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Meeniyan Garlic Festival organisers Nicki, Vicki, Brian, Rowena, John and Deanne were elated at the turnout at Saturday's event. See full story page 15.

Rhyll brewery receives council tick

IT WAS cheers all round for some, as the future Rhyll brewery passed another test at the shire's meeting last week.

Councillors voted in favour to approve the planning application 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'.

The shire's approval followed negotiations around noise mitigation, tree protection, improvements to the energy performance of the buildings, as well as water efficiency and the use of rainwater, stormwater, and recycled water.

As well as designing to the shire's requirements, the applicant 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 application features:

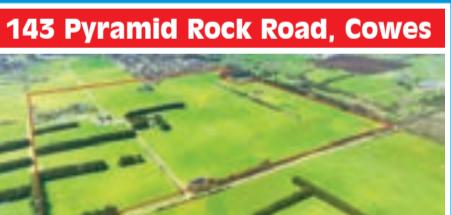
- A brewery and restaurant which includes a kitchen and service area, bar, tasting room, brewhouse, brewer accommodation, terrace and associated staff and customer amenities and services over two levels.
- The building has a total floor area of 491.9sqm and a maximum height of 10.25m above natural ground (9m above the flood level).
- A maximum of 10 staff and 90 patrons are anticipated on site at any given time.
- The Brewery will typically brew 3 to 4 times per week on weekdays between 7am and 4pm. The volume of liquor to be produced per day will not exceed 5000 litres.

The applicant, Justin Jamieson, was thrilled with the mostly positive feedback from the council meeting and is looking forward to the next stage.

"The main thing which changed was the acoustic report that won't allow us to have live music which was disappointing," he said.

Justin highlighted they have 28 days now for any objections to come through which could end up in VCAT.

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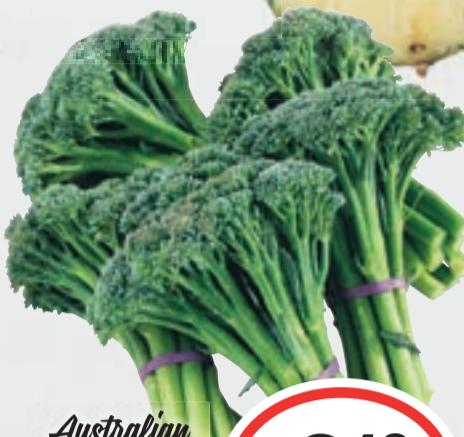
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Local girl makes the big stage in Las Vegas

LOCAL talent Marni McGrath began dancing in Wonthaggi at Studio Phoenix at seven years old and today, is living her dream as a dancer in Cirque Du Soleil's brand-new show on the Las Vegas strip - 'Mad Apple' inspired by New York City.

Currently living in Las Vegas, Marni began her contract with Cirque Du Soleil in March 2022 and will be performing in 'Mad Apple' until her final performance on May 26, 2023 - where she will then return to live in New York City.

"I received a call that I got the job at the end of January 2022. I had already spent 10 months living in New York and within a month I was packing two suitcases and moving to Las Vegas. I had a two-month rehearsal period and a month of technical rehearsals before we opened the show on May 26, 2022," said Marni.

Working in the entertainment industry as a dancer is not light work, there have been moments over the years where Marni definitely felt like giving up, but she believed inside herself that her passion and commitment to her craft was too strong.

"To any younger performers



Marni McGrath is a dancer in Cirque Du Soleil's brand-new show on the Las Vegas strip.

looking to pursue a career in dance, I would say truthfully there will always be hard days, when your body is in pain and your mind full of doubt. They're the moments you must endure and push through because the benefits, rewards and opportunities on the other side are limitless," said Marni.

"My passion and commitment to dance comes from staying true to myself. Dance

first and foremost keeps me grounded and keeps me connected to who I am, and I have educated myself on all dance styles, history of dance and foundation styles and with that brings the confidence and knowledge that I can take into the working world."

Marni still trains whilst she's performing, she's currently involved in 10 shows, five days a week, she aims to do yoga five days a week and

will either spend time doing improvisation or dance drills, or learning other choreography.

"It's important to keep training to stay inspired, stay connected with myself and for future jobs."

"My first opportunity to dance overseas is when I worked with Cosentino - the Grand Illusionist. I was fortunate enough to perform my first international gig with him at Marina Bay Sands in Singapore and at The Wynn in Macau."

As a child Marni's favourite style of dance was tap. Ironically enough, Jane Hanley choreographed a duo tap routine to 'New York, New York' while she was dancing at Studio Phoenix. Jane has been one of Marni's biggest believers since day one.

"Fast forward roughly 10 years and I made the move to live in New York City, a dream of mine for years and I am now so fulfilled and grateful to call that city home. Life really is a full circle."

Marni returned to Wonthaggi holding a workshop for Studio Phoenix on Thursday, February 9 and her biggest aim was to create a safe, supportive, and inspiring space.



Arthur Phillip Motor Inn following a fire on Friday evening. Photo: Phillip Island Fire Brigade

Busy weekend for Island emergency services

THREE CFA units from Phillip Island and San Remo responded to a washaway as a result of a vehicle incident at Ventnor Beach Road and Pyramid Rock Road around 12.19pm February 18.

Upon arrival crews discovered the car smoking as a result of an incident, and Ambulance Victoria were called to the scene.

Incident was deemed under control at 12.28pm and safe by 12.36pm

Grass and scrub fire on Sunday

TWO CFA units from Phillip Island responded to a grass and scrub fire on Berrys Beach Road in Ventnor at around 1.27pm on Sunday (February 19).

The incident was deemed safe at 1.49pm and is currently under investigation.

Arthur Phillip Motor Inn

TEN CFA units responded to a fully involved structure fire on Redwood Drive in Cowes on Friday evening at around 9.28pm, as flames and smoke took hold of the Arthur Phillip Motor Inn.

Crews discovered the garage involved with the fire having spread into the roof of the manager's residence.

Victoria Police and Ambulance Victoria were called to the scene with four firefighters using breathing apparatuses to get the scene under control by 10.33pm.

With the fire spanning approximately 60 metres x 30 metres, a building surveyor was called to the scene, alongside the relevant power and gas companies. The incident was handed over to the fire investigation unit.

Caught in the act

LAST Tuesday, February 14, a Pound Creek farmer telephoned police to report that a male and female had accessed his property to supposedly collect a dumped motorbike.

Upon police arrival, the farmer assisted police in locating the motorbike and a 46-year-old male from Fish Creek, who was riding the motorbike across the paddocks. The male eventually stopped in the paddock and was questioned by police.

Police discovered the motorbike had been reported as stolen from the Stony Creek area.

The male was arrested and conveyed to the Wonthaggi Police Station where he was interviewed and subsequently charged for Theft of Motorbike and Handle Stolen Goods.

The matter returns to Korumburra Court on March 9.

Rhyll brewery receives council tick

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"It's always been a tourism venture, but there has been a couple of misconceptions that we were building a brewery for distribution," he said.

"People were worried about trucks coming in and taking kegs out."

"It's not, it's a 90 (patron) venue which is being built to increase tourism to the Island and Rhyll."

He hopes to have business ready to go by Easter 2024.

Councillor feedback

Cr David Rooks stated the application was in a commercial area and highlighted there was already a similar venue operating, which had been to the "satisfaction of the community".

However, he did highlight issues surrounding carparking with a survey to be undertaken to ensure it meets demand.

Cr Ron Bauer highlighted the idea was 'entrepreneurial' and an ambitious plan which would benefit Rhyll.

"To knock this proposal back because of smell and noise just doesn't sit well with me, there is already a fish and chip shop and a hotel a few doors down," he said.

"In my own total unscientific survey with some residents of Rhyll, I found the majority are in favour of this project."

However, during Question Time, a number of queries were submitted about the project which were not read out, which Cr Bauer objected to.

"Certain questions were not read out in relation to this application with a standard answer that it will be dealt with during the debate," he said.

"I would like to note my strong objection to this approach as it leaves out the questioner's right to be heard in the chamber."

Community concern

During the shire meeting, a number of Rhyll residents were in attendance.

They spoke with the Sentinel-Times following the council decision, expressing their disappointment.

"We don't want to live next to it," said one resident.

"It's a huge development and none of us have a problem with alcohol, it's the sheer

size of the business and development.

"We've got no parking and it's a huge issue."

They were also disgruntled at the fact that questions were not read out during the meeting.

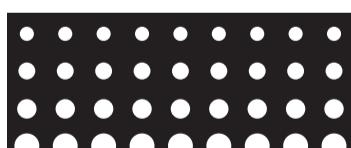
"They did not read one question from any of these people whose lives will be greatly impacted."

"We want them to be addressed."

The application had received 49 submissions including a petition.

This includes 5 submissions of support and 44 individual objections.

The project received \$1.2 million in state government funding last year via a Regional Tourism Investment Fund grant.



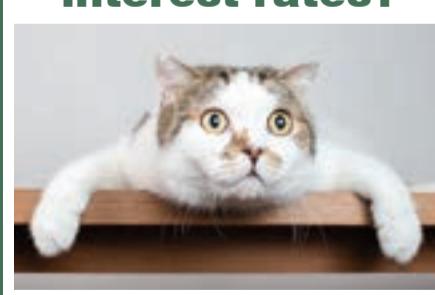
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Wind PM: E 20-25km/h
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Wind AM: E 20-30km/h
Wind PM: E 20-30km/h
14° 27°



THUR | Feb 23
Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: E 15-20km/h
Wind PM: Light
15° 31°



FRI | Feb 24
Mostly sunny.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: N 15-20km/h
17° 35°



SAT | Feb 25
Mostly sunny.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: S-SW 15-20km/h
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SUN | Feb 26
Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: NW-SW 15-25km/h
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IN BRIEF

Homeowners would like these rates

BASS Coast Council has revealed that it presently has borrowings of about \$18.85 million but it's the interest rates they enjoy that might be the envy of most.

Mal Pinkerton posed the question of council at last week's shire meeting and while he was provided with details of the individual loans, the top loan of \$11,737,000 from the Treasury Corporation Victoria is costing the shire just 2.72% fixed. Another loan of \$4.4 million, also for the Cowes Cultural Centre is costing a mouth-watering 1.765% variable. A Local Government Financing Vehicle (LGFV) loan of \$2.646 million has an interest rate of 3.97% fixed. Good question.

Safer Simons Lane finally on the way

CONSTRUCTION and sealing of Simons Lane Leongatha, from Ditchley Court towards Bass Highway, will begin shortly. As a result, the road will be closed to all through traffic from Monday, February 27, 2023 to provide a safe working environment for the contractor undertaking the works.

Residents of Simons Lane will have to access their properties via the South Gippsland Highway.

Chief Executive Officer of South Gippsland Shire Council, Kerryn Ellis, regrets the inconvenience but welcomes the ultimate improvement.

"It is terrific to see works starting shortly on the Simons Lane reconstruction. While we understand any interruption is not pleasant, the end result will be much safer for our community and in the future, those that pass through our region."

"This is also another project in our Council Plan initiatives that we are getting on with to make a better South Gippsland for us all."

This is stage one of a two-stage project that will see this section

of road go from gravel to seal, with a safer intersection with the Bass Highway next on the list.

Kernot-Krowera Road still closed

FOLLOWING torrential rain in August 2022, which led to a landslip on Kernot-Krowera Road causing considerable damage, the section of road still remains closed.

According to the shire, the landslip was 'significant' with ongoing movement.

Water filled barriers have been placed at either end of the landslip, which stops through traffic preventing potential damage to vehicles and ensuring motorist safety.

Council is currently undertaking engineering and design work required to rectify the landslip. Once the design work have been completed, rehabilitation works will commence subject to funding and contractor availability. Due to the severity of the landslip and risk associated with the public, there are no viable temporary solution options to keep the road open.

Australia Day Marine Operation

A SPECIAL Australia Day operation took place in January between Victoria Police and Fisheries spearheaded by local San Remo members.

The operation set out to ensure marine compliance and safety was paramount with members assisting boating enthusiasts including those occupying fishing vessels, private boating vessels and personal watercraft users on the day.

A high emphasis was placed on marine safety including registration, roadworthiness, seaworthiness and alcohol consumption whilst on the water while the local Fisheries officers were checking compliance for sizing and limits.

"The operation went really well and was very successful," Senior Constable Will Hodder explained.

"There was a lot more compliance with only seven penalty notices issued, and they were mainly for boat safety items including flares and life jackets. It was really good to see everyone took the time to listen and complied – other than the heat it was fantastic!"

"We had Fisheries and two police officer units out in the water doing compliance and licence checks, and then we had the water police, San Remo members and a Fisheries member at the jetty."

"It was really pleasing that everyone is taking water safety seriously."

Meet the Freemasons

WE meet every Saturday morning for coffee and a chat at Sovannay's Thai Restaurant, so if you are curious about Freemasonry or just feel like a meet and greet session along with great coffee just drop in and join us. Freemasons are active in the community and like any service group we welcome enquiries. Freemasons make good men better.

Major review for planning scheme

AT WEDNESDAY'S Council Meeting, South Gippsland Shire Councillors unanimously supported having the South Gippsland Planning Scheme Review open for input from the public.

During the engagement period, residents and those who use the planning scheme regularly, such as developers, are encouraged to provide their feedback online. The Review is a comprehensive look at the current state of the Planning Scheme and the changes required to bring it in line with legislation and community expectations.

A number of recommendations have been made and grouped into the following categories:

- Planning Scheme Amendments;
- Further Strategic Work;
- Process Improvements;

- Advocacy; and
- Other Work to Consider.

To provide your feedback, please visit <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/planning-scheme-review>

There you can complete the survey, upload a written submission or participate in the Ideas Board with fellow South Gippsland residents. Feedback is now open and closes Wednesday, March 15, 2023.

Music - a way into Australian society

LOCAL retiree, Mak Takwai, has loved music all his life and appreciated how much friendship and enjoyment it has bought him, and on February 23, at 2pm Mak will perform live at the Wonthaggi Library – sharing his talent and story with the community.

During lockdown Mak took up the bass recorder, purchasing a cheap plastic instrument. He found he loved it and was given a beautiful new recorder for a recent birthday.

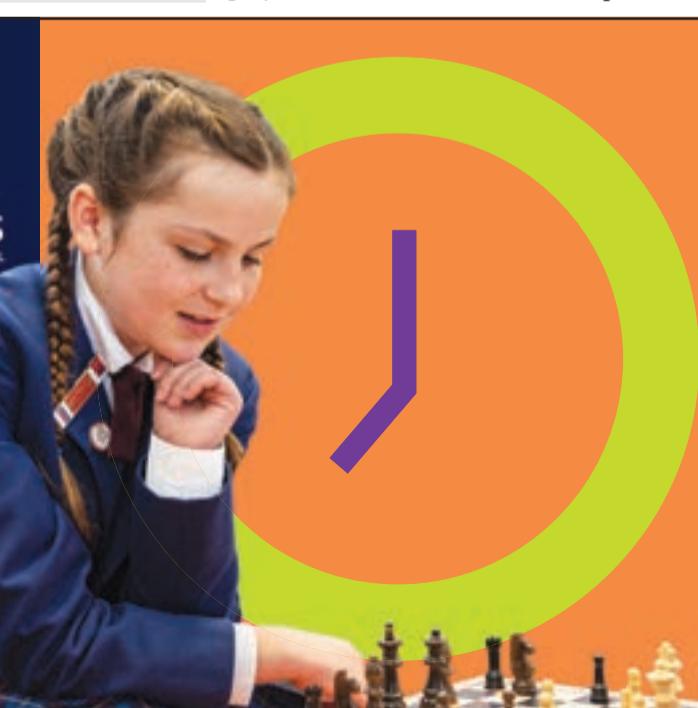
Wonthaggi librarian Jenny Temple said, Mak first came into the Wonthaggi library last Christmas and asked if we'd like him to play some Christmas carols in the library.

"We were open to the idea and the sound is so beautiful and relaxing. We have had a lot of positive comments and young children are mesmerised by the sound," said Jenny.

Mak has kindly agreed to play for the upcoming music quiz. He will play a selection of show-tunes, TV themes, folk, and popular music. All are welcome to enjoy afternoon tea and partake in a guess the tunes quiz.

The quiz will be held on Thursday, February 23 at 2.00pm and is a free event. Bookings can be made through Myli Libraries website www.myli.org.au

Mak plays every Wednesday at the U3A Recorder Group at the Adult Education Centre and urges anyone interested to join them.

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CFA crews responded to a fire at Berrys Creek last Friday which spanned almost one hectare. Ns080823

Fires rage after wild weather

AS temperatures soared on Friday, CFA brigades throughout Bass Coast and South Gippsland were inundated with call outs.

Ventnor was the scene of an intense grass and scrub fire, with 20 CFA units responding near Justice Road Estate at around 5:07pm.

Air appliances were called to the scene.

Victoria Police were notified to attend the scene for traffic control, and protection was placed on a farm shed.

The incident was 'deemed' safe at 7:20pm.

CFA also responded to numerous fires in West and South Gippsland and the Strzelecki Ranges, which were started by lightning strikes.

The extent of the fires stretched from Heath Hill through to Mirboo North Regions.

Other incidents last Friday included:

- Two CFA units from Leongatha South responded to a grass fire in Leongatha

South at around 8:04am (Friday, February 17). Crews discovered the one tree was ablaze but not spreading. Incident was deemed under control at 8:23am. Incident was deemed safe at 8:27am. Crews remained on scene to assess the tree.

- Three CFA units from Leongatha and Koonwarra responded to a grass and scrub fire spreading on Strzelecki Highway in Berrys Creek at around 12:42pm. The fire spanned approx. 1ha. Incident was deemed under control at 1:36pm.

by lightning. Incident was deemed under control at 9:14am. Crews remained on scene to mop up and black out.

- Berrys Creek: Four CFA units from Leongatha, Berrys Creek and Mirboo North responded to a grass and scrub fire spreading on Strzelecki Highway in Berrys Creek at around 12:42pm. The fire spanned approx. 1ha. Incident was deemed under control at 1:36pm.

Following in father's footsteps after tragedy

HUNDREDS of CFA members joined families to mark the 40th anniversary of Ash Wednesday, with a Yarram CFA member one of those in attendance, on Sunday, February 12.

More than 180 fires occurred on that day in 1983, including eight major blazes in many towns and regional communities across the state.

It is estimated more than 16,000 firefighters battled the fires which claimed the lives of 47 Victorians.

CFA commemorated the anniversary with a state-based service on Sunday, February 12, at the Ash Wednesday Bushfire Education Centre (AWBEC) in McBride Street, Cockatoo.

Brian Minett, who is now a CFA member with Yarram Fire Brigade, was the son of fallen Ash Wednesday firefighter John Minett from Narre Warren Fire Brigade.

John Minett was Captain of Narre Warren Fire Brigade and responded to the Upper Beaconsfield fire.

His Narre Warren truck and a Panton Hill truck were tragically caught in a sudden wind change that engulfed both vehicles - taking the lives of all on board.

Brian was only five years old when his father died.

The event is available to watch at news.cfa.vic.gov.au/news/watch-the-ash-wednesday-commemorative-event-video



Brian Minett was only five years old when his father sadly lost his life while responding to a fire in Upper Beaconsfield during Ash Wednesday. He is pictured at the 40th anniversary commemoration event of the fires. Photo: CFA Media.

Build Aware campaign launches in Bass Coast

VICTORIAN regulators will launch their 2023 Build Aware campaign visiting the Bass Coast Shire Council area next week, ensuring construction workers are meeting safety, environmental and building compliance obligations.

Representatives from Energy Safe Victoria (ESV), the Victorian Building Authority (VBA), WorkSafe and Environment Protection Authority

Victoria (EPA) will visit worksites, educating workers on good practice and calling out breaches.

The initiative, to run between Monday, February 27, and Friday, March 3, will target building and plumbing compliance issues with a focus on air conditioning and swimming pools, powerline safety and waffle pod polystyrene management.

During the week, ESV will visit construction and road sites enforcing No Go Zones, which describe minimum safety requirements relating to the distance between powerlines and the work being carried out.

The VBA has noticed an increase in building and plumbing activity across the region and will ensure all work is carried out correctly, with a

focus on air-conditioning units, swimming pools and spas, which are in high use at this time of year.

It will also be focusing on before and after use liquid storage and general waste management.

For more information, visit Victorian Building Authority, Worksafe Victoria, Energy Safe Victoria and Environment Protection Authority websites.



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**Stolen property recovered from Foster and Yarram**

ON WEDNESDAY, February 15, Bass Coast CIU, along with police members from Foster and Yarram, executed multiple search warrants and located a significant amount of stolen property including a stolen Toyota Hilux Utility and trailer at a Jack River Address.

All items are linked to a series of burglaries that have occurred in the South Gippsland area over the past month.

A 30-year-old male was arrested at the scene and a 33-year-old male was arrested in the bush nearby a short time later. Both men have been charged and will face court at a later date.

Safety is paramount

POLICE are urging individuals to take care when working on vehicles and machinery after a recent tragic accident took a young man's life. Be safe, ensure you are using the right equipment and where possible ensure you have a back-up safety in place if equipment fails.

Success for Operation Kinder Two

EIGHT arrests were made last week linked to a majority of motor vehicle and property thefts and burglaries across South Gippsland over the previous four-to-six-week period.

The eighth suspect was arrested on Wednesday after a warrant recovered stolen goods on a property in South Gippsland. Police noted that the success was in part due to members of the community remaining vigilant and reporting information.

"The community are our eyes and ears, and we would like to thank them for their assistance which has led to the arrests of these individuals," a spokesperson for local police said.

Wonthaggi's parking must be preserved, say traders

A NEW team and fresh look at Wonthaggi's future has been welcomed by some residents and stakeholders, as Bass Coast Shire set up at Apex Park last week.

"It's been busy all morning with people who are very passionate about this town and have grown up down here," Bass Coast Shire Senior Major Projects officer, Hannah Eisen said.

"One individual was concerned the old master plan was going to be rehashed, so we've highlighted that this is a project reset and we've taken on board the car parking issues, that people want native trees in the master plan, bike racks and mobility lanes, and security for people when they go to the theatre, knowing they can return to their car safely.

"People have been happy that we're going to be looking at the small wins over the next 18 months and then staging it, so it's not too much disruption to traders."

The team have also addressed concerns regarding larger vehicles that could be detoured in the future to ensure they can still access businesses for deliveries in Wonthaggi.

Key stakeholder feedback included the total number of parking bays, which has since been increased,



Michael Nugent discusses the proposed plans with Bass Coast Shire Major Project's team members Emma Allsop and Hannah Eisen. C57_0823

large vehicle turning radius, 15-minute parking bays and drinking water stations to name but a few.

The greatest changes, as part of the Wonthaggi Activity Streetscape, are along Graham Street.

"I'm a greenie, but it's not a place for habitat for beautification purposes," Barb from A Garden of Thoughts noted.

"Losing parking to mature trees that are only suitable for parrots is not the solution – the same beautification can be achieved with planter boxes. There are plenty of places mature trees can be placed around town including Fincher Street Park. It's not an animal thoroughfare.

"Our car parking is not up for negotiation. We have a growing aged population and are marketed as a retirement destination – parking is a necessity to the senior community. There are better ways without reducing parking.

"We do however, need a solution for more two-hour parking – for people that catch up for a coffee, meander into shops and wander down the street."

Around the corner, McBride Avenue stakeholders are glad their concerns have been heard and addressed in the most recent plans, after previously tabled plans would have been detrimental to local businesses.

"One of the men from

Council who has been working with trees for 20 years, came down and we discussed having a separate workshop for tree specification – making sure we are not creating more work and the specifications are the right one," Hannah continued in reference to previously drafted Jacarandas for the main street by Hansen.

One local man The Sentinel Times spoke with was positive towards the changes, "it will look good. It will be good to come down the street and dine out."

Community engagement closes on Wednesday March 8 with residents and stakeholders urged to have their say by visiting engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au

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Future of Cape Paterson could be decided in coming months

PUBLIC hearings are set to get underway in early March as part of the Bass Coast Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) referral.

Following a significant number of submissions to the DAL's draft Statement of Planning Policy, they were referred to a Standing Advisory Committee to provide advice on whether the 'draft creates an appropriate framework for the future use and development of land in the Bass Coast declared area to ensure the protection and conservation of the distinctive attributes of that declared area', among other aspects.

Last week, members of the committee took a tour around the shire to view key sites including Cape Paterson.

Following the release of the draft, Cape Paterson residents were concerned that there was no northern boundary reduction included, as fears of overdevelopment in the northern part of the town (along Seaward Drive) have been ongoing for years.

Last Wednesday, more than a dozen members of the Cape Paterson Residents and Ratepayers Association (CPRRA) gathered along Seaward Drive in anticipation of the committee's arrival.

Committee members toured along the northern boundary to gain a better understanding of the area, however, this wasn't the opportunity for locals to 'lobby' members.



More than a dozen Cape Paterson locals gathered to express their ongoing concern regarding development in the northern boundary of the town as the DAL Standing Advisory Committee toured the area. Ns050823

The committee included representatives from council and the Planning Minister.

Due to the brevity of the tour, CPRRA members were concerned the committee wouldn't fully understand why they opposed the expanded town boundary and future development.

"Our community has lived with the threat of a development to the north for years, and at every point in the process – every community engagement, survey and submission process – has voiced concerns in overwhelming numbers," CPRRA spokesperson John Coulter said.

"When the State Government declared Bass Coast a Distinctive Area and Landscape we applauded because after years of fighting this David versus Goliath battle, we believed that Cape Paterson's future would

not be driven by developers' interests but by an environmental and community character focus.

"Even Bass Coast Council, in their submission to the committee, question the justification for such a massive increase in size of Cape Paterson and the impact on the environmental and ecological values.

"The committee has one chance to get this right, and we urge them to take the time needed to appreciate the transformative and negative impact overdevelopment would have, not just for the current residents, but for future generations."

In 2022, a CPRRA analysis found that at least 270 of the submissions from the wider Bass Coast area (35 per cent) specifically referred to Cape Paterson.

Of those, 262 did not sup-

port the proposed Cape Paterson proposed settlement boundary and eight supported it.

In July 2022, a letter signed by more than 700 people expressing concern about overdevelopment at Cape Paterson was sent to Premier Dan Andrews.

Public hearings are expected to get underway from March 6 to April 27.

The venues for the hearing will be:

Weeks 1: 6 and 7: Wonthaggi Town Hall, Baillieu St East, Wonthaggi

Weeks 2: 4, 5 and 8: 1 Spring Street, Melbourne, Hearing Room 1

Week 3: 80 Collins Street, Melbourne, Level 6, North Tower.

The hearing will also be accessible by video conference using Zoom.

Subdivision to go ahead in Surf Beach

A THREE-LOT subdivision in Surf Beach has been carried by a majority of councillors in Wednesday's Council Meeting with conditions.

Council determination was required after seven objections were received for the subdivision at 1 Page Avenue.

Notably one of the objections received related to the proposed subdivision layout and inconsistency with the character of the neighbourhood.

In response, Council noted that whilst adjoining lots range between 600 square metres to 900 square metres two battle-axe subdivisions in the area have resulted in smaller lots of approximately 300 square metres.

The Proposed Lots are 474 square metres, 429 square metres and 362 square metres respectively.

Other concerns raised included:

- Loss of view
- Overdevelopment
- Overlooking
- Fencing
- Traffic and congestion
- Stormwater runoff/flooding
- Car parking and pedestrian safety
- Garden area and loss of vegetation

Deputy mayor, Cr Rochelle Halstead supported the recommendation by planning but noted her frustration at the lack of ability to refuse this permit "as the application sits within the planning regulations and legislation."

"This is a regular occurrence in planning and why our housing and neighbourhood character studies are so important," Cr Halstead continued.

"It is critical that when these documents go into community consultation that community members ensure they become involved."

The allotment currently contains a house and shed on 1265 square metres. Proposed Lot 3 contains a shed which is noted for removal during the subdivision, whilst the current residence will remain on lot 2.

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Big San Remo house approved

DESPITE receiving 10 objections, all of them pointing to the height and bulk of the proposed dwelling, the Bass Coast Shire Council greenlit a 7.95 metre house in Oceanview Drive San Remo during Wednesday's council meeting.

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.

'The amendment reduced the roof pitch and maximum dwelling height from 8.53 metres as initially proposed to 7.95 metres.'

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

Councillor Rochelle Halstead supported the recommendation by planning but noted that "there seems to be a misconception in the community that a planning permit can be refused if it is seven metres or over, that is incorrect. The seven metres is a planning trigger.

"This particular development is in a court position, and I don't believe it will affect too much the views of others, which is another issue been raised in submissions; and planning have been able to reduce the original height of 8.53 metres down to 7.85 metres. If we're talking about the seven-metre rule, then it's 0.85 over that, so, I will be supporting the recommendation of Planning Officers," Cr Halstead concluded.



Bass Coast Shire Councillors voted in favour for a motion tabled during 'Urgent Business' that the mayor write to PICAL expressing disappointment that council was not invited to official opening of the new PICAL building.

War of words between PICAL and shire

TENSION between the Bass Coast Shire and Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL) appeared to have come to a head at last week's council meeting.

A motion was put forward by Cr Brett Tessari during 'Urgent Business', with the motion stating that council write to PICAL to express its disappointment that the mayor, councillors or council representatives were not invited to the official opening of the new PICAL building.

The motion also urged for the letter to highlight that

council had contributed significant funds towards PICAL's new building; \$800K for the land, \$1.951M for construction and almost \$240K for the Community Garden relocation.

During the meeting, Cr Tessari spoke of his incredible disappointment regarding posts that were made on social media in relation to the matter, which he said contained false information.

"I find it disgusting that the mayor was not invited," he said.

"Council worked tirelessly

to deliver this project for the community group.

"I was so proud when we got to go through the building, and I thought the he said, she said, throughout the project was past."

Cr David Rooks and Deputy Mayor, Cr Rochelle Halstead, also expressed their disappointment at the situation.

The motion was ultimately carried.

PICAL stated it would be inappropriate to comment on the matter, until they receive the suggested Letter from the Council.

Background

In 2019, Council purchased a vacant block of land that forms part of what is locally known as the 'Old Warley Hospital' site at 16 Warley Avenue in Cowes, which has now become the new home for PICAL.

PICAL's original location was on Church Street in Cowes, which was acquired to build the new Phillip Island Community Hospital.

However, throughout the process, PICAL had raised concerns about when they would finally be relocated and the uncertainty of timelines.

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Moda and CLG have submitted plans for the redevelopment of the Isle of Wight Hotel.

Big plans to redevelop Isle of Wight Hotel

HOSPITALITY group CLG and developers Moda have lodged an initial town planning application submission with Bass Coast Shire for the iconic Isle of Wight Hotel.

The proposed project aims to build a brand new hotel, dining and retail precinct.

The proposed plans include a circa 160-room hotel, ground floor F&B facilities, a signature restaurant, a large-scale event space, a wellness centre and pool deck.

Australian Financial Review journalist Larry Schlesinger is reporting that the project has seen "billionaires Chris Morris and Sam Tarascio" join forces on a proposal that will feature an upmarket restaurant, large-

scale event space, a state-of-the-art wellness centre and a pool deck overlooking the ocean was lodged this week with the shire.

"It follows the Tarascio family's Salta Capital partnering with Melbourne hospitality investor Mazen Tabet's Tabet Development Group and local developer Moda on the \$11 million acquisition of the vacant 8625 sq m site on The Esplanade in Cowes in January 2021," according to AFR.

They reported that the project at Cowes follows a trend by well-heeled groups investing and reviving iconic hospitality venues, and they say there is plenty of hospitality experience behind the proposed on The Esplanade.

"Mr Morris' CLG operates a portfolio of upmarket pubs including the Portsea Hotel in Sorrento and the Albert Park Hotel in Melbourne. Mr Tabet owns the Village Belle Hotel in St Kilda, Portsea Hotel freehold and the Royce Hotel on St Kilda Road.

The Tarascio's Salta Properties has undertaken a number of hotel developments including the Tribe Perth hotel, while developer Moda is best known for its luxury apartment projects in inner Melbourne.

Moda managing director Ed Farquharson said the proposed development would mark the welcome return of a landmark Phillip Island tourism destination.

"The Isle of Wight Hotel was an icon of Cowes for many decades," Mr Farquharson said.

The Isle of Wight hotel was destroyed in a fire in 2010 and the site has remained vacant since, going through the hands of a number of owners, with at least one major project shelved along the way.

Among the hotel's most famous guests were Hollywood stars Fred Astaire, Ava Gardner and Gregory Peck when they were in town to film "On the beach", although Ms Gardner was, reportedly, uncomplimentary of Phillip Island, rating it lowest on the list of beach areas she had visited, although not in those words.

Compliance blitz sees Island café charged

A PHILLIP Island cafe faces eight criminal charges in the Magistrates' Court of Victoria alleging it breached Victoria's child employment laws by hiring a child below the minimum working age and hiring a child without a permit.

The state's child employment watchdog, Wage Inspectorate Victoria, alleges that the business illegally employed a child below the minimum working age on several occasions in April 2022.

The maximum penalty for each offence is 100 penalty units (\$18,174). If found guilty of all offences, the company faces a fine of more than \$145,392.

In Victoria, provided an employer obtains a child employment permit and complies with Child Safe Standards, it can hire a child to work in hospitality from the age of 13.

The investigation into the business began when Wage Inspectorate officers made unannounced visits in Phillip Island, San Remo, Wonthaggi and Inverloch as part of a proactive compliance campaign focussing on regional restaurants, cafes and fast-food outlets.

The campaign also saw officers inspect businesses in Drouin, Warragul and Moe.

The matter has been listed for mention in the Magistrates' Court on March 27, 2023.

The Wage Inspectorate will make no further comment while the matter is before the court.

In Victoria, provided an employer obtains a child employment permit and complies with Child Safe Standards, it can hire a child to do delivery work from 11 years and to do other types of work, such as in hospitality and retail, from 13.

The permit system enables the Wage Inspectorate to check that matters like safety, hours of work, rest breaks and supervision are properly considered before employment starts.

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Council Meetings Resume

Council Meetings resumed last week, starting with our first ever Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony.

The ceremony was conducted by Daniel Weston from the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation. It was fantastic to see so many people come along to be part of this momentous occasion.

During the meeting, Council endorsed the draft Planning Scheme Review Report which is out for feedback now until 15 March 2023.

The Review is a comprehensive look at the current state of the Planning Scheme and the changes required to bring it in line with legislation and community expectations. Feedback can be provided at: yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Thank you to those who attended the meeting and Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony.

To watch the meeting back, please visit:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 15 March 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.

TOORA JETTY RAMP CLOSURE

The Toora Jetty and boat ramp will be closed from Monday 20 February to prepare for the installation of a new jetty.

The installation is expected to take up to two weeks.

REQUEST FOR TENDER

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

RFT/361 – Korumburra Rail Precinct Car park; Stage 1

Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 14 March 2023.

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders

IMPOUNDED VEHICLES

Council impounded the following vehicles in accordance with Schedule 11 of the Local Government Act 1989.

Simons Lane Construction Works



Simons Lane in Leongatha will be closed to all through traffic at the Bass Highway end from 27 February 2023 for construction and sealing works from Ditchley Court towards Bass Highway.

This will provide the contractor with a safe work environment.

This is stage one of a two-stage project.

Residents will only have access from South Gippsland Highway.

21/12/22 Markleys Road, Mirboo North.

Vehicle: 2000 Grey Ford Sedan

Registration Number: 1AY70Q

Engine Number: 6FPAAJGSWYC54788

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.

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Hard working team, Llewellyn Davey, Maeva John, Saurov Bista, Campbell Eddington, Jesse Gibbs, Dylan Bignell with Nick Ziegerink at front, create the floor for Korumburra's new Men's Shed, joined by John Davies from Korumburra Men's Shed. A10_0823

Major progress at Korumburra Men's Shed

KORUMBURRA'S spacious new Men's Shed has taken a major step forward, with its concrete floor now constructed.

The second and final concrete pour occurred on Saturday, with an enthusiastic crew hard at work.

