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'Showtastic' time in Korumburra

The Korumburra Show was a huge success with something for everyone to enjoy. Campbell Allman was amazed to be awarded as Champion in the Bird Junior Section while also taking Champion Bird in Show with his prize winner 'Twirl'. Read full story on page 19.

LONG WAIT FOR GROCER

THE future of the Grantville's long-awaited supermarket appears to be in another limbo with the business up for sale with a whopping price tag of \$1,950,000.

The community has long campaigned for a supermarket in Grantville, with the development seeming like it was finally coming to fruition.

However, it had been plagued by ongoing issues with construction hampered due to COVID restrictions and lockdowns during 2021.

The business is listed on Commercial Real Estate, which states the supermarket and separate bottle shop (drive through) is scheduled for completion in March this year.

Commercial Real Estate states the pro-

jected turnover is circa \$150K per week.

The 'Grantville Needs a Supermarket' group has been inundated with users commenting their disappointment and some speculating on the matter.

Bass Coast Shire Deputy Mayor, Cr Rochelle Halstead, said she was "devastated" for the community.

"They've been waiting so patiently and have been expressing their displeasure," she said.

"But it's private (development) and it has to go through all the planning requirements."

"I know there was some requirements by Regional Roads Victoria.

"I just wish we could find someone to

open it because it will be a really successful business."

She highlighted the issue dates back many years to when she was first running for council, as she had strongly backed the idea at the time.

However, Cr Halstead had some promising news.

"My understanding is that there is an application (supermarket) for across the road... I'm aware they've (planning department) got an application but again, it's just a waiting game."

"Ultimately for council, they just want to see a good quality build and ensure that Grantville is getting what they deserve."

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Michael's IGA Liquor supports the responsible service and consumption of alcohol.

Long wait for grocer

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The shire confirmed an application was received.

"Council has received an application for the use and development of land for shops (supermarket, shops and pharmacy), office (Bank), retail premises (two food and drink premises and postal agency), and service station, use of the land for sale of liquor for off premises consumption (packaged liquor licence) and to create an access to the Bass Highway," a spokesperson said.

"A preliminary review of the application has occurred, and Council has referred the application to the Department of Transport and Planning and Victoria Police for comment.

"Advertising of the application is not required as it is exempt by the Bass Coast Planning Scheme.

"The applicant has advised that the cost of the development is \$9.5 million."

And much to the surprise of residents, the Coronet Bay General Store is also now for sale.

According to the general store, the decision was made due to 'competing commitments' and a prompt sale is 'sought'.

Help support those in Turkey and Syria

THE devastating quakes in Turkey have impacted a Syrian refugee family in Wonthaggi.

Both parents have families in the affected zones in Turkey and Syria.

While Lukman and Khadija fled the war in Syria to Iraq, other members of their families fled to Turkey.

Khadija's mother is now homeless in Turkey, as she cannot return to her severely damaged house. Lukman's brothers in Syria are in a similar situation in Syria.

In both regions, it's the middle of winter and temperatures are below zero at night.

Lukman and Khadija worry constantly, from a great distance here in Australia.

What can be done?

The community can donate to various charities that are collecting resources to send to the stricken areas.

Here are some: <https://www.unicef.org>; <https://www.doctorswithoutborders.org>; <https://www.savethechildren.net>;

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More dinosaur history to be discovered



THIS week a team of 'dino hunters' will embark on the first 'dinosaur dig' at Inverloch since the COVID-19 pandemic, as Bass Coast Shire ramps up plans for a \$40 million Dinosaurs Trail.

The team of 20, including leading palaeontologists, researchers and volunteers will start excavating sections of the intertidal (foreshore) zone at Flat Rocks near The Caves, south of Inverloch, looking for fossilised bones and evidence of the prehistoric age.

The team will painstakingly dig by hand down more than 1m of sand and water from the foreshore to create an excavation site, around 2.5m by 5m in size.

Experts will then remove the fossil layer with hammers and long chisels before examining the rock for fossilised dinosaur bones and other material of interest.

The Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail creative team is currently planning the design of the

project, thanks to a \$500,000 grant from the State Government's Enabling Tourism Fund.

It is expected the creative design concepts will be completed in coming months and will be shared with the community mid-year.

The \$20 million first stage of the project will include six creative experience sites, from San Remo to Inverloch, linking polar dinosaur fossils with each location. In addition, these sites include a Gondwana garden with multimedia extension in Wonthaggi, and dinosaur experience playground at Inverloch.

The \$20 million second stage will include a Museum Discovery Centre and Stargazing Observatory.

For more information, visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/dino

LEFT: Bunurong Coast Environment Centre education officer Mike Cleeland during one of his dinosaur discovery walks.

Christian councillor wants God back in the chamber

COUNCILLORS will vote on a recommendation to keep religion out of the opening prayer recited at the commencement of their public meetings, with a petition to reinstate God appearing unlikely to succeed.

The petition from Teresa Richards calls for reciting of the Lord's Prayer at the beginning of each council meeting, stating it is inclusive of everyone.

However, some council staff don't share that view, the February meeting agenda suggests.

"Due to the previous review undertaken by council in 2022, which considered council's commitment to create an inclusive environment, it is not recommended that council adopt the Lord's Prayer, as the currently adopted prayer is designed to be inclusive of all religions, faiths and residents who

are agnostic," it is stated.

However, dictionary definitions suggest prayers are directed to God or another deity, which council's current opening 'prayer' isn't.

"As we gather here from diverse backgrounds and beliefs, may we hold privilege with good care and trust. As we deliberate and discuss, may we be wise in our discernment, fair in our decisions and visionary in

our planning. May we be guided by our common goal of a strong and united South Gippsland," it is worded.

The previous version of the South Gippsland Shire Council prayer was heard for the last time at the commencement of the September 2022 meeting.

The move away from religion was made later in that meeting, with most councillors voting to support the move.

How will you get the Bass Coast Shire Council's message?

THE Bass Coast Shire Council is determined to engage better with the local community and has prepared a new Communications & Engagement Strategy 2023-2026 to be endorsed at its council meeting on Wednesday, February 15.

The strategy itself has been developed by extensive community consultation where the shire found that people get their information about council from a multiple sources with social media, local newspapers and word

of mouth the top three.

Information from emails directly from council, the shire's own website and customer service centres are further down the list.

But it all counts.

The council has acknowledged its most effective channels of communication:

"Effective communication for Council is best achieved through multiple channels and platforms, acknowledging that our community, business owners,

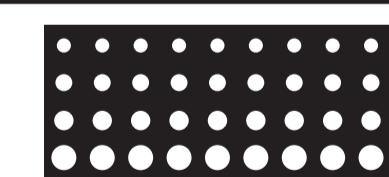
workers and visitors consume content in a range of ways that suit them best.

"Primary channels that Council focuses on to reach our community and stakeholders include direct mail and email, our corporate and Engage Bass Coast websites, various social media channels such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube, and via local newspapers and other media outlets. Signage and printed material are also used to distribute information."

A survey received 109 responses and an invitation to provide written submissions resulted in 38 submissions.

What the shire intends to do:

"Be clear about the level of influence the community has on decision making. Provide a mix of face-to-face and digital engagement to encourage feedback from everyone in our community. Work with relevant community networks when their input can help guide greater outcomes."



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TUE | Feb 14
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Wind AM: S 15-20km/h
Wind PM: Light
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WED | Feb 15
Mostly sunny.
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FRI | Feb 17
Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light
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SAT | Feb 18
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Wind AM: Light
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SUN | Feb 19
Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: SW 15-20km/h
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IN BRIEF

Exciting pianist at Wonthaggi Baptist Church

CLASSICAL pianist Joshua Hooke will be performing at the Wonthaggi Baptist Church on March 4, at 2PM. Pay at the door \$25... Children \$5.

Joshua Hooke from Wonthaggi achieved his Bachelor of Music with Honours in 2015.

Studied in Vienna for his Masters of Music Performance under Paul Badura-Skoda.

In 2017 Joshua played overseas in workshops and concerts in London and Europe. Joshua achieved his Masters of Music Performance in Melbourne December 2017.

Now Joshua is continuing studying for his Doctorate of Music performance at Melbourne University. To hear this talented brilliant pianist come along to the Baptist Church.

Afternoon Tea provided enquiries can be made to Robert Hayward, 0412 645 478.

Indigenous celebration in South Gippsland

SOUTH Gippsland community members are encouraged to attend a Welcome to Country Ceremony, including a smoking ceremony prior to Wednesday's first public council meeting of the year. The event commences at 1.30pm with people asked to meet at the council chambers just prior to then to be directed to the ceremony site. Members of the public are then invited to attend the February meeting in the council chambers.

Councillors to make Korumburra service station call

THE APPLICATION for a service station at the Coal Creek end of Korumburra will be decided at the March

15 South Gippsland Shire Council meeting. Requiring councillors to vote on the issue is necessitated by the number of objections to the proposal that council has received.

Applications receiving five or more objections are determined at a council meeting, with 11 objections lodged in relation to the service station.

It is one of two service station proposals for Korumburra, with the other intended for the old saleyards site and still having an active planning permit.

Court to test Jeetho fatality charges

A 25-year-old male, facing charges of dangerous driving causing death and failing to render assistance at Jeetho on Thursday, August 11, 2022, fronted Melbourne Magistrate's Court on Tuesday, February 7 via video link from custody.

But the appearance was cut short, postponed to a one-day, contested hearing on June 12.

The offender has been remanded in custody until that date.

The crash allegedly resulted in the death of a 19-year-old Poowong footballer.

Lower speeds as roundabout underway

BUNNINGS is well underway on the corner of White Road and McKenzie Street in Wonthaggi.

But as construction on the building continues, construction for the roundabout is now underway having commenced last week.

Works on the roundabout are expected to be complete by mid-2023 with residents continuing to have access to the intersection and their properties during this time.

Traffic management and lower speed limits will become

a regular feature along the main roads as safety of all road users and workers is taken into account. The new store remains on track to open by mid-2023.

Flexibility in portables

RECORD numbers have flocked to Bass Coast College this year with the new McKenzie Campus exceeding expectations.

"We are now up to 750 students at the senior campus," Campus Principal, Ross Bramley said.

"The fact that it continues to grow is a wonderful thing for our college and a wonderful thing for our students as far as the options and opportunities students have."

Utilising portables as classrooms has been a great solution for the school this year as they react to unprecedented numbers.

"Portables are great classrooms - student's subjects are not compromised, and there is much flexibility in the large spaces, which are not always offered in the permanent classrooms."

With numbers expected to fluctuate over the coming years, do not be surprised to see the odd portable at the campus pop up, as students' choices head to the forefront of learning and portables allow for flexibility and delivery.

Senate Inquiry into regional bank branch closures

THE Finance Sector Union (FSU) welcomes the new Senate inquiry into regional bank closures to be held by the Senate Committee on Rural and Regional Affairs.

FSU National Secretary Julia Angrisano said the Union had been calling for a serious examination of the branch closures as banks continue to reduce their branch networks.

"Banks are shutting branches across Australia leaving consumers and businesses without access to financial services," Ms Angrisano said. "It is clear that cutting the branch network is being done to reduce costs and maintain profits.

"While hundreds of banks have been closed in recent years, a large number of bank staff have also lost their jobs.

"The Coalitions taskforce was a complete waste of time and money and was dominated and run by the Banks.

"We had this farcical situation where the Banks were overseeing an inquiry into themselves and consequently a range of important voices, including the FSU, were excluded from that process. This cannot happen again if this inquiry is to have any substance and impact."

Dog-inspired art call in Foster

CANINES will be the stars of the show at the 'Woof' exhibition to be held at Foster's Stockyard Gallery in March, with interested artists encouraged to enter a work or two fitting the theme.

"Work in any medium to portray your favourite four-legged pet and render their unique and individualised manner," the gallery's Janie Frith said. Dog-related sayings such as 'work like a dog', 'top dog', 'dog tired', 'underdogs', 'puppy dog eyes', and 'every dog has his day' may inspire entrants in the fun exhibition.

"We can't wait to see what you come up with," Janie said, looking forward to the varied interpretations artists will have on the theme.

Entry forms are available at Stockyard Gallery, Foster or by emailing stockyardgallery@dcsi.net.au and must be received by 20 February.

The delivery date for artworks is Tuesday February 28.

The Woof exhibition runs from March 2 until March 27.



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Leongatha Secondary College's new staff members are looking forward to a productive year. Pictured are Dan McCaughey (humanities teacher and learning specialist), Liz Williams (science and maths teacher), Abbey Kelson (student engagement officer senior school), Melissa Neill (English teacher and leading teacher), Christine Yule (maths teacher), Jaz Findlay (sports and recreation trainee).

New staff settle in at Leongatha Secondary College

AS REPORTED recently in the Sentinel-Times, Leongatha Secondary College (LSC) has a healthy influx of new team members, bringing a variety of teaching and leadership skills.

Dan McCaughey has arrived from Traralgon College, living a little closer in Mirboo North, but is originally from Western Australia.

He'll teach year 9 and 10 humanities this year.

"The things that motivate me to teach are the connections and relationships I build with students and I love it when I

can help a student to achieve something that they may not have originally believed they could," Dan said.

In addition to teaching, his role at LSC involves staff coaching.

"I am looking forward to supporting other teachers in their pursuit of teaching excellence, in whatever form that takes for them," Dan said.

Melissa Neill has returned to LSC from Korumburra Secondary College where she was senior school leader for the last four years.

"I now have many wonderful connections across both schools in our immediate area, and I am proud of what each school is doing for education in South Gippsland," Melissa said.

She outlined what motivates her as a teacher.

"Seeing students build their reading, writing and speaking skills for the world outside the classroom is what I am passionate about," Melissa said.

Students in years 8, 10, 11 and 12 will be motivated by that passion during their

English classes with Melissa.

She is determined to help as many year 12 students as possible reach their full potential in 2023, and looks forward to contributing to the LSC leadership team.

Elizabeth (Liz) Williams joins LSC from a Baw Baw Shire school, motivated to help students achieve their best and improve in science and maths.

She loves assisting them to build their knowledge and understanding of science and potentially encouraging them to pursue related careers.

Danny O'Brien calls for Kamikaze Corner solution

LEONGATHA'S infamous 'Kamikaze Corner' is back in the spotlight, with Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien inviting Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne to inspect it.

The Nationals committed \$1 million to complete a business case to work out a solution for the intersection had they won November's state election, but are again having to campaign for action from opposition.

While speaking in Parliament recently, Mr O'Brien congratulated Labor on its election victory but noted much of the state didn't vote for Labor, including Gippsland South.

"People in my electorate strongly supported the commitments we took to the election, including fixing the dangerous intersection of the South Gippsland and Strzelecki Highways in Leongatha," Mr O'Brien said.

"This intersection is a headache for Leongatha with two highways and three other roads meeting on a bend, with the newly completed section of the Great Southern Rail Trail right through it as well.

"A solution is crucial for the

town, for the safety of motorists, and to help make the rail trail a success for tourists and local users alike."

Mr O'Brien stressed that Labor is yet to make a commitment to fix the confusing intersection but is hopeful it will do so in the near future.

Finding a way to make 'Kamikaze Corner' safe is also a high priority for South Gippsland Shire Council, which continues to advocate to higher levels of government for action.

Mr O'Brien also asked Labor to match other election commitments made by The Nationals, including finishing the Foster Primary School rebuild, a new overtaking lane on the South Gippsland Highway at Toora, a new Mirboo North stadium and upgrades for Korumburra-Bena Football Netball Club and Waratah Beach Surf Lifesaving Club.

That includes wanting to see progress in the near future on the \$11.7million commitment of Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing towards the upgrade of Leongatha Secondary College, made in the lead up to last year's state election.



Danny O'Brien is advocating for Labor to fix 'Kamikaze Corner'.



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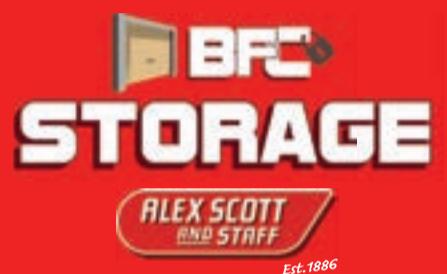
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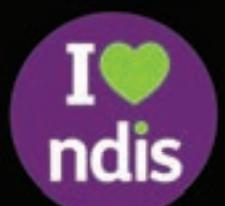


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Who am I?

BASS Coast Detectives are seeking the identity of two males. One male has a large build, sporting a beard and appears to have a southern cross tattoo on the right side of his neck.



The males have gained access to the canteen at the Woolamai Race-track and proceeded to steal food and beverage items.

If you can identify either male, please contact Bass Coast Crime Investigation Unit at the Wonthaggi Police Station on 5671 4100 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000

Police Rounds

FEBRUARY 1: A 32-year-old female from Meenihan was located by police traveling on the South Gippsland Highway, Koonwarra at approximately 7.30pm at a speed of 162km/h in a 100km/h speed zone. Police attempted to intercept the vehicle, but the driver failed to stop and drove dangerously while getting away. Police later located the female driver who was interviewed for her offending and charged and bailed to appear at Court at a later date. The female driver's licence was immediately suspended and the vehicle she was driving was impounded by police.

Accident at Leongatha South

EMERGENCY services were called to a property in Leongatha South on Friday at 12.20pm after an individual was crushed by a vehicle he was working on.

The male was treated at the scene but sadly died. The death is not being treated as suspicious.

Tractor goes up in smoke

CFA units were quick to respond to a tractor fire at Korumburra-Wonthaggi Road in Lance Creek at around 11.48am on Wednesday, February 15.

Three CFA units attended the scene.

The fire was brought under control at 12.14pm and declared safe by 12.22pm.

The incident is a reminder to all rural property owners of the dangers that can occur when operating machinery.

For safety tips, visit <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/how-to-prepare-your-property/farms/operating-farming-machinery-equipment-and-vehicles>

The Fire Danger Period is also in force in Bass Coast.

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Local legend loses life in freak accident



Tributes are flowing for local speedway legend Stephen Douglas.

DESCRIBED as 'one of a kind', tributes have been flowing for 48-year-old Poowong legend, Stephen "Dougo" Douglas who passed away from injuries sustained from what is being described as a 'freak accident' at Daylesford Speedway on Saturday evening.

"It's hard," Nyora Raceway's Marcus Reddecliffe stated.

"He was a good member and always helped. He built all the fences and did a ton of work at the track. He was on the committee until last year and put in a lot of time and effort.

"It's bloody hard and will be someone we miss at the club."

Stephen was also a cherished member of Poowong CFA serving as a firefighter, training officer, communications officer, lieutenant and captain, amongst other roles since 1998.

"It's a freak bloody accident – what's happened doesn't happen often. It's always the good ones..." Marcus added.

"Our thoughts are with Sandra; they were best mates and did everything together. She was always there making sure he had what he needed – plenty of water or a beer, she never left his side.

"He will definitely be missed."

A memorial race for Dougo will take place at Nyora Raceway over the April 22/23 race weekend with more details to follow, whilst the Open Standards Race for Standard Saloon's will be in Dougo's honour this Saturday, February 18, at Drouin Speedway.

A GoFundMe page has been set up by Matthew Reddecliffe (Nyora Raceway) to help with funeral costs - [gofund.me/37d2d19b](https://www.gofund.me/37d2d19b)

Stephen is survived by his wife Sandra and family.

Charges after wild ride to the Prom

POLICE were called to an allegedly stolen vehicle, driven erratically toward Wilsons Promontory about 10am last

spray but were unsuccessful.

Police initiated a pursuit of the car, but it was quickly abandoned.

'Stop stix' devices were then deployed successfully on the road, however, the driver "sped through roadworks on three wheels" and was eventually intercepted and arrested in the township of Foster.

The car was reported stolen from the Outram area on Saturday/Sunday, February 4/5.

Police patrolled the area and located the car at an address in Shellcot Road, Yanakie.

They attempted to arrest the driver and deployed OC

the offender throwing stolen tools and equipment out the window to hinder their efforts.

Police reportedly went back over the route taken by the offender, and recovered some of the stolen goods.

Ultimately, investigators from Bass Coast Crime Investigation Unit arrested and charged a 28-year-old Mirboo North man with theft of motor vehicle and serious driving offences. He appeared at court on Wednesday, February 8, and was remanded to

appear again at a later date.

He was taken into custody at Foster after running one of the wheels down to the steel rims.

It's alleged that the male drive drove the dark-coloured, dual cab, Isuzu tray ute in the Fish Creek, Yanakie and Foster areas between 10am – 11.30am on Tuesday, February 7.

If you witnessed this incident or have dash-cam footage please contact Crime Stoppers on 1300 333 000 or <http://www.crimestoppers-vic.com.au>

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Date and time: Thursday 16 February 2023 from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

This will be an online forum. For details on how to join, visit Engage Victoria or email us at water@esc.vic.gov.au



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Faster internet and coverage for South Gippsland areas

WORK has started on the upgrades to the nbn Fixed Wireless network in Yanakie, Yanakie North and Foster Northeast, providing access to faster speeds and extending the coverage of the nbn Fixed Wireless network.

The \$750 million investment in the nbn Fixed Wireless and nbn Sky Muster satellite network – \$480 million from the Australian Government and \$270 million from nbn – was announced earlier this year and is on track to be completed by December 2024.

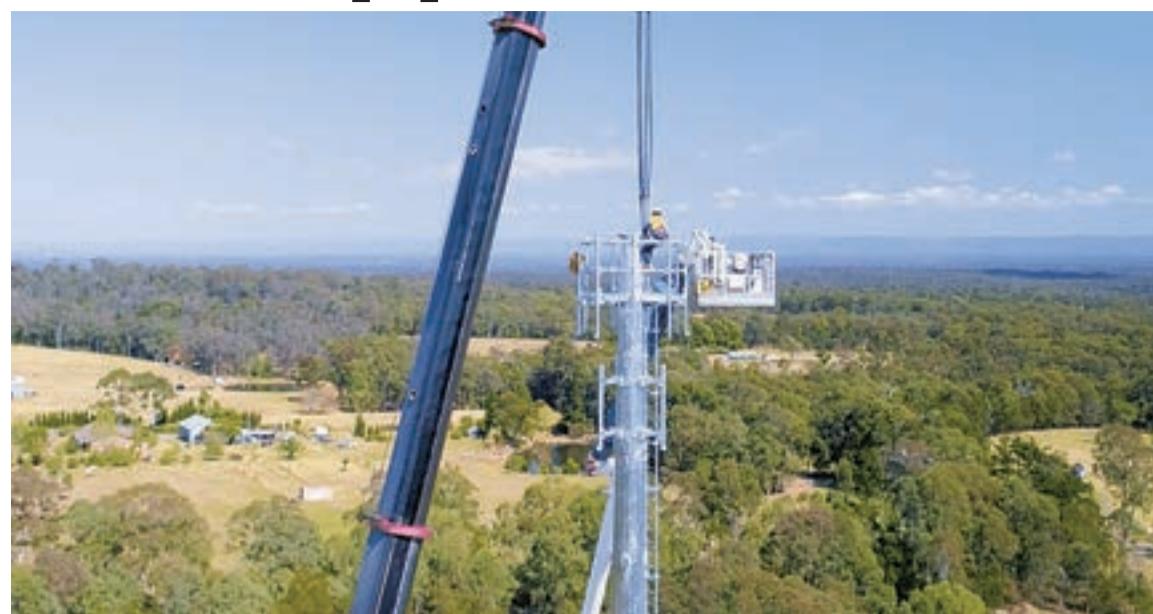
When complete, the investment will expand the reach of the existing nbn Fixed Wireless footprint by at least 50 per cent, as well as enabling two new high speed fixed wireless plans – up to 100Mbps and 250Mbps.

The additional capacity and reach available on the upgraded network will also enable up to 120,000 existing Sky Muster satellite only premises to access nbn Fixed Wireless for the first time.

Work has begun to enable the upgrades, including nbn introducing its new technology and replacing some hardware on our fixed wireless towers.

nbn will use 4G technology and software enhancements as well as introducing 5G mmWave technology to help deliver more coverage, minimise congestion and offer access to higher speed tiers on the nbn Fixed Wireless network.

The tower upgrades will mean



NBN upgrades will be getting underway throughout Yanakie and Foster.

some planned outages that may impact homes and businesses and their ability to use their nbn service, while the work is underway.

The upgrade work is already underway on towers in Yanakie and Yanakie North, and scheduled to begin in Foster Northeast in the coming weeks.

Upgrade works on a tower will usually require a total of three to four planned service outages over one to two weeks.

Impacted homes and businesses should be notified of any outages via their retail service provider. Information will also be available via the nbn web-

site: www.nbnco.com.au/support/network-status. The tower works will not impact nbn fixed line or nbn Sky Muster satellite services.

To minimise disruption, nbn will aim to perform tower upgrade works between 10pm and 10am on weeknights, or where necessary between 6am and 6pm on weekends.

In addition to tower upgrades homes and businesses may also need to update their nbn devices at their premises to get the benefits of the upgrades.

nbn will contact those impacted directly. Not all devices will need to be replaced.

nbn is undergoing final planning for the full roll out of the program and expects that from mid-2023, they will start to move the eligible 120,000 premises currently in the nbn satellite footprint to the expanded nbn Fixed Wireless footprint and offer enhanced busy hour speeds and higher-speed tiers.

For more information and to register for updates, customers are encouraged to visit our blog for an update on nbn's Fixed Wireless and Satellite Upgrade Program: <https://www.nbnco.com.au/blog/the-nbn-project/nbns-fixed-wireless-and-satellite-upgrade-program>

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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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No go for \$30M planning application

THE Leongatha Over 55s lifestyle planning permit has been refused following an objection from the Victorian Health Building Authority (VHBA).

The Over 55s lifestyle development is to be situated adjoining the helipad.

According to South Gippsland Shire, the objection was based on concerns that allowing the new residential development adjoining the helipad may present a rotor downwash wind risk to residents in the development that might endanger the ongoing viability of the helipad.

"Council sought to negotiate a response to the concerns but was unable to resolve the issues and ultimately determined that the application could not be supported in its current form and was refused," a shire spokesperson stated.

"Council is continuing engagement with the developer to explore options that could address the helipad proximity concerns."

The \$30M development was to be located at 168 South Gippsland Highway at the rear of the Leongatha Hospital, with the hospital's helipad abutting the shared boundary.

The retirement village would have featured almost 160 units including a manager's residence, and will have a total area of approximately 7.9ha.

The applicant can reapply or appeal the decision via VCAT.

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Sicker patients and more of them

AMBULANCE Victoria continues to see record demand responding to more than 100,000 seriously ill people in a three-month period for the first time ever.

Ambulance Victoria Gippsland Regional Director Jerome Peyton said ambulance responses for the second quarter of 2022/23 were impacted by soaring demand, sicker patients, and staff furloughing due to COVID-19.

"Across the state, October to December was the busiest quarter in Ambulance Victoria's history with paramedics called to a record 100,234 Code 1 cases," Mr Peyton said.

"In the face of this record demand and the impacts of COVID-19 on our lives, our dedicated paramedics in the Gippsland Region continue to do an amazing job delivering world-class care to our patients."

AV has two official response time targets, with paramedics aiming to respond to Code 1 incidents within 15 minutes for 85% of incidents state-wide.

While for centres with populations greater than 7500, the target is 15 minutes for 90 per cent of incidents.

In Bass Coast, paramedics responded to 830 incidents for the recent quarter, compared to 738 from the previous, with an average response time of 16 minutes, 57 seconds.

They attended 58.6% of Code



Ambulance Victoria continues to see record demand responding to more seriously ill patients.

1 patients within 15 minutes.

While in South Gippsland, paramedics responded to 541 incidents, compared to 479, with an average response time of 19 minutes, 7 seconds.

They attended 43.8% of incidents within 15 minutes.

From October to December across Victoria, paramedics responded to 60.2 per cent of Code 1 cases within the state-wide average target of 15 minutes. The state-wide average response time to Code 1 cases was 16 minutes and 44 seconds.

During the quarter, an average of 112 staff a day were furloughed across the state due to COVID-19.

As a new wave of COVID-19 spread, the number of staff furloughed increased from a low of 31 on October 1, 2022, to a

peak of 202 on December 20, 2022.

Mr Peyton said paramedics were seeing a record proportion of sicker patients who needed the most serious, time-critical Code 1 response.

"A year ago, life-threatening Code 1 cases made up 42 per cent of the total Triple Zero (000) demand – which has now risen to 46 per cent in this quarter," Mr Peyton said.

"And on 27 December 2022, paramedics responded to 1,304 Code 1 cases – the first time we have broken 1,300 Code 1 cases in one day.

"That is why I encourage all Victorians to take care of themselves and keep regular check-ups with your GP or specialist before your condition worsens and you need to call for our lifesaving care."

Ambulance Victoria Executive Director Clinical Operations Anthony Carlyon said they remain busy, attending 1800 to 2000 cases a day, and continue to ask the community to help save Triple Zero (000) for emergencies.

"From October to December, 41,440 callers to Triple Zero (000) did not need an emergency ambulance and were instead connected by paramedics and nurses in our Secondary Triage team to more appropriate care," Mr Carlyon said.

"That results in 500 or more cases every day being safely matched to services that better suit their needs while also avoiding emergency dispatch. While ambulances are always provided to patients when required, about one in five calls to Triple Zero (000) do not need an emergency ambulance response.

"Ambulance Victoria is working hard to relieve pressure in the system and get ambulances back on the road faster with more than 1,300 paramedics recruited over the past two years.

"For less urgent cases we've tripled the size of our Secondary Triage team, while paramedics on the road have referred over 23,000 cases to the Victorian Virtual Emergency Department (VVED) since October 2021 to help avoid unnecessary trips to our busy hospitals."

Step forward for Bass lifestyle blocks

PLANS to rezone 23.61 hectares of land on Bass Road, situated approximately 700 metres east of the town centre of Bass, is expected to take a step forward at the Bass Coast Shire Council meeting this Wednesday, February 15.

Notwithstanding the issues raised in eight submissions, received after Amendment C162 was placed on exhibition between Thursday, December 2022 and Monday, January 2023 council is expected to request that the Minister for Planning appoint a panel to consider the amendment, and also to refer the submissions to an independent panel. Objections included:

- That the proposal will place greater pressure on Statter Mission Road
- That the development of up to 50 one-acre lifestyle blocks will impact on farming operation including livestock
- That the proposal will exacerbate existing drainage issues in Bass
- And a late submission from the CFA, claiming there was insufficient information to indicate how the project will address any bushfire protection issues

Answering the CFA's submission, council said application only related to changing the land use from Farming Zone to Low Density Residential Zone, that no subdivision plan had been submitted at which time appropriate setbacks from grassland hazards etc could be addressed.

Better protections for Wilsons Prom

WILSONS Promontory National Park is closer to becoming Victoria's largest conservation sanctuary, as part of the State Government's \$23 million Wilsons Prom Revitalisation project.

A 10-kilometre fence will be erected to keep out predators like foxes, feral cats and deer, forming part of a major investment that will improve the protection of native habitat and species, while enhancing visitor experiences at one of Victoria's most popular destinations.

The fence - to be constructed by GHD - will prevent invasive species entering the national park and will aid ongoing conservation programs, which include large-scale invasive species control, large-scale habitat restoration and threatened species recovery programs.

Wilsons Promontory is home to a number of threatened species including the Eastern Bristlebird, Eastern Pygmy-possum, Ground Parrot, Growling Grass Frog, Hooded Plover, New Holland Mouse, Southern Brown Bandicoot and Swamp Skink.

Once complete, the fence will establish a 50,000-hectare protected biodiversity sanctuary.

Upgrades are underway to the Tidal River visitor precinct, the park's main hub, and new accommodation options in the park.

The Wilsons Prom Revitalisation project is funded as part of the Government's \$633 million Visitor Economy Recovery and Reform Plan.

Have your say on Wonthaggi Streetscapes

FOLLOWING key stakeholder consultation late last year, Bass Coast Shire Council is seeking community feedback on a new detailed plan to revitalise the connectivity and character of the Wonthaggi township.

Urban designers, Hansen Partnership, have prepared a Master Plan for the Wonthaggi Activity Centre Streetscape to help recreate 'streets for people' with improved pedestrian access, to activate and better connect the town centre through flexible and future-proofed design solutions. This

will reinvigorate the character of Wonthaggi, as identified by the Wonthaggi Activity Centre Plan and Wonthaggi Access and Movement Study.

