



## LOCALS FED UP

- Resident takes former campus upkeep into own hands

THE wheels appear to be in motion for the future of the former Wonthaggi McBride Campus.

The campus was used for as a COVID testing site for Bass Coast Health for some time, but since then, there has been little word on what the next stage of its life would be.

The Department of Education currently manages the former site of Wonthaggi Secondary College, located on the corner of McBride Avenue and Watts Street.

The site was 'gifted' to council for it to

be redeveloped.

But both the shire and the department had been tight lipped on when anything would progress, with the Department of Education recently stating, "Discussions with the council about the future of the site are ongoing."

However, this week the shire has announced via their 'Engage' platform that they have commenced pre-feasibility studies.

This includes exhaustive examinations of the property's condition, including

building and structural integrity.

This will identify short-, medium- and long-term costs plus risks associated with taking on the site, to ensure a full understanding of the costs involved in managing the site are understood.

A decision to transfer management of the site will be made after the completion of all pre-feasibility studies.

The studies are anticipated to be completed in July this year.

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Rubbish and even a makeshift firepit can be found at the former college campus on McBride Avenue. Ns020923

Applause as Island murderer gets 'life'

UNREPENTANT Phillip Island murderer, Adrian Basham, 46, was told to stand in the dock by Supreme Court Judge Lesley Taylor as she delivered a penalty of life imprisonment, with a minimum of 30 years to serve, for the "worst case" murder of his estranged wife Samantha Joy Fraser on July 23, 2018.

With time off for the 1670 days already served, Mr Basham will be more than 71 years of age by the time he is eligible for parole.

The sentencing was greeted by a brief round of applause from the gallery, where many of Ms Fraser's friends and family members were in attendance.

But there can be no release for them, or for the local community.

As detailed by Justice Taylor, reading from some of the 16 victim impact statements, during the sentencing hearing in the Melbourne Supreme Court on Monday, February 28, the vision of Ms Fraser's lifeless body hanging in the garage of her family home, in a new Cowes' residential estate, is one that will never leave them.

Ms Fraser's father Trevor, who was praised highly by the judge for the manner in which he has conducted himself during the trial, included photos of his daughter with his victim impact statement, which according to Ms Taylor showed "a vibrant woman in the peak of her life".

She said he noted that he now acutely felt the responsibility for looking after his daughter's three children when he might otherwise have been in retirement.

One of Ms Fraser's daughters said the loss of her mother "left a gap in her heart that would never be filled".

But she said that her mother "will always be the angel who lights up my life".

Her mother Janine said her oldest daughter's middle name of "Joy" barely described the feeling she was able to bring others around her, but that the image of her daughter's last moments was with her every day.

Friends described how the crime had impacted their own lives, some since being diagnosed with PTSD.

"All feel the acute loss of a treasured friend and find it hard to move beyond the events of July 2018," Justice Taylor said.

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# Applause as Island murderer gets 'life'

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Prior to sentencing, Justice Taylor reprimanded the evidence in the case saying that while aspects of the murder appeared ad hoc, she was convinced Mr Basham intended for Ms Fraser to die when he surprised her in the garage of her home on Monday morning, July 23, 2018 after she had dropped the children off at school and enjoyed coffee with friends at a Cowes' cafe.

After giving his ex-wife a "brutal beating", Ms Taylor said Basham had likely wiped blood from her face and hair and removed a blood-spattered white shirt before hanging her.

"A large part of your motivation in killing her was to prevent her from testifying in a rape case against you," said Justice Taylor, noting that it was incomprehensible that Mr Basham would not have known about the case, and his wife's intention to testify at a committal hearing in a week's time.

Justice Taylor also rejected claims during the trial that Ms Fraser was depressed and in a frame of mind to commit suicide.

She said the evidence from her friends and family was that Ms Fraser's depression had dissipated, that she told a lot of people she was happy and at last moving on with her life.

She said she had her hair done ahead of the impending



**Phillip Island murderer, Adrian Basham, 46, was sentenced to life in prison in the Melbourne Supreme Court on Monday this week for the murder of his estranged wife, mother of three, Samantha Fraser, in July 2018.**

rape hearing and was looking forward to having her say in court.

Ms Taylor said she took into account 14 character references submitted on Mr Basham's behalf, describing him variously as "a helpful, positive and considerate person", as "a kind, loyal and caring friend, devoted to his children" and "the most selfless person I have ever met".

But despite noting Mr Basham's lack of prior offending and evidence that the assault on Ms Fraser was out of character, she said incidents of family violence were often perpetrated by men who were

otherwise of good character.

"I don't believe that a man of good character with no prior convictions is incapable of committing a crime in the worst category."

Accordingly, Justice Taylor ruled that the "abysmal conduct" of Adrian Basham in murdering his former wife in such circumstances, "utterly without remorse", despite the unanimous decision of the jury and its obvious impact on the people around him, warranted that it be considered in the worst category of the offence, attracting a life sentence.

Ms Taylor said there had to be a strong element of general

deterrence in the penalty, sending a clear message to other perpetrators of family violence that they will receive a lengthy period in prison for such crimes.

Justice Taylor said a sentence of 25 years was considered appropriate for murders in the middle range, but that this offending exceeded the middle range, "and is in the worst category".

"Corrections officers, please remove Mr Basham," she said at the conclusion of proceedings.

All that remains now is for disposal and forfeiture orders to be decided.

## No major injuries after car hits garage

AN 88-year-old male is fortunate to have escaped with only minor head injuries on Tuesday, February 21, after colliding with a garage.

The driver was reversing out of driveway on Poplar Street, when it appears he has accelerated too far and collided with a power pole opposite his address.

A member of the public has observed the incident and run over to make sure the male driver was alright.

It appears in his confusion, he has then put the vehicle into drive and accelerated away out of control and at a fast speed

up his own driveway, narrowly avoiding the house, before colliding with his garage causing significant structural damage.

CFA and SES attended and were able to put up supports to render the structure safe pending the arrival of Bass Coast council structural engineers.

The male was conveyed to Wonthaggi Hospital with minor head injuries.

**A male driver is fortunate to have escaped major injuries after colliding with a brick garage on Tuesday afternoon last week. C01\_0923**



## POLICE BRIEFS

### Witness appeal

POLICE are seeking information from the public including dash cam and CCTV footage after a business in A'Beckett Street was the victim of a burglary around 5am on Monday morning (February 27).

Items from the premise were stolen and police are looking for two male offenders.

Anyone with information call Wonthaggi CIU on 5671 4100 or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

### Collision on Phillip Island Road

A COLLISION on Phillip Island Road just before midnight on Sunday evening (February 26) saw three individuals taken to the Alfred Hospital, one via air ambulance, in a serious condition.

A red Holden Cruze was driving east along Phillip Island Road (in the 100km/h zone) on the wrong side of the double white lines, when it collided with a silver Mitsubishi Lancer travelling west.

The front passenger's side of the Lancer took most of the impact. The driver of the Lancer sustained serious injuries and was taken to the Alfred alongside two passengers in the Cruze.

The driver of the Cruze sustained minor injuries and was transported by road to Wonthaggi Hospital.

Anyone with information or footage please contact Senior Constable Watson at San Remo Police Station 5678 5500 or call Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

### Rider clocked at 145km/h

A SOLO rider was clocked at over 145km/h on his way to the Phillip Island track on Sunday.

The rider received an infringement notice with a twelve-month loss of licence attached.

### Late to a very important date

ON THEIR way over to support Bass Coast Highway at the Island on Saturday (February 25), Baw Baw Highway Patrol detected a young man on the way to his wedding and running a bit late at 196km/h at approximately 10.30am.

The 25-year-old male from Coronet Bay had his car impounded for 30 days and he will be summonsed to attend the Magistrates court at a later date.

### Male arrested on drug offences

POLICE members from Foster with the assistance of detectives from the Bass Coast CIU executed a search warrant at a Foster address on Thursday, February 23.

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Wind PM: Light

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**SUN | Mar 5**

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**IN BRIEF****It's hell down south**

YES Youth Hub are presenting Hell Down South this Thursday (March 2) as two heavy metal bands take to the stage at 76 Watt Street in Wonthaggi.

With free entry for young people between 12-25 years of age, Distortion and Outrage will entertain audiences with doors opening at 6.30pm.

Stay tuned as upcoming events are announced in the coming weeks including the Bass Coast Youth Pride Prom.

For more information pop into the Yes Youth Hub drop in Tuesday to Thursday after school.

**Help shape Meeniyan's future**

MEENIYAN locals are called on to help shape the town's future at a free barbecue this evening at Meeniyan Hall.

The Meeniyan Progress Association (MPA) encourages community members to come and share their ideas on what is needed to enhance the town and ensure it remains strong and healthy.

That will help MPA develop a new Meeniyan Community Plan.

MPA secretary Fay Sinclair said the previous Meeniyan Community Plan has proved successful but it's time to look ahead.

"In 2010, we did a community plan and we've achieved quite a few items off that," Fay said.

"We didn't have a community garden, a Men's Shed, camping at the recreation reserve, or the playground.

"So, lots of things have happened in the 10 years and now what we're looking for is some new ideas of what people from the district want for the next 10 years."

People are invited to present their ideas as individuals or as representatives of local clubs or groups.

Organisers will help put ideas in writing.

The event kicks off at 5.30pm, Tuesday February 28 at Meeniyan Hall.

**'Cracking the Code'**

AS part of the world wide celebration of International Women's Day (IWD) 2023, we are inviting women of all callings to get together at Wonthaggi Neighbourhood House on March 8.

Running from 7.30 to 9.00pm, there will be group discussion around the 2023 theme of "Cracking the Code: Innovations for a gender equal future".

Women and girls can share their stories, strategies and ambitions for equity and equal opportunity.

To book just pop into Mitchell House at 6 Murray Street, Wonthaggi (beside Apex Park) or give us a call on 5672 3731.