Around 100 cubic metres of concrete went into creating the approximately 800 square metre floor.

That required 14 concrete truck loads, with seven used on each of the concrete pouring days.

Braeside-based 'Case Concrete & Constructions' carried out the floor project, with its owner Campbell Eddington having strong South Gippsland connections and his parents still living in Loch.

"I really enjoy working down here and it's a great part of the country," Campbell said, adding that while the weather can be challenging, it's a terrific community to work in.

A friend put him in touch with John Davies of Korumburra Men's Shed, leading to Campbell's involvement in the project.

John supplied the crushed rock for the base on which the concrete has now been poured, with the rock sourced locally from Chapman's in Kongwak.

"We had the machinery and the labour to level and compact the sub-grade," Campbell said of constructing the base for the floor.

Reinforcing steel mesh was installed and the slab edge formed.

Work on the floor is anticipated to be complete around the middle of this week and will include expansion cutting.

"When the concrete is drying, you get shrinkage and as it's shrinking it builds up tension inside the molecules of the concrete and that's what makes cracking, so you put cuts in there to relieve the pressure," Campbell said.

John of the Men's Shed was clearly impressed by the high standard of workmanship being demonstrated, while watching proceedings on Saturday.

He is already envisaging the future work that will take place to create a meeting room, kitchen and toilet facilities.

Currently, the building is a vast open shed, having been created to house locomotives.

Permits need to be obtained for future work and to change the status of the building to an appropriate classification for its intended new use.

John expressed his appreciation to Minister for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien for making a case to then State Transport Minister Ben Carroll for funding of the new Men's Shed floor.

John is also appreciative of the fact Ben took that up with VicTrack and the organisation came to the party and will reimburse the cost of the floor project.

Further details revealed on over 55s village rejection

FOLLOWING an objection from the Victorian Health Building Authority (VHBA) regarding the Leongatha Over 55's lifestyle development, the authority has provided more details on their concerns.

The application was refused by South Gippsland Shire recently, due to the development's proximity to the Leongatha Hospital's helipad.

"Following a careful review of the application for an Over 55s development on land adjacent to the existing Leongatha Hospital, VHBA found there to be inappropriate risk of injury to future residents and detrimental impact to the current and future use of the hospital's helipad if this appli-

cation was to be accepted," a Department of Health spokesperson said.

"It was on these grounds VHBA, on behalf of the Department, provided an objection to the South Gippsland Shire Council who ultimately rejected the application by the developer."

According to VHBA, in 2022, the developer provided a helipad downwash assessment as part of their application submission.

This assessment found that ongoing use of the helipad at Leongatha Hospital would have posed a risk of injury to residents of this new development, ultimately disabling pilots to fly and causing the helipad to be shut down.

Although, the VHBA worked with the developer to overcome these risks, negotiations ultimately failed to address or resolve these critical issues within their application to the South Gippsland Shire Council, which was subsequently rejected on this basis.

VHBA will review any future applications on the development if they are made, but it is on the developer to provide a solution that does not impact the safety of residents and the use of a critical hospital resource.

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.

Audit and Risk Committee pay rise

INDEPENDENT members of South Gippsland Shire Council's Audit and Risk Committee will receive a pay boost.

That will include back payment of the determined fee increase for the period between December 18, 2021 and December 17 last year of \$122 per meeting for independent members of the Audit and Risk Committee and \$150 per meeting for the Chair.

A further pay increase kicked in on December 18, 2022, with independent members of the committee to receive an extra \$43 per meeting and the Chair an additional \$52 per meeting.

Council's newly adopted Audit and Risk Committee Charter recommends fees be adjusted by the annual percentage increases made to Mayoral and Councillor Allowances, as was the

case with the previous charter.

Cr Adrian Darakai expressed his support of the increased payments during Wednesday's council meeting.

"We could say that we're not going to increase the fees paid to these independent members; however, by not increasing the fees to a standard that is acceptable we are limiting the talent pool," Cr Darakai said.

That preceded the formality of a vote on the matter, which carried the recommended fee increases unanimously.

The Audit and Risk Committee has a new Chair, with one of its existing independent members appointed to the role, which was formalised at Wednesday's council meeting.

Ms Jen Johanson assumes the position, replacing Mr Chris Badger who has moved elsewhere.

Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey



Coastal Strategy Engagement

THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the Coastal Strategy engagement.

We saw a fantastic response from our community both in person and online. It was great to see people taking the opportunity to let us know their thoughts on this important strategy for our region.

The feedback received will now inform the development of the draft Coastal Strategy, which will also be made available for further community feedback prior to formal adoption.

Council Meeting

Our first Council Meeting for 2023 was held this week – what a great feeling it is to be back.

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting and the Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony, which was a very significant first for South Gippsland Shire Council.

I would also like to thank Daniel Weston from Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation for conducting the ceremony and so generously sharing his time and culture with us. This Council is committed to genuine engagement with all parts of the South Gippsland community.

I would like to note that we also received an apology from the Gunaikurnai Land and Waters Aboriginal Corporation, who were invited to attend but were unable to make it on this occasion.

Planning Scheme Engagement

At the Council Meeting, we unanimously endorsed seeking feedback on the South Gippsland Planning Scheme Review.

I encourage residents and those who use the planning scheme regularly, such as developers, to provide your feedback online. While the entire document is a long read and quite complex, a range of summary documents have been prepared to support the community to read and understand the document.

It is important that you look through it and let us know if

there is anything missing or anything else you would like to see changed.

To provide your feedback before March 15, 2023, please visit <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/planning-scheme-review>

Temporary Reception Closure

Council's reception will be closed from Monday, February 20 and reopen Monday, February 27. This is to allow some building works to occur, to ensure the building is safe and accessible for staff and the community.

The Customer Service team will still be available on the phones between 8.30am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

Events

The warmer weather is bringing out residents and visitors alike in South Gippsland.

Over the past few weeks, we've had the Mirboo North Italian Festa, the Korumburra Show and Meenyan Garlic Festival providing a terrific opportunity to get together and celebrate our region and community. These events are always magnificent, but what is even more extraordinary is that most of the people who are part of them are volunteers. Thank you to our amazing volunteers for all that you do.

If you are looking for something to do, or want to support our volunteers, head along to the Foster Show on Saturday, February 25, Prom Coast Festival from March 10 to 13, or the Loch Long Lunch on March 19 just to mention a few.

Snap Send Solve

I would like to remind everyone of the Snap Send Solve app. This is the best way for you to let us know of things that need attention or maintenance around the Shire.

South Gippsland Shire is a geographically large place to manage and Council welcomes your assistance in identifying Council issues that need addressing.

You can download the app to your smart phone or visit www.snapsendsolve.com to lodge an issue online.



Cr Jenni Keerie has joined South Gippsland Shire Council's Audit and Risk Committee. A05_0823

Lord without a prayer in South Gippsland

AS FORECAST in last week's *Sentinel-Times*, a call to reinstate religious prayer at South Gippsland Shire Council meetings didn't get a look in at Wednesday's council meeting.

Councillors voted unanimously to retain the existing non-religious council 'prayer' adopted at the September 2022 council meeting.

While Cr John Schelling would certainly have voted to support the call for the Lord's Prayer to be used at council meetings, he was excluded from doing so having signed the petition calling for that eventuality.

"This isn't about picking on the church," Cr Scott Rae declared, outlining his own Christian beliefs.

He made it clear he views a non-denominational prayer as appropriate given South Gippsland Shire's multicultural society and its many religions.

Cr Adrian Darakai described a prayer as an "earnest hope or wish", something he considers the current council prayer achieves.

True to his habit of searching the world for appropriate wisdom, Cr Darakai recited a Turkish proverb.

"You don't say Amen to an unacceptable prayer," the proverb states.

"I found the previous prayer unacceptable," Cr Darakai said.

Mayor Nathan Hersey said the council prayer decision does not indicate council views religion as unimportant.

"The second part of the recommendation (to councillors) is that council recognises that faith and religion is an important part of the lives of many residents within South Gippsland Shire, which council respects and values," Cr Hersey said.

Councillors' unanimous vote upheld that recommendation.

Respectful debate needed in South Gippsland

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Councillors may engage in robust debate out of the public eye while arriving at decisions, but a pattern of mostly unanimous voting remains on show for those members of the community who attend monthly council meetings or tune into them online.

February's meeting, the first for 2023, was no exception, although as Mayor Nathan Hersey pointed out many of the items addressed were administrative in nature and not controversial, such as councillor appointments to committees.

The meeting was characterised by positive speeches from councillors preceding unanimous votes on each agenda item, with all recommendations upheld without any opposition expressed publicly.

That has largely been the case since the inception of the current council, at least during the public section of council meetings.

Exceptions include differing views from councillors on whether to seal a new section of Gardner Lane Poowong, planned to divert public traffic away from the operations of the local abattoir, and a councillor opposing the recommendation to alter the opening prayer for council meetings to a non-denominational one.

Cr Hersey pointed out that there were two non-unanimous votes taken during the confidential section of Wednesday's meeting and said that is not unusual.

He is adamant that while councillors have been well briefed on agenda items prior



Mayor Nathan Hersey says councillors are committed to taking a collaborative approach in their decision making but there is room for more public debate. A06_0823

to public meetings, and extensive discussions have happened, decisions are not made beforehand.

"We've actually got a track record of split voting on multiple occasions throughout the last year," Cr Hersey said.

"But at the same time, we have a group of councillors who engage extensively at briefing sessions."

The mayor said there have been a small number of occasions when recommendations before councillors were amended following issues raised in discussions, noting

one recommendation was altered on the day of a council meeting after being included in its original form in the agenda.

Cr Hersey noted the briefing sessions are listed in the monthly meeting agendas.

"In those briefings there are opportunities for information to be provided which gives councillors a good understanding of what the topics are and how they should be addressed, and if that means it's a unanimous decision that's the outcome," he said.

However, Cr Hersey acknowledged there is scope for more

extensive discussion in the public section of council meetings.

"I agree to an extent that there could be more debate at South Gippsland and a lot of that comes down to councillors still finding their feet, but it will come with time," he said.

"But because there's not that over expressive and dismissive debate that occurs does not mean that councillors are not informed," Cr Hersey added.

He said that has prompted some community members to wrongly perceive councillors are rubber stamping recommendations put forward by council staff.

"I must stress it's only a small amount of people who say that, because the vast majority of people have really good feedback of the current council," Cr Hersey said.

He outlined the collaborative approach councillors have determined to take in performing their duties.

"Part of our commitment to the community and to each other as councillors is that we don't believe in having a process of blindsiding one another and of trying to make other councillors look stupid," Cr Hersey said.

"That is a political play in a lot of councils which does create theatre and interest, but it isn't good governance.

"So our councillors have determined to work collaboratively and to ensure if you're going to make a change or recommend something be altered that it's done in conjunction with other councillors."



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New awards and new date

COUNCILLORS have adopted a recommendation to hold the new Bass Coast Community Awards presentation ceremony on May 15, to coincide with National Volunteer Week.

There are four categories for the Awards:

- Community Leader Award to recognise outstanding individuals who in their profession or as a volunteer lead by example, inspire others and demonstrate excellence and commitment in their field.

- Next Generation Leader Award (aged between 12 and 25 years) to recognise exceptional young people who demonstrate leadership and courage and have made an outstanding contribution to the Bass Coast Community and inspires others (group or individual).

- Community Group Award which recognises a Bass Coast community group, sports club, or not-for-profit organisation, which provides support, events, fundraising or services for the benefit of the Bass Coast community and its residents.

There will be a rotating award with different categories. One of the rotating award categories would be offered for nomination in each year. The categories include:

- Environment and Sustainability Award to recognise outstanding contributions towards the protection or enhancement of Bass Coast's natural environment, advocating for climate action and for embracing sustainable living (group or individual).

- Contribution to Arts and Culture Award to recognise those who have



The annual Bass Coast Australia Day Awards has been moved to May 15, instead of January 26, with new categories introduced. Pictured are the recipients of the 2022 event which is now the last time the awards would have been held in January.

made an outstanding contribution to the arts and cultural life of the community or an outstanding achievement in an arts and cultural activity.

- Sports Leadership Award to recognise the outstanding contributions throughout our sport and recreation community.

The first rotating award will be Environment and Sustainability.

Council voted in December last year to move the Bass Coast Community Awards from January 26 to May.

Citizenship Ceremonies continue on Australia Day.

Nominations for the Awards will be

called for in March-April, with judging of nominations to follow.

The judging panel will include the Mayor Cr Whelan, Deputy Mayor Cr Halstead, delegated Councillor, Cr Tessari, plus a previous Community Leader and Previous Next Generation Leader.

A budget of \$2000 is allocated for the conduct of the Bass Coast Community Awards program in the 2022/23 Council budget.

Further funding of \$4,000 will be submitted for consideration in the 2023/24 budget for delivery of the Awards program.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Amendment for Bass land

FOLLOWING a submission period, a planning scheme amendment to rezone land at Bass Road, Bass, will now head to the Minister for Planning.

Councillors voted in favour to approve a recommendation that the amendment be referred to a Planning Panel at last week's council meeting.

The amendment proposes to rezone the land at Bass Road, Bass (described as Lot 1, LP149977) from Farming Zone to Low Density Residential Zone.

The report noted that seven submissions were received and recommended that council refer the amendment to a Planning Panel to consider the unresolved submissions.

Katelea Pastoral Pty Ltd requested the proposed change to the Bass Coast Planning Scheme.

One of the submissions was from CFA, who were concerned there was not enough information included 'within the proposed planning scheme amendment to provide reasonable assurance that site based

exposure requirements will be met.'

In response, a Bushfire Report demonstrated that future development of the land could occur to achieve radiant heat benchmarks of no greater than 12.5kWm², and recommends setbacks of 19 metres from the grassland hazards to the north, east and south.

"The bushfire protection measures suggested by the CFA could be achieved. As the proposal is to amend the zoning of the land, and does not currently include proposed subdivision, there is not a development to implement the bushfire protection measures recommended by the CFA," the report states.

Council officers recommend that this unresolved submission is referred to the Panel.

\$321,000 already spent on scheme

EXPECTED to cost upwards of \$25 million if it goes ahead, there has already been \$321,000 spent on the Sunderland Bay Surf Beach Special

Charge Scheme.

Affected resident Maxine Sando put the question to council last week, asking what the project had cost to date:

"The expenditure to date developing a potential road and drainage project is \$321,000," according to the shire.

'No' is an option for roads scheme

RESIDENTS concerned that their opposition to the Sunderland Bay Surf Beach Special might not get a voice in the next round of community consultation have received the shire's reassurances.

Amanda Bencraft put a question to the Bass Coast Council last week asking if residents will get a chance to tick the box marked "No change" or "abandon scheme" when surveyed next time.

"Yes, property owners will have the option to object or support the project if Council provide notice of intention to declare a special charge scheme," said the shire.

Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan



THE population across Bass Coast increased by 25 per cent in the past five years. With continued population growth predicted, investment in the public realm is essential to ensuring a high quality of life for our community. Bass Coast Shire Council is committed to making sure that our residents and visitors have access to vibrant public spaces. We are investing in improving parks and recreational activities, arts and culture, and projects such as the Cowes Cultural and Community Centre opening in 2023 and Wonthaggi's new regional play space Guide Park complement these works and drive increased private investment in our towns.

To fund these developments we are asking the Federal and State governments to partner with us. We are seeking a combined \$30 million investment to transform our townships. We've made a start. Works are already underway on the Cowes and Wonthaggi Streetscapes projects, as well as addressing the need for town planning to accommodate growth and changing demographics. This will also be required in other townships across the region and town plans will be developed for San Remo and Inverloch.

With an eye towards reinvigorating the character of our towns, we are creating a series of interconnected spaces that will bring life back to the streets, and put people first by making them easier to access with new pedestrian crossings. Wonthaggi, our regional centre, will take full advantage of its wide footpaths while the stunning Esplanade in Cowes will become a focal point. Bass Coast Shire Council have engaged Hansen Partnership to prepare a Master Plan for the Wonthaggi Activity Centre Streetscape. The purpose of this Master Plan is to identify how the township centre should be developed to meet the strategic objectives identified in the 2021-25 Council Plan..

Council's advocacy also means meeting directly with Ministers, Shadow Ministers and department representatives to progress community priorities, as well as leveraging partnerships with One Gippsland and Peri Urban Councils Victoria.

Creative landscaping, smart city infrastructure and improved streetscapes will all contribute to the transformation of our towns, but we need our state and federal governments to do their bit for the people of Bass Coast.

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Wonthaggi has say on offshore wind

CORIO Generation held an engagement event on Sunday, February 12, at the Wonthaggi Rotary Market to discuss the Great Southern Offshore Wind project with the public to gather feedback.

The Great Southern Offshore Wind is a proposed offshore wind project of up to 1.5GW off the Bass Coast in Gippsland, and is currently in the early feasibility phase.

If fully realised, Great Southern Offshore Wind could provide enough clean energy to power more than one million homes.

The communities frequently asked questions included where the project will be located, with the team confirming it's proposed to be developed in an area off the Bass Coast in Gippsland with the team undertaking preliminary assessments and studies.

The proposed project boundary will be further refined through ongoing feasibility studies and consultation with stakeholders.

While feasibility studies are ongoing to inform the proposed project boundary, the Corio team said the project site will be located a minimum of 10km from the coastline and a minimum of 50km from Wilsons Promontory.

Frequently asked questions and answers from the community engagement session included:

Why are you investigating this area for an offshore wind project?

The Gippsland coastline has some of the world's best re-



GSOW project factsheet – giving the community a better understanding.

mation about what may be seen from the coastline once a project boundary is confirmed.

Why can't the project be further out to sea?

If you move projects further offshore, the waters become too deep for fixed-bottom foundations and projects would require floating foundations.

Floating foundations are more expensive than fixed-bottom foundations which makes the electricity more expensive for the consumer.

What are the likely impacts on the marine environment and how will these be managed?

This project will be subject to stringent Federal and State Government approval processes.

The approvals process for an offshore wind farm will take approximately four to six years and will include assessment of any potential impacts to the marine environment. These will form part of the State Environment Effects Statement (EES) and Commonwealth Environment Impact Statement

(EIS) approval processes that are likely to be required.

The project will undertake a comprehensive two-year survey campaign to understand the baseline environment for marine mammals, seabirds, fish and fisheries, benthic ecology, and coastal processes.

What are the likely impacts to the onshore environment?

Corio is undertaking onshore studies and surveys of the proposed project area to understand the likely impacts of the project. These form part of the State Environment Effects Statement (EES) and Commonwealth Environment Impact Statement (EIS) approval processes likely to be required.

These studies include, but are not limited to, ecology, cultural and aboriginal heritage, landscape and visual, noise, land use, surface water and ground water, electro-magnetic frequency (EMF), traffic and transport, tourism, and socio-economics.

How will Great Southern Offshore Wind connect into the electricity grid?

We are investigating potential connections into the transmission grid.

There are multiple locations under consideration with assessments ongoing, including engagement with Australian Energy Market Operator (AEMO).

How can I provide my feedback?

You can keep up to date via our website at www.coriogeneration.com/great-southern-offshore-wind-australia.



Rodney and his partner, Jenefer Chitty.

Ninety years young and going strong

ON SUNDAY Rodney 'Rod' McConchie celebrated his 90th birthday in front of family and friends at Leongatha RSL.

Born in Richmond on February 15, 1933, the young chap worked as an engineer before moving to Meeniyan in 1989 with his late wife.

An avid animal lover, Rod was also a keen bowler spending time at both Meeniyan and Buffalo Bowls until recent years.

His daughter Janine was all smiles on Sunday alongside Rod's partner Jenefer Chitty, as he celebrated 90 years with loved ones.

Still living at home, Rod can be found every Tuesday at Meeniyan Men's Shed having a yap with all the blokes.

Happy 90th birthday Rod.

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Garlic bonanza hits Meeniyan

IT WAS a remarkable day at Meeniyan on Saturday as crowds gathered for the annual Meeniyan Garlic Festival.

Building on previous years and listening to community feedback, the event offered something for everyone.

Meandering from the shuttles people delighted in the old car and tractor display put on by Gippsland Historical Automobile Club – South Gippsland Branch, once inside story time for the young ones was to the left and the all-new Gippsland Wine Academy was off to the right.

With 20 vintages from local growers on offer, tables outside the Academy allowed visitors to indulge in a glass and listen to the sounds of Borderline Band Gippsland, John Rees and Gary Marr and the Beady Eyes Band throughout the day.

"It's exciting – there is a new vigour and vibe under the new management team," committee member David explained.

"We've increased the range of family activities and that has brought a new energy and feel to the festival. We've also introduced the Gippsland Wine Academy which showcases 20 wineries and two pop up restaurants.

"We've focused on bringing the best of Gippsland to the festival



Jim and Lisa of Koonwarra Farm took home a bronze win in the 2023 Australian Garlic Industry Association Awards Creole division. C43_0823

while providing a distinct alternative, supercharging the event and bringing a much higher level that people have come to want from observations over the past couple of years."

Back on the all-important garlic strip, queues were building as growers tried to keep up with demand after a challenging

season.

"The garlic is reflecting the last eight weeks, which has been the toughest garlic harvest in 25 years with high rainfall and limited heat. For many growers it has been a challenging time," David noted.

"The festival is a chance for growers all over the state to

collaborate with a wide range on offer – and those who couldn't make it have also sent garlic down."

The festival also played host to the 2023 Australian Garlic Industry Association Awards with local garlic grower awardees including Grand Ridge Organics, Mirboo Farm, Koonwarra Farm and Green Hills Farm.

Back in the main arena free activities meant young and mature alike could grab hula hoops, jump on a billy cart or take it in turns rock climbing, not to mention make their own vegetable animal.

David's comments were echoed by the team who were overwhelmed at the turnout and magnificent weather.

"The kid's activities are wonderful, the stalls are a mixed bag with something for everyone, there are guest speakers and cooking demonstrations, multiple live music stages..." Deanne stated.

"The support from family, friends, volunteers and the local community of Meeniyan has been incredible – thank you so much."

The festival also had some surprise guests with Adam Liaw and Poh Ling Yeow taking time at the festival to film the Great Australian Bite and Pete Everett and Millie Ross also spotted in the crowd.

Unemployment spikes, says Opposition

VICTORIA has suffered its worst ever post-Christmas job losses as more than 100,000 Victorians lost their jobs in January 2023, the Opposition has claimed.

ABS data released has shown a concerning 0.5 per cent increase in Victoria's unemployment rate to 4.0 per cent – the equal highest of any mainland state or territory.

In contrast, unemployment in New South Wales remains steady at 3.1 per cent, almost a full percentage point lower than Victoria.

January 2023 also saw the largest number of job losses in a single month since October 2021, during the height of COVID restrictions.

Youth unemployment spiked to 10.7 per cent in January 2023, up 3.6 per cent, with 21,000 youth jobs lost during the month.

Shadow Treasurer, Brad Rowswell, said these job losses are deeply concerning and will only add to increasing pressures on household budgets.

Weather wrap up

THE Bureau of Meteorology has released its official record of Australia's climate and notable weather events for 2022.

The Annual Climate Statement for 2022 includes a full analysis and description of last year's rainfall, temperature, water resources, climate influences and more.

The report shows 2022 was a warm and wet year for most of Australia.

Australia's national mean temperature was 0.50°C warmer than the 1961–1990 average, making 2022 the 22nd-warmest year on record (equal with 2006) since national temperature records began in 1910.

Key stats for the state include:

- Victoria overall had 873.1 mm rainfall in 2022, as an area average across the state, which is 32% above average.

- It was the fifth-wettest year on record and the state's highest rainfall since 1974.

- The average temperature was 0.45°C warmer than the 1961–1990 average for Victoria.

- Melbourne had 699.4 mm rainfall in 2022.

The 2022–23 La Niña has been the third in a row. It is only the fourth time 3 La Niña events in a row have been observed in the Bureau record since 1900 (others were 1954–57, 1973–76 and 1998–2001).

More than \$44K raised thanks to Pink Stumps

PINK was the colour of the day on Saturday as 210 people from across South Gippsland and Bass coast converged in pink on Outram Recreation Reserve for the annual OMK Pink Stumps event.

Raising in excess of \$44,400 on Saturday, with more donations still to be finalised, organiser Amy White was overjoyed at the continuing success with tickets again sold out within 24 hours.

"Thank you to all the local businesses who donated," Amy said.

"We've held an online auction during the week, which closed Friday evening, we have an auction running at today's event, there are also multiple raffles including the pink pigs – where winners have the opportunity to pick a money box with different monetary sums inside."

Cattle sales earlier in the month will also go towards the OMK Pink Stumps count.



Ashleigh, Belinda, Lauren, Louise and Amy were on hand greeting guests and helping serve chilled drinks in Saturday's beautiful sunshine. C33_0823

What started as a small lady's luncheon has grown over seven years to the large marquee which was filled on Saturday with prizes, pink, laughter and celebration.

"We used to fit into the hall, and it's incredible to have outgrown to the marquee. To continue building each year on the

previous is humbling."

As the afternoon heated up, the shady trees and grassed areas provided plenty of space for guests to enjoy the events well into the evening.

As guests sat down to a three-course lunch and glass of bubbles, speakers included the brave and inspiring Melijah,

who shared her ongoing breast cancer journey, alongside the McGrath Foundation Director Tracy Bevan and McGrath Breast Care Nurse Taryn Robinson.

Last year Tracy Bevan recognised OMK Pink Stumps Day as one of the largest fundraisers in the country over the years.

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A request for patience towards hard working nurses

COWES resident Liza Lee witnessed the tremendous pressure of front-line health care workers after she experienced a dreadful fall from her mobility scooter back in November 2022 – leaving her hospitalised for two months.

Lisa said it was November 26, 2022, when instead of staying in to dye her hair, she made the decision to enjoy the rare Melbourne sunshine and head out for lunch.

"I returned home from my favourite place to luncheon in Cowes and was trying to get my westie dog Tillisy off my mobility scooter, when I took a dreadful fall that I instantly knew was damaging.

"I'd stepped up to get off my mobility scooter and because I failed to turn it off first, the scooter moved forward, and I dove sideways – breaking my left hip in four places and fracturing my left shoulder," said Liza.

"I screamed blue murder at the top of my lungs and thankfully having wonderfully supportive neighbours, they came out – attended to me and called an ambulance."

Liza was taken to hospital after being assessed by the MICA unit and taken into surgery – five days after the operation, Liza was warmly greeted by nursing staff onto the ward for her recovery stay.

"I'd always had a great amount of respect for nurses and have had a basic understanding of how hard they work from a couple of short stays, but this time around I was hospitalised for two months, and they are hardworking dedicated souls - very special people with a calling for caring at the highest and deepest level," said Liza.

"During my hospital stay, more particularly in the rehabilitation ward I met and was attended to by men and women on all levels of nursing - from placement, trainees to fully qualified nursing staff who go about their daily duties with a smile on their face, a happy disposition and a professionalism beyond words."

Liza observed the level of care required in the day-to-day work of frontline nurses, not only the restraints of adhering to COVID 19 regulations – therefore under pressure of being short-staffed, but continuing to remain polite and professional when being ill-treated by patients and families who are finding it difficult to understand the underlining pressure of why patients can only have limited visitors.

"The health care system is still obeying the rules of the pandemic, to the extent that if a staff member gets a cold – regardless of it being covid or not, they are required to



Cowes resident Liza Lee is in rehabilitation after a dreadful fall, leaving her hospitalised for two months. Z01_0723

stay home – hence the staff shortages in our hospitals. This puts enormous pressure on the nurses who can make their shift," said Liza.

"The surge in difficult patients doesn't seem to be going away - post pandemic, and the nurses do not deserve the vitriol they receive. They understand more than you know how hard it is for you to not be able to visit a loved one or if your loved one can only have two visitors per day – they understand the hardship this creates, but until covid is more under control, patients and families need to be empathetic and stop thinking about themselves – we need to treat each other with respect."

Throughout the two months recovery process, Liza witnessed the demanding management of the hospitals, with nurses having to take time off due to illness or mental health breaks due to being understaffed.

"I'd also like to address the ward staff who often go unnoticed in the importance of running a hospital – behind the scenes these very caring people are working in a variety of duties, including assisting nurses with patients - from rolling them into bed to bringing the patient a cup of tea or coffee, and transporting patients from their rooms to imaging and surgery," said Liza.

"Not only are they happy to do their job, but they love the interaction across the broadsheet of people they connect with, from their fellow colleagues to patients and the nurses. They are always smiling and working to make their patients smile. I count the ward staff equally as important and special in our hospital system as our nursing staff."

Liza's recovery continues with care from the rehabilitation team at the Cowes Health Hub – raising the importance of treating each other with respect and kindness.

"It's not hard to remember our basic manners and give courtesy to those working tirelessly to keep our loved ones safe."

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Bass Coast Health staff, from left, Gabby O'Connor, Lachie Jones, Daniel Baker (10 years service award), Jo O'Connor (10 years service award), Wendy Christensen and Erin Passarin (15 years service award).

BCH reflects on challenges while looking to the future

BASS Coast Health's (BCH) Annual General Meeting for 2021-2022 celebrated their amazing staff who have gone above and beyond to deliver healthcare to the local community in the midst of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

BCH CEO Jan Child said all staff – clinical and non-clinical – were the heroes of a trying year in which the health service delivered more services to the community, including COVID testing and vaccination services, while managing the personal challenges of the Pandemic felt by everyone.

"Throughout these extraordinary times, our staff rose to every challenge. Many staff stepped out of their usual roles to support other areas because of our workforce shortages," she said.

"Most staff worked many additional hours, double shifts/weekend/night duty when it was not their usual routine, all the time in the most restrictive masks, face shields, gowns and other PPE, all while building a new hospital and starting new services."

Ms Child said watching construction of the new hospital advance throughout the Pandemic helped to buoy the organisation through one of the most challenging chapters of its history.

Whilst other services closed capacity, BCH staff stepped up to do more hours, take on new roles and learn new skills to keep the sub-regional service vibrant.

At the Annual General Meeting on Thursday, February 16, BCH was proud to honour long-serving staff, presenting 121 service awards to staff for 10 to 25 years of service.

BCH also commended Judith Street for 45 years of service; Sheryl Mark and Allison Clover for 40 years of service; Elizabeth Luna, Norma Sim, Glenys Bell, Ruth Harvey, Jenny Hayes, Anne Kerr, Patricia Scanlon and Brigitte Taylor for 35 years of service; and Melinda Milkins, Suanne Dunston, Allyson Mirtschin, Tracey Jones, Pauline Humbert and Jennifer Buxton for 30 years of service.

In total, 2410 years of dedicated service was celebrated. The AGM was held later than usual to allow for BCH's Annual Report to be tabled in State Parliament.

Highlights of 2021-22 included:

- maintaining accreditation of the newly renovated care facilities, Kirrak House, by passing the three-yearly accreditation review by the Aged Care Quality and Safety Commission
- achieving mid-term accreditation from the Post Graduate Medical Council of Victoria for the training of our Junior Medical Staff
- achieving accreditation with the Royal Australian College of Physicians for a Geriatric Advanced trainee as a seconded site from Alfred Health
- participating in Safer Care Victoria (SCV) 'A 100,000 Lives initiative' projects – Aged Care Friendly Systems and Postpartum Haemorrhage Collaborative Charter
- expanding the Emergency Department capacity by temporarily moving into the newly renovated Armitage House, whilst awaiting the new hospital. This enabled a significant increase in the
- delivering more Meals on Wheels to the community – 51,709 meals for the financial year – which not only supplied nutritious food to our community, but importantly provided social connection.

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Attendees celebrated the official launch of the 14kW of solar panels at BCAL which were funded by COPower and Southern CORE Fund. C56_0823

Big talk on climate action for forum

CHAIRS spilled into the corridor on Saturday (February 18) as 50 people attended the Bass Coast Climate Action Network's (BCCAN) Forum at the Bass Coast Adult Learning Centre (BCAL).

Attendees heard about what the Council is doing in regard to their Climate Action Plan, since declaring a Climate Emergency in August 2019.

Chaired by Bass Coast Mayor Michael Whelan, Bass Coast Shire Council Climate Emergency Project Officer Christian Slattery kicked off the speakers panel before handing over to Joey Thompson, Newhaven College student and School Strike for Climate advocate;

and Zoe Geyer, Coordinator of Totally Renewable Phillip Island.

Attendees were given an opportunity to ask questions and express concerns about local climate-related issues including urban sprawl, public transport, landcare and energy efficiency. Four key break-out groups followed the panel to further discuss ideas and start planning – Community involvement in Climate Action Plan, Cosy Homes, Waste Reduction and Divestment in Fossil Fuels

In opening the panel discussion, the mayor spoke about the role individuals can play and the importance of supporting young people and changing the future

for future generations.

"If everyone here speaks to 20 people that's (1000 people) and that's how we influence, not by haranguing people..."

"We have a role to play because we have a lot of lived experience to support young people. Think local, act global."

BCCAN volunteer and Cosy Homes co-coordinator Jessica Harrison also spoke about the importance of small steps creating great change, and was inspired to hear from Christian particularly around the greatest community emission sources.

"It was inspiring to hear from Christian Slattery about the Climate Action Plan and from Totally Renewable Phillip

Island about their community battery and their proposal for a local transport system," Jessica said.

"The Cosy Homes break-out group resulted in a lively exchange of information about solar installation, saving money on bills and keeping the cold out of old Wonthaggi homes. School Striker Joey Thompson lead a fruitful discussion about how to convince NAB to stop funding coal mines."

In the build up to the main event, guests were also treated to the launch of 14kW of solar panels at BCAL, funded by COPower and Southern CORE Fund, which are saving energy costs for the Centre.

Your health in good hands

ON Monday, February 27, the doors will open to the Newhaven Medical Clinic located just off the Phillip Island bridge in the main township of Newhaven.

Looking to help fill the gap and provide a medical service to Phillip Island, Business Manager Cameron Pepper said the Newhaven Clinic will run as a similar service to the Inverloch and Grantville centres sharing of doctors, resources, and staff with Wonthaggi to service the high growth area.

"For people already coming to Wonthaggi Medical Group, this new clinic will ease the travel pressure with a centre in closer proximity to home," said Cameron.

"Over time we hope to attract more doctors with our brand-new service and brand-new facility, but with a lack of General Practitioners across the board we are working with our regular GPs to share their time and service Phillip Island."

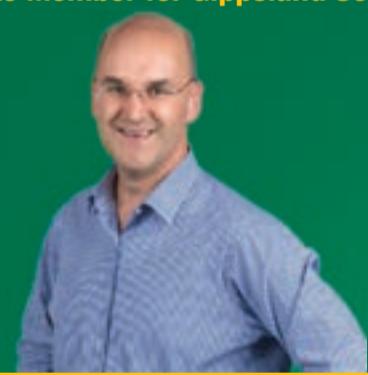
"It's a changing world in the world of General Practitioners, doctors are getting hard to find, but we're bucking that trend – we have a lot of doctors on our books that regularly work with us," Cameron said.

Wonthaggi Medical Group will coordinate the specialists available in the Newhaven Clinic based on what care is required in the area. The space is now available, and bookings for specialists will open as interest rises.

"Staff will be onsite from Monday, February 20, for bookings and patients will be notified once the Hot Doc app is up and running."

The Newhaven Clinic located at Shop 5, 8-10 Forrest Ave, Newhaven, will be open Monday to Friday from 8:30am until 5:00pm. Call 5926 6910 to make an appointment.

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How did Bass Coast support 'the Voice'?

BASS Coast was one of the first 38 councils around Australia to sign up its support for 'the Voice' referendum.

But how did the council make the decision?

That's what Phillip Island's shire watcher Graham Jolly wanted to know when he posed a question to council last week.

"Was the decision through public community engagement or majority Councillor vote or was the decision made by a council senior officer or the CEO?" Mr Jolly wanted to know.

It was a captain's call, according to the response.

"The Mayor signed a Joint Statement of Mayors in support of constitutional recognition through an Indigenous Voice to Parliament. Council is committed to an ongoing process of reconciliation and community strengthening through building strong relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities."