Bass Coast Mayor Michael Whelan said community input was vital to help shape the Wonthaggi Activity Centre Streetscape Master Plan, to ensure it meets the needs and expectations of locals.

"This Master Plan will guide the future of the Wonthaggi township and help us to reach important strategic goals, including more sustainable transport options, incentives to ride

and walk, protected bike lanes for mobility scooters, safe pedestrian access and adequate car parking," Cr Whelan said.

"We encourage community members to share their views about the plan at our consultation events in February. We also invite feedback in writing via online submission on Engage Bass Coast."

The study area for the Wonthaggi Activity Centre Streetscape Master Plan is bound by Murray Street to the north, Watt Street to the south, Bass Highway/McKenzie Street to the east and Biggs Drive/

Billson Street to the west.

The new plans have changed significantly from the initial Wonthaggi Activity Centre Plan of January 2021.

Community consultation events will be held at Apex Park on Murray Street, Wonthaggi on:

- Wednesday, February 15 from 10am to 12 noon.
- Saturday, February 18 from 9am to 11am.
- Monday, February 20 from 3pm to 5pm.

For more information visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/streetscapes-wonth

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Department of Transport and Planning

Airborne Gravity Survey

The Department of Transport and Planning in collaboration with the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, and Geoscience Australia, are conducting airborne mapping as part of a larger airborne gravity survey across southern and eastern Victoria.

Planes will fly in public airspace along a planned route to survey the landscape.

If you would like more information, please visit:

land.vic.gov.au/surveying/projects-and-initiatives/airborne-gravity-survey
www.dtp.vic.gov.au

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

South Gippsland Community Planning Network

South Gippsland's Community Planning Network is back for 2023 and we are looking for community groups to join.

It provides an opportunity for community groups from across South Gippsland to connect with each other to discuss ideas and ways to work together.

It's also a great chance to learn from the experience of others, particularly in relation to community engagement and running projects and events.

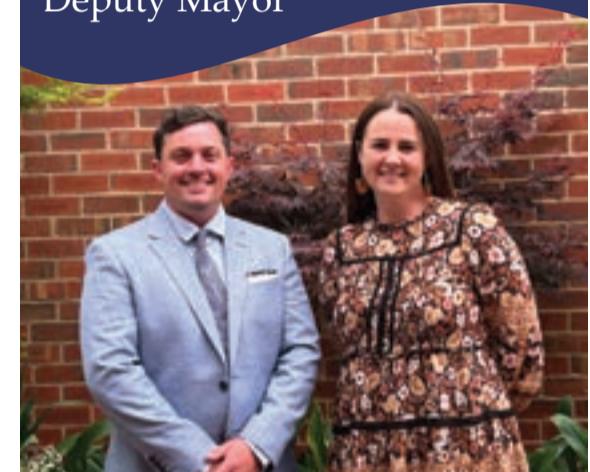
One of the main objectives of the Network is that participants

will learn how to create community plans for their towns and how to deliver them.

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

Representatives from community groups interested in joining are welcome to join by contacting Council's Community Strengthening team on **5662 9200**.

Meet the Mayor and Deputy Mayor



Short, face-to-face chats are available on Thursday 23 February with our Mayor and Deputy Mayor. The chats will be held at Council Chambers in Leongatha between 9.00am and 5.00pm. Bookings are required to secure a 20-minute slot.

Please email:

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

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

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 vehicles in accordance with Schedule 11 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

5/1/23 Valley View Crescent, Leongatha.

Vehicle: 2008 Black Ford Station Wagon

Engine Number:
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21/12/22 Markleys Road, Mirboo North.

Vehicle: 2000 Grey Ford Sedan

Registration Number: 1AY70Q
Engine Number:
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17/01/23 Murray Street, Mirboo North.

Vehicle: 2005 Maroon Holden Utility

Registration Number: UAZ425

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Unless the vehicles are collected and relevant fees paid within 14 days of the date of this notice, the vehicle will be offered for sale to the public.

For enquiries, please contact the Local Laws Team on **5662 9200** during office hours.

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Have your say on South Gippsland planning

IMPROVED coastal and rural planning and managing the growth of Nyora are among the top priorities identified in South Gippsland Shire Council's review of its planning scheme, with community members expected to have a say on the draft review document from this week.

Councillors will vote on Wednesday, February 15 in relation to a recommendation to endorse the draft Planning Scheme Review document and open a public consultation and feedback period running from then until March 15 this year.

The status of Nyora is proposed to alter from 'small town' to 'emerging district centre'.

The draft document states there is a lot of work to do in regard to coastal planning, identifying a lack of clarity about the preferred outcomes for each coastal area in the shire and insufficient guidance for applicants and decision makers.

A key need for rural planning is outlined as "developing a rural landscapes strategy to protect inland and rural hinterlands from inappropriate development and transportation routes".

The prospect of requiring urban character controls for Nyora is mentioned in relation to the intention of "successfully transitioning it to a higher order town in South Gippsland Shire".

It is noted that is particularly so considering the impacts of offshore energy generation, and the changing needs of the agricultural industry in the South Gippsland region.

While future expansion of the Mirboo North town centre isn't ruled out in the planning review document, it stresses the need for strategic justification in order for rezoning of land required for such expansion to occur.

Outtrim set for OMK Pink Stumps Day

EXCITEMENT is building ahead of this year's OMK Pink Stumps Day at Outtrim, with the on and off-field action set to take place on Saturday, February 18.

This year's event is set to push Outtrim Moyarra Kongwak Cricket Club's cumulative fundraising efforts for the McGrath Foundation comfortably past a quarter of a million dollars.

The day's function will cater to 200 ladies, having booked out within 48 hours.

Tracy Bevan, director and ambassador of the McGrath Foundation and a friend of the late Jane McGrath after whom it is named, will again be a special guest, with other speakers also appearing.

Such has been the incredible generosity of local businesses that over 150 items have been donated for auction, raffles and lucky door prizes.

A separate auction of about 60 items will be conducted at the match.

Raffles will be drawn on game day, with a Thermomix and ebike among the prizes.

See the OMK Cricket Club Pink Stumps Day Facebook page for raffle entry details and information on online bidding, with the latter opening on Sunday, February 12.



Lotje McDonald of Sale won an Australia Day award for her landscape photograph 'Dancing Trees'.

Already looking forward to the future

LEONGATHA Rotary Club's Art & Photography Show wrapped up earlier this month, with the three-week event a great success.

It attracted over 2000 people to view more than 630 artworks from 224 artists, a record for the show, 85 of which sold.

Local artists were strongly represented, with 147 coming from South Gippsland Shire.

"We had everything from student and youth art, all abilities right through to seasoned professionals and life-long artists," the art show's chair David Panther said.

Artworks from local primary and secondary schools, Community College Gippsland and Yooralla featured.

Winning artists received \$7,300 across 16 categories, the largest prizemoney pool in the show's history, with Best in Show exhibit 'Water Water Everywhere' earning its creator Meg Viney \$1,500.

In addition to adult visitors, many children attended Leongatha Art & Photography Show for free.

Admission was free for all on Australia Day with an estimated couple of hundred people enjoying

the mix of art, music and afternoon tea, with funding for the celebration provided by the National Australia Day Council.

Australia Day awards were presented to artists with Australian-themed works.

Lotje McDonald of Sale received one of those for her Australian landscape photograph, titled 'Dancing Trees', with Maureen Harris Smith of Box Hill picking up the other award for her Australian landscape oil painting 'Road to the Hills'.

This year's art show judge Ray Dahlstrom worked hard to determine winners across a diverse range of artistic mediums and categories, but as usual attendees had the opportunity to choose their own winner.

Korumburra's Monika Barbian picked up that honour, receiving the Phil Riseley People's Choice Award for her scratchboard picture of a leopard, which required the use of fine sharp tools, with the work called 'African Princess'.

While delighted with the success of the 46th Leongatha Art & Photography Show, David said organisers will follow their usual process, conducting an analysis of the

event and looking for new opportunities and ways to make it even better.

Attendance at the art show consisted of a blend of locals and holiday makers.

Money raised throughout the show will assist with local Rotary projects and those further afield, with \$29,234 raised through art sales alone.

David praised the commitment of those who make Leongatha Art & Photography Show a reality.

"We have a very enthusiastic hard-working committee that's involved for several months on this project and I'm grateful for their support and the great job they did," he said.

The chair also expressed his appreciation to the artists who exhibited their works and others who volunteered to help run the show, and to members of the public who attended.

Support from South Gippsland Shire Council and the many local businesses that sponsor awards and donate raffle prizes was also crucial to the show's success.

"We look forward to the 47th show, which will be held in January 2024," David said.

Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey

Council Meeting

THE first Council Meeting for 2023 is 15 February.

For the first time, Council will be having a Welcome to Country and a smoking ceremony conducted by local Indigenous groups to open the start of the meeting year.

Involvement and collaboration with Indigenous people in South Gippsland was highlighted as an action from our Community Vision 2040. This is a positive step forward for our region in recognising and celebrating the diversity of our community.

The Council Meeting will have numerous items, including our Planning Scheme Review and the petition tabled in December 2022. There will also be recommendations to consider appointing Councillors to committee positions. This is in addition to the range of strategic boards and committees where Councillors represent the views and ambitions of our community.

I would like to encourage you to attend the Welcome to Country ceremony at 1.30pm with the Council Meeting immediately following at the Council Chambers.

Community Planning Network

Planning for the future can be difficult and it can be rewarding to connect with others who might be doing the same or a similar thing.

To help community groups from across South Gippsland to connect and discuss ideas for the future of their towns, Council has created the Community Planning Network. The Network was launched last year with the main objective of teaching participants how to create community plans and how to deliver them effectively. Due to the success, the Community Strengthening team have kept it going for this year.

If you would like to be part of this amazing initiative, please get in touch with Council's Community Strengthening team on 5662 9200.

Gut Health Month

This month is Gut Health Month.

This week, I was proud to be part of the launch of this important campaign in Poowong. As a result, there was extensive media coverage and I was interviewed and/or shown on ABC News 24, ABC Gippsland, ABC Perth, ABC Drive Radio, 9 News Melbourne, Prime News, 7 News and WIN News Gippsland with the audio and video being used by publications across the country.

It is fantastic that this campaign has helped us shine a light on one of our towns, our region and also conveying an extremely important health message.

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Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan

MODERN councils are charged with responsibilities that go beyond the traditional three Rs: Roads, Rates and Rubbish. Today the focus includes a range of critical issues in our community.

This is why Bass Coast Shire Council has proudly taken a lead role on climate change and its impact on our coast, as well as the issues of gender equality and diversity.

Late last year I joined 38 mayors from across Australia to sign a Joint Statement of Mayors in support of constitutional recognition through an Indigenous Voice to Parliament. Forty-one mayors have now signed the statement.

Local government must play an important role in holding civic forums, promoting dialogue, and providing a platform for all voices to be heard.

In coming months the voters of Bass Coast will join with the rest of the country to vote

on an issue of such importance to our community.

Council is proud to acknowledge the people of the Bunurong as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of this land and waters. We recognise the unique diversity of the First Peoples here in Bass Coast.

Council is committed to an ongoing process of reconciliation and community strengthening through building strong organisational and community relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities. The Voice to Parliament is an important – and overdue – part of our journey towards reconciliation and to building strong and meaningful relationships with the Traditional Owners of the land upon which we live and work.

As local leaders we are committed to building awareness in our community about the upcoming referendum.



Police say it's not city drivers but locals who are dying on country roads.

More locals dying on country roads, say police

VICTORIA Police are issuing an urgent warning to regional motorists following a significant spike in lives lost on rural roads this year.

The latest police intelligence shows that there were 24 lives lost from collisions on rural roads to the end of January 2023, a 64 per cent increase on the five-year average for fatal regional collisions in January.

Of those 24 lives lost on rural roads, 21 resided in regional locations and two worked in regional centres.

Eighteen of the 21 fatal collisions occurred within 100km of the deceased's residence.

More than 85 per cent of rural fatalities

occurred on high-speed rural roads, with speed limits between 80km/h-110km/h.

Police suspect driver error, resulting from distraction and inattention, has contributed significantly to rural road fatalities in January.

Assistant Commissioner Road Policing, Glenn Weir, said it's the locals who need to take more care.

"It is a common misconception that it's not locals losing their lives on country roads. That couldn't be further from the truth.

"The reality is, people residing in regional areas make up the majority of those killed on rural roads.

"Distraction and basic road user error

is significantly contributing to regional lives lost. It just shows a simple lapse in concentration can have catastrophic consequences.

"It is imperative all road users remain alert, particularly when travelling on high-speed rural roads.

"It's been a terrible start to the year on our roads, and we're entering another particularly high-risk period. Please don't be complacent and think that road trauma can't happen to you, because a split-second of inattention is all it takes."

Already there have been 45 lives lost on the state's roads, 30 of them in regional areas.



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Why Sunderland Bay scheme might be dead

THE \$30 million Sunderland Bay/Surf Beach special charge scheme might already be dead in the water. That's the view of ambivalent local resident Jon Trigt who says a concession provided by council in a January newsletter to residents affected by the scheme could be a gamechanger.

"That was my reading of it," he said of the promise by council that "non-responses", property owners who do not respond to community consultation and do not support or oppose the proposed project, will not be counted as either 'yes' or 'no' votes when determining the support for the scheme.

"It's going to be that much harder for council to get majority support," he said.

His point has been underscored by a petition to be tabled at this Wednesday's Bass Coast Shire Council meeting containing the signatures of 667 people, 399 of whom are opposed to the scheme.

With around 1050 property owners involved in the scheme, the council is going to have to find 400-plus supporters from the remaining 650 – a tall order.

The petition, effectively split into two, also addresses one of the other issues Mr Trigt has raised, that council needed to



Pictured is one design option for a shared path concept at Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay released last year.

"think outside the square" in coming up with a project unique to Sunderland Bay/Surf Beach, rather than opt for an off-the-shelf urban street and drainage scheme.

"Some of the ones they have done, like the one at Pioneer Bay, makes it look like you are living in the suburbs, instead of beside a beautiful foreshore area," he said.

In the petition, some 590 signatures (354 property owners) were received for the single proposition that "I am against the current proposed Surf Beach/Sunderland Bay Potential Road and Drainage Special Charge Scheme".

Some 77 others (54 property owners) signed up to several other views.

They are against the current "proposed urbanisation of our area by Bass Coast Council" and they want to protect the habitat of native and unique species that

live in our estate. They want to maintain "our nostalgic way of living here".

They also say it's not fair to expect the local residents to be paying more than 90% of design and construction costs.

"As a ratepayer, I say no to any development of estate," they say.

The base case option for the Sunderland Bay/Surf Beach street scheme includes the minimum design elements required to treat flooding, dust and traffic safety issues. These base design elements include sealing the roads, installing kerb and channel, installing underground piped drainage in the road reserve and at the back of lots as required, installing a 1.5m concrete footpath on all roads and installing Watts style speed humps. Cost estimate is between \$25.5 and \$31.2 million.

Option 3, costing between \$26.5M and 32.4M includes the above elements but among other

things a wider 2.5m coloured shared path instead of the standard paths.

Mr Trigt says a more creative approach was required, one that didn't necessarily seal all roads in the estates, or adopted more sympathetic design elements for the location.

"At Smiths Beach, Cape Woolamai and Newhaven; you've got only one or two entrances to the settlements, but for Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay there are many entrances off the main road.

"In the aftermath of one of the fatalities we had there, council talked about closing off some of those roads and reducing the number of entrances.

"Certainly there are problems with drainage in parts but it doesn't mean you have to seal the whole area like a Melbourne suburb."

Mr Trigt is also disappointed that councillors have been gagged from talking about the scheme until its ready to go to council.

"We should be able to talk about it to our own council representatives," he said.

These and other issues will be discussed when residents of Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay meet on Saturday, February 18.

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Rhyll's own beer finally set to flow as council decides fate

THREE or four times-a-week, up to 5000 litres of glorious, frothy, amber ale is set to flow from a new brewery on the foreshore at Rhyll.

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All that remains, after, let's be honest, a tortuous process, is for the Bass Coast Shire Council to sign off on this exciting development at Wednesday's council meeting.

Council will have in front of it a recommendation to issue Notice of Decision to Grant a Permit for the use and development of land at 11 and 11a Beach Road, Rhyll for a restaurant, industry (Brewery), to sell and consume liquor, provide accommodation, and a reduction in car parking but it will still take a brave decision in the face of 44 individual objections.

But the applicant, Justin Jamieson, has been put through the mill, and not just by the council.

As well as designing to the shire's rigorous requirements, the applicant has also had to satisfy Melbourne Water that the project can be successfully built,

600mm above the applicable flood level of 2.94 metres, and operated on land subject to inundation.

The shire has issued a long list of conditions, including protection and planting of trees, use of renewable energy and water recycling, drainage, stormwater retention, limits on the use of accommodation, unloading hours, sale of liquor hours (10am-11pm), limit of 90 patrons and more.

So, it's been a thirsty process and this Wednesday, if all goes well, you can imagine that they'll lift the tops off a few after reaching such a major milestone.

However, with 44 objections, there's no guarantee the applica-

tion won't be tested at VCAT as well, but they may be pushing hops up hill.

Way back on June 17, 2022, the then Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Martin Pakula, and local MP Jordan Crugnale, the Bass Coast Mayor Cr Michael Whelan and CEO Ali Wastie were on site at Rhyll to announce that the State Government was investing \$1.2 million from its Regional Tourism Investment Fund into an estimated \$4 million project, to provide 55 jobs in construction and 20 ongoing, full-time jobs even before the project had planning approval.

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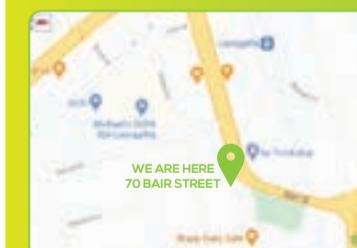
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Big San Remo house set for approval

DESPITE receiving 10 objections, all of them pointing to the height and bulk of the proposed dwelling, the Bass Coast Shire Council looks set to green light a 7.95 metre house in Oceanview Drive San Remo.

Originally it was to have been 8.53 metres.

The objectors raised a number of concerns:

- House too high at 8.53 metres (now 7.95m)
- Adverse impact on neighbourhood character
- All other houses are 7 metres
- Bulk and form "excessive and unnecessary"
- High site coverage, blocks views along the sides and above.

The council noted that many of the objections have been addressed.

In response to the concerns raised by objectors regarding the height and design of the proposed dwelling, the application was amended on January 18, 2023.

"The amendment reduced the roof pitch and maximum dwelling height from 8.53 metres as initially proposed to 7.95 metres. The colour of the Colorbond roofing applied to the gable roof form was also amended from an off-white (surf mist) to a pale grey (shale grey) to reduce the glare in line with planning policy that encourages roofing to be constructed of non-reflective materials."

However, on January 23, the applicant reverted to the original off-white. Presumably reinstating the "glare" problem.

Shire plans for \$1.75 billion release of land

AT A present day value of \$1.75 billion, it's easy to understand why the Wonthaggi North East Precinct Structure Plan, expected to receive Ministerial approval in mid-2023, on the way to delivering 5000 new blocks of land for Wonthaggi, is one of the key features in a review of the Bass Coast Shire Council's Planning Scheme.

As detailed in the review, to be tabled at this Wednesday's council meeting, the development contributions alone from the WNEPSP are expected to top \$90 million, helping to fund the delivery of the essential infrastructure and community services required to support the residential growth in the precinct.

On the surface, at least, the review of the shire's planning scheme, last undertaken in 2018, might appear to be a dry bureaucratic process, but scratch the surface a little and it's clear just how important it is that the objectives of the scheme are right and that they are able to be delivered with efficiency and effectiveness.

As well as identifying how well the planning scheme is serving a rapidly growing municipality, the review also provides an opportunity for Council to identify areas that need to be improved through a planning scheme amendment or further strategic work to ensure it can deliver on the community vision outlined in the Council Plan.

But, it's no easy task. The shire isn't just running its own show.

There are state-imposed changes to the planning scheme, for example to support electrification and renewables associated with offshore windfarms, and state-imposed planning reviews such as the Bass Coast Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Project.



The shire is expected to adopt the Bass Coast Planning Scheme Review 2022.

And, in the case of Bass Coast, pressure from growth has been supercharged by the movement of people to the coast through the COVID pandemic, blowing out population projections.

Internal migration to Bass Coast contributed substantially to population growth, with 5970 people migrating within-state from elsewhere in Victoria to Bass Coast since 2016. People have predominantly migrated from the adjoining and nearby local government areas of Casey, Yarra Ranges, Cardinia, and Frankston.

The age group with the highest net migration to Bass Coast was those aged 55 years and over. The age structure in recent years indicates there is an overall trend towards an aging population, with 52.1% of residents aged over 50 years old and 39% aged over 60 in 2021.

The Shire's older age profile is also reflected in the household

mix with 'couple families without children' and 'lone person households' making up 67 percent of all households in Bass Coast. Future projections indicate that 78% of the additional households over the next 15 years will have either 1 or 2 residents.

So, we have to plan for that and the review of the Bass Coast Shire Council's Planning Scheme is attempting to do just that, describing where arriving residents and local families can be accommodated, while also protecting the coast, farming land and settlement boundaries, along the way providing enough residential, commercial and industrial land for balanced expansion.

Throw in the impact of climate change on land use, the opportunities presented by tourism, the attacks on neighbourhood character, the availability of housing, affordability of housing, the existence of gas,

desalination and waste water assets, not to mention the fallout from the region's extractive industries... there's a lot going on.

For example, over the summer, local tourist operators had to deal with a new problem.

"A shortage of accommodation for local workers is also an emerging issue, which has been exacerbated by housing affordability, occupancy and supply issues. This further highlights an integrated approach is required to seek to address these linked issues."

The shire council is expected to adopt the Bass Coast Planning Scheme Review 2022, but with some recommendations from the 2018 review still to be addressed and many planning studies still outstanding, the shire has got a lot of work to do in a pressure-packed environment.



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\$200,000 on Cowes Cultural Centre cost

OFFICIALLY, at least, the cost of the Cowes Cultural and Community Centre is still \$27.2 million, as detailed on the Bass Coast Shire Council's Engage website.

But, at this Wednesday's council meeting, councillors will be asked to add an additional \$180,000 to \$200,000 to the cost of the project for public art.

According to the council agenda, there has already been an allocation of \$90,000 authorised, over two years, \$40,000 from the 2022/23 budget and \$50,000 from the 2023/24 budget.

Now councillors are being asked to double that figure, to \$180,000, but going as high as \$200,000 depending on which artist is selected from the "50 experienced and qualified applications".

"It is estimated a suitable budget for such a work would be approximately \$200,000," according to the council report.

Cape Woolamai council watcher, Graham Jolly, is in no doubt that the \$200,000 should be added to the overall cost of the project.

"The build has gone well beyond the point of trying to stop it, or even to reduce the cost, but the previous council has got to be called out over this. They made a huge mistake on behalf of the ratepayers of Bass Coast," Mr Jolly said.

He said that even on the shire's own contract figures, the cost of the project was already more than \$31 million but he estimates it will be closer to \$40 million by the

time it is opened.

"They've still got to fit it out with all the furniture and equipment and do all the landscaping and now we hear about \$180,000 to \$200,000 for public art.

"It's too late to stop it now, but the council needs to include all of the costs associated with the project, and come clean on the real cost to ratepayers. They owe us that.

"But the way they've got their Media Engagement Policy, the councillors are simply too scared to say anything, and we may never know."

The council could, however, have allocated a whole lot more to public art.

As revealed in the agenda for Wednesday's council meeting, council could have allocated as much as 3% of the cost of the project, estimated to have already passed the \$30 million mark, to public art, a matter of \$900,000.

"In 2013 Council endorsed a recommendation to apply 3% of a major project budget to the creation of public art."

The tabling of this item on the agenda will at least provide the opportunity for councillors to address the total cost in a public forum, unlike their meeting of September 1, 2022 when a discussion about the revised cost of the project was held behind closed doors, pursuant to Section 66 (a) of the Local Government Act 2020, whereby council's contractual matters can be ruled as confidential.



Councillors will be asked to add an additional \$180,000 to \$200,000 towards the cultural centre for public art.

Is it a pump track or nothing?

MOUNTAIN bike riders want to know where the appointment of a BMX/Pump Track Reference Group by the Bass Coast Shire Council, along with an endorsed draft terms of reference leaves their aspirations.

While there's plenty of support for BMX/Pump Tracks, a looped sequence of rollers and berms for bike and scooter riders, to be located in suitable locations around the shire, mountain bike tracks is where the action is and so far, the council hasn't embraced the idea and its potential.

At this week's council meeting, councillors will be asked to vote on the appointment of a BMX/Pump Track Reference Group but their brief will be limited to the development of park-style tracks.

Local mountain bike riders have been petitioning for the strategy to include suitable MTB facilities but so far without result.

'Citizen of the Year' no more

ONLY a couple of months after scrapping the annual Australia Day Awards, the Bass Coast Shire Council is considering axing the time-honoured 'Citizen of the Year' award as well.

Instead, the council looks set to rename the top citizen award as the 'Community Leader Award', and present it as part of National Volunteer Week in May.

At this Wednesday's council meeting the council will be asked to endorse the following award categories:

- Community Leader Award
- Next Generation Leader Award
- Community Group Award

And a 'Rotating Award' category recognising three community sectors including (a.) an Environment and Sustainability Award, (b.) Contribution to Arts and Culture Award and (c.) Sports Leadership Award starting with the Environment and Sustainability Award in 2023.

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COVID concerns a crusade for Broadbent

THE Federal Member for Monash, Russell Broadbent, made three contributions on the floor of Parliament in Canberra last week, the first sitting week for 2023.

On Tuesday, February 7 he was on his feet, during Statements by Members, highlighting some "horrible stories" about people who've suffered adverse health outcomes from COVID vaccination and later the same day, he addressed "the Government's continued failure to tackle the cost of living crisis facing Australian families".

He noted that he may be the only MP in the Parliament driving his own 7-year-old Ford Territory and paying for the petrol.

On Thursday, February 9, he followed up saying "tens of thousands of Australians across Australia have been damaged" in an unfolding COVID vaccination "disaster", urging those who suffered to speak out.

"I've had some shocking days in my office in my time here since 1990. But yesterday, I spent an hour with three vaccine-injured people and heard the worst, most horrific stories I have heard in this place as a federal member for all of this time," he said.

He said "tough as nails" tradies and a disproportionate number of women in the workforce had been severely impacted and it was time, he said, for government to acknowledge its responsibility and to "call them back from the wilderness".

It continued Mr Broadbent's outspoken opposition to what was effectively a government policy of mandatory vaccination.

School of Rock to be one for the ages



'School of Rock' stars have been busy perfecting their talents and can't wait to put on a great performance.

WITH only weeks to go Wonthaggi Theatrical Group is at the height of rehearsal to bring "School of Rock: The Musical" to the stage.

School of Rock follows wannabe rock star Dewey Finn, played by the hilarious talents of Jay Nelson, as he transforms the students of Horace Green Prep School from orchestral geniuses to gods of rock and roll!

Since October, these talented young people have been rehearsing and rocking out three times a week to showcase their talents.

One of the unique features of School of Rock is that the kids play live on the stage throughout the performance; so not only do they have to sing, dance and act, they have to be able to add a fourth element of playing live from memory.

From the basics of old school recorder, the complexity of violin, and the thrashing of lead guitar, these kids show not only what they can do, but how they can pull it altogether and make it look so easy.

Leigh Owens and Jess Stein, both talented musicians in their own right, have been working tirelessly to weave the instruments on stage with the Pit Band off stage, a feat that is by no means easy.

Throughout this process, the on-stage musicians often rehearse up to 4-5 hours per week - on top of what they have to do with singing and dancing - to achieve the desired level of "next level" performance.

Director Bron Croatto says that: "the talent of these kids will blow the audience away. Their energy, enthusiasm and level of skill is inspiring. It's a huge undertaking that they have all taken in their stride, and they have exceeded our expectations."

School of Rock opens at Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre on March 3, and runs until March 18.

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Parkinson's support in Leongatha

THOSE with Parkinson's Disease in Leongatha and surrounds are encouraged to join Leongatha Parkinson's Group, which provides a friendly social vibe along with support.

The group has been severely impacted by the pandemic, with numbers not bouncing back after restrictions lifted.

Whereas its monthly meetings previously attracted as many as 40 people and generally drew over 30, numbers now are in the vicinity of six to eight.

Sheron Considine is passionate about the group and what it offers and is concerned many are missing out on the opportunities it provides.

"There are a lot of people who have come into our town lately and wouldn't know we exist," Sheron said.

She originally joined because her husband had Parkinson's Disease but is still whole-heartedly involved in the group almost eight years after he passed away, saying she thoroughly enjoys being a part of it.

Sheron explained that prior to seeing an advertisement in the paper promoting Leongatha Parkinson's Group, she and her husband felt alone in dealing with the disease.

Meetings, held on the third Friday each month, include a 'meet and greet', sometimes a guest speaker who is happy to answer any Parkinson's-related questions, and social workers.

However, there's plenty of fun at the meetings, with raffles and social interaction.

Leongatha Parkinson's Group next meets on Friday February 17 at 10.30am at Leongatha RSL.

Sheron said the local RSL is tremendously supportive of the Leongatha Parkinson's Group and sometimes holds social afternoons for its members with treats such as Devonshire teas and live music.

Councillor appointments

SOME of South Gippsland Shire's councillors appear set to take on additional responsibilities in the form of representation appointments to committees and external organisations, with consideration to be given to the proposed appointments at Wednesday's council meeting.

Appointment recommendations to be voted on at the meeting are:

1) Appoint Cr Jenni Keerie to the Audit and Risk Committee for the remainder of the council term, running until October 2024.

2) Approve Cr Adrian Darakai be appointed to the My Community Library (Myli) board for the remainder of the council term, concluding in October 2024.

3) Approve Cr Mohya Davies as the primary and Cr Adrian Darakai as the substitute appointment to the Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) through until the conclusion of the current council term in October next year.

4) Approve Cr Sarah Gilligan as the primary and Cr Mohya Davies as the substitute appointment to the Australian Coastal Councils Association for the remainder of the current council term.



Ohayo gozaimasu! It was back to school and back to Japanese for these Cowes Primary School students, including Kieran, Evie, Isla and Amelia, learning under the supervision of Dylan Wilson-Browne and Alice Hurst.

They're back in the swim at Cowes Primary School

ON THE outside, the Cowes Primary School & Early Learning Centre is a highly regarded school that works in partnership with students, staff, parents and the broader community to provide kids with the best-possible educational opportunities.

And the fact that they've been able to add a competition-size stadium to their in-house swimming pool and a first-class range of other facilities is certainly a huge help in that regard.

The kids love it, the teachers love being there but it's a big, very big operation that takes corporate-style planning and drive to deliver a mind-boggling array of objectives.

And while the buck ultimately stops with principal Rod McKenzie, whose own daughter started at the school this year, he wears the responsibility

with a smile and a happy disposition.

"We've got similar numbers to last year with 518, including 10 or a dozen kids we didn't expect to get until opening day," said Rod last week.

"We've been able to divide the Preps up into four classes of 15, which is great, and we have six new teachers."

Even better news though, is that the school has no staff vacancies in the primary school area and who wouldn't want to work and live by the coast, and take a walk, ride or surf after school?

With the major works behind it, for the time being, Cowes Primary is planning a major landscaping project later in the year.

It's all going swimmingly, quite literally, at the start of the year, but like the learn to swim

program in Term 1, all the action is going on below the surface.

As well as its key learning priorities of "high quality literacy and numeracy", the school offers a wide range of opportunities across the school with specialist subjects including art, music, languages (Japanese), Physical Education and STEM.

And student wellbeing and welfare is an area of key importance that receives constant monitoring.

So, the school is big and it's a happening place.

But, adding to the complexity of management at Cowes is the fact that the school also provides one of the biggest Early Learning Centres in Gippsland with more than 250 families relying on the organisation to deliver 4-year-old kinder, 3-year-old kinder, long-day care and afterschool care.

At any one time, there can be 176 children on site, aged six weeks to six years, learning and being cared for in nurturing environment.

During a visit to the Early Learning Centre last week, young babies were already asleep in the cool, subdued-light of the nursery, with a carer standing by, while outside, new 3-year-old kinder kids enjoyed a nutritious morning tea under the shade cloth.

Not surprisingly, there's a waiting list, but with 216 families in the queue, it's definitely an issue the authorities are going to have to address, for the burgeoning Island population.