**Huge night of music at Meeniyan**

MUSIC from around the world continues to come to the Meeniyan Town Hall this weekend.

After a sold out show to see the magic of Vieux Farke Toure from Mali on Saturday night, the hall plays host to the 10 piece Garifuna Collective from Central American Belize this Friday.

There will be plenty of room to dance for this one. On Saturday night Eric Bibb returns again from America for a sold out show.

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Tickets \$50+BF available at the door or at [www.lyrebird-arts-council.com.au](http://www.lyrebird-arts-council.com.au).

Friday, March 3, and Doors open at 7pm.

This event has been developed in collaboration with South Gippsland Shire Council.

**Skate park damaged**

BETWEEN midday on February 20, 2023, and 9:00am on February 21, unknown offenders have caused a large amount of damage to the facilities in the toilet block located adjacent to the Leongatha Skate Park on Roughead Street, Leongatha.

Police are appealing for any witnesses to this event. If you have any information that may assist, please contact Leongatha Police on 5662 2285.

Leongatha Police are also seeking the owner of a set of vehicle ramps which have been located by police. Please contact Leongatha Police.

**Towels and blankets needed**

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Therefore, they kindly ask that you only donate towels and blankets, and refrain from donating doonas, knitted blankets, face washers, pillowcases, sheets, or doona covers.

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**World Day of Prayer**

TAIWAN will be the country of focus for this year's World Day of Prayer.

The World Day of Prayer Service in Wonthaggi will be at 10am on Friday March 3 at the Wonthaggi Baptist Church on McBride Avenue.

The Service in Inverloch will be at 10am on Friday March 3 at the Inverloch Uniting Church in William Street.

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# Wonthaggi's very own takes out Gippsland Apprentice of the Year

THREE Gippsland apprentices, including from Wonthaggi, have been honoured for the quality of their work at Master Builders Victoria's Regional Apprentice of the Year Awards.

Apprentices were judged on their preparation and presentation, work experience, knowledge and career plans, attitude on and about the job and industry representation by a panel of industry judges.

Emmet Dempsey from Wonthaggi took home the Gippsland Apprentice of the Year Future Builder Award last week at De Grandi's Winery in Traralgon, which was attended by more than 100 guests.

Nominated by his training provider, Murray Mallee Training Company and employed by Chenery, Emmet has been described as a passionate cabinet maker, who loves building high quality cabinets in family homes.

"After undertaking woodwork in high school, Emmet worked hard to utilise his hands-on skills during his apprenticeship. We were impressed with Emmet's infectious passion and goals to ex-

pand his skill set and continue learning post-apprenticeship," the judges noted.

Looking ahead, Emmet says he's excited to develop his leadership skills through communication and delegation within the younger team members on site.

MBV CEO (Interim) Michaela Lihou congratulated the recipients on their awards, noting the strength of this year's nominations.

"It's a great accolade for the building and construction industry that we continue to see such talented apprentices building their futures with us," she said.

Others Gippsland apprentices nominated for the awards received a Certificate of Merit in the following trades:

- Bricklaying/Blocklaying
- Cabinet Making
- Carpentry
- Glass and Glazing
- Painting and Decorating
- Wall and Ceiling Lining

The Gippsland winners will go on to the overall Victorian State Apprentice of the Year Awards being held at Marvel Stadium, on May 11, 2023.



Award winner Emmet Dempsey from Wonthaggi, winner of the MBV Gippsland Apprentice of the Year Future Builder Award.

## Resident takes former campus upkeep into own hands

### From page 1 Good Samaritan steps up

A Wonthaggi good Samaritan has taken matters into their own hands at the old Tech school after becoming incensed at the condition.

For the past three weeks, the resident, who wished to remain anonymous, has headed to the outdoor areas and using his own tools, mowed the grass and whipper snipped.

"We started walking that way in the morning," the resident explained.

"We've had issues with the council with overgrown footpaths and trees down, so I started taking clippers with me and cutting a pathway through. (This day) we turned up towards the Tech school, which we don't normally do, and I said, 'this is disgusting here.'

"There was two foot of grass up to the Tech school main office and as we walked along, I thought somebody has to do something, so I wrote an article hoping that the council



Vandalism and theft at the campus has been ongoing issue for police. Ns030923

would pick it up and then we'd see the lawn mowers out there mowing it, but they didn't do anything.

"I thought, well, I've opened my big mouth, so I better get out there and mow it. I'd made a statement, so I had to back it up.

"I left a big strip out the front in Watt Street, just so the council could see the difference, and (last week) low and behold there was two

young council blokes there with their brush cutters, doing the edging and cutting it back down.

"After four weeks they got into action, but they haven't touched anything on the school.

"There's debate over who owns it, but since the COVID testing left, mother nature has taken its course."

It took the resident four hours each time to mow the

grass, which initially was over two foot tall, and clean up the rubbish, which was hidden in the long grass, particularly on the nature strips.

"Community groups could be using the facilities; the tennis and basketball courts the kids could continue to use. We grew up using these facilities, we may not have liked going to school but we certainly utilised the cricket nets."

Jessica Harrison from Housing Matters Bass Coast also added the organisation wants to see the site utilised.

"Housing Matters wants more public and community housing built across the shire as a matter of urgency," Jessica said.

"The Council could easily offer the eastern end of the old high school site, facing Bailleul Street East, for rental development under the Big Housing Build, as they offered road reserves in the past. It would be ideal, as it's close to services and shops."



## Mick turns the big 80

Mick Billington of Cape Paterson celebrated his 80th birthday with family and friends on Saturday, February 18. Mick is pictured with Laurel, Jen and Edi, and a quilted tribute to his fabulous GPak Torana from the 80s.



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## Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan

HAVE you looked at Engage Bass Coast website yet?

I am really proud of this Council initiative launched last year. You can check on the progress of the Cultural Centre build in Cowes, the Roads and Drainage scheme at Surf Beach Sunderland Bay or many other Council projects.

Because of community interest in the future of the old Wonthaggi Secondary School site Council has added it as a new project entry to show where Council is with its consideration of the possible benefits and the costs involved not only of potentially developing the site but the costs involved in making the site safe. Engage Bass Coast provides a one-stop-shop online engagement platform and as well as posting feedback, it compliments face-to-face engagement with and for our community.

Since the launch, all information on advocacy and infrastructure projects have been moved from the Bass Coast website to the dedicated project page and it supports Council informing our community on projects in a more visual form and to show timelines and the project history.

You can follow individual projects, to stay informed about any changes or updates or you can elect to be notified about projects that are in a particular area or field of interest. A fantastic feature of the platform is the timeline, which provides a clear indication of a project's milestones. One year ago, the statistics showing strong engagement – and growing.

So far 27 engagements have opened for community feedback, with 111 individual pages covering advocacy and projects and 4,955 survey forms completed.

There have been almost 30,000 unique visitors to the site, with 26,157 documents uploaded for viewing. Almost 750 people have sign up to receive updates on specific projects.

The most visited project pages since February 2022 have been Bass Coast Business Awards with 3619 unique visitors, Cowes Streetscape with 3008, Cowes Community and Cultural Centre with 2880, Surf Beach Sunderland Bay with 2798 and the Tracks and Trails Strategy with 2559. These figures show our community is interacting with the new platform in the way that was planned 12 months ago.

I encourage you to sign up as a member of Engage Bass Coast to stay informed and provide feedback on open engagement opportunities. Every idea counts and this is a key platform to provide your feedback.

The platform can be found at [www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au](http://www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au).

# Urgent calls for changes to backpacker visa rules

THERE are growing calls for the Federal Government to urgently extend working holiday visa rules to allow foreign backpackers to work in regional tourism hotspots.

A shortage of hospitality workers has hit all regions since the pandemic but could be quickly eased by changing strict backpacker visas to include regional hospitality, as part of their mandatory regional work requirement, Bass Coast Shire has urged.

Some Bass Coast hospitality businesses have spoken publicly recently about shutting their doors and cutting back hours due to the lack of available staff.

Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor Cr Michael Whelan is requesting federal Minister for Home Affairs Clare O'Neil to urgently review the visa rules.

"It's been a couple of tough years of pandemic restrictions for Victorian regional hospitality and tourism operators," Cr Whelan said.

"Hospitality businesses need hospitality workers to deliver the excellent service visitors expect but many are struggling at the moment due to lack of staff.

"Given the shortage of people available to work in regional hospitality it just makes common sense to ease or extend the visa rules and I hope the Minister and the Department of Home Affairs agree."

The types of roles backpackers would be ideal for are baristas, line cooks, house-



Paradee Titulaer of Wonthaggi Hotel is backing calls for changes to working holiday visas but believes a lack of accommodation is still a major issue for retaining staff.

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keepers, cleaners and wait staff.

Under the current rules for the federal Working Holiday Maker visa program foreign visitors must complete three or six months of work in regional or rural Australia to apply for a second or third working holiday visa.

But hospitality jobs are excluded unless the worker is in northern or remote Australia.

The 'specified work' requirement was introduced in 2005 to address "chronic and severe labour shortages", particularly in Australia's major agricultural regions.

The mandatory work must happen in designated postcodes.

Victoria's tourism hotspots

such as Bass Coast and most parts of regional Victoria are not included.

"For regional hospitality businesses in regional Victoria having the option of employing willing foreign workers could make a huge difference," Cr Whelan said.

"Our tourism industry is vitally important to the Bass Coast economy. Why not give backpackers the option of doing the skilled roles we need and make our tourism product even better?" Cr Whelan said.

While Paradee Titulaer of Wonthaggi Hotel has fortunately been lucky in retaining staff, she did back the need for changes to the visa rules.

However, she noted the issue had been raised with the

shire some time ago.

"The other issue was accommodation, some of the venues were able to get workers but the lack of housing and rentals meant they weren't able to retain them," she said.

"The rental situation in Wonthaggi is crazy but hopefully it should mellow out."

