 1

Nerrena v Phillip Island
NERRENA
Steve McNamara
Inverloch v Club
INVERLOCH TURF
John Schelling
OMK v Koonwarra L/RSL
OUTTRIM
Ashley Stride
Imperials v Town
LEONGATHA TURF
Shane Moore

A Grade, Division 2

MDU v Club
MEENIYAN
Terry Rogers
Foster v Kilcunda-Bass
FOSTER
Neil Graham
Glen Alvie v Nyora
WONTHAGGI TURF
Greg Goss
Phillip Island v Korumburra
COWES
Ian Thorn

B Grade, Division 1

Koon L/RSL v Inverloch
KOONWARRA
Les White
Nerrena v OMK
DIGGER PARK
Geoff Parkinson
Korumburra v MDU
Completed N/A
Imperials - BYE

B GRADE, Division 2

Kilcunda-Bass v Town
BASS 1
Glenn Plymin
Club v OMK
McMAHONS
TBA
Glen Alvie v Nerrena
GLEN ALVIE
Geoff Wyatt
Phillip Island - BYE

C GRADE, Division 1

Club v Koonwarra L/RSL
DALYSTON
TBA
Nyora v Inverloch
NYORA
TBA
Korumburra v Phillip Island
POOWONG
TBA
MDU - BYE

C GRADE, Division 2

Koon L/RSL v Kilcunda-Bass
MARY MACKILLOP
TBA
Town v OMK
SCORPION 2
TBA
Glen Alvie - BYE

• A Grade, Division 1

AFTER rain caused mayhem at the beginning of the LDCA season late last year, it returned on Saturday around the region, cancelling much of the day's fixtures.

In total, just six out of the 19 scheduled games saw any play on what was a wet and wild day of weather.

One such game that did take place was the contest at Outtrim Recreation Oval, where hosts OMK took on the visiting Koonwarra L/RSL who lost the toss and were tasked with bowling first.

Joel Cuman and Ethan Lamers (95 from 150) opened up for the Diggers and put together an okay start before Cuman fell for nine.

Lamers, as he has for much of this season, then continued on, playing some magnificent drives with Noel Creed (32 from 56) for company who helped Lamers further the OMK score.

Creed then became young gun Harry Hoekstra's (4/40 from 16) first victim and at 2/99, the innings opened up for the visitors who'd been forced to work hard for breakthroughs to this point.

Although the going got even tougher from then

on as Thomas Wyatt (105 from 118) came to the crease to join Lamers and the pair tore the game right open, as brief showers came and went and turned to sunshine.

Lamers was the next to go, falling agonisingly short of a deserved three figure score, departing the crease with an excellent half century, his fourth of the season.

Despite the talented opener falling short of the ton, he was able to put together a huge 114-run stand with Wyatt who made no mistake getting himself to his first century for the season, posting a superb 105 which included 15 fours and a six!

The Koony attack then cleaned up the tail with relative ease, although the hosts were still good enough weather the Cougars storm and endure the actual elements to post 7/306 after their 75 overs.

Hoekstra was the pick of the bowlers for Koony, they'll head back to Outtrim this weekend to chase the 307 runs required for victory.

All other A1 and A2 matches will now be one-day contests this weekend as this match between the Diggers and the Cougars was the only A grade fixture that went ahead last weekend.



The Diggers and Cougars were able to battle through the conditions and complete the full 75 overs of play on Saturday. B06_0623

Wyatt's ton sees Diggers post 300 on day one



OMK opener Ethan Lamers plays a beautiful drive on his way to 95. B05_0623



Isuru Wickramsinghe sends one down for Koonwarra L/RSL at Outtrim Recreation Oval. B07_0623

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Inverloch's Riley Harris plays a sensational shot to the offside in the final on Sunday.



LDCA's Rhys Newman, Clayton Quaife and George McCausland were all selected in the 'All Gippsland Team' after each having strong tournaments.



Phillip Island gun George McCausland claimed a five-wicket haul in the junior Country Week Final, earning him the player of the match medallion.

Imperials hold off Cobras late bite

• B Grade, Division 1

KORUMBURRA hosted the Imperials on Saturday, and, in the only B grade division one game for the day the visitors won the toss and chose to bat first.

In an innings that saw them lose just the six wickets, the Imps never really looked like blowing the floodgates open but remained in control on a tough day for cricket conditions wise around the region.

Several Imperials got starts, but just could not go on with their scores of twenties or thirties and turn them into half centuries or three figure scores. Ryan Higgins (39 from 78) was the closest, top scoring for the innings.

Clint Honeysett (28* from 26) provided some late aggression, hitting five fours in an unbeaten knock that saw his side post 6/167 at the conclusion of their 40 overs.

Mitchell Young (3/33 from 8) was the best with the ball for the Cobras.

In reply, the hosts soon faced similar challenges with the bat, as opener Phillip Richards (31 from 75) and number three Mitchell Young (31 from 42) both got themselves into the

thirties before being dismissed.