For all that, Cowes Primary School & Early Learning Centre have made a great start to 2023, tribute not only to the hard work by staff but also the engaged attitude of the kids.



Presenter Jess McGuirk and sales manager Jess Rigby promoting South Coast FM's name change.

3mFM shifts to South Coast FM

LOCAL community radio 3mFM has been on air on the FM band for over 35 years and is now changing its name to South Coast FM.

Originally broadcasting on 106.3 MHz the first test programs were broadcast on March 4, 1984, so that residents of South Gippsland could hear the great mix of local news, information and music entertainment and the station has been broadcasting ever since.

The station has been a cost-effective way for local businesses to get their products and services on air and has supported hundreds of companies to get their messages out.

Community groups and clubs can join and get free promotion on air all year round.

The new name is 'South' from South Gippsland and the 'Coast' from Bass Coast with the new logo showing the green hills and blue waves of the area.

Listeners can hear the station from well outside those local government areas and so from

South Gippsland to the Bass Coast and beyond is an appropriate tagline.

Listeners can hear a huge variety of programs on the station. Each day starts early with country music and then the very popular Breakfast Club shows with different presenters each day.

Daytime shows are a great mix of local news, information, and music with a heavy bias to Australian tunes. After hours and weekends, listeners can hear music genre experts present shows from Jazz, Blues, Musicals, Rock, and Country as well as decades from the 50's to now – the team know their music and love sharing their knowledge with listeners.

South Coast FM broadcasts 24/7 on 88.1 with special services to Foster and Yarram on 89.5 and Phillip Island and San Remo on 89.1 MHz. The station streams online on its website www.SouthCoastFM.au on several other services and via the free Community Radio Plus 'phone app.

KORUMBURRA SHOW



Carol, Jessie and Nico took away the People's Choice award for their 1926 Bayliss Thomas, also showcasing their 1928 Hupmobile at the Korumburra Show on Saturday. Z16_0723



Stilt Walker Jazmin Dreams was a highlight for the kids and adults at the Korumburra Show on Saturday morning, impressing the entire crowd with her talent. Z17_0723

Huge crowds gather for Korumburra Show

THE Korumburra Show certainly brought in a crowd on Saturday, February 11 with entertainment for all ages encompassing the Showgrounds.

Vendors lined the lanes, with ice cream, fairy floss and hot cuisines and Taylors Amusements were set up with rides and their sky-high jump bungies that were a hit for the older kids, all while the pony rides from Little Ryders and stilt walker Jazmin Dreams remained a highlight, impressing the entire crowd with her unique talent.

Peter Hearn of Poplargin Stud set up among the market stalls enticing the crowd with Angelique and Boof, showcasing the boutique breeding of miniature donkeys.

President, and Chief Steward – Exhibit Pavilion Korumburra A & P Society, Rhonda Brooks said her daughter Shelby is the fifth generation to take part in the annual show.

Classic vehicles were on display with Jessie and Nico taking away the People's Choice award for their 1926 Bayliss Thomas and showcasing their 1928 Hupmobile.

In the sheds, ewes were on show, judged for a variety of categories with Blackpond Hampshire Downs awarded in two categories throughout the afternoon, whilst judges of the poultry section Leigh and Caitlin Mannix awarded Campell Allman as champion in the bird junior section and champion in the bird show for with his prize winner 'Twirl' and Lyn Mackay took out reserve champion in the bird show for her Silver Duckwing Old English Game.

The annual event was a success with patrons travelling from inner Melbourne and surrounding farms to attend the show, either taking part in competition or viewing the level of community involvement that goes into a regional town event.

Exhibit Pavilion 2023 special prize awards

THE Korumburra and District Agricultural and Pastoral Society presented their exhibit at the 127th annual show at the Korumburra Showgrounds on Saturday, February 11 with President, and Chief Steward of the Exhibit Pavilion, Rhonda Brooks presenting the special prizes.

The most successful exhibitor in section T of the Farm and garden produce category was presented to winner Max Grigg for his collection of vegetables, followed by runner up winner A and L Sage.

"The winners of the VAS competitions will compete at a group level, in the next few months and if they win that, they go on to the Royal Melbourne Show to compete," said Rhonda.

See website story at sgst.com.au for full list of results.



Peter Hearn of Poplargin Stud with Angelique and Boof, showcasing the boutique breeding of miniature donkeys at the Korumburra Show. Z24_0723



Athena and Elora with mum Vanessa were excited to see their artwork displayed in the exhibit pavilion at the Korumburra Show on Saturday. Z20_0723



Ashleigh Urry of Aligned by Nature was showcasing her equine interactive experiences at the Korumburra Show on Saturday afternoon. Z21_0723



Lulu enjoyed the entertainment at the Korumburra Show, flying high on the Taylors Amusements super high jump bungies. Z26_0723

Future is bright at GSHS

GIPPSLAND Southern Health Service's (GSHS) new CEO Louise Sparkes sees a positive future for the organisation as she seeks to improve collaboration and innovation to increase services.

"It is very clear to me after just a few days here that we have an incredibly positive future at GSHS," Ms Sparkes said.

"GSHS has been a strong and well-regarded health service for many years. We will continue to build on that and grow and ensure that we are working with our community to provide safe services as close to home as possible."

Ms Sparkes started in her new role on February 6.

She replaces interim CEO Chris Trotman, who filled the position for five months after the retirement of former CEO Mark Johnson in September 2022.

She said that quality and safety are top of her priorities.

"What is evident is the pride people have in their work and health service. That is an incredible and strong base on which to continue to build."

"I have already seen many cases this week in which the care provided has been above and beyond and has either made a significant difference in someone's life or in fact, saved a life. This care



From left Louise Sparkes (CEO), respite patient Laurie Cooper, Kylie Ashton (Director of Nursing Leongatha Campus)

demonstrates the health service's values in action and reiterates the importance of local hospitals and their role, particularly in rural communities."

Ms Sparkes said that GSHS had been through a challenging period like other hospitals.

"The last three years have been challenging for everyone

but health services and their staff have been impacted in ways that most people outside of health would not understand.

"Just like every other health service, GSHS needs to reset and recover and not just go back to doing things as we did before the pandemic."

Ms Sparkes said GSHS

would work with the staff and community to develop ways to innovate and do things differently.

"GSHS wants to connect more with our community, increase our service provision and be innovative and become leaders and experts in our own right and make sure our patients continue to get the level of care they need," she said.

"We need to continue to build our workforce and our capability within and ensure that we have the wellbeing of our staff as a priority."

One of Ms Sparkes' goals is to connect outside the health service and partner with others while maintaining GSHS's independence as a health service.

"Being collaborative will make us a stronger and more effective service, resulting in much better outcomes for everyone."

Ms Sparkes has been part of the executive team at Bass Coast Health (BCH) since 2016.

In January 2021, she became Deputy Chief Executive Officer.

She undertook a secondment with Latrobe Regional Hospital as Interim Executive Director of Gippsland Health Services Partnerships from March 2022 - July 2022 before returning to BCH.

New team taking GSHS into the future



Mardie Foster, post graduate Midwifery Student and talented RN, Virginia Bolge Associate Nurse Unit Manager and Kayley Pringle Gippsland Southern Health Service's most recent Midwifery Graduate.

cruitment and retention. People coming from different areas bring with them a wealth of experience and different opinions and that's welcomed here. We want to grow, and the best way to grow is to listen to outside experts and adapt our practice.

"I've worked my way very quickly into the executive space because I have a vision and I think we can drive this place into the future quite positively."

A great place to work, Kylie is excited about the emerging fields at the hospital and new exciting opportunities for upcoming talent.

"We've taken two maternity students (postgraduates) this year. We also have one still halfway through a course from last year. We're filling from the ground up rather than hoping that all these highly skilled midwives

are going to come out of the woodwork, and similarly in aged care. We've got a big recruitment strategy and I touch base with the TAFE to capture new emerging students.

"Equally, we've commenced recruitment for Registered undergraduate students of Nursing Midwifery (RUSON's/ RUSOM's) now - we haven't really travelled down that pathway before. We've got a huge number of applicants at the moment, so it's exciting for us to really grow local people, local jobs.

"Exposing them to what's available in their own community before they go off, means we are increasing our opportunity to retain because they're familiar here."

"Our nurses are also not typecast - you work on the ward, in post op, urgent care. We are the cardiac corridor

to the community; as a nurse in a rural hospital you see a variety of complex things walk through our door, and participate in the management of this at every level, this enhances your critical assessment skills and develops well rounded generalist nurses with robust skills meaning they are employable anywhere. Big hospitals may get bigger cases, but you can often end up in one area.

"We've seen some big emergencies through these doors over the last 12 months and the team have managed them in an expert way."

Having traditionally employed registered nurses/ midwives the team have since expanded with direct entry midwifery as a way of protecting the maternity unit and ensuring it remains resourced.

"(GSHS is) an evolving space with lots of people heading towards retirement in the coming decade - we are growing the next generation ready for when people want to step out the door."

"We have positions across all sectors - EN's, RN's, RM's, RUSOM's, RUSON's, Allied Health, Aged Care, Education, Community, Clerical and Kitchen, Hotel Services..."

Keep an eye on their jobs board (online) as new positions are (often) available weekly.

Kylie is also a very proud South Gippslander delighting in the fact you are only an hour and a half from the city one way, mountains the other and 20 minutes from the ocean, surrounded by beautiful countryside with resources at your fingertips.



An artist's impression of the Yarram water tower mural.

Repairs to tower before crowning glory

IN FEBRUARY, South Gippsland Water will begin works to give Yarram's water tower a facelift.

This year marks the tower's 60th year of service, officially opened in 1963.

The water tower has long been a local landmark but is starting to show its age with wear and tear on the concrete façade.

After 60 years of dedicated service, South Gippsland Water will repair the concrete façade ensuring the tower is well prepped to receive her crowning glory, for Yarram's Friends of Heesco Town (FoHT) to paint the town's 25th Heesco mural.

With the mural painting project gaining momentum last year, South Gippsland Water has engaged contractors Universal Blasting to undertake repairs and maintenance of the tower.

South Gippsland Water's Managing Director, Robert Murphy said, "These works are a necessity regardless of the mural project; however, we are looking to time our repairs so that mural painting can follow straight after. So, whilst funding of the mural is being done by Friends of Heesco Town, South Gippsland Water is providing in-kind support and ensuring the tower is in good condition to receive a new paint job."

South Gippsland Water hope to commence the tower repairs by late February which will involve pressure washing the tower and removal of any loose or degraded concrete, concrete repair and then painting the tower with an acrylic weather protectant coating.

These works are integral for the on-going safe operation and structural integrity of the tower.

In 2018 South Gippsland Water's management gave in-principal support for a mural to be painted on the Yarram Water Tower.

One stipulation from South Gippsland Water was that the local Traditional Owners, the Gunaikurnai be given the opportunity to input into the mural process.

Recently the Friends of Heesco Town have released the final approved mural designs. The tower will showcase two separate designs, with both being painted by Heesco.

• **Top water tank:** Design by Heesco and Wayne Tindall This design features local flora and fauna and showcases some of the region's top tourist destinations including Agnes Falls, the Tarra Valley National Park suspension bridge and Port Welshpool Long Jetty.

• **Tower column:** Design by Sandra Patten and Wayne Tindall It features the 5 shields of the Gunaikurnai clans and representation of country, water, food, shelter and tracks in the various elements. The 'sea of hands' are welcoming and symbolic of reconciliation.

South Gippsland Water hope to commence the tower repairs in February, immediately following the mural painting process will begin and is anticipated will take approximately three weeks.



Committee member Rosie Romano of the Mirboo North Italian Festa welcomed the Flag throwers from Faenza Italy to the annual South Gippsland festival. Z41_0723

Italian Festa features far and wide

THE Mirboo North Italian Festa was held on Sunday, February 12 in celebration of community, culture, and cuisine, with generations of Italian families sharing in singing, dancing and storytelling.

Over 40 vendors surrounded the outskirts of Baromi Park, cars lined the streets and local families were on foot to join in on the huge celebration, indulging in Italian dishes, desserts, and wine – whilst singing and dancing to Siesta Cartel.

The Mirboo North Italian Festa committee were ecstatic to welcome a crowd as far as the eye could see. Rosie Romano officially opened the Festa with MC and comedian James Liotta - welcoming Illana Massaro to sing the Australian and Italian National Anthems.

State Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale took the stage to welcome the community to the annual event.

The Ancient Roman Reenactors Victoria were on display, with enthusiasts of ancient Roman history showcasing the costume, tools and culture.

Mirboo North Primary School students then took centre stage performing two dances, with school captains officially introducing the students to their audience.

The Veneto Club Melbourne Choir then performed traditional songs from the Veneto Region of Italy and other Italian regions to stimulate memories, hearts, and minds of their listeners.

The choir is made up of male voice with distinctive vibrant strong tone - their eldest member turning 90 years of age in just two weeks.

The Festa program began with a Mass in Baromi Park and Procession of St Paul. In two demonstrations the Flag throwers from Faenza Italy along with drummers dressed in medieval costume, presenting their art of tossing and twirling their flags – in solo and group performances.

It was then time for the spaghetti eating competition, with carry over champion Michael Nativo taking out the event with his first win in 2019.

The crowd then maintained their gaze over to the grape stomping competition, where teams 'The Clowns' verse Daniel and Sophie trampled on 15kg of grapes, with Daniel and Sophie taking the win – filling five and half litres of juice out of the wine barrel.

Hundreds of families strolled the park, enjoying wine tasting whilst watching Nonna's cooking demonstrations in salami, pasta, pizza and donuts – whilst the kids were entertained with face painting and traditional games.

This year's Mirboo North Italian Festa was a lively event bringing South Gippsland families together in dance and welcoming groups including the Freccia Azzurra seniors' group to the region.

For more information on the annual regional event visit www.italian-festa.net



Mirboo North Primary School students took centre stage to dance two performances for the crowd at the Italian Festa on Sunday afternoon. Z43_0723



Barbara, Robert, John, James, and Jordan of the Ancient Roman Reenactors Victoria are enthusiasts of ancient Roman history, showcasing the tools and culture at the Italian Festa. Z44_0723



The Veneto Club Melbourne Choir performed traditional songs from the Veneto Region of Italy and other Italian regions at the Mirboo North Italian Festa on Sunday. Z42_0723

Sentinel-Times

COMMENT

What is the Cowes centre really costing us?

AS identified in the review of the Bass Coast Shire Council's planning scheme, the Council has got a lot to do.

And how the Cowes Cultural and Community Centre ever got to the top of the priority list, requiring upwards of \$19 million from ratepayers' funds, and counting, has still not been properly explained.

Without doubt, the most pressing issue for the residents and ratepayers of the Bass Coast Shire, and anyone else who would like to move here for work or lifestyle, is the lack of housing, also featured in the review of the Bass Coast Shire Council's planning scheme.

This is the place where the council should have been committing significant funds.

First and foremost, they should have been recruiting the best of the best in strategic planners to fast-track the release of the promised 5000 new home sites that are part of the Wonthaggi North East Precinct Structure Plan.

Not only would this have provided sites for new homeowners, releasing existing houses for new workers coming to the area, but it would also have released the pressure on the popular coast locations of Phillip Island and Inverloch, which are close to being built-out, except for infill, and reduced the need for unserviced subdivisions at Dalyston, Bass and other small-settlement locations.

The council might also have had funds to commit to a masterplan for the old Wonthaggi Secondary College site in McBride Avenue, one that could have included social housing, and pitched it to government and/or the private sector.

But at least, having decided to build the CCCC, the council needs to come clean on the cost, and that includes adding all associated costs, such as the purchase price of public art, into the overall commitment.

And this Wednesday, at their council meeting, councillors have been presented with the perfect opportunity to ask, on behalf of their constituents, for an official update on the likely cost the completed project when they consider adding \$180,000 for public art.

This \$27.2 million project has received funding support from the State Government, including \$2.5 million from the Growing Suburbs Fund, \$800,000 from the Living Libraries Infrastructure Program and a \$10 million loan from the Community Infrastructure Loans Scheme, as well as \$5 million in funding from the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Program.

Turbine debate continues

I was completely mystified at your blaring 31/1 edition 'Turbines Are Back' headline and the even more 'chilling' statement that, '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!'

Who says it is 'a threat'? Apparently it is 'the local community' (implying a broad local consensus) 'including' (as a modest part of the mass movement) a group that is very environmentally re-assuringly called 'Responsible Renewables'.

After I had read the views of this organisation, the only 'environmental' factor other than potential environmental damage to the sea floor from small foundation pads to support the turbines, was 'visual amenity'.



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

Vox Pop

What are you enjoying the most about school so far?

Kongwak Primary School students



Isobel Hunt

"Each week we do an Auslan class, and I like that it's become a part of our conversation at home."



Eva Peters

"I like learning Auslan each week, doing more art classes and interacting with my friends again."



Louis Peters

"I like being outside playing sport, being with my friends and playing Duplo in the classroom."



Teddy Kingsley

"I like painting and I'm looking forward to the STEM program because I like inventing things."

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

Valentine's Day

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Love is in the air this Valentine's Day

PARTY poppers were pulled, champagne was poured, and hugs and tears were plentiful as Sam Perkins proposed to the beautiful Kyla Sheerin at Foxy House on Thursday (February 9) in front of family and friends.

It was a momentous occasion for the pair who had met the previous summer when Foxy House was at Bass.

A romantic at heart, Sam proved the age of chivalry is still current having asked Kyla's father for her hand in marriage earlier in the month.

"It was time," Sam explained.

"I started falling in love with Kyla around my 21st birthday – she has a beautiful heart."

And whilst Sam is adamant he wasn't nervous, Kyla pointed out otherwise.

"Sam was a little nervous, it was a complete surprise."

Plans of an engagement party were on the horizon of late with the pair discussing their ideas.

As it turns out the pair will be celebrating today (Valentine's



Ever a gentleman Sam Perkins proposed to a surprised Kyla Sheerin on Thursday. C01_0723

Day) amongst family and friends, with a special afternoon tea amongst 35 acres of beautiful gardens in the Kongwak hills.

Their story whilst unique to them is part of most women's dreams – countless lunch dates and special dinners, a gentleman who is kind, independent, and chivalrous.

"Watching their courtship develop was beautiful," Foxy House Founder, Teena Ferguson smiled.

"Sam would ask Kyla out for dinner – old fashioned traditions. They are both such caring people and watching the love between the two... they think about each other when they're not together."

And whilst Kyla spends four days at Foxy House a week, Sam splits his time between Foxy House and working through Connecting2Australia.

"I love his sense of humour," Kyla beamed.

"We're always going out for dinner, playing games and spending time together."

The pair counting art amongst interests they both enjoy. Sam is also a talented guitar player – serenading Kyla along the way.

Uniting two local families, the pair are excited for the next chapter, as they work towards living together and explore long term options through Foxy House.

Parents Sandi and Craig, Karen and Seve could not contain their joy at officially gaining a daughter/son into their families.

And whilst the wedding plans will be the next step, Kyla has noted she will be exploring more traditional gown colours.

"It's good and I am so excited!"



A day to remember

KARLEE Williams, daughter of Darren and Michelle Williams, looked breathtaking as she walked the aisle to her future husband, Nicholas Dobbie at The Shearing Shed on December 10 in her grandmother's veil.

In a mermaid-style Lilliam West Allover Ivory Lace Gown with sweeping train, the bride was elegance and grace with curls framing her face as she said 'I do' in front of a 90 strong guest list.

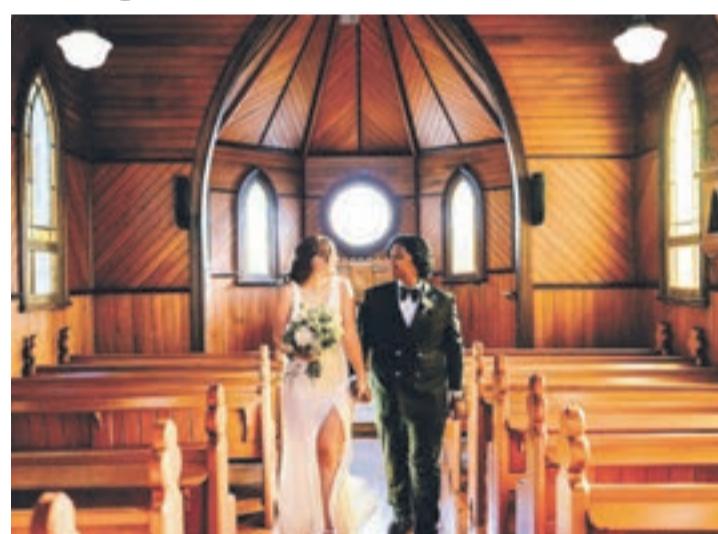
The groom, eldest son of Mark and Kelly Dobbie, Nicholas was not unkempt either dressed in a white shirt with grey jacket and black pants and tie complimenting the vivacious outdoor wedding.

An afternoon event in the sunshine, Karlee was supported by Kelsey Tong, Hannah Stuteley, Tegan Lowe and Emma Gervasi, all of Wonthaggi, whilst the groom counted on Shaun Hayes as his best man and groomsman Adam Busana, Heath Dobbie and Mitchell Woods.

The beauty therapist from Revive and cabinet maker from Joinery Innovations were photographed by Morgan Lee while Lisa-Anne Prendergast officiated proceedings alongside spectacular floristry provided by Fig and Willow Flower Bar and Boho Wildflowers.

The reception kicked off at the estate with The Times hitting the right note.

Hamilton Island may hold their honeymoon tickets, but the pair look forwards to their life together in Dalyston.



Highschool sweethearts Gemma and Rahul were married this February in Ventnor, Phillip Island with their reception at Phillip Island Winery. Photo: Single Soul Photography

– they booked their ideal date of February 4, 2023, at the Trenavin Chapel after being warmly welcomed by Marina who guided them throughout their planning.

"We managed to lock in our date without any complications – it was meant to be – we decided on the outdoor grounds of the Trenavin Chapel for our ceremony, before touring the Phillip Island Winery and booking in a sit-down reception in their effortlessly stunning atrium," said Gemma.

"As soon as our date was locked in, we immediately booked our wedding night and mini honeymoon at Five Acres luxury coastal accommodation – staying in their Rye cabin that contained an outdoor bath overlooking the farmland and Western Port Bay."

Phillip Island was their dream location and Sarah from Phillip Island Winery and

Marina from Trenavin Chapel recommended local vendors for the couple.

"The venues were idyllic, so low and behold we took the advice and appointed local celebrant Pam Lewis – who always made us feel at ease and local florist Corrie from Morrie and Maisie who worked closely with Over The Top Events to bring our vision to life."

Gemma and Rahul said, "our planning was seamless, our co-ordinator Currie Emma from Events by Emma helped us so much on the day by liaising between our vendors and the two venues."

The couple decided on a simple colour palette of white and sage, complementing the grounds of the rolling hills and ocean views, where the bridal party of 16 people joined them at their ceremony; with an arbour and seating arrangements framing the gorgeous

natural backdrop.

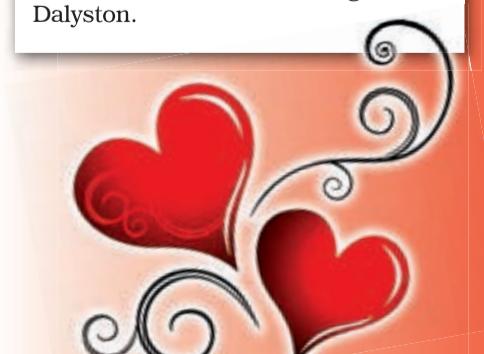
"We never had high expectations but the vendors were just incredible, Kelly and Sean of Ambling Along were vibrant and made our transfers in the limo and mini van so much. South Coast Buses transported our guests from one venue to the next and the cake from Elaine's cakes was delicious and beautiful," said Gemma.

Every detail brought their day together, Gemma surprised Rahul by walking down the aisle to an acoustic version of Kiss the Girl from the Little Mermaid – played live by Revery – leaving Rahul singing as he watched his bride be escorted by her parents before they shared their vows.

They even had an unexpected chicken walk down the aisle and join the groomsmen, which made for a good laugh at the ceremony – and the page boy really liked the chicken – "a moment we'll never forget."

After the ceremony, drinks were served to the guests on the lawn so all in attendance could enjoy the breathtaking views before everyone was welcomed at the Phillip Island Winery – where the atrium was "beautiful and casual but a little bit fancy."

The couple then took centre stage for their first dance; dancing to a song that represented the history of their relationship – meeting in Year 7 and beginning their life as a couple at just 16 years old - First Date by Blink 182 was played live as an acoustic version by Revery; an expression of their childhood phases that they experienced together - all the way through to their life today, as husband and wife.





The exterior of a Ford Everest before the detail clean by Andrews Detail Cleaning. Z46_0723



Professional interior clean and exterior wash for paint protection and an outside shine. Z47_0723

Auto detailing for a pristine finish

ANDREW'S Detail Cleaning is a professional car detailer in the regional town of Wonthaggi, providing exceptional cleaning services for motorcycles and cars at a competitive and affordable price.

Owner, Andrew Martin started the small business in January this year after recognising the demand in the region.

He identified the time constraints on everyone's workloads and that vehicles by the coast need protection from the salt in the air.

Andrew's services include the removal of stubborn sand and pet hair from interior seats and carpets, offering interior detailing, steam cleaning and exterior wash and wax, with flexible hours available including weekends.

Vehicles are cleaned onsite in Wonthaggi with drop off and pick up times arranged directly with Andrew. "The timeframes of the clean, is dependent on the condition of the vehicle, so I ask if each client can arrange transport after the vehicle is dropped off for cleaning."

Andrew finished school last year and had the initiative to start a business at the young age of 17, determined to provide his clients with a friendly, prompt, and reliable service.

Andrew understands that detailing your vehicle or your motorcycle is time consuming, so a full vehicle detail includes an exterior wash, wheel clean, tyre shine, interior vacuum, interior wipe down, interior trims and a window clean.

So, if your vehicle is looking worse for wear and you need to improve the appearance and condition, book today by calling Andrew Martin on 0482 663 329.

Move with ease and comfort

RAISED in Wonthaggi, Amelia Bright (nee Wishart) took on the world.

First Melbourne where she studied Prosthetics and Orthotics and then Royal Melbourne and Haiti, where she worked alongside all cultures and backgrounds to bring solutions to amputees affected by the earthquakes in Port-au-Prince.

The brilliant mind returned to South Gippsland nine years ago and set up home in Fish Creek.

"Private practice wasn't possible when I returned home," Amelia began.

"Now with the NDIS it means private practice is possible and a client has a choice of where they want to go and who they want to be seen by."

No longer required to travel to Melbourne, Amelia's expertise means patients can head along to a clinic in Inverloch or Traralgon.

"We are starting with Mondays and Tuesdays in Inverloch – getting the word out there about the prosthetic services now available locally and starting the conversations with people about what they may require.

"Working at the Royal Melbourne and in Haiti, I have come to specialise in trans-tibial prosthetics and have experience in partial foot, trans-femoral and hip disar-



Prosthetist Amelia Bright looks forward to welcome new clients at Ortho Advantage in Inverloch.

ticulations. I have been lucky to meet and work with a diverse range of people at different stages of their journey from pre-amputation consults through to fitting rigid dressings post op, rehab, and outpatient.

"Building relationships and having the interesting and difficult conversations with patients about those lifesaving decisions.

"I'm familiar with the rigours of country and rural living, I live and work on a farm, so I understand what people need out of their prosthesis and what they're look-

ing to achieve in their day-to-day life. A lot of people are not sitting behind desks with low level use, people are at the beach or down by the river, hiking, walking, riding a bike on the rail trails, chasing kids around the park – high impact requirements. Having that intimate knowledge of what that takes on the body."

Thriving off the long-term relationships built with people, Amelia was drawn to prosthetics after exploring allied health career options.

"I really like the combination of hands-on work, making and problem solving

– both mechanical problem solving and interface problem solving – matching what the person wants out of their prosthesis.

"Once you have a nice leg made by someone you go back and see them for the next 30 years. You get to know each other, you get to know their family, the extended care team and what someone wants to be able to achieve, and being able to work towards that together."

Amelia Bright has joined Ortho Advantage with bookings available online or by calling 0490 282 949.



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LEFT: Janine Pepyat (left) is our fully qualified laser hair removalist specialist and junior hair stylist, Chelsea Ford is the long hair colour specialist with over 7 years' experience, Jess Harle is our director with more than 19 years' experience in the hair and beauty industry and Tiana Alley is also a colour specialist with more than 5 years' experience within the industry.

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Since its inception in 2016,

their business has gone from strength to strength and is at the point where expansion is needed to keep up with service demands.

The option is there to maintain the business as a 'man in a van', but Chris and Hayley feel they have barely touched the surface of the business's true potential.

"We are knocking back jobs on a daily basis as there's just way more work than we can manage", says Chris.

"The business is at the point where we need to employ a couple more workers but we are at that time of life where we want to slow down rather than ramp things up so it's time to let someone else take over.

A father and son team or a

couple of tradie mates is just what the business needs to realise its true potential.

"Hire A Hubby has a top-notch marketing structure that sees a constant stream of job offers coming in via the Hire A Hubby National Website and we hate turning customers away."

Hayley and Chris are quick to credit the Hire A Hubby structure and support system with helping them make their business so successful.

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"Operating this business has been very rewarding and we've met some really interesting people. It's the ideal business for someone who hasn't run a business before as the system is so well thought out."

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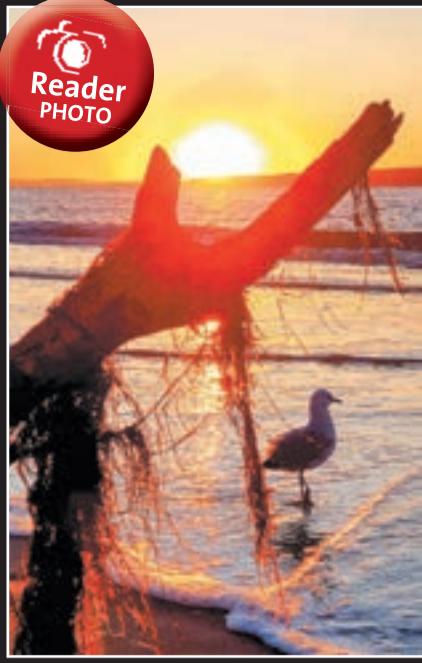


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Kerrie Johnson snapped this gorgeous shot at Andersons Inlet, Inverloch during sunrise.

• FAITH FACTOR

God always has a plan

Captain Amy Jones, Corps Officer, Wonthaggi Salvation Army

I HAVE just returned from maternity leave at the beginning of January.

On September 15, 2022, my husband and I had our lives changed yet again with the arrival of our twins Luca and Corey.

Big brother Zac has been absolutely besotted with them from day one, and they are growing to be just as infatuated with him.

I cannot say that our lives have been easy since their arrival.

More days than not I am covered with baby sick, and on one occasion it took me seven hours to write just one email.

But I wouldn't swap my family for the world.

Not for a sick free day, not for a clean house, not for a fuller bank account - not for anything.

My family is not something we ever thought possible.

My husband and I tried to conceive for a long time before seeking fertility treatment to have our first son Zac.

Pregnancy was difficult, birth was even worse.

And after losing our final frozen embryos, we thought we were done. We started planning our future as a family of three.

But God was not done with us. The saying, we plan, God laughs rings true. Finding out we were pregnant January last year was a complete, joyful, surprise.

Finding out we were having twins, was an even bigger exciting surprise!

This time it was God planning and my turn to laugh.

This last year I have been so encouraged by the scripture Ephesians 3:20-21, 'Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.'

God was able to do so much more in my life than all I could have possibly asked of Him or imagined. We are so very, very blessed in our chaotic family of five.

I hope my story and this scripture can be an encouragement to someone: you may feel like your story is over, like it is time to stop hoping. God can do more than you expect.

God is working for your good. Keep hoping in the One who can do immeasurably more!

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

STAYING connected to friends, family and community is good for our wellbeing, at Mitchell House we have our multicultural Women's Group which meet on Thursdays 10am to 12 noon. It is support for those who are socially and culturally isolated and culturally and linguistically diverse.

Providing, among other things an improved awareness of cultural mores and expectations and provide opportunities for the development of practical life skills.

If the days of summer have had you enjoying the dining out experiences of takeaway and imbibing in many a calorie laden drink, then come along to our Weight Management Group.