She highlighted that even if changes were made for backpackers, accommodation would still be a major hindrance.

Adventure Tourism Victoria (ATV) is also calling on the State Government to advocate on the behalf of Victoria's regional tourism and hospitality businesses and allow Working Holiday Makers (WHMs) further opportunities to extend their stays in Victoria.

Supporting this initiative was Destination Phillip Island, as well as many other tourism operators and organisations.

ATV is calling on the Victorian Government to fight for Victoria's visa conditions for WHMs to be in line with the entirety of NT, and anywhere in WA and QLD that is north of the tropic of Capricorn. Currently, Subclass 417 and Subclass 462 visa holders are required to complete 88 days of agricultural or other specified work in regional Victoria to extend their visa for an additional year, while in the aforementioned states, they can complete this work in tourism and hospitality.

## Next stage for Surf Parade almost underway

BASS Coast Shire is the final stages to deliver Stage 3b from Ozone Street to Goroke Street as part of its Surf Parade Shared Path Masterplan (2016).

The path is within the Cape to Cape Resilience Project parameters (Cape Paterson to Cape Liptrap) and has undergone a Coastal Hazard Assessment (CHA).

Stage 1 of the CHA is now complete, and Stage 2 (September 2022 to June 2023) considers some adaption options for the Cape-to-Cape Resilience Plan.

According to the shire, as a result of Stage 1, it's acknowledged that minimising the reduction of dune and vegetation removal is important for this section of the path.

Parallel parking along this section of the shared path has been removed from the initial design to minimise the impact on foreshore area.

Recommendations from the Cape-to-Cape Resilience Project include minimising the reduction of dune and vegetation removal.

To meet this recommendation, Council will re-align

the path to place the shared path within the road reserve whilst maintaining two-way traffic.

Stage 3b alignment is expected to be decided at the shire's March meeting.

Stage 3b will look familiar to the section of shared path from Abbott Street to Veronica Street.

The shared path will be aligned within the road reserve and will be 2.5m in width and constructed of coloured concrete.

Between the shared path and the edge of the bitumen,

bollards will be installed to keep vehicles from accessing the path.

Funding has been provided for design and permits in the 2022/23 financial year.

Construction funds will be considered by Council during the 2023/24 budget process.

Public exhibition of draft 2023/24 Budget has been indicatively scheduled for April 2023, where the community can make submissions.

Surf Parade is expected to be open during construction with some disruptions and delays.

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Dozens of CFA members from numerous brigades battled a huge fire at Cape Woolamai last Wednesday.

## “Miracle no one injured” after horrific fire destroys home

DOZENS of firefighters and vehicles battled an intense blaze fire at a property in Cape Woolamai last Wednesday.

Crews responded to the incident at around 2:45pm, where they found a house and garage well alight.

They endured challenging conditions such as high temperatures and winds, with the fire also spreading into nearby vegetation and properties.

While the property was sadly destroyed, CFA District 8 Commander Phil Rogan said fortunately the elderly occupant was not inside the home

as the fire began.

“She’s quite elderly and was out in her yard,” he said.

“It was a passer-by that alerted her to the fire and prevented her from going back in.

“That’s a real highlight, the fact is if this woman had been inside at the time, it wouldn’t have ended well.

“It was a miracle nobody got injured.”

Commander Rogan highlighted the fire presented a huge challenge for firefighters.

“It was a really high fuel load, it was a fierce fire and

progressed quite rapidly,” he said.

“The vegetation nearby caught fire which caused some spotting into neighboring properties which had to be dealt with.

“The neighboring house was close to becoming involved itself (in the fire).

“There was a couple of powerlines that sparked as well; it was a full on job.”

Brigades from Phillip Island, San Remo, Bass and Wonthaggi were on scene until almost 8pm that night.

“The cause is being investigated, we had fire investi-

gators attend but haven’t received the report back yet.

“It’s not suspicious however.”

There was also concerns the fire would spread into the nearby airport.

“Smaller trucks were patrolling around that area as there was evidence of spotting.

“The last thing we needed was a fairly substantial fire and for the paddock to take off.”

Commander Rogan was full of praise for the volunteer firefighters and their efforts, highlighting it was also a multi-agency response.

### Cowes man charged

A COWES man faced La Trobe Valley Magistrates Court last week (Thursday February 23, 2023) charged with possessing child abuse material and breach of bail.

The man, 43, was charged on Wednesday (February 22) with the offences after the Victorian Joint Anti-Child Exploitation Team (VIC JACET) – comprising of AFP and Victoria Police officers – allegedly located child abuse material on his phone, which also allegedly breached conditions of his bail.

VIC JACET investigators first charged the man in May 2021, as a result of an investigation that began with a referral from US Homeland Security Investigations in relation to child abuse material on a social media platform.

When officers executed a search warrant at his home on May 27, 2021, they allegedly found child abuse material on his phone.

He was charged in May 2021 with possessing, transmitting and causing child abuse material to be transmitted using a carriage service, contrary to section 474.22 (1)(a)(iii) of the Criminal Code 1995 (Cth).

The man was further charged on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, with:

- Possessing child abuse material obtained using a carriage service, contrary to section 474.22 (1)(a)(iii) of the Criminal Code 1995 (Cth).

- Committing indictable offence whilst on bail, contrary to Section 30B of the Bail Act 1977

- Two counts of contravening a condition of his bail, contrary to section 30A(1) of the Bail Act 1977.

The man is expected to next face the Melbourne Magistrates Court on May 5, 2023.

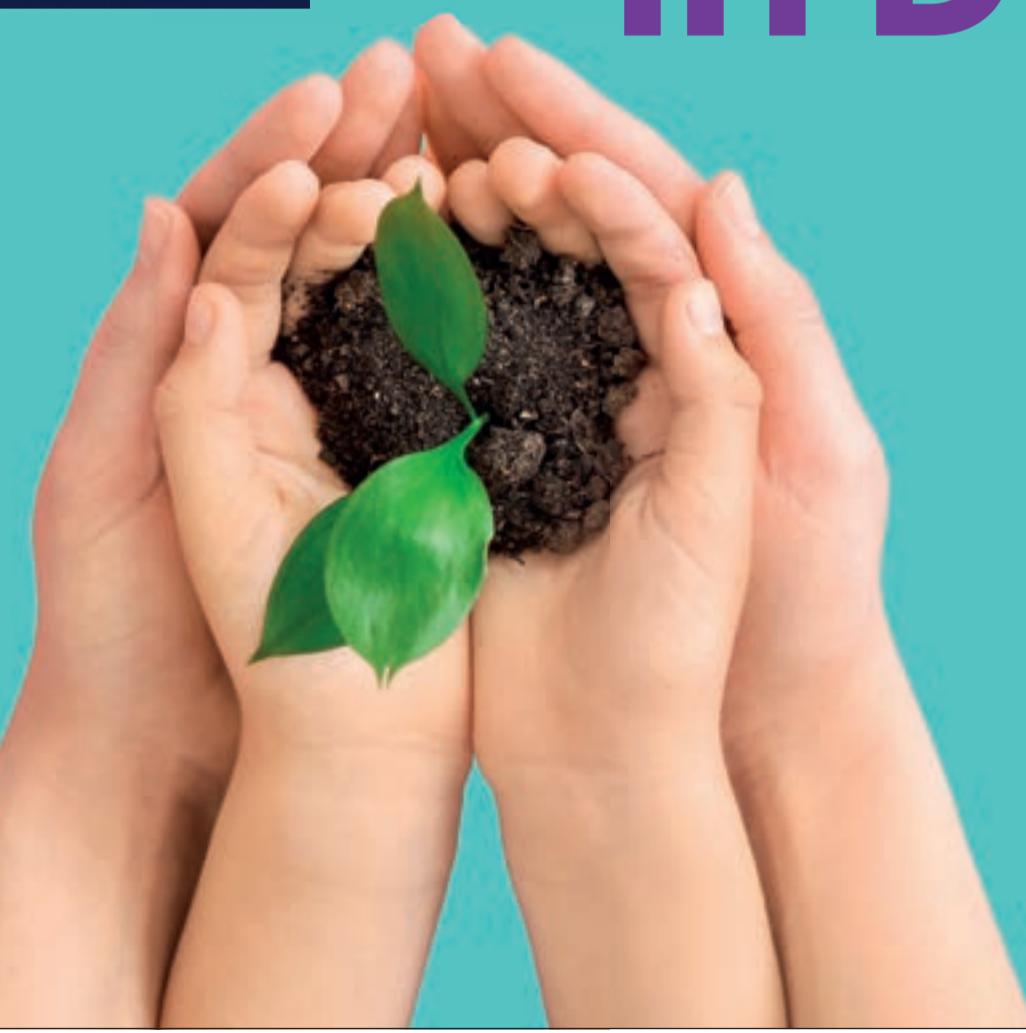
The maximum penalty for the offence is 15 years’ imprisonment.

Members of the public who have information about people involved in child abuse are urged to contact the ACCCE at [www.accce.gov.au/report](http://www.accce.gov.au/report).

If you know abuse is happening right now or a child is at risk, call police immediately on 000. If you or someone you know is impacted by child sexual abuse and online exploitation, support services are available at [www.accce.gov.au/support](http://www.accce.gov.au/support).



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## Caravan park application lodged with shire

BASS Coast Shire has received an application to develop a camping and caravan park along 556, 574, 644 and 682 Inverloch-Venus Bay Road.

The application specifically seeks to 'Use and development of land for Camping and Caravan Park, with ancillary food kiosk / general store and an ancillary pop-up retail space; Caretaker's house; Restaurant; Art Gallery and Museum; Place of Assembly in the form of a community space; Boat and Caravan Storage with an ancillary boat and fishing equipment Convenience Shop and alteration of a Transport Zone 2 in a Farming Zone (FZ), Environmental Significance Overlay (ESO1), Land Subject to Inundation (LSIO1) and Significant Landscape Overlay (SLO5).'