At the recent citizenship ceremony, the Mayor Cr Michael Whelan also noted the local support for the Voice.

"Bass Coast Shire Council is proud to be one of the four leading Bass Coast organisations that make up the Bass Coast Reconciliation Network along the Bass Coast Health, Westernport Water and Phillip Island Nature Parks; working together with the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, traditional owners, organisations, local members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community and the Bass Coast South Gippsland Reconciliation Group," said Cr Whelan.

Bass Coast along with 38 mayors from across the country have now signed up including representatives from every state and territory to support the Voice to Parliament.

Charity regulator says give generously but beware of scams

IN THE wake of the earthquake disaster in Türkiye and Syria, the national charity regulator advises donors to give generously to legitimate charities but to beware of scam appeals.

Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commissioner Sue Woodward AM said the scale of destruction and enormity of loss is overwhelming and Australians want to help.

However, she said it is important to check the ACNC Charity Register to ensure you are giving to a registered charity.

Before you make a donation the ACNC recommends you:

- Look for established, registered charities running verified appeals.
- Check the Charity Register to see details about a charity's main work.
- Don't click on links in unsolicited emails and social media posts which may take you to a fake, scam website. Find the charity's website in a search engine or on the Charity Register.
- Don't give your credit card and bank account details on social media and be cautious if you do so online.
- If you get a call claiming to be from a charity, say you'll call back. Search the Charity Register and call back on the number shown there.
- Always ask for identification from collectors at a shopping centre, on the street or at your front door.

Temporary reception closure

SOUTH Gippsland Shire's reception will be closed from Monday, February 20, and reopen Monday, February 27.

This is to allow some building works to occur, to ensure the building is safe and accessible for staff and the community.

The Customer Service team will still be available on the phones between 8.30am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

Dino 'hunters' back on the fossil trail

ON Tuesday, February 14 a team of 'dino hunters' embarked on the first 'dinosaur dig' in Inverloch since the COVID-19 pandemic, as Bass Coast Shire Council ramps up plans for a \$40 million world-class Dinosaur Trail to celebrate the area's fascinating prehistoric heritage.

The team of 20, including leading palaeontologists, researchers and volunteers began 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 Caves is a well-known site that harbours precious polar dinosaur fossils dating back 126 million years. It will also become one of the sites in the planned Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail, which is now in its design phase.

As part of the dinosaur dig, which is expected to run for 10 days, 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.

Dinosaur Dreaming dig coordinator Lesley Kool said the group had excavated The Caves site for 20 consecutive seasons from 1994 to 2013, unearthing close to 20,000 fossilised bones of dinosaurs, mostly micro fossils no larger than 5cm.

Bass Coast Shire Council CEO Ali Wastie said the day is a big day onsite.

"We have brought all our creatives together who are working on the Bass Coast Dinosaurs Trail design project, including architects, visual designers, creative technologists, and Phoria and together they're looking



Likeminded and passionate volunteers Fotini, Amber and Adam assisted at The Caves dig in Inverloch working at finding prehistoric evidence in Bass Coast. Z06_0823

at the six creative sites around Bass Coast.

"The dig was a good opportunity for each member of the project to come together and meet some of the world's most renowned palaeontologists who are right here in Bass Coast," said Ms Wastie.

\$500,000 has been funded for the concept design by the State Government's Enabling Tourism Fund, helping support all of the creatives in attendance onsite, we'll then seek further funding for each portion of the project after the design is finalised."

Mike Cleeland from Bunurong Coast Education has been on the Inverloch project since day one in 1992.

"I was here when the first fossils were found, and we're finding prehistoric material on the site all the time, one reason being there is constant erosion.

"We found the footprint of two dinosaurs here at The Caves, the problem is the rock layer is dipping, so we could potentially dig down and expose what might be a track of footprints," said Mike.

"We have discussed the protection of the prehistoric discovery and a decision will be made after the publication of a paper by Professor Tony Martin later this year."

Dino Dreaming volunteers John Wilkins, John Swinkels, Eve Eidelson and Dr Corrie Williams were working on 'the pit' onsite at The Caves on Tuesday morning. Dr Corrie and John were excavating the layer whilst John and Eve were checking bits that came out of the layer, either sorting them into rubbish, to be broken up or to be looked at by Lesley Kool.

The pit is a large surface area,

where volunteers can see a lot of the layer at once when they remove a big slab of the sand surface. If they have found fossils, there is a colour coded system in place.

In regard to the shire's Dinosaur Trail project, 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.

Don't risk missing Lions' 'Skin Check' at Loch



The Strzelecki Lions will have the Skin Check and Awareness Unit at the Loch Market Site on Friday, March 3 and Saturday, March 4. Bookings are essential.

who won't need a follow up.

"We got the Lions' V Districts' Skin Check and Awareness Unit coming down for those two days and it's a great opportunity to get up to date with the health of your skin," said coordinator of the day, Strzelecki Lion Frank Hirst.

"The unit comes with three, air-conditioned consulting rooms staffed by qualified dermatologists and doctors and they are very efficient about the way everyone gets

through," said Frank.

"We'd encourage everyone interested to send an email to lionslochskincheck@gmail.com with their name, phone number and preferred time between 8am and 5pm.

Bookings are essential.

The Lions' Skin Check and Awareness Unit is making a sweep through the area in February and March, starting at Red Hill on Friday and Saturday, February 17 & 18 and then continuing on to Koo Wee

Rup and Loch. Here are a selection of dates:

- Koo Wee Rup Saturday & Sunday, February 25 & 26, 8am-5pm
- Loch Market Site (Strzelecki Lions) Friday, March 3 from 8am-5pm and Saturday, March 4 8am-5pm
- Traralgon Saturday & Sunday, March 18 & 19
- Yarram Saturday & Sunday, March 25 & 26
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OH WHAT A FEELING

Still no explanation for anthem gaffe

"A COMPLETE cop out!" That's the way Wonthaggi council-watcher Kevin Griffin termed the response by the Bass Coast Shire Council to questions about why the National Anthem was left out of the main shire event on Australia Day.

"There were three people with specific questions about the failure to play the anthem at the citizenship ceremony and none of them has received a proper answer," said Mr Griffin, after last Wednesday's council question time.

"Rob Langford asked 'whose decision it was not to play the anthem'. Not answered. I asked 'what procedures were being put in place' to ensure it doesn't happen again. Not answered. And the Coronet Bay resident wanted to know if council thought the 'Welcome to Country' was more important. Again, not answered."

Mr Griffin said he had heard that it wasn't a staff member who was at fault, but he wanted the matter clarified.

In fact, it has been reported to the Sentinel-Times that it was the Mayor himself, Cr Michael Whelan, who made the captain's call on the anthem.

The Sentinel-Times put the allegations to Cr Whelan but he has so far declined to clarify his involvement or offer an apology.

Here's how the questions were asked and answered at the Wednesday, February 15 council meeting:

On the topic 'Australian National Anthem'.

• Rob Langford (Phillip Island): Could you explain why the Australian National Anthem was not scheduled to be sung at the 2023 Australia Day Bass Coast Citizenship ceremony? Whose decision was that and will you commit to ensuring it does not happen at all future citizenship ceremonies?

• Kevin Griffin (Wonthaggi): The Australian Citizenship Ceremonies Code advises that the Australian National Anthem 'Advance Australia Fair' should be played. The failure of Council not to play the national anthem at the recent citizenship awards ceremony should concern all councillors. What procedures will Council put in place to ensure that such oversights are not repeated?

• Levinus Van Der Neut (Coronet Bay): It seems to me that the 'Welcome to Country' and the apology to our Aboriginal people was deemed more important than singing the national anthem at our recent citizenship ceremony for our 33 new Australian citizens. Could you please explain to me why this happened? Why do some members of this Council and its office sector listen to minority politics?

Answer: In recent years the practice of playing the national anthem at citizenship ceremonies has been inconsistent and Council commits to playing it at all future ceremonies.

\$872,751 for Bass councillors

IN THE two years between their election appointment in November 2020 and December 31, 2022, Bass Coast's councillors have received \$872,751 in allowances.

All sitting councillors have received at least the base allowance of \$62,851.28 for that period, but some have also had their expenses paid for 'car mileage', including Cr Bruce Kent \$5760 and Cr David Rooks \$5773, and Cr Rooks \$10,746 for conferences and training expenses, easily the highest of councillors not serving in the top two roles.

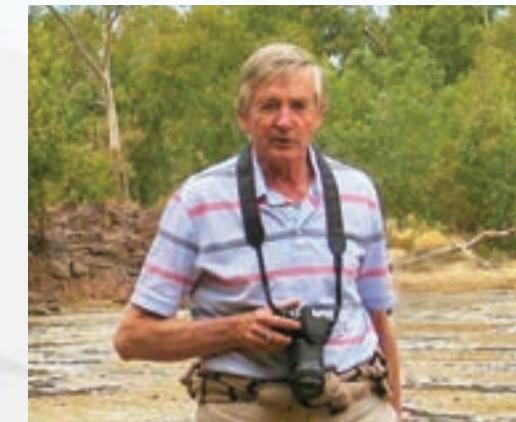
The Mayor Cr Michael Whelan has gone ahead of the previous mayor Cr Brett Tessari in allowance paid for the two years with a base allowance of \$136,370 and \$35,225 in expenses.

At the other end of the scale, Cr Ron Bauer is winning the race to the bottom, claiming just \$6016 in additional expenses (including \$4569 for IT/Comms), as compared to Cr Les Larke claiming just \$6402.

• OBITUARY

Locals praised for Latvian family's new life

The life and times of former forester, photographer and Wonthaggi Historical Society member, Arnis Heislars, was remembered at his memorial service recently.



THE eventful but ultimately happy life of Cape Paterson forester, environmentalist, photographer and historian, Arnis Heislars, was celebrated at a memorial service at the Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club on Monday, January 30.

But as much as it was an acknowledgement of the efforts by the new arrivals, from war-torn Europe, to make a successful life for themselves here in South Gippsland, it was also a touching tribute to the welcome they received from the locals.

Cr Leticia Laing marked the passing of Mr Heislars at the Bass Coast Shire Council meeting last week.

"We extend our condolences and sympathy to the family and friends of Cape Paterson resident Arnis Heislars. Originally a child refugee from the Balkans (Latvia) who settled in Mirboo North, he worked for the Forestry Commission for many years before moving to the Bass Coast.

"He was instrumental in early studies into the impact of bushfires, had encyclopaedic knowledge of native forest species and was passionate about the environment," said Cr Laing.

"Later in his life he contributed greatly to the Wonthaggi and District Historical Society with his work on restoring

old photographs in the society's collection," said Cr Laing.

Born in Riga, Latvia in 1939, on the eve of the Second World War, Arnis Heislars passed away peacefully on January 18, 2023 surrounded by family and friends. Loved husband of Una (dec), loving father of David, Chris, Simon, Jen and their partners he was the adored Pa to 11 grandchildren and a dear friend of Jill.

His sister Anita, five years his junior, provided some details of the family's early years that were read out at the memorial service.

"The early years of our lives would have many dangers for us. With Arnis as small baby in 1940, the Russians invaded. The Russians were then driven out a year later by the German invasion.

"In mid-1944, with Germany facing defeat, and a second Soviet invasion imminent, the family fled to Poland. Mom, Arnis 5, and Anita five months old, went first by Dutch barge, in June, to Poland with dad following in October. In Poland they stayed with their mom's parents who were managing a farm.

"We lived in fear of the Russians and often had to hide in an attic.

"Several ways of escape

were tried but all papers except my birth certificate were destroyed. We managed to convince officials we were German."

Anita's birth certificate had been rolled up and put inside the dry tube of a fountain pen and they ultimately got it all the way to Australia after that, but nothing else.

"So, we spent three years in a displaced persons camp near Hamburg and those years were years of uncertainty and worry, though I was too small to understand.

"A new chance of life came in 1949. Australia was looking for workers and saw displaced people from the Baltic states to be acceptable.

"Our journey was first by train to Naples and then aboard an American troop ship. I remember it being very hot. We often slept on deck. Mom spent most of the journey lying down, struggling with seasickness and migraine.

"Some things are not forgotten, however. One night a man jumped overboard. The ship was slow to turn around, but he was never found."

Their ship was diverted to Station Pier in Melbourne, not Sydney in the throes of a dock strike, which is how they came to be in South Gippsland via the Bonegilla Migrant Training and

Reception Centre.

Arriving with few family possessions, they settled in the Mirboo North area where local families helped them with clothing, bedding, furniture, and friendship, helping the kids get to school, and supporting them while they got settled into an idyllic rural life.

As his son David noted at the funeral, Arnis was a quick and avid learner, not knowing a word of English at 10 years-of-age, but completing a forestry degree at Melbourne University a dozen years later and going on to do some ground-breaking research into the ecological effects of bushfire and also the impact of back-burning on small mammals.

Following in the footsteps of his father, he was posted to Bright in 1963 where he fought fires and was involved in the rescue of crash victims on the treacherous Great Alpine Road, later Daylesford and Creswick and then back to South Gippsland.

But throughout his eulogy, speakers harked back to the generosity of the families back in the Mirboo North area who gave Arnis and his family their start in a wonderful country.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to <https://www.leukaemia.org.au>

Veneto Polenta Day to highlight town's Italian culture

JOIN the Italian community to celebrate Veneto Polenta Day at the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine on Sunday, March 5; where an appetising lunch menu will be served at 12pm.

Guests will be entertained by renowned Choir from Veneto Club Bulleen followed by a local group of musicians, 'Canti Popolari' accompanied by piano accordion musician.

Polenta Day has a proud history in Wonthaggi. During the 1980s, a group of Italian families who migrated from a small town in the Italian Alps called San Donato, in the Veneto Region with the province being Belluno, decided to have a reunion of all San Donato families and have what they called Polenta Day.

Polenta is a traditional Italian meal from the Veneto Region and, to this day, is still very popular.

The first event was held in Reed Crescent in Wonthaggi and was a big success.

From there, the event became bigger and better, and the Wonthaggi San Donato have kept this tradition up to the present day, with the event now held at the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine annually.



The Italian families who had migrated from a small town in the Italian alps called Sandozato in the Veneto region annually get together to reunite and connect over food, wine and good company at the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine. Z10_0823

and staying overnight in local accommodation."

Small profits that have been made by the Italian San Donato families over these years have been donated to the Friends of the State Coal Mine and other entities.

The cost is \$25 per person with a menu of Polenta of two types with cheese, ragu, sauerkraut with vegies and

Italian sausages, salads, dessert Panettone, and Crostoli. BYO plates, cutlery, drinks, table, and chairs.

"Unfortunately, the State Coal Mine tours and cafe remain closed, but we are hopeful they will re-open for future events."

Bookings are essential. Phone Aida 0429 382 039 after 5pm. No bookings will be accepted after February 24.

Big year ahead in Bass electorate for MP

AFTER an incredibly close election win last year, Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale has got her sights set on the next four years with more to do and plenty of election promises to implement.

The State Labor Government had certainly promised a lot for the electorate, which included:

- \$290 million to deliver the second stage of works at Wonthaggi Hospital, a major redevelopment that delivers extra beds, a new birthing complex and a new outpatient clinic.
- \$6.7 million on upgrading Wonthaggi Primary School
- \$5.3 million on upgrading San Remo Primary
- \$16.7 million for jetties and boating facilities including two new jetties in Warneet, an expansion at Cowes and upgrades to boat ramps and carparks at Inverloch, Lang Lang and Tooradin.
- \$2.15 Million towards a new modern pavilion and revamped skate park at Tooradin Rec Reserve
- \$200,000 towards Corinella Boating and Angling Club's new community club rooms.
- Three new schools in the Clyde area

Speaking about the election, Ms Crugnale said she always knew it was going to be close and come down to the last vote.

"With or without the redistribution and big changes to the boundary, I never once took anything for granted. You keep putting yourself out there, doorknock, street stalls, markets, phone calls, conversations with community members at every turn and a big shout out to our branch members, friends and supporters who were out and about also during the campaign and helping in a myriad of ways – it was a big team effort and my family and I are so grateful for their support."

"Each conversation we had was important and valued because you get an insight into what matters to people, their families, communities, their area. It's an opportunity to learn about what needs attention, see if it already aligns with our social and infrastructure agenda, a funding program, a support or service and if not, go in and fight for it."

Due to the electoral boundary redistribution, which took



Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale is looking forward to her next term with plenty of projects and funding commitments to keep her busy.

place during the last election, Jordan was out and about in the new communities from Tooradin to Pearcedale, Devon Meadows and Cranbourne South in the Casey Council area early on, connecting in with schools, kinders, local community groups, businesses and service groups like the CFA.

Priorities

To kick off 2023, the Premier and Health Minister paid a visit to the Wonthaggi Hospital to get a glimpse at the recently completed expansion.

"What's great about the Stage One building is that it already contains a future expansion area which means it is ready to be fitted out. There are two shells (empty spaces) I am certainly pushing we get on with it through a Stage 2 early works package and get maternity, diagnostics, pharmacy up and running as we masterplan the next big build for the site."

"It was part of our meet and thank the BCH team and 'show and tell' tour with the Premier and Health Minister recently. At the moment 300 women birth outside of the

catchment and by having a higher level maternity birthing complex here means they can be close to home – which is ideal for them, their partners and families."

Jordan explained that in the upcoming State Budget, many of the election commitments will be either fully or staged funded depending on its construction readiness.

"As an example, what happened last election with our commitments for Cowes, Lang Lang and Koo Wee Rup primary schools saw the first budget release 10 per cent of the total allocation for planning and design. The VSBA work with the school who then appoint architects etc and the subsequent budget sees the remainder when the project is ready to start construction."

"This is where I hope to see an early works package for the Victorian Health Building Authority and Bass Coast Health to get on with fitting out the spaces within the Stage 1 Building."

Looking ahead, Jordan will be advocating for a mental health hub to be established in Wonthaggi with outreach to

the Waterline Towns and Phillip Island, after the government had promised one for Leongatha.

"The Mental Health Hub would be similar to the model of our Orange Door, where people access supports and referrals in the one place, so they aren't having to navigate a system and services by themselves or with their families."

Jordan was also queried about the next stage of the Bass Coast Distinctive Area and Landscape program, after its draft finalisation was delayed due to the number of submissions received.

The draft Bass Coast Statement of Planning Policy (SPP) and all written submissions received were referred to the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Standing Advisory Committee by the Minister for Planning during October 2022.

"Technically the Minister could have just signed off the draft and we would have met our election commitment timewise ... but we need to do this well and make sure this beautiful part of Victoria continues to be a great place to live, work and visit and ensure we make the right decision to preserve what we value here."

The hearings are scheduled for March 6 – April 27.

Other projects on Ms Crugnale's to do list include: "Apart from making sure we deliver on our election commitments and also the many projects and programs already underway from the Community Hospital on Phillip Island, to the SES in Wonthaggi, major upgrade to the Bass Coast Specialist School, supporting our business, creative, tourism and agriculture sectors - I'll be fighting for our Dudley Campus to be rebuilt, rail extended to Clyde, the old Wonthaggi McBride campus visioned and moved along by Council which will come back to us for significant funding, our landmark 'Big Housing Build' investment into social and affordable housing continue, better public transport and modern timetabling, a whole of Western Port Management Plan and continuing to work with our schools, clubs and community organisations to make sure they apply for the myriad of grants we have on offer. We are also here to help people with state government related matters."

South Gippsland Shire Council pursues advocacy goals

WHILE South Gippsland Shire Council is just about to hold its first public meeting of the year, plenty has already been happening behind the scenes, including action to advance its 2022/23 Advocacy Projects.

These are projects council has identified as important to the region and which require lobbying to higher levels of government to obtain funding and other support.

"I've just written to our State and Federal members and ministers to request meetings, both in Spring Street and Canberra," Mayor Nathan Hersey said.

"Along with the deputy mayor and the CEO I'll be heading to Canberra in late March to undertake meetings to advocate directly with the relevant ministers, and we're still waiting for confirmation of when we can meet ministers in Spring Street."

Broadly council's 2022/23 Advocacy Projects are:

- Increase rural road funding
- Leongatha Heavy Vehicle Alternative Route
- South Gippsland Highway Realignment – Coal Creek Bends
- Connectivity
- Early Years infrastructure
- Upgrade of the Leongatha Recreation Reserve grandstand
- Coastal protection
- Improved access to mental health care
- Emergency preparedness

Cr Hersey said that in addition to those formal advocacy projects, council will pursue other objectives in talks with higher government representatives.

"That includes wanting to have clear and open dialogue on the offshore wind projects," he said, something that will apply at both State and Federal levels.

The mayor stressed the importance of advocating for desired projects within South Gippsland Shire.

Regional labour market hits record growth

GROWTH in the regional labour force surpassed the previous record levels of the mining construction boom a decade ago to hit 3.3 percent in the December 2022 quarter, according to the latest figures released by the Regional Australia Institute (RAI).

However, labour market conditions in regional Australia remain tight, with the participation rate at its highest in more than 30 years, at 71.4 percent in December.

"Overall, regional economies and labour markets continue to outperform metropolitan markets under these much tighter conditions. In fact, we continue to see historically significant milestones reached that have set regions apart," Liz Ritchie said.

"Despite the fact that regional people are keen and engaged to work, and population continues to grow, ultimately, we still need more people to meet this historic demand on the labour market."

Regional Victoria recorded a 9.8 percent annual increase, with Western Australia just 2 percent – slightly lower than the 3 percent increase for mainland capital cities.

To ensure Australia's regional workforce is 'fit-for-purpose' in the future, the RAI has identified Jobs and Skills as one of the five key pillars in its Regionalisation Ambition 2032 – A Framework to Rebalance the Nation.

To achieve the goal within the Jobs and Skills pillar, the Regionalisation Ambition 2032 sets out the following targets: By 2032:

- Reduce the recruitment difficulty in regional Australia from 77% (last week) to below 40%.
- Increase the share of skilled workers employed in regional Australia from 73% as at May 2022 to 80% of the regional workforce.
- Increase the Year 12 school attainment rate of young people in regional Australia from an average of 65% (last week) to 75% or above.
- Boost post-school qualification completion in regional Australia to 65% or above from 57% as at May 2021.

Woodchop competitions facing the axe, says Bath



The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Melina Bath has raised concern about the future of woodchopping competitions.

THE sport of woodchopping is at risk as the State Government continues to fail Victoria's native timber industry. The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Melina Bath has claimed.

Log supply for the Victorian Axemen's Council (VAC) upcoming woodchopping events are in jeopardy.

A court order limiting timber harvesting in areas managed by VicForests means the council does not have enough logs to supply Victoria's woodchopping events.

Speaking in State Parliament, Ms Bath called on the Government to act and guarantee the future of the sport.

"Woodchopping has a long and proud history in Gippsland and right across Victoria which continues to grow year on year."

"The sport of woodchopping is a highly competitive activity; over 100 events are run each year across the state drawing skilled competitors from all over Australia."

"You only have to look at the large crowds that woodchopping events attracted at last year's highly successful Heyfield Timber Festival to see firsthand how popular the sport is."

"Competitive athletes are highly trained and its

devastating that their sport is being diminished through green lawfare."

Ms Bath said she had made a commitment to the President of the VAC, Brad Meyer to fight for the sport.

"Frustratingly only three Gippsland woodchop events will proceed this year as they're utilising logs left over from their previous competitions, these include – the Heyfield Timber Festival, Foster Show and Erica King of the Mountain festival.

"I am encouraging locals to attend the Foster Show and provide their support to our incredible wood chop competitors."

FOSTER SHOW

THIS SATURDAY

What's featuring this year at the show?

TAKE a look at some of the activities that will feature this weekend at the Foster Show.

Bendigo Bank Woodchop Competition

Organisers are proud to have been able to bring back the wood-chop to Foster Show with the generous support of the Toora & Foster Community Bank. Competition runs between 10:30am and 3pm on showday thanks to the South & Central Gippsland Axe-man's Association.

Flyball demonstration

The Bass Coast Flyball team will show off their skills on showday this year performing a series of hourly demonstrations. Don't miss these awesome dogs and their handlers in action!

YYUFD Working Dog Trial

The YYUFD Working Dog Trial on show day will demonstrate the ultimate bond between dog and handler, as a team moving a mob of sheep through yard obstacles. Competitors come from all over the state to participate and competition runs from 8am until the conclusion of the show.

Chainsaw carving

Andrew is back to show off his carving skills on show day this year!

Arie's Foster Show passion



Arie Bos always looks forward to the Foster Show, whether judging or exhibiting, with flowers and floral art among his passions.

WELSHPOOL'S Arie Bos is well qualified to promote the Foster Show, having been extensively involved, whether as a judge or exhibitor.

He encourages people to get to the Foster Showgrounds on Saturday to see the creativity and skill of entrants across a range of craft, cookery, produce, photography and other areas.

"I like the Show because it demonstrates what local people can achieve," Arie said.

Having long been a horticultural judge, he has been called on to assess entries in most of the Foster Show's veggie section over the years.

"I'm often staggered by the quality of the veggies and fruit," Arie said.

As a judge he looks for produce that is well presented, clean and appears inviting to eat.

Zucchinis shouldn't be huge, with the rapidly developing vegetable sometimes catching its grower by surprise.

As a contestant, Arie usually enters flowers and floral art and has also had photos in the Show.

He has had the best rose a few times and enjoyed

plenty of success with his floral art.

While the floral art section allows for bought flowers, Arie usually uses ones from his large garden.

Creativity is important in floral art, as is the condition of your materials, Arie explained.

"Your containers should be clean, your flowers and foliage should be in good condition, and you're trying to show off the best you can do," he said.

Arie's keenness to be as involved as possible in the Foster Show is demonstrated by the fact he believes he once won a prize for his jam, indicating he's willing to give a variety of things a go.

He's always happy to see lots of entrants across diverse categories.

"It makes the Show," Arie said.

"I'm no judge of cakes, but that section always looks good."

On Show Day, Arie doesn't limit himself to the exhibits pavilion, always wandering the Showgrounds and enjoying the whole experience, whether that be looking at cattle or learning more about bee keeping.

"I like to have a good squiz," he said.



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FOSTER SHOW

THIS SATURDAY



Rhonda Bland's large edible garden will again provide a range of produce for exhibition at the Foster Show.

Rhonda relishes Show involvement

LOCAL Rhonda Bland will continue her tradition of entering a variety of home-grown items from her two-and-a-half-acre edible garden in the Foster Show.

"I like nature and it's nice to put exhibits on the bench for the public," Rhonda said.

While winning is a bonus, she loves being part of the show and encouraging others to enter their produce.

Rhonda is happy to advise any "wanna be" new exhibitors.

She believes entering the show is in her genes, with her grandfather having been an exhibitor at the Melbourne Show, although others in the family haven't taken after him in that regard.

Apart from her love of gardening and the outdoors, Rhonda offered a further reason for choosing the 'home produce' section.

"I'm no good at craft," she said.

Rhonda expects silver beet and apple cucumbers to be among her highlights this year, saying it has been a bad year for pumpkins.

One vegetable proves ever reliable.

"Zucchinis are always good," Rhonda said, noting the challenge is to harvest the prolific vegetable while it is at the desired size as it grows so rapidly.

As well as fruit and veggies, Rhonda enters her preserves.

The long-term show entrant and member of the Welshpool Horticultural Society sometimes enters fresh produce even if it hasn't quite reached her desired standard, feeling it provides an incentive for others to get involved in future Foster Shows.

"Some members of the public might think, 'Mine look better,' and that may encourage them to enter next year," Rhonda said.

Don't miss the show in Foster

THIS Saturday, February 25, people will flock to the Foster Showground for the fantastic Foster & District Agricultural Show.

Opening the show will be Victoria's representative for the Australian Rural Ambassador competition, and 2022 Foster Show Rural Ambassador, Alexandra Pattinson.

Looking forward to many things on show day, Alexandra has a particular interest in the Young Farmers Challenge, her initiative for the 2022 Foster Show that has carried success to the 2023 Foster Show.

"Last year a team of holiday-makers from Melbourne made competition tough, but young local talent took the trophy. With some never-before-seen challenges, we welcome new contenders and returning teams to defend their title," said Alexandra Pattinson.

Planning for show day is easy,

By Sammy Spark,
Foster Show Society

with plenty of information available at www.fostershow.com or via our social media. Tickets can be purchased online or at the gate. Kids are FREE in 2023. As parking can get a bit tight, there will be shuttle buses running from Fish Creek, Toora, and around town on the day, keep an eye out for more information on our social media and website.

COVID safety is still a priority, with hand sanitising stations available throughout the showground.

Don't miss the action at the Foster Show, check out the timetable for the day, or our show day map of the grounds. A reminder that due to ongoing works on the oval, horse competitions will be held at Bennison Recreation Reserve - 5 O'Sullivan's Road, Bennison.

For those wanting to get hands on for the Foster Show, enter as many competitions as you would like! Online entries close Wednesday, February 22, 2023 except sections U (Cut Flowers and Pot Plants) and T (Dahlias) which close on Thursday, February 23, 2023.

Please note all exhibits entered in the exhibit shed and basketball stadium must be delivered to the showgrounds between 10am and 4pm on Friday, February 24, 2023. Judging will commence at 4pm on Friday, February 24. No entries will be accepted on Saturday (show day).

Entry to the dog high jump, Young Farmers Challenge, pet parade, sheaf tossing and Fashions on the Field competitions are taken on the day of the show at their respective competition locations or the Secretary's Office.

Foster Show secretary, Denia

Gilheany, is looking forward to seeing how her home produce and delicious jams go, as well as seeing, "the range of displays and competitions grow again at this year's show; hopefully a great interactive learning opportunity for all ages about different agricultural niches".

Don't miss some of the best attractions, like the giant pumpkin competition and display, working dog trials, Leaders in Agriculture seminar, Golden Brick Road show-bags for kids, Avenue of Agriculture, poultry judging, wool shearing demonstration and so much more!

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Change for Sam urge immediate access for alarms

LEADING the change in Domestic Violence, Lija Matthews of Change for Sam is working vigorously on her next project, to provide 24/7 security monitored personal alarms to those in the community that need them most – for free.

The service will be part of a loan library and people will be asked to return the device once they have finished with them, firstly to be reused and secondly to reduce landfill.

"The alarms are ready and raring to go to new homes for safety and security - oh, how I wish Sam had one of these," said Lija.

Lija is in final negotiations to ensure the project is as successful and wide reaching as possible.

The alarms are currently available for purchase but at an out-of-pocket expense of \$600.

Lija is working together with numerous Family Violence agencies and security companies to have the alarms available on loan for free, whilst the individuals are processing their funding applications.

"The loan library will give those in need the extra element of security for them to feel safe when walking through the door or being out alone – they can access this device for as long or as little as they need while their funding is being approved," said Lija.

"Having this extra sense of security removes fear from victims or those in need. With the touch of a button, the alarm will direct the person to a security company where they can simply listen in on the conversation and or get help sent out immediately."

All conversations on the device are court admissible, which removes the hearsay from a trial in any case heard before the court.

Access to the device through the loan library is a project that isn't far away.

To support Change for Sam visit www.changeforsam.com.au and the Facebook page, Change For Sam.

Looking for more staff? Register for Jobs Expo!

BUSINESSES are encouraged to register for the South Gippsland Jobs Expo where a range of exciting new job opportunities will be showcased on Thursday, March 16, at Memorial Hall, Leongatha.

The South Gippsland Jobs Expo is ideal if you are looking to hire ongoing employment, apprentice and traineeship, casual/part-time jobs, or are seeking gap year or holiday workers. It is also suitable for career break and return to the workforce.

Entry is free, including a free barbecue. Here's what to expect on the day:

- Talk with training organisations and employers
- Gain free career advice
- Discover jobs of the future
- Experience the free jobs board
- Learn how to write a winning resume
- Talk with key organisations

If you are looking for staff, you can't afford to miss this event.

The Fonz is in town

A GUNAI man from Lakes Entrance, Paul Patten, affectionately known as Fonzie, has been described as a mix between Pete Murray, Rob Thomas and Troy Cassar-Daley.

An affable, down-to-earth individual, the singer-songwriter shines onstage.

"I was born and raised in Narooma on the far south coast of New South Wales," Paul said.

"I went to boarding school in Healesville, and started getting into music when I was about eight/nine."

Stemming from a family of musicians, Paul followed their lead and love of music taking up vocals.

"My uncle would play with his band, and I would jump on the vocals as a young kid; it expanded from there. I developed a love of vocals and started studying on my own terms – not formal study but learning as much as I could about voice."

"I remember consciously making the decision, when I was 13, that I wanted to be a professional singer and it rolled from there."

Jumping behind the microphone it wasn't long before weekends back home included rock n' roll gigs.

"I had my first gig with my uncle's band when I was about 13 – jumping up and featuring on four songs they played."

"Soul, blues, country and western were my favourite types of music back then..."

"It's interesting because being a singer-songwriter myself I always lean towards songs that connect emotionally, that have really strong stories. My songs, that I sing on stage, are very eclectic in the sense they can be blues, they can be rock, they can be pop, they can be a lot of different genres. It's all about the story and the connection to a story that draws me in and then I can push that story out to an audience as well."

Leaving school, gigs took Paul around the country from Victoria up to Queensland.

"In the year 2000 I ended up starting at the Aboriginal Centre for Performing Arts in Brisbane. I studied an Advanced Diploma of Performing Arts with them for three years with a voice major and acting minor.

"It was amazing... I learnt so much about vocals and about acting and all the other creative and performing arts.

"It opened me up to the



Fonzie will take to the stage this weekend at Bang Bang Bar & Food in what is guaranteed to be a fantastic afternoon of tunes.

professional world of being a musician. And it also provided opportunities for some major gigs including the opening of the Veterans Games, performing for the Queensland Police Commissioner, The Telstra Awards, and at Brisbane Powerhouse...

"That was really cool because it shaped me into the professional performer I am today. It gave me the real-world view on what the industry looks like when you step outside."

After studying in Brisbane but making home in the creative neck of New Farm, Paul headed to Byron Bay, where the young chap was unaware of the opportunity that was about to present itself.

"There I got one of the biggest gigs of my life – the Byron Bay BluesFest 2009, which was the 20th anniversary... That was amazing – I got to perform alongside some amazing artists."

Playing gigs and doing radio interviews, Paul was also introduced to his first manager.

"I didn't want to be pigeon-holed, I wanted to do everything. Jamming around Byron Bay, as you can imagine there were so many creatives – making music, writing songs. I started writing my first EP during those years.

"From there I applied to MusicNSW for a program they were running called, Whichway, and I was successful alongside 15 others.

"They gave me the guidance

(and grant) to do my first EP."

Set up with Glen Hannah, who was Kasey Chambers guitarist at the time, Paul headed to their home in Avoca.

"I recorded about five tracks with (Glen and Felicity) and released the EP. Strong Black Woman, the very first song I wrote was one of those tracks.

"It is probably my most popular song to date, and it's no longer my song. People own that song themselves now. Every Mother's Day it's played all over Australia on Aboriginal radio stations, we get a lot of young brother boys in prison ringing up requesting it on Valentine's Day and Mother's Day sending their love out to their girlfriends and their mums.

"I wrote it about my Grandmother when she passed away to help with my grieving, but now it represents Strong Black Women out in our communities – our matriarchs, our mothers, our sisters who keep our kids safe and together, and our families strong.

"It's surreal because I wrote it for myself, I didn't expect it to take off and generate a life of its own, but I actually love that people recognise and know the song all over the country – they don't necessarily know that it's me..."

Alongside Strong Black Woman, Crave, from Paul's first EP, also made it onto Triple J Unearthed sitting at number 6.

When not playing the guitar

or piano, Paul is a man of the water.

"Swimming, diving, hunting... I was doing cultural education in Primary Schools with my Aunty and I performed for the opening of the Byron Bay Marine Park, when they got the Native Title handed over. It was a really special day – a beautiful day."

From Byron, Paul has since spent his life travelling between Melbourne and Sydney, wherever music takes him, and whilst pubs and clubs filled most of his schedule pre-COVID alongside festivals, Paul is now looking forwards to a slightly more refined atmosphere.