They hold an informal weekly meeting and provide support to one another. Accountability is probably the best tool on this quest and doing it with a friendly group of people is a good way to start. They have changed their day from Tuesday to Thursday evenings from 7 to 8pm.

A one off event on Saturday, February 18, 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 Shanna Bremner (Waste Education Officer Bass Coast Shire Council).

Our Free Community Lunch is on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at Mitchell House, 12noon start. Our next one is on February 22. There are delicious meals to be had on these days with some of the produce coming from our harvest gardens. It's a big welcome to you if you book ahead of time so we can cater appropriately.

We will be having our first Fixit Café for the year with the Wonthaggi Men's Shed (without whom we'd be somewhat diminished.) It's on this Sunday, February 19, 11am to 1pm.

It's a big thank you to them for all their skills and enthusiasm that they put forward to this project. We have a call out to anyone who can fix a zip on a rain jacket. Now, we have two sewers, Sarah 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 woolen 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 Sunday 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.

Well it would seem that the \$250 Power Savings Bonus is still hanging in there and is available to those Victorian households who haven't taken it up.

It's a one off payment from the State Government and is available until June 30, 2023.

Get into it now if you haven't already. Visit the Victorian Energy Compare website which is compare.energy.vic.gov.au/welcome and complete it online. The WNC at Mitchell House have people who can assist you, if needed. Call us on 5672 3731 or drop in.

Become a member of the WNC and get discounts to many of our activities and receive a newsletter, every so often plus Call Mitchell House or visit us on Facebook Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House.



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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

THE disability care sector is seeking compassionate, respectful and reliable people who want to make a difference in people's lives.

Last year, BCAL introduced a new course called Work for Yourself Care and Support. The course is designed to give participants information about the NDIS and disability sector, how to set up a business, professional conduct, and the rights and responsibilities of both care workers and clients.

The course filled up almost immediately and many graduates are now working as support workers in disability care.

The course is starting again very soon. It's an excellent opportunity for individuals to start a business in a growing market.

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

It's true all kinds of plants grow in community gardens. And all sorts of people do too.

The garden's newest member and volunteer is a young recent arrival in Wonthaggi, looking to connect with sustainable food growers and like-minded gardeners.

After a few sessions as a volunteer, she has joined the garden as a member, chosen a plot to grow her own veggies, and signed up for a Certificate 3 in horticulture at Bass Coast Adult Learning, where she hopes to gain lots more garden theory and practice.

It's always inspiring to watch young people's interest in sustainability and food growing blossom and bear fruit - literally.

If you or your group would like to participate as garden volunteers and/or members please contact tgordon@westnet.com.au, or drop into our Thursday morning group gardening sessions between 10 and noon. All are welcome.

■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

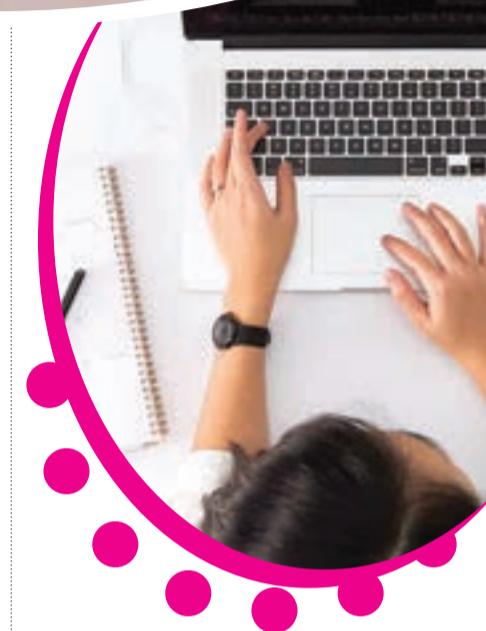
Woodies member Tina recently tried carving a kuksa cup. It is a design from Scandinavia featuring a long handle and finger hole. Part cup, part spoon, it is amazingly comfortable to hold. And when hand-carved, it can be specially designed to fit the user's hand perfectly.

The Woodies are always looking for new techniques to try out. This cup was carved from a piece that would otherwise have been scrap.

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

LAST calls for the Food Safety Training. This will be held on Thursday February 16, Level 1 9 am - 1 pm, Supervisors 9 am - 5.30 pm.

All training and assessment will be completed on the day.

This is our first in-person training since COVID so please don't miss the opportunity. Bookings are essential call Milpara 5655 2524 for more details.

We are so excited to have Learn French kicking off again this week. It will be held on Thursday evenings, and we still have places if you are interested.

Our Easy Steps to Computers for Beginners class is now full: we are taking expressions of interest.

The Scam Awareness session that was scheduled for February 22 has been put on hold. The amazing Rowan has a new job and we wish him all the best.

We are excited to welcome Justine the new Community Ambassador and once she has settled in we will be booking in a new session date. Please let us know if you are interested in attending this session so we can keep you posted.

Funerals - What do want to know? We all die. Like many milestone events, there are overwhelming choices to be made and costs to be considered. When a loved one passes away it's already a stressful time. Some planning and recording of wishes can be a helpful thing to do. But where do you start? What should you consider and what are your choices? Can you incorporate cultural customs, family traditions or have a ceremony in your backyard? What's a prepaid funeral and what does it include? These are all great questions and to help, we have invited Julie from Harwood Funerals to come along and help demystify funerals, provide information and answer your questions in a safe and friendly space. The session is Saturday February 26 at 2 pm.



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Inspiring the heart of towns

WHERE do you want to be on December 31?

Maybe it's bouncing out of bed to milk the cows that morning, or hitting the surf at 10am, maybe it's having the day off or maybe it's welcoming in the New Year with customers at your restaurant or pizza shop.

Everyone's passion and drive are different, and it is that determination and spirit for doing what we love that gets us out of bed.

But how many of us are bouncing out of bed? How many of us are not stressed about finances, costs or interest rates? How many of us are truly enjoying life?

New Year's resolutions aside – you need a plan.

A coffee and hot chocolate in hand, the Sentinel-Times sat down with Rebecca Casey (at a local café of course!) and discussed the hard yards.

Rebecca Casey is a woman of many talented hats – a business coach, a dairy farmer, a mother and surfer, and also the brains behind Nature of Business.

Over the years she has helped countless businesses with her skills and background qualifications which includes a Business Degree, Agriculture Degree, International Coaching Federation qualifications, amongst others.

But what is really concerning Rebecca in 2023 is that not enough businesses, who are struggling, are asking for help.

"There is often so much going on, business owners are unable to sift through their thoughts long enough to make a plan," Rebecca explained.

"With interest rates and costs continuously rising – well above worst case predictions, we are heading into a catastrophic period.

"Businesses, particularly small businesses, are the heart of their town, the impact of these businesses closing has a flow on effect through the community. It's more important than ever that businesses who are struggling reach out for help – remove the stigma."

With free resources available at Business Victoria and Beyond Blue, the importance of asking for a hand up has never been more straightforward.

An example was tabled – imagine if a struggling coffee shop openly said on their door and across social media that they needed to sell 100 medium sized take away coffees that day to help get them out of the blue. No doubt 200 plus coffees would be sold. Those who could not afford a medium would buy a small and those who had spare change would upgrade to a large. In the days of cash, the tips jar would be overflowing with support.

"People are not alone – you are not alone," Rebecca stated.

Step back from the stigma – be open, honest and real, because in times of need communities step up.

"Not only is it important for people to ask for help and seek professional advice (not TikTok, influencer sounding advice – true accredited advice), but businesses need to be putting in place a plan for 2023," Rebecca added.

As American author, Jack Canfield said: "Everything you want is on the other side of fear."

"Failure doesn't exist," Rebecca continued.

"Businesses, and even individuals, miss opportunities because they do not see the tree through the forest – it's too hard, there is simply too much noise."

"People are worried about interest rates, cashflow, cost of items, lack of monies..."

"It's looking at situations from a different perspective."

Professional coaching is underrated, highly underrated.

That is not some advertising spinning, everyone must see a coach recommendation.



"There is only one thing that makes a dream impossible to achieve: the fear of failure." – Paulo Coelho

It's genuine, firsthand experience – coaching twelve months ago turned this writer's life around.

Holding David Boyds and photographing Minnie Pwerle's, checking near flawless diamonds, may be someone's dream, but tabled with a four hour drive each day, it wasn't mine.

Realising something wasn't right, I reached out to a coach to reconnect me with me, and a mere three months later, I handed in my resignation, and two days later secured a job that gave me back my life, that put the zest back into my step.

In Australia the coaching industry is unregulated, and anyone can simply call themselves a coach, which is why advice from qualified individuals and recognised organisations are crucial.

"Businesses stem from ideas – from a passion to inspire or educate."

"That should not be lost. If plans are put in place, you will have a clear vision of where you are going and can be proactive rather than reactive."

Weathering the storms

And Rebecca is not alone in those storms – she was in the heart of the dairy crisis years ago, and to this day still wakes at the crack of dawn to milk alongside her husband.

But instead of fogged vision, Rebecca is living her life, a life that doesn't involve working when you love what you do – a life that is balanced between surfing at the right tide, milking twice daily and coaching business owners – whether farmers, retail, telecommunications or anything in between.

"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work" – Thomas Edison famously said.

And it is no truer, as Rebecca notes there is no such thing as failure.

"You will learn, you will grow, and you have that knowledge moving forwards."

"People need to maximise their potential and start living their life – a life filled with passion."

Walking away from Rebecca I was reminded of three key things...

- Ask for help, you are not alone and seek out the assistance of a professional rather than Google or a neighbour. There are plenty of genuine resources around for struggling businesses – small and large.

- Have a plan for 2023 – there is still 11 months left to achieve your vision, and to be equipped as proactive rather than reactive.

- Remember, failure is not a thing.

And last but not least, its crucial communities support local businesses – shop local and keep your money in your circular economy.

Fixing the health care system on government agenda

PREMIER Daniel Andrews voiced his concerns strongly recently regarding the number one matter for National Cabinet ahead of their first meeting on February 3 – fixing the health care system.

Subsequently on Friday, National Cabinet agreed that Health is the first priority issue for 2023, and discussed the Strengthening Medicare Taskforce Report, which sets out a pathway to reform the primary care system.

"Medicare is not what it was designed to be, it's a pale imitation of what it was supposed to be – free, fast and local. It has never been harder to find a bulk billing doctor, particularly after hours than it is right now," Premier Andrews stated.

"They are profound (changes), but they are quite simple."

"We've got to recognise that we're not rewarding (paying) them properly for doing their work. Secondly, we have to train more GPs and that means more fully funded university places..."

Premier Andrews also highlighted the Better at Home program.

"You're in a familiar environment, less stressful, and you're freeing up the bed for someone else who can't be treated at home... and it's much better for clinical outcomes as well."

Bass Coast Health is also making sure locals are getting care in the right place, with the Better at Home program getting more patients provided with hospital-level care from doctors and nurses in their own homes than ever before.

In 2021-22, Bass Coast Health provided 1,846 days of care to patients recovering at home – and across Gippsland more broadly, 14,466 bed days were provided at home.

"This is literally hundreds and thousands of patients who aren't in a



Premier Daniel Andrews and Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child highlighted the importance of the Better at Home program and aged care nursing reforms.

hospital bed, that bed is free for someone else, and they're being supported in a familiar environment, providing much more efficient care and better care..."

In highlighting the importance of Better at Home, Premier Andrews highlighted the health care system failures particularly around Medicare.

"No one wants to be in an ED unless they have to be. Category four and five presentations have never been higher; and that's not a criticism of those people, they're simply using the only option that is available to them. That puts stress on the system. It makes it harder for our staff to deal with those patients who genuinely need urgent priority care," Premier Andrews said.

In addressing the recent nursing reforms to Aged Care, Premier Andrews and Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child both agreed that they would not be impacted by nurses leaving the public system.

"Making sure there is in fact care, in aged care. Minimum staffing requirements and more nurses is a critically important part of that," Premier Andrews said.

"We haven't talked about the fact that there's a couple of 100, if not more aged care residents, that are in hospital beds that should be back in aged care. One of the ways in which we'll get people out of hospital and back home, is to make sure that at that end, there's a higher clinical profile. There are people who've got different skills and can do more for those residents and patients. That's a really important part of it."

Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child echoed those comments.

"We run public sector residential aged care facilities, so we already have registered nurses in our facilities. Because of that we are in a really good position," Ms Child explained.

"We've had the opposite where people jump in. They know we've got ratios and staffing baselines that secure nursing support. It can be quite frightening if you are not quite sure what to do with somebody and you don't have the registered nurse to go to – the public sector has had (the support) for probably 25 years."

"We won't feel the impact and hopefully it will improve the care and support for those staff in some of the smaller facilities."



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Nola Bibby and Sue Milanese enjoyed partaking in the Meeniyian Marty Gras event.



Lucy Fleming and Rhiannon Nix got into the spirit of the Marty Gras.



Debbie and Ivana Ferguson were looking colourful.



Steward and Chief Steward of the exhibit pavilion Shelby and Rhonda Brooks are the fourth and fifth generation in their family who have assisted with the exhibition at the annual Korumburra Show. Z09_0723



Jessica Lawson and Nicole Smith from Mirboo North Junior Netball Club accompanied Netball Victoria's mascot Foxy at the Mirboo North Italian Festa. Z32_0723



Genevieve, El, Katherine and Jasper enjoy the food, music and entertainment at the Mirboo North Italian Festa on Sunday afternoon. Z33_0723



Gerandima, Rose, Giovanni and Luigi attended the Mirboo North Italian festa on Sunday, enjoying the cuisines, music and dancing. Z34_0723



Chris, Christine and Mary enjoyed watching the dancing and live musicians at the Mirboo North Italian Festa on Sunday afternoon. Z35_0723



Lesley, Jennifer and Robyn united at the Mirboo North Italian Festa on Sunday afternoon, enjoying the music and fresh roasted coffee. Z36_0723

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the Meeniyian Marty Gras, Korumburra Show and Mirboo North Italian Festa.



Antonio Caruso, Antonio Villella and Sebastiano Monaco serenaded the crowd at the Mirboo North Italian Festa on Sunday afternoon. Z38_0723



Chainsaw artist Andrew Noble showcased his unique business Resurrected Timber, crafting sculptures of animals and birdlife at the Korumburra Show on Saturday. Z10_0723



Belinda and Rose enjoyed their Saturday afternoon at the Korumburra Show, treating themselves to fairy floss and strolling around to see the many farm animals on show. Z11_0723



Charlotte and Indiana loved holding the puppies from Elouera Stud at the Korumburra Show on Saturday morning. Z12_0723



Ivy enjoyed the Korumburra Show holding all the farm animals, including the little puppies from Elouera Stud. Z13_0723



Zander and Elysian are the next generation to take part in the traditional procession of St Paul through the park at the Mirboo North Italian Festa. Z37_0723



Kate and Paul of Elouera Stud in Lang Lang brought along their puppies and goats to the Korumburra Show on Saturday, allowing those of all ages the chance to have a hold. Z15_0723



The puppies from Elouera Stud farm in Lang Lang were a hit at the Korumburra Show, and young Spencer was enjoying the cuddles. Z14_0723

Get 'Caught In The Act' in Cowes

CAUGHT In The Act! Jazz Notes is an instrumental band playing a wide range of music: from exciting Latin tunes and jazz-funk (fusion) adaptations of standards to gentle songs from the 30s.

Since their first appearance at the Phillip Island Jazz Club in February 2021, they have added even more trad jazz favourites to their repertoire.

Caught In The Act! was formed by Ann and Kevin in 2016 to feature the flute playing exciting instrumental music.

The concept rapidly broadened to incorporate saxophone, so you'll hear sax and flute featuring in many tunes, strong piano and guitar interplay all held together by an outstanding rhythm section including some brilliant bass lines.

Ashley Thomas (sax and clarinet) - Ashley has been playing music since she was four. She pursued classical piano and then ventured into the world of woodwind instruments, taking the lead from her strong family history of playing wind instruments. Studying at secondary college under Bob and Mal Sedergreen, Greg



Caught In The Act! Jazz Notes is returning to Phillip Island on February, Sunday 19.

Clarkson and others drove her passion of everything jazz.

Malcolm Hornby (piano/keyboard) - Malcolm started learning the piano when he started school, and has been playing ever since. His first job when he finished school was working in a music store, where he bought his first keyboard.

Malcolm's first band played covers but has performed in a wide range of settings since then. These have included a piano bar duo, a Carpenters tribute quartet, a Continental reception band, as an organist, and as a piano accompanist for

various solo instruments and voice.

Frank Morgan (bass) - Frank joined CITA in 2018 and has loved every minute of it (or so he tells us!). Frank's experience in jazz, blues, rock and air traffic control certainly shows: with chops to tackle the funk-fusion crossover style of Caught In The Act!

Simon Atkinson (drums/percussion) - Since his early teens, Simon played drums with brass bands in the UK. He also studied, clarinet and saxophone.

During his career with the

police force, Simon had a sideline playing with Grade A Championship Brass Bands, then adding musical theatre and small, function bands.

Ann Craig (flutes and percussion) and Kevin Blazé (guitars) - Ann is from a musical family and has been performing music to paying audiences since she was a child, learning to play a wide range of wind instruments in all styles: classical, jazz, pop, bossa, rock, funk, country and strict-tempo ballroom.

Kevin comes from a classical background, having played cello for many years while also playing guitar in other settings. For many years, Kevin led and played classical guitar with a mandolin ensemble.

Venue is at Phillip Island Bowling Club, 40 Dunsmore Road, Cowes commencing at 2pm, February, Sunday 19.

Cost of entry is \$20.00 for members and \$25.00 for visitors.

Please contact Robin - 0432 814 407 or Jill - 0417 416 300 to arrange purchase of tickets.

WONTHAGGI UNION COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

What's On?

February Maintenance

We have a few weeks of crucial maintenance scheduled for February before the Wonthaggi Theatrical Group move into the theatre for their exciting production of School of Rock in March.

Cinema will be back at the Arts Centre along with an exciting line up of Live Performances for 2023

To keep up to date with all of our other events and be the first in the know for pre-sales, subscribe to our mailing list on our website.

The team can't wait to see you all again soon!

LIVE SHOWS COMING IN 2023!

SELLING FAST!



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



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.



Ticket includes post show afternoon tea

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



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!



Geoff and Ben Robertson are back as your charming and cheeky hosts for this nostalgic night of entertainment as they pay tribute to the musical giants of the 1960's



Join Ross Noble for his 21st solo stand-up tour! An evening of the sort of inspired nonsense that has cemented his place as the supreme master of stream of conscious freewheeling stand up.

Find the full calendar of events and sessions on our website



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Prepare your appetite for the 'Polenta Festa'

SAVE the date for the famed Veneto Day Polenta Festa in Wonthaggi which will be held at the State Coal Mine on Sunday, March 5.

Lunch will be served at 12pm with an appetising menu of polenta served with two types of cheese, ragu, sauerkraut with vegies and Italian sausages, including salads and dessert panettone and crostoli.

The cost is \$25 per person and it's bring your own plates, cutlery, drinks, table, chairs etc.

Entertainment will be provided by the renowned Choir from Veneto Club Bulleen followed by a local group of musicians, 'Canti Popolari' accompanied by piano accordion music.

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ELDERS Real Estate is proud to offer 'Kialla', an outstanding rural grazing property to the market. Situated in the renowned, picturesque Dumbalk valley district. 'Kialla' is ideally suited to cattle fattening or breeding and would also be suitable for sheep, horses, or mixed farming.

Positioned in an extremely private and park like setting 'Kialla' has all the attributes to combine farming and lifestyle that you could dream of.

An architecturally designed brick residence captures all the ambience of the private rural setting of creeks, trees and paddocks.

The home consists of 4 bedrooms including a master room with walk-in robe and ensuite.

The country style kitchen has been crafted with blackwood timber and includes a gas cooktop, electric ovens, dishwasher, and walk-in pantry which then leads onto a spacious open plan living and dining area.

A central bathroom has a walk-in shower, bath, and separate toilet. Other great features of this home are double glazing and a northerly aspect.

The property has outstanding shedding which include a 14x11.5m shed and a 14x8m shed, all fully lock up with three phase power.

Additionally, there is two x hay sheds (approx. 130 round bale capacity) and a disused dairy.

Stockyards are of timber, steel and

concrete with easy truck access.

The property is well fenced to 12 paddocks serviced by a central laneway.

'Kialla' has an excellent balance of heavy carrying rich creek flats and undulating to rolling hill country. Pastures are very clean with an excellent fertilised history.

A superb water supply is via creeks, dams and bore supported by a reliable 40 inch (approx.) annual rainfall. The stunning 'Jindinook' creek which runs through the property boasts a natural waterfall, tranquillity, and abundant birdlife.

There is a great combination of native and ornamental trees throughout the property provides aesthetic appeal and shelter for stock.

'Kialla' presents a rare opportunity to purchase an outstanding property with quality in such a tightly held location.

For further information, contact Don Olden 0417 805 312 or Katrina Griggs 0428 571 083.

4 | 2 160 acres/64.93ha

'Kialla' 80 Cooks Road, **Dumbalk**

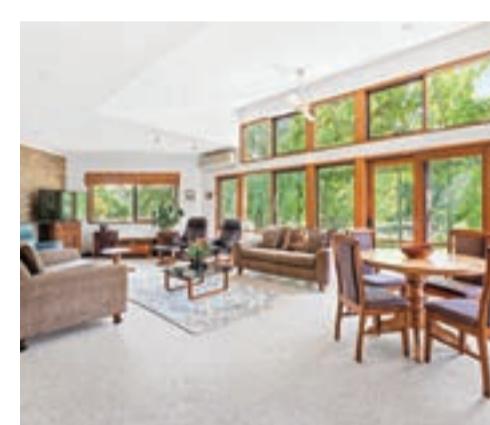
For Sale \$2.55 Million

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Prime location in Leongatha

BEAUTIFULLY restored Edwardian dwelling set on a generous 1145m² block, with rear lane access and its own off-street parking.

This property offers the unique opportunity to work from home in a convenient location, opposite Woolworths and 50m to McCartin Street.

Upon entering, you are captivated by the pressed tin metal ceilings, and Baltic pine floorboards - prime examples beautiful period features from the yester-year.

The home boasts a large reception area, five consulting rooms, fully functional kitchen and bathroom, plus a loft storage, laundry and storeroom.

Set up perfectly to run a business and also use as a residence at the rear of the home.

In addition to the main dwelling is a separate building that has the opportunity to be leased separately as a studio/function room with its own reception area, treatment/bedroom, storeroom, modern toilet and showers.

This property is one of Leongatha's jewels and shouldn't be missed.

5 | 2 | 8 1145m²

8 Peart Street, **Leongatha**

For Sale Contact Agent

Agent Ray White Leongatha

Mick Hanily 0417 311 756



For Sale

49 Harrisons Road, **Dumbalk North**

LIVE THE RURAL LIFESTYLE DREAM NOW

- Open plan living/dining/kitchen
- Master BR with ensuite, spa, RC & WIR
- 1.75 acres overlooking Dumbalk Nth Valley
- 15m x 9m lock up shed & large dbl garage

Jason Harris 0417 640 079

\$695,000



For Sale

9 Parr Street, **Leongatha**

BRICK VENEER HOME IN GREAT LOCATION

- 812sqm flat block with 60's style home
- 3 bedrooms with BIR's & large living area
- Established gardens & 6m x 6m powered shed
- Undercover area, veggie gardens & fruit trees

Dave Trotman 0418 589 805

\$525,000



For Sale

23 Mary Rogers Crescent, **Leongatha**

CLOSE TO PARK AND SCHOOLS

- Quiet street backing onto McIndoe Park
- Living area with solid fuel heater & R/C
- All 3 bedrooms have BIRs
- Side access to backyard with 9m x 6m shed

Mick Hanily 0417 311 756



Michael Hanily



Jason Harris



Paige Matthews



Dave Trotman



Ray White Leongatha

03 5662 5800

15 Bair Street, Leongatha

raywhiteteleongatha.com.au



For Sale

14 Ogilvy Street, **Leongatha**

CHARM, CHARACTER & HISTORY

- Edwardian style home on 1107m² flat block
- Arguably one of the best locations in town!
- High ceilings, box bay wind., high pitched roof
- Easy walk to the main street and schools

Mick Hanily 0417 311 756

\$585,000



For Sale

49 Eagle Rise, **Nyora**

THE ULTIMATE TREE CHANGE

- 4 bedroom home on 3.15 breathtaking acres
- Open living/dining/kitchen & alfresco
- 3 car garage plus 7m x 9m shed
- 4 paddocks with animal shelters

Paige Matthews 0418 794 468

\$1,150,000 - \$1,240,000



For Sale

305 Hillgroves Rd, **Leongatha South**

"BARINA" - COUNTRY LIFESTYLE CHOICE

- 3 bedroom plus study home on 1.7 acres
- Central kitchen & recently updated bathrooms
- Sun filled, fully enclosed outdoor area
- 9m x 12m shed & established gardens

Mick Hanily 0417 311 756





Gippsland's own high-country grazing

IN THE heart of South Gippsland, situated in the traditional blue gum grazing region of Milford and Dumbalk North is this highly productive grazing property.

Running 110 Angus breeders and 200 ewes on country that is best described as South Gippsland's very own high-country grazing.

- 284 acres / 115 ha (approx.) – two titles
- Undulating, hilly to steep country with warm sheltered valleys
- Exceptionally clean and productive with native trefoil and clover pastures
- Secure water by way of dams, creek, and troughs
- Good fencing with nine paddocks
- Small two stand shearing shed, ideal for crutching with small yards
- High rain fall district averaging 1025mm annually
- Thirty minutes to Gippsland's premier cattle selling centre of Koonwarra

A considered buyer will know the security of seasons and opportunities that this blue gum grazing country offers.

The sheltered treed valleys and meandering creek and tree ferns offering both commercial and lifestyle attributes in a secure high rainfall district.

Thirty minutes to South Gippsland's major township of Leongatha, 1 hour to the Latrobe Valley's city of Traralgon and 2.5 hours to Melbourne CBD.

For further information and to arrange a personal inspection, please call Irene Walker at SEJ Livestock and Real Estate, 0429 045 632

Rural 284 acres / 115ha

1407 Foster-Mirboo Road, **Dollar**

For Sale \$2,130,000

Agent SEJ Real Estate

Irene Walker 0429 045 632



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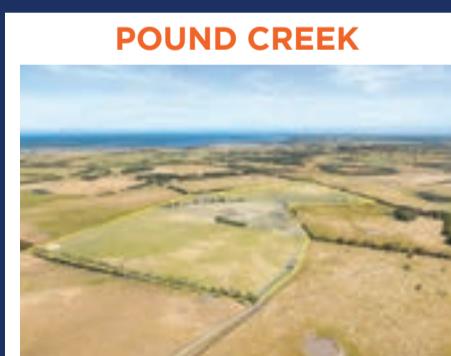


DUMBALK

UNDER CONTRACT

- Est. Family Home on flat block
- B/V 4 Bed, 2 Bath, 2 Car
- Blackwood Kitchen & outdoor area
- Beautiful Garden / ideal lifestyle
- 5min to Meenyan & Dumbalk

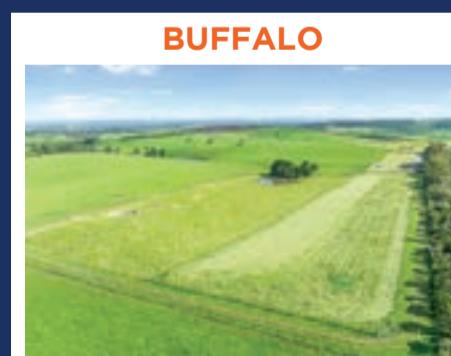
UNDER CONTRACT



POUND CREEK

- Grazing with views to the coast
- Andersons Inlet & Inverloch
- 50 HA / 124 Acres
- Ex water by way of 5 dams
- flats and higher ground
- Well fenced into 4 paddocks

\$1,995,000



BUFFALO

- 203ac/82ha approx. grazing
- Exceptional views & house sites
- Undulating to rolling country
- Ideal hay & Silage paddocks
- Water via Spring fed dams & creek
- Stockyards with B-Double access

\$2,850,000



DUMBALK

SOLD

- 'Valley Views'
- 3.67 acres / 1.48 HA
- 3 bed, 2 bath, 2 car
- Polished floors & solar power
- Great Shedding & flat land
- Lovely Dam with paddocks

SOLD





Branch manager with Alex Scott and Staff Leongatha, Andrew Newton, left, welcomes Tony Giles to the sales team, also pictured from left Licensed Estate Agent Kerry Zuidema, Licensed Estate Agent Emily Clifford, and property manager Jayson Filomeno.

Alex Scott and Staff is the right fit for Tony

NEW sales representative with Alex Scott and Staff Leongatha, Tony Giles, describes his new role as the "right fit" for both him and the organisation.

He sees the fourth-generation family ownership of Alex Scott very much like his former involvement in the family newspaper operation, which also spans four generations.

"To have a member of the Scott family in the business, fourth generation Tom being a current director, speaks volumes about the stability and

hard work ethic which the company has as its foundation," Tony said.

"A company doesn't survive the highs and lows of more than 130 years in business without a solid base with the broader community."

With a career spanning 40 years in the newspaper industry with The Great Southern Star and Yarram Standard, Tony brings with him experience on several levels.

His involvement in journalism will assist with the construction

of strong property profiles during the listing stage.

His interest in marketing and advertising for business clients will be a good fit for pointing out the attributes of a listing and understanding customer needs.

"It was sad to see The Star and Yarram Standard not able to keep going through COVID but the industry and way people communicate their message is changing all the time. The advent of digital marketing is making it hard for traditional print media."

Tony is very much a people person and has been involved in several local organisations over the years including the Stony Creek and Leongatha Football Netball Clubs, the Leongatha Business Association, and Leongatha Cycling Club to name a few.

"I've covered a lot of events over the years including agricultural shows, football grand finals, the Daffodil Festival, car shows, Lardner Field Days and the Tarra Festival.

"You get to meet a diverse

range of people over the journey which I really enjoy. I think it will help me develop a solid rapport with clients in real estate which I'm really looking forward to."

Tony began on Monday, February 6 and can help clients with enquiries regarding residential, commercial and industrial property sales, along with rural lifestyle properties and dairy and beef farm sales.

Contact Tony on 0407 528 192 or email tonygiles@alex-scott.com.au

Beautiful home including your own private mooring buoy

SET ON more than 1/3 of an acre sits this massive double storey brick home.

Included in the sale is your own permanent Mooring Buoy in the Corinella Channel for storing your vessel of choice.

Be taken away by the privacy and calmness that this home exudes on its visitors.

The tree-lined driveway leads you through the automatic gate into the private backyard.

Native trees and shrubs have been planted on every perimeter sealing you from the neighbouring properties.

An established row of Cypress trees line the southern boundary which creates great shelter from the winter storms.

A high-bay carport adjoins the driveway with ample room for boats, caravans or cars and there is a single car lock-up garage.

Enter the home through the floor to ceiling glass door which opens into the entrance foyer.

The home has been designed with generous proportions.

High ceilings and sweeping large rooms flow throughout the residence.

The ground floor features two bedrooms, bathroom, living area and a second kitchen.

This can be totally separate from the upper level and is equipped for dual living or could be utilised as short stay/Airbnb accommodation.

Upstairs you are greeted by a living room with recently refurbished timber floorboards that has sweeping north facing views across Western Port Bay. Flooded with natural light, the first floor has views from nearly every room. The first floor features the main kitchen, laundry, powder room, living/dining, two bedrooms and the recently

renovated main bathroom. Beyond this is a wraparound verandah on all four sides for outdoor living at any time of the day.

Additional features include:

- Split system air conditioning
- Gas log fire
- Solar panels
- Two water tanks
- Security cameras with vision of the mooring buoy.

33a Balcombe Street presents a range of opportunities for buyers looking for a large family beachhouse, residence or dual living Airbnb.

At just one hour 30 minutes south east from Melbourne, Corinella is a seaside hamlet that is popular amongst people who work from home in a location that is still commutable to the city a few days a week.

Enjoy the luxury of being walking distance to the Fig and The Bay Cafe, general store, community centre, boat ramp/jetty, bowls club and only 150m from the Corinella Foreshore.

The boat ramp is only three minutes drive away, which is less than 500m to your own mooring buoy in the channel.

Inspection by appointment mid week or weekends.