The application was received in December.

Council has sent a request for extensive additional information.

Once this information is received, Council will be in a position to progress the application to public notice.

When public notice occurs, all of the application materials will be placed onto their website.

## PICAL acknowledges council letter

PHILLIP Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL) has received formal communication from the Bass Coast Shire stating council's concern that the mayor and councillors were not invited to PICAL's recent community Open Day.

PICAL has replied to note that there were no formal invitations to this community drop-in day, and that the new PICAL building was officially opened by the Mayor in December.

PICAL immediately corrected a social media post by one of its volunteers that stated that councillors had been formally invited.

"PICAL is absolutely committed to working closely with council to continue to provide critical services to the local community through its new facilities provided by council," the organisation stated.

"PICAL will be making no further comment on this matter."



Councillors voted in favour to approve a budget increase of \$90K towards the Cowes Public Art Commission. Pictured are murals created during 2021 which were showcased at the cultural centre before construction ramped up.

# Almost \$200K approved for cultural centre's public art

COUNCILLORS voted in favour to approve an additional \$90K from the shire's Public Art Reserve to increase the budget of the Cowes Public Art Commission.

The total of the commission is now at \$180K, with the previous budget available at \$90K.

According to the shire's agenda for the February meeting, any unspent funds and contributions each year are directed into the public art reserve.

Over the past 10 years, this reserve fund accumulated almost \$120K of unallocated funds, with the fund now at \$28,430.

The additional budget was sought as 'fabricating a high-quality public artwork to complement the scale and ambition of Cowes Community and Cultural Centre will not be achieved with the existing allocation'.

According to the shire, there has been 50 applications from

artists following an expression of interest period.

The south-western corner of the cultural centre site (corner Thomson Avenue and Church Street) has been nominated as the location for the placement of the artwork, as this is outside the current development and landscaping boundary.

Speaking at the February meeting, Deputy Mayor, Cr Rochelle Halstead said she believed it was an appropriate

use of funds.

However, Cr Les Larke added, "the existence of reserves does not necessarily mean that council has the cash funds available to allocate to the reserves."

"In my view, this further allocation of \$180,000 from reserves is an illusion," he said.

It was clarified although that the allocation from reserves was \$90K, as funds had already been allocated towards the public art commission.

## More updates on projects, say locals



Following feedback on the shire's Communications and Engagement Strategy 2023-26, residents highlighted they would like to receive regular updates on projects.

THE way residents want to hear from Bass Coast Shire and what information they want was revealed following the adoption of the Communications and Engagement Strategy 2023-26.

During the shire's February meeting, the final strategy was presented after two phases of consultation.

According to council, the primary channels they use to reach the community include direct mail and email, corporate and Engage Bass Coast websites, various social media channels such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube, and local newspapers and other media outlets.

Feedback received showed that most residents receive information through social media, website and local newspapers.

Information they would like to receive included regular updates on projects and infrastructure, upcoming events and council services.

Feedback highlighted that the shire could improve communications with regular email newsletters, social media posts and updates on projects.

Almost 80% of residents received information from council

via social media, local newspapers at around 50%, word of mouth approx. 50%, customer service under 20% and shire website around 20%.

Most wanted to hear more about upcoming events, as well as successful funding received, council meetings and decisions.

Here's what some residents had to say:

'Council should make use of direct email communication as an easy and inexpensive way to communicate and engage with non-resident ratepayers.'

'Simple explanations via email, newsletter, mail to cover all the different communications in different age groups.'

'There needs to be a clear and transparent process that shows demonstrated accountability and responses in regard to listening to community concerns and issues.'

'An open letter to residents and ratepayers to explain reason behind recent Council decisions.'

According to the shire, they plan to implement a regular newsletter to opt-in highlighting what's on in Bass Coast, current projects and opportunities to connect on matters of interest and that impact communities.

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# Stage 2 of Rhyll Playspace to go ahead

THE Rhyll Community Association were happy to hear that Bass Coast Shire had awarded the Stage two tender for the construction of the Rhyll Playspace at the February council meeting.

Cr Ronnie Bauer moved the motion stating that "this is good news, I've been involved in the Rhyll boat ramp and playground project since the beginning and last year due to budgetary pressure and the cost blowouts that have impacted the Capital Works program, it was decided to spread the implementation of the playground over a few years.

"The community is happy, and the children are even happier."

President of the Rhyll Community Association Jim Kiley said the community wasn't happy that the original play space was removed before the new one was built, but on a positive note "we welcome stage two."

"It was originally decided that the playground would remain in place until the new space was finished but the playground was then removed to give more land to the boat ramp for car parking," said Jim.

"The community have been patiently waiting, stage one will be blocked off for stage two to be finalised but it's



Stage two of the Rhyll Playspace is set to go ahead after Planned Constructions Pty Ltd were awarded the tender for the completion of the project. Z09\_0923

great that the project is going to be finished."

Jim explained that new play space is approximately eight metres from where the original playground was situated, but during the works of the Rhyll boat ramp upgrade the area was designated to more car parking, resulting in the original playground being demolished before the new space was constructed.

Council has received funding of \$235,000 from the Growing Suburbs Fund for the Rhyll Playspace - Stage 2.

It is proposed to fund the expected cost of \$356,282 to deliver this project including project management costs, heritage signage and contingencies from the Growing Suburbs Fund (\$235,000) with the remaining \$121,281 being funded from the adopted budget of \$270,000.

The remaining budget of \$148,719 will result in a lower than initially foreshadowed drawdown from Council's Resort and Recreation Funds for this project. The lump sum tender price is \$268,812.35

(GST exclusive).

The Rhyll Community Association have worked directly with the head of infrastructure during the planning period and Jim said, "I can't understand why it is going to be at such a cost but nevertheless we're pleased to know that the community are getting their new and improved playground."

Bass Coast Shire Council have a contract commencement date of March 6, 2023 with an anticipated contract completion of May 5, 2023.

## Seawall extension for Rhyll boat ramp

BASS Coast Shire is pleased to announce that the Rhyll Boat Ramp Upgrade works will continue with the commencement of seawall extension works from late February 2023.

Simpson Construction Company Pty Ltd has been appointed for the works, which will cost approximately \$200,000, which is jointly funded by the Victorian Fisheries Authority (\$100,000), the Department of Energy Environment and Climate Action (\$50,000), and Bass Coast Shire Council (\$50,000).

The majority of funds for the project are provided by the State Government's \$47.2 million investment to make recreational boating better in Victoria.

This program invests in improving and upgrading boat launching facilities across Victoria to improve safety, accessibility, capacity and functionality.

The project aims to extend the new seawall up to the non-powered ramp.

The contractor was scheduled to undertake pre-commencement works, including site mobilisation and the establishment of the work area and temporary stock yard, starting from February 23, 2023.

The project is expected to be completed in four weeks, subject to favourable weather conditions, contractor availability and material supply.

During the works, temporary fencing will be installed to barricade the construction area for the safety of ramp users and the general public. Three parking bays on the southwest side will be fenced off for the Contractor's site shed and temporary material storage. There will be no access to the non-powered vessel ramp during these works, while the access to the Boat ramp and jetty will be available.

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There will also be a jobs board with over 100 jobs across a range of industries including agriculture, health, transport and hospitality.

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For more information, please visit:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/  
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#### **Planning Scheme Review**



Every four years, we have to review our Planning Scheme to make sure it's hitting the mark.

It is now out for feedback, and we encourage you to let us know if we are on the right track or need to consider anything else.

Please share your thoughts with us by Wednesday, 15 March 2023.

Please visit:  
<https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/planning-scheme-review>

#### **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**Wednesday 15 March 2.00pm**  
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:

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

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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.

#### **RFT/356 – Venus Bay Tourism Precinct**

Tenders close at 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 28 March 2023.

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal

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# Cup of Kindness adds cheer

ONE customer's generosity has inspired an arrangement between Leongatha's Joe the Barista and the local Salvation Army to enable people to provide someone with a 'Cup of Kindness'.

"The customer said she wanted to give somebody else her free coffee off her loyalty card," Joe said.

"Then we thought, what if we could give people the option to buy a coffee for someone they didn't know, just to give something back."

When contemplating how to implement the idea and determine who would receive the pay-it-forward coffee, Joe approached the Leongatha Salvation Army.

It was decided to create Cup of Kindness cards, which look much like coffee loyalty cards.

People can choose to shout someone a small or large coffee, with the size then marked on one of the new cards.

Joe then gives the cards to the Salvation Army to distribute to those in need through its Emergency Relief service.

"Coffee is one of the first

things that goes if people are struggling financially," Leongatha Salvation Army captain Amanda Hart said.

Increasing costs of living have led to the Leongatha Salvation Army team seeing new people coming for assistance, as well as familiar faces.

"It's a big step to walk in the door and ask for help," Amanda said.

The Emergency Relief service enables people to obtain food, with the chance to have a chat.

"In those conversations, we then have an opportunity to say, 'Would you like a free coffee?,' so I think it's a great partnership," Amanda said.

"No one should have to put up with instant coffee," she added, noting that with increased social isolation since COVID there is also an important social element to people going out for coffee and mixing with others.

Those keen to shout someone a coffee have the choice between a \$4.50 small cup or a \$5.50 large.

Joe the Barista is located in the Leongatha Health Food store at 33 Bair Street.



**Salvation Army captain Amanda Hart and Joe Licciardi are pleased with the social benefits that will flow from a partnership between the Salvos and Leongatha business Joe the Barista to provide cups of kindness to community members in need.** A03\_0923

## Leongatha Senior Citizens Centre is for everyone

LEONGATHA Senior Citizens Centre (LSCC) offers inexpensive but high quality live entertainment weekly and a fun social vibe, along with affordable monthly meals prepared by local caterer Brent Sinclair.

Despite the reference to senior citizens, all are encouraged to attend with no minimum age, and the youngest member is 30 years old.