Unfortunately for the Imps though, their middle order spluttered and failed to perform, before Zach Barrett (43* from 39) came from nowhere at number seven, almost snatching victory for his side.

Barrett's brave innings wasn't quite enough in the end though, as Korumburra fell 13-runs short finishing 6/154, wickets were spread around with four bowlers grabbing one each, to go with two run outs!

The Imperials will now face Inverloch this week, while the Cobras will host Nerrena.

• B Grade, Division 2

Town gets it done against Phillip Island

PHILLIP Island tried to seize the initiative by batting first at Scorpion Park and set a solid target of 166 for host Leongatha Town.

In reply, the top order performed strongly for the Scorpions, with opener Matt Davies (59) and first drop Luke Bowman (55 not out) rattling along at close to a run a ball.

Little work was left to others as Leongatha Town claimed a six-wicket win.

Otunu Vimalarathna was the winning side's leading wicket taker for the match with 3/27, while Levi Hickey inflicted early damage on the Phillip Island batting lineup, knocking over opener Sarith Angelo and next-in Kurt Lane by the time the Sharks had reached 44.

Hickey finished with 2/24, with teammate Lachlan Gill taking 2/39.

Skipper Connor Epifano and Tom Niven both batted well for the beaten Sharks, but each fell when they reached 40 runs.

A couple of others managed scores in the twenties for Phillip Island but the rest were unable to muster anything significant with the willow.

While runs generally came freely for Leongatha Town in its successful chase, Tarryn Allan defied that trend sending down eight overs for the Sharks for the excellent return of 2/12.

He so far has 18 wickets for the season at the superb average of 14.5 apiece.

Aggressive Wonthaggi loses late wickets on way to win

WONTHAGGI Club got home by five wickets after its opening partnership knocked off the bulk of a low target, with Glen

Alvie's bowlers persisting until the end.

Glen Alvie chose to bat first on its home deck, making a reasonable start before the Wonthaggi Club bowlers took charge.

After a 23-run opening partnership, Glen Alvie tumbled to 4/40 and was never allowed to recover, managing to set Club just 86 for victory.

Nathan Cant (3/14) and Rohan Todd (3/7) were the leading wicket takers for Wonthaggi, with Cant's the more noteworthy performance, his scalps claimed higher in the Glen Alvie batting order.

Captain Todd stepped up again with the bat making a crucial 50, at a strike rate in excess of 100, proving the deciding factor in Wonthaggi's win.

Joe Burke was the only multiple wicket taker for beaten Glen Alvie, claiming a trio of late victims to finish with 3/11.

Nerrena and OMK match abandoned

THE weather forced the abandonment of the Nerrena versus OMK contest scheduled at Leongatha Velodrome.

Kilcunda Bass had the bye.

A GRADE

DIVISION 1

OMK 7/306 v Koonwarra L/RSL

OMK – 1st INNINGS	
J Cuman c J Hughes	9
b I Wickramasinghe	95
E Lamers b H Hoekstra	14
N Creed c I Wickramasinghe	32
b H Hoekstra	105
T Wyatt st J Hughes	20
b I Wickramasinghe	5
K Brann c H Hoekstra b K Weeranga	20
J Lamers not out	14
RL Williams b H Hoekstra	9
J Hayes b H Hoekstra	5
N Auddino not out	2
Extras (nb 1, w 3, b 7, lb 4)	15
Total 7/306 (75 overs)	
Bowling: K Weeranga 20-2-1-83 (1nb, 2w), H Hoekstra 16-5-4-40, I Wickramasinghe 17-4-26-5, J Kennedy 10-2-0-54, C Buckland 8-0-0-38 (1w), I Darshana 4-0-0-15	

Inverloch v Club

Day 1 abandoned.

Imperials v Town

Day 1 abandoned.

Nerrena v Phillip Island

Day 1 abandoned.

A GRADE

DIVISION 2

Glen Alvie v Nyora

Day 1 abandoned.

Foster v Kilcunda-Bass

Day 1 abandoned.

MDU v Club

Day 1 abandoned.

Phillip Island v Korumburra

Day 1 abandoned.

B GRADE

DIVISION 1

Imperials 6/167

d Korumburra 6/154

Imperials - 1st INNINGS:	
GA Sauvarin 18, C Reid 0, N Eddy 26,	
RA Higgins 39, KB Gray 27,	
C Honeysett 28*, B Van Rooy 7,	
M Reidy 4*	
Bowling: B Riddell 0/36, M Young 3/33,	
N Christensen 0/24, SR Head 2/27,	
A Halliwell 0/30, T Allen 1/8	
Korumburra - 1st INNINGS:	
P Richards 31, T Allen 13, M Young 31,	
C Smith 9, N Christensen 1, SR Head 0,	
Z Barrett 43*, B Riddell 9*	
Bowling: JR Forrester 1/14, KB Gray 0/23, N Eddy 1/19, B Van Rooy 0/23, AW Meyer 1/36, C Honeysett 1/4, J Nagel 0/21	

Koonwarra L/RSL drew OMK

Match Abandoned.