Purchasing his first piano, Paul has gone on to record his two latest songs in the studio with Candice Lorrae through Songlines Aboriginal Music Corporation. These new songs are set to be released online at the end of February.

In the meantime, people can see Paul in his first official gig on Millowl at Bang Bang Bar & Food this Sunday (February 26) from 5-7pm. Entry is free and it's advised to book a table.

Follow Paul on Facebook at [paulpattenaustralia](https://www.facebook.com/paulpattenaustralia) with links to his new website to be released soon. His music can be downloaded or listened to through Spotify, iTunes and other digital streaming services and he is contactable on paulpattenmusic@gmail.com

Council building connections with traditional owners



Cr Sarah Gilligan bathes herself in smoke at Wednesday's welcome to country event in Leongatha. A02_0823

A NEW year of South Gippsland Shire Council meetings opened on Wednesday with a special welcome to country and smoking ceremony preceding the February meeting in Leongatha.

Traditional custodian Daniel Weston of the Bunurong Land Council conducted proceedings, conveying the importance of the occasion while making everyone feel welcome with his relaxed manner and sense of humour.

"When you're on Bunurong country there are a few things we ask, that you look after the young ones, look after the land and respect the area that you're on," Daniel said.

People were invited to bathe themselves in the smoke, with

Daniel explaining its significance.

"We have some gum to represent the four clan groups and a bit of she oak to cleanse the soul," he announced.

Daniel outlined the historical importance of being properly welcomed to country, describing it as a sacred tradition.

"If you weren't welcomed onto country you'd be punished, and Bunurong people wouldn't go on other people's country unless they were welcome," he said.

"It's good to have a welcome to country and acknowledge First Nations people of the area, especially ones who have grown up here, and it's important to have a smoking ceremony and cleanse the bad spirits away," he said.

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Banfields residents are their top priority

GIVING residents the space to voice their individual perspectives, the Resident and Relative Meetings are part of an innovative, resident-focused initiative at Banfields Aged Care.

It's an opportunity to empower those living at the facility.

For residents to know what is going on, to raise concerns and questions, and to be an active member of their living environment.

"We are taking accountability for whatever is going on," Banfields Aged Care Lifestyle Manager, Robyn, explained.

If the team does not have the answer at that exact time, they go away and investigate further, then return to the resident with a clear explanation.

If it's a problem, then they resolve it with a clear strategy.

By empowering its residents, Banfields has addressed the stigma surrounding aged care and residents' rights.

"It's extremely important for our residents to have a strong platform to have a say in their care," Robyn said.

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Having their say on what they would like to eat, and what changes they would like made, is as important for the residents as it is for the management team.

"We talk about food and have fun."

"It gives residents a chance to explore different avenues of how they'd like things done.

"But it also lets us know how they're feeling about the meals, and how they're feeling about the service of the meals.

"It's really important because some people don't come out and enjoy the activities. "For them, the meal is the most important part of the day.

"We also have a Consumer Advisory Committee (CAC), whereby residents are elected by each other."

Held once a month, the CAC Meeting is an opportunity for elected residents to raise items, speak and present information to the CEO, Edward Matthies, and the Management Team.

"For residents, we take any issue directly to our CEO, as he makes himself accessible and accountable," she said. "He will answer the concern directly.

"For the residents, who might be a bit shy to speak up and say anything, they're more than happy to go to their fellow residents, and elected peers for representation. "It's a very effective system – the CEO is talking directly to them."

No longer will going into an aged care facility be about losing independence or choice, instead it will be about gaining freedom and pursuing opportunities.



Cathy Smyth - Group Admissions Manager, Serena Shannon - Admissions Assistant and minute taker, Kerry Dawes (family member), Cliff Jarvis (resident representative), Peg Randal (resident), Robyn Montague - Leisure and Health Manager, Gene Cayatano - Acting Director of Care, and Helen Satchell who was representing the residents who were unable to attend.



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Advocating for Gippsland's older citizens

ELDER Rights Advocacy (ERA) is on hand for all older people across South Gippsland and Bass Coast Shires, along with the rest of Victoria, providing support and ensuring the voices of older people are heard.

ERA has been part of the National Aged Care Advocacy Program for over 30 years.

"That is specifically around advocating for older people's rights within the aged care system," ERA CEO Debra Nicholl said.

"All older people who are seeking to receive services or are receiving services are eligible for our support."

Family members of older people are also encouraged to contact ERA with any concerns or questions.

ERA has a "no wrong door" policy, meaning nobody contacting the organisation will be turned away and if its team can't directly assist with a particular situation, they will refer people to other services that can.

Helping people remain in their own homes for as long as possible, with appropriate support, is one of the organisation's aims



Elder Rights Advocacy CEO Debra Nicholl is passionate about making sure older people are heard.

with the understanding that is the best outcome for older people.

Achieving that aim presents extra challenges in regional areas, including Gippsland, with insufficient workforce numbers to meet the home care needs of older people.

Debra noted there has been a big shift over the 17 years she's been part of the ERA, with the bulk of calls now about home care packages.

"When I started, most of the calls were about residential care," Debra said.

She explained that in addition to workforce shortages, those people with

home care packages often contact ERA about constraints on how they can spend allocated funds.

ERA's advocates are scattered throughout the Gippsland region and are happy to travel significant distances to assist people.

Advocates have strong knowledge of aged care and issues facing older people and come from a wide variety of backgrounds such as social work, nursing, and corrections.

Older people living in Gippsland, as with other regional areas, are subject to the tyranny of distance and the resultant lack of affordable transport options.

Lack of sufficient affordable housing is another major issue for the older demographic in regional areas.

ERA actively advocates to councils to factor older community members into their planning.

In addition to advocacy, ERA also operates the Community Visitors Scheme, with volunteers matched to older people who are isolated, providing social support and company and sometimes the opportunity to go into town.



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Partners Michael Schewtschenko and Clinton Richards (front, left) with their fantastic team Gregg Warner, Jim Hoskins (maintenance), Helen Smith (office manager) and Steve Spoljaric (sales). Absent: Wayne Smith (technician), Ian Stokes (sales), Cheralyn Rigg (sales) and Sheena Davis (parts interpreter). Ns030823

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CARAVAN World Pakenham is known as the largest consignment dealer in Australia, with an onsite sales and service department selling privately owned vans ranging from \$5,000 campers to \$100,000 caravans.

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The business runs similar to a real estate agent - managing the advertising and handling of each caravan sale.

"We are different to most, selling only privately owned vans on consignment; someone owns a van and wants to sell it, they can contact us,

and we can handle the rest," said Clinton.

"We sell all brands amongst the vast range of campers, pop tops and caravans available, with 80 to 100 in stock at all times."

Selling on consignment is an opportunity of convenience, the team at Caravan World Pakenham display each van in a safe and secure compound with staff onsite for purchasing enquires - managing those browsing for their next adventure, or those looking to upgrade.

"We only do consignment, we're selling the caravan for you, we're not in competition with you."

With Michael, Clinton and

the team managing the entire process, vendors are eliminating the risks of selling privately such as, strangers coming to your home, waiting for people who don't turn up and making sure the legal requirements are met.

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sales techniques - making it a smooth transition to a new van.

The sales department is open 7 days a week, except for public holidays.

The service department is open Monday to Friday also except for public holidays.

Clinton recommends servicing a caravan every 12 months and Caravan World Pakenham manage modifications, insurance works, and repairs on all caravans.

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Trade-in scheme a hit for Ramalama Book Exchange

BOOK lovers are flocking to Ramalama Book Exchange in Wonthaggi to take advantage of the store's budget conscious trade-in scheme.

Rather than waiting weeks to borrow the latest best-selling titles from a library, book worms can buy the title from Ramalama (cheaper than the retail giants), read it, then exchange it back at the store to receive store credits.

Those store credits go towards other purchases at 50 per cent off the normal price.

Ramalama Book Exchange houses approximately 10,000 books inside the historic 1915 Bank of Victoria building, located opposite the Whalebone Hotel on McBride Avenue.

Owner's David and Nitjawan said the historic features and furnishings of the building created the perfect atmosphere for anyone perusing their books.

"The books look great on the

old teller benches," David said.

The business began in 2005 when VHS tapes were popular and although times have changed, CDs and DVDs are still in demand for those without access to internet and not interested in TV.

"We are catering for those retirees who want to watch old Western movies, classics and Australian TV shows that aren't aired anymore like A Country Practice," said David.

Australian authors like Judy Nunn and Di Morrissey were most in demand, along with other high country, or outback romance novels.

"Really anything with a woman in an Akubra on the front are very popular."

For the older gentlemen, the store's old-time Western book section is highly popular.

Ramalama Book Exchange is at 1 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi and is open Monday to Saturday.

How they're still bowling in Wonthaggi

THE WONTAGGI Senior Citizens are upholding a long-held tradition of playing for a stick of butter each time they come together on a Tuesday or Friday for Indoor Carpet Bowls on Murray Street.

And rumour may just be right – they have the best sandwiches and sponge cakes around town.

Participants gather around 12.45pm for a 1pm start on Tuesdays and Fridays for bowls at the Senior Citizen Hall. There are also two additional weekly events – The Ladybirds on a Wednesday (at 1pm), which is strictly for the ladies, and the United Indoor Bowling Club, which is not age restricted and takes place at 7pm on a Wednesday night.

The day events consist of two games with a tea break in between, whilst Wednesday nights both games are played first followed by a cup of tea afterwards.

"Once a month for United we hold our supper night," Jeannie Slocombe explained.

"Different ladies bring a plate and we have a raffle at the end of the night – that way if people want to go home they don't have to stay."

And whilst COVID may have put a hold on some of the other social events and excursions the group previously ran, the committee are hoping



Enthusiastic bowlers Jeannie Slocombe and Teresa Ireland are proud members of the Wonthaggi Senior Citizens Club. C03_0823

to slowly introduce them back over the coming years.

"We have held one barbecue this year, and we're hoping to have a few more things, either a barbecue or go out for lunch or have an entertainer come to the hall," Jeannie said.

"We're hoping this year to include a little but more of that..."

"The whole purpose, especially for people who are living by themselves, is that they get out, they talk to people, meet people and it's company," Allan Ireland added.

"If you don't want to participate in the bowls, or may not be physically able to, you are welcome to come and have a chat – sit, watch and socialise."

The club also has certain bowl aids for those with restricted mobility, and all equipment is provided for participants.

And if butter is not your cup of tea, there is also a block of chocolate up for the winning prize and weekly raffles.

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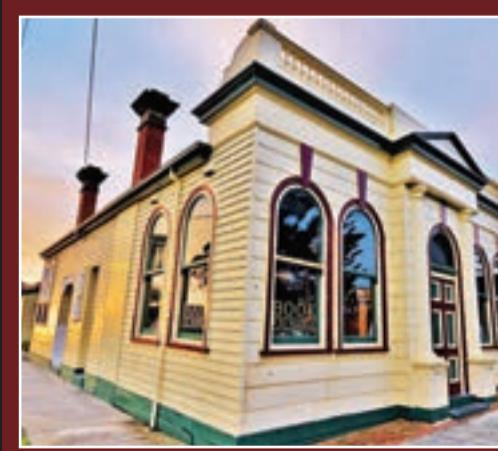
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New library program keeps seniors connected in digital age

MINISTER for Local Government Melissa Horne announced the \$2 million Digital Literacy for Seniors Program last Tuesday, supporting public libraries to conduct hands-on digital training programs for Victorian seniors in 2023.

Training programs include one-to-one or small group sessions on both hardware and software topics such as how to manage mobile phones, data and apps, understanding the internet, and how to get the most out of laptops and tablets.

The program also funds the hiring and training of staff to deliver programs, upgrade library digital devices like laptops and iPads, and minor changes to library facilities to better facilitate programs.

Funding will be allocated to eligible public library services through councils, regional library corporations, My Community Library (Myli) and the Vision Australia Library.

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COMMENT

Erosion works not a popularity contest

AT BEST, information about the risks posed by erosion, temporary inundation and permanent inundation at Inverloch is confusing.

At worst, it's disgracefully misleading.

What's also a worry is the way the Victorian Government-appointed Cape-to-Cape Resilience Project team, led by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA), is trying to massage community sentiment towards (a.) accepting that there is a significant risk of flooding by the sea at Inverloch and (b.) accepting that the relocation of assets, including removing houses along the foreshore, is the best way to go rather than protecting them with proven engineering solutions including rock walls, groynes, breakwaters and the like.

The reality is that the response to the beach erosion problem at the Inverloch Surf Beach is not a popularity contest.

The community has already expressed its concern.

They love the beach and want it protected.

And those with homes along the coast want them to stay there and, where necessary, they want them protected. That's it.

As far as the best engineering solutions; rock walls, groynes and breakwaters, and how to complement those with revegetation and nourishment of the dunes - that's science, surely.

Another reality, however, and one you won't find addressed in the survey the project team is asking people to fill out, relates to the real level of risk that exists at Inverloch.

At the Sentinel-Times we love a good heading as much as the next news outlet, but the fact is, the risk from erosion, temporary inundation by the sea and permanent flooding by the sea at Inverloch is very low.

Even if sea levels should rise by 0.8 metres by 2100, the risk of permanent inundation at Inverloch is rated as 'low' and 'medium', not 'significant' or 'high', even beyond 2100.

The risk of damage by erosion becomes 'significant' from 2040 onwards.

The risk of damage from temporary flooding by the sea only becomes 'significant' from 2070 onwards.

And in all these cases, it's only a very small part of the foreshore that might be affected.

The risks posed do not warrant the sorts of scary questions included in the department's survey and canvassed at the drop-in session at Inverloch last Saturday.

* How would you feel about moving private properties out of at-risk areas over time, if it meant we could continue having a sandy beach at Inverloch?

* How would you feel about moving the Bunurong Road, if it meant we could continue having a sandy beach at Inverloch?

We've already seen that the impact on Bunurong Road can easily be managed by a rock wall, and the same would go for the handful of private properties that might be impacted later this century.

It's time the Cape-to-Cape team went easy on the scare tactics, got real about the risks and handed it over to some independent engineers for a workable, non-political solution to what is a relatively minor problem.

And for goodness sake, get on with it!



Challenging proposal

In response to a letter supporting turbines off the Bass Coast I offer the following.

The Dogger Bank zone of the UK coast is 125-290km off the coast of Yorkshire.

Distance of cabling is obviously not an economic issue.

The Albanese federal government has already declared 15,000 sq km of zones for development.

The Hornsey 2 development in the UK is 1300 MW, comprising 165 turbines 89km off the coast and covers 462 sq km.

Port Phillip Bay, with an average water depth of only 8 metres, covers 1930 sq km, offering developers plenty of economic opportunities for wind turbines. Why don't they target this area?

Macquarie Bank targeting areas 10km off the Bass Coast is most disappointing and shows little regard for the outstanding coastal vistas of South Gippsland, particularly as there are multiple development opportunities elsewhere.

For a company that made 55% of their >\$2 billion half-yearly profit from fossil fuel related activities perhaps we should not be surprised.

Macquarie's proposal may require a 500kva powerline across the countryside. For some reason they won't disclose the route or scale of these powerlines?

Responsible Renewables are simply trying to protect the Bass Coast near views from hundreds of 360 metre structures (20% taller than the Eureka Tower) and actually don't really care if Macquarie make a few less millions to achieve this. Hopefully our state government will recognise this as well.

Tim Le Roy, Walkerville

Keep environment clean

The Clean Up Australia Day initiative provides a great opportunity for locals to get involved in their local community and take care on their environment.

While the official Clean Up Australia Day will be held on Sunday March 5, 2023, I am already aware of a number of local events being held across Gippsland South throughout March.

You can join or register your own clean up event online at www.cleanup.org.au. Those who register will be sent a "clean up kit" to assist with the running of their event. There are also T-Shirts available

for those who want to look the part.

Clean Up Australia Day events can be led by local community groups, schools and even individuals who are willing to organise a clean-up site.

As your local Member of Parliament, it brings me great pride to see members of our community showing initiative and making a difference in such a way.

Thank you to everyone who is hosting or taking part in helping to care for our environment and keeping our home beautiful.

Danny O'Brien MP, The Nationals State Member for Gippsland South

Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

Vox Pop

What activities do you enjoy in your spare time?



Isaac

Year 12

"Sport – playing cricket and footy. Being active and getting outside."



Archer

Year 12

"Sport – mostly footy and also go surfing."



Kayla

Year 12

"Arts and different hands-on things."



Miea

Year 12

"Being active and spending time with family and friends."

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.



Courtney Shepherd, Amy Skelton, Head of Junior School Ralph Arceo, and Alan and Sarah McMillan socialised in the new performing arts centre at Newhaven College.

Newhaven College welcomes back parents

IT was with much excitement that Newhaven College welcomed parents and guardians back to the school grounds for a social gathering on the first Friday of term.

Those in attendance were serenaded by the dulcet tones of Newhaven College's new piano and voice tutor, Elly Poletti supported by music teacher David Prideaux on guitar. The scene was set for a great evening. College staff served drinks and canapes for around 200 guests, consisting of new and existing parents and guardians,

college staff and teachers.

The event provided the perfect opportunity to highlight the new Performing Arts Centre as an incredible venue for the school and the wider community. With the box office, drinks servery, great acoustics, plenty of parking and room to roam around and mingle, the foyer at the Performing Arts Centre provided an excellent location for the event.

Principal Tony Corr welcomed all new and existing parents, guardians, staff, and teachers to

the new year at Newhaven College. Those in attendance had a terrific evening, with the plan for similar events to be announced as the year progresses. Parents are encouraged to participate in a new Parents and Friends Association to be established soon.

1997 Alumni Matt Bowtell, from Free 3D Hands, enjoyed the evening and said it was so nice having a good chat with Rob Turton, who was my guitar teacher, talking about all things musical for the first time in 28 years.

A sustainable future for Kongwak Primary

KONGWAK Primary School began the year welcoming two new teaching staff, new families and sustainable projects that will continue to connect the students with their community in 2023.

Inverloch local and last year's support teacher Sally Dunn is now teaching the junior students on the grounds of Kongwak Primary – teaching foundation to grade three.

While Fiona Moldrich from Foster Primary School was given a warm welcome to teach the senior students of grades four to six.

Virginia Hunt of the Parents and Friends Association (PFA) welcomed new families to the school grounds on Tuesday for afternoon tea, and said this year they're part of The Great Fete at Inverloch Primary School on Saturday, March 18 from 10am until 2pm.

Principal Brett Smith said the Sustainable Kongwak Programme at school will continue this year under the guidance of teacher

and sustainability expert, Damian Howard.

"The year we will focus on reconnecting with the community and giving the students the opportunity to interact with Inverloch Primary and outside organisations including Kongwak Landcare."

"The Indigenous bush tukka garden will continue to expand in 2023 with plans to encircle one of our buildings. We will engage with our Indigenous communities to ensure the design and development is respectful and appropriate to the local area, its people, and history," said Virginia.

The active Parents and Friends Association (PFA) will manage events such as Mother's and Father's Day stalls, as well as the hugely successful annual community Christmas raffle, which last year raised over \$1000. All PFA funds raised go towards the Sustainable Kongwak Programme for the children.



Kongwak Primary School welcome two new teachers, Fiona Moldrich teaching grade four to six students and Sally Dunn teaching foundation to grade three. Z07_0723



School captains named at St Joseph's Wonthaggi

From left, front, Sambriddhi (Liturgy Captain), Zoe (School Captain), Jesse (School Vice-Captain), Ella (School Captain), Ollie (Blue House Captain), Jed (Liturgy Captain) and Hayden (School Vice-Captain); back, Rhianna (Gold House Captain), Isla (Red House Captain), Piper (Green House Captain), Jude (Blue House Captain), (behind) Hector (Red House Captain), Will (Gold House Captain), Jaxon (Liturgy Captain) and Cooper (Green House Captain).



Lucy, Melissa, Beth W, Libby and Beth K.

New faces at Wonthaggi North

THE school community at Wonthaggi North Primary is excited to welcome some new faces this year. Michelle Inness, Sarah McAdam and Libby Hutchinson have all joined the junior school team while Andy Ellt, Lucy O'Reilly, Melissa Carbone and Beth Kavanagh will be part of the senior school team. Beth Walker will be teaching PE this year.

The Sentinel-Times caught up with Wonthaggi North to find out what the new teachers are most looking forwards to, their past experience and something special about them.

Sarah: "Over the past few years, I have worked in the junior area of a few different schools. I have really enjoyed working with the junior students and am very excited to learn from the staff and get to know the students at Wonthaggi North Primary School. I have really enjoyed the first few weeks with my class and can't wait for all the exciting experiences we will have throughout the year."

Michelle: "I have taught in both special education and mainstream settings over the years and have been teaching for 14 years. My last school was at Taylors Hill Primary School where I taught the prep and grade 5 students."

"I am really excited in starting at WNPS as I have been travelling to Phillip Island for many years and have loved being around this community. I am really excited to be a part of the WNPS team, and I am super excited to be teaching the prep students and introducing them to lots of fun and engaging lessons."

Andy: "My name is Andy Ellt and I have moved to the Bass Coast from Melbourne. Previously, I worked at a school in Blackburn North and also at Inverloch Child-care. I am really looking forward to getting to know everyone and especially working with the Grade 3 and 4 students. I love watching and playing sport and supporting my AFL team (Go Dees!)."

Lucy: "I have been teaching for over 10 years. Since my family and I moved to Wonthaggi two years ago, I have taught across different schools in the area. I have taught in Melbourne and Northern Territory. I love going for walks, out for coffee and visiting local markets. I am looking forward to being part of the Wonthaggi North



Sarah, Michelle and Andy are looking forward to the year ahead at Wonthaggi North Primary School.

PS community and getting to know everyone."

Melissa: "I have been working as a CRT for five years previously based in Melbourne and then WNPS. This year is my first time with my own class, so I've been teaching for a total of six years altogether."

"What I am most looking forward to as a WNPS teacher is continuing to watch the students grow and flourish into the amazing little people they are and building stronger relationships with the whole school community."

Beth W: "For the past four years I have been running a business called Jumping Joey's Mini Sports on Phillip Island. Previous to this I was a PE Teacher at a school in Melbourne."

"I am really enjoying my first few weeks at WNPS and look forward to getting to know the staff, students and school community."

Libby: "I was lucky enough to complete placement at Wonthaggi North Primary School last year which gave me the opportunity to work as an education support for the remainder of 2022. This year I am team teaching 1/2A and am excited to be surrounded by a wonderful community. When I'm not at school I enjoy keeping active and spending time with family."

Beth K: "I started my career at WNPS in 2002. I'd always wanted to travel so left WNPS and headed to London in 2006 for two years of teaching. I came home and taught at WNPS for another four years then went to Zambia for two years teaching at Lumwana International School then on to the Yew Chung International School of Shanghai for almost six years, coming home six months before covid."

"After being a CRT for a few years I'm really looking forward to seeing the growth that happens in the students learning and mindset over the course of the year. I've really missed that."

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

HAVE you ever wondered what it must be like to have your home country so hostile and untenable that you must leave it and travel both physically and culturally to a country far away. To find relief from the hostility and futility of home and be on your metal to have the energy and courage to face a seismic shift into a different culture? How successful would that journey be?

Well, the WNC, through the Bass Coast Refugee Sponsorship Group supports the new model for Community Sponsorship of Refugees. We have welcomed a Syrian family into Wonthaggi in November 2022, and we are providing friendship and support to this family over the next 12 months. There have been some very interesting activities to help them settle in. For instance, with the children there has been preparation through sessions at Mitchell House for them to get used to a school and classroom environment before they start school this year, who knew one needed to get used to packing lunches etc. And of course English sessions for all amongst other things. Please show your support by making a donation, joining our Refugee Sponsorship Group, or joining our newsletter mailing list. Contact our group on bcrsg2021@gmail.com

Whether one is a refugee settling into a new cultural environment or being part of a culturally diverse section of our community, it is very important to have those friendship and support connections which buoy our spirits and give us meaning and purpose. Well our Multicultural Women's Group can provide avenues for this.

They meet on Thursdays 10am to 12 noon. It is for 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.

Our scrumptious Free Community Lunch is coming up tomorrow, Wednesday, February 22, at 12noon. Emma will, as usual, be cooking up a storm so come along and enjoy good food while meeting new people or reacquainting yourself with old friends or bringing another along to enjoy a meal out together whilst having a chat with others. You need to book in so that we can cater accordingly. Remember if you don't make the next one, they happen every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. Put them in your diary now!

There has been a change of date for the Reduce, Reuse and Recycle meeting. This event will now be on Saturday March 4, 2pm at Mitchell House, 6 Murray Street Wonthaggi. This is a forum to explore why it is important to manage our waste responsibly and how this can be achieved. The guest presenter is Shana Bremner (Waste Education Officer Bass Coast Shire Council.) We hope many of you will come along.

Become a member of the WNC and get discounts to many of our activities and receive a newsletter, plus The Grapevine, delivered online or by post. Call Mitchell House or visit us on Facebook Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House.



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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

WEDNESDAY was the culmination of many months' planning at BCAL as two Certificate courses had their first sessions for the year.

A full group commenced Certificate III in Horticulture and welcomed new trainer Cheryl. They toured the grounds as well as both the training garden and community garden, making plans for their upcoming practical tasks. Students were unanimous in stating what a great time they had.

The Certificate III in Information Technology course also started on Wednesday, with students getting straight into coding, using the Python language. Throughout the year, learners will also study databases, operating systems, building web pages, and providing advice to clients, to name just a few.

There are still a couple of places left in the IT Certificate and Hairdressing courses but enrolments must close soon.

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

Slowly, the garden's summer crops are doing their thing: ripening, bearing fruit, setting seed and, in some cases, fading away, think, sweet corn, dwarf green beans and sunflowers.

It's been a delayed response to the season in our slice of South Gippsland but there's time yet before volunteers and members begin preparing for autumn planting.

In the meantime, there's compost to make and a new batch of weed tea to brew, using green waste enriched with nutritious - for soil not humans - comfrey leaves, which grow close by the compost area.

Thanks to volunteer and garden member Kevin, there is a smart new tank for weed tea brewing, with a handy tap to fill buckets and watering cans when the mix is ready.

From there it can be applied direct or diluted to growing beds and the compost.

Everyone is welcome at the garden, to see what's happening at this time of the food gardening year. Join in on a Thursday from 10 to noon or contact tgordon@westnet.com.au for more information.

■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

Some people join the Woodcrafters because they have the desire to work with wood but don't have the space or tools. Others have the equipment but need to learn how to use it.

That's the case with one new member whose very first project is a full-sized dining table. He said, "It's a bit harder than I thought but I'm having fun learning."

Speaking of new members, the Woodies are very close to having over 100 members. There is a special prize for the 100th person who signs up - if bragging rights can be considered a special prize. It could be you!

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit www.wonthaggiwoodcrafters.com.au or pop in to the workshop.



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INVERLOCH COMMUNITY HOUSE

WELL, we are certainly off and running. The year has started with a range of new activities including the very popular come and try Pickleball. For those of you who were not able to make it do not fear regular classes will be happening weekly on Tuesdays 10 am - 12 noon at the Hub Stadium. Bookings required and you may have to go on waiting list if full. We will also be running casual classes on Fridays 7pm - 8 pm. No need to book just turn up.

Another new activity is our Casual Women's Fishing group. They have decided to meet on Sundays commencing on the 19th of this month. Meet at the Anderson Inlet Angling Club 10 am. This group is all about sharing, supporting and enjoying a bit of local recreational fishing. Note recreational fishing licence required.

Our Summer Sizzle BBQs are back, this time with a sustainable twist. Lock these dates in your diary Friday, February 24 and Friday, March 31. 3:30 - 5:30pm As always, our BBQs come in a street food style with meat and vegetarian options. A pay as you feel event. Bass Coast Shire Council Waste Services team will be there to say a Hi and explain Councils bin system, give out our kerbside collection calendars and answer any questions.

Put a lid on it - gather those mismatched plastic storage containers/lids and bring them along to our barbecue. Place them in the buckets provided or finds its match. From Systema, Décor, Snaplock and good old Tupperware, any plastic food storage items welcome. \$1 per matched item. 3:30 - 5:30pm

Also, at the barbecue we are very excited to announce our Swap Your Best Dress. Here's how it will work (hopefully it's our first go at it).

At 2:30 - 3:30pm BYO six of your best preloved garments (they don't have to be dresses they can be any garment in great pre loved condition), drop them off (preferably pressed and on hangers) at our marque. Receive tokens for your lovely items. Nip off to have something delicious at the BBQ while we make it all look pretty and organised.

Come back around 5pm and use your tokens to shop for your new preloved outfit. So much fun, so sustainable, so easy. 3:30 - 6pm. Gold Coin Donation. It All takes place on the Hub Foreground in Inverloch.

Looking forward to seeing you there. Everyone welcome.



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MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

AS THE Term gets underway, make some time to stretch and move with Jess in her yoga class Mondays 10.00-11.15am at the Korumburra Meeting Rooms. And, if you're keen to develop your needlework or sewing skills, consider a short course in needle felting, or join the fortnightly group busily sewing for charity.

If you care for a family member, friend or neighbour with mental health challenges, drop in to talk with Wellways between 1.00-4.00pm on Friday, February 24, for information about support, respite options for yourself, upcoming community education and assistance with links and referrals.

A reminder the Scam Awareness session originally scheduled for February 22 has been put on hold. Let us know if you're interested so we can keep you posted about the next date.

Funerals - what do you want to know? We all die. Like most big life events, there are many choices to be made and costs to be considered. A loved one's death may already be a stressful time. Spending some time planning and recording your own wishes and discussing these with family and friends 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? To unpack these questions, 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. This free session is on Saturday, February 25, at 2.00pm.



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Slow down and stop distractions

BASS Coast Highway Patrol continue to attend a significant rise in serious injury collisions compared to the same time last year.

The message comes as recent police intelligence shows a majority of lives lost on rural roads is in fact local road users and not visitors.

Sergeant Garth Campbell echoes the recent message from Victoria Police, which highlighted of the 24 lives lost

on rural roads 21 resided in regional locations.

"A majority of serious injury collisions in the Bass Coast Police Service Area (PSA) (which includes South Gippsland and Bass Coast Shires) have been locals to the area," Sergeant Campbell said.

"Without sounding like a broken record, we want to remind motorists to take care on our roads, exercise patience, limit distractions such as mobile

phones and fatigue and do not get behind the wheel of a vehicle if you are intoxicated or under the influence of drugs."

In the past 12 months, Bass Coast PSA have also attended a number of near miss serious accidents, that could have easily been avoided all together with care.

"A recent spate of accidents could have easily resulted in multiple fatalities. The reasons for these collisions in-

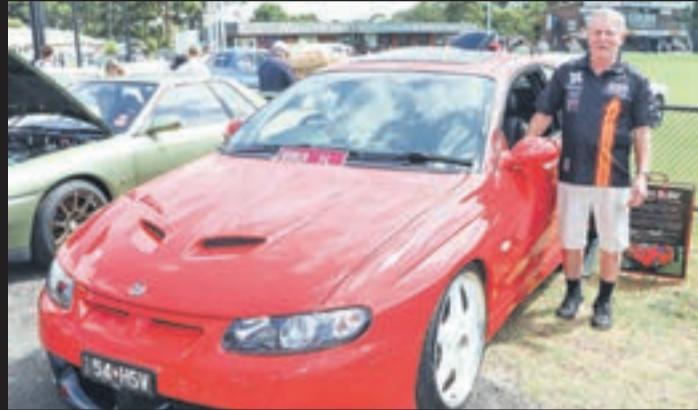
cluded distractions, but also speed and overtaking in dangerous situations," Sergeant Campbell added.

"Please slow down and obey speed limits."

The warning comes after December 28's holiday road safety appeal by local emergency services highlighted the immediate and ongoing impact of road trauma.

"Don't let our faces be the last ones you see."

I LOVE MY CAR... Photos from Wonthaggi's recent Show n Shine event



Trevor Male of Garfield with his rare 2006 Holden Signature Coupe, one of the final batch of 70 produced. A30_0423



Toora's Wayne Stevenson with his 1964 EH Holden, which he stripped down and rebuilt. A31_0423



Wonthaggi local Tony Cuzzupi with his 1928 Dodge Tourer after it was awarded 'Best Vintage' vehicle. A37_0423

Regions could save \$4 billion from clean transport

Regional Australians can save close to \$4 billion on fuel over the next five years if the Federal Government stops Australia from being the dumping ground for the world's polluting cars, Solar Citizens has revealed.

Minister for Infrastructure Catherine King launched a new report into the regional benefits of clean transport at Ballarat's Federation TAFE on Saturday, alongside a

demonstration by a carpenter running tools direct from one of Australia's first electric vehicle utes.

Solar Citizens National Director Heidi Lee Douglas said Australia's regional residents could not afford to lose \$4 billion in savings offered by clean transport.

"Regional communities are hit hardest by rising fuel costs, because in the regions we drive more and pay more at the

petrol pump," Ms Douglas said.

"Right now we are the dumping ground for the world's worse polluting, expensive-to-run vehicles because Australia has the weakest fuel efficiency standards in the world. We deserve better."

"Fixing Fuel Efficiency Standards would mean more fuel-efficient cars would be sent to Australia by car companies, including a much better diversity of electric vehicles, like more

EV utes."

The "Recharging Ballarat" report being launched by Minister King is based on data from Australian Bureau of Statistics, found:

- A Fuel Efficiency Standard that aligns with our trading partners would save Ballarat motorists alone \$80 million over the next five years in reduced fuel costs
- Regional Australia as a whole would save nearly \$4 billion

Higher penalties for road rules

MINISTER for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne has announced the new driver distraction road rules will come into effect across the state from March 31.

Distraction is a key contributor to road trauma with research showing the risk of drivers crashing increases when texting, browsing or emailing. Distraction is also involved in at least 11 per cent of fatalities – equal to 20 people each year whose death is avoidable.

The new rules will extend existing mobile phone rules to cover modern technology – as one third of drivers admit to using their phone illegally while driving.

It will bring Victoria in line with the Australian Road Rules, and cover in-built vehicle systems, mounted devices, wearable and portable devices such as smartwatches and tablets.

Motorists caught driving distracted will receive penalties of four demerit points and a \$555 fine.

Community awareness campaigns will run over the coming months to educate drivers on the devastating risks of distraction.

The Government is also investing \$33.7 million as part of the Victorian Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030 to introduce new mobile phone and seatbelt detection camera technology, that will help catch people using their mobile phones and not wearing their seatbelts while driving.

Illegally using a mobile phone while driving significantly increases the risk of being involved in a serious crash and the new cameras are estimated to prevent 95 crashes that result in injury or death per year.

Mobile phone and seatbelt detection technologies involve AI-enabled camera systems that can capture high-resolution images of passing vehicles in all conditions, including poor weather and low light levels when distracted driving is even more dangerous.

The new camera technology will be operational on Victorian roads in coming months.

A three-month warning period will apply from the technology's activation before drivers face infringement and demerit penalties.

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BCH Printing Administrative Assistant Sheryl Mark received her 40 years service award from BCH Board Chair Ian Thompson.



Evan Hocking and Anthony 'Lehmo' Lehmann put on a spectacular show on Thursday evening at The Cally. C05_0823



Meeniyian Garlic Festival volunteers Andrew, Ian and Helen were on hand on Saturday at the Billy Cart Racing. C06_0823



Having previously enjoyed Meeniyian Garlic Festival, Ryan and Anna headed back this year for a weekend trip with a new addition Sadie, who was very happy dancing to the music. C07_0823



BCH staff Allison Olden, second from left, with her 20 years service award and Bernadette O'Connor, right, with her 20 years service award. They are with their husbands Simon Olden, left, and Gary O'Connor.



Christine Henderson, BCH Executive Director of Clinical Services (20 years service award) and Chris Burns, Health Service Coordinator (25 years service award).