"Don't think you're too old or too young," member Val Pristrucci said.

Fellow member Helen Brereton encourages people to become part of the fun by joining LSCC and attending its social days.

"It's great entertainment," she said.

Membership is just \$5 per year, with weekly entertainment also \$5 and a two-course meal on the third Friday each month only \$15.

About 50 people enjoyed the February meal and entertainment provided by local band 'The Buffalo Boys'.

New members are always welcome, with the chance to expand your social horizons.

Treasurer Kay Cook, who has been in that position for a little over a decade, said she has met many friends

through her involvement with the Senior Citizens Centre.

LSCC secretary Ian Rasmussen is in his 21st year on the organisation's committee, having previously been treasurer.

Ian reflected on the challenges Covid has presented for the LSCC.

"It's been a tough battle," he said.

However, Ian added that things are now going quite well with weekly numbers ranging from around 45 to 60 depending on people's circumstances and the popularity of various entertainers.

There are different performers each week.

President Pat Allaway was happy to take on the role.

"We need to put in if we can to keep it going," she said.

You can even pick up affordable fresh produce as members bring various items for sale each week.

Monthly Friday meals are served at 12pm, with something different on offer each time.

Music starts at 1pm each Friday, running until 2.30pm, with afternoon tea.

Many arrive early and stay on for a cuppa and further chat after the entertainment.



**Elsie Evison and Topsy Winkler sell fresh produce at Leongatha Senior Citizens Centre while enjoying local band 'The Buffalo Boys' Friday afternoon performance.** A06\_0923



**Leongatha Senior Citizens Centre president Pat Allaway takes in 'The Buffalo Boys' performance.** A07\_0923

## V/Line ticket woes causing headaches locally

THE Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien is calling for V/Line ticket sales agents to be re-established in South Gippsland.

The newsagency in Korumburra that previously served as a ticket agent has been closed since a fire last year, and Kat's Corner which was the ticket agency in Leongatha is also no longer available.

Mr O'Brien said the lack of a ticket agent in either town

was an unnecessary headache for many locals.

"I understand that it is possible to buy tickets online but not everyone is able to do everything online or has the banking facilities to allow online purchases."

"I am told that the bus driver now sells tickets, but this not only slows down the bus service as they have to stop and complete these transactions but presents a new set

of problems in that they are unable to accept senior travel vouchers.

"This leaves residents in both towns nowhere to purchase tickets or redeem their travel vouchers."

Mr O'Brien said he had written to the Minister for Public Transport asking what can be done to establish a new ticket agency in both towns as a matter of priority.

"I am advised that two

businesses in Korumburra have reached out to V/Line with offers to assist with ticket sales, however they have not received a response," Mr O'Brien said.

"I have now written to the Minister to ask what is being done to locate suitable ticket agencies in both towns so that locals are able to have the option of face-to-face assistance with their ticket purchases."

## Mayor's Message



**Cr Nathan Hersey**

### Jobs Expo

THE South Gippsland Jobs Expo will be held on Thursday, March 16 at Memorial Hall, Leongatha between 9.30am and 2.30pm.

This is a great opportunity for local employers and job seekers to connect. There have been over 100 job postings collated so far with varying levels of experience required. Part- or full-time and apprenticeship positions are available, so there is something for everyone. There will be a free sausage sizzle and all attendees will receive a coffee voucher.

If you are a business who has a job vacancy to share, please share it with us by visiting [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/JobsExpo](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/JobsExpo)

Meet the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

Thank you to those who attended the Meet the Mayor and Deputy Mayor session this week. It was great to hear from so many in our community.

I am delighted that these sessions are proving so popular, and will prioritise those who haven't yet had an opportunity to meet with Deputy Mayor Cr Clare Williams and myself for future months.

It is our intention that this opportunity will be available again in March for more of our community to come along and have a chat with us. Keep your eyes on future editions of this column for more opportunities.

### Events

I know I have mentioned events quite a bit the last few weeks, but I feel it is really important to highlight those that have brought us together and drawn people to our region.

Community connection is one of the major benefits of events. After a few years of isolation from others, being able to come together and celebrate what makes us special has been a real highlight and benefit for our community.

Councillors have been attending as many events as possible. We are not just sitting in a Chamber making decisions, we are part of our community.

### Offshore Wind Advocacy

As you may be aware, a few months ago Council put in a submission on the Federal Government's offshore wind zone proposal.

Since then, the work has not stopped. We have continued to take opportunities to voice the concerns of our community and the expectations we have on any development of this nature.

Councillors and the Council Executive Team recently met with representatives from the Federal Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water recently, and took the opportunity to reiterate the views and concerns of Council and the South Gippsland community about offshore wind proposals. Councillors, Chief Executive Officer and the executive team have also been meeting with a wide range of proponents of the various wind farm projects. Throughout these meetings, the importance of genuine engagement with the South Gippsland community, the protection of our unique natural environment, and the importance of long term community benefit outcomes has been reiterated. I have also recently written to the Minister for Climate Change and Energy, the Hon Chris Bowen MP, seeking a face-to-face meeting to discuss the future of offshore wind in our region.

We are committed to advocating for great outcomes for South Gippsland in relation to employment and other benefits.

### One Gippsland

I would like to share that I have been elected Deputy Chair of the One Gippsland Board. One Gippsland is the regional advocacy body for Gippsland, comprised of all six local government authorities, plus representatives from industry and government agencies.

This is a great privilege for me and will be great to be so involved in advocating for Gippsland as a whole.

# Shire continues action against vegetation vandalism

BASS Coast Shire has erected two large signs at the site of tree vandalism at two localities in the shire.

One at the Ventnor Foreshore Reserve and the other at Inverloch Foreshore.

These signs are installed to remind residents that interfering with vegetation on public reserves is illegal and will not be tolerated.

Council's Sustainable Environment manager, Simon Woodland, said the latest vandalism at these locations is part of a pattern that's been going on for several years.

"If people think they will get away with destroying vegetation on public land by cutting a bit here and a bit there, they need to think again," said Mr Woodland.



Two large signs have been put in place at the site of tree vandalism within the shire.

"Our officers regularly monitor all the foreshore reserves we manage. We investigate all suspicious activity, with methods including lab-testing leaf samples for evidence of herbicide use. While we are building a case for prosecution, offender's attempts to clear a view or path will be thwarted by large,

unattractive signs."

"The latest signs installed at Ventnor and Inverloch are big – three metres high by three metres wide. We put them up as a further deterrent to tree vandals."

"Any views that might have been gained by destroying those trees are now ruined by

the large signs."

The sites will be replanted with indigenous coastal dune plant species. The signs will remain in place until the replanted vegetation is well established.

Since European settlement, more than 85 per cent of the Shire's indigenous vegetation has been cleared. Most of what remains is in coastal reserves where it provides habitat for 153 species of plants and animals classified as under threat or endangered.

"This vegetation is important for the conservation of our natural heritage," said Mr Woodland.

Anyone with information about tree vandalism is encouraged to contact Council on 1300 BCOAST (226 278).

**LIFE**  
*Moments*



Hannah Rose McKnight was born at West Gippsland Hospital on December 19, 2022. Hannah is the fourth daughter for Brett and Natalie of Stony Creek and well loved by her sisters Zahra, Molly and Lily. Photo: Mel Cameron Photography.



## Date and Nutmeg Cake

By Meg Viney

MY neighbour's mother is a great lover of cakes. A gesture of thanks had me wondering what I could do and of course a cake came to mind. I have made this numerous times - always a great response. However, Maureen's response was over the top, so now I am making it every couple of weeks for her. 'Best cake I have EVER eaten,' she said.

Firstly, please use whole nutmeg which you grate. The flavour is completely different. Secondly if you don't have dates, use prunes, which might be even better.

### Ingredients

- 2 cups brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 2 cups plain flour
- 125 gm butter
- 1 cup milk (can use half milk and half plain yoghurt)
- 1 teaspoons carb soda
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg
- ¾ cup each dates/prunes and orange juice

### Method

1. Cook dates/prunes in the orange juice in a small saucepan until they are thick and reduced.
2. Combine sugar, baking powder and flour in a food processor, then blend in the butter until it resembles breadcrumbs.
3. Remove half the mixture to a bowl and into this mix the date mixture.
4. Spread into the base of a 20cm greased cake pan.
5. Dissolve the soda in the milk. To the other half of the mixture, add egg, nutmeg, and milk, then pour over the base.
6. Bake for one hour on 180C checking with your finger or a skewer that it is cooked. Wait 10 minutes then turn out onto a platter and serve with cream.

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Newhaven College Junior School Cabinet. Back L-R Darby Smyth, Flynn Wright, Alfie Russo (Captain), Sierra Phillips, Oskar James. Front L-R Leo Christoforou, Ethan Lynch, Jett Fawaz, Molly Baud, Sophie Perry, Edith Jamieson and Harper Perry (Captain).

## New leaders for Newhaven

NEWHAVEN College's Junior School's student leaders were inducted at their first assembly.

All the students in attendance offered their support with riotous applause.

The Junior School Captains for 2023 are: Captains - Harper Perry, Alfie Russo; Vice Captains - Edith Jamieson, Flynn Wright, House Captains - Jett Fawaz, Sierra Phillips, Ethan Lynch, Darby Smyth, Molly Baud, Sophie Perry, Leo Christoforou and Oskar James

Middle School presented their 2023 student leaders at their first assembly. Head of Middle School, Mr Geoff White, explained the importance of leadership and how to lead by example.

The Middle School Captains for 2023 are: Captains- Mia Thompson, Aidan Smyth; House Captains- Claire van der Heyden, Aisha Hibbert, Levi Addison, Ania Falzon, Max Brocklesby, Zoe Paterson, Ethan Rhee, Piper O'Brien, Fred Karutz, Billy Fisher, Ruby Taylor and Madeline Kelly; Drama

- Sequoia Paterson; Environmental - Ayishika Perera ; Music- Anna Dixon, Keely Filsell; Public Speaking and Debating - Ruby Perry; Social Justice - Mayla Genoni, Jemima Fraser; Sport - Harry Bentley, Poppy Miles; and Visual Arts - Evelyn Mulcahy.