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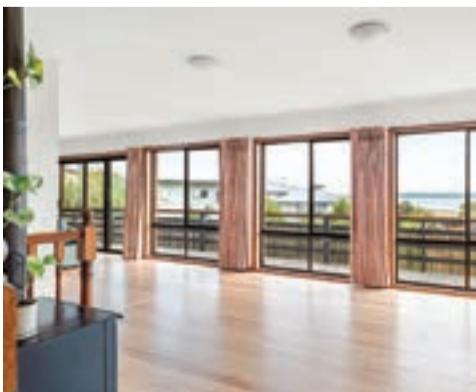
33A Balcombe Street, Corinella

For Sale \$990,000-\$1,080,000

Agent Alex Scott & Staff

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10 Roughead Street

- 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom
- Super cute cottage
- Low maintenance, close to CBD

\$415,000

Contact: Leongatha Office



1270 McDonalds Track

- 3 bedroom house on 10 acres
- 2 living areas, covered outdoor area
- Shedding & views to Westernport Bay

\$995,000

Contact: Korumburra Office



6 Bunya Drive

- 5 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom, 2 car
- Designer home
- In the exclusive Woolamai House Estate

\$1.75m

Contact: Grantville Office



1/8 McLeod Street

- Walk to town, 3 bedroom, semi ensuite
- North facing living, front position
- Quiet street near parkland

\$419,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

LEONGATHA

KORUMBURRA

CORINELLA

SOUTH DUDLEY



19 Macdonald Street

- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car
- Near new modern home
- Close to schools

\$645,000

Contact: Leongatha Office



17 Lower Gordon Street

- Secluded 4 BR home, town convenience
- Rural outlook, updated furnishings
- Large deck, lock up garage + carport

\$875,000

Contact: Korumburra Office



7 Burchell Close

- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 4 car
- Massive shed
- Ideal low maintenance downsizer

\$720,000

Contact: Grantville Office



3/33 South Dudley Road

- Modern feel, brick rear unit
- 2 spacious bedrooms, light décor
- Central location

\$439,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

LEONGATHA

KORUMBURRA

CORINELLA

WONTHAGGI



24 Willow Grove

- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car garage
- 2 living areas (1 could be 4th bedroom)
- As new locally built home

\$729,000

Contact: Leongatha Office



87 Mine Road

- Immaculate 3 bedroom BV home
- R/C air con, kitchen/dining onto patio
- Side lane access to LU garage

\$499,500

Contact: Korumburra Office



22 Moorings Place

- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car
- Water views
- As new brick veneer home

\$750,000

Contact: Grantville Office



1/53 Murray Street

- Just steps to CBD, Quality built unit
- Bright, sunny living, 2 double bedrooms
- PLUS sep study/office, price reduced

\$529,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

KOONWARRA

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CORONET BAY

WONTHAGGI



305 Sewells Road

- Private retreat on 2.47 ac bush block
- Mud brick home + studio & workshop
- Orchard, veggie garden and more

\$750,000

Contact: Leongatha Office



56 Wolonga Estate Road

- 3 bedroom brick house, nearly 2 acres
- Surrounded by farmland, 15 mins to coast
- Ideal small acreage starter

\$650,000

Contact: Korumburra Office



Coronet Bay Estate

- Only 5 vacant blocks left
- 80m to the beach

\$400,000-\$425,000

Contact: Grantville Office



194 Graham Street

- Better than new, THE best position
- Beautiful townhouse, just a stroll to town
- 2 living, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms

\$690,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

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Members of the White family, representatives of SEJ and farmers who volunteered to agist cattle to prepare them for the Pink Stumps auction look forward to proceedings. A01_0723

Cattle sale benefits McGrath Foundation

THANKS to the generosity of buyers at Friday's Koonwarra store sale, the McGrath Foundation will gain almost \$6000 towards Breast Care nurses who support those with breast cancer and their families.

Pink balloons enlivened the pens of 39 steers sold as part of the fundraising effort for the annual OMK Pink Stumps Day.

The cattle were purchased last year with the support of SEJ Leongatha and agisted to 30 different farmers from across the region, from Loch to Buffalo, Inverloch to Arawata and all points in between.

Kate Zuidema of Korumburra South agists a couple of the Pink Stumps Day cattle each year, with some of her younger cattle also having been purchased and distributed to other farms to be readied for the sale.

Before selling the five pens of Pink Stumps cattle, SEJ auctioneer James Kyle thanked all those who agisted them over the last year.

He began with the Zuidema's bucket-reared steers bought by SEJ last year.

"I'd like everybody to please put everything else aside, the way the cattle industry and things are going at the moment, and put your best foot forward because it's all going to a good

cause," James urged potential buyers.

As well as the support of SEJ, and buyers, Amy expressed her appreciation to the Victorian Livestock Exchange at Koonwarra for donating its yard fee and chipping in \$1,000 cash, and to Brian Jefferis for generously transporting the cattle to the sale yards for free.

With cattle prices currently well down, organisers considered holding onto the cattle longer, with concerns they may not make a profit in the current market.

Pink Stumps Day organiser Amy White was pleased with the \$5,906 that will go to the cause.

While the OMK cattle sale raised over \$45,000 towards the McGrath Foundation last year, Amy described that outcome as "extraordinary".

"You wouldn't normally make that much and we have been lucky the last three years; we've bought at the right time and the cattle market prices have just been going up and up and it's got to go down at some stage," Amy said.

"You've got to take the good with the bad, but \$6,000 is still a decent amount to raise for charity."

That will be just the tip of the iceberg, with OMK's annual Pink Stumps match set to make a major boost to the fundraising total.



Dianne White and Kate Zuidema at OMK's Pinks Stumps cattle sale, which included some of the Zuidema's steers. A02_0723

Quality cattle hold firm

Report by SGSA

AGENTS yarded 3700 cattle at last Friday's VLE Leongatha store sale.

The yarding again was very good with some excellent lines of heavy and medium weight steers and heifers as well as some very good pens of weaners.

Competition was good for the better end of the steers with graziers competing against the regular feeder buyers as well as a couple of absent buyers returning.

The heifers had mixed results with some isolated very good sales, and the better end holding firm with restockers buying the top end to go back out in the paddock to join or fatten or be fed. Secondary types were harder to sell with prices easing on most.

MARKET REPORT

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CLAAS Harvest Centre 

Leongatha Store Sale on Friday, February 10, 2023

Grown Steers

D Osment 12 Angus	641kg	\$4.05	\$2600
L & M Wicks 15 Angus	632kg	\$4.17	\$2640
D Jelbart 22 Angus	629kg	\$4.10	\$2580
D & K Kuch 20 Angus	585kg	\$4.23	\$2480
D & K Kuch 20 Angus	577kg	\$4.26	\$2460
D Jelbart 19 Angus	575kg	\$4.14	\$2380
Burfield Partners 16 Angus	570kg	\$4.14	\$2360
D & K Kuch 18 Angus	559kg	\$4.36	\$2440
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B Moffitt 16 Angus	559kg	\$4.18	\$2340
D Osment 11 Angus	557kg	\$4.02	\$2240
D & K Kuch 18 Angus	555kg	\$4.39	\$2440
D & K Kuch 31 Angus	555kg	\$4.39	\$2440
A Missen 15 Angus	536kg	\$4.44	\$2380
Von Pace 14 Angus	530kg	\$4.68	\$2480
Von Pace 10 BB	528kg	\$4.39	\$2320
B Moffitt 15 Angus	518kg	\$4.40	\$2280
Eg Pastoral 29 Angus	494kg	\$4.45	\$2200
Eg Pastoral 19 Angus	485kg	\$4.45	\$2160
A Missen 14 Angus	482kg	\$4.31	\$2080.
Eg Pastoral 27 Angus	477kg	\$4.61	\$2200
O'loughlin Farms 21 Angus	467kg	\$4.41	\$2060
L & M Wicks 17 Angus	463kg	\$4.55	\$2100
Trt Pastoral 20 Angus	448kg	\$4.82	\$2160

Weaner Steers

S & D Curtis 16 Angus	417kg	\$4.26	\$1780
P & J Sibly 14 Angus	416kg	\$4.71	\$1960
R Wight & Sons 17 Angus	409kg	\$4.64	\$1900
M Wynne 20 Angus	398kg	\$4.32	\$1720
P & M Batters 21 Angus	387kg	\$4.96	\$1920
R & R Allen 12 Red	382kg	\$4.65	\$1780
R Wight & Sons 21 Angus	375kg	\$4.80	\$1800
Whittaker & Staton 11 Angus	373kg	\$4.71	\$1760
Golden Gully 15 Angus	369kg	\$4.93	\$1820
Missen Farming 16 Angus	359kg	\$4.90	\$1760
Filsell & Smith 11 Angus	348kg	\$4.90	\$1720
R Wight & Sons 12 Angus	345kg	\$4.86	\$1680

Heifers

Kuch Grazing 12 Angus	493kg	\$4.18	\$2060
Sp Dunlop 11 Angus	413kg	\$3.87	\$1600
D & H Campbell 17 Angus	414kg	\$4.05	\$1680
D & H Campbell 24 Angus	395kg	\$4.00	\$1580
T Crook 11 BB	379kg	\$3.60	\$1360
S & M Thompson 10 Angus	375kg	\$4.68	\$1380

Cows & Calves

M Moon 2x2 HF	\$2900
P, M, J & V Johnston 7x7 Sth Dev	\$2600
P & T Baily 15 Ang Springers	\$2860

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, February 6, 2023

Jersey & Jersey x	\$22 to \$50
Friesian Bulls	\$30 to \$64
Friesian Heifers	\$360 to \$520
Beef Bulls	\$100 to \$300
Beef Heifers	\$85 to \$390
Number of Calves: 74		
Number purchased to rear: 41		

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Househam UK Engineering Manager, Andy Tingey, TTMI's Simon Maloney, Jason Henry, Andrew Snape, and Househam UK Sales Manager, Nick Snowden Launch the Househam Harrier to Australia.

Self-propelled sprayer a game changer

THE latest arrival from UK based Househam Sprayers, a Harrier model of their self-propelled sprayer was welcomed by Australian importer TTMI in a product launch at Lardner Park near Warraagul, hosting key stakeholders in the vegetable growing industry as well as representatives from Househam UK making the trip for the launch.

Developed specifically to meet the needs of professional operators, the Harrier boasts the option of 4000, 5000 or 6000 litre tanks, up to 1100mm underbody clearance, Triple fold boom option from 28 to 36m or 13/24 twin fold boom and manually adjustable axles from 72" up to 84" (with a hydraulic adjustment option).

The Househam designed TMC (Total Machine Control) integrates many functions into one simple to use touch screen console, providing the operator with complete application rate control, engine management, hydrostatic drive control, built-in fault detection and automatic service reminders.



Househam Sprayers can be custom built to the individual requirements of growers.

The TMC delivers Househam's Spray Pilot auto-steering and NavGuide GPS mapping system, offering precise control of application rate for improved accuracy as well as reducing overspray, particularly in irregularly shaped paddocks.

Spraying features include Individual Nozzle Control (INC) and Auto Nozzle Select (ANS) offer improved accuracy and reduced overspray, with individual nozzles activated electronically either automatically or manually from the cab.

The Harrier will feature at field day events and demonstrations across TTMI's Gippsland, Tasmania and Western Districts vegetable growing regions.

Consisting of four models the Househam range of self-propelled sprayers can all be custom built to the individual requirements of growers:

The Spirit is a versatile and popular sprayer due to its ease of use, and low weight. 3000ltr capacity and precision nozzle control to maximise productivity.

The Air-Ride is designed to optimise crop care and deliver outstanding return on investment. Light weight and equipped with an array of advanced features as standard, and the adaptability of the design allows you to customise the machine to meet the demands of your crops and terrain.

The Harrier is built to meet the needs to professional operators. The Harrier is a high output sprayer that places performance, efficiency, and comfort at the heart of its design.

The Predator sets the new standard for advanced spraying technology, delivering outstanding stability and manoeuvrability with a massive capacity.

TTMI's branches are located across Gippsland in Trafalgar, Leongatha and Maffra, in the Victorian Western Districts in Warrnambool and Colac, and cover Tasmania from branches in Longford and Latrobe.

For more information and for updates on demonstrations visit househamsprayers.com.au



The hard work of volunteers is unfortunately being undone as vandals have wrecked and removed 'scarecrows' in place to promote the upcoming garlic festival in Meenihan.

Scarecrows not scaring off crooks

AFTER an absence of a couple of years over the COVID restrictions period, the scarecrows are back in Meenihan promoting the upcoming Garlic Festival on Saturday, February 18.

Unfortunately, they are once again attracting the attention of thieves and vandals, according to residents.

The current collection of scarecrows has been lovingly created by a team of local volunteers who have given many hours to making them, so are very disappointed to see the results of their hard work pilfered, purloined or just plain wrecked.

The makers can only presume this has been done as acts of fun because, whilst the value of the labour involved is quite extensive, the value of the scarecrows wouldn't even buy a car radio in a pub!

The organisers of the Meenihan Garlic Festival, in support of their loyal and active volunteers, are offering a reward to anyone who finds or recovers a scarecrow, so he or she can make it back to their home on the streets of Meenihan.

Check the Garlic Festival Facebook site for contact details.

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DEATHS**BOX, John Noel:**

24.07.1935 - 06.02.2023.

From Tarwin Lower, VIC and Roma, QLD.

Died peacefully at Phillip Island.

Much loved for 50 years by his wife, Jan Box (nee Williams).

Cherished by his daughters, sons-in-law and grandchildren: Louise and Simon Lawson, Eliza, and Rory.

Emily and Trevor Stone, Angus, Harris, and Baxter.

Eldest son of Dr Noel and Anastasia Box (both dec.).

Father of children Caroline, James (dec.), and Sarah (dec.).

Proud grandfather of Freddie, and Henrietta.

"The broken down farmer has gone to his rest..."

A Memorial Service for John Box will be held at St George's Anglican Church, 296 Glenferrie Rd, Malvern on Tuesday February 21, 2023, at 11am.

CLARK, Jeffrey Thomas:

05.07.1938 - 08.02.2023.

Passed away peacefully at the Warragul Hospital, aged 84.

Beloved husband of Elvie.

Father to Rodney and Leslie, father-in-law to Kerryn.

Grandfather to Ryan and Tyler.

Brother to Dawn and Stephen and their families.

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DEATHS**CLARK, Jeff:**
Brother-in-law of Gilbert and Lyn.
Uncle to Jason, Wendy, Kristy and their families.**CLARK, Jeff:**
Brother-in-law of Barbara and uncle of Belinda.
Fond memories.
Rest in Peace.**CLARK, Jeffery:**
A lifetime mate and friend.
You always called me your little brother.
But it was you who I looked up to.
Your knowledge and advice was very special and helpful.
Will miss the birthday meals and chats.
Although you have gone, you will never be forgotten.
Deepest sympathy to Elvie and family.
-- Doug and Bev Clark and family**CLARK, Jeffrey Thomas:**
Passed away peacefully on February 7, 2023.
Loved wife of Norman (dec.).
Loving Mum and mother-in-law of Hoss and Sharon, Alan and Sue, Susan and Adrian, and Glenda.
Loved Nan to her 13 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.
"God Bless"
Mum/Amy/Nan,
Peacefully sleeping and resting now after a fully lived 90+ years.
Alan and Sue, Nan of Shannon, Rebecca, Joel, and Belinda. Special friend of James, Sam, and partners.
Grand Nan of Ella, and Amber.
God Bless you Mum/Nan, Rest in Peace**DEATHS****DAVIS, (nee Jack) Amy:**
Much loved mother of Susan and mother-in-law of Adrian.Dearly loved Nan of Luke and Katrina, Peter and Amanda, Marcus and Isabella.
Great Nan of Jack, Anna, Bonnie, Imogen, Isla, Angus, and Billie.

Our sorrow is deep, but peace for you now.

1932 - 2023.

Loving mother of Glenda, Nan of Nathan and Janet, Jamie, Naomi and Mick.

Beautiful great grandmother of Cooper, Lainey and Seb.

God looked down to find a perfect Angel, he saw your tired face and held your hand as you walked the staircase to heaven, just to be in Norman's arms once again.

R.I.P.
Broken Hearted**DAVIS, Amy:**Nan,
Your love was unconditional.
Your guidance and support endless.

I'm heartbroken that you have left us but forever grateful for the time I had with you.

You were the one constant in my life.
I am the man I am because of this.I will always love you.
-- Nathan xoNan,
*Loving you is easy, We do it every day, Missing you is a heartache, That never goes away.*Rest in peace beautiful lady.
"God Bless"

Love Nathan, Janet, and Cooper.

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DEATHS**DAVIS, Amy:**
A very long and valued member of Wonthaggi & District Historical Society.

Amy cheerfully shared her oral history memories of Wonthaggi and district with members, visitors, researchers, and friends. Her contribution to the publication of "The History of Archie's Creek" was invaluable.

Her footprint will live on.

Fond memories.**GHELLER, Teresa:**

Passed away peacefully on February 11, 2023, surrounded by her loving family.

Loved wife of Joe (dec.).

Loving Mum and mother-in-law of Mark, Dino and Jutta, Rick and Jo, Stephen, Sandy and Perry.

Adored Nonna to Scott and Molly, Sarah and Shane, Jake and Emily, Brett and Molly, Matt, Melissa and Maddison, Jesse, and Joe.

Great Nonna to Jack, Addison, Darcy, Charlie, Willow, Hazel, and Dean.

Peacefully at Rest. Will be missed.**GHELLER, Teresa:**

04.07.1935 - 11.02.2023.

Much loved Mother of Stephen.

Cherished Nonna of Brett, Molly, Melissa, and Maddison.

Adored Great Nonna of Willow, Dean, and Hazel.

Loved always, never to be forgotten.

You can rest easy now Chich.

Ciao Bella xx

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DEATHS**GREGG (nee Wilkinson), Beverly (Bev):**

Passed away peacefully at the Korumburra Hospital with family by her side.

Loved and loving wife of Alan.

Dearly loved mother of David and Tanja, Bruce and Belinda, Julie and Michael, Sally and Chris.

Loving Nanna to Ashton, Jasmine, Ivy, Beau, Tahila, Jemma, Kaden, Grace, Ethan, Kaylyn, Vanessa, and Hayden.

Great Nanna to Elsie.

Private Service.

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Peacefully at Rest. Will be missed.

GREGG (nee Wilkinson), Beverly (Bev):

Passed away after a short illness on February 8th.

Loved daughter of Gwen and George Wilkinson (both dec.).

Much loved sister and sister-in-law of Valerie (dec.), Jenny and Rodney, Graeme and Elaine, Peter (Anny dec.) and Paula, Alan and Karen.

Adored Aunty to all her nieces and nephews.

Forever in our hearts.

Now resting peacefully.**GREGG (Wilkinson), Beverly Ann:**

Passed away peacefully on February 8, 2023.

Aged 70 years.

Dearly loved twin sister and sister-in-law of Jenny and Rodney.

Much loved aunty of Scott, Bradley, Lisa, and their families.

The hard work is done.

Now rest in peace.**GREGG, Bev:**

08.02.2023.

Bev was a wonderful sister-in-law, always there if you needed her.

"Quiet, but reliable".

So sorry Alan and family.

You have lost your biggest gem.

-- Sam, Judy and family.

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HARLEY, Dorrie:

Passed away at Carinya Nursing Home Korumburra on February 6, 2023.

Dearly loved sister-in-law of Ethel and Arthur (dec.).

Loved aunt of Cheryl, Lyn and Jenny and families.

Loving memories are ours to keep.

HARLEY, Dorothy (Dorrie):

Dear sister-in-law of Frank (dec.) and Nancye.

Great Nanna to Elsie.

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Dear aunty of Graeme and Douglas.

My special memories were hearing you recite your "woolgathering" poem.

May God take you with a gentle hand and lead you to a peaceful land.

R.I.P.**HARLEY, Dorothy (Dorrie):**

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SMITH, Val:

Much loved sister and sister-in-law of Bill and Margaret. Reunited with Norm. Condolences to Kell, Buzz, Steven and Jamie and their families.

SMITH, Val:

06.02.2023.

Aunty Val,

Deep in our hearts you will always stay.

Loved and remembered every day.

Love always, Wayne, Debbie, Melissa, Sarah, and Brenton. "See you when we're looking at you".

SMITH, Valerie:

Dearly loved friend of Vera and Aldo. Aunty Val to Lisa, Ashley, and families. Years of fun, laughter, and happy times together with Val and Norm.

Cherished memories are ours forever.

Our love always to Steve, Jamie and Kelly, Bill, Marg and their families.

Together again.

So missed.

SMITH, Valerie:

Such beautiful memories of a loving Aunt that has been such a big part of our lives.

We will love and miss you always.

-- Kim, Dave, Josh, and Jack.

SMITH, Valerie Mary:

Val, I was so lucky and proud to call you my cousin.

You shared your love and beautiful caring nature with all our family, and we will treasure the wonderful memories that we hold.

Will miss you so much.

A beautiful life has come to an end. You died as you lived Val, everyone's friend.

-- Terri and Max (dec.), Darren, Shannon, Tania, Paul, and families.

Simply the best...

SMITH, Valerie:

Passed 06.02.2023.

Best friend of Vera and Richard (dec.).

Remembering the good times.

-- Vera, Shane, and Michelle.

DEATHS

SMITH, Valerie Mary:

Thank you Val, for 78 wonderful years of friendship.

We shared lots of laughter, tears, stories, and fun times, and they will remain in my heart forever.

My love to Steve, Jamie, and Kell.

Sleep peacefully Beetle.

-- Enid Cassels.

SMITH, Val:

You were not just our neighbour, you were a part of our family.

Always kind and caring, now reunited with Norm.

Love to Kelly, Steven, Jamie, and their families.

-- Diane and Bomber (dec.), Lany and Noel, Tiny and Bean, Shane and Michelle.

SMITH, Valerie (Val):

Passed away on 06.02.2023.

Very special friend of sixty years to Lorraine, Lex, Vicki, Greg, John, and Joel.

We will miss you greatly.

SPADAFORE, Antonio:

15.05.1965 - 12.02.2023.

Loving father of Sofia and friend of Liliya.

You will be sadly missed.

Thanks for all the memories.

TAFFE, Robert:

Robert (Bob) passed away peacefully at Koorooman House Leongatha on February 9, following a short illness, surrounded by loving family and friends.

The family would like to thank the district nurses, Chris Webster and Lesley Chisholm, the staff at palliative care Koorooman House and Leongatha Hospital.

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WHITE, Pearl:

05.03.1932 - 06.02.2023.

Passed away peacefully at South Gippsland Hospital Foster on Monday February 6, 2023, aged 90 years.

Cherished and loving wife of Trevor for 64 years.

Proud mother and mother-in-law of Merryn and Gary, Jennifer and Ian.

Adored and loving Gran of Nadine and Derek, Elyse and Todd, Lucy, and James.

Forever in our hearts, Promoted to Glory.

FUNERALS

DAVIS:

The Funeral Service for Mrs. Amy Margaret Davis will be held at Handley & Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi on Friday, February 17, 2023, commencing at 2pm. At the conclusion of the service the funeral will leave for the Kilcunda Cemetery.

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Funeral Prayers for Mrs. Teresa Gheller will be offered at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Korumburra Road, Wonthaggi next Tuesday February 21, 2023, commencing at 11am.

At the conclusion of Prayers, the funeral will leave for the Wonthaggi Cemetery.

The service will be live streamed go to www.handleyandersonfunerals.com.au

Handley & Anderson Wonthaggi 5672 1074

HARLEY:

A Funeral Service to Celebrate the Life of Mrs. Dorothy (Dorrie) Harley will be held at the Uniting Church, Bridge Street, Korumburra TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, February 15, 2023, commencing at 12pm.

Pearl's service will be live streamed. To view the service please go to www.handleyfuneralservices.com.au

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Salvation Army or Fight Parkinson's would be appreciated, envelopes available at the service.

Handley
Phone: (03) 5662 2717

FUNERALS

HUMPHREY:

A Memorial Service to Celebrate the Life of Mr Edward Greig (Greig) Humphrey will be held at the Ruby Public Hall, Dykes Road, Ruby on Thursday February 16, 2023, commencing 11am.

A Private Burial will precede the above Service.

'Garden flowers preferred'.

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MEMORIAL SERVICES

SLATTERY, Enid (Nene) Mary:

07.08.1926 - 30.12.2022.

Enid's family would like to invite those that knew and loved her to a Memorial Service to honour her and celebrate her long and full life.

1pm Thursday February 23, 2023, at the Showgrounds Amenities Complex, Sanders St., Korumburra.

Handley
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SOUTHERN, John (JS):

You are invited to celebrate the life of John Southern on Saturday March 4, 2023, 2-5pm, at "Harman Wines", 612 Korumburra-Inverloch Road, Wattlebank.

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BEREAVEMENT THANKS

SMITH:

Funeral Prayers for Mrs. Valerie Smith will be offered at Handley & Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi on Thursday February 16, 2023, commencing at 1:30pm.

At the conclusion of Prayers, the funeral will leave for the Wonthaggi Cemetery.

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KELLY:

The family of Walter (Toby) Kelly wish to thank all the people who attended his funeral and the beautiful cards, and all those who made a donation to Hillside for an outdoor seat.

Thank you for making his last day with us so memorable.

WHITE:

A Memorial Service to Celebrate the Life of Mrs. Pearl White will be held at the Salvation Army, 2 Long St, Leongatha TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY, February 15, 2023, commencing at 12pm.

Pearl's service will be live streamed. To view the service please go to www.handleyfuneralservices.com.au

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Salvation Army or Fight Parkinson's would be appreciated, envelopes available at the service.

Handley
Phone: (03) 5662 2717



HAY:

Small squares, this season, good quality, \$10 per bale, free delivery. Phone 5657 3291.

GARAGE SALES

NORTH WONTHAGGI:

31 Gordon Street, Saturday February 18, and Sunday February 19.

Starts 9am.

Moving house and downsizing.

Lots of household and kitchen items, garage, and garden items, knick knacks, modern and retro items, and lounge suite.

WONTHAGGI:

56 Turner Street, Saturday 18 February and Sunday 19 February.

9am - 3pm.

House clearance, everything must go.

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Mail:
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MEETINGS

W.D.L.P.A. Ladies Pool Assoc.

A.G.M.
Monday, Feb. 20

Wonthaggi
Workmen's Club
7.30pm

Must have min. of two reps
New members welcome

LBC1591

To place an advertisement on this page please call
5672 1888

SITUATIONS VACANT**ADVERTISERS PLEASE NOTE:**

Much hardship and difficulty is caused to jobseekers by misleading advertisements placed in the employment columns.

Our Positions Vacant / Situations Vacant columns are reserved for advertisements which carry a specific and genuine offer of employment.

Ads for 'Business Opportunities', 'Commission Only/Sales,' training courses and employment services should be submitted under those headings.

Placing misleading job ads is an offence against the ACL and all advertisements are subject to the publisher's approval. For further advice contact the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission on 1300 302 502 or Consumer Affairs Victoria.

EDNEY'S
LEONGATHA

RACV

After hours RACV road side service position

Edney's Leongatha are seeking an enthusiastic person to undertake after hours RACV break down service.

Applicant should be hands on, must be able to work alone & have sound mechanical knowledge to enable high customer service. This position is rostered and training will be given to the right applicant.

If this position suits you please email application & experience to:
service@edney.com.au
or call on 03 5662 2327 Nick McRae

LBC0725

MEETINGS

WALKERVILLE BLUE WATER BOATING AND ANGLING CLUB:
Annual General Meeting.
Friday, March 10, 2023, at 7pm.
Walkerville Community Hall
82 Bayside Dr, Walkerville 3956.

SITUATIONS VACANT

DAIRY FARMHAND / MILKER REQUIRED KONGWAK AREA:
Full time or part time, approx. 380 cows, 24 swing over, Contact Wayne 0473 814 356.

NEWSPAPER DELIVERY DRIVER:

We are seeking an early morning delivery driver to join the team.

Hours are 5am - 8am on a rotating roster.

Ideal for an early starter with own car.

Working from the Inverloch Newsagency.

Please call David on 0411 247 993 for further details.

POSTMAN WANTED:

Leongatha area. Motorcycle licence required.

Flexible hours. Phone: James 0491 128 776

RELIEF MILKER:

Leongatha area. Milking 330 cows - 18 a-side swingover.

Two people in shed. Phone 0448 409 418

To place an advertisement on this page please call
5672 1888

Employment

Complete jobs listing online
www.sgst.com.au



Salesperson

ACE Industrial is a Gippsland owned and operated business.

We are a major stockist of industrial hardware products including tools, fasteners, hydraulics, hose and fittings, bearings power transmission equipment and much more, and we're looking for an internal salesperson to join our team in our Leongatha store.

Your duties will include:

- Counter and phone sales
- Stock management, merchandising & warehousing
- Other reasonable tasks as required from time to time

To be successful you will have:

- A personable and friendly attitude
- Professional presentation
- A willingness to learn
- Current driver's licence
- Basic computer skills

It would be an advantage to have:

- Previous experience in a similar role or background in a related industry
- Mechanical aptitude
- Keen interest or understanding of tools and fasteners
- Forklift licence

Please send your resume and cover letter to manager@ace-industrial.com.au

LBC0775

Join Our Crew At Wonthaggi



Whether it's a first job, a job before the dream job, or the job that turns into a career. See what we can do for you. To apply to work in this restaurant use the QR code or visit apply.mcdonalds.com.au



LBO566

Part-Time Kinder Teacher & Part-Time Kinder Assistant

Cowes Primary School
Phillip Island Early Learning Centre

PIELC is a Sessional Kindergarten and Long Day Care Centre, with a rating of Exceeding the National Quality Standard. Our emphasis is on community-based and sustainable practices, child-led learning, inclusion and equality.

We are seeking a dedicated and caring individual to become part of our well-supported team,

- as a Kindergarten Teacher for 22.5 hours a week, starting in Term 2, 2023.
- as a Kindergarten Assistant for 18.75 hours a week, starting as soon as possible.

Copies of the Position Descriptions can be obtained from accounts@pielc.com.au.

Applications are to be emailed to karent@pielc.com.au by COB Friday, February 17.

PIELC is committed to Child Safety



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.

JEN19438



We're hiring

Catering Assistants Kitchen Hands

To apply, scan the QR code or email us!

- ✓ Casual role
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- ✓ Scenic local site
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Mathew.Herewane@compass-group.com.au



South Gippsland Hospital

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After Hours Coordinator

NM5D - 0.63 EFT
permanent part time

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Part time, fixed term leave replacement

Registered Nurse or RN Midwife or Enrolled Nurse

up to 1.0 EFT

Registered Nurse - Refresher Program

Opportunity to re-enter work in acute setting

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



PCA positions available (Must have experience)

Banfields Aged Care is part of a family-owned Australian Aged Care Group Pty Ltd (AACG), which prides itself on imagination and innovation in caring for the aged.

We are located at 192 Thompson Avenue, Cowes, Phillip Island a short stroll into town for the local beach and shops.

Set amongst beautiful landscaped grounds. Banfields Aged care is a 90-bed residential care facility which provides an extensive range of services.

As a PCA, your responsibilities will be to provide nursing care as directed by a Registered Nurse.

Casual and permanent part-time contracts are available for these positions.

Applicants must have a positive and professional work ethic with dedication and commitment to high quality care.

Essential criteria:

- Certificate III or IV in Aged Care.
- Current National Police Check.
- Demonstrated knowledge/ability in providing safe quality personal care to consumers and ensuring the rights of consumers are respected.
- Compassionate and empathetic person.
- Excellent communication skills - both written and verbal.
- Efficient time management skills.
- Must have flexible availability and be reliable.
- Ability to travel to Cowes on Phillip Island.
- Current evidence of influenza vaccination.
- Both COVID-19 Vaccinations.
- Current Victorian Drivers Licence.

What you can expect from us:

- A friendly, social & collaborative team
- A workplace that supports and values their staff
- Support from management and ongoing development and education opportunities

Desirable:

- Previous experience in Residential Aged Care.

We are a non-smoking facility.

If you believe you have the qualities and skills we are looking for please call:
the Acting Director of Care,
on (03) 5951 2500 or forward your resume to reception@banfields.com.au



WANTED CLEANERS

Holiday property cleaners needed for summer and ongoing periods including weekends. Must have ABN, own equipment and transport.