Nerrena drew Inverloch

Match Abandoned.

MDU - BYE

B GRADE

DIVISION 2

Town 4/171 d

Phillip Island 10/165

Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS:	
C Epifano 40, S Angelo 20, K Lane 9,	
TS Niven 40, BJ Ross 0, T Asurumui 26,	
T Allan 0, A Tolley 0, D McCausland 7,	
M Arceo 4, J Williams 2*. H Arceo 0*	
Bowling: L Gill 2/39, L Hickey 2/24, N Fixter 0/16, L May 0/10, O Vimalarathna 3/27, C Bruce 1/21, E Smith 1/13, L Bowman 0/8	
Town - 1st INNINGS: M Davies 59, M Hardy 14, L Bowman 55*, N Fixter 11, L Hickey 4, C Bruce 16*	
Bowling: K Lane 0/20, S Angelo 0/22, J Williams 0/15, T Allan 2/12, A Tolley 2/37, H Arceo 0/32, D McCausland 0/9, C Epifano 0/20	

Club 5/90 d Glen Alvie 85

Glen Alvie - 1st INNINGS: V Gopal 5,	
J Burke 25, JA Tiziani 22, A Brown 0,	
N Brown 0, Z Scholz 16, L Gooch 3,	
J Standish 0, C Gooch 2*, D McGuirk 4,	
L McRae 3	
Bowling: S Roche 1/17, C Fraser 0/25, N Cant 3/14, J Lici 1/10, S Lidle 2/10, R Todd 3/7	

Club - 1st INNINGS: R Todd 50,

J Lici 10, S Roche 17*, J Shannon 3,	
J Burns 0, A Quilty 5	
Bowling: Z Scholz 0/18, J Standish 0/21, L Gooch 1/31, L McRae 1/8, J Burke 3/11	
Nerrena drew OMK	
Match Abandoned.	

Kilcunda Bass - BYE

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LDCA U15 Gippsland Junior Country Week Premiers: (back row left to right) Archie Casey, Archie Gannon, George McCausland, Klayton McGrath, Bryce Riddell, Roy Checkley, Isaac Bolge. Second row: (from left) Clayton Quaife, Heath Womersley, Andot Mankhong, Rhys Newman, Fletch McLennan, Kade Berryman. Front: Riley Harris.

Under 15s reign supreme

THE LDCA U15 Junior Country Week team travelled to Sale to take on Bairnsdale at the Wurruk Cricket Ground.

Some pre-game drama, with a wet patch from a leaking sprinkler in the inner circle and the condition of the pitch the centre of conversation for others, led to the LDCA Coach Scott Checkley and Team Manager David Harris insisting the boys focus on playing their best cricket no matter what the conditions and to block out any outside distractions.

Losing the toss the LDCA boys were asked to bowl first with George McCausland (Phillip Island) and Isaac Bolge (Imps)

opening the bowling. Bairnsdale's in form opening pair of Seth Noonan and Mitchell Johnson looked solid, until McCausland dismissed Seth Noonan bringing Campbell Moncreiff to the crease. He and Johnson again looking comfortable until Heath Womersley (Phillip Island) entered the attack, his skill in cutting the ball off the wicket saw him claim Moncreiff.

Then remove captain Kruze Farley and Cody Southen in a devastating 6 over spell to leave Bairnsdale 4-61.

Some solid bowling by Archie Gannon (Nerrena) Archie Casey (Imps) and Rhys Newman

(Inverloch) through the middle overs and the run out of Johnson, who had played a wonderful patient innings.

The LDCA then gave George McCausland the ball for his second spell and he proceeded to rip through the rest of the batting order, skipper Andot Mankhong (Wonthaggi) taking a screamer at first slip to end the innings with Bairnsdale dismissed for 105.

Fletcher McLennan chipping in with a wicket, George McCausland 5-13 off 9.5 overs Heath Womersley 3-7 off 6 overs and a great runout from Archie Casey.

At the lunch break, the LDCA boys spoke about the

importance of getting off to a good start and Riley Harris 44 (Inverloch) and Heath Womersley 20 did just that putting 75 for the opening partnership.

Womersley playing very straight and patiently and Harris playing his best innings of the tournament displaying some magnificent stroke play on a pitch still offering plenty for the bowlers.

With the opening pair dismissed, Rhys Newman and Clayton Quaife showed great maturity and confidence to steer the LDCA boys home to claim their first U15 Junior Country Week title since 2015 in a very clinical and professional display of cricket.

Full credit must go to these boys on how they grew throughout the tournament and played their best game on the big stage, the schedule of five Sundays in a row after Christmas was a challenge that the boys handled with great enthusiasm.

Big thanks to everyone for their support, the parents for their commitment to Rep Cricket, JCW U15 Sponsors Wonthaggi Toyota, Evans Petroleum and Schreurs & Sons for their support of Junior Cricket.

The U15s win together with the U13s win last week shows the LDCA is full of great young talent.

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