At the College's first all-school assembly, their Year 12 Cabinet was inducted by Principal Mr Corr.

The 2023 Year 12 Cabinet consist of: College Captains - Brinn Hamley, Gabriel Pascoe, Niamh Moore and Oscar Healey; House Captains - Abbey Dwyer, Charlie Swan, Ciara Orr, Max Brown, Finn Cashman, Lucas White, Saffi Campbell-Walker, Willamina Donohue, Coco Stafford, Eden Goldsbury, Marli Carter, Tess Papas, Abby Osborne, Ella Duggan, Ruby Bond, Will Turner; Sport - Trinity O'Keefe, Lucas Chihotski; Drama - Art Oakley, Max Jobe; Music - Esta Christiansen, Will Murphy; Visual Arts - Abbey Barrett; Wellbeing - Tahlia Moschetti, Ebony Donohue; Social Justice - Charley Donohue, Chloe Goss.



Middle School Cabinet with Donna Driscoll, Head of Middle School Geoff White, Principal Tony Corr, Lachlan Gale, and Melissa McMillan.



Newhaven College Captains for 2023 Gabriel Pascoe, Brinn Hamley, Niamh Moore and Oscar Healey.



Year 12 Leaders Ruby Bond, Coco Stafford, Ella Duggan, Abby Osborne, and Finn Cashman.



## 2024 Year 7 Academic Scholarships

Newhaven College is offering Academic Scholarships for applicants entering Year 7 in 2024. Tests will be held at the College Saturday, 1 April 2023. Applications are now open and close Monday 27 March 2023.

For information and to apply, visit [www.newhavencol.vic.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships](http://www.newhavencol.vic.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships)

All enquiries should be directed to our registrar Belinda Manning on 03 5956 7505 or email [belinda.manning@newhavencol.vic.edu.au](mailto:belinda.manning@newhavencol.vic.edu.au)



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## Manhunt for three offenders

POLICE are on the hunt for three offenders after a string of burglaries on Tuesday, February 21 on Phillip Island.

At 11.30am offenders attended an address in Cowes in a silver VW, where they gained entry to a house and stole multiple keys.

At approximately 11.50am offenders then attended a second address in Cowes where they stole a handbag from an unlocked vehicle.

Subsequently the three offenders attended an address in Cape Woolamai at 12.45pm, with one offender

entering a vehicle and the second offender entering the front door to the premise.

The offenders fled the scene with nothing after being disturbed by the occupant.

The vehicle refuelled at Ampol (Bass) before fleeing without paying for fuel.

Anyone with information or potential CCTV/dash cam footage call Wonthaggi CI on 5671 4100 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a confidential report online at [crimestoppersvc.com.au](http://crimestoppersvc.com.au).

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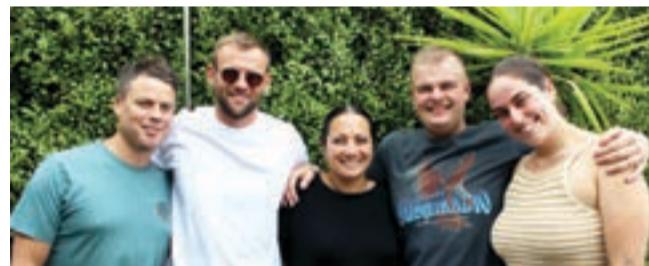


Fundraiser HIIT class at Pure Fitness Korumburra for Beyond Blue. Photo: A.K Photography

# Almost \$40K raised for Beyond Blue



George Soutanidis of Little Boy Brew attended the Beyond Blue fundraiser in support of organisers Molly Patten and Jack Gilchrist. Z26\_0923



Fundraising lunch hosted at The Middle Korumburra Hotel with live music and auctions at Austral Hotel Korumburra. Photo: A.K Photography



Hayden, Jack and Jack shaved their mullets in support of Beyond Blue. Photo: A.K Photography

IN memory of Rohan Treacy, the Korumburra community came together on Saturday raising \$39,307 for Beyond Blue and an additional \$6730 for Rohan's little brother Braiden.

The tribute to Ro began with online donations reaching \$10,165 before the fundraising day even began, and Lang Lang Op Shop generously donated \$5,000.

Organiser Jack Gilchrist said there was an amazing turn out to all three events which created a perfect day in memory of Ro.

The fundraising day began with a three-hour HIIT session at Pure Fitness Korumburra ran by Alma Morrison; teams kept a high level of energy as they alternated seven stations of heart pumping intense training from 9am until 12pm.

"Alms and the team at Pure Fitness raised \$1707 with an additional \$243 from the barbecue and Greg Soutanidis generously donated all profits from the coffee van, Little Boy Brew."

The next event began at 1pm with a luncheon

hosted by Fish, Elyse and the team at The Middle Korumburra Hotel who generously donated \$1270 of their profits, with presenter from Beyond Blue speaking of suicide as the leading cause of death for Australians between the ages of 15 and 44, and 75% of those who take their own life are male.

The event continued through to the evening with Trudy and the team at Austral Hotel Korumburra hosting an auction, live music and a live head shave on Hayden, Jack, and Jack – plus a chest wax.

"Entry donations totalled \$3,265 plus an additional \$1,700 for the boys to wax and shave their mullets," said Jack.

Abbey Kelson, Samantha Butler, and Joanne Greaves were selling raffle tickets throughout the day with award winning prizes donated by local businesses, and star auctioneers Josh and Jimmy held the auction with all proceeds donated to the worthy cause.

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# Japanese guests take a Grand tour of Phillip Island

LAST week Phillip Island welcomed a delegation of Japanese travel trade agents to the region.

This was the first hosted familiarisation since COVID.

The international visit was organised by Tourism Australia and Visit Victoria, to support Japanese trade knowledge and re-establishing promotion of travel packages to Melbourne and Victoria.

The agents enjoyed exploring the Island across the afternoon, dinner at Beach HQ and the Penguin Parade experience.

Destination Phillip Island general manager, Kim Storey welcomed the group at dinner and presented an update on the many experiences and

accommodation opportunities for Japanese visitors.

The group was hosted by Kenji Takamori Visit Victoria Regional Manager Japan and Tourism Australia Marketing Manager Executive Ms Yuri Kinoshita from Tokyo.

The Japan market to Australia in January was measured at 35 per cent of 2019 levels.

Destination Phillip Island are continuing to ramp up work with international trade in the year ahead, with their international program for local operators, strategic partnerships with Go Beyond Melbourne and Sydney Melbourne Touring and participating in the trade show calendar.



Japanese travel trade agents enjoy the Phillip Island region hosted by Visit Victoria and Tourism Australia.

## Plans prolonged for Settlement Road upgrade

PLANS for the Settlement Road upgrade in Cowes will now be prolonged after councillors refused to award the tender at the February council meeting, due to costs significantly exceeding the adopted budget allocation.

The renewal of Settlement Road, Cowes from Red Rocks Road to Justice Road is in the 2022/23 capital program

and the allocated budget is \$1,000,000.

Funding of \$723,666 received from a Roads to Recovery Grant was factored into the overall allocated budget.

But the panel (consisting of six council officers) concluded that it was in the Bass Coast Shire Council's best interest to not award the tender.

The project is part of Coun-

cil's Capital Works program but during the tender opening period, the three tenders became aware of future utility works scheduled for completion during the construction period – therefore significantly impacting on the delivery of the project within the proposed timeframe and hence increasing the price of the works, with the lowest com-

plying bid coming in at 60% more than the adopted budget.

In addition to the budget shortfall, there is high risk that the Shoalhaven Estate Wetland Project won't be completed before parts of the road renewal can start, and therefore Council would borne extra costs due to significant delays.

## Opportunities for job seekers at the Jobs Expo

THE South Gippsland Jobs Expo is for those looking for employment and those seeking employees.

On Thursday, March 16, 2023, Council will be hosting the South Gippsland Jobs Expo.

The Expo is an opportunity for job seekers to meet with employers and to talk to them about current job opportunities, apprenticeships and career options in South Gippsland and the surrounding region.

Numerous employers will be on hand at the Expo with multiple job vacancies they are looking to fill. The employers represent businesses of all sizes and both blue-collar and white-collar industries.

A physical jobs board will be available to display local vacancies, which will enable job seekers to connect with employers who are unable to attend on the day, or who have only a small

number of vacancies.

Businesses are actively recruiting, and the South Gippsland Jobs Expo is a chance to explore employment options from a variety of industries and sectors together with training courses and available apprenticeships.

South Gippsland Shire Council is supporting the expo because it is becoming increasingly important for businesses to be able to connect with jobseekers when the region is experiencing low rates of unemployment.

The free Jobs Expo is a must for job seekers. Come along to find the right job for you.

There will also be a free sausage sizzle.

The event will be held on Thursday, March 16, from 9.30am – 2.30pm at the Leongatha Memorial Hall.

For more information, please contact Pauleen on 5662 9200 or email pauleen.boulton@southgippsland.vic.gov.au



The jobs expo is coming to South Gippsland in March after hitting Bass Coast during late 2022. Pictured are representatives from MEGT and Disability Connect Victoria at the Bass Coast expo.

## Pathways Expo a hit

THE South Gippsland Specialist School held its first Pathways Expo on Monday, February 20. In attendance were Yooralla an assisted learning centre, Wazka, who hold independent living workshops, Tafe Gippsland, Latrobe Community Health, Disability Co, At Work and Maxima Employment Services.

Also in attendance was Marriot Industries.

They are a Not-for-Profit registered NDIS provider who train, support and employ people with a disability.

They are hoping to open new operations locally down here in South Gippsland in the future.