Rebecca Barcley and Tavish Mahon competed in the Little Penguin Dash on Saturday morning in Cowes. Z09_0823



Lucy, Marley and Olive took part in the Little Penguin Dash on Cowes foreshore on Saturday morning. Z11_0823



Pink was the colour of the day as locals Dee Christensen, Melissa Maier, Shelley Whelan and Claire Anderson dressed for the OMK occasion. C10_0823

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the Bass Coast Health AGM, Lehmo Live at The Cally, Meeniyian Garlic Festival, OMK Pink Stumps Day and The Little Penguin Dash



School friends Mardi, Chantai, Heidi, Evie, and Lulu ready to take part in the Little Penguin Dash on Cowes foreshore. Z10_0823



Meeniyian Progress Association volunteers Trudy Fleming and June Powell were on hand at the Meeniyian Hall helping with Saturday's festival. C08_0823



With a young Scout (puppy) in tow, Emma and Leah of Nerrina enjoyed a day out in Meeniyian. C09_0823



Andrea Curtis and Adelyn Parks of Leongatha and Fay Cook of Ranceby were seated and ready to kick off proceedings on Saturday at Outtrim. C12_0823



Sharni Wright of Inverloch and Kirsty Armstrong of Leongatha were all smiles as they enjoyed a glass of bubbles on arrival at the OMK Pink Stumps event at Outtrim. C11_0823



The OMK Pink Stumps organising committee - Kate, Amy, Emma and Marnie. C31_0823



Korumburra ladies Ange Williams and Lou McMeekin posed for a snap in support of OMK's Pink Stumps Day in spectacular weather. C13_0823



Dressed to impress Brendan and Cheryl Nicholas and Hilco Zuidema volunteered behind the bar in support of the McGrath Foundation. C14_0823

Get on board the train...

'STRANGERS on a Train' is dramatic thriller written by Craig Warner in 2013 based on Patricia Highsmith's debut novel first published in 1950.

Alfred Hitchcock's 1951 screen adaptation of the book, filled with suspenseful film noir aspects, also had an influence on Warner's play.

The sinister story concerns two strangers whose lives become entangled after they meet by chance on a train.

One of them is having trouble with his unfaithful wife, the other has an overbearing father.

The suggestion is made that they "exchange" murders so that there will be no apparent motive and neither will be caught.

Foster Arts Music & Drama Association is preparing to stage this spine-tingling drama, under the direction of Emma McKay, in a performance season running from June 16 to July 1.

Emma is now looking for a cast to board the train and bring this intriguing story to life.

With a script filled with suspense, 'Strangers on a Train' presents an exciting challenge for actors and a nail-biting thriller for its audience.

Seven actors are required - five men and two women, with auditions to be held by appointment on Sunday February 26 at Foster War Memorial Arts Centre.

Aspiring actors need to book a time with Emma prior to the auditions.

Character descriptions and further information about the production and audition process is available by contacting the director, Emma McKay, via 0430 668 989 or emmckay@hotmail.com (Please put 'play enquiry' in subject).

Details are also available via www.famda.org.au or theatre@famda.org.au.

Music was all that she wrote

THERE is less than two weeks to go before the Meenian Town Hall plays host to chamber music ensemble Salon Project, a quartet featuring violin, piano, clarinet and cello.

Doors open at 1.30pm, the concert starts at 2.30pm.

But tickets are selling fast to this exciting classical music event, with locals encouraged to book now to secure tickets.

The concert, coinciding with International Women's Day celebrations, will see Salon Project perform 'Music She Wrote (3.0)' on Sunday, March 5.

Made up of dynamic and friendly musicians that host regular concerts in intimate settings like the Salons of Yesteryear, the ensemble's YouTube channel - @SalonProject - offers a taste of what the audience can expect.

While also performing standard repertoire by well-known composers the group has a reputation for promoting lesser-known works by female composers in particular, such as Amy Beach, Louisa Trevartha, Nadia Boulanger and Lucija Gara.

The program for the upcoming South Gippsland concert, exclusive to Prom Recitals, will feature three female composers of the Romantic period:

- Clara Schumann - Three Romances, Op. 22.
- Louise Farrenc - Clarinet Trio in E-Flat Major, Op. 44.
- Dora Pejacevic - Piano Trio in C Major, Op. 29.

It will be the first of five concerts in 2023 organised by Prom Recitals - a group of South Gippsland locals who are sharing their love of music and the Prom Country region through the presentation of classical music recitals.

But this event is not a one-off - although a grand piano is being brought in especially for the concert - as it follows Salon Project's popular concert at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre for Prom Recitals in March 2022.



Salon Project featuring - Bernadette Baker, violin, Joel Hands-Otte, clarinet, Nicholas Jensen, cello and Christina Chao, piano.

The 2022 concert was the inspiration for the volunteer-led project "Celebrate Her! Stories of South Gippsland Women".

One year later, in 2023, the stories of 23 remarkable and diverse women in the local community have been compiled and will be presented in book form as well as in poster exhibitions in several galleries.

Prom Recitals is auspiced by Fabelo Incorporated a South Gippsland Arts and Cultural Organisation 2 "Celebrate Her", which is dedicated to all women of South Gippsland, will be launched at Salon Project's performance in Meenian.

On the eve of International Women's Day 2023 the program of all-female composers, combined with the launch of "Celebrate Her!"

So, come and celebrate the women in your life and throughout South Gippsland with live classical music at the Meenian Town Hall on Sunday, March 5. Doors open at 1.30pm.

Adult tickets are \$55 each and are available at <https://www.trybooking.com/CFJMW> There are limited children's tickets available for \$20 each.

Please go to <https://www.youtube.com/@salonproject4538/videos> and check out Salon Project

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.

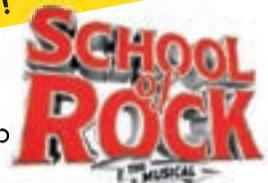
Cinema will be back at the Arts Centre along with an exciting line up of Live Performances for 2023

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.

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Thursday 16 - Saturday 18 March
Matinee & Evening sessions



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Young women clean-up for change

THIS February - armed with protective gloves, tongs and a large rubbish bag, nine-year-old Indigo Lucas-Mumford from Wonthaggi North Primary School will be recruiting friends and family members to clean up the neighbourhood.

Indigo has great hope of not only improving the environment but also raising funds for a cause close to her heart - supporting women's equality within Bass Coast.

This will be the third consecutive year that Indigo has volunteered her time and initiated a fund-raising campaign, reaching out to the community to support and sponsor her challenge.

Indigo and her friends will pick up rubbish from their neighbourhood streets each day for a fortnight, on their walk to and from school and throughout the weekends.

Over the last three years, Indigo has raised over \$1000 for the Women for Change fund and collected a small mountain of trash to clean up the coast.

Indigo, whose mum has been part of local group



Indigo and friend Elliette McGuirk in action collecting rubbish around their local neighbourhood.

Women for Change said she hopes to improve the environment whilst raising funds for an important cause.

Women for Change is an initiative formed in 2019, by women in Bass Coast who aim to use their collective resources to help other women in the region make positive life changes and take a step towards their greater well-being.

This year again, grants of up to \$2500 will be available for projects

supporting women and girls within the Bass Coast.

Donations can be received through the Bass Coast Community Foundation by credit or debit card at www.givenow.com.au/womenforchange or email info@bccf.org.au. A tax receipt is available for all donations over \$2.00.

For more information on how to donate or about upcoming grant opportunities contact executive officer Sarah Bourke on 0493 110 802.



Your slice of history in Korumburra

THE OLD Corner Post Office in Korumburra offers a rare opportunity to live in a spectacular historical building incorporating appropriate modern touches and providing a business opportunity.

"It's probably the most exceptional Victorian house renovation I've seen in Australia, if not in England," Licensed Estate Agent at One Lifestyle Real Estate Julia Merrington said, being English raised.

"It is a historic building and harks back to the days when the postmaster was an important person in the area, and was built to be a substantial focal point for Korumburra."

The building's existing zoning allows for someone to live there and operate a business, or lease out business space, with an attractive retail store currently in operation.

"On one side you've got a very attractive retail space, which is the old post office itself with all the original features, and on the other an exquisite house," Julia said.

She added that it is the only Victorian renovation she's set foot in that has no draughts.

The grand building was built in 1904.

Its features include a tessellate tiled verandah, timber lined eaves, and large stained-glass windows surrounding the heavy-set entry doors.

It is bursting with character, with lofty ceilings of up to 16 feet, traditional fire surrounds, original timber floorboards approximately 26mm thick, feature architraves, ceiling roses and cornicing.

The home includes four generous bedrooms, the master with a stunning ensuite bathroom and walk-in robe.

The main bathroom is also beautifully presented with pressed metal features, claw foot bath, pedestal basin and marble lined shower.

Sensitive modernisation carried out by the current owners includes a fresh country kitchen, zoned gas ducted heating and secondary split system to the formal living zone.

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Backing onto the Great Southern Rail Trail, this property is perfectly set up for horses or small animals with good fencing, four paddocks, town water, tack room, horse box and water trough.

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The home combines both the original 1890s cottage and the vast extension adding an extra bedroom, ensuite, study, laundry, and large rumpus room.

The open plan living area features a wood fire heater, reverse cycle air conditioner and ceiling fan servicing this space.

Gorgeous baltic pine floorboards line the open plan kitchen and dining zone with the kitchen showcasing a walk-in pantry, electric cooking, two ovens, dishwasher, quality stainless steel appliances and stone benchtops.

Completing the original home are the three bedrooms, one with walk in

robe and the other two include built in robes and the family bathroom with a separate toilet.

There's a seamless transition into the extension of the home, past the large open entertainers' deck and into the massive rumpus room/second living zone that highlights the stunning outlook over your land and towards the hills.

The master bedroom is light filled and features a good sized ensuite with walk in shower, toilet and single vanity followed by access into the large laundry with ample storage and external door access.

Features outside include the large 18m x 9m shed, near new cattle race, a set of dog pens to one side, and a fire pit to relax and enjoy a refreshment at the end of the day.

Two, 22,500 litre water tanks are connected on the property with one pumping water from the river and gravity feeding water to the troughs in the paddocks for the stock.

Inspections are by appointment only, please contact the sales team to secure a time to view this wonderful property; Andrew Newton 0402 940 320, Emily Clifford 0422 622 299 or Tony Giles 0407 528 192.



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- 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 cars

\$960,000-\$980,000

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WONTHAGGI



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- 2 living, 3 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms
- Excellent shedding

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- Great corner location, price reduced!

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Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien is demanding an apology from the Premier to duck hunters.
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Andrews owes apology to law abiding hunters, says O'Brien

PREMIER Daniel Andrews should apologise to duck hunters after claiming that rules were not followed on bag limits during last year's duck season, according to The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien.

Mr O'Brien said the Premier made the comments last week while stoking the prospect of a ban on duck season and he couldn't be more wrong.

He said the government's own Game Management Authority had released a 2022 compliance report, which showed that just one hunter was found to have exceeded the daily bag limit out of 979 who had been checked.

"Duck hunting is a legitimate sustainable pastime that is an important part of cultural activity in Victoria," Mr O'Brien said.

"There is no evidence that duck numbers are in trouble despite the claims of a loud activist minority. After three wet years, there are good

numbers Australia-wide and significant breeding activity.

"Duck season is enjoyed by many regional Victorians and brings significant economic benefits to our region as hunters come from across the state to enjoy their past time.

"The fact that the Premier is choosing to mislead Victorians is deeply concerning. He is completely wrong about rules not being followed on bag limits and he should apologise to the law-abiding people who go duck hunting."

Mr O'Brien said the annual debate over duck season was getting tedious.

"I fully appreciate that there are people who don't want to see animals consumed or harmed in any way and choose not to eat meat or fish.

"The reality is that for some people, harvesting wild game is simply another means to putting food on the table.

"It is concerning to me that duck hunting is constantly targeted when other hunting and fishing activities

don't rate a mention by activists – yet.

"I support a strongly regulated, ethical and sustainable duck season and the Premier should do so too."

Premier Daniel Andrews was subsequently pressed on the issue on Wednesday during a press conference at Wonthaggi Hospital.

"I've asked for further updates," Premier Andrews stated.

"It's a matter for my department to speak with the Game Management Authority, as well as their department."

Acknowledging the data that has been released, Premier Andrews went on to acknowledge the potential for the data to be updated and review those figures.

He also brushed his hands off the matter noting the declaration around the season a matter for Minister for Outdoor Recreation, Sonya Kilkenny.

"The minister will have more to say at the appropriate time, but there are rules, and the rules should be followed by everybody."

VFF announces 2023 grains election results

THE Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) announced the outcome of elections for the 2023 VFF Grains Council on Friday.

VFF Acting Returning Officer Brendan Tatham said Craig Henderson has been elected to the role of VFF Grain Council President and Ryan Milgate will be the Vice-President, both unopposed.

"I congratulate both Craig and Ryan and look forward to working with them and the wider VFF team to help deliver for grain farmers throughout Victoria over the coming years," Mr Tatham said.

The VFF would like to thank outgoing VFF Grains Council President Ashley Fraser for his work on behalf of Victorian growers.

"The VFF acknowledges outgoing VFF Grains Council President and Rutherglen farmer Ashley Fraser for his dedication and passion in the role that he has held since 2019.

"Mr Fraser's work on behalf of Victorian growers has been incredible and the VFF would like to thank him for his tireless efforts.

The VFF would also like to congratulate the below Councillor positions which have also been returned uncontested:

Charlton: Jason Melings

Bendigo: Russell Hocking

Southern: Anthony Mulcahy

West Wimmera: Ashleigh Brooks

Lake naming day in March

THE Coronet Bay Ratepayers and Residents Association (CBRRA) has been fortunate to receive a Grant under the Bass Coast Shire Community Grants program to conduct a Naming and Smoking Ceremony for the previously unnamed small coastal freshwater lake at Coronet Bay.

The lake will officially be known as Wang toolome parnung (Duck Waterhole). Earlier project grants have enabled Fauna and Flora Surveys identifying a wealth of indigenous animals, including vulnerable species in the vegetative area surrounding Wang

toolome parnung. These are identified on the recently installed educational signage at the lake.

CBRRA invites you to join them on Sunday, March 12, 2023, at 11am in Coronet Bay when a Bunurong Elder will perform a Smoking and Welcome to Country ceremony to officially introduce Wang toolome parnung to the Community.

The CBRRA gratefully acknowledges the assistance of the Bass Coast Shire, Melbourne Water, Bunurong Land Council and Bass Valley Lions Club in support of these events.

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10 Clancy Springs			
8 Osment DR & JL1			
Unknown District	593.8	386.0	2,291
1 Corthwaite IN & GS Mirboo Nth	595.0	381.2	2,268
10 Bressan A & A Strzelecki	647.0	378.0	2,445

Steers

1 Beattie P Jeetho	425.0	481.6	2,046
4 Corthwaite IN & GS Mirboo Nth	436.3	477.2	2,081
1 Sephar Z & M Yinnar	420.0	467.6	1,963
1 Perks R & V Korumburra	450.0	461.6	2,077
1 Nicholls M & K Toora	335.0	460.0	1,541
1 Bird GR & TJ Kongwak	485.0	460.0	2,231

Heifers

2 Sephar Z & M Yinnar	430.0	445.6	1,916
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1 Nicholls M & K Toora	395.0	430.0	1,698
3 Kershaw RH JV & MR			
Archies Creek	340.0	427.6	1,453

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1 Jans JB Hallston	550.0	340.0	1,870
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1 Svenson R Tarwin Lower	550.0	318.0	1,749
1 Paterson WJ & NM Jeetho West	775.0	315.0	2,441
11 Campbell & Cromwell			
Mirboo Nth	631.8	313.6	1,981
1 Dorling GA & KL Jumbunna East	560.0	310.0	1,736

Bulls

1 DM & KA Scott Inverloch	575.0	319.6	1,837
1 Belcher N Woodside	1,120.0	315.0	3,528
1 Allott TA Welshpool	705.0	311.6	2,196
3 Hengsberger I & R Stony Ck	748.3	311.6	2,331
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1 Foster R Glengarry	300.0	250.0	750
1 Mcalpine Farms Woodside Nth	395.0	243.2	960

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All scholars with the legends the awards are named after. From left to right: Back row (scholars) Tess Doyle, Hamish Wortley, Will Coleman, Hamish McLeod, Hamish Smith, Sarah Matthews (Glen Alvie). Front row (legends), Bill Pyle, Rosita Weir, Shirley Harlock, Jakob Malmo.

Gardiner Tertiary Scholarships awarded

By Sarah Collier

Executive Officer, said.

Gardiner Foundation is proud to offer tertiary scholarships to up to seven individuals residing in Victorian dairy communities. Students must pursue a career that will either directly benefit the dairy industry and/or benefit dairy communities. Each scholarship is worth \$10,000 per year and provides financial support for accommodation, travel, as well as essential study materials.

Scholarships are available for the first three years of a scholar's University or TAFE course.

"The scholarship was a critical part in my life which has led me to the work I'm in now. I don't know where I would have ended up without it," Lauren Brewer, a previous scholarship recipient, said. She currently works as a paramedic at a remote mine site in the Gibson Desert.

Each of our scholarships is named in honour of individuals

who have made a significant contribution to the dairy industry and its communities in Victoria. Scholarships honour Shirley Harlock, Jakob Malmo, Bill Pyle, Doug Weir, and Niel Black.

Gardiner has been providing these scholarships since 2008 and awarded 75 scholarships with a total value of over \$1.7 million.

A review indicated that over 70% of past scholars have gone on to live in and contribute to the dairy industry and dairy communities since completing their tertiary studies.

This year's tertiary scholarships have been awarded to our outstanding recipients during a presentation lunch. The 2023 scholars are:

- William Coleman, East Gippsland, who received the Jakob Malmo scholarship, and is studying a Bachelor of Medical Studies/Doctor of Medicine.

- Hamish Wortley, Macarthur, who received the Bill Pyle scholarship, and is studying

a Bachelor of Business (Agribusiness).

- Hamish McLeod, East Gippsland, who received the Doug Weir scholarship, and is studying a Bachelor of Commerce.

- Tess Doyle, Cohuna, who received the Niel Black scholarship, and is studying a Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours).

- Hamish Smith, Saint Germain, who received the Niel Black scholarship, and is studying a Bachelor of Agriculture/Bachelor of Business.

- Eden McMillan, East Gippsland, who received the Niel Black scholarship, and is studying Bachelor of Paramedicine/Bachelor of Nursing.

- Sarah Matthews, Glen Alvie, who received the Shirley Harlock scholarship, and is studying a Bachelor of Environmental Science and Management.

For more information and to apply visit www.gardinerfoundation.com.au/ts

Strzelecki erosion and landslip forum in Mirboo North

JOIN members along with Hallston Regenerative Agriculture Group (HRAG) and, Mardan-Mirboo North Landcare Group for a free forum to stimulate discussion around erosion, landslips, and recovery best practice and undertake an on site visual assessment.

• When: Sunday, February 26, 2023

• Time: 9.30am – 2.30pm

• Where: Mirboo North RSL Hall, 116 Ridgeway Road, Mirboo North

• Register by Friday, February 24, 2023

• Contact: nick.stephens@sgln.net.au

What to expect?

- Presentations by Agriculture Victoria, West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority

- Case Study presentation on the Hyland Reservoir Landslip prevention project

- Self drive to the property demonstration site (3.7kms

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- Photo examples of erosion / landslip you would like to discuss

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Get on top of stripe rust early this season

AVOIDING an early onset of stripe rust and keeping it at bay is going to be the main challenge for wheat growers in what could be another extreme season for rust this year.

Agriculture Victoria is encouraging farmers to take decisive action to reduce the 'green bridge' and be proactive in the use of fungicide treatments at sowing to reduce early season rust.

Agriculture Victoria Researcher, Dr Hari Dadu said large yield losses during the 2022 season were reported by wheat growers in areas where stripe rust wasn't well controlled.

"Rust outbreaks tend to be more severe in seasons following wet summers when volunteer cereals, known as the 'green bridge', carry stripe rust across from one year to the next new wheat crop.

"High soil water levels have made this a widespread problem across eastern Australia."

Dr Dadu said rust only survives on living plants and not on seed, stubble or soil which is why disease management is important following wet summers.

"Growers need to avoid susceptible cultivars and use up-front fungicides (such as flutriafol on fertiliser) to significantly reduce the stripe rust risk in paddocks.

"Last year showed the benefits of using fungicides at sowing to slow stripe rust development providing more time for extra foliar fungicide applications during the season."

Dr Dadu recommended the following proactive management steps:

- Remove the green bridge of volunteer cereals either with herbicide or by grazing by mid-March
- Use a current cereal disease guide go.vic.gov.au/3IYyj7J to check rust resistance ratings (2023 editions due out in late Feb)
- Develop a fungicide management plan, with an emphasis on up-front options such as flutriafol on fertiliser
- Download the rust modelling tool StripewRM, an iPad and tablet app from agric.wa.gov.au/apps/striperustwm.

For further information on stripe rust visit Biosecurity | Agriculture Victoria

Kongwak Hills "flies" into 2023

WHAT a great turn-out at the Kongwak Hall on Saturday, February 4, for Kongwak Hills Landcare Group's first event of the year, "South Gippsland Birdlife - attracting, identifying and monitoring birds on your property".

Presenter, environmental educator Jane Taylor, engaged attendees with fascinating facts on birdlife, focusing on how to attract, identify and monitor birds in the local area.

Using a Kookaburra nesting box, (one of the various designs that have been installed on KHLG members properties as part of the boarder citizen science project that this event falls) Jane demonstrated how monitoring equipment that has been purchased by the group, is used on a telescopic pole to illuminate, view and take photos inside the box.

The session was supported with images of birds taken in the Kongwak Pioneer Reserve, take your binoculars and keep an eye (and ear) out for resident species such as: Crested Shrikelet and White-throated Treecreeper (species of conservation concern in South Gippsland), Blue-winged Parrot (declining populations), Southern Boobook, Satin Flycatchers, Wren species, Rosella species, and even birds of prey!

The reserve is located on Williams Street Kongwak, accessed best by parking near the tennis courts of R.N Scott Memorial Park 1455 Korumburra Wonthaggi Road.

The bird info event was an educational component for KHLG's project, "Kongwak Hills homes for wildlife - Engaging Volunteers in Citizen Science".

cards for purchase showcasing her work of the eastern spinebill, superb fairywren, spotted pardalote and more.

When you next visit the Kongwak Pioneer Reserve, take your binoculars and keep an eye (and ear) out for resident species such as: Crested Shrikelet and White-throated Treecreeper (species of conservation concern in South Gippsland), Blue-winged Parrot (declining populations), Southern Boobook, Satin Flycatchers, Wren species, Rosella species, and even birds of prey!

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Funded by Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action Community - Community Volunteer Action Grant.

Fuel tax threatens to leave farmers running on empty, says VFF

THE Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) says proposed changes to the Fuel Tax Credits Scheme as flagged by the Grattan Institute would further increase the already sky-high cost of living pressures on consumers and further financially strain farmers.

VFF President Emma Germano joined calls by the National Farmers' Federation (NFF) for Federal Treasurer Jim Chalmers to urgently rule out changes to the Fuel Tax Credits Scheme ahead of the Federal Budget.

"Farmers are already feeling the pinch with high input costs on a number of fronts, which inevitably get passed through our food supply chain and onto consumers at the supermarket checkout."

"It's essentially a tax on food at the worst possible time and an unnecessary cost farmers can't burden."

hike is the latest attempt to control the spiralling cost of living. This tax does the opposite and has the potential to send food costs soaring," Ms Germano said.

Ms Germano added the flawed proposal to extend the fuel excise to off-road vehicles hasn't been thought through properly.

"A road tax on vehicles that don't use the roads doesn't pass the pub test."

"If farmers had an economically viable and easily accessible alternative to using diesel to produce and transport food and fibre we would use it."

"The reality is the industry doesn't have a choice and the modern infrastructure we've been calling for has been ignored for years," Ms Germano said.

The VFF will continue to support the NFF on its advocacy with the Federal Government on this issue in the lead-up to May's Federal Budget.

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"Today's ninth successive interest rate

A 'green bridge' of volunteer cereals will provide a significant opportunity for rust to infect this year's crops.

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15 Poll Hereford steers, 15-16 mths, Meikle blood
A/c L & A Watt, Yarram (NUTRIEN)
12 Hereford steers, 14-16 mths
A/c K Baird, Morwell (NUTRIEN)
25 Angus/Speckled Park X steers, 15 mths
A/c Brookville Angus, Benambra (NUTRIEN)
110 Angus heifers, 16-18 mths, Dunoon & Alpine Angus blood, Ideal future breeders
A/c G & G Thomson, Stony Creek (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus mixed sex, 15 mths
A/c M & T Prosser, Loch (NUTRIEN)
10 Speckle Park heifers, 15-18 mths, By Top Bulls

WEANERS

A/c D M Phelan, Billy Creek Station, Stacey's Bridge (PHC)
40 Hereford steers, 12-14 mths
110 Hereford steers weaners 8-12 mths, weaned 3 weeks, dehorned, 5in1 Twice, drenched, Arrest, By Karoonda, Mawarra, Lotus Stud Bulls
A/c P&N&D&M Moore, Yarram (PHC)
100 Angus & Angus/Hereford X steers, 9-11 mths, weaned, Drenched Dectomax, Arrest, Vac 5in1, Weaned Feb, By Yancowinna, Lawson Stud Angus Bulls, NE Accred
A/c K D Opray, Hedley (PHC)
60 Angus steer weaners, 10-12 mths, weaned, VB, had all treatments, By Leawood, Te Mania Bulls, forward condition
A/c M & K Breen, Buffalo (NUTRIEN)
60 Angus steers, 11-12 mths, weaned 8 weeks, By Leawood Stud Bulls
A/c D&G Hunter (ELDERS)
36 Angus steers
22 Angus heifers
12-15 mths, By Leawood Bulls, weaned, VB, GF & ABF
A/c R & K Telling, Woodside (PHC)
50 Angus steers, 10-11 mths, weaned, Innesdale & Pinora blood
A/c Lorstan Nom, Bengworden (SEJ)
50 Angus steers, 9-11 mths, weaned, By Kunuma Bulls, VB
A/c PF Cashman, Stratford (ELDERS)
50 Angus/Hereford and Hereford mixed sex weaners, 9-10 mths, weaned, all vet treatments, Mawarra and Bowman blood
A/c Stuart Investments, Stacey's Bridge (PHC)
50 Hereford steers, 7-11 mths, Dehorned, weaned Jan, EU Accred, drenched, 7in1 X 2, By Mawarra & Karoonda Bulls
A/c D&K Belcher, "Wonga Park", Woodside (PHC)
45 Hereford steers, 9-11 mths, weaned Jan, drenched & Vac 5 in 1 twice & Pinkeye Vac, By Karoonda & Mawarra Bulls, very quiet
A/c H & N Fox, Flynn (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus steers, 12-14 mths
A/c RF, VM & RJ Dowel, Leongatha South (SEJ)
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A/c Sandy Creek Livestock (ELDERS)

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A/c G&L Simmons, Woodside, (PHC)

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A/c RJ & EF Foat, Woodside (PHC)

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A/c Mirawah Pty Ltd, Wattlebank (ALEX SCOTT)

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A/c A & C O'Mara, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)

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A/c G & K Roberts, Binginwarri (PHC)

25 Angus X steers, 10-11 mths, Yancowinna blood

A/c Dixon & Barlow, Yarram (PHC)

25 Angus steers, 10-11 mths, McInnes Bulls, weaned, drenched, 2x 5in1

A/c Telegraph Pastoral (ELDERS)

24 Angus steers, 11 mths, 'Fernleigh Blood' weaned, VB, GF, ABF

A/c Deep Creek Farm (ELDERS)

22 Hereford steers, 9-11 mths, 'Meikle Blood' very quiet

A/c P Flemming (ALEX SCOTT)

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A/c JT & PJ Fleming, "Mertonvale" Willung (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus steers, 11-12 mths, Innesdale & Rossin Bulls

A/c Stanara, Bengworden (SEJ)

15 Angus steers, 9-10 mths, weaned, Rambo Valley blood, VB

A/c G & H Little, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)

12 Angus weaner steers

A/c SL & LM Harrison, Giffard West (PHC)

7 Angus steers, 10-12 mths, weaned, Anvil blood

A/c S & C Jones (ALEX SCOTT)

7 Angus steers, 12 mths, weaned

XBRED & DAIRY

A/c P&D Fowles, Bena (SEJ)

20 Angus/Friesian x steers, 2 yo, very quiet

A/c A Edey, Maffra (NUTRIEN)

5 Angus/Friesian X steers, 2yo

12 Angus/Friesian X steers, 15-16 mths

A/c D Farley, Devon Nth (NUTRIEN)

10 Angus/Friesian X steers, 16-18 mths

A/c A De Riter (NUTRIEN)

13 Angus X mixed sex, 12-16 mths

17 Red Wagyu X heifers, 12-16 mths

A/c J De Riter, Sale (NUTRIEN)

5 Red Wagyu X steers, 12-16 mths

A/c G & H Little, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)

11 Friesian steers, 14 mths

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HAPPY 90th GWEN HEPPEL:
Our lovely Mum, Nana, and Grand Nan, we wish you a very happy 90th birthday for Wednesday.

We all think you are marvellous and look forward to spending time and celebrating with you. xxx

DEATHS

EVANS, John Ernest:
28.11.1925 - 11.02.2023.

Passed away peacefully.
Dad was loved by all his family and many friends.

Dad was a great All Rounder and proud of his achievements.

Any task Dad took on in his life was a success.

R.I.P now Dad.

Our love Paul and Gwen.

A Celebration of Life and Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

EVANS, John Ernest:
28.11.1925 - 11.02.2023

John E Evans, "TOPCAT", the "E" in PBE and Gramps to me.

Hope the fish are biting up there. Finally with Nan and Dad.

Rest in Peace.

Love Shannon Lee and Grant, Petra and James.

DEATHS



EVANS, John:
As one of our founding directors, John was always a respected mentor and colleague. Our condolences to the Evans family.

R.I.P. Top Cat.
-- Directors and staff of PBE Real Estate.

HODDER, Derek:

Passed away peacefully in Vanuatu on February 16, 2023, aged 82.

Loved husband of June (dec.).

Loved brother-in-law to Len and Margaret Barrett.

Uncle of Tracey, Glen and Jodie, and families.

Rest peacefully.

HODDER, Derek:

Passed away peacefully on February 16, 2023, at Vanuatu.

Much loved husband of June (dec.), loving dad of Tania, father-in-law of Jamie, grandfather of Jaden.

Much loved brother-in-law of Stan and Lyne Barrett and family.

Now with June.

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DEATHS

JEFFERIS, John:
26.04.1943 - 17.02.2023.

John Jefferis passed away suddenly aged 79 at Carinya Lodge Aged Care, Korumburra.

Second son of Robert and Ellen Jefferis (both dec.), loved brother to Theo (dec.) and Len.

Father and father-in-law to Leanne and John, Michael and Ann-Maree, Robert and Cindy, Shane and Bree, Brian and Linda.

Beloved Grandfather and Poppy to Liam, Hannah, Erin, Nash, Raph, Hattie, Lukah, Hudson, Reegan, and Reid.

Uncle to many nieces and nephews.

Rest in Peace.

JEFFERIS, John:

26.04.1943 - 17.02.2023.
Aged 79.

John passed suddenly at Carinya Aged Care, Korumburra.

Husband of Alice.

John the hard work is over and you are now at rest. It's time for peace, for you deserve it.

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You are in God's care.

McCOLL, Barbara:

Loved sister of Ken Callister (dec.), cherished sister-in-law of May, dearly loved Aunty Barb of Janet and Jules, Barry, Donna and Laiken Callister.

Very sadly missed.

Rest in Peace.

DEATHS

SPADAFORE, Antonio (Tony):
15.05.1965 - 12.02.2023.

Passed away after a long illness.

Much loved son of Luigi and Carmela Spadafore.

Loving father of Sofia.

Brother to Joe, John and Sarafino (Sam).

Brother-in-law of Colleen and Lyndall.

Cherished uncle of Troy, Justin, Misty and Zane, Ebony, Tawan and Dominique.

Great uncle of Chelyce, Hayden and Luciano.

To the last breath you remained victorious in our eyes.

We are all proud and honoured to stand in your corner.

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R.I.P. Little brother.

A private funeral has been held and we will be holding a memorial to be advised at a later date.

TAAFE, Robert:
03.10.1945 - 09.2.2023.

Loved husband of Shirley (dec.).

Father of Robert John (dec.), and Sally Ann.

Rest in Peace with Mum.

Lots of love Sally and Pie (Greg).

Rest in Peace.

DEATHS

THOMAS, Trevor:
26.04.1943 - 17.02.2023.

Passed away peacefully at Strzelecki House aged 87 years.

Loving husband to Yvonne for 66 years.

Cherished dad to Sharon, Bob, and Rebecca.

Pop to Ashley, Jasmine, Maddison, and Lachlan.

Father-in-law to Doug, Rachel and Mark.

Great Pop to Romayne, Charlotte (dec.), Elizabeth and William.

With Loving Memories.

Trevor's family would like to sincerely thank the staff and nurses at Calvary Strzelecki House Mirboo North for their care and support.

THOMAS, Trevor:

Passed away 16.02.2023.

50 wonderful years of friendship.

Heartfelt condolences to Yvonne and family.

-- Kevin and Jean Elkin and family.

VOS, James:

Passed away suddenly on Friday February 10, 2023, aged 22 years.

Loving son of Russell and Laurel.

Loved partner of Sheona.

Adored father of Aurora and Jaxson.

Younger brother and best mate to Michael, Allan, and Kelly.

Though his smiles are gone forever, And his hand we cannot touch, We shall never lose the memories, Of one we loved so much.

VOS, James:

A great mate will be missed forever.

Sincere condolences to all his family.

-- Mason Diggeman and family.

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DEATHS

WALKER (nee Royds), Kath:
Born 11.11.1935.

Formerly of Rochdale, England.

Passed away peacefully 16.02.2023.

Loved and loving wife of Joe (dec.) for 48 years.

Loving mum of Alison and Jeanette.

Mother-in-law of Barry (dec.) and Mario.

Nanna to Luke, Kate and Jack, Elly and Nick. Great-Nanna to Darby Lou. Brian's 'mate'.

We love you and will miss you forever xx

Mum, it's hard to put into words what to say when we have been so close my entire life.

Thank you for always being there when I needed you and for all the love and support you gave.

Thanks for our shopping sprees and coffee mornings, babysitting, family holidays, our family get-togethers and helping to make our family who we are today.

Thank you for accepting Brian into our family, he's going to miss the chats and jokes with you.

I'm going to miss you always, Mum, but it's time to rest now. Give Dad and Barry a big hug and tell them I miss them please.

I love you.

-- Allison xxx

Loved and dearest mum of Jeanette and mother-in-law of Mario.

MUM, I will be forever grateful to you for being my beautiful mum. I am so thankful that we got to share our visit and cuppa on Thursday before you very suddenly left us later that day.

I still see your face before me, Your voice I long to hear. I miss and love you dearly, God knows I wish you were here.

Tears fall freely from my eyes, Like a river filled with grief.

My only comfort now is knowing you're at peace.

Forever your loving daughter, Jeanette, and son-in-law, Mario xxx

Give Dad a cuddle for me, and enjoy your shampoo and set.

My Mum, Our Nan, and Friend.

Love you.

-- Bob and Dar, Zayn, Eili and Immy, Noah and Ruby, and Jett.

DEATHS

WALKER (nee Royds), Kath:
Nanna, thank you for all the great times we shared; your biscuit tin and lolly jar that were never empty. For fish & chip Fridays with you and Grandad and our Saturday hair dates.

Loving sister to Neville and Diane (dec.), Arthur (dec.) and Brenda, Glenys and Bruce.

Kind hearted aunty of Greg, Kylie, Jeff, Garry, Kerry, Craig and their families.

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BURCHELL:
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JEFFERIS:

Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Mr. John Jefferis will be offered at St Joseph's Catholic Church, 6 Guys Rd, Korumburra on THURSDAY March 2, 2023, at 10.30am.

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THOMAS:

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28.11.1925 - 11.02.2023

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VOS:

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WALKER:

Funeral Prayers for Mrs Kathleen Ann Walker (nee Royds) will be offered at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Korumburra Road, Wonthaggi on Thursday February 23, 2023, commencing at 11:30am.