Please email expressions of interest to:
Karen McAlpine
Senior Property Manager
c-/invrentals@alexscott.com.au
Phone 5674 1602

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David Harris
EARTHMOVING

Excavator and Grader operators required

We are looking for experienced operators to join our team. These roles have potential to be full time, part time or flexible hours, with seasonal work available. Competitive rates/package for the right candidates. Based in Tarwin Lower.

Contact Dave on 0438 056 987

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STUDENT WELLBEING COORDINATOR

1xPosition - 38 hours (5 days) per week (contract position for 2023 school year)

Bass Coast College is seeking suitably qualified and/or experienced person to join its team in 2023 for the above position.

Applications need to be submitted via Recruitment Online <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/hrweb/careers/Pages/advacsSCH.aspx> or submitted directly to the College via email: bass.coast.co.wonthaggi@education.vic.gov.au

Applications close:
Sunday, February 19, 2023

For further information please contact Emily O'Brien (College Wellbeing Leader) Bass Coast College - 5611 4000

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FAMILY SERVICES PRACTITIONER

Full Time Ongoing based in Wonthaggi

The Anglicare Family Services Program provides a suite of services to vulnerable children, youth and families, including parenting support, case management and support to navigate the NDIS and other services. Many of these families have long histories of involvement with child protection and community agencies, and require flexible and innovative interventions to address their needs to support their safety and wellbeing. The Integrated Family Services team aim to increase the safety and wellbeing of children and young people, strengthen family relationships and dynamics and prevent children and young people from entering the Child Protection system. Family Services aims to support parents to ensure the social, emotional, educational, health and developmental needs for their children are met.

Enquiries: Josie Stubbe on (03) 5135 9555

Applications close: 5th March 2023

To view PD and application details, please visit careers on our website.

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BETTER
TOMORROW



Registered Nursing (RN) Staff and Endorsed Enrolled Nursing (EEN) staff required

Positions for permanent part time and casual shifts at Banfields Aged Care

Banfields Aged Care is part of a family-owned Australian Aged Care Group Pty Ltd (AACG), which prides itself on imagination and innovation in caring for the aged.

We are located at 192 Thompson Avenue, Cowes, a short stroll into town for the local beach and shops.

Set amongst beautiful landscaped grounds. Banfields Aged care is a 90 bed residential care facility which provides an extensive range of services.

We are seeking motivated and dedicated Registered Nurses and Endorsed Enrolled Nurses to be part of our team.

Your responsibilities will be to provide nursing care guided by the Director of Care including medication management, clinical practice and supervision, documentation, wound management, and palliative care;

The successful candidate will have:

- Registered Nurse qualifications and current AHPRA registration (RN only)
- Current registration with AHPRA as an Enrolled Nurse with medication endorsement (EEN only)
- Previous experience in residential aged care essential
- Ability to lead, motivate & educate staff.
- Strong communication skills.
- Current Police Check.
- Team player qualities.
- Current influenza vaccination.
- Three COVID-19 vaccinations.
- Current Victorian Drivers Licence.

We are a non-smoking facility.

If you believe you have the qualities and skills we are looking for please call reception on (03) 5951 2500 or forward your resume to reception@banfields.com.au

JA21253

Come Join Us!

Kitchenhand and wait staff required for a local restaurant in Foster.

Please call 0428 388 678 or 5682 1538 for all enquiries or email your resume to cgars@bigpond.com

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WE'RE HIRING

Leongatha Newsagency has a permanent position available for a Senior Retail / Tatts Assistant. Flexible Hours but Sat availability must

- ✓ Reliable
- ✓ Hard working
- ✓ Team Player
- ✓ Attention to detail
- ✓ Computer Skill Essential
- ✓ Tattslotto Knowledge would be an advantage

Send your resume to: admin@leongathanewsagency.com.au



HC/MC Truck Drivers

Leongatha

We currently have opportunities for experienced HC/MC Drivers based at Leongatha delivering to a number of areas across metro Melbourne and regional Victoria

Successful Applicants must:

- Hold a current HC/MC licence, ideally you will have a minimum of 12 months experience.
- Have a proven safe driving record
- Provide your current VicRoads licence history
- Have a high level of communication and customer service skills
- Pass a pre-employment medical (which includes a drug and alcohol test) and company induction
- Hold BFM accreditation or willing to obtain
- Have a valid forklift licence or willing to obtain.

If you enjoy operating modern equipment, are well presented, customer focused and willing to develop with a growing professional and safety focused company please apply through Seek - <https://www.seek.com.au/job/59823390>



There is a wonderful opportunity for volunteers to become a part of 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!

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Mechanic

Full time
 Located in Wonthaggi

Role includes: All aspect of vehicle maintenance required including the service of equipment and vehicles. Company vehicle included in salary.

Please send your resume to
accounts@wheelawaste.com
 PO Box 878, Wonthaggi 3995

WONTHAGGI AMCAL PHARMACY

Pharmacy Assistant Dispensary Technician

Part-time and full-time options

- Pharmacy assistant dispensary technician qualification preferred
- Excellent communication skills required
- Availability to work weekends
- Competent computer skills with patient-centred care essential

Applications close: Wednesday, March 1
 Forward resume attention Louise to
amcalfax@dcsi.net.au



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JUNIOR MATHEMATICS TEACHERS

Bass Coast College is seeking suitably qualified and/or experienced people to join its team in 2023 for the above positions.

Applications need to be submitted directly to the College via email:

bass.coast.co.wonthaggi@education.vic.gov.au
 For further information please contact Darren Parker (College Principal) Bass Coast College - 5611 4000

HR HELPERS CLEANING POSITION

available at HR helpers.

Looking for someone who is hard working, motivated, has attention to detail, and is willing to learn, to join our team.

Part time/casual, driver's licence and own vehicle, two references, current police check, must be double vaccinated.

Call 0447 422 868 or email
hannah@hrhelpers.com.au

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INTEGRATION AIDES

Part Time Positions
 (30 hours per week, Monday to Friday)

Bass Coast College is seeking suitably qualified and/or experienced people to join its team in 2023 for the above positions.

For further information please contact Nancy Crismanich - HR Manager (5611 4000)

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

Taxi Drivers wanted

Come join our friendly team!

South Coast Taxis is seeking Drivers to join our busy team. The positions would suit both those looking to earn some extra income or those looking for more a regular job. The shifts are available from both our Cowes and Wonthaggi Depots working the areas of Phillip Island, Wonthaggi or Leongatha with a mix of days, nights and weekends available.

The successful applicants must enjoy people, be experienced drivers and hold an appropriate driver's licence. The Taxi Driver Accreditation and WAV endorsement can be sourced easily.

Please phone 5951 4600 or send your resume to Brendan at:
operations@southcoastbus.com.au
 or post: PO Box 946, Cowes, 3922

Bass Coast Health

Current vacancies

Clinical Development Nurse - Learning & Development

Part Time - Closes 15/02/2023

Pharmacist

Permanent Part Time - Closes 28/02/2023

Medical Workforce Officer

Permanent Full Time/ Part Time

- Closes 03/03/2023

Oral Health Therapist - Dental

Permanent Full Time/ Part Time

- Closes 19/02/2023

Graduate Nurse

Permanent Full Time, Part Time

- Closes 03/03/2023

Registered Nurse - Acute

Permanent Full Time/Part Time/Casual

- Closes 26/02/2023

Registered Nurse - Sub Acute

Permanent Full Time - Closes 26/02/2023

Associate Nurse Unit Manager - Emergency

Permanent Part Time/ all hours considered

Registered Nurses - Urgent Care Centre

Permanent Full Time/Part Time

- Closes 03/03/2023

Registered Nurses - Emergency

Permanent Full Time/Part Time/Casual

- Closes 25/02/2023

To find out more about working at Bass Coast Health and to apply, visit the Careers page on our website or contact our HR team on

hr@basscoasthealth.org.au or 5671 3151



p 5671 3151
 e hr@basscoasthealth.org.au
 w www.basscoasthealth.org.au

Divided on Pioneer Street

SOUTH Gippsland Shire will reassess traffic flow arrangements following engagement for Pioneer Street, Foster.

Residents were encouraged to provide feedback on a proposed trial, which suggested converting a section of Pioneer Street to one-way in an effort to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety.

The proposed trial was in response to the opening of a new kindergarten on Pioneer Street by the Department of Education, and a request for assistance from Foster Primary School.

Results from the survey saw 56 per cent against the proposal and 44 per cent in support.

However, the engagement didn't produce as many results as expected which was likely due to the survey being released just prior to Christmas.

Many people who were not in support of the proposal did indicate that they were concerned about the increased traffic volumes, but were either not comfortable with the amount of detail provided or the solution proposed.

As a result of this feedback, Council will re-look at the traffic flow arrangements and will consult further with the primary school and kindergarten community as this feedback will be vital in assessing the safety of students moving forward.

Traffic counters have also been installed along Pioneer to get an accurate idea of traffic volumes now the school year has commenced.

Have a go at chess

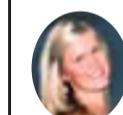
IF YOU are a chess player or would like to learn and improve your game then join Mitchell House in Murray Street, Wonthaggi on Mondays at 2pm.

They are a small group and need more players. They have novices as well as experts and some in between and would like to have players of all ages to join.

They can give you advice on internet tutorials and coaching methods. Please bring your own set.

Playing chess sharpens the mind and improves powers of concentration, keeping those little grey cells moving.

PUBLIC NOTICES



CARING FOR SAM'S CHILDREN

Please support the fundraiser for Sam Fraser's children, to help cover the cost of their care and education. To donate, go to gofund.me/b6e777cb, or search gofundme.com for "Caring for Sams Children".



GIPPSLAND SOUTHERN Health Service

30th Annual General Meeting

Members of the public are invited to attend the 30th Annual General Meeting of Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS).

The meeting will be held in person in the IPCC meeting rooms at our Leongatha Campus on

**Thursday, February 23, 2023
 commencing at 4pm**

GSHS Board Chair, Athina Georgiou, will report on the 30th year of operation of GSHS and release the Financial Statements for the year ended June 30, 2022. Followed by light refreshments.

If you wish to attend this meeting, please contact Kimberley Wickham, Executive Assistant/Board Secretary, via email at kimberley.wickham@gshs.com.au or on 03 5667 5504. RSVP is required to allow for effective COVID safety measures to be put in place.

MAINTENANCE / GROUNDSKEEPER

1xPosition – 30.4 hours
 (4 days) per week (ongoing position)

Bass Coast College is seeking suitably qualified and/or experienced person to join its team in 2023 for the above position. Applications need to be submitted via Recruitment Online <https://www.education.vic.gov.au/hrweb/careers/Pages/advacsSCH.aspx> or submitted directly to the College via email: bass.coast.co.wonthaggi@education.vic.gov.au

Applications close:
Monday, February 20, 2023
 For further information please contact Darren Parker (College Principal) Bass Coast College - 5611 4000

Motor Mechanic

Need a change!!!

Edney's of Leongatha is seeking a qualified motor mechanic to join its expanding Nissan/Hyundai dealership. The successful applicant will be given the latest dealership training throughout their employment while working in a friendly, modern environment.

You will also have the opportunity to expand your skills with RACV road service. A 4th year apprentice will be considered. **Come and join our team.**

Forward hand written applications to:
Edney's Leongatha
Attention: Nick McRae
PO Box 72, Leongatha 3953
service@edney.com.au

EDNEY'S LEONGATHA



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Change to Foster Show entries

THOSE looking forward to entering art, craft and cookery items in the Foster Show must deliver their creations to the showgrounds on Friday February 24, with judging to occur that evening ahead of the Saturday Show.

That breaks from the tradition of accepting entries on Show Day morning, with Show secretary Den Gilheany saying the change is to enable the exhibits shed to be open all day.

Previously, it has been closed until early afternoon for judging, which led to congestion when the doors opened.

People will now have more time and space to appreciate the exhibits, with less jostling for position.

While the exhibit shed will feature cookery and craft entries, works in the new creative arts section, including paintings, drawings and sculptures, will be displayed in the basketball stadium.

Entry forms must be received by Thursday February 23 and can be submitted online, by email at fostershow@gmail.com or dropped in the entry box at Foster Foodworks.

They can also be mailed to PO



The highly anticipated Foster Show is returning in late February.

Box 150, Foster, but be mindful of postal delivery timeframes.

Photography is another creative avenue for those wanting to be part of the Foster Show, with 20 categories in what is an entirely digital competition.

Photos will be displayed on large television screens, with entries needing to be submitted on a USB to Paragreen Real Estate in Foster by 5pm Friday February 17.

There'll be plenty to enter on Show Day, including a free pet parade for the kids and a Young Farmers Challenge for those aged 18 to 35.

In the latter, teams of four will battle it out in a mixture of practical farming tasks and various light-hearted competitions.

There's also a selection of Fashions on the Field categories, with entries taken on the day.

They are 'tiny tots' for those aged under five years, 'junior' for those between five and 16 years, 'best outfit', 'made by hand and/or sustainable materials', and 'locally sourced', with the latter requiring outfits purchased within a 50km radius of Foster Showgrounds.

Horse competition has been forced off the showgrounds this year due to weather-related delays in the oval upgrade.

All horse competition will be held at Bennison Recreation Reserve on Show Day, with action beginning at 8.30am and entries must be received by Thursday February 23.

Harness classes will not run in 2023 due to space restrictions.

Poultry, eggs and beef cattle competition can be entered on the day, with eggs to be judged in with chickens.

There is also a fancy dress contest for calves, which must be quiet and halter trained and able to be successfully led.

Working dog entries must be submitted through Beloka Kelpies in Welshpool, with a local section now added to categories for 'novice', 'encourage' and 'open'.



American blues legend Eric Bibb is stopping off at Meenian and Archies Creek.

Win Eric Bibb tickets for Archies Creek

SOUTH Gippsland is getting two helpings of master US bluesman Eric Bibb next month, at Meenian Hall for the Lyrebird Arts Council on Saturday, March 4 and at the Bass Coast music mecca, Archies Creek Hotel, on Sunday afternoon, March 6.

Both shows were sold out long ago, but the Sentinel-Times has two VIP Reserved Seats for Archies Creek (worth \$160) to give away to some lucky reader.

Simply send an email to ads@sgst.com.au nominating 'My best concert ever' and we'll pick out a winner from the entries.

The selected entry will be contacted and asked if they are able to attend and the winner's name will be published in the Tuesday, February 28 print edition of the South Gippsland Sentinel-Times.

The two local Eric Bibb dates are sandwiched in between performances at Launceston, Newcastle, Adelaide, Perth, Townsville, Byron Bay and Sydney; and the Port Fairy Folk Festival, all part of his worldwide Eric Bibb Riddin' Tour to all points including Australia, UK and Ireland.

But speaking to the Sentinel-Times yesterday, Mr Bibb said he is really looking forward to a return visit to the area.

"Hi folks, can't wait to greet old friends and meet new ones when I come to Archies Creek and the memorable Meenian Hall," he said after his performance date in Canberra.

"The tour so far has been a dream! Looking forward to the shows and some chill out time in fabled Gippsland. See you there! Eric."

If you want to be at Archies Creek Hotel, on Sunday afternoon, March 5 for one of Eric Bibb's local concerts, drop us a line to ads@sgst.com.au

Lots of free stuff for the kids at the Foster Show



There will be rides and showbags, but the Foster Show will have plenty of free stuff too.

cian will be doing the rounds all day, Blacksnake Productions Wildlife Display, an animal nursery, gardening workshops for the kids, and as well as the vintage tractor display, we'll also have a horse and cart ride for the kids.

"There's the popular pet pa-

rade and we've also got a young farmers' challenge broken into two age groups; the adults 18 to 30 and the kids 5-17. So, we'll see how that goes," said Denia.

There are lots of opportunities too for the kids in the Pavilion and Exhibition Shed including

best craft article by a junior, sewing and needlecraft, creative arts for kids in painting, drawing, sculpture and more with an overall 'Best Children's Art Exhibit', so still time for the schools to get in and support those sections with entries.

The Foster Show is just a great country show, in the true traditions of local shows, with everything from horses to cows and poultry to photography and plenty of fun too, like the 'Hay Bale Art' competition, but don't bring it in! The competition is free to entrants, with photos of hay bale art within a 35 km radius of the Foster Showgrounds.

And guess what? The Foster Show might just be one of the last places on the planet to see a real woodchop competition with the Central and South Gippsland Axemen's Association calling for entries, by February 17, for the Foster Show. As many will know, the supply of Mountain Ash is failing and with it, tragically, the fine, old art of woodchopping.

Cry with laughter this Thursday

"I CAN'T wait to get to Wonthaggi," comedian, Evan Hocking said.

"I love getting out to regional places because a lot of the blokes remind me of my dad. He's an old school guy who can't throw anything away, he's got 3 lawnmowers.

"Apparently, he's starting his own Jim's Mowing Franchise. Mum and Dad will never get divorced because dad can't get rid of anything."

The "Gotta Laugh Comedy Show" is back after a sell-out show in 2022 on Thursday February 16 at The Caledonian Hotel in Wonthaggi.

The show will be headlined by legendary Australian comedian Anthony "Lehmo" Lehmann who will be joined by host Evan and support from Billy Stiles.

Lehmo has been performing comedy for over 20 years and has toured Australia and Worldwide to sell out shows.

He has appeared on numerous TV shows including hosting

the Footy Show, Utopia on ABC, Fox Sports "The Beep Test" and has popped up on The Project, Hughesy - We Have a Problem and Have You Been Paying Attention?, to name but a few. He is a regular at local private functions and on the corporate comedy circuit. He also briefly held the world record for jokes in one hour, 549!

Joining Lehmo will be popular Melbourne comedians Evan Hocking and Billy Stiles, both very sought after on the comedy circuit performing most nights at some of Melbourne's most popular venues and regularly touring Australia to sell-out crowds.

Limited tickets remain so get on board, tickets start from \$30 show only or dinner and show from \$65.

Tickets can be booked on eventbrite.com, over the bar at The Cally or call 5605 0322. Note it is an 18+ event. Show starts 7.30pm be early to get a good spot!



Lehmo will be joined by Evan Hocking and Billy Stiles this Thursday at The Caledonian.



Tightlines



Red hot session on the Southern Bluefin Tuna last week in Cape Paterson. Photo: Amanda Keilar (@fishing_nanna)

Around the Bay

THIS time of the year always brings inconsistency in the reports with many back at work, school going back and the pile of bills from Christmas building up on the kitchen table so plenty of other things to keep people busy.

There is always that group though that find the time or have the spare time to head out for a fish and that's where our reports are coming from.

There are two types of customers around at the moment those chasing tuna and those not, with those chasing the bigger group.

The tuna reports haven't changed a whole lot as to the where and with what and while I could spend half a page telling you where they were, tomorrow it will be different. The same goes for lure type and colour so the best thing you can do is give us a yell the day before you are heading out and we can give you the most up to date info. Kingfish have gone a little quiet and we have only had the odd one reported of late. Flathead have been good, not huge but plentiful that is if you can get past the couta, just keep moving to find a spot without them.

I have been reading back over last year's reports and notes and how different this year's is for us, although almost as hectic though.

For those not into the tuna, or just had enough of them there are plenty of fish to be caught in the bay.

Whiting just don't seem to be running out although the reports we are getting now are fish of all sizes and even several that are under size.

The best areas lately have been off Rhyll still, both deep and shallow but we are seeing a return to the good numbers from in Dickies Bay as well.

A few kayak customers are finding them off the

With Jim's Bait and Tackle

Ventnor in the evening, but all are telling us that below the bridge in Cleeland Bight is a bit quiet still.

We have had a handful of reports from tortoise head, long point and Elizabeth Island as well. Prawns, pipis, mussel squid and pilchard all working.

Not a lot in the way of snapper, plenty of pinkies and no shortage of the very small ones there just to keep me in business with bait sales.

You will get on to a patch of better pinkies, up around the high 30cm, eventually but they are hard to find and from the reports you will need to be out until the sun goes down.

It's difficult to give the best spot for the better ones because every report we get is in a different spot in the bay so it's just a bit of luck.

The baits are consistent though with squid winning easily followed by pilchards and saurys.

Gummies are getting a bit of a reprieve in the bay with most of my customers that chase them in the bay out chasing tuna offshore.

We have had a few smaller ones reported and from the usual spots around Elizabeth Island and Gardners channel and probably more than a 100 of very small pups from across the corals.

The best of the land based has been those chasing whiting with some good reports from Ventnor, the boat ramp at Rhyll and boys home road.

Calamari have been up and down all season and not really kicked off from anywhere.

We are getting reports from all the usual land based spots, beaches and jetties and they are being caught just nothing like we would expect to see, the boats aren't doing a whole lot better either.

SPORTS

How Arryn Siposs nearly missed the Superbowl

FORMER St Kilda, Williamstown and almost Wonthaggi Power forward, Arryn Siposs, 30, is nothing if not true to his word.

Having signed a contract with Power, to play and assist with coaching for the princely sum of \$20,000, ahead of the 2018 season, he told the club he was prepared to honour the deal, even after being offered a scholarship as a punter at Auburn University, in Alabama, one of the South's largest universities.

Ultimately, Power released him and the rest, as they say, is history, quite literally.

Siposs played in yesterday's Superbowl and had an unfortunate role in making Superbowl history when his 66-yard punt, during the fourth quarter, was picked up by Skyy Moore for the longest return in an NFL final, setting up the Kansas City Chiefs for victory.

Power President Peter Liddle recalls what happened back in 2018.

"He came down for the interview and said he had tried out for a punting scholarship in the US but didn't expect to get it and was ready to go for us," said Peter Liddle.

"He came down a few times and trained with us and two weeks later got the call from America.

"He stopped training but still came down and watched our first two games, including the one against Leongatha.

"He wasn't sure what to do but I spoke to him and said it was the opportunity of a lifetime, and he had to go.

"It was bad luck for us but good luck for him. We wished him well and still do," said Liddle.

Siposs had a stellar two years at Auburn University, so much so that he nominated for the NFL draft after just two years at college, instead of three. He had a stint at Detroit as an undrafted free agent and then moved to the Philadelphia Eagles, for whom he first played in 2021.

He was at risk of missing the big dance after a possible season-ending ankle injury in December but fought his way back in time.

But, at the time he was signed to Wonthaggi Power, the club badly needed a lift.

After playing off against Morwell in the 2014 Gippsland League grand

final, they finished fourth (2015), seventh (2016) and eighth (2017) and hoped to arrest the slide by signing the 189cm former St Kilda player, and attracting a few others to start the climb again.

His signing was universally acclaimed, by Power supporters and opponents alike, creating quite a buzz in November 2017 when the recruiting coup was announced.

Most called it a "good signing", some said it was "huge" and even enigmatic Maffra full forward Daniel Bedggood conceded Siposs would be "handy".

But it wasn't to be. Siposs sailed off into a new NFL dawn and the Power, it must be said, went the other way, finishing last in 2018, beaten twice by Leongatha and suffering a couple of fearful drubbings at the hands of Maffra and Sale that year.

"It's been quite a journey," Siposs told SEN last week. "It's spanned over 12 years from being in the AFL as a 17-year-old to being delisted at 22 and not sure how it would pan out."

Siposs' Aussie connections were mentioned several times in the Superbowl call.

Longboarding is making a comeback

THE Cat Bay Classic longboard competition was held on Saturday, February 11, at Cape Woolamai in somewhat perfect longboard conditions.

The event was sold out with some 60 competitors, unfortunately, the conditions didn't line up for Cat Bay, but how fortunate that competitors can simply head to the other side of the Island and find great conditions at Cape Woolamai.

The Cat Bay Classic is a key event on the Festival of Surfing calendar celebrating 60 years of club surfing and is proudly sponsored by the Bass Coast Shire Council. The event included three divisions, Logger Open Men, Women and Masters (over 45 mixed) and junior competitors surfed in the open divisions.

Geoff Russell PIB Vice President said, "we were a bit flexible on this for our junior surfers, but when it came to the open divisions, we penalised a few competitors who surfed a performance-style board and prevented them from surfing it for a second time."

Longboarding is making a comeback, especially among women, the traditional form of surfing requires a smooth-flowing technique, style, flow, and grace, including cross-stepping, full use of the board with clean footwork, stalling, trimming, fade take-offs, drop knee turns, surfing switch and nose riding showing off the popular hang five and 10.

This year the major prize was again sponsored by Flock Surfboards and the prize went to the Open Women surfer Jess Laing, who showed the crowd a few smooth moves.

In the Open Men division, previous



Open Men Longboard final – Tom, Andy B, Tate, and Andy M.

state and national champ Andrew Burgan took out the final, but he had to work for it with current Victorian Junior Longboard title holder Tate Russell and Club Captain Andy McHenry hot on his tail.

There were several other regular supporters of the longboard event, including Girls on Board, Rip Curl Phillip Island, Bang Bang Coastal Native artworks, Balanced Health, Pottery by Jerrie, Archi Sign, and there were some cute handmade key rings from junior member Scarlett Rennie.

The raffle was very popular with Bob's Box of veggies up for grabs, and Cape Woolamai surfer Kelly McDonald was the lucky winner.

"It's been an epic month of surfing and we're not done yet, on Sunday, many of us supported the Disabled Surfers Association at Smiths Beach and spent most of Sunday in the water supporting people with all types of disabilities to catch a few waves, this is such an awesome initiative, and the organisers should be commended for their efforts," said Geoff.

"Midweek we are providing the community with the opportunity to attend a free surfers rescue course and learn CPR and Board rescue techniques from the Surfing Victoria team, and then next week we have a twin fin event. On February 25, we will host the Cutback Festival - a mini music festival to celebrate 60 years of Club Surfing, this is a family-friendly event open to everyone."

Results:

Open Men finalists

Andrew Burgan 10.56, 2 Tate Russell 8.6, 3 Andrew McHenry 7.97, 4 Tom Fashey 7.24

Open Women finalists

1 Jess Laing 11.33, 2 Nala Jitdamrong 8.20, 3 Shannon Degering 5.5, 4 Jacquie Chambers 5.16

Masters (over 45) finalists

1 Mark Letts 9.27, 2 Gary Wells 6.17, 3 Natalie Van Der Heyden 5.90, 4 Geoff Russell 5.57, 5 Hippo 4.73, 6 Helen Kelly 1.03

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
February 14

6.06am
1.49m
12.07pm
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6.55pm
1.47m

WEDNESDAY
February 15

12.25am
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12.43pm
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7.45pm
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THURSDAY
February 16

1.06am
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1.24pm
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8.45pm
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FRIDAY
February 17

1.52am
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8.00am
1.35m
2.13pm
0.27m
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SATURDAY
February 18

2.49am
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9.01am
1.30m
3.16pm
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11.11pm
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SUNDAY
February 19

4.04am
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1.27m
4.38pm
0.31m

MONDAY
February 20

12.24am
1.42m
5.32am
0.85m
11.55am
1.29m
6.05pm
0.30m

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FOSTER**Ladies**

FOSTER Ladies first par round for the year. Thank you to Michelle Sait-Bennett for sponsoring the day and supplying the Raffle.

A Grade Jan Best (23) -1, B Grade Rae Knee (27) +2, BDTL: Di Walker (27) -1, Geraldine Sinclair (27) -2 CB, 9 hole Comp. Frances McGlead 19 pts, Raffle winner Trudy Prue.

Next week February 22. Round of the singles knockout/stableford.

KORUMBURRA

WINNERS last week: Men's Competition. Tuesday, February 7

Stableford (38 Players), A Grade: John Payne (8) 41 Points, B Grade: Kevin Pope (21) 38 C/B, NTPs: 1st Tim Fowles, 7th Chris Clements, 10th Athol Worthy and 13th Roland Rees

Thursday, February 9

Stableford (21 Players), Winner: Noel Ladgrove (14) 39 Points, NTPs: 1st Chris Clements, 7th Craig Kerr, 10th Noel Ladgrove, 13th Russell Fields

Saturday, February 11

Monthly Medal: Sponsor Harland Rendering, Winner: Jai Van Dyk (27) 63 Nett, A Grade: Roy Fleming (8) 67 Nett, B Grade: Shane Pouw (14) 68 Nett, C Grade: Jai Van Dyk (27) 63 Nett

Scratch Winner: Steve Bromby 73 off the stick, NTPs: 1st Steve Duffield, 7th Peter Hislop, 10th Billy Wrigley and 13th Ian Gibson.

Ladies

OPENING Day was held last Wednesday week and the club is very appreciative to Parry's Gift Store in Korumburra for the generous sponsorship for this annual event.

The winning group included Julie Cole, who played in Beginners Day, Merrissa Cosson and Chris Rickard. Runners-up were Barb Twite, Trudy Mantell and Trudy Olden. NTP's went to Diarne Maskell, 1st, Merrissa, 7th and 10th and Julie Brannaghan, 13th.

Last week was the first round of the Women's Club Championships and the club relayed a big thank you to Terry White Chemmart for their on-going support and to Ailu, who presented the wonderful array of trophies.

For the daily event, A Grade was won by Judy Webb (22) 72 net and runner-up was Lee Clements (20) 74 net.

Chris Rickard (27) won B Grade and the February Monthly Medal, with 69 net and Julie Hillberg (23) was runner-up, 72 net. Marg Harper (38) was C Grade's winner, 74 net and Pam Evers (39) was next best, 75 net.

BDTL went to Kerri Besley (17), Lyn McIvor (19), Merrissa Cosson (13), all with 75 net and Betty Thomson (40), 76 net on a c/b.

Merrissa was the Scratch Score winner with 88. Johanna van den Heiligenberg was NTP on the 1st and 10th greens.

Betty Thomson and Johanna won Twilight, 25 pts and Don Olden and Merrissa were NTP on the 1st.

Eight of our members enjoyed being part of the SGGInc Maree Anderson 4BBB Opening Day at Wonthaggi on Friday.

Julie Hillberg (22) won A Grade on Sat, 41 pts and Merrissa Cosson (13) was runner-up, 36 pts. Well done to one of our newer members, Maree Wittingslow



Leongatha Club Championship winners (back row) Beau Elkin - Junior Champion, Richard Harper - D Grade Champion, Daniel Carcour - B Grade Champion, Michael Thomas - Overall Men's Club Champion Trevor Rickard - Seniors Champion, Jeff Brewer - C Grade & RE Cameron Champion. (Front row) Trish Owen - Seniors & B Grade Champion, Robin Smith - C Grade Champion, Rebecca Thomas - Overall Women's Club Champion, Karen Murchie - DM Stubbs Champion, Delia Perry - D Grade Champion.

(54) who won B Grade, 34 pts.

Chris Rickard (26) was runner-up, 33 pts on a c/b. Place getters were Judy Webb (21) 36 pts and Lyn McIvor (19) 36 pts. NTP's were Aliesha Wrigley, 1st and Merrissa, 13th.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY 4BBB Par February 7. On Tuesday 59 members/guests played in a 4BBB Par Round.

Overall winner: Ken Lay and John Ryan with a score of +13

Runners-up: Andrew Smith & Michael Westaway with a score of +11

Thursday Stableford February 9. On Thursday we had an excellent turnout with 101 members/guests play in the Stableford 9am Shotgun start event.

A-Grade Winner: Doug Clemann with 38 points on a count-back, A-Grade runner-up: Anthony Gedye with 38 points

B-Grade Winner: Fred De Bondt with 39 points on a count-back, B-Grade runner-up: Jeffrey Brewer with 39 points

C-Grade Winner: Callum McCaughan with 41 points, C-Grade runner-up: Donald Smith with 39 points

D-Grade Winner: William Howson with 43 points, D-Grade runner-up: Peter Waters with 42 points

NTP 14th: Cameron Harwood at 1.65m, NTP 16th: Christopher Leaver at 3.10m

Club Championships second Round Stroke Event February 11.

On Saturday 104 members/guests played in sublime conditions during the 2nd Stroke round of the LGC club championships.

A-Grade Winner: Christopher Leaver with 66 Nett, A-Grade runner-up: Michael Westaway with 68 Nett

B-Grade Winner: Daniel Carcour with 68 Nett, B-Grade runner-up: Derek Jury with 70 Nett

C-Grade Winner: John Moor with 69 Nett, C-Grade runner-up: Timothy Hogan with 70 Nett

D-Grade Stableford Winner: Richard Harper with 45 Points, D-Grade Stableford runner-up: Ben Chapman with 37 Points

NTP 14: Phil Douglass .73m, NTP 16: Daniel Yeap & Angus Hume with 1.91m

2023 Club Championships Winners

Well done to all those who competed in our 2023 Club Championships and a big congratulations to all those who won their respective grades.