## How is the plastics ban affecting local businesses?

FEBRUARY 1 the all-important problematic single-use plastics ban came into effect.

The ban made it an offence for businesses or organisations to sell, supply, distribute or provide banned single-use plastic items in Victoria from then on, but how has this affected businesses in the local areas.

In Wonthaggi, Mighty Kebabs opened their doors in 2019 and it was integral for owner Pawan to be sustainably minded.

"When we opened our business we tried to minimise, as much as we can, the plastic use," Pawan explained.

"Our snack packs is not polystyrene, it's sugar cane. Our straws are paper, the carry bags are reusable.

"The fork has been more difficult. We tried to find a wooden one, but the product we sell needs a stronger fork to have a meal.

"It's one step towards a better environment for the coming generation. It does make a difference and small differences can make a big difference.

"Changing from one to another there are definitely costs involved, which we were already paying two years ago, and some people are definitely going to have a little whinge about it, but it's what you have to do when saving something – you have to be a part of it.

"If you can't have a good environment around you, money is not going to help you."

The outlay for Pawan has always been higher than if he had sourced cheaper polystyrene alternatives at the start but with satisfied customers commenting on their packaging from the beginning, he is glad he made the decision he did.

"It's a small comment that gives us a little satisfaction that we are doing something right indirectly..."

In Leongatha, Wakachi Sushi has found supply issues the major challenge.

"We are struggling at the moment," owner, Sandy explained.

"We couldn't get any stock and it has only just arrived, which has made it challenging."

Sandy has also faced grievances from customers who have noted certain wooden alternatives make eating particular items more challenging.

Down the road, the biggest impact at Michael's IGA is on their retail side, however, that hasn't stopped them taking their own steps.

"We have been in preparation for quite some time," Operations Manager, Dom D'Agostino said.

"It doesn't impact everything, only sales. You can still utilise (plastic) for purposes within supermarkets."

"In terms of usage inside the store, we have been transitioning to more user friendly, biodegradable options. We already converted our meat trays quite some time ago."

The biggest challenge like smaller businesses has been supply.

"The biggest issue is that they have wanted people to transition but the supply has not been there to start off with, and once you start you have to keep going. That was one of the big challenges at the start, we could only do certain sized meat trays because that is all they had available – so we did it in increments. The reality is that you can only change over what you can get your hands on."

Doing their bit for the environment customers will see further items transition in the future.

"It's all well and good the government can put what they want in place, but how that happens in the real world, that, is completely different."

# Korumburra cardiac rehab program expands

A SECOND cardiac rehabilitation group has been formed in Korumburra to cope with unprecedented demand for the service.

Gippsland South Health Service's (GSHS) Cardiac Rehabilitation Coordinator Kathryn Croatto said there had been up to 19 people waiting to access the important program.

"We've had an unprecedented influx of referrals, but I had incredible support from my colleagues to get the extra group up and running," Ms Croatto said.

"We all agreed that we needed to do something to help those people waiting."

The GSHS staff have devised an inter-woven program to get the best value from resources.

The first group starts at 1pm as is in the gym for an hour, followed by an education session from 2pm till 3.30pm. The second group starts at 2pm and goes straight to the education room for a combined session.

"It means the speakers can deliver the information to the two groups at once and don't have to repeat themselves," Ms Croatto said.

The second group then does the gym component from 3.30-4.30pm.

For the six-week program, GSHS has employed a second nurse, Christine Millane, to help manage the second group.

Ms Croatto said most referrals had been surgical, particularly for people who have had by-pass surgery.

"Some surgery had been on hold because of COVID which has created this extra demand. We've also had a few out-of-hospital cardiac arrest survivors, which shows that having community training and defibrillators is saving lives."

People need to have a GP referral to join the groups with the programs run from GSHS's Korumburra campus.

GSHS's cardiac rehabilitation program is recommended for anyone who has had a heart attack, stent procedure, or cardiac surgery including pacemaker insertion.

People with questions about this service can contact Ms Croatto on 5654 2718.

## Social Support Group resumes at Bass Coast Health

IF YOU would like to build more social connections in the community, then the Social Support Group run by Bass Coast Health (BCH) may appeal to you.

Their group offers people the chance to take part in social activities, gentle exercise, develop their interests and more.

The group is ideal for people who are unable to get out into the community due to mobility, fatigue or confidence limitations, who feel isolated and alone, and who seek community contact in a supported group setting.

Social Support Group staff provide a program of activities and opportunities for participants to maintain and enhance their independence and social contacts.

Activities include outings such as barbecues and visiting places of interest, sharing skills, hobbies and learning about the interests of others. Participants also take part in quizzes, table games, indoor bowls, pool and theme days, an exercise program, guest speakers, craft, music and more.

Attendance cost for Commonwealth Home Support Programme clients is \$7.90 for a full day.

Attendance cost for a Home Care Package is \$20.32 per hour.

To learn more, contact Sharon Legg, SSG Coordinator, on 5671 3520.



Rod Legg, Mandy Chancellor, Mackenzie Mills and Charlotte Jones of the San Remo SES are inviting more volunteers to join their unit and help make a difference in the community. Z01\_0923

## A role for everyone in the SES

THE San Remo SES unit is inviting the local community to be open minded about how they can personally service their community as the unit is looking for members with wide range of skill sets.

Focused on growing their membership to keep up with the growth of the town, Unit Controller Mandy Chancellor is hoping the community can see the diversity of the current members and this will inspire the locals to explore

being a volunteer.

All members are well supported and in particular new recruits who are guided through various training streams suited to their interests and capabilities.

"SES needs those that lead on the ground, but we also need those that have administration, communication, financial and leadership skills. It's an amazing life to be part of where lifelong friends are made and skills are constantly

being upgraded and developed."

Within SES units there is a never-ending range of roles required including duty officers, vehicle maintenance, chainsaw handling, first aid, crew leaders and deputy controllers to name just a few.

There is definitely hands on skills required but there are also other roles which engage non-operational skills like community engagement.

"Once established, recruits

can undergo further training exploring their own interests, including heavy duty vehicle licencing and 4WD training – the opportunities are endless with the SES and at San Remo Unit we are looking to welcome and support new members," said Mandy.

To explore your interest in volunteering with the San Remo SES Unit visit [www.ses.vic.gov.au](http://www.ses.vic.gov.au) and register your interest, because there is a role for everyone.

## Bass Coast Health to provide university training

MORE local residents will have access to a career path in Nursing after Bass Coast Health (BCH) became an accredited site for Federation University.

BCH will host first year Bachelor of Nursing students and they will study at Wonthaggi Hospital.

The accreditation from the Australian Nursing and Midwifery Accreditation Council means BCH is now officially a flexi-campus of Federation University.

BCH will host up to 20 students from March 2023 for their university training.

This will be offered in BCH's Learning and Development Team's new space in Sleezman Ward at the hospital and includes a tutorial room and clinical skills lab.

It is hoped BCH will be a campus at which students can complete the three years of their degree. "We are thrilled. This will not only make it easier for local students to study nursing but also help to grow our workforce," Learning and Development acting co-manager Mandie Heffernan said.

"Next year we will ideally have 40 students and in 2025 this will grow to 60 students. We hope that we will have 20 local graduates by 2026."

"It's a big step forward in fulfilling our future workforce needs and growing our



Celebrating Bass Coast Health's accreditation to provide university training were Learning and Development Team members, from left, Lachie Jones, Daniel Baker, Jo O'Connor, Mandie Heffernan, Michelle Barnes and Cassia Menkhurst.

own talent."

First year Nursing students will be enrolled through Federation University's Berwick campus however, their home campus will be Wonthaggi.

"Nursing students enrolled with Federation University who live nearby will be contacted by the university to offer them the option to study at the Bass Coast Health campus," Ms Heffernan said.

Students can undertake most of their placements at BCH and take part in Registered Student of Undergraduate Nursing (RUSON) program, that enables students to

work in select nursing roles.

BCH is also proud to offer the new Pathway to Practice program that is designed to help Graduate Nurses transition into more advanced practice after their Graduation Year finishes, helping them to prepare for postgraduate study. The program replaces the Transition to Practice year.

Participants are supported by dedicated Learning and Development Postgraduate Coordinator, Lachie Jones, increased study days, and more support from our newly recruited Novice Workforce Clinical Development Nurses,

Sarah Hogan and Liam Kennedy.

"This program was designed to help keep our highly valued Graduate Nurses employed at BCH, and provides a pathway to further study and career opportunities without the need to leave Bass Coast," Ms Heffernan said.

"It is hoped that our program participants will then study our Transition to Speciality Practice program that supports staff to study a post-graduate degree. They could also partake in further post-graduate study in their area of interest."