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IN MEMORIAM

MCDONALD, Joseph Patrick:

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IN MEMORIAM



BURNS, Brian William (Ben):

20.01.1936 - 25.02.2021 Two years have passed.

It doesn't get any easier. Miss you heaps. Love Barbie and the Burns Clan.

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BEREAVEMENT THANKS

MORRIS, Wayne:

Therese and family would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards, and facebook messages during the recent passing of Wayne.

The family would like to thank the Doctors and Nursing staff of the Leongatha Hospital for their wonderful care during the recent passing of Wayne.

PARKES, Allan:

Anne and family wish to thank everyone who attended Allan's Memorial Service, sent flowers, cards, and messages during his recent passing.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

STEPHENS, Tony:

Judy would like to say a special thank you to Koorooman House, the nurses, domestic staff, Dr. Chris Webster and Dr. Lesley Chisholm for their special care and kindness to Tony and myself.

Thank you to everyone who sent cards, flowers, pot plants and kind tributes, all beautiful.

-- Judith Stephens and family.

TAAFE Robert:

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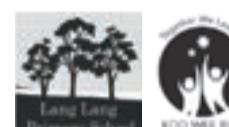
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The position is for casual retail sales. Autopro is a 7 days a week business. Hours will include weekend work.

We are looking for applicants who have:

- A positive attitude to work and their work colleagues.
- Strong communication skills with the ability to think on their feet and solution find for customers.
- Able to execute tasks enthusiastically as well as apply initiative, when necessary, to create an efficient work environment.
- Experience in the automotive industry is not critical but an interest in cars is an advantage.
- Training and product knowledge will be provided to any successful applicants.

If you believe you have what it takes to be a member of our team, then we would encourage you to present your resume with references to either Peter or Gavin at our Wonthaggi or Cowes store.

If you are unable to present in store, please email your resume with references to gavin@wonthaggi.autopro.com.au.

LB0776



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

LB0310



Looking for a rewarding and meaningful career?

If you are looking for a supportive Graduate Registered Nurse program we want to hear from you!

Why join us?

- Work/life balance - options to work flexible rosters
- Sector leading training and development programs for long term growth
- Paid scholarships with great salaries

Find a range of career opportunities available across Inverloch Coast Care Community.

For more information please contact Helen.McConachy@opalhealthcare.com.au or **0438 114 763**.

Find your future
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BUNURONG ENVIRONMENT CENTRE

Part time Shop Manager

We are looking for an enthusiastic Shop Manager to run the Bunurong Environment Centre shop in Inverloch for 18 hours per week. The shop raises money to support environmental projects in our region.

The position is for 3 days/week from 9.30 to 4pm for 12 months with possible extension. Tasks include management of shop stock using a computerised Point of Sale system, maintaining shop displays, working with shop volunteers and promoting the business.

Email to Annette Read at shop@sgcs.org.au or phone 0437 433 365 to obtain a position description.

Applications addressing the selection criteria and CV to shop@sgcs.org.au by 5pm Monday, February 27.

GD0074



ACHIEVING SUCCESS IN A CARING AND CREATIVE ENVIRONMENT

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

HM1063



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, 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.

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

JA21256



WONTHAGGI & DISTRICT
ELDERLY CITIZENS' HOMES INC.

Kitchen and Housekeeping Staff

(Casual and PPT positions available)

Rose Lodge is currently seeking applications for casual and PPT staff to work in the kitchen or housekeeping departments.

Interested applicants must be willing and able to work, be reliable, have excellent customer service, relate well with the elderly and other team members.

Applicants must have minimum of 3 x Covid-19 vaccinations, Current Influenza Vaccination and be able to obtain a Police Check, working with vulnerable persons.

As a not-for-profit organisation, employees at Rose Lodge are able to access the benefits of salary packaging including remote housing.

Applications, including cover letter, Resume and proof of vaccinations, should be emailed to ceo@roselodge.com.au

Shane Jenkins - Chief Executive Officer

Full Time Calf Rearer and Farmhand

Bena.

Duties are mainly calf rearing during Autumn and Spring.

When calf numbers are reduced being fed milk, milking a small number of cows, general farm duties as well as helping with beef cattle.

Hours flexible, wages are \$30 per hour to experienced person or by negotiation.

For enquires and to arrange farm visit please text Trevor on 0427 572 270.

JA21355



Leongatha Children's Centre Inc.

Leongatha Children's Centre Inc. (LCC) is seeking candidates. We have a commitment to excellence in early childhood education and care. LCC celebrates and embraces the natural wonder of children's curious minds and endeavours to cultivate a life-long interest in learning. The safety and wellbeing of children will always be our top priority, LCC a zero tolerance for any form of child abuse or harm.

The role:

Working closely with your fellow Educators and Centre Management, you will enjoy;

- Developing and maintaining meaningful relationships with children, families, colleagues, and the centre community.
- Developing and implementing an innovative early learning program reflective of current early years thinking and practice.
- Support and promote child safety.
- Documenting and sharing with families in their children's learning and development.
- Actively contributing to the implementation and adoption of the LCC Philosophy.

To be successful you will need:

- Sound understanding of the principles of teaching and learning in the early years with at least 2 years working with children and their families.
- Strong interpersonal skills with the ability to inspire children
- A team focussed philosophy, as well as looking to be a part of the local community
- Commitment to evidence-based practice and professional development
- An in-depth knowledge of the VEYLDF and NQS.
- Obtained a Diploma of Education and care services or Certificate III in Education and care services or equivalent
- Current working with children check
- You must hold a current First Aid Certificate, Anaphylaxis, Asthma and child safety training.

For further information, including position descriptions, or to submit your application please contact Leongatha Children's Centre.

Leongatha.cc@leongathacc.vic.edu.au or 03 5662 3533

LB0791



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:

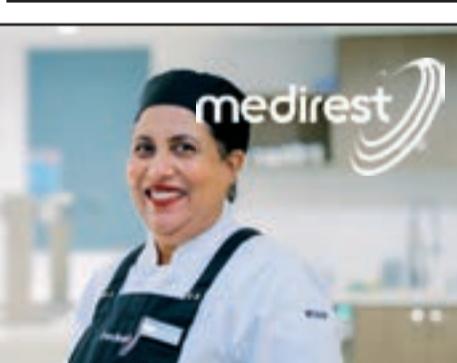
- A friendly, social & collaborative team
- A workplace that supports and values their staff
- Support from management and ongoing development and education opportunities

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



We're hiring

Catering Assistants Kitchen Hands

Casual role

Parking on site

Training provided

Scenic local site

Flexible roster

To apply, scan the QR code or email us!



Mathew.Herewane@compass-group.com.au

Chef

THE CAPE TAVERN - Full time

The Cape Tavern is looking for an experienced full time Chef to join our established kitchen team.

We are a busy family run business in Cape Paterson and we have a strong focus on our local community.

If you have a passion for food and the ability to work as part of a team in a fast paced environment then we would like to hear from you.

A rotating roster with some weekend work will be offered along with a competitive package to the successful applicant.

Send your resume to Michael Capetavern@westnet.com.au



South Gippsland Hospital

Positions Vacant

After Hours Coordinator

NM5D - 0.63 EFT
permanent part time

After Hours Coordinator

NM5D - 0.63 EFT

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

Kitchen Assistant

IN14 - Casual

Social Support Group

Welfare Worker, Class 1 or 2A
Casual

Intake Officer - Community Care

Welfare Worker, Class 2A
0.53 EFT fixed term leave replacement

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



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!

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



Administrative Assistant



BRB Law is seeking an administrative assistant.

Roles include:

- Reception
- Diary Management
- Opening, closing and managing files
- Preparation of documents/letters
- Liasing with clients
- Filing
- Archiving
- Deeds management
- Assistance to lawyers
- General clerical duties

Skills in Outlook, Word and Excel are important. Prior experience in the legal industry in conveyancing and/or probate would be desirable.

Please submit applications to Jennie Whitaker: jwhitaker@brblaw.com.au

Applications close 5pm,
Friday, March 3, 2023

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



Qualified Disability Support Workers Needed

Established in 2020, Foxy House is a boutique service with a mission to provide high quality individualised support for people with all types of disabilities. We value our staff highly as we know, if you feel valued, this directly impacts on the quality of service provided to the people we support. We aim to offer a personal touch to the support we provide and take pride in exceeding the expectations of those who access our services. We have outlets in Kongwak and Morwell, we are currently seeking staff to join our Residential Team based in Kongwak.

About You

We are currently looking for dedicated, motivated, and passionate people to join our Residential Team who will help us to continue to achieve our mission and positively represent Foxy House in the wider community. In turn, we will provide an environment where you will feel nurtured, supported and part of a cohesive team.

We have regular shifts available, although these positions will initially be casual, you will be offered a permanent role if you show great commitment, great attitude and perform well in the position. If you are wanting to work for an organisation who are highly committed to ensuring both our staff and clients feel supported and valued, then this might be the role for you.

Essential Criteria

- Minimum Cert IV in Disability work
- Previous experience working in a residential setting and provision of 1:1 support
- Experience working with people with a dual diagnosis of mental health and an ID.
- NDIS Worker Screening Check
- International Police Check if you have lived overseas for 1 year or more within the last 10 years
- Current First Aid Certificate level 2
- Current CPR Certificate
- COVID Infection Control Certificate
- Evidence of your COVID vaccination status
- Dedication and reliability
- Well-developed organisational and communication skills (written & spoken)
- Capacity to work a variety of shifts including, days, evenings, active nights and weekends
- Must be able to work within the relevant Client guidelines
- Adhere to all relevant legislation and Foxy Policies and Procedures
- Have a friendly, positive attitude to work

Desirable Skills and Abilities

- Positive Behaviour Support experience
- Food Handling
- Medication administration

Please APPLY NOW by attaching your resume and Cover Letter addressing the essential criteria and emailing to: contact@foxyhouse.com.au

For further information please contact Teena Ferguson, Director Foxy House on 0408 132 617



p 5671 3151

e hr@basscoasthealth.org.au

w www.basscoasthealth.org.au

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Yardman / Trade Counter

Leongatha

South Gippsland Hire & Sales are well established in the Hire Industry, offering a large range of machinery and equipment to local trade's people, civil contractors, commercial clients and DIY customers. Join our small team, working full time Monday-Friday plus alternate Saturday mornings.

Do you have mechanical aptitude? Are you familiar with small earth moving machinery, access equipment, plumbing or power tools? Have you had exposure to the building trade, home renovating or landscaping?

Responsibilities include servicing machinery, cleaning equipment and portable toilets, yard maintenance, assisting and advising customers, processing computerised hire contracts and deliveries.

Skills required are computer literacy, accuracy, problem solving and time management. You should have a common sense approach with commitment to gaining and updating product knowledge and safety requirements. The ideal candidate will be well presented, able to work independently, remain calm under pressure, communicate confidently and provide quality customer service with a "can do" attitude.

If you are enthusiastic and keen to learn
please forward your Resume
and application letter by

Friday, March 3, 2023.

Attn: Kaye, South Gippsland Hire & Sales,
17 Anderson Street, Leongatha Vic 3953.
Email: maraxe@tpg.com.au



NEWHAVEN COLLEGE

Newhaven College is an independent co-educational school on Phillip Island offering quality education for students from Prep to Year 12

We are seeking applications to join our collaborative team in the following temporary fixed term contracts for Semester 2, 2023

EDUCATION ASSISTANT

Part-time

EDUCATION ASSISTANT

Full-time (Parental Leave vacancy until April 2024)

SECONDARY ENGLISH TEACHER

Full-time (Parental Leave vacancy until 12 Dec 2023)

SECONDARY PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER

Part-time

SECONDARY PSYCHOLOGY TEACHER

Part-time

For details on requirements, duties and responsibilities, visit our website www.newhaven-col.vic.edu.au/about/work-at-newhaven

Newhaven College is a child safe environment. Every child has a right to be safe, and at the College we have a zero tolerance for child safety risks (including child abuse and reportable conduct). As such, preferred applicants will be subject to child protection screening, background and reference checks, verification of identity checks and must adhere to the College's child safe practices, as outlined in the Child Protection Program policies available on the College website.

**Applications close 5.00pm
Friday 10 March 2023**

and to be submitted to:
recruitment@newhavencol.vic.edu.au

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 cgarsm@bigpond.com

Bus Drivers wanted (Casual)

South Coast Bus are seeking experienced Heavy Vehicle Drivers for casual positions. The vacancies will be covering school runs and general charter from our Cowes or Wonthaggi Depots and suit those with previous exposure to driving heavy vehicles, with bus industry experience an advantage but not essential. There is plenty of work for the right candidates.

The successful applicant must be good with people, able to follow instruction and hold at least a MR license. You will be required to obtain a passenger endorsement (drivers certificate) and working with children check card if they don't already have one.

Please call 5951 4600 or send your resume to email: operations@southcoastbus.com.au or post PO Box 946, Cowes, 3922

PUBLIC NOTICES



Making a real difference in the lives of people across Bass Coast.

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While there has been some success for the Hooded Plover breeding season, council is still urging locals to keep a keen eye out for the bird to ensure they are not disturbed. Photo: Kylie Willow

Endangered Hooded Plovers still need our help

BREEDING season is half way through for the vulnerable beach nesting bird, the Hooded Plover.

And they need all the help they can get.

While they are quite small and can go relatively unnoticed, it is very easy for them to be disturbed by people and their pets without the people even realising.

There are nesting enclosures set up for the birds at many of the shire's beaches; however, this isn't the only space they need.

Hoodies need to get themselves and their chicks to the waters edge to feed so they can successfully raise a family.

Council recently had a fledgling of two chicks out at Ventnor and San Remo, these are the first successful for the season for Bass Coast.

They also have some promising chicks on the beaches in Cape Paterson, which still need help to make it all the way.

There are also quite a few nests on the beaches, so keep an eye out for signs and keep well clear.

With only 500 left in the wild, getting as many chicks to the flying stage is critically important to their survival. Australia has one of the worst extinction records in the world.

People can help the Hooded Plovers have a successful breeding season by undertaking the following:

- Avoid using beaches known to be used for Hooded Plover breeding
- Walk close to the water's edge
- Keep an eye out for and obey signage and barriers put up for the protection of the birds
- Keep your dog on a leash at all times and off the beach during 'no dogs' times. For details on restrictions please see the website www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/dog-walking

• If you wish to let your dog run free, please use the designated off-leash areas that are around the Shire.

• Report any incidents to 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211

There are many people working hard over the summer period to assist breeding success of the Hooded Plover.

This includes volunteers from Friends of the Hooded Plover – Bass Coast and Hooded Plover Watch, and land managers including Bass Coast Shire Council, Phillip Island Nature parks and Parks Victoria.

Expression of Interest

Bass Coast & South Gippsland Clinical Council and Community Advisory Committee Members

Gippsland PHN is part of a national network of 31 Primary Health Networks across Australia. PHNs across the country are funded to work towards the objective of meeting the health needs of the most vulnerable people in the community or those most at risk of poor health outcomes.

Gippsland PHN works closely with community and the primary health sector to identify opportunities to improve health outcomes in Gippsland, through better coordination and support of health services and by commissioning new services to address identified health needs.

The PHN core functions: support to general practice, system integration, health planning and commissioning are designed to address identified national objectives and priority areas. These priorities frame the work of Gippsland PHN, guided also by community and clinical input. Gippsland PHNs vision is for a measurably healthier Gippsland.

Gippsland PHN is seeking expressions of interest for the following roles:

Community Advisory Committee members to commence 1 July 2023, for a three-year term. **Bass Coast and South Gippsland Clinical Council members** to commence May 2023, until 30 June 2024.

How to apply

All potential nominees should review the online information and complete the Expression of Interest link available at <https://gphn.org.au/careers-expressions-of-interest>

For more information, please email company.secretary@gphn.org.au

Applications Close: Sunday, March 5, 2023

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Email your job adverts to:
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DEADLINE: Fridays 4.30pm

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INVERLOCH

Wednesday Corporate Bowls. It was an exciting night last Wednesday at Corporate Bowls with a battle for a position in the finals next week. Winners on the night were TRM (Tom Millers Team) with Runners up on equal points and shots up being the Chokers (Liam Cummins Team) and the VB's (Trixie Butler's Team). This culminated in both The Chokers and The VB's finishing equal second on the ladder. The skips of both teams took to the greens for a 2 end play off as the decider, with chokers coming out on top. Now Bowling Stones will play The Chokers in the final. This Wednesday is our final week for the season.

Thursday Social Bowls

Up to 16 intrepid bowlers battled the warm weather on Thursday.

Play was reduced to one game of 10 ends due to the heat.

Four teams of Fours battled it out for honours.

Runners Up on one win, 15 points and 4 shots up was the team of Craig Selby (skip), Di Selby, Brian Hensley and Gordon Mac Gillivray. Winners on the day with one win, 15 points and 8 shots up was the team of Terry Orford (skip), Jon Justin, John Turner and Grant Gibson (Warrnambool).

Wednesday Monthly Triples

Our monthly triples saw 20 teams compete against each other in perfect bowling weather. Runners Up on the day on 67 points was the team led by Frankie C. Winners on 71 points was the team of John Newcombe (skip), Peter Forrest and Daryl White. Best First Game went to Geoff Coleman, Arthur Moule and Neil Everitt. Best Second Game with +28 shots went to J Duscher (skip), Doug Archer and Martin Hannaford. Best Third Game was won by Andy Robertson (skip), Kien Cecil and Jim Garnham with 17 shots up. Best Fourth Game went to Alan Hanks (skip), G Hogan and B Graeme with 18 shots up.

Pennant

Congratulations to all 3 of our Midweek Pennant Teams who have made the finals and will play at Inverloch on Tuesday.

Final ladder positions for our Saturday Pennant Teams. Division 1, 6th. Division 2, 5th. Division 3, 7th. Division 4, 5th.

WITH temperature predictions saying Corinella was looking at a 28° Day, 30 of our family of bowlers turned up for our weekly challenge.

Phil let us all know how Sue was following her fall. We wish her well with her recovery over the next few months.

Winners on 36 points were:

Peter Grattan (S), Laurie Bell (3), Phil Wright (2), Shirley Corcoran (L)

Runners Up on 33 points were:

John Nicholson (S), Luke



Wonthaggi Bowls Club Jimmy Smith Triples Perpetual Trophy winners Allan Ireland, Julian Wilderberg and Fred Kellow.

Monckton (3), Ruth Waring (L) Best One Game on 23 points were:

Mark Andreatta (S), Ken Barnes (3), Pauline McWilliams (2), Cheryl Floyd (L)

Next week we will be at San Remo and we look forward to another great day with all our friends.

KORUMBURRA

WITH the last games of pennant now done and dusted all teams missed out on finals in the last round of midweek.

Division one travelled to Foster all to no avail.

Judith Nicholl lost 25 shots to 16b Jenny McVeigh lost 15 shots to 18.

While Jo LoMagno went down 16 shots to 21.

In division three, the news was all different travelling to Port Welshpool Katrina Evans Lost 20 shots to 24, however, Cheryl Moore won 18 shots to 14 an overall draw a good way to end the season.

On Saturday social bowls began with good numbers on the green winners on the day with 2 wins and a draw were Vera Sund and Ross Lomagno, well done to them.

Wednesday night bowls continues to prosper with good numbers in attendance if you wish to play your names in by 6pm for 6.30pm start.

LEONGATHA

ROUND 14 of the Midweek Pennant competition was played on Feb 14 against Wonthaggi. The result of the Division 1 game was a win to Leongatha by defeating Inverloch with an overall score of 70/55 shots & 16 points. Leongatha Div 1 are now ranked in 3rd position on the ladder and will feature in the finals.

The Midweek Pennant Division 3 game against Inverloch was won by Inverloch with an overall score of 43/29 shots & 8 points. Leongatha Div 3 are now ranked in 4th position on the ladder & whether they play finals will be decided next Tuesday 14th Feb.

The Ladies Invitation Triples was played on Wednesday 15th February and from information I have, the conditions for bowling

were favourable and the bowlers had a very enjoyable day. Eighteen teams entered the event which was a great effort by the Match Committee to obtain that number. The major sponsor for the event was SAPUTO for which we thank them greatly. The winners were Rosa James, Marj Pearson & Anne Lye with a score of 3W +56. Runners /up were Jenny Miller, Bev Tyers & Maureen Taylor with a score of 3W+30. A big thank you to the club members who provided their assistance during the day.

On Saturday 11th February, we awoke to cloudy conditions and selected bowlers were keen to get on the green to show their skill in the 2 semi-finals that Leongatha were drawn to play during the day. Leongatha achieved success in both semi-finals as follows:

In the Division 1 game Leongatha defeated Wonthaggi with a score of 63/41 shots & 14 points. In the Division 2 game Leongatha defeated Wonthaggi 76/42 shots & 16 points. Leongatha will now prepare for both sides playing in their respective prelim finals next Saturday 25th February.

Barefoot Bowls

This continues next Tuesday, February 21, for 1 week.

TOORA

ANOTHER ripper day at Toora this month with a jam packed rink.

Winners are grinners in the form of Jeff Pendergast, Alan Easterbrook and Ollie Crouch from Leongatha taking out the top prize.

Fish Creek's trio of Don Cripps, Dave Christie and Robbie Grylls were hot on their tails for Runners Up position and the Mirboo North boys rounded out 3rd with Rohan Trease, Shane Peters and Paul Peilos.

We have a tournament on Sunday, February 26, coming up sponsored by Toora's Bendigo Bank who do an amazing service for our community.

Names in to Griffo on 0431887834 please.

Congratulations to division 1 for their stellar performance throughout the pennant season



Inverloch BC Monthly Triples Winners Daryl White, Peter Forrest and John Newcombe (skip).

sadly they missed a finals berth, big congrats to division 5 for their input and for giving their all at the first semi in Phillip Island.

WONTHAGGI

THIS week started on Sunday with the Jimmy Smith Triples Perpetual Trophy being played with a full field of bowlers.

The best game went to a team from Leongatha.

They were Allan Easterbrook, Paul Micheal and Anthony Collier with a score of plus 25 shots.

Third place on the day went to a composite team of Pat Phelan from Mulgrave Country Club and Chas Buccilli and Mick Bowman from Wonthaggi with a score of 3 wins and a draw.

Second place went to a team from Wonthaggi consisting of Rob Aitken, Trevor Teer and Bryan Donohue with a score of 4 wins and 21 shots up.

First place went to another composite team of Allan Ireland and Fred Kellow from Wonthaggi and Julian Wilderberg from Croydon, but a former Wonthaggi bowler, with a score of 4 wins and 42 shots up.

Mid Week Pennant saw Div 1 travel to Corinella looking to finish the season off on a high. All three rinks had good wins to record a solid victory.

The final scores Wonthaggi 78 Corinella 44.

Div 2 ventured to the town of Lower Tarwin, also looking to finish the season off on a high.

They came up against a team that were also looking to finish with a bang and what a way for Tarwin to finish the season, as they are not in the top four. Wonthaggi will need to reset now and get ready for the finals next week.

The final scores Wonthaggi 42 Tarwin 84. Div 1 are in 2nd spot on the ladder and Div 1 are on top of the ladder.

Tuesday Bare Foot Bowls went off well again with a lot of happy people enjoying the summer evening. Wednesday social bowls saw 20 bowlers grace the greens on a fine day with a slight breeze. The winners on the day were the team of Rob Westbrook and Roger Lee with a score of 2

wins and 37 points. The runners up were the team of Jim Martin and Rob Aitken with a score of 2 wins and 33 points.

Saturday Pennant saw Div 1

and Div 2 playing at Leongatha on a green that is different to our green but that's bowls. Div 1 had one rink with a good win, with the other two going down on the day. The final scores Wonthaggi 41 Leongatha 63. Div 2 were also looking for a win to remain in the Finals race. The final scores Wonthaggi 42 Leongatha 76.

Div 3 travelled to Meeniyan in a top of the ladder clash, with both teams looking for a win to go straight into the Grand Final. As you would expect all team members did their share to record a very solid victory. The final scores Wonthaggi 63 Meeniyan 52.

Div 4 had to travel to Port Welshpool ready for a scrap. Two rinks led the way with very good wins while the other had a narrow loss. The final scores Wonthaggi 63 Port Welshpool 47.

Bowls this week: Tuesday Mid Week Pennant Finals - Div 1 play Inverloch at Inverloch and Div 2 play Toora at Wonthaggi.

Also on Tuesday Bare Foot Bowls, Wednesday social bowls at 1.00pm, Thursday social bowls at 10.00am, Friday coaching at 10.00am and Saturday Pennant where Div 4 play at Phillip Island.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

THIS week we saw a total of 43 players competing.

Tuesday winners with a plus 22 winning both their games were Sylvia Mattock Pat Novak and Wolfe Gilch.

Runners up on plus 8 also winning 2 games.

Eere Rhonda Rattenbury Jan Milkins and Max Sweetnam.

Friday we had a very competitive competition with all 6 teams winning 1 game each.

The winners with a plus 9 were Jeannie Slocombe Jos Kemper and Marg Hender.

Runners up on plus 7 were Murray Wilson Wolfe Gilch and Brian Newman.

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 21
▲ 1.28am	1.49m
▼ 6.54am	0.73m
▲ 1.15pm	1.37m
▼ 7.19pm	0.28m

WEDNESDAY	February 22
▲ 2.22am	1.56m
▼ 8.00am	0.57m
▲ 2.21pm	1.48m
▼ 8.19pm	0.27m

THURSDAY	February 23
▲ 3.10am	1.62m
▼ 8.55am	0.42m
▲ 3.21pm	1.57m
▼ 9.12pm	0.30m

FRIDAY	February 24
▲ 3.53am	1.65m
▼ 9.45am	0.29m
▲ 4.16pm	1.63m
▼ 9.59pm	0.35m

SATURDAY	February 25
▲ 4.32am	1.65m
▼ 10.29am	0.21m
▲ 5.08pm	1.65m
▼ 10.42pm	0.41m

SUNDAY	February 26
▲ 5.10am	1.62m
▼ 11.11am	0.17m
▲ 5.57pm	1.63m
▼ 11.21pm	0.49m

MONDAY	February 27
▲ 5.45am	1.57m
▼ 11.50am	0.18m
▲ 6.44pm	1.58m
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Wonthaggi Golf Club championships were decided on Sunday. Winners front row (left to right) D Grade Gary Lock, C Grade Kevin Loughran, B Grade Andrew Hooten-Shandley, A Minor Alex Geyer, Open Ian Baker. Runners up D Grade Lindsay Smith, C Grade Peter Liddle, B Grade Gus Kirk, A Minor Stephen Kane, Open Michael Scott.

KORUMBURRA

Club Championship 2023 winners.

Scratch: A Grade: Steve Bromby 221, B Grade: Barry Kerr 245, C Grade: Ross Crawford 270, D Grade: Terry Maskell 283.

Nett: A Grade: Roy Fleming 212, B Grade: Barry Kerr 209, C Grade: Ross Crawford 207, D Grade: Jai Van Dyk 205.

Ladies

THE second round of the championships was played last Wednesday with some close contests going into the final week.

Johanna van den Heiligenberg (11) had the lowest Scratch Score, 82 and won A Grade, 71 net, with Kerri Besley (17) runner-up, 72 net. Beryl Brown (27) won B Grade, 71 net and Chris Rickard (25) was runner-up, 78 net.

The C Grade winner was Lyn Perks (31), 67 net and Virginia Wagner (38) was next best with 71 net.

Placegetters were Julie Hillberg (21) 73 net, Shelley Snooks (17) and Viv Enbom (33), both 74 net and Betty Thomson (40) 75 net.

Maree Wittingslow (53) won the 9-hole comp with 19 pts and it was great to have Julie Cole and Lyn Leppin put in cards towards gaining their handicaps.

NTP's went to Sherrin Solly, 1st, Chris Rickard, 10th and Lee Clements, 13th.

Allan and Lyn Perks won the Thursday Twilight comp with 23 pts.

Saturday's winner was Chris Rickard (25), 69 net and Julie Hillberg (21) was runner-up, 71 net.

BDTL to Judy Webb (21), 73 net on a c/b and Kerri Besley had the best Scratch Score with 91. Thanks to Kelly's Bakery for sponsoring the NTP on the 1st green on Saturdays, which was won by Judy Webb.

NTP's were Kerri, 7th, Julie, 10th and Jenny Blackmore, 13th.

LEONGATHA

Tuesday Stableford February 14. On Tuesday 54 members/guests played in the Stableford Round.

A Grade Winner: Mark Scammell with a score of 40 points

A Grade R/Up: Ron Findlay with a score of 38 points

B Grade Winner: Michael Street with a score of 37 points

B Grade R/Up: Gerald Freestone with a score of 35 points

Annual Tournament - Day 1, February 16.

Our LGC Annual Tournament kicked off with excellent golfing weather, thank you to our superintendent Jimmy Jerry and the ground staff team for presenting the golf course in superb condition. Everything was set up for some excellent scoring.

Day 1 saw 90 players tee off in

our 4BBB Stableford event.

Winners: Gerald Freestone & Lou Fuataga with a score of 46 points

Runners-Up: Andy Bassett & Ian Murchie with 46 points on a countback

Third Place: Mark Lafferty & Rodney Hopcraft with 45 points

Best Mixed Team score: Jill White & Garry Shandley with 44 Points

Men's NTP 14th: Ian Murchie with 1.5m

Women's NTP 16th: Glenyce McRobert with 18m

Men's NTP 16th: Bruce Cathie with 2m

Annual Tournament - Day 2, February 17.

Day 2 of the Annual Tournament kicked off early with an 8am Shotgun start to avoid the heat of the day. The Ambrose event saw 100 golfers take to the course.

Winners were the team of Mark Lindsay, Craig Magill, Phil Western & Daniel Dunn with a score of 53.875 Nett on a countback.

Runners Up were the team of Neryl Hopcraft, Rodney Hopcraft, Mark Lafferty & Craig Hams on a score of 53.875 Nett.

3rd Place went to the team of Philip Witherow, Peter O'Donahoo, Callum McCaughan & Gordon Morrison with a score of 54.125 Nett.

Men's NTP 14th: Norm Hughes with 1.1m

Women's NTP 16th: Fay Quilford with 7m

Men's NTP 16th: Mark Lafferty with 2m

Annual Tournament - Day 3, February 18.

Stableford event saw 92 players enjoy suburb golfing weather although scoring proved to be difficult.

Overall Winner: Elizabeth Halpin with 38 points

Women's Runner-Up: Lynne Hart with 34 points

A-Grade Winner: Patrick McDonald with 35 Points

A-Grade Runner-Up: Peter Langford with 35 points

B-Grade Winner: Gary McGrath with 36 points

B-Grade Runner-Up: John Ryan with 36 points

C-Grade Winner: Nicholas Byrne with 37 points

C-Grade Runner-Up: Gerald Freestone with 36 points

Men's NTP 14th: Nicholas Byrne with 3.5m

Women's NTP 16th: Wendy Brown with 3.5m

Men's NTP 16th: Martin Nicoll with 1.12m

Annual Tournament - Day 4, February 19.

The Kit Boag Canadian Foursomes is always a very pleasant Sunday and a great way to wrap up the Leongatha Golf Club Annual Tournament. With a field of 44 players, the event was held in superb conditions.

Winners: Kent Hams & Rebecca Thomas with 68.25 Nett

Runners-Up: Hugh Goodman & Glenda Knowles with 73.375 Nett

3rd Place: Colin Bear & Karen Bear with 73.875 Nett

Men's NTP 14th: Peter Hart with 9.8m

Women's NTP 16th: Rebecca Thomas with 56cm

Men's NTP 16th: Ian Flemming with 3.9m

Photo attached of the Kit Boag Canadian Foursomes winners:

Ladies

SIXTY five women competed in the Opening Day Gentsomes event sponsored by Burra Brewing Company.

As there were many newer players in the field, the event was only 12 holes, which was appreciated as the day became warmer.

Narelle Jones, owner and representative from the Burra Brewing Company presented vouchers to the winning combination of Rebecca Thomas, Lianne Adamson and Michelle Roberts.

The runners up, Fay Quilford, Trish Miller and Trish Owen were also presented with Burra Brewing vouchers.

Winners of balls down the line were: Neryl Hopcraft, Dot Stubbs and Shirley Welsford 62, Glenyce McRobert and Else Gedye 62, Judith Walker, Karen Murchie and Marie Sands 62, and Julie Perriman, Anne Bowd and Barb Miller with a 61.

Jill Steer was closest to the flag on the 14th and Rebecca Thomas on the 16th.

Congratulations to Fay Quilford and Bronwyn Debenham for their recent win in the SGG Inc. Maree Anderson Opening Day.

MEENIYAN

Ladies

THE 2023 Men's Champions were decided on Sunday and there were great matches, new champions and some wonderful viewing for the many spectators.

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Ian defended his title from last year with some very steady golf



Korumburra Golf Club Championship winners were D Grade Terry Maskell, C Grade Ross Crawford, B Grade Barry Kerr and A Grade Steve Bromby.

Saturday, February 18, Stableford.

A Grade: T Bradshaw (10) 41pts

B Grade: W Mc Grath (32) 43pts.

DTL: Tim Traill, R Pentland 39, J Mc Farlane, D Woodall 38, R Scurlock 37 c/b.

NTP: 4th S Mc Innes, 6th B Bradshaw, 13th G Dawson, 16th W Lewis.

Birdies: 4th P Woodall, E Woodall, S Hill-Smith, 6th B Bradshaw, 16th E Woodall.

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WOORAYL

Ladies

THERE was a field of 16 Ladies who played in the Par Event on Wednesday, February 15.

The day was sponsored by Renee McLennan from MTA Travel and we thank her for her sponsorship.

The weather was fine with a cooling breeze, and players were fortunate to finish before the afternoon became hot. A Grade winner was Heather Sullivan (19) +4, runner up was Ann Poole (25) +1.

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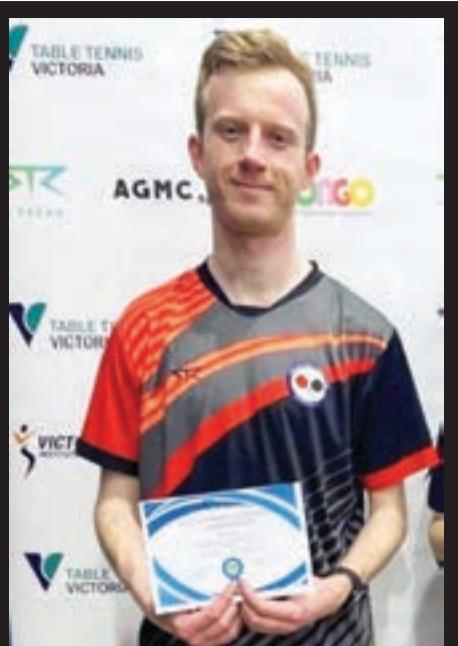
Grand Ridge parkrun

AFTER Friday afternoons wild weather we were greeted with a beautiful mild, clear morning in Mirboo North.

The trail was in great shape despite the deluge and the conditions were perfect.

Twenty five participants ran and walked our trail this morning with Libby Belton completing her 50th Parkrun which is an outstanding effort.

We also welcomed Julie to our group of merry volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please like and follow our Facebook page for more information.



Wonthaggi favourite makes top ranking

POPULAR former Wonthaggi table tennis champ Zach Anstey has made it to number 10 in Victorian open Singles rankings.

Zach represented Wonthaggi on many occasions in State Championships before moving to Melbourne and we congratulate him on this latest success.

Modified event to honour one of the best

By Dean Thompson, DMT Sports Media

NYORA Raceway will host the state's best Modified Sedan competitors this weekend in the inaugural 'Russell Bent Memorial' to honour long time Corinella resident Russell Bent, who passed away prior to the season starting.

Bent was a long time business man in South Gippsland previously owning and operating Bass Highway Waste, before handing the reigns over to his daughter Andrea and Son-in-law Russell Felsovary.