2023 Men's Club Champion: Michael Thomas, 2023 Men's B-Grade Champion: Daniel

Carcour, 2023 Men's C-Grade Champion: Jeffery Brewer, 2023 Men's D-Grade Champion: Richard Harper, 2023 Men's Senior Scratch Champion: Trevor Rickard, 2023 Men's R E Cameron Nett Champion: Jeffery Brewer, 2023 Junior Club Champion: Beau Elkin

2023 Women's Club Champion: Rebecca Thomas, 2023 Women's B-Grade Champion: Patricia Owen, 2023 Women's C-Grade Champion: Robin Smith, 2023 Women's D-Grade Champion: Delia Perry, 2023 Women's Senior Scratch Champion: Patricia Owen, 2023 Women's D M Stubbs Best Nett Champion: Karen Murchie

Women's Club Championships Final Round February 12.

The final round of the Men's and Women's Club Championships was played last Sunday. Three of the four grades in the women's event were very closely contested.

The ultimate prize for all golfers is to win the Club Championship. Rebecca Thomas handled this with finesse winning her 14th consecutive Championship. A great achievement.

There were only a few shots separating the B Grade finalist with Trish Owen just pipping Bev Reinhard for the prize. The C Grade Championship was won by a relatively new player and very excited Robin Smith, with Ev Indian runner up. And, an even newer player to golf, Delia Perry took out the D Grade Stableford Championship with a final round of 41 points. This also won her the day event sponsored by the Esplanade Hotel. The runner up in D Grade was Karen Murchie.

The D. M. Stubbs Trophy, the player with the best nett score for the three rounds of the Championship was won by another very excited player Karen Murchie. The Senior Trophy was won by Trish Owen.

Ladies

THIRTY-TWO women competed in the second round of the championships. A further 17 elected to play in the 9 hole competition.

Maryanne Gartner had an excellent 96/71 to win A Grade, and Karen Murchie 109/70 won B Grade. A couple of handicap reductions for these two players. Karen de Groot had the best score in D Grade with 36 stableford points.

Down the line balls went to: Glenys McRobert 71 nett, Robin Smith 75, Mel Willder and Colleen Touzel 76, Bev Reinhard 77 and Vicki Milner 78 nett.

Fay Quilford was closest to the flag on the 16th.

Jan Brownlie had 16 points to narrowly win the 9 hole competition from Noreen Williams 16, Trish Miller 16, Paula Cross 15 and Debbie Kilpatrick 14 points.

MEENIYAN**Ladies**

ON WEDNESDAY 8, we held our Opening Day for the 2023 season with 18 ladies attending.

The weather was fine and we played Canadian Foursomes incorporating 2 new players Barb Boag and Jan McCrystal. Sponsor for the day was Lyn Jennison.

The winners were Sheila Constantine (18) and Jo Graeme (30), 94-18-76 nett, R/up: Veronica Park (16) and Gail Browne (43), 104-221/8 - 817/8 nett, BDL: Irene Holm and Jenny Cope, 83.375, Heather Poletti and Pam Erving, 83.5, Dot Christie and Louise Vuillerman 84.

Trophies for the Summer competition were also presented and a lovely shared lunch followed and enjoyed by all. Next week is stableford.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY February 9, Stableford.

A Grade: N Rutledge (11) 38pts, B Grade: D Taylor (24) 40pts c/b, DTL: S Hill-Smith 40, J Mc Farlane 37, S Beitz, R Thompson 36, NTP: 6th J Mc Farlane, 16th N Whichello, Birdies: 6th T Bradshaw, T Tomada, J Mc Farlane, 16th N Baker.

Saturday Kev Mc Cartin Memorial Day, Mixed Foursome

Winner: J & D Kidd 76.5 c/b, Runner Up: R & M Thompson 76.5, Stableford overflow, A Grade: R Scurlock (11) 39pts, B Grade: R Robbins, (17) 38pts, DTL: P Cummaudo, P Smart 37, T Bradshaw 35, R Hoskin 34 c/b.

WONTHAGGI

MEN'S February 11, S.R 72.

Competition type: Stroke second Round Championships

A Grade: Stephen Judd 65, B Grade: Ross Lovett 66, C Grade:

Kevin Loughran 64, Eagles: Michael Scott 7th, Ian Baker 1st, NTPs: Michael Scott 2nd, Glen Rielly 4th, Daniel Crellin propin 8th, Kevin Jamieson 13th, John Walsh money hole 17th.

Men's results February 9.

Competition type: Stableford 18 Hole, SR. 71, Winner: Jonathan Burge 43, Runner up: Peter Magnusson 40

Competition type: Stableford Front 9 hole, SR. 34.5, Winner: Alan Anstey 21, Runner Up: Paul Cornelis 18

Club Championships finals Sunday, February 19.

Open 36 holes match play.

9am and 1pm: Michael Scott vs Ian Baker.

A Minor: 18 Holes match play.

12.20pm Stephen Kane vs Alex Geyer, B Grade 18 holes match play, 11am Gary Kirk vs Andrew Hooton-Shandley, C Grade 18 holes match play, 11.16am Kevin Loughran vs Peter Liddle, D Grade 18 holes match play, 11.30am Lindsay Smith vs Gary Lock.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY saw 26 ladies play Stableford with lots of great scores.

The best score on the day was B Grade winner Pam Hanley (32) 39 points, A Grade was won by Yvonne Everitt (21) 37 points and C Grade was won by Simone Lindsay (41) 37 points. Lots of handicaps are on the downward trend.

WOORAYL**Ladies**

THERE was another good field for the first round of the Tony McLeod Memorial Stableford Aggregate on Wednesday February 8.

The A Grade winner was Sharyn Rayson (14) 36 pts with the round of the day going to our B Grade winner Kath Davis (34) 37. Down the line balls went to Heather Sullivan (20) 35 pts and Bev Bridge (34) 34 pts.

Best nine out Ann Poole.

Nearest the pin on the 8th and 11th Sharyn Rayson and 17th Janet Thompson.

Notable moments were Gobblers to Jo Fennell 2nd, Jenny Riseley 4th and Ann Poole 18th, Birdie to Sharyn Rayson 18th.

SGGI Women's Golf Report for the event held on Friday, February 10.

A beautiful Summer's day greeted the 80 player field for the women's South Gippsland Golf Maree Anderson Opening Day 4BBB event held at Wonthaggi Golf Club on Friday February 10.

SGGI Life Member Anne Walker spoke on behalf of the Anderson family in paying tribute to her dear friend Maree Anderson, who passed away in 2021 and which the event is now named after.

The A Grade winners were the Phillip Island pairing of Lesley Meadowcroft/Vicki Roff-Smith 44pts with the B Grade winners of Fay Quilford/Bronwyn Debenham (Leongatha) having the best score of the day with 46pts. Cheryl White/Karen Green from Phillip Island, were runners up in A Grade with 43 points, and the Wonthaggi combination of Carole Sartori/Catherine Bolding, were runners up in B Grade carding 45 points.

Nearest the pins went to - 2nd Anne Heyward (Foster), 4th Di Fraser (Lang Lang), 8th Rae Knee (Foster), 13th Wendy Parker (Leongatha), 17th Barb Warren (Foster)

Down the line balls were won by 44pts Robyn Wilkinson/Betty Bowmar (Wonthaggi), Bev Bridge/Janet Thompson (Woorayl), 42pts Heather Sullivan/Eddy Berryman, Jan Trease/Sheila Constantine, 41pts Anne Poulton/Wendy Cross (Wonthaggi), Karen de Groot/Karen Murchie (Leongatha), Marg Frith/Alice Schofield (Phillip Island), Anne Heyward/Trudi Prue (Foster), 40pts Robin Smith/Trish Owen, Jane Sellenger/Michelle Davey (Phillip Island), Pam Hanley/Pam Russell (Wonthaggi)

A reminder to that the next district event, will be the SGGI Women's Bowl at Welshpool Golf Club, on Friday March 3.

Leongatha 'Legends' recognised

LEONGATHA can lay claim to half the new Country Week Legends announced by Tennis Victoria to mark the start of its 2023 Country Week competition.

Frank Dekker

Frank Dekker started playing Country Week tennis as a sprightly 19-year-old in 1987 and since then has only missed two events.

He has been in many finals during that time and featured in the winning B1 team in the year 2000, also being part of Leongatha's B2 premiership outfit in 2017.

Frank has fond memories of those wins.

"It was an upset against Traralgon, which was the top side because we just made the finals," he said of the B1 triumph.

"That was pretty special and a big ride home from Swan Hill," Frank said, recalling the exploits of teammates Greg Marshman and Frank's fellow new Legend Neil Langstaff in winning a doubles set, 8 games to love, to get Leongatha over the line by a few games.

The B2 triumph occurred in Yarrawonga, scene of this year's Country Week, with Leongatha comfortably defeating Mt Prospect in the final.

Frank loves the social aspect



New Country Week Legends Neil Langstaff (Leongatha), Georgina Parker (Mt Prospect), Carmel Wileman (Mooroopna) and Frank Dekker (Leongatha) are honoured at the start of this year's event.

of Country Week just as much as the competitive element.

"We come up here to try to win but to enjoy ourselves as well," Frank said.

He is a community minded person who strongly believes local sport forms the pillars of rural and regional communities.

Frank is proud to be honoured as a Country Week Legend and is delighted to see young people, including his daughters, carrying on the event's success.

He expressed his appreciation to those daughters, Simone and Evie, for nominating him for the honour.

When Frank spoke to the *Sentinel-Times* on Monday he was getting set for on-court action against Devon Meadows, with a clash with Port Macquarie to follow.

Neil Langstaff

Neil Langstaff is currently enjoying playing in his 27th consecutive Country Week tennis tournament, with his C3 side having an unassailable lead over Pyramid Hill when he chatted to the *Sentinel-Times* about his new Country Week Legend status.

Country Week is a family affair

these days, with Neil's son Joel and grandson Zac among his C3 teammates.

Featuring in a C3 premiership with Joel and Zac last year, defeating Ballarat, was one of Neil's Country week highlights.

Wife Jude plays in Country Week too, with her team triumphing last year.

Neil was delighted to be named as a Country Week Legend alongside mate Frank, with whom he has played a lot of tennis.

"I was shocked and it's a great honour, and it's terrific to share it with him," Neil said.

Neil spoke of the large contingent representing Leongatha in Yarrawonga during the current Country Week that runs until Friday.

"I think we've got about 10 teams under the Leongatha banner this year," he said.

Neil gave credit to the Leongatha businesses that support those teams and enable them to be decked out in eye-catching and identifiable outfits, with the Leongatha teams resplendent in smart navy blue and yellow this year.

The sponsors list is an extensive one, comprising Leongatha RSL, Edney's Leongatha, S.A.F.E Scaffolding, Burchell Panels, Leongatha Garden Services, Suck it Up, and DTL Lineworks.

Alambee Mirboo & District Tennis Association results

WESTERNPORT won the men's sets and Korumburra won the ladies in Section 1 this week. Westernport were up by 5 games before the mixed and won the day by 6 games. Koonwarra v Leongatha North went Koonwarra's way.

Ladies were the winners for Koonwarra and made the difference in the end. Warren Littlejohn would be pleased winning his three sets.

Evie Dekker is having a good season winning her three sets again this week.

Outtrim were winners over Baromi.

Five of the sets were 8/6 with Outtrim winning all five. Leongatha Green and Gold played the local derby. Green won the men's sets with three generations of Langstaff's all playing together.

Gold levelled the card winning all the ladies sets. Susan Clark only lost 4 games for the day – quite an impressive statistic in a Section that is so close.

Positions in the top four in Section 2 changing nearly every week.

No play next week due to Country Week. Good luck to all those who are making the trip.

Section 1 results

Westernport 5.56 defeated Korumburra 4.50, Koonwarra 5.57 defeated Leongatha North 4.44, Inverloch BYE

Ladder

Inverloch 112.5, Westernport 90.5, Koonwarra 65.5, Leongatha North 60.5, Korumburra 57

Section 2 results

Leongatha Gold 5.57 defeated Leongatha Green 4.43, Outtrim 6.62 defeated 3.58, Korumburra BYE

Ladder

Outtrim 91.5, Leongatha Gold 83.5, Korumburra 83, Baromi 78, Leongatha Green 48

Mirboo North & District Junior Tennis Association

RESULTS and Ladders from Round 12.

A Grade results:

Fish Creek 5 sets and 33 games defeated Leongatha Kyrigos 1 set and 15 games Baromi 6 sets and 36 games defeated Leongatha Federer 0 sets and 16 games. Leongatha Nadal 5 sets ad 32 games defeated Mardan 1 set and 11 games.

A Grade Ladder:

Leongatha Nadal 59.5, Baromi 52.5, Fish Creek 44, Leongatha Federer 40.5, Leongatha Kyrigos 34, Mardan 18.5

B Grade results:

Fish Creek, 4 sets and 32 games defeated Leongatha, 2 sets and 22 games. Baromi 5 sets and 36 games defeated Mardan 1 set and 20 games.

B Grade Ladder:

Baromi 56, Fish Creek 55.6, Leongatha 33.5, Mardan 22

C Grade:

Leongatha Tomijanovic defeated Baromi 4 sets, 18 games to 2 sets and 16 games. Leongatha Swaitek 5 sets and 23 games defeated Fish Creek 1 set and 12 games. Leongatha Saville 5 sets and 22 games defeated Mardan 3 sets and 18 games.

C Grade Ladder:

Leongatha Swaitek 74, Baromi 70, Leongatha Saville 51.5, Fish Creek 49.5, Leongatha Tomijanovic 43, Mardan 35

Surfers safeguarding the beach across Victoria

SURFERS across Victoria are set to help keep the beaches safe this summer with the Surfers Rescue 24/7 Program training local surfers on life-saving techniques.

The program has been running since 2019 and has had over 3000 surfers enhance their knowledge and educate themselves in life-saving board rescue and CPR techniques.

Surfing Victoria CEO Adam Robertson said surfers are at the beach all year round at frequent non-patrolled locations such Forrest Caves, Cape Woolamai, and many other sites across Phillip Island and by training up surfers in lifesaving techniques, we are increasing the level of beach users who can assist in emergency situations and ultimately save lives.

"Surf Life Saving Australia noted in their annual coastal safety report that 49% of drownings happen more than 5km away from a life-saving

service," said Adam.

Two free surfers rescue courses are available locally during the Festival of Surfing, running on Wednesday, February 15 and Thursday, February 16.

Surfers who complete the course are trained in how to spot a person who may be in trouble in the water and ultimately rescue that person using their readily available floatation device - such as a surfboard and perform CPR.

All courses are led by professional First Aid and Water Safety instructors at the Phillip Island Boardriders Club Rooms in Newhaven, but limited spaces are available, so register today.

Registrations are open via www.surfingvic.com/surfers-rescue-24-7

Surfers Rescue 24/7 is an initiative of Surfing Victoria and is supported by the Victoria Government and Emergency Management Victoria.



Surfers Rescue courses hosted by the Phillip Island Boardriders Club in partnership with Surfing Victoria.



Surfing Victoria's water safety program is a free board rescue and CPR available during the festival of surfing on Phillip Island.

Safety for an inclusive community at Venus Bay

IT IS not often that a lifesaving club is on the giving end of funds or equipment, but Venus Bay Surf Life Saving Club had the opportunity to gift their mobility chair to Interchange Gippsland.

Nippers parent Kristie McInerney personally fundraised to purchase the mobility chair to allow users easier beach access, but due to the heavy weather conditions at Venus Bay surf beach the safety of the community came first, and the chair was kindly gifted to the community organisation that are proactive in

encouraging an inclusive society - one that provides choice to those with a disability.

"The stability of the chair made it impractical for use in the strong waves down in Venus Bay unfortunately, so I saw the need for the mobility chair for Interchange Gippsland and decided to give back to the community," said Kristie.

"I managed to raise the funds for the mobility chair with thanks to the generosity of the local businesses, and by donating the chair to another organisation, users will be

able to try it in calmer waters at Wonthaggi and surrounds – it's a positive outcome for the local community."

Life member and active patrolling member of the Venus Bay SLSC Simonetta Seri said although disappointed we couldn't utilise the chair for Venus Bay community and visitors, we're delighted that another community group will benefit from Kristie's work.

Monica Pound, manager of support services – service delivery at Interchange Gippsland, said we are so

thankful for the generous donation from the SLSC, this is fantastic for the community as it can be used between all our groups including, Morwell, Wonthaggi, and Bairnsdale, as we cover all of Gippsland.

"We regularly run camps and day activities for our participants of all ages, so where appropriate, as we're always looking at safety and risk – we can give everyone safe access to the local beaches and dams, so on behalf of Interchange Gippsland, thank you to the Venus Bay SLSC for their community support."

Another new date for Channel Challenge

ORGANISERS for the San Remo Channel Challenge have announced the event will now take place on Saturday, March 11, at 4:15pm.

Earlier this month, the event was unfortunately postponed due to strong winds and dangerous conditions.

But organisers have been hard at work to create a solution that enables the Bass Coast Series to be run this season.

With lots of cooperation from all involved, they are happy to announce that the 2023 Channel Challenge will be run on Saturday, March 11, at 4:15pm.

The Bass Coast Series keeps its format intact with the Channel Challenge becoming the third and final leg.

The Cowes Classic will now be the second leg of the series held on Saturday, February 18, 2:00pm.

For more information:
<https://www.basscoastseries.com.au/>



Pony club rally

WONTHAGGI Pony Club held its first rally for 2023 (Sunday, February 12).

They would like to say thank you to Wonthaggi AG Warehouse for the donations given towards the Water Jump construction.



Almost 80 SGB swimmers took on the best of Gippsland last weekend.

Junior swimmers a force to be reckoned with

FRESH off the back of a week of school competitive swimming, 78 SGB swimmers took on the best of Gippsland in GSI 10: All Juniors, at Warraugol on Saturday.

With the top 8 finishers in all age groups of every stroke going through to the finals at MSAC in a month, competition was fierce for the spots.

An impressive 62 swimmers will be heading to Melbourne, a fantastic effort, given 9 of those who swam today weren't eligible to go on.

Gippsland is often reputed to be one of the toughest areas to qualify from, with powerhouse

clubs Traralgon and SGB who finished second and third at the recent Countries Championship, fielding many fine swimmers making those eight spots hard to get.

Coaches Sam and Lori were proud of their swimmers efforts on the day.

"I love watching the youngest swimmers at All Juniors get called out as going through after their swims. There is such excitement on their faces at the thought of going to swim at MSAC."

The following swimmers will be going through to the All Junior Finals on March 18.

Emma Barclay, Bec Barclay, Freya Berry, Billy Boyd, Max Brocklesby, Indigo Campbell, Lachlan Carew, Nyah Chapman, Tully Chapman, Lachlan Christensen, Gemma Cook, Claudia Croatto, Emily Croatto, Bel Croatto, Andi Fisher, Billy Fisher, Maggie Fisher, Cormac Flynn, Annie-Jean Giliam-Rodda, Daisy Giliam-Rodda, Lachie Grimes, Callum Hackett, Amy Hodson, Joshua Hunt, Sienna Hunt, Holly Hurst, Lucas Jungwirth, Kiannah Kranen, Makenzi Kranen, Amalia Lofgren, Ava Lucas, Hannah Lucas, Austin Lynch, Ethan

Lynch, Isabella Lynch, Addie Manne, Tayah Matheson, Heidi McMillan, Noah McMillan, Harper Mcrae, Brooklyn Packer, Mitchell Packer, Lachlan Paterson, Harper Perry, Maddison Pocklington, Josie Richer, Mya Richer, Eden Roberts, Miah Roberts, Jasmine Ruffin, Jemma Rump, Zac Sherar, Will Simmons, Aidan Smyth, Archie Smyth, Darby Smyth, Lara Smyth, Matilda Swann, Jarrah Tagell, Mackenzie Wain, Mason Wiggins.

Jed Tagell and Zac Sherar qualified but are unable to attend.

Bass Coast Boxing to celebrate Newhaven open day

THE Bass Coast Boxing Club has been thriving over the past year, training plenty of with talented fighters and improving the fitness and lives of many along the way.

The club is extremely successful developing strong fighters, but is also focused on improving the fitness of the community too, as legendary coach and trainer Scott Bindloss explained.

"We're not just all about competition fighters, we're also able to set up our members on a program that'll see them improve their fitness and lose weight, we have a member that has lost 42 kilograms in a year, just through our boxing training," he said.

"We train everyone, not just men, we train kids and

women as well."

Bindloss has been around since his mid-teens and has fought as an amateur boxer, he has also trained competition fighters for 10 years now and coached over 150 fights, winning around 110 of them around Australia and New Zealand.

He was the owner and founder of Wonthaggi Boxing Club for eight years and moved on to start Bass Coast Boxing right before the pandemic hit, which robbed them of their first open day.

To welcome in the new year and season, the club, thanks in part to coach and trainer Scott Bindloss, is holding an open day barbecue.

From 10am until 2pm this Saturday February 18, the

Newhaven gym will be open to the public and the club will have plenty of activities happening throughout, including boxing, kickboxing and jiu jitsu demonstrations and a barbecue.

In an awesome act of community kindness, all proceeds from the Boxing and Fitness club will be donated to local charity Free 3D Hands.

The club will also be launching their six-week training camp, which is open to all members and non-members, which begins on February 20 and runs until April 5, with the focus on building fitness and getting challengers ready to step in the ring.

Challengers will train every night for the six weeks

and learn defence technique and building their fitness to progress into the final two weeks of sparring and finally a scheduled fight in their specific weight division.

"We haven't really been able to run one of these events since COVID so it's really exciting hopefully we can get a good turnout," Bindloss said.

All are welcome to come down to the event at 32 Boys Home Road, Newhaven, entry is free and new members are always encouraged and supported.

The club runs Boxing training from 6pm every weeknight, kickboxing training every from 7:15pm Mondays and Wednesdays and jiu jitsu from 7:15pm Tuesday nights.



The LDCA under 14s squad faced off with Sale Maffra on the weekend at Scorpion Park.

LDCA under 14s come up short in a close one

THE LDCA hosted Sale Maffra (SM) in our annual U14 match on Sunday at Scorpion Park.

This game is a great opportunity for the boys to gain experience on turf leading up to Junior Country Week next season.

With the pitch and outfield in fantastic condition Sale Maffra won the toss and elected to bat first, Archie Gannon (Nerrena) and Laighton Radford (Inverloch) opened the bowling with Radford claiming an early wicket, a good partnership was

then formed between Macauley Pendergast and Blake Rowley.

Pendergast, who's a very talented player, played some great shots on his way to 64 before leg spinner Cooper Newman (Inverloch) was introduced into the attack and claimed Pendergast and Robinson's wickets in quick succession to have SM 4/102.

The LDCA boys then finished off the innings really well with all of the 10 used bowlers bowling well.

The wickets were shared

with Radford and Newman getting two and Gannon, Arceo, Gooch, McLennan and Brown all claiming a wicket to have Sale Maffra all out for 156.

The LDCA started the chase with Drew Fusinato (Phillip Island) and Yuthil Ratnaike (Town) opening up.

Unfortunately, the top order boys struggled against some good bowling from Robinson and Cottrell and slumped to 4/29.

At this point Cooper Newman (14) was joined at the crease by

Max Carter (21) (Town) both boys really knuckled down with some tight defence and smart running.

They added 42 valuable runs before being dismissed, the lower order then batted with great confidence and freedom as Noah McLennan (15) (Inverloch) Archie Gannon (29no) Levi Gooch (Korumburra) (18) all scoring at a fast rate.

These boys gave the LDCA a chance at victory, only to come up 10 runs short at 8/146 in a good game of cricket.



Local star Sunday Brisbane of Phillip Island handpasses to a youngster during the Box Hill Hawks clinic earlier this month.
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Hawks to fly down to Bass Coast

THE Box Hill Hawks and Bass Coast Shire Council are excited to announce that the Hawks will host a Victorian Football League (VFL) and Victorian Football League Women's (VFLW) double-header at Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve on Sunday, April 30, against the Casey Demons.

Entry to both games is free, with the VFLW commencing at 11:30 am and the VFL kicking off at 2:05 pm.

Both matches are expected to be exciting contests, with both Box Hill and Casey coming off 2022 finals berths in the VFL and VFLW.

The announcement comes off the back of the AFL confirming

the Smithy's VFL and rebel VFLW Round 1 fixtures, with both Box Hill teams set to commence their season on Sunday, March 26.

Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor Councillor Michael Whelan also expressed his excitement for the double-header.

"As Victoria's fastest growing regional community this is not only an important recognition for Bass Coast but reflects our deep commitment to gender equality, inclusion and diversity," Cr Whelan said.

Round 6

Box Hill Hawks v Casey Demons, Sunday, April 30, Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve
VFLW: 11:30 am VFL: 2:05 pm



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100 years since the first Melbourne Country Week

MELBOURNE Country Week has recently turned the grand old age of 100, a celebration the Victorian Country Cricket League has been working towards for a couple of years.

The first MCW was played in 1922 with Hamilton and Ballarat contesting the final at North Melbourne.

The first five years of country week were run by the Victorian Cricket Association until they formed the VCCL to look after it and other non-metropolitan cricket issues.

The VCCL will also be launching the Melbourne Country Week section of its Hall of Fame at Wendouree, with 19 players and officials being part of the first induction.

There will be further MCW inductions as new nominations and statistical evidence comes to hand.

In the last few months, the VCCL has established its Hall of Fame to acknowledge country cricket people who have contributed significantly to our great sport over a period of time – by way of participation, service and/or by performance.

The Hall of Fame has five sections:

1. VCCL Life Members – automatic inductees
2. R F Merriman Medallists awarded for meritorious services to country cricket – automatic inductees
3. Melbourne Country Week – induction based on years of participation as an official and/or a player with some performance criteria
4. Australian Country Cricket Championships – induction based on years of participation as an official and/or a player with some performance criteria
5. Absolute country cricket legends – players, officials and supporters who won't qualify under criteria in other sections

A basis for discretion exists for sections 3, 4 and 5.

First round of inductions - Melbourne Country Week section: Alan Sperling (Leongatha).

Leongatha will face off against numerous clubs as part of the MCW Provincial Draw which runs from February 13-18.

They will compete against Ferntree Gully, Ballarat, Bairnsdale and Latrobe Valley.



Tyson Lund sends one down for Koonwarra L/RSL at the Leongatha Velodrome. B10_0723



Kilcunda Bass' first innings total proved too much for the Cougars who fell 37-runs short. B11_0723

C GRADE | DIVISION 1

Inverloch 2/211 d Nyora 6/136

Inverloch – 1st INNINGS: D Harris 6, W Stewart 118*, J Rowe 0, IJ Seuren 58* Bowling: K Maclure 1/10, SR Warren 0/13, B Dourley 0/34, B Pugh 1/42, W Dixon 0/38, TL Howarth 0/41, B Camp 0/26

Nyora – 1st INNINGS: P Dixon 1, B Pugh 0, K Linford 26, W Dixon 7, K Maclure 49, K Wurzbacher 21*, A Maclure 18, TL Howarth 1* Bowling: C Butler 2/6, L Radford 0/23, C Newman 2/33, M Marston 0/36, W Dye 1/19, J Newman 1/8

Phillip Island 151 d

Korumburra 10/99

Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS: J Manning 22, GR Excell 4, T Asurumui 4, LC Marshall 9, A Brayley 4, M Parsons 13, ST Sirirathnage 32, P Francis 36, J Parry 3, MA Cleary 19*, T Allan 1* Bowling: J Rockall 1/17, S McKinnon 1/30, M Olden 3/28, D Scott 1/29, D Whelan 2/43

Korumburra – 1st INNINGS:

J Wrigley 20, C Smith 19, PD Beadel 11, D Scott 7, J Rockall 14, M Olden 0, T Morrison 23, J Petrie 0, J Dunn 4, D Whelan 0, RP Butler 0*, S McKinnon 0* Bowling: M Parsons 1/18, T Allan 0/27, P Francis 3/19, A Brayley 3/18, ST Sirirathnage 3/16

Koonwarra L/RSL d Club

Koonwarra L/RSL won on forfeit.

MDU – BYE

C GRADE | DIVISION 2

Kilcunda-Bass 6/189 d

Koonwarra L/RSL 5/152

Kilcunda-Bass – 1st INNINGS: A Joseph 37, P DeRubeis 45, ZB Crow 16, DB Bettles 59*, C Bettles 4, O Shumack 13, C Reilly 0, D Bettles 1* Bowling: A Piksons 1/28, T Lund 2/43, T Davison 0/30, G Perry 0/24, K Collins 1/34, G Matthies 2/25

Koonwarra L/RSL – 1st INNINGS:

Batting: No results supplied Bowling: H Bettles 0/8, DB Bettles 2/14, C Bettles 1/26, K Anand 0/15, ZB Crow 1/28, D Bettles 1/47

Town 4/162 d OMK 3/146

OMK – 1st INNINGS: G Lomagno 21, T Walker 70, J Myors 17, B Maguire 13*, M Whiteside 13* Bowling: R Hume 0/19, T Strybosch 0/22, C Dowling 1/19, P Carter 0/18, Y Ratnaike 1/21, M Carter 0/15, N Hodges 0/17, R Shields 1/10

Town – 1st INNINGS: N Hodges 43, R Edwards 48, R Hume 13, T Strybosch 17*, TJ Cashin 0, P Carter 26* Bowling: M Whiteside 0/22, J Myors 0/30, B Maguire 2/29, G Lomagno 1/34, T Walker 1/26, M Whiteside 0/17

Glen Alvie - BYE

Stewart blasts ton as Invy dominate

C Grade, Division 1

LOOKING for a win to assist their entry into the top four, Nyora hosted top dogs Inverloch at the Nyora Recreation Reserve and the visitors won the toss and chose to bat first.

And the visiting skipper Warren Stewart (118* from 112) certainly made the absolute most of it, belting 20 fours on his way to a marvellous unbeaten century to push his team to a commanding first innings score.

Stewart was assisted by returning young gun Isaac Seuren (58* from 74) who's smashed an unbeaten half century at number four, the pair putting together a dominant 156-run stand.

The hosts did manage to take two wickets thanks to Keith Maclure (1/10 from 7) and Ben Pugh (1/42 from 7) but the Invy' pair could not be stopped, finishing 2/211 after their 35 overs!

In reply, Nyora tried hard in pursuit of the mammoth 212-run target but didn't quite have the same firepower as the Stingrays attack bowled well to cap off a famous 75-run road win.

Cam Butler (2/6 from 4) and young leggy Cooper Newman (2/33 from 7) led the charge, their side will now face off with Korumburra this weekend, while Nyora will host Phillip Island.

Sharks down Cobras

KORUMBURRA welcomed Phillip Island down to the Korumburra Recreation Reserve for a huge top four clash, and the hosts won the toss and sent the Sharks in to bat first.

In an interesting innings, the visitors got off to a shaky start and lost wickets through the middle but were able to wag their tail hard towards the back end to see themselves to 151 all out.

Mathew Olden (3/28 from 7) bowled well for the Cobras, while Peter Francis (36 from 52) top-scored for the Sharks.

In reply, needing 152 for the win, the hosts found life just as



Gabrielle Perry bowls for Koonwarra L/RSL on Saturday. B12_0723

hard with the bat and despite getting solid contributions from their top and middle order, the pressure of the Islander attack and the failure of their tail let them down.

The Cobras were dismissed for 99, falling 52-runs shy after a terrific defensive effort from Phillip Island, led by the likely man of the match Francis (3/19 from 7) and Aaron Brayley (3/18 from 7).

The 'Burra skipper Tim Morrison (23 from 23) tried valiantly for his side, top scoring on the afternoon, the Cobras will now host Inverloch in another huge clash, while the Sharks will head to Nyora.

C Grade, Division 2

Town too strong at home for OMK

WHILE Leongatha Town still had a little work to do at the fall of its fourth wicket, Outram Moyarra Kongwak couldn't dislodge any more Scorpions as the home side comfortably passed OMK's 147 run target.

Even with some extra batting practice that allowed it to go 15 runs beyond that requirement, Town still had nine unused overs available.

The victory was largely driven



Nigel Hodges bowls for Leongatha L/RSL. B13_0723

by Leongatha Town's openers. Nigel Hodges knock was particularly exhilarating as he flayed the OMK attack in making a quickfire 43 off 36 balls that included four boundaries and a couple of maximums.