Bent was known on the race track as a determined Modified Sedan race driver often being amongst the front runners, with a second in the Victorian state title for Modified Sedans at Mildura in the 16/17 season his last major result.

Bent has left behind a tremendous Speedway family.

His widow Glenda a terrific race driver herself many years ago, his sons Simon and David more than handy behind the wheel as is his son-in-law Russell Felsovary.

Plus grandchildren Shona and Seth Bent also competing in recent years carry on the legacy Russell started.

With the memorial doubling as a state series points event, it is expected that the best drivers available from Victoria will be in town to compete on Saturday with Brody Chrystie, Brock Atkins, Kye Walters, just some of the drivers to watch.

Racing begins at 4.00pm at Grundy Avenue Nyora at the recreational reserve.

Admission is \$25 for an adult ticket, cheaper price if you buy an online ticket following procedures on the club's website or social media page.

\$15 for Aged and Disabled Pensioners, Teenagers 12 to 16 costs \$15 (Also cheaper if brought prior to the event, online. Also, and kids zero to the age of twelve \$5. Two Adults and two teenagers can combine for a family ticket costing just \$60.

The enquiry contact number is 0428 847 888.

Article correction

THE Sentinel-Times would like to apologise for incorrectly quoting Scott Bindloss in the article titled 'Bass Coast Boxing to celebrate Newhaven open day'.

The article should have quoted Scott Williamson. The Sentinel-Times apologises for this mistake.



Korumburra made it two Division 1 titles in a row in under 18 girls competition at the Junior Country Championships.



Korumburra's Under 16 girls side won the Division 2 grand final at the Junior Country Championships.

More junior glory for Wildcats

KORUMBURRA Wildcats enjoyed great success over the weekend in the Junior Country Championships with the girls leading the way, being crowned champions in under 18 Division 1 and under 16 Division 2.

The Wildcats beat the Warrnambool Mermaids 52-30 in the grand final at Bendigo Stadium on Sunday, with four of Korumburra's team having stepped up to under 18s level after playing in last year's under 16 Division 1 championship.

While the final margin was comfortable, the game was in the balance at halftime with Korumburra just six points ahead at that stage.

The Wildcats were relentless in the third term, keeping the Mermaids scoreless until the final minute and a half of the quarter.

Korumburra coach Chloe Hogg attributed the positive transformation in the game to an adjusted defence.

"We clogged up the paint because we knew that they were penetrators and weren't getting many outside shots, so we made it difficult for them to get inside the key," Hogg said.

Krystal Arnason was proving a weapon with her rebounds, helping set up lay-up opportunities for Chelsea Fox at the other end of the court, which she capitalised on.

The third quarter dominance helped the Wildcats establish a 16-point lead heading into the final term.

Such was the second half ascendancy from Korumburra, it allowed Warrnambool just 11 points throughout that period.

Hogg admitted she was a bit nervous early in the game.

"We weren't playing how we normally do; our defence was a bit slow and we weren't getting much shot generation," she said.

However, there was little cause for concern in the second half.

Fox finished with 17 points despite her main assignment

for the match being to shut down Warrnambool point guard Mia Mills.

While she accomplished that, Fox achieved plenty more.

"She stepped up and started scoring," Hogg said.

Hogg highlighted the Wildcats' achievement in winning as a small country town with just nine players to draw on.

Korumburra overcame fierce opponent Traralgon in a tight semi final, defeating the T-Birds 53 to 44.

This year's under 16 Wildcats jumped out to an 8-point quarter time advantage against Mildura Heat, going on to win every term, recording a comprehensive 57-38 win.

Leongatha and District Cricket Association bounces back at Country Week

LEONGATHA & District Cricket Association (LDCA) enjoyed a successful Country Week, winning three of its four matches, but fell short of the final.

After being soundly beaten by Ferntree Gully on day one, LDCA bounced back to defeat Ballarat, Bairnsdale, and Latrobe Valley over the remaining three days.

Wonthaggi Club's medium fast opening bowler Joel Brann's 5/12 in the final game was one of LDCA's individual highlights of the week.

Young Inverloch keeper Jack Butcher was excellent for LDCA in three of the games, with opener Mitch Clark of Nerrena playing consistently well and Tom Keily (Phillip Island) performing commendably with the ball.

His efforts helped ensure LDCA's decision to send Latrobe Valley in at Croydon Park was a prosperous one, with the Valley batsmen

demolished for a total of just 34 runs.

Leongatha openers Clark and Ethan Lamers (OMK) knocked off the small target without loss, making it three wins in a row for LDCA to finish the tournament.

That strong run started with an excellent opening partnership against Ballarat Cricket Association in game 2 at Dandenong's Greaves Reserve.

Sahan Perera (Leongatha Town) led the way to victory with 88 at better than a run a ball after Leongatha decided to bat first, with fellow opener Clark making 36 and skipper David Newman (Inverloch) 31 not out.

While Ballarat's Sajith Disanayaka (96) gave his side a shot at knocking off the required 205 runs, Leongatha's bowlers then stamped their authority on the contest to win by 28 runs.

Leongatha Town's Mudassar Riaz (3/29) and Perera

(3/34) were the chief wicket takers, with Perera the game's standout player.

Another Sri Lankan, Charith Keerthisinghe (Phillip Island) also played a key role in preventing Ballarat reaching its target, snatching 2/9 off eight stingy overs.

Clark (61) again performed strongly for LDCA at the top of the order as it set an imposing 230 run target for Bairnsdale in Ormond, with Daniel Mock (Phillip Island) the main support act with a quickfire 47.

The LDCA bowlers allowed just three Bairnsdale players to reach double figures, knocking over the opposition for only 126 to win by 103 runs.

Keily (3/23) and Brann (3/27) were the wrecking balls for LDCA.

"It was a really good week in terms of onfield performance but day one put us behind the eight ball, getting comprehen-

sively beaten by the eventual winner, but we certainly recovered after that and played really good cricket," LDCA team manager Kristian Gray said.

That recovery came down to maintaining a positive attitude, with hopes of still reaching the final if LDCA won its remaining games and other results fell its way, Gray said.

Ferntree Gully & District Association's class shone through in game 1, with the LDCA bowlers unable to contain opener David Smyth as he blasted 144 and the not out opposition skipper Nathan Walsh who made 120.

Keily gave LDCA early hope by dismissing a couple of top order opponents cheaply and finished with the impressive figures of 2/21.

Clark and Jack Ginnane (Imperials) were equal top scorers in Leongatha's chase, with 27 apiece as the side fell 221 runs short of their opponent's imposing total.

Leongatha Beers are 2023 Country Week tennis champions at Yarrawonga



Leongatha Beers triumphed in Men's C4 competition, with Luke Bowman, Jacob Byrnes, Cam Stone, Nick Beale and Ray Pickering enjoying the moment.

COUNTRY Week tennis in Yarrawonga was a great success, with 205 teams competing over 26 grades and an incredible 101 grass courts in use, and the highlight of the week from our region was the triumphant C4 team.

It featured Leongatha's Cameron Stone and Luke Bowman, Outtrim's Nick Beale, Jacob Byrnes of Stony Creek and Korumburra's Ray Pickering.

"It was a tension filled match," newly named Country Week Legend Frank Dekker of Leongatha said of the grand final.

Byrnes held serve to take his side to the five games required in the final set against an Anglesea opponent.

Leongatha Slingshots was the other team from the region to taste grand final action, finishing runner-up to the Wangaratta Legionnaires in Men's C2 competition.

The beaten grand final-

ists consisted of Paul Ramsbottom and Patrick Biro of Ruby, James Sage from Korumburra and Neil Van Der Geest, originally from Stony Creek but now living in Wodonga.

"They were going well until James Sage came down with a groin injury," Dekker said of the grand final defeat.

Of 10 teams from the Leongatha area, seven made finals in a strong display of tennis.

Yarrawonga's club curator Warwick Henderson did a commendable job, adding 78 temporary courts to the 23 permanent ones.

J C Lowe Oval and the Victoria Park precinct housed the additional courts.

The Tennis Victoria Country Week is the largest grass court tennis tournament in the world.

Wodonga plays host to the next edition of the tournament, running from February 11 to 16 next year.

Junior tennis action in Inverloch and Wonthaggi

IT WAS a successful day on the courts of Wonthaggi and Inverloch Tennis Clubs on Saturday, with the annual Korrine and District Junior Tennis Tournament taking place.

There were some close matches and exciting tennis, entertaining supporters who came along to cheer on the juniors.

James Harman had a big day at Pennant level being a singles and doubles winner, with Abby Papas faring almost as well, teaming with him to win the doubles and finishing runner-up in the singles.

Sterling Holman and Callum Lancey were runners up in Pennant doubles.

Eamon O'Neill-Archibald and Toby Nicholas combined to claim the Section 2 doubles, but were opponents in singles, with Nicholas finishing on top in that battle.

Doubles runners-up in that section were Yasmin Gloria and Abbie Wines.

Eli Bowker had a day out in Section 3, triumphing in doubles and singles.

Olli Rasso formed the other half of the winning doubles duo.

Milla Walker and Aslyn Bye combined to reach the doubles final, being runners-up, with Bye also reaching the singles final.

Mitchell Oliver and Ines De Bellas took out the Section 4 doubles, getting the better of Zac and Tijuan Coldara.

Oliver also took won the singles title in that section, outgunning Jordy Medlar.

Ted McNee and Cole Hawkins claimed the winner's trophy in Section 5, with Hawkins also the singles champion.

Julian Leiber was runner up in singles and doubles, teaming with Zeke Boyd in the latter.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Milla Walker and Aslyn Bye were runners up in Section 3 doubles, with Aslyn also the singles runner-up. Eli Bowker and Olli Rasso were the doubles winners, with Eli also taking out singles.



James Harman and Abby Papas combined to win Pennant doubles, with Abby runner up to James in singles. Sterling Holman and Callum Lancey were runners up in doubles.



Section 2 runners-up in doubles Yasmin Gloria and Abbie Wines with winning doubles combination Eamon O'Neill-Archibald and Toby Nicholas, with Toby having the better of the singles final against Eamon.



Wonthaggi Croquet Club internal hi/lo doubles and singles

ON TUESDAY, February 7, the club conducted its annual Hi/Lo doubles tournament.

Six pairs participated with the pairings drawn randomly. Three games were played before lunch with several pairings winning all their games.

Virginia Wheeler and Hazel Wise took the honours by winning all five of their games.

Sue Baker and Max Wise, by winning three games and ending up with a better hoop average than a couple of other pairings, finished runners-up.

On Tuesday, February 14, the annual singles tournament was held. Two sections were held only as several members from

section one had to withdraw for various reasons. Section two was ultimately won by Sue Baker with Virginia Wheeler as runner-up. Playing in Section three, Phillip Bool, in his first singles tournament, won from Kathy Ross, also playing in her first tournament. Some great potential there.

Two of our members, Tom Lacey and Sue Baker travelled to Cairnlea for the three day President's Eights tournament from Feb 10-12.

RIGHT: Wonthaggi Croquet's Virginia Wheeler and Hazel Wise with president Gerry Kool.



Mirboo North & District Junior Tennis Association

RESULTS and Ladders from Round 13.

A Grade results: Fish Creek 4 sets and 30 games defeated Baromi 2 sets and 24 games. Leongatha Kyrgios 4 sets and 29 games defeated Mardan 2 sets and 25 games. Leongatha Nadal 4 sets and 29 games defeated Leongatha Federer 2 sets and 17 games.

A Grade Ladder: Leongatha Nadal 64.5, Baromi 54.5, Fish Creek 49, Leongatha Federer 42.5, Leongatha Kyrgios 39, Mardan 20.5

B Grade Results: Fish Creek, 4 sets and 32 games defeated Baromi 2 sets and 21 games. Leongatha 6 sets and 36 games defeated Mardan 0 sets and 16 games.

B Grade Ladder: Fish Creek 60.5, Baromi 58, Leongatha 40.5, Mardan 22

C Grade results: Baromi 5 sets and 26 games defeated Mardan 3 sets and 17 games. Leongatha Swiatek 4 sets and 23 games defeated Leongatha Saville 4 sets and 20 games. Fish Creek 6 sets and 28 games defeated Fish Creek 2 sets and 17 games.

C Grade Ladder: Leongatha Swiatek 79, Baromi 76, Fish Creek 56.5, Leongatha Saville 55.5, Leongatha Tomjanovic 45, Mardan 38

Phillip Island Bridge

ON MONDAY, February 13, Robert Maclellan and Sohan Pal finished third on 53.12%. Bron Sund and Molly Downing made a run for top position with 58.85% but were overtaken by Deb Anglim and Greg Nicholson on 59.38%.

Wednesday 15th was a day for tied scores with Diane Coleman and Moya Crowley tying with Karen Klym and Paul Waylen for first place on 59.38%. Third place was a tie between Leng Haggith and Caroline Shaw and Clare Murphy and Shirley Stewart on 53.12%.

The club hosted a very successful ERBA congress on February 11th and 12th. It was great to see so many of our friends from other clubs enjoying themselves. Shirley Stewart and Bron Sund finished 13th in the Swiss pairs. In the teams event Deb Anglim, Paul Waylen, Karen Klym and Diane Coleman finished 3rd and Clare and Jim Murphy and Shirley Stewart and John Farr finished 7th.

Caroline Shaw and partner Leng Haggith have been having a good run in nationwide events finishing 18th out of 342 players in event number two, and 16th out of 368 in event 3.

Westernport Field & Game

FEBRUARY Clay Target Shoot results. We had 123 shooters attend our annual Westernport vs MCC Clay Target Club competition on February 19, 2023.

Scores were averaged to establish an overall average between the clubs. MCC came away with the trophy by 3 targets. Congratulations to MCC on the win!

Two rounds of 38/37 were shot with Robert Passarin and Dan Blackley shooting a perfect 25/25.

Overall scores: High Gun, Robert Passarin with a score of 72.

Our next shoot is on Sunday, March 12, consisting of 75 targets with nominations commencing at 9:30am. Self-nominations will be available through MCMS before the event.

Clay target shooting is suitable for all genders, ages and fitness levels with juniors shooting for free.



Venus Bay Life Saving Club members put on an incredible performance at the recent masters championships.

Venus Bay dominates masters championships

LIFE Saving Victoria's (LSV's) most experienced lifesavers from 23 clubs, including Venus Bay, have put on a masterclass of skills at the Victorian Masters Championships at Lorne Surf Life Saving Club (SLSC) recently.

LSV senior manager sport Chris Schleusener said with competitors ranging in ages 31 to 76, the masters championships keeps people engaged with lifesaving long-term, offering community, social and fitness benefits.

"The masters championships allows some of our most experienced lifesavers, some of them with 40-plus years of patrolling under their belts, to display their rescue ready skills in an inclusive competitive environment," Mr Schleusener said.

The masters is the first of three state championship events to tie up the 2022-23 summer season, with the Victorian Senior Championships coming up at Ocean Grove SLSC on February 24-26.

Many of the masters competitors will back up the weekend's efforts at the senior championships, either racing in the open division against Victoria's top competitors, or as coaches, officials and team managers.

Results:

55-59 years men's board race
1st: George Curran, Venus Bay SLSC and Mark Owen, Warrnambool SLSC

50-54 years men's board race
2nd: Kevin Randall, Venus Bay SLSC

40-44 years ironwoman
2nd: Kimberley Gee, Venus Bay SLSC

40-44 years women's surf race
3rd: Kimberley Gee, Venus Bay SLSC

40-44 years men's beach sprint
1st: Elliot Amalos, Venus Bay SLSC

2nd: Simon Gee, Venus Bay SLSC

40-44 years women's beach sprint
3rd: Kimberley Gee, Venus Bay SLSC

40-44 years men's beach flags
1st: Simon Gee, Venus Bay SLSC

2nd: Kristian Bradford, Venus Bay SLSC

3rd: Elliot Amalos, Venus Bay SLSC

40-44 years women's beach flags
2nd: Kimberley Gee, Venus Bay SLSC

40-44 years men's 2km run
2nd: Kristian Bradford, Venus Bay SLSC

3rd: Simon Gee, Venus Bay SLSC

40-44 years women's 2km run
2nd: Kimberley Gee, Venus Bay SLSC

40-44 years men's board rescue
3rd: Venus Bay SLSC (Elliot Amalos, Simon Gee)

35-39 years women's board race
2nd: Katherine Sumaru, Venus Bay SLSC

35-39 years women's surf race
2nd: Katherine Sumaru, Venus Bay SLSC

35-39 years women's beach sprint
3rd: Katherine Sumaru, Venus Bay SLSC

35-39 years women's beach flags
3rd: Katherine Sumaru, Venus Bay SLSC

35-39 years women's 2km run
1st: Katherine Sumaru, Venus Bay SLSC

35-39 years women's board rescue
2nd: Venus Bay SLSC (Kimberley Gee, Katherine Sumaru)

110+ years women's Taplin relay
1st: Venus Bay SLSC (Kimberley Gee, Lynda Randall, Katherine Sumaru)

Overall results - water events
11th: Venus Bay SLSC, 65.5 points

Overall results - beach events
6th: Venus Bay SLSC, 94 points



In a close finish Copthorne took out the 888 race five win ahead of Steady Jam and Far Too Tempting in Saturday's race at Woolamai. C21_0823

Perfect day of racing for Woolamai

SATURDAY'S racing at Woolamai certainly had some close finishes for spectators in magnificent weather, but the talk was off the track with the special appearance of City of Light.

Off the Track's City of Light is the 14-year-old bay gelding, who was once trained by Gai Waterhouse and Adrian Bott, and since retiring has become a feature at Woolamai's Riding for the Disabled.

The Off the Track program aims to facilitate the placement of retired thoroughbred racehorses in second careers and has since partnered with Riding for the Disabled Association.

"The weather has turned it on today," Woolamai Race Secretary Abby Boyle smiled.

"It's not too hot, not too cold and people are just coming



Chilli Chilli ridden by jockey Shaun Cooper took out the Stephen Manion Cup Trophy Race Handicap by a 1.25 length in front of Savvy Dan and Mr Zigmund. C23_0823

in - it's fantastic. We've gone over what we expected."

After a rough start to the season with extended rain and flooding, Woolamai Races have certainly turned up the heat with a spectacular day of racing and entertainment on Saturday after an incredible inaugural

New Year's Eve racing event kicked off a turbulent January of races.

And Saturday's feature was the 3.25pm Woolamai Whirlwind - Victoria's Shortest Race.

Conducted over a unique distance of 888 metres the race is sponsored by no other

than 888 racing.

The Woolamai Whirlwind Trophy was taken in 54.99 by Copthorne who finished 1.75 lengths in front of Steady Jam and Far Too Tempting, with jockey Raymond Douglas on top.

But the racing wasn't over with the 'blink and you'll miss it' event, the Stephen Manion Cup held afterwards was a roar of cheers as Chilli Chilli took out the final race of the day.

It's Raining Men took home the BET365 Maiden Plate (race one) on Saturday with Rue Lepic placing first in the Happy 30th Street Trophy Race (race two). Our Ladies Money and Hayrick Lane placed first in race three (Maxx Promotions Maiden Plate) and race four (The Wonthaggi Club Trophy Race Handicap) respectively.

Arch Rayner takes home first in Under 14s



Inverloch local Arch Rayner took out first place over the weekend in the Under 14 Boys division in an impressive weekend of action at Bells.

of the final.

With Bells Beach pumping on the low tide the Under 14 Girls stepped up to the amazing conditions, charging through the whole final. Rose Holland (Dromana) stood out amongst her competition posting the second perfect 10-point ride of the day. Holland dropped into one of the biggest waves that rolled through the point and squared off the bottom to demolish the lip three times over on the wave.

Scarlett Rennie (Cape Woolamai) made a late run for the win with an impressive 8-point ride; however, it was too late as it left her still needing a 9-point ride to make her way to the top. With the rest of the field in a combination situation for first, when all other competitors need two new scoring rides, Holland was left to claim the win.

Other round winners include Sarsha Pancic (Blairgowrie, Under 18 Girls), Jerry Kelly (Barwon Heads,

Under 16 Boys) and Arch Rayner (Inverloch, Under 14 Boys).

Finals results:

U18 Girls: 1st - Sarsha Pancic (Blairgowrie), 13.70; 2nd - Eva Bassed (Sandy Point), 12.37; 3rd - Mia Holland (Dromana), 10.27

U18 Boys: 1st - Willem Watson (McCrae), 15.40; 2nd - Lucas Hickson (Rye), 15.30; 3rd - Willis Droomer (Jan Juc), 12.07

U16 Girls: 1st - Ava Holland (Dromana), 18.17; 2nd - Sara Hickson (Rye), 18.04; 3rd - Sophie Wilkinson (Shoreham), 16.80 and 4th - Lillian Bassed (Sandy Point), 12.80

U16 Boys: 1st - Jerry Kelly (Barwon Heads), 18.76; 2nd - Remy Filer (Jan Juc), 15.57; 3rd - Rye Cicero (Sandy Point), 13.74

U14 Girls: 1st - Rose Holland (Dromana), 17.00; 2nd - Scarlett Rennie (Cape Woolamai), 12.40; 3rd - Chloe Murscoff (Jan Juc), 10.60 and 4th - Evie Lutz (Cowes), 9.17

U14 Boys: 1st - Arch Rayner (Inverloch), 10.10; 2nd - Kai Coleman (Mount Duneed), 9.77; 3rd - Angus Kennedy (Cowes), 8.77

Results and scores from the event can be accessed via surfingvic.com/live

Final Round: Mornington Peninsula - March 25 and 26.



Avia, Heidi, Chantai and Mardi all competed in the Little Penguin Dash on the Cowes foreshore on Saturday morning. Z12_0823

Juniors triumph at the beach biathlon

THE Phillip Island Football Netball Club and Woolamai Surf Life Saving Club held their annual junior beach biathlon on Saturday morning - The Little Penguin Dash, with over 100 registrations from ages 7 to 14 years.

Member of both clubs, Susan Fawaz registered the participants and mapped out the course with surf rescue volunteers out in the water supervising the swim.

"The conditions were perfect, all the kids who participated finished really well. It was an all-inclusive event with multi-class competitors and all the volunteers come from both local clubs to make it a great public event for the kids," said Susan.

In 2016, the PIFNC went to the WBSLSC to look at putting together an event to engage their junior competitors during their off-season.

In 2019, The Little Penguin Dash was the curtain-raiser for the Cowes Classic, which is also run by both local clubs as a senior event.

"We had over 100 competitors completing the course today. A big thank you to all the volunteers from both of the clubs who make this event possible."

The event prompted great sportsmanship and encouraged all juniors to participate in their first biathlon.

Juniors aged 7 to 10 years participated in the short course consisting of a 150m swim and a 500m run, beginning on Erehwon Point Beach then running through the Erehwon Point Reserve and down the esplanade to the finish line at the North Pier Hotel.

The 11- to 14-year-olds covered a 300m swim and a 1km run, extending the distance at Erehwon Point Beach and through the Erehwon Point Reserve.

"This year the Little Penguin Dash was held at high tide, giving the children the chance to catch their breath during the swim, but we endeavoured to keep the water depth no higher up to 113cm for the 10-year-olds."



The Little Penguin Dash is participation focused with ages 7 to 14 taking part in a junior beach biathlon.

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Newhaven College starts year off with a splash!



Year 5 students Maggie and Molly Mackenzie dressing up for Sambell House.

TO start off 2023, Newhaven College held three separate Swimming Carnival events for their students and the house spirit was strong with cheering, chanting and vibrant coloured costumes.

The first House event of the year was for the Years 7 to 12 who participated in the largest of the events at Korumburra Outdoor Pool - a fantastic day with a great atmosphere.

The participation and co-operation from students and timekeeping from teachers ensured the day ran smoothly. There were no school records set on the day but there were many personal bests for students

which started the year of sport off brilliantly.

Later in the week, it was time for Years 5 and 6 to get swimming, converging on Wonthaggi Indoor Pool. The house colour dress-ups were so much fun with everyone getting into the spirit of supporting and encouraging all the participants.

Last, but not least, the ever-enthusiastic Junior School - Years 2 to 4 had their go. Whether students were proficient swimmers or still learning, it was exciting to see so many students get in the water and give it their best shot while their teammates cheered them on.



Cowes Classic biathlon winner Tristan Price (19.11 minutes) and Levi Maxwell (runner up 19.45 minutes) at the finish line on Saturday. Photos: Courtesy of Phillip Island and San Remo Advertiser.

Another classic for the Cowes Classic

IT COULD not have been a better day for the 30th anniversary of the Cowes Classic held on Saturday.

Competitors competed in a gruelling 500m tide assisted swim around the pier.

They then donned their shoes for a 4km run up Thompson Avenue, turning left down Chapel Street towards Silverleaves, then looping back along the foreshore to the finish in front of the North Pier Hotel.

Winner of the race was Tristan Price, who completed the 500-metre swim and 4km run in 19.11 minutes with Levi Maxwell (19.45) in second place.

Female winner was Rebecca Henderson, of Berwick (21.07) with Mia Foster (21.19) of Cranbourne in second place.

In the local open category Justin Tilley (19.47) finished first ahead of Mark Rowe (21.00).

Andre Heterebrug won the senior male local resident category, with Eli Richards in second place.

Jessica Wallace won the local female category, ahead of Cassie McDonald in second place.

In the junior category of the event, Callum McLeod and Max Arceo came first and second respectively in both the local and open junior category.

Lara Smythe was the first junior female home and won the first junior female category, with McKenzie Wain in second place.

Ron Nicholson, of Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club, highlighted organisers and clubs involved in the event worked well together and thanked major sponsors.

Event founders and stalwarts Ron Nicholson, John Weston, Kaye Beaton, Simon Manning and Graeme Burgan were also singled out for special mention at the presentation ceremony.



Winner and runner up of the Open Women Cowes Classic biathlon are Rebecca Henderson in 21.07 minutes and Mia Foster 21.19. The women came home in sixth and seventh place overall.



The World Superbikes will be back at Phillip Island this weekend.

Island hosts World Superbike season opener

By Peter Cleeland

THE Grand Ridge Brewery sponsored Australian round heralds the commencement of an exciting new season of World Superbike racing at Phillip Island from February 24-26, 2023.

A whole host of talented newcomers to the championship will be looking to take it up to the established stars with new machines and teams ready to challenge the big three of Alvaro Bautista (Ducati), Toprak Razgatlioglu (Yamaha) and six-time world champion Jonathan Rea (Kawasaki).

Heading the list is 2021 Moto2 Aussie champion Remy Gardner who has lost his ride with KTM in MotoGP but has picked up a season's ride with a privateer Yamaha team.

Remy will be keen to put on a good showing in front of the parochial home crowd as he looks to establish his credentials in the World Superbike class.

Italian Danilo Petrucci fresh from a season competing in the American Superbike series saddles up with the Barni Spark Ducati Team on the Ducati Panigale V4.

Danilo who has had a lot of experience in MotoGP will put his extensive track knowledge to the fore in challenging the front runners.

Another exciting addition to the super-bike class is 2022 World Supersports Swiss rider Dominic Aegerter who will be riding an R1 Yamaha.

Tom Sykes, riding a Kawasaki ZX10-RR makes his return to the field after a largely unsuccessful season in the British Superbike series in 2022. Tom will be desperate to show some positive form in the early rounds on a competitive bike.

Reigning 2022 World Superbike champion Alvaro Bautista will definitely start favourite as the straight line speed of his Ducati has been difficult to match.

It is heavily rumoured and comes as no surprise that talented rider Toprak Razgatlioglu will be head hunted by MotoGP teams for the 2024 season, so he will be looking to recapture the form that saw him win the 2021 World Superbike title.

His fierce rivalry with Bautista will have fans well and truly on their toes as the two champs go head to head in search of early season dominance.

So with 23 riders greeting the starter's rostrum, when the lights go out spectators are in for a treat with a comprehensive program of races in the World Superbike and World Supersports classes as well as an extensive list of supporting races including the Australian Superbike, the Australian Supersports and Australian 300 classes.

With fine weather predicted for testing and practice in the preceding week, Phillip Island is the place to be for all motorcycle enthusiasts to witness the launch of the new season in World Superbikes.



The Korumburra Bena leadership group is looking forward to season 2023, with James Dunn, Jasper Macri, captain Matt Kennewell, vice captain Joel Cuman, and Jay and Zach Walker. A07_0823

Korumburra Bena set for brighter season

PAUL Fermanis is looking forward to the challenge of his unexpected senior footy coaching role at Korumburra Bena.

He has set a goal of winning a few more games than last year, when the Giants had just a single victory, and is hopeful that tally can be boosted to at least four wins in 2023.

However, with a largely young group of players, the main aim is to be more competitive for larger parts of games.

The new leadership group reflects the talent that is expected to guide the Giants to future success.

Matt Kennewell is skipper, supported by vice captain Joel Cuman.

Little separated that pair for the captaincy, with Fermanis opting to give Cuman slightly less responsibility to allow him to concentrate on his own game and cement himself as a good senior footballer.

"His work rate is second to none and he's probably one of the fittest at the club," the

senior coach said of Cuman.

Jasper Macri, Jay and Zach Walker and James Dunn are the other leadership group members.

It will be Fermanis' first experience of coaching, something he thought he may venture into once his playing days are behind him, but will now tackle in an onfield capacity.

Fermanis is confident he has the necessary support off-field and on the ground to help manage his combined responsibilities.

Paddy Beadel will be in the coaches' box.

"We've got a lot of the older fellas around the club, such as Andrew Robertson, and the senior players have all stepped up and got a voice," Fermanis declared.

The Giants will take on a fresh look with some new faces on the committee and in the coaching staff.

Tyson Findlay will boost the senior playing ranks and assume an assistant coaching role, arriving from Meeniyan.

"He's a strong speaker and

we've been bouncing off each other," Fermanis said.

The new senior coach explained how he found himself in charge of what will be a largely young side after previous coach Leigh Cole moved on.

Fermanis had been running training for a while at the time the role was advertised.

"I just spoke to my wife and said, 'Why not?'," he said of choosing to apply.

Fermanis said the young players at the club motivated him to seize the opportunity.

"It's an exciting group and that's why I was happy to take it on, and if they stick together for five or six years, that's a 100 or so senior games each and they'll all still be about mid-20s, and that'll be dangerous," Fermanis said.

"They probably just needed someone who can relate to them onfield as a playing coach."

Fermanis acknowledged there have been stressful moments as he adjusts to life as a coach, but feels preseason

has been productive and the boys have responded well.

While defender Matt Lello has retired and a few of the Giants' Melbourne-based players have returned to previous clubs, Korumburra Bena has managed some healthy numbers on the training track.

Rhys Dixon is one of those lifting numbers and experience, with the talented goal kicker returning from Stony Creek.

Fermanis said the unknown factor of how many would attend training initially caused concern, but after Christmas about 30 began hitting the track.

While the new coach isn't expecting an easy season, he said everyone is itching for action to get underway.

"We've been doing some game simulation and it's been impressive," Fermanis said.

"It's been the young boys stepping up, getting a good preseason into them and maturing into their football."

Spectacular weather for dinghy regatta



There was stiff competition out on the water on Sunday as Race 3 at the Inverloch Classic Dinghy Regatta got underway. C15_0823

THE SUN was out and general mayhem ensured as South Gippsland Yacht Club hosted their annual Inverloch Classic Wooden Dinghy Regatta over Saturday and Sunday.

Saturday was perfect sailing conditions according to Commodore, Simon Wilson, with an absolutely fantastic turnout, the water reasonably flat and 14-15 knot winds.

Sunday turned on a slightly different show with 8-9 knot winds over current and a less frenetic pace.

"It's been a really enjoyable weekend," Simon explained.

"As with all wooden boats they have their challenges, but we have yet to have any catastrophes."

The Regatta is made up of two portions - the display and the racing.

The display awards were presented for the Best Presented

Racing Dinghy of an Australian Design, Best Presented Racing Dinghy of a non-Australian Design, Best Presented non-racing/traditional design Sailing Boat, Best Presented Moth in Original or Restored Condition, Best Presented Australian Sailfish, Rotary Club of Inverloch Classic Wooden Dinghy Youth Perpetual Trophy and the Inverloch and District Lions Club Perpetual Trophy - Best Boat Overall. There is also the annual Inverloch and District Lions Peoples' Choice.

On the water there was also plenty of prizes up for grabs with the Race Series Ginn Cup in honour of Dennis Ginn for first, second and third, Classic Wooden Dinghy Race Award, Jack Carroll Memorial Trophy for Sailfish, Youth Trophy and Gwen 12 Challenge Race Award Trophy.

Strong crowd hits Bass for Semi Final Super Smash

By Aiden Box

AFTER successful maiden home and away season the LDCA women's competition, finals began with a huge Semi Final triple header at Bass Recreation Reserve on Sunday.

The day kicked off with Kilcunda Bass White taking on Foster Yellow for the right to face Foster Black in the division two Grand Final.

In a hotly contested game with plenty of runs scored, it was Foster Yellow who emerged victorious by 10-runs, setting up an all Foster decider in division two.

As the day continued, the crowd built nicely and were well entertained, with activities for the kids, including mini cricket and table tennis matches set up with the help of the Melbourne Stars officials.

The day was a great success with a belter crowd coming out in the beautiful sunshine to see the culmination of a sensational season's cricket and some even enjoyed the 'celebration of women's cricket' function in the social rooms.

LDCA women's cricket coordinator, Cam Chasemore, spoke to the Sentinel Times on Sunday about the 'Semi Final Super Smash' event and the season itself.

"The turnout has been unbelievable, the function had about 70 attend which was brilliant, we had some really good guests including Cricket Victoria representatives, council members and life members," he said.

"Everyone had a really good time in there and then just to look out the window and see the kids playing and



The first division one women's Semi Final was a fiery clash with Nyora falling 16-runs short in the end. B01_0823

seeing lots of people coming down and supporting from each club, it's been awesome, there's been lots of support so I'm happy.

"It's great because I just wanted all of the community and clubs to get together and enjoy it and create a special day for the girls because you can only do something first once, so I wanted to nail it and I reckon we've done it so I'm happy for the girls."

The day continued with Nyora taking on Koonwarra L/RSL in the first of the division one Semi Finals.

In a fiery, controversial clash, it was Koony who just

held off the brave Nyora outfit to win by 16-runs in another high-scoring affair.

Chasemore spoke on the quality of cricket on show.

"The games of cricket themselves have been really good, they've improved heaps since their first games, and as you can see, they can play pretty good cricket, it looks good for the years to come I reckon, lots of girls that have found that they're really good at the sport!" he said.

The final math of the day saw the unbeaten Inverloch take on the hometown 'Blue Sharks' (Kilcunda Bass Blue)

for a chance to take on Koon-

warra L/RSL in the big dance.

This one wasn't quite as close as the others, as the Stingette's shrugged off a longer than scheduled warm up to start on fire with the ball and in the field, and ultimately proved too strong for the hosts.

Inverloch's chased down the Killy Bass score with ease and kept their unbeaten record intact, earning themselves a chance to complete the perfect season with a win next Sunday at the Koonwarra Recreation Reserve.

Final details regarding the division one Grand Final will be confirmed.

Leongatha District juniors take on Sale-Maffra

THE LDCA U12s, looking resplendent in their new playing tops thanks to sponsors Manders Plumbing and Gas fitting and MJA Accounting, played hosts to a team from SMCA and the coaches agreed to adopt the split innings or four quarters format.

Sale-Maffra opted to bat first and were in trouble early at 3/19 due to some tight, accurate bowling from Blake Ton, Aedan Parker and Tyson Lund who only conceded 13 runs in the first 6 overs whilst picking up a wicket each.

Lachie McMaster was playing an anchoring role holding his team's innings together.

After the first 20 overs the visitors had recovered to a handy 4/88.

The LDCA got off to a disastrous start losing four wickets for only 16.

Then skipper Archie Dynes joined Blake Ton (VC) to steady the ship and take the score to 4/76 at the lunch break and get the team "back in the game".

At the resumption of play, McMaster continued to be



LDCA U12s enjoyed their new outfits while taking on Sale-Maffra recently.

a thorn in the home team's side and with Miles Massey pushed the run rate up seeing McMaster retire after his allotted 60 balls faced.

Shane Breddels took over the role of the anchor batting through to see his team reach 9/144 before being dismissed via Archie stumping off the bowling of Sonny

Williams.

A late flurry of runs took the visitors to the handy total of 10/175 off its allotted 40 overs.

LDCA wicket takers were Blake Ton (1), Aedan Parker (1), Heath Crump (2), Sonny Williams (1) and Harri Cooke (2).

The bowlers were assisted

by some fine catching by Ryder Pedlow, Archie Dynes, Noah McMillan and Blake Ton.

Blake retired shortly after the resumption on a well compiled 32 and from there SMCA took a firm grip on the game taking the next 6 wickets for only 27 runs.

Other top run scorers were Archie D (13), Harri Cooke (12) and Jed Caddy (5).

For Sale/Maffra Sam Duffield took three wickets, Chance Lindrea four wickets, Shane Breddels two, and Josh Hampson and Miles Massey one each to round off an impressive bowling display.

The local boys can be pleased with their efforts against a well prepared and well drilled team.

Special mention to Archie and Blake for splendid way in which they led the team.

Thanks to coaches and umpires, Lucas McMillan and Brett Pedlow and to all the parents/guardians and family members for their support throughout.

Asbury leads Victoria to NCIC Title

From page 64

In a belter of a chase, the Queenslanders needed 44 runs from the final four overs to clinch the National Title.

Enter Asbury and Robertson.

The local pair took the death overs, with the pressure of the championship attached to them, and succeeded with ease, allowing just 30 of the required 44 to seal the win and the title for Victoria by 14 runs!

An awesome accomplishment to the duo's already incredible career resumes, they've made the region proud once again.

"Well, we had played six straight days of cricket so when I bowled that last ball it was just a massive sigh of relief knowing that we'd worked hard to get to that point," Asbury said.

"Victoria has worked hard for the last 20 years, the last time they'd won a title was back in 2003, and we had both our coach and vice-captain a part of it who were part of that 2003 squad,

"It was good to see them finally win again, they all had big smiles on their faces, they knew it was our time and we'd got there, so it was great."

Asbury also reached an amazing personal milestone along the way, taking his 300th career wicket.

"Batting wise, I was shocking. I went out for two golden ducks throughout the week but I felt that I bowled well, there was a couple times in the field where I saved a couple of boundaries here and there but it was great to out there playing for my state," he said.

"I took my 300th career wicket on Tuesday against Western Australia."

The pair will now look forward to hopefully donning the green and gold later this year in the hunt for more silverware, but in meantime, they'll head back to their local clubs.

"There's a World Cup coming up in around October or November, location and dates aren't confirmed yet but it's definitely that time of year, but I'm looking forward to that and representing Australia again," said Asbury.

The title winning captain finished by giving his thanks to those that have supported him.

"There's a lot of people but definitely my family, my partner she made it all the way up to Brisbane, along with my grandparents, my mum and dad couldn't make it unfortunately but were cheering from home and supporting me," he said.

Over 60s Kookas clinch top spot

LAST Sunday saw the Over 60s Kookas travel to Essendon to take on the Bombers.

A win could see the Kookas Shoot to the Top of the Over 60's ladder...

Super Skippa and gentleman Peter Little won the toss and the Kookas batted.

New Mr. Cricket Huck Cleeland crafted a superb 30no, master blaster Pieter Loos 19, Wazza, bus boy Hayes 17no, and Mike Demon Newton 18 were the Standouts, with the Kookas smacking 7/179. The Dons then responded.

All Bowlers had their usual "red hot go".

After having the Bombers reeling at 5/32, the game developed into a genuine arm wrestle. Best of the great Kooka trundlers were Mitch 2/10, Loozy 2/29 and Skippa Peter Little, who led from the Front with 2/29.

The Kookas finally emerging victorious by just 7 runs, holding the Dons to All out for 172. Man of the match was awarded to the brilliant Huck Cleeland.

This nailbiter propels the Kookas to the Top of the Victorian Over 60s ladder.

Next week it's at headquarters at the Leongatha Recreation against the Sunbury Sliders.



Gabrielle Perry sends one down for Koony. B06_0823



OMK's Andrew Sorensen plays a beautiful drive on his way to a well made 89 on Saturday. B04_0823

Cobras hold off Stingrays

C Grade, Division 1

Phillip Island 9/201 d Nyora

Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS: J Manning 9, GR Excell 38, A Brayley 26, D Mani 22*, W Paterson 5, D Ivey 7*. Bowling: K Maclure 0/27, T Perkins 1/27, B Pugh 3/26, S Summers-Dixon 0/33, W Dixon 0/2, TL Howarth 0/6. Nyora - 1st INNINGS: No results supplied.

Korumburra 7/141 d

Inverloch 5/125

Korumburra - 1st INNINGS: J Petrie 3, C Smith 30, J Rockall 10, PD Beadel 0, D Scott 5, M Olden 42*, T Morrison 34, J Dunn 0, D Whelan 0*. Bowling: C Butler 0/27, T Debono 1/13, L Radford 1/22, M Marston 1/12, C Newman 2/28, W Chapman 2/21, W Dye 0/5. Inverloch - 1st INNINGS: D Harris 60, W Dye 2, J Rowe 5, IJ Seuren 13, W Chapman 34*, C Newman 1, T Debono 2*. Bowling: J Rockall 3/30, S McKinnon 0/10, D Scott 0/20, M Olden 0/33, PD Beadel 0/11, D Whelan 1/20.

Koon L/RSL 3/133 d MDU 7/131

MDU - 1st INNINGS: T Bright 6, D Thomas 45, W Cocksedge 4, J Brown 34, C Schwennesen 0, A Richardson 23, L Bell 3, S Riley 0*. Bowling: C Riseley 2/23, B Smith 1/18, B Cary 1/20, T Collins 0/34, S Paterson 0/20, K Thorne 2/13. Koonwarra L/RSL - 1st INNINGS: S Paterson 23, A Stanley 41, AJ Thorne 43*, JH Bohn 0, C Harwood 15*. Bowling: K Brown 0/21, A Richardson 0/24, C Schwennesen 1/27, S Riley 1/15, L Bell 1/43.

Club - BYE

C Grade, Division 2

OMK 3/166 d Koon L/RSL 10/117

OMK - 1st INNINGS: G Lomagno 38*, T Walker 0, B Maguire 13, A Sorensen 89, N Furness 4*, W Bridle 6*. Bowling: A Piksons 1/27, L Read 2/28, T Lund 0/11, D Rea 0/20, G Perry 0/17, K Collins 0/32, G Matthies 0/26. Koonwarra L/RSL - 1st INNINGS: K Collins 8, A Piksons 0, G Perry 0, G Matthies 0, D Read 58, D Murdica 16, G Birnie 14, L Read 7, G Mattingley 0*, K Williams 0, T Lund 1. Bowling: No results.

Town 0/169 d Glen Alvie 3/165

Glen Alvie - 1st INNINGS: MD Donohue 96*, R Luke 56, A Luke 0, AT Donohue 2, W Bridle 6*. Bowling: R Hume 0/29, T Strybosch 2/22, C Dowling 0/27, Y Ratnaike 0/44, N Hodges 0/35, M Warren 0/8. Town - 1st INNINGS: N Hodges 74*, R Edwards 84. Bowling: A Luke 0/26, J Brown 0/22, W Bridle 0/28, G Hynes 0/31, O Luff 0/18, R Luke 0/25, AT Donohue 0/11, N Luff 0/6. Kilcunda Bass - BYE

Cougars cruise past MDU

MDU hosted Koonwarra L/RSL at the Leongatha Velodrome and the Dees' won the toss and chose to bat first.

In an interesting first innings, the hosts lost some early wickets and some late, but were also able to get decent contributions throughout their XI including from Dale Thomas (45 from 96) at the top and Joshua Brown (34 from 45) at number four.

However, Cambell Riseley (2/23 from 7) led the attack well alongside his captain Kevin Thorne (2/13 from 4) who combined for four wickets to hold the Demons to 7/131.

In the second innings, the Cougars didn't find it as hard with the bat, losing just three wickets on their way to reaching the 132-run target with six overs to spare.

Alex Stanley (41 from 73) and Adam Thorne (43* from 45) contributed nicely to see their team to the win, while Steven Riley (1/15 from 7) tried his hardest for MDU.

Koony will now head to Nyora looking to solidify their spot in the finals, while the Demons will head over to the Island.

Island post big total in Nyora

NYORA welcomed Phillip Island down the road to the Nyora Recreation Reserve and the hosts won the toss and sent the Islanders in to bat first.

The Stingas' will now look to get back on the winner's list in chase of the minor premiership this Saturday against Wonthaggi, while Korumburra will have the bye and prime themselves for a final round push.

their 35 overs.

Deane Mani (55*) and Gavin Excell (38) top scored.

Unfortunately, the second innings and result weren't available at the time of print.

C Grade, Division 2

OMK bowlers take charge of Cougars

OUTTRIM Moyarra Kongwak's bowlers ripped through the Koonwarra Leongatha RSL top order to set up a 49-run win for the Diggers, with Michael Whiteside and Ben Maguire the early destroyers.

Needing 167 for victory, the Cougars found themselves in disarray when the top four in its batting order made just eight runs between them, with all of those coming from the blade of Kylie Collins.

Alvis Piksons, Gabrielle Perry and captain Glenn Matthies failed to trouble the scorers.

However, what looked like becoming a capitulation was arrested by a defiant Darren Read knock, with the number five batsman making 58 before being caught by Andrew Sorensen off the bowling of Harvey Sorensen.

Dom Murdica provided resistance, reaching 16 runs before Jordan Myors and Noah Furness combined to run him out, with Cougars keeper Geoff Birnie the side's other player to reach double figures.

Andrew Sorensen was chiefly responsible for providing OMK's bowlers a solid total to defend, scoring 89 at a little better than a run a ball, while opener George Lomagno posted a patient 38 before retiring un-

defeated.

Louis Read (2/28) and Piksons (1/27) were the wicket takers for Koonwarra Leongatha RSL, each bowling their maximum allocation of overs.

Town brushes aside strong Glen Alvie total

AFTER sending in host Glen Alvie, Leongatha Town didn't allow a 130-run opening stand to fluster it.

While the Scorpions took just three wickets and couldn't remove Glen Alvie opener Matthew Donohue (96 not out), a target of 166 at an asking rate of 4.74 per over didn't daunt the Town openers.

Ray Edwards (84 not out) and Nigel Hodges (74 not out) both breezed along at better than a run a ball to guide Leongatha Town to a 10-wicket victory with 10 overs to spare.

Along with Donohue, Ryan Luke (56) established what appeared a good total for Glen Alvie before being bowled by Travis Strybosch.

Strybosch was the only wicket taker for the ultimately triumphant Leongatha Town, taking 2/22 off his seven overs, making him the game's sole bowler to break through.

The other Glen Alvie batsman to be dismissed, Archie Donohue, was run out.

Glen Alvie gave most of its side a go with the ball as it strived to halt Leongatha Town's batting momentum, with eight bowlers used, but none could find the solution, with Wayne Bridle's 0/28 off seven overs the best effort.

Kilcunda-Bass had the bye



The Diggers hosted MDU for Pink Stumps Day as the Outtrim Recreation Oval was covered in a sea of pink.

Nerrena remain on top with win

B Grade, Division 1

KORUMBURRA welcomed ladder leaders Nerrena to the Korumburra Recreation Reserve and the visitors won the toss and sent the Cobras in to bat first.

Although Shane Dole (84* from 75) was able to put together a sensational innings, his side unfortunately couldn't go with him as the hosts finished 6/162.

Jaxon Checkley (2/22 from 8) bowled well for Nerrena who were able to chase down the total with six wickets to spare in the second innings.

Both openers David Baldi (45 from 50) and Lachlan Roberts (45 from 34) fell just shy of half centuries as James Kelly (39* from 34) saw the visitors to the finish line.

Dole (2/27 from 8) capped off a ripper all round individual performance with a couple of scalps, his side will now take on Inverloch in a huge clash this Saturday, while the Cobras will play the Imps.

Diggers get it done on pink stumps day

OMK welcomed MDU to the Outtrim Recreation Oval for 'Pink Stumps Day' and the hosts won the toss and chose to bat first in the sea of pink.

Falling just short of a half century the Diggers' skipper James Paterson (46) led the way as his side posted a decent total of 7/180 after their 40 overs with contributions up and down the order.

Paul Vine (2/27 from 8) was the pick of the bowlers for the Dees'.

In reply, chasing 181, the visitors just couldn't find that same groove, despite three of their top order batters getting off to starts and their skipper Craig Hoober (31*) remaining at the crease, they got nothing from their lower order, being

dismissed 10/125.

The hosts' 55-run win was led by a terrific bowling effort, thanks in no small part to Barry Wyatt's (5/11 from 5 overs) outstanding five wicket haul.

The Diggers will now host Koony this weekend, while MDU will have the bye.

Debono does it again for Inv

AN undermanned Imperials side welcomed Inverloch to East Campus Oval and the hosts won the toss and chose to bat first.

Although they only lost four wickets in their innings, the Imps just weren't able to accelerate the scoring and reach a massive score on what was an uncharacteristically slow outfield.

Gary Sauvarin (64* from 107) batted tremendously despite this though, remaining unbeaten after opening the batting and surpassing the half century mark. John Richardson (1/18 from 8) bowled well for Inv.

In the second innings, the Lions were tasked with trying to dislodge the in form Brett Debono (78*), but unfortunately they failed to do so and his unbeaten half century saw the Stingrays to another win, this time by 9-wickets.

Debono combined well with Christian Terlich (26*) to see their side up and over the target. Francois Botha (1/32 from 7) was the pick of the bowlers for the Imps.

The second placed Stingrays will now head into a massive top two clash with ladder leaders Nerrena, while the Lions will host Korumburra.

B Grade, Division 2

Nerrena bowlers set up win over Glen Alvie

A DISCIPLINED bowling display from home team

Nerrena made life tough for Glen Alvie after the visiting side elected to bat, ensuring Nerrena didn't have to score too many for victory.

However, Glen Alvie skipper Jay Tiziani backed her decision to bat first by notching a half century (52 not out).

It was a largely patient knock coming off 106 balls, but sprinkled with eight boundaries.

Tiziani's opening partner Joe Burke was Glen Alvie's next best with the willow, managing 16 runs.

All six bowlers used by Nerrena made a solid contribution to their side's eventual five-wicket win.

Charlie Dougherty snatched 2/21, from eight stingy overs.

While Poly Joseph, Patrick Johnston and Gerard Murphy captured a wicket each, Ryan Giliam didn't make a breakthrough but yielded just 11 off his maximum number of overs.

Will Croatto also kept it tight without taking a wicket, conceding 21 from his eight overs.

Cameron Baudinette assumed most of the load for Nerrena as it chased a modest 112-run target, finishing unbeaten on 43.

While four other players reached double figures for the winning side, the best of those was Croatto (15).

Will Hynes was the only multiple wicket taker for beaten Glen Alvie, managing 2/40 from his full over allotment, with teammate Lachlan McRae getting just four overs but impressing with 1/6.

OMK too strong at home for Club

OUTTRIM Moyarra Kongwak's top order set the foundation for a solid team total after the Diggers chose to bat

first on home turf against Wonthaggi Club.

Striving to make 183 for victory, Club could muster only 137 by the conclusion of its 40 overs, resulting in a 45-run OMK win.

Wonthaggi skipper and keeper Luke Sibley was his side's most productive batsman, scoring 40 runs.

While four others in the Club batting lineup made it into double figures, Gavin Britt's 22 was the best of those.

OMK president and B2 captain Russ White had the pick of the bowling figures with 3/21 off eight overs but teammate Patrick Jobling inflicted heavy damage on the Wonthaggi top order, finishing with 3/31 off his full complement of overs.

Earlier, OMK put 95 runs on the board for the first wicket before Scott Handley departed for 41, dismissed by Sam Liddle who finished with 2/25 from eight overs.

Handley's opening partner Robert Quaife succumbed without addition to the score, being run out for 50.

White made 29 batting at number three, with the next couple of Diggers to the crease reaching double figures.

While Liddle had the best of the bowling figures for Wonthaggi, Justin Licis wasn't far behind, taking 2/30 off his eight overs, including the wicket of White.

Phillip Island takes time out

Phillip Island had the bye.

Leongatha Town v Kilcunda-Bass to be standalone game

Leongatha will host Kilcunda Bass this Saturday February 25 while other teams in B2 have a week off.



The Demons couldn't get the job done on the day, as OMK took the 55-run win.

B GRADE

DIVISION 1

Nerrena 4/163 d Korumburra 6/162

Korumburra - 1st INNINGS: P Richards 15, T Allen 26, N Christensen 1, Z Barrett 0, S Dole 84*, AW Balfour 12, SR Head 2, B Riddell 2* Bowling: MB Croatto 0/8, B Salmon 0/11, JA Checkley 2/22, Z Trease 2/29, D Symmons 0/24, T Harris 2/55

Nerrena - 1st INNINGS: D Baldi 45, L Roberts 45, BD Trotman 5, J Kelly 39*, J Renden 4, MB Croatto 12* Bowling: A Halliwell 0/42, B Riddell 0/26, S Dole 2/27, SR Head 2/39, C Turton 0/20, T Dole 0/4

Inverloch 1/123 d Imperials 4/120

Imperials - 1st INNINGS: GA Sauvarin 64*, A Casey 3, C Bruce 0, M Reidy 27, C Reid 10, C Richards 1* Bowling: J Dugard 0/14, J Richardson 1/18, R Newman 1/24, N Dobbie 0/22, J Williams 1/21, D Cashin 1/16

Inverloch - 1st INNINGS: B Phillips 15, B Debono 78*, CJ Terlich 26* Bowling: A Casey 0/27, KB Gray 0/12, F Botha 1/32, G Casey 0/12, C Richards 0/17, J Nagel 0/18, L Lidstone 0/4

OMK 7/180 d MDU 125

OMK - 1st INNINGS: A Busana 12, K Kerr 12, J Paterson 46, C Quaife 13*, SM Taylor 13, M Sawyers 20, R Foster 1*, D Creed 20, B Wyatt 20 Bowling: P Vine 2/27, J Palmer 0/38, C Knox 1/18, MJ McGrath 0/29, T Zukovskis 2/27, C Hoober 2/31

MDU - 1st INNINGS: M Martin 0, G Webster 24, C Hoober 31*, W Prosser 25, C Knox 26, T Zukovskis 5, MJ McGrath 0, J Bright 0, P Vine 1, J Palmer 0, K Sinclair 0 Bowling: R Foster 0/30, SM Taylor 2/18, M Sawyers 1/32, K Kerr 1/24, B Wyatt 5/11, J Paterson 1/9

Koonwarra L/RSL - BYE

B GRADE

DIVISION 2

OMK 7/182 d Club 9/137

OMK - 1st INNINGS: R Quaife 50, S Handley 41, R White 29, J Greenwood 14, L Jones 14, D Elford 7, B Hayes 7*, D Jeffries 8, O Fitzpatrick 8* Bowling: S Roche 1/42, M Sharp 0/33, J Licis 2/30, C Fraser 0/30, S Liddle 2/25, L McRae 0/11, W Speed 0/7

Club - 1st INNINGS: W Speed 16, J Licis 14, A Quilty 5, S Roche 8, G Britt 22, L Sibley 26*, C Fraser 1* Bowling: P Jobling 3/31, J Greenwood 1/26, D Jeffries 0/43, O Fitzpatrick 2/4, R White 3/21, D Elford 0/2, L Jones 0/4

Nerrena 5/118 d Glen Alvie 6/111

Glen Alvie - 1st INNINGS: J Burke 16, JA Tiziani 52*, A Brown 15, N Brown 1, J Standish 0, D McGuirk 6, P Loos 11, N Thatcher 3* Bowling: P Joseph 1/20, WB Croatto 0/21, RL Giliam 0/11, C Dougherty 2/21, P Johnston 1/29, G Murphy 1/8

Nerrena - 1st INNINGS: G Murphy 11*, P Matheson 12, R Elava 6, C Baudinette 43*, MJ Croatto 9, B Gannon 13, WB Croatto 15, A Harrison 1* Bowling: J Standish 0/30, L McRae 1/6, W Hynes 2/40, J Burke 1/14, P Loos 1/15, A Brown 0/10

Phillip Island - BYE

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A2: Josh Toner (Foster) 115 ; Steven Arnum (MDU) 4/37

B1: Shane Dole (Korumburra) 84* ; Barry Wyatt (OMK) 5/11

B2: Jay Tiziani (Glen Alvie) 52* ; Russell White (OMK) 3/21

C1: David Harris (Inverloch) 60 ; William Dixon (Nyora) 3/21

C2: Matthew Donohue (Glen Alvie) 96* ; Leon Holderhead (OMK) 2/13

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B GRADE, Division 1			B GRADE, Division 2		
Nerrena	114	2.2699	OMK	102	1.6792
Inverloch	90	1.6056	Nerrena	90	1.3539
Koonwarra L/RSL	78	1.4823	Town	72	1.2106
MDU	72	0.9792	Club	72	1.0190
OMK	54	0.8848	Phillip Island	60	0.9357
Imperials	24	0.5256	Kilcunda-Bass	36	0.8215
Korumburra	0	0.3684	Glen Alvie	0	0.4218

C GRADE, Division 1			C GRADE, Division 2		
Inverloch	90	2.8798	OMK	114	1.5306
Phillip Island	90	1.1031	Town	108	1.7774
Korumburra	72	1.0897	Kilcunda-Bass	84	1.0856
Koonwarra L/RSL	72	0.9971	Glen Alvie	60	0.7464
Nyora	48	0.5004	Koonwarra L/RSL	30	0.4146
MDU	36	0.7344			
Club	24	0.9133			

NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES & UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 25

A GRADE, Division 1

Nerrena v OMK
LEONGATHA TURF
John Schelling
Club v Town
WONTHAGGI TURF
Shane Moore
Inverloch v Imperials
INVERLOCH TURF
Glenn Plymin
Phillip Island v Koon L/RSL
COWES
Ian Thorn

A Grade, Division 2

MDU v Glen Alvie
MEENIYAN
Terry Rogers
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 1

Imperials v Korumburra
EAST CAMPUS
Les White
OMK v Koonwarra L/RSL
OUTTRIM
Ashley Stride
Inverloch v Nerrena
INVERLOCH FG
Neil Grabham
MDU - BYE

B GRADE, Division 2

Glen Alvie v Phillip Island
GLEN ALVIE
Geoff Wyatt
Town v Kilcunda-Bass
SCORPION 1
(Round 13 game)
Geoff Parkinson
Nerrena - BYE

C GRADE, Division 1

Nyora v Koonwarra L/RSL
NYORA
TBA
Club v Inverloch
DALYSTON
TBA
Phillip Island v MDU
NEWHAVEN
TBA
Korumburra - BYE

C GRADE, Division 2

Koon L/RSL v K-Bass
MARY MAC
TBA
OMK v Town
DIGGER PARK
TBA
Glen Alvie - BYE

Nerrena post 200 on day one

A Grade, Division 1

Club bowl well to set up potential upset

AFTER an overcast morning, the sun was shining around the LDCA as both A grade divisions began the penultimate round of the home and away season on Saturday.

Nerrena welcomed OMK down the road to the Leongatha Recreation Reserve and in what was a huge top four clash, the hosts won the toss and chose to bat first.

As he has been all season, Mitchell Clark (65 from 166) was strong at the top, posting another half century to give his side a decent springboard on day one.

The Diggers were able to fight back though and cause carnage through the hosts middle order, before Darcy Berryman (50* from 110) turned the tide back into Nerrena's favor with a beautiful unbeaten half ton.

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Club will now look for a further 160 runs and the win this Saturday when both sides return.

Invy topple Imps as Donohue takes six

INVERLOCH welcomed

the Imperials down to Thompson Reserve and the visitors won the toss and chose to bat first.

However, some poor choices and unlucky failures led to the Imps struggling with the stick, despite some starts from their top order and a nice fightback innings from Sumudu Sameera (42 from 52) they lost 5/23 to end their innings at 127 after 50 overs.

The fantastic bowling performance from the hosts was led by Andrew Donohue (6/26 from 14) who claimed a brilliant five wicket haul, his first for the season.

This did mean that the Stingrays had to face a risky 25-over session to finish the day's play and it proved to be as dangerous as it sounds, as the hosts lost two wickets to finish 2/40.

Lachlan Wright (2/7 from 10) bowled well to give the Imps a small sniff at a comeback this weekend, although Inverloch still have eight wickets in hand and require a further 88-runs for the win.

Cougars cull Sharks to create huge upset chance

KOONWARRA L/RSL travelled over to the bridge to face Phillip Island and the hosts won the toss and chose to bat first.

However, the first innings was all about the Cougars, who amazingly skittled the reigning premiers for just 88 inside 45 overs!

In a dismal showing for the hometown Sharks, their skipper Daniel Mock (24* from 74) stood tall but got next to no help from his teammates as Kasun Weeranga (5/10 from 12) claimed an incredible five wicket haul.

In reply, Koony was tasked with batting out the 31 overs left in the day's play and lost three wickets in the process as Charith Keerthisinghe (1/0 from 10) bowled a remarkable spell in an attempt to muscle his side out of trouble.

The Cougars finished the day 3/24 and require 65 more runs to complete what would be an almighty upset this Saturday.



Imperials batter Sumudu Sameera put up a gallant fight against Inverloch, he defends one here. B13_0823

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A GRADE

DIVISION 1

Nerrena 205 v OMK

Nerrena – 1st INNINGS

M Clark b J Lamers	65
LJ Gilian c PJ Dell b RL Williams	0
H Funnel lbw b RL Williams	6
T Wightman c K Brann b AL Trotto	17
T Gannon run out (J Hayes, K Brann)	0
S Vagg c J Lamers b E Lamers	14
D Berryman not out	50
R Clark c & b E Lamers	0
J Hoy c J Lamers b E Lamers	32
C Salmon lbw b J Lamers	2
J Trease b E Lamers	6
Extras (nb 3, w 3, b 0, lb 7)	13
Total 205 (73.5 overs)	

Bowling: RL Williams 13-3-2-43 (1nb),

PJ Dell 10-4-0-16, J Lamers 22-5-2-57 (3w),

AL Trotto 5-1-1-9, E Lamers 21.5-2-4-60,

N Auddino 2-0-0-13 (2nb)

Phillip Island 88 v Koon L/RSL 3/24

Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS

D Bourke c J Kennedy b H Hoekstra	16
L Cleeland c & b H Hoekstra	12
J Black c S Hughes b J Kennedy	11
SL Rathnayake c M Scrimshaw b K Weeranga	5
DP Mock not out	24
T Keily b K Weeranga	1
BD Johnston b K Weeranga	0
TS Niven c M Scrimshaw b J Thomas	4
C Keerthisinghe c J Hughes b H Hoekstra	2
HW Womersley c & b K Weeranga	7
GD McCausland c B Walsh b K Weeranga	0
Extras (nb 1, w 0, b 2, lb 3)	6
Total 88 (44 overs)	

Bowling: K Weeranga 12-5-5-10, H Hoekstra

13-3-2-9 (1nb), J Thomas 7-2-1-17,

I Wickramasinghe 6-1-0-15, J Kennedy 6-1-1-12

Koonwarra L/RSL – 1st INNINGS

B Walsh not out	8
A Hunt c J Black b GD McCausland	4
J Hughes c J Black b T Keily	3
H Hoekstra c HW Womersley	2
b C Keerthisinghe	2
S Hughes not out	1
Extras (nb 1, w 3, b 2, lb 0)	6
Total 3/24 (31 overs)	

Bowling: T Keily 8-4-1-7 (1w), GD McCausland

5-2-1-10 (1nb, 1w), C Keerthisinghe 10-9-1-0,

TS Niven 5-2-0-5 (1w), SL Rathnayake 3-2-0-0

Inverloch 2/40 v Imperials 127

Imperials – 1st INNINGS

L Rogers c J Butcher b L Rankin	17
D Ginnane b A Donohue	22
J Ginnane b A Donohue	17
D Perera c R Harris b JB Dennerley	7
T Sauvarin c & b T McQualter	9
S Sameera c J Strickland b CW Asbury	42
L Wright b A Donohue	0
AR Williams not out	3
K McGrath c & b A Donohue	0
I Bolge c JB Dennerley b A Donohue	0
L Anderson c JB Dennerley b A Donohue	0
Extras (nb 4, w 2, b 1, lb 3)	10
Total 127 (50 overs)	

Bowling: CW Asbury 16-7-1-33, L Rankin

11.3-3-1-26 (2nb, 1w), A Donohue 14-2-6-26,

JB Dennerley 4.3-1-1-14 (2nb, 1w), H Butcher

1-0-0-8, T McQualter 3-1-1-16

Inverloch – 1st INNINGS

J Butcher not out	8
J Strickland b L Wright	4
A Donohue b L Wright	2
D Newman not out	12
Extras (nb 2, w 9, b 3, lb 0)	14
Total 2/40 (25 overs)	

Bowling: L Wright 10-6-2-7 (1w), L Anderson

4-2-0-6, J Ginnane 6-2-0-22 (2nb, 7w),

T Sauvarin 3-2-0-1 (1w), S Sameera 2-1-0-1

Club 0/12 v Town 171

Town – 1st INNINGS

D Hume c M Waller b F West	3
J Giardina c J Sheerin b F West	17
B Hanrahan st M Waller b J Sheerin	25
A Ratnaike c A Geyer b J Sheerin	3
M Madusanka c F West b J Brann	45
DL Polwaththa Gallage lbw b J Sheerin	37
P Jayasinghe c RG Thomas b J Brann	7
J Hume c M Thomas b M McCall	28
S Clark c & b J Sheerin	0
L Hickey lbw b M McCall	0
F McLennan not out	0
O Vimalarathna not out	0
Extras (nb 1, w 1, b 4, lb 0)	6
Total 171 (66.5 overs)	

Bowling: J Brann 18-6-2-40, F West 15-4-2-42,

J Sheerin 17-6-4-42, R Birkett 7-2-0-20 (1w),

M McCall 8.5-3-2-18, S Beaumont 1-0-0-5 (1nb)

Club – 1st INNINGS

M Thomas not out	3
S Beaumont not out	9
Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 0, lb 0)	0
Total 0/12 (8 overs)	

Bowling: DL Polwaththa Gallage 3-1-0-3,

M Madusanka 4-2-0-5, D Hume 1-0-0-4



Opener Ryan Sinclair was able to dig in courageously for his side but wasn't able to help them hold on in the end. B09_0823



MDU bowled well on day one to dismiss Glen Alvie for 114. B08_0823

MDU losses chasing modest total

A Grade, Division 1

season in which he is averaging just over 70 with the bat in A2 competition.

There were no standout bowling figures for the Sharks, but Harrison Berry, Todd Smith and Jackson Baker took a wicket each, with Ryley Duff managing a couple, including that of century maker Whiteside.

Earlier, after choosing to bat, away side Glen Alvie failed to capitalise on three of its top four batsmen getting solid starts, with opener Ryan Sinclair (31) the team's top scorer.

All six MDU bowlers used had a positive impact for the Demons.

Steven Arnup proved a destructive force, knocking over top and middle order Glen Alvie batsmen on the way to figures of 4/37.

Darien Mathews (2/32) was the other Demon to claim more than one wicket, sending down 15 tidy overs, while teammate Mark Cantwell dismissed opposition opener Steven Smith cheaply and allowed just a couple of runs from seven overs.

MDU stumbled to 2/25 at stumps, taking 16 overs to reach that total, with openers Arnup and Troy Sinclair both falling short of double figures.

Nathan Findlay has led the way with the ball so far for Glen Alvie, taking a wicket and conceding just seven runs from his eight overs.

MDU starts day two needing another 90 runs to edge past Glen Alvie's first innings score.

Work needed from Killy-Bass against Korumburra

KORUMBURRA chose to bat at Bass Recreation Reserve, backing that decision with a high-quality display, with Jacob Whiteside making a brisk century before falling for 106.

Tom Crocker is back in strong form for the Cobras, making 75, and Ishaka Siriwardena (64 not out) continued an excellent

total.

Still, the assignment could have been even tougher, given Foster's scintillating start and almost 150-run opening stand.

Nyora puts pressure on Wonthaggi Club

ALLROUND talent and Nyora skipper Henry Dolphin followed up his decision to bat first against host Wonthaggi Club by making a ton, combining periods of patience with flourishing stroke play.

He eventually fell for 101 off 201 balls, including 12 boundaries and a six.

Andot Mankhong claimed Dolphin's prized scalp, bowling him, and finished the day with figures of 2/60 off 14 overs.

Club captain Luke McGuirk also claimed a couple of day-one wickets, conceding 78 runs off his 20 overs.

However, by and large it was a tough afternoon's work for the Club bowlers, with Nyora posting 6/306 by the compulsory close of its innings, leaving plenty for the Wonthaggi batsmen to do on day two.

Dolphin was outshone by his keeper and opening partner Kade Anderson during their 78-run partnership, with Nyora's captain enjoying watching the fireworks from the non-striker's end.

Anderson blasted a compelling 65 from just 42 balls, clearing the boundary five times and hitting it on six occasions, with McGuirk undoubtedly relieved to have him stumped.

Although he didn't score at Anderson's scorching pace, Gavin Hackett helped keep Nyora on track with 45 off 72 balls, including seven boundaries.

A few others made good contributions as Nyora marched to its strong total.

It will be interesting to see how aggressive Wonthaggi is in reply when day-two action starts.

A GRADE

DIVISION 2

MDU 2/25 v Glen Alvie 114

Glen Alvie – 1st INNINGS

S Smith c MJ Olden b M Cantwell	1
RV Sinclair b S Arnup	31
L Harris c DA Mathews b S Browne	19
S Kennedy st T Sinclair b S Arnup	24
MA Dakin c M Hooper b S Arnup	4
N Findlay b DA Mathews	11
M Allen run out (B Cantwell)	11
Z Scholz c J Sinclair b S Arnup	4
W Luke c S Bright b DA Mathews	0
A Dakin run out (M Hooper)	5
D Williams not out	0
Extras (nb 2, w 2, b 0, lb 0)	4
Total 114 (58.1 overs)	

Bowling: S Bright 8-0-0-16, M Cantwell 7-5-1-2

(1w), DA Mathews 15.1-5-2-2, S Browne 12-3-1

19, B Cantwell 5-1-0-8 (1nb, 1w),

S Arnup 11-1-4-37 (1nb)

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S Arnup c L Harris b N Findlay

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The Victorians come together to enjoy the moment after defeating Queensland in the Grand Final.

Asbury leads Victoria to NCIC Title

AFTER donning the green and gold on the international stage last year, Inverloch Cricket Club star Callum Asbury has shone on the national stage this past week, leading his state to glory.

Asbury has impressed all season for the Stingrays, but he again swapped up his duties as one of their opening bowlers to this time captain Victoria in the National Cricket Inclusion Championships in Brisbane.

"It was probably the toughest experience I've gone through; I learnt a lot of things throughout the tournament itself and about a lot of guys on my team, we went through a couple of ups and downs through the week," he said.

"We had players who were unhappy and some that were unsure about their role in the team but I made sure I comforted them through that process and made sure they knew that their role in the team was quite valuable.

"Our team gelled together really well, and it was great to see all the guys coming

together and playing some good cricket, it was all a team effort and that's how we won the title."

The talented quick was again alongside fellow Gippslander' and great mate Tom Robertson from Poowong and the pair proved to be pivotal on the biggest stage for the big V.

"Oh, look I'm getting 'spine tingles', Robbo and I have worked hard together, and he's worked on his bowling a lot and put on a couple of kilometres per hour, bowling quicker, which is really good," Asbury said.

"It was his debut too, he'd never played for Victoria before the tournament, so it was great to see him representing the 'Big V' and doing his job and role, he was excellent, especially in the last few overs of the final."

Asbury led the Vic's to three wins and two losses throughout the week, this saw them finish second on the ladder, booking them a ticket to the Grand Final, where Asbury won the toss and chose to bat, his side posting 7/172 against first-placed Queensland.

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