Opening partner Ray Edwards took a steadier approach but upped his pace after Hodges' dismissal, finishing with 48 off 60 balls.

Paul Carter's 26 not out was next best for the victorious Scorpions, albeit the side needed just 30 for the win when he came to the crease.

After Leongatha Town sent OMK in at Scorpion Park, the visitors did well at preserving wickets, losing just three, and managed a respectable 4.17 per over but Town's strong start to the chase never allowed the OMK attack to get the upper hand.

Opener Thomas Walker was chiefly responsible for OMK setting a solid total, managing 70.

Cameron Dowling had the pick of the figures for the ultimately triumphant Town side, with 1/19 from his maximum allotment of overs.

Yuthil Ratnaike and Rob Shields also took a wicket each for the winning team.

Ben Maguire (2/29) was the

outstanding performer with the ball for the defeated OMK, with his seven overs proving challenging for the Leongatha Town batting lineup.

Kilcunda Bass sets a few too many for Koonwarra Leongatha RSL

KILCUNDA Bass skipper Ashley Joseph backed his side to set a strong total, electing to bat at the Leongatha Velodrome against Koonwarra Leongatha RSL.

He impressed with a knock of 37, helping his side to a 61-run opening stand.

Joseph's opening partner Pat De Rubeis went on to make 45.

Daniel Bettles built on the Sharks' solid start by posting 59 not out.

The Cougars faced the daunting prospect of needing 190 at a rapid 5.42 per over.

While they only lost five wickets in the chase, they were unable to stick to the required tempo, remaining 37 runs adrift of the Kilcunda Bass total when the 35th over was completed.

Bettles put on a captivating allround exhibition, with 2/14 from his seven overs helping prevent the Cougars from establishing the momentum needed for victory.

He had plenty of support from the Sharks' Bettles-dominated attack, with Hunter going wicketless but conceding just eight runs off his seven overs, while Cruz took 1/26 from one less over.

Dallas Bettles also got a wicket but was more expensive, yielding 47 runs off his six overs.

Earlier, Gabrielle Perry was disciplined with the ball for the ultimately outplayed Koonwarra Leongatha RSL, allowing just 24 runs off her seven overs, but couldn't make a breakthrough.

Glenn Matthies (2/25) and Tyson Lund (2/43) were the multiple wicket takers for the beaten Cougars, but couldn't match Perry's frugality, with Matthies bowling only five overs.

Glen Alvie had the bye.



Mark Hardy plays a nice shot to the offside at the Bass Recreation Reserve on Saturday. B04_0723

Baldi's 97 sets up big Nerrena win

B Grade, Division 1

NERRENA hosted OMK at East Campus Oval and the hosts won the toss and chose to bat first.

In an outstanding effort, the ladder leaders showed once again, they're the team to beat in this season's B grade division one competition, losing just three wickets on their way to posting 221 after their 40 overs.

David Baldi (97 from 106) again led from the top, falling agonisingly short of a three figure score, his half century set up their big total alongside David Trotman's (68* from 77) unbeaten dig at number three.

Danny Elford (2/30 from 5) tried his best with the ball for the Diggers.

In the second innings, wickets tumbled as the visitors failed to find the same flow their hosts had and fell 94-runs short after being dismissed for 127.

Kris Kerr (34* from 40) was the standout with the bat in a tough innings for the Diggers, as Mitch Croatto (4/30 from 7) tore them apart.

OMK will now host MDU, while Nerrena will head to Korumburra.

Koony edge Invy in battle of finals hopefuls

IN A battle between two top four sides, Koonwarra L/RSL welcomed Inverloch down the road to Koonwarra Recreation Reserve and the hosts won the toss and chose to bat first.

After a decent start, losing just three wickets on their way to posting 111 runs, the Cougars looked as though they'd finish with a strong total, although some excellent bowling from Invy saw them come right back into the match.

Taking 5/40, the Stingrays, headed by Dean Cashin (2/19

from 7) were able to hold their hosts to 8/164 after their 40 overs, an achievable total by their standards.

However, it was a nightmare start for the Stingas, as they lost both openers for less than 10, along with Cashin soon after to see them 3/15.

Things didn't really improve after this either, as they fell to 5/37, still needing 128 to win, the start is what cost them in the end.

Regardless of this though, young all round prodigy Rhys Newman (55 from 94) put his foot down and tried his absolute best to single handedly pull his side out of the mud, but it was just not enough.

Newman's half century impressed, but his side fell 19-runs shy of the target as Matt Cooke (2/13 from 8) and the Cougars claimed the all-important victory.

They'll now have the bye, while Inverloch will face off with the Imperials.

B Grade, Division 2

Kilcunda Bass topples Town visitors in close one

HOST Kilcunda Bass needed until the final over to reach the target set by Leongatha Town, doing so with three wickets in hand.

The sides played out the remainder of the over, with the Sharks losing another wicket.

Steven Oates' unbeaten 85 was the foundation upon which Kilcunda Bass' victory was built, with the opener's brisk innings being compiled from just 98 balls and including five boundaries and a six.

Keeper Ray Gardiner's 22 was the next most productive knock for the winning Sharks.

Earlier, number three batsman Luke Ashton top scored for Leongatha Town with a

steady and undefeated hand of 51, with skipper and opener Mark Hardy (39) another solid contributor.

Some outstanding bowling figures from the Sharks helped contain Leongatha Town to 7/152.

While Bradley Waldron (3/16), Stephen Leman (2/24) and Shaun Tapscott (2/29) all inflicted damage on the opposition, the wicketless Rohan Duff also starred for Kilcunda Bass by conceding a total of just eight runs off as many overs.

Leongatha Town also bowled well, ensuring an entertaining match.

Otunu Vimalarathna led the Scorpion wicket takers with 3/22, with Levi Hickey (2/14) the team's other bowler to take multiple scalps.

Visitor OMK sets too many for Club

OUTTRIM Moyarra Kongwak's decision to bat first was vindicated, with a strong team performance enabling it to set host Wonthaggi Club a substantial 181 run target at McMahon Reserve.

While nobody managed a half century for OMK, openers Robert Quaife (43) and Scott Handley (40), along with David Jeffries unbeaten 34 and skipper Russell White (32) all made significant contributions.

The pressure was quickly on Wonthaggi's batting lineup, needing over 4.5 runs per over and losing early wickets in the chase.

Gavin Britt helped steady the ship with a game-high 52 but captain and keeper Luke Sibley (31) was the only other Club player to reach 20.

The OMK bowlers showed excellent control, with just one wide in 40 overs and never overstepped the crease.

Handley surpassed his impressive contribution with the

willow by snatching a stunning 5/10 from eight overs, being clearly the player of the match.

Jeffries also backed up his impressive batting with a potent display with the ball, finishing with 2/21 from his eight overs.

Earlier, Sam Liddle was Club's only multiple wicket taker, managing 3/20 off his maximum allotment.

Away venue holds no fear as Nerrena dominates Glen Alvie

GLEN Alvie's day started positively, winning the toss, but little went right thereafter, with Nerrena capitalising on being sent in by setting a commanding target of 224.

Nerrena's openers Ashley Harrison and Brian Gannon were comfortable on away turf, notching a 93-run stand and eventually both making 57.

While Glen Alvie hit back to dismiss Rupesh Elava and Paul Matheson cheaply, Ryan Gilham's quickfire 44 kept Nerrena on track.

The required 5.6 runs per over combined with strong Nerrena bowling overwhelmed most of the Glen Alvie batting lineup.

Andrew Brown was a notable exception, making 58, while no other Glen Alvie player reached double figures.

Poly Joseph led the way with the ball for the triumphant Nerrena with 3/12 from eight overs, with Kade Berryman the winning side's other multiple wicket taker with 2/24 from his maximum over allocation.

Prior to his lone hand with the bat, Glen Alvie's Brown stood up to the aggressive Nerrena batting assault, finishing with 2/27 from his eight disciplined overs.

Phillip Island had the bye

B GRADE

DIVISION 1

Koonwarra L/RSL 8/164 d Inverloch 145

Koonwarra L/RSL – 1st INNINGS: A Hunt 23, M Cooke 36, M Boswell 9, J Rushton 35, H Scrimshaw 0, N Grimes 1, B Anderson 21, A Stanley 14*, J Thomas 0, PA Buckley 3*

Bowling: J Richardson 0/13, J Dugard 0/23, R Newman 2/25, J Williams 1/38, A Mujtaba 2/32, D Cashin 2/19

Inverloch – 1st INNINGS: B Debono 9, B Phillips 1, D Cashin 0, R Newman 55, J Williams 12, J Richardson 1, A Mujtaba 22, W Williams 12, J Dugard 19, N Dobbie 0, T Debono 2*

Bowling: J Thomas 1/24, J Rushton 2/7, M Cooke 2/13, M Boswell 0/27, N Arnup 0/26, PA Buckley 2/20, A Drury 2/24

Nerrena 3/221 d OMK 127

Nerrena – 1st INNINGS: D Baldi 97, L Roberts 32, D Trotman 68*, J Kelly 8, WB Croatto 2*

Bowling: R Foster 0/33, Z Lamers 0/40, J Paterson 1/28, M Sawyers 0/43, SM Taylor 0/41, D Elford 2/30

OMK – 1st INNINGS: A Busana 25, M Sawyers 9, D Elford 6, J Paterson 23, C Quaife 0, L Jones 0, K Kerr 37*, Z Lamers 4, SM Taylor 3, R Foster 1, B Furness 2

Bowling: JA Checkley 2/25, WB Croatto 0/14, Z Trease 0/15, B Salmon 1/11, MB Croatto 4/30, T Harris 2/26

Imperials d Poowong-Loch

Imperials won on a forfeit

B GRADE

DIVISION 2

OMK 5/180 d Club 9/143

OMK – 1st INNINGS: R Quaife 43, S Handley 40, R White 32, J Greenwood 0, D Jeffries 34*, P Jobling 14, N Furness 3*

Bowling: R Todd 0/32, C Fraser 0/25, S Coldebelia 1/46, J Lics 0/34, S Liddle 3/20, J Shannon 0/11, L McRae 1/4

Club – 1st INNINGS: R Todd 11, J Lics 17, A Quilty 16, L Sibley 31, G Britt 52, C Fraser 4, J Shannon 0, S Coldebelia 3, S Liddle 0, L McRae 1*, M Sharp 4*

Bowling: J Greenwood 1/41, P Jobling 1/36, D Jeffries 2/21, R White 0/32, S Handley 5/10

Nerrena 6/223 d Glen Alvie 98

Nerrena – 1st INNINGS: A Harrison 57, B Gannon 57, R Elava 1, P Matheson 9, RL Gilham 44, C Baudinette 20, K Berryman 11*, P Joseph 9*

Bowling: L McRae 2/43, L Gooch 0/22, J Brown 0/21, N Brown 0/20, V Gopal 1/17, A Brown 2/27, A Dakin 0/25, J Burke 1/43

Glen Alvie – 1st INNINGS: V Gopal 0, J Burke 5, A Dakin 0, JA Tiziani 3, A Brown 58, D McGuirk 5, N Brown 0, J Brown 6, L Gooch 0, C Gooch 3*, L McRae 4

Bowling: P Joseph 3/12, C Dougherty 1/26, K Berryman 2/24, P Johnston 1/23, DM Grigg 1/9, R Elava 1/3

Kilcunda-Bass 8/155 d Town 7/152

Town – 1st INNINGS: M Davies 10, M Hardy 39, L Ashton 51*, J Schelling 0, C Bruce 0, N Fixter 21, W Dawson 11, L Hickey 0, D Goss 1*

Bowling: R Duff 0/8, C Peckett 0/33, S Tapscott 2/29, SJ Leman 2/24, J Mahood 0/34, B Waldron 3/16

Kilcunda-Bass – 1st INNINGS: S Williams 1, S Oates 85*, J Mahood 6, SJ Leman 9, C Armour 7, B Joseph 1, B Waldron 6, R Gardiner 22, R Duff 6, C Peckett 1*

Bowling: L Gill 1/17, L Hickey 2/14, C Bruce 0/21, O Vimalarathna 3/22, N Fixter 0/39, L Ashton 1/24, M Davies 1/14

Phillip Island – BYE

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A1: David Newman (Inverloch) 78 ; Damon Ginnane (Imperials) 4/47

A2: Jack Gay (Foster) 89 ; Jack Weston (Foster) 5/38

B1: David Baldi (Nerrena) 97 ; Mitch Croatto (Nerrena) 4/30

B2: Steven Oates (Kilcunda-Bass) 85* ; Scott Handley (OMK) 5/10

C1: Warren Stewart (Inverloch) 118* ; Sachin Sirirathnage (P-Island) 3/16

C2: Thomas Walker (OMK) 70 ; Daniel Bettles (Kilcunda-Bass) 2/14

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OMK	108	1.2090	Korumburra	126	2.5932
Phillip Island	84	1.1318	Phillip Island	96	1.2761
Nerrena	84	1.1281	MDU	72	1.0836
Town	84	1.1234	Nyora	60	0.9262
Inverloch	78	1.0861	Foster	60	0.8858
Club	60	0.8921	Club	60	0.6146
Imperials	48	0.8383	Glen Alvie	54	0.7401
Koonwarra L/RSL	30	0.6821	Kilcunda-Bass	48	0.81550
B GRADE, Division 1					
Nerrena	102	2.3819	OMK	102	1.6792
Inverloch	78	1.8217	Nerrena	78	1.3605
MDU	72	1.0740	Club	78	1.0190
Koonwarra L/RSL	66	1.4924	Town	72	1.2106
OMK	42	0.7837	Phillip Island	60	0.9357
Imperials	24	0.5440	Kilcunda-Bass	36	0.8215
Korumburra	0	0.3444	Glen Alvie	0	0.3971
C GRADE, Division 1					
Inverloch	90	3.4229	OMK	114	1.6476
Phillip Island	78	1.0435	Town	96	1.9461
Korumburra	60	1.1110	Kilcunda-Bass	72	1.0896
Koonwarra L/RSL	60	0.9305	Glen Alvie	60	0.7464
Nyora	48	0.4973	Koonwarra L/RSL	30	0.3483
MDU	36	0.7766			
Club	24	0.9133			

NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES & UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 18

A GRADE, Division 1

Nerrena v OMK
LEONGATHA TURF
Ashley Stride
Club v Town
WONTHAGGI TURF
Shane Moore
Inverloch v Imperials
INVERLOCH TURF
Glenn Plymin
Phillip Island v Koon L/RSL
COWES
Ian Thorn

B Grade, Division 1

Korumburra v Nerrena
KORUMBURRA
Neil Graham
OMK v MDU
OUTTRIM
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EAST CAMPUS
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Koonwarra L/RSL - BYE

C GRADE, Division 1

Korumburra v Inverloch
POOWONG
TBA
Nyora v Phillip Island
NYORA
TBA
MDU v Koonwarra L/RSL
DUMBALK
TBA
Club - BYE

A Grade, Division 2

MDU v Glen Alvie
MEENIYAN
John Schelling
K-Bass v Korumburra
BASS 1
Greg Goss
Foster v Phillip Island
FOSTER GC
Steve McNamara
Club v Nyora
McMAHONS
Graham Wightman

B GRADE, Division 2

OMK v Club
DIGGER PARK
TBA
Nerrena v Glen Alvie
NERRENA
Geoff Parkinson
Town v Kilcunda-Bass
SCORPION 1
TBA
Phillip Island - BYE

C GRADE, Division 2

Koonwarra L/RSL v OMK
KOONWARRA
TBA
Glen Alvie v Town
GLEN ALVIE
TBA
Kilcunda Bass - BYE

A Grade, Division 1

THE sun returned and so did play in both A grade divisions, and across the whole LDCA as teams looked to begin their respective late season charges, with plenty of finals placings on offer.

Inverloch welcomed Wonthaggi down the road to Thompson Reserve and the visitors won the toss and chose to bat first.

In what was an incredibly even match, all 20 wickets fell and only 308 runs were made in total.

Club captain Ryan Thomas (46) who again led from the front with the bat, playing nicely and nearing a half century before he was sensationally run out by Inv'y young gun Harry Butcher.

Stewart Beaumont (26) and Joel Brann (26) each did their best to resurrect the visitors' innings but the hosts bowling and fielding efforts proved too strong, claiming three run outs on their way to holding Wonthaggi to 10/164.

Stingrays spinner Tom McQualter (3/28 from 7.2) bowled exceptionally at the death.

In reply, the hosts had an eerily similar innings, making just 154, but being led by their captain David Newman (74) who's half century was a shining light along with young Jack Donohue's (20) late effort.

Joel Brann (3/20 from 7) bowled well and even added

a run out to see his side over the line in a superb defensive effort, they will now face Town back in Wonthaggi this weekend.

As for Inverloch, they'll look to win their way into the top four as they host the Imperials.

Mock continues form as Sharks keep surging

IN a battle between last season's champions and this season's leaders, Phillip Island travelled to the Nerrena Recreation Reserve to face off with Nerrena and the Sharks won the toss and chose to bat first in the one-day contest.

With strong contributions from their star bats Lachlan Cleland (61 from 64) and Daniel Mock (64 from 66) and some decent middle order hitting from Thomas Keily (42 from 41) the Sharks posted a commanding first innings total.

Despite losing eight wickets, the Islanders finished with 240 runs on the board after their 40 overs, weathering the storm of Ryan Clark (3/41 from 7) and the rest of the Nerrena attack.

In reply, the hosts gave it a solid crack but never really recovered from losing gun batter Mitchell Clark for just 19, as they fell 87 runs short, managing just 10/153.

Charith Keerthisinghe (3/17 from 8) bowled

magnificently to lead the visiting attack to the win, his side will now host Koonwarra L/RSL this weekend in Cowes, while Nerrena will host OMK.

Trotto's four the difference as OMK defeat Koony

IN what was the only two-day contest of the round, OMK welcomed Koonwarra L/RSL back to the Outtrim Recreation Oval with victory 307-runs away.

Despite losing two quick wickets with their score in the thirties, the Cougars were able to rebuild their innings nicely on the back of a 114-run partnership between their captain Ben Walsh (76 from 164) and young star Harry Hoekstra (71 from 112).

Both players notched half centuries but were unfortunately dismissed before their side's score reached the 200-mark, as Adam Trotto (4/48 from 12) stole the momentum with a match-winning effort.

Trotto dismissed both Walsh and Hoekstra and tore through the Koony middle order to break the game open for the Diggers, eventually seeing them take the 36-run win despite late charges from tailenders Jack Hughes (21* from 33) and Isuru Wickramasinghe (25 from 19).

The victorious Diggers

will now face off with Nerrena this weekend, while the Cougars will head over the bridge to face the Island.

Town edge out Imps in Leongatha clash

THE Imperials welcomed Leongatha Town to the Leongatha Recreation Reserve as the two 'Gatha based teams went at it, the visiting Scorpions won the toss and chose to bat first.

In an interesting first innings, several players got starts but could not reach the half century mark, as Damon Ginnane (4/47 from 8) bowled brilliantly and helped dismiss Town with 197 on the board.

Madura Mdasunka (48 from 52) top scored for the team in green, almost making it to a solid 50 before he fell to Ginnane.

In the second innings, the Imps set themselves to chase the 198 needed for victory but unfortunately lost both Ginnanes, Damon and Jack in the same Dulaj Polwatththa Gallage (3/35 from 8) over, seeing them 2/14 early.

The hosts were never able to recover from this early trouble and finished 45-runs shy of the target despite a gallant half century from Dimitri Perera (62 from 45).

The Imps will now head to Inverloch to battle it out with the Stingrays this Saturday, while Town will face off with Wonthaggi.



Wonthaggi lost all ten of their wickets but were able to defend their total and cap off the win against Inverloch. B01_0723

Club prevail as wickets tumble at Thompson

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A GRADE

DIVISION 1

OMK 7/306 d Koonwarra L/RSL 7/270

Koonwarra L/RSL – 1st INNINGS
I Darshana b RL Williams 29
B Walsh c N Audding b AL Trotto 76
M Scrimshaw b RL Williams 1
H Hoekstra c K Brann b AL Trotto 71
K Weeranga c & b AL Trotto 0
S Hughes c K Brann b AL Trotto 22
M Thomas run out (J Hayes) 19
J Hughes not out 21
I Wickramasinghe not out 25
Extras (nb 1, w 1, b 0, lb 4) 6
Total 7/270 (75 overs)
Bowling: RL Williams 10-2-2-41, PJ Dell 27-5-0-81, J Lamers 4-0-0-17 (1nb), N Audding 6-0-0-17, T Wyatt 12-1-0-45, E Lamers 4-0-0-17, AL Trotto 12-1-4-48 (1w)

Town 197 d Imperials 152

Town – 1st INNINGS
D Hume c D Perera b J Ginnane 23
J Giardina c J Ginnane b L Wright 9
B Hanrahan c D Perera b L Anderson 20
A Ratnaike b D Ginnane 5
M Madusanka c K McGrath b D Ginnane 48
DL Polwattha Gallage lbw b D Ginnane 24
P Jayasinghe b D Ginnane 0
L Bowman c D Perera b L Wright 17
M Riaz b L Wright 23
S Clark c L Wright b S Sameera 8
F McLennan not out 1
Extras (nb 1, w 17, b 1, lb 1) 20
Total 197 (39.4 overs)
Bowling: L Wright 8-0-3-46 (3w), J Ginnane 5-0-1-23 (11w), L Anderson 8-1-1-28 (2w), D Ginnane 8-0-4-47, AR Williams 3-0-0-26 (1nb, 1w), S Sameera 7.4-0-1-25

Imperials – 1st INNINGS

L Rogers c D Hume b DL Polwattha Gallage 25
D Ginnane b DL Polwattha Gallage 6
J Ginnane b DL Polwattha Gallage 0
S Sameera c DL Polwattha Gallage b M Riaz 3
RK McLennan lbw b M Riaz 1
D Perera c DL Polwattha Gallage b M Madusanka 62
L Wright b M Madusanka 24
AR Williams run out (L Bowman) 12
D McLennan lbw b D Hume 1
K McGrath not out 0
L Anderson run out (L Bowman) 5
Extras (nb 0, w 2, b 0, lb 11) 13
Total 152 (32.1 overs)
Bowling: M Riaz 8-0-2-41, DL Polwattha Gallage 8-0-3-35 (2w), M Madusanka 8-4-2-18, S Clark 2-0-0-15, D Hume 6.1-2-1-32

Phillip Island 8/240 d Nerrena 153

Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS
L Cleeland b T Wightman 61
D Bourke c S Vagg b M Clark 17
SL Rathnayake c J Trease b R Clark 13
DP Mock c D Berryman b T Wightman 64
T Keily b J Trease 42
EM Richards c J Renden b R Clark 15
BD Johnston st H Funnell b R Clark 6
S Kirton not out 3
C Keerthisinghe run out (R Clark) 1
Extras (nb 1, w 11, b 0, lb 6) 18
Total 8/240 (40 overs)
Bowling: J Trease 7-0-1-43, M Clark 8-0-1-39, R Clark 7-1-3-41 (1w), J Hoy 5-0-0-46 (10w), T Wightman 8-0-2-32 (1nb), D Berryman 5-0-0-33

Nerrena – 1st INNINGS

M Clark c SL Rathnayake b T Keily 19
LJ Giliam c L Cleeland b S Kirton 0
H Funnell c BD Johnston b S Kirton 5
T Wightman c L Cleeland b C Keerthisinghe 16
T Gannon c C Keerthisinghe b HW Womersley 21
S Vagg c L Cleeland b C Keerthisinghe 31
R Clark c DP Mock b HW Womersley 8
J Renden c S Kirton b C Keerthisinghe 7
J Hoy c S Kirton b SL Rathnayake 20
D Berryman b SL Rathnayake 6
J Trease not out 0
Extras (nb 4, w 12, b 0, lb 4) 20
Total 153 (36.1 overs)
Bowling: S Kirton 3.1-0-2-16 (3w), T Keily 5-2-1-14 (1nb, 2w), DP Mock 0.5-0-0-0, SL Rathnayake 5.1-0-2-22 (1w), GD McCausland 8-0-0-46 (4w), C Keerthisinghe 8-2-3-17 (1nb), HW Womersley 6-0-2-34 (2nb, 2w)

Club 164 d Inverloch 144

Club – 1st INNINGS
M Thomas c D Newman b H Butcher 7
S Beaumont c R Harris b K Joske 26
RG Thomas run out (H Butcher) 46
J Brann c JB Dennerley b L Rankin 26
A Geyer run out (H Butcher) 1
J Sheerin c R Harris b L Rankin 2
H West b T McQualet 7
M Waller run out 9
R Birkett c D Newman b A Donohue 0
M McCall b T McQualet 5
J Williamson not out 2
Extras (nb 1, w 27, b 0, lb 4) 32
Total 164 (39.2 overs)

Bowling: L Rankin 8-0-2-36 (8w), JB Dennerley 2-0-0-7 (7w), H Butcher 5-0-1-24 (2w), J Donohue 6-0-0-40 (6w), A Donohue 7-2-1-20 (2w), T McQualet 7-1-3-28 (2w), K Joske 4-1-1-5
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Inverloch – 1st INNINGS

J Butcher c M Waller b J Brann 0
J Strickland c M Thomas b J Williamson 4
A Donohue lbw b J Brann 6
D Newman c A Geyer b J Brann 78
K Joske lbw b R Birkett 2

JB Dennerley c M McCall b J Sheerin 11
T McQualet b M McCall 8
R Harris c R Birkett b M McCall 0
L Rankin c R Birkett b M McCall 1
J Donohue run out 20

H Butcher not out 1
Extras (nb 1, w 5, b 0, lb 8) 14
Total 144 (39.1 overs)

Bowling: J Brann 7.2-2-3-20 (2w), J Williamson 8-4-11, R Birkett 6-1-1-15 (1w), M McCull 8-2-3-25 (2w), J Sheerin 8-1-44, A Geyer 2-0-0-21
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Glen Alvie completed a resounding win over Nyora after finding the middle of the bat plenty of times in their first innings. B07_0723

MDU triumphs in one day against Club

A Grade, Division 2

AS with other A2 round 12 fixtures, the planned two-day clash between Meenian Dumbalk United and visitor Wonthaggi Club was transformed into a one-day match by week one rain, and the Demons proved too strong with the ball to win by 64 runs.

MDU used seven bowlers, with all but one sharing in the wickets.

Sam Bright (3/16), Darien Mathews (2/11) and Scott Browne (2/18) excelled for the winning side, with Wonthaggi's batting line up never able to settle in the pursuit of a challenging 169-run target.

The wheels fell off for Club after its 20-run opening partnership was broken, with the MDU bowlers then wreaking havoc and reducing Wonthaggi to 6/39.

Club's skipper Luke McGuirk added respectability to his team's total making 31, with Drew Herbert's 19 next best for the beaten side as it scraped into triple figures.

After choosing to bat first, MDU didn't have it easy, with Browne's slightly better than a run a ball 55 the main factor in the Demons posting a strong score, and captain Joel Sinclair (26) next best.

Six of Club's seven bowlers captured at least a wicket each, with Andot Mankhong (2/17) the one to break through more than once.

Foster openers set victory platform against Kilcunda Bass

FOSTER backed its decision to bat first, setting Kilcunda Bass 202 for victory, with the Tigers' opening partnership of 99 instrumental in the side's subsequent 79-run win.

Jack Gay starred for Foster, making 89 from 90 balls, striking 16 boundaries on the way.

Fellow opener and captain Josh Toner made 35 with Jake Staley's impressive late order hitting reaping 39 off just 26 balls.

The latter's knock proved important after Foster wickets began tumbling once the Tigers' opening partnership was broken.



Henry Dolphin sends one down for Nyora on Saturday. B08_0723

Jaydan Tregear was outstanding with the ball for Kilcunda Bass, finishing with 4/31 from his eight overs, including removing both Foster openers.

Jack Weston took it upon himself to ensure Kilcunda Bass never threatened to reach the difficult total needed, with his bowling accounting for the Sharks' top three, and was also instrumental in the removal of the chasing side's number four batsman by taking a catch.

Weston finished with 5/38 from his eight overs.

Such was the dominance of the Foster attack that Jackson Baker's unbeaten 25 was the best anyone could muster for Kilcunda Bass.

Tregear followed up his strong performance with the ball by making 23 when he opened the batting for the Sharks.

Glen Alvie skittles Nyora

AFTER Glen Alvie elected to bat, it was only able to find a couple of significant contributors, the main one being skipper and keeper Lachlan Harris who made 65.

He was well supported by Ben McRae's 34, batting at number three.

The home team managed to set Nyora a target of 180 runs.

Lincoln Brock took 2/21 off seven tidy overs for Nyora to help prevent Glen Alvie posting a higher total, while Jake Hackett snared 3/33 from his six overs.

With Nyora soon reduced to 3/10 after beginning its

chase, its target appeared a large mountain to climb and the side was never able to regain its footing.

Glen Alvie's bowlers seized such a high level of control that Gavin Hackett's modest score of 20 was the highlight of Nyora's batting display, with nobody else in the side reaching double figures.

Dean Williams had a day out with the ball for the winning side, claiming three Nyora wickets for just four runs, with Matthew Dakin grabbing 3/14.

Henry Dolphin sends one down for Nyora on Saturday. B08_0723

KORUMBURRA sent home side Phillip Island in and demolished it, with only Cohen Beaumont (14) and David Womersley (10) able to muster any resistance as the Sharks succumbed for 45.

Steven Hamill was the chief destroyer for the Cobras, taking 3/19, with Jacob Whiteside getting 2/8.

Korumburra's other three bowlers each took a wicket with that trio conceding less than 10 runs apiece.

Opener Tom Crocker did his bit for the Cobras in the small chase, finishing 19 not out after some recent low scores.

Phillip Island's bowlers showed spirit to capture the wickets of Harshika Fernando and Peter Edwards cheaply despite the near

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The Inverloch 'Stingettes' will head to Bass next week to play Kilcunda-Bass Blue in a knockout semi final. Pictured is (back row) Mia Dugard, Teresa Dennerley, Holly Williams, Nicole Creaser, Julia Algie. (Front) Amy McRobert, Jackie Newman, Keely Dennerley (vc), Katrina Burgoine (c), Charley Donohue. (Absent) Liza Burrows. Photo: David Newman

Finals fever hits Bass with Semi Final Smash

THE inaugural season of the LDCA women's competition has been terrific with some quality cricket being played and plenty of fun being had.

This Sunday, the finals series begins, and it's poised to be an absolute belter.

The finals will kick off with a big bang this Sunday with the Semi Final Super Smash!

The grounds of Bass Recreation Reserve will host a triple header on Sunday February 19, as the women's squads from around the association battle it out to earn themselves a spot in the big dance.

From 10am, it'll be the hometown Sharks Kilcunda Bass White, taking on Foster Yellow, for a chance to face Foster Black in the division two Grand Final.

Then from 1pm, Koonwarra L/RSL will take on Nyora and finally the match of the day will see the undefeated Inverloch take on Kilcunda Bass Blue, both games to decide who books a trip to the big dance.

However, as good as it shapes to be,

By Aiden Box

the cricket is not the only drawcard for the day.

Alongside the huge matches on the pitch, will be plenty of activities to ensure all kids, supporters, officials and the general public have an awesome and memorable afternoon.

The Melbourne Stars truck will be there with a visit from Star Man and Star Girl, there'll be face painting, the canteen will be open all day and there's a function in the social rooms for those who want to watch the cricket in style.

LDCA female cricket co-ordinator Cam Chasemore is pumped for the day and bullish about the league and the success it has had in its first season, he spoke to the Sentinel Times last week.

"We would really love to see as many women as possible come down and see what the competition is all about, most of the girls who play are just

mums, wives or partners of current male players," he said.

"Or just local club girls who wanted to get this up and running and be an example for all women and encourage everyone to give it a go, the girls have had so much fun and we hope it grows from here."

Representatives from Cricket Victoria and the local Council will also be in attendance to enjoy the festivities and see who makes the Grand Finals.

Chasemore is also the president of the Kilcunda Bass Cricket Club and mentioned his immense pride for what they've put together.

"As president of the KBCC I am so proud that we have filled two teams into this competition this season, I'm also excited to host this event at Bass Recreation Reserve as it gives me a chance to showcase how amazing our facility is," he said.

"I would love to one day make Bass the home and hub of women's cricket for the LDCA."



The Melbourne Stars truck, along with Star Man and Star Girl will make an appearance at Bass Recreation Reserve on Sunday.

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