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SV6 VF Series II**

**25,990 DRIVE  
AWAY**

135,000kms, 6 speed sports auto  
wagon SN: W101479



**2013 Mazda CX-5  
Maxx Sport KE**

**19,990 DRIVE  
AWAY**

162,861kms, 6 speed auto AWD  
SUV SN: W101466



**2010 Mazda 2 Maxx DE Series 1**

**13,990 DRIVE  
AWAY**

170,000kms, 4 speed automatic  
sedan SN: W101444



**2018 Holden Astra R+ BK**

**24,990 DRIVE  
AWAY**

32,325kms, 6 speed sports auto hatch  
SN: W101341



**2021 MG MG3 Core**

**17,990 DRIVE  
AWAY**

18,526kms, 4 speed automatic  
hatch SN: W101450



**2018 Ford Ranger  
Wildtrak PX Mk III**

**57,990 DRIVE  
AWAY**

74,983 kms, 6 speed auto 4x4  
double cab SN: W101430



**2018 Toyota Camry Ascent**

**28,990 DRIVE  
AWAY**

50,338kms, 6 speed sports auto  
sedan SN: W101463



**2016 Holden Cruze SRi Z Series**

**18,990 DRIVE  
AWAY**

93,201kms, 6 speed sports auto hatch  
SN: W101442

# Leongatha Toyota

## USED VEHICLE SPECIALS



**2018 Mitsubishi  
Pajero Sport GLX QE**

**51,990 DRIVE  
AWAY**

40,885kms, 8 speed CVT auto SUV  
SN: L100955



**2020 Ford Everest Trend UA II**

**59,990 DRIVE  
AWAY**

74,646kms, 6 speed CVT auto 4WD  
SUV SN: L100986



**2020 Toyota Hilux SR5**

**59,990 DRIVE  
AWAY**

74,683kms, 6 speed CVT 4x4  
double cab SN: L100998



**2019 Holden Colorado LS RG**

**37,990 DRIVE  
AWAY**

82,214kms, 6 speed auto 4x4 Cab  
chassis SN: L100997



**2021 Toyota Rav4 Cruiser**

**57,990 DRIVE  
AWAY**

14,908kms, 10 speed CVT SUV  
SN: L100991



**2021 MG MG3 Core**

**17,990 DRIVE  
AWAY**

15,930kms, automatic CVT hatch  
SN: L100972



**2019 Ford Ranger XLS PX Mk III**

**48,990 DRIVE  
AWAY**

127,588kms, 6 speed CVT auto 4x4  
Double cab SN: L100953



**2019 Toyota Hilux SR5**

**59,990 DRIVE  
AWAY**

89,521kms, 6 speed auto 4x4  
Double cab ute SN: L100960

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## OH WHAT A FEELING

# More patients for Leongatha after busy year

GIPPSLAND Southern Health Service (GSHS) has helped more patients over the past financial year while recording a small operating surplus.

GSHS recorded more inpatient admissions, theatre cases and Urgent Care Centre presentations than the previous year.

In their 2021-22 annual report released on February 23, Board of Directors Chair Athina Georgiou and former CEO Mark Johnson said activity within the Leongatha and Korumburra hospitals increased over the previous year.

There were 4245 inpatient admissions, an increase on the previous year, but the number of theatre cases grew by 9 per cent to 2135 cases, and there were 519 more Urgent Care presentations, an increase of 13 per cent to 4438.

In addition to these figures, GSHS undertook 3362 COVID-19 swabs for the year. The COVID-19 vaccination hub operated until May 2022 and provided 10,789 vaccinations.

GSHS welcomed 183 babies during this period.

GSHS's community-based programs and aged care services continued to play significant roles in supporting the community and there was growth in the delivery of services to NDIS clients and Home Care Package recipients.

The operating surplus of \$117,000 was a pleasing result compared to a break-even target.

"It was always going to be a challenge to manage the budget particularly given the on-going impact of the pandemic," Ms Georgiou and Mr Johnson said.

There was increased use of personal protective equipment largely funded by Government through the state supply chain, medical consumables, additional staffing and associated costs for resourcing the testing and vaccination clinics.

These costs amounted to \$1,535,699 in 2021-22 and were covered by the Department of Health.

During the year GSHS developed a new Strategic Plan for 2021-25, installed Aboriginal artwork and flags in the entrances of the Leongatha and Korumburra campuses to provide a welcoming environment for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, and developed a cultural awareness training package that was completed by most staff.

Mr Johnson retired in September 2022. Louise Sparkes was appointed to the role in early 2023.

## Renowned dog show is back in Yarram

THE Labour Day weekend marks the return of Gippsland's largest dog spectacular to Yarram.

Now in its fourth year, the Yarram & District Canine Club's Annual Championship Dog Show has become one of the largest dog shows in regional Victoria.

President of the Yarram & District Canine Club, Trevor Powell said that the three dog shows will be held on the Saturday and Sunday of the Labour Day public holiday weekend at the Yarram Recreational Reserve.

Mr Powell said, "the shows are open to all pure bred dogs registered with the Australian National Kennel Council, the nation's peak canine accreditation body and will represent over 110 recognised breeds."

The highlight of the weekend will be the "Elaine Powell Memorial Championship Show" which will be held on the Saturday.

Mr Powell said that the event will be a fully catered event and there will be local vendors selling dog treats and other dog related items.

Further information can be obtained on the club's Facebook page.



The guess my weight competition held by Atlantic Seeds was a new exhibit at the Foster Show. Z33\_0923



Luke, Jasmin and Augie with Kelpie x Heeler, Reggie winning third place in the dog high jump at the Foster Show. Z31\_0923

# Farmers and community unite at the Foster Show

THE Foster & District Show Committee split the show over two days for the 2023 annual event, with the exhibit well received being set up and judged on the Saturday prior to the Sunday official opening.

Since the Foster indoor stadium redevelopment, the committee had the opportunity to make use of the space, inviting exhibitors to present their entries; judging was conducted in a vast variety of categories including but not limited to garden and farm produce, home produce, jams, preserves and sauces, homemade wine and beer, craft, creative art, floral art, and photography.

Notable winners from the exhibited shed were John Davies Memorial Trophy (Most successful garden produce exhibitor) awarded to Rhonda Bland, and Mary McDonald Memorial Trophy (Most suc-

cessful exhibitor in Craft, Sewing & Needlecraft and Knitting & Crochet Sections) to Lesley Beakley.

The Biggest Pumpkin grown from supplied seed was awarded to Toora Primary School and Biggest Pumpkin from any seed (weight and volume) to Samara Cunningham – the first of this new exhibit for the Foster show.

The Creative Art People's Choice Award was presented to Lizetta Winterburn's painting "Cow Behind Wire" and Best Photography Exhibit to Gary Beresford's "We Was Framed".

Secretary of Foster & District A&P Society Den Gilheany said overall, "I'd say a successful show, a lot of comments about it being a traditional agricultural show which is nice to hear."

"I'm proud to see such a full exhibit shed and have lots of

local families getting involved in different competitions across the entire show program," said Den.

"Poultry, photography and on farm challenge entries were up on previous years, the working dog trial has expanded to include a local class, it's wonderful to have use of the stadium again this year and we look forward having use of a revamped oval next year."

New features of the show were well supported by the community with families getting involved in fashions on the field and jumping on board a horse and cart ride around the showgrounds.

"We were very lucky to show our wood chop this year, which is a classic favourite, they're so skilled we hope to see it here again in the future."

The dog high jump, sheaf tossing contest and the young farmers challenge were high-

lights in the grandstand with almost two-year-old female - red dog, Coolie Kelpie, Ash taking out the dog high jump, reaching a new record height of 2540cm.

"The avenue of agriculture showcased an innovated display for farmers, and I'd like to make a special mention to our 2023 Rural Ambassador Sammy Spark - a vet at the Gippsland Vet Group and greatly involved with the show committee."

The grounds were lively with families indulging in show bags and riding the cha cha from Taylors Amusements whilst the CFA, SES and Ambulance held demonstrations and vintage and new tractors were on display.

The committee saw another successful year with the rural community continuing to show their support in the historic Foster show.

## Tackling Parkinson's together in Leongatha



Barb Wellstead and carer Lia Homburg at the recent Leongatha Parkinson's Group meeting. A08\_0923

CORINELLA'S Barb Wellstead was part of the recent Friday gathering of Leongatha Parkinson's Group, having belonged to it since 2018.

Barb was officially diagnosed with Parkinson's disease eight years ago after an MRI but had experienced symptoms for many years prior.

She outlined what keeps her coming back to the group's monthly meetings.

"It's the camaraderie, the support and learning new things about Parkinson's and what's available," Barb said.

That might be learning about a stair lift or a special lifting recliner chair or solutions to a variety of challenges.

"You learn about other people and how they manage," Barb said.

Chatting to those also experiencing Parkinson's helps overcome feelings of isolation in dealing with the tests the condition presents.

could find out anything they weren't yet aware of in relation to dealing with the disease.

The couple quickly found that in addition to learning from speakers and other members, they enjoy the social element.

Bev has picked up valuable tips in relation to taking a consistent approach with medication and finding out what in home care is available.

Leongatha Parkinson's Group is always happy to welcome new members, whether those with Parkinson's disease or their supporters.

Anyone wanting further information is encouraged to contact Suzi Marshman-Van Dyk on 0438 044 751.

Leongatha Parkinson's Group meets on the third Friday of each month at 10.30am in the Leongatha RSL, with the venue's operators being great supporters of the group.

# Benefit concert to support refugee family

THE Burra Welcome Committee is proud to announce a spectacular line-up of local bands and artists to participate in the fundraising event. Join the Welcome, held at Archie's Creek Hotel on March 12 from 1pm to 7pm.

All money raised from ticket sales will go directly to support the sponsored Syrian refugee family of six to resettle in Korumburra in March 2023.

The federal Community Refugee Integration and Settlement program (CRISP) relies heavily on community support to make the resettlement a success.

The Burra Welcome Committee, consisting of five Korumburra local mums, would like to invite everyone to come along to help enrich the lives of the sponsored refugee family while raising awareness for the global refugee crisis.

The Burra Welcome Committee consists of five professional working mothers who are passionate about making a difference in the lives of refugee families in need. Laura Muranty, along with Maxine Urquhart, Marika Sosnowski, Karen Walker, and Sarah Kerwick, will be formally sponsoring a family of six who arrive on March 8.

The pilot program they are part of means they are responsible for supporting this family for a full year as they integrate into the Korumburra community.

That includes financial support, helping them connect to services, education, and learning English.

They hope to raise enough money from the gig at Archies Creek Hotel to support the family throughout the year so that they can become independent and feel connected to a caring community.



**Sand Brothers** is a supergroup of sorts, formed in 2020 by Greg Walker (Machine Translations) and Rick Sands (The Night Party) along with Pete Cook (Yamamoto), Din Roberts (Kutch Edwards Band) and Glen Scarlett (Oak).

In support of the selfless effort from The Burra Welcome Committee, the Archies Creek Hotel are hosting the Join The Welcome event and donating 100% of the ticket sales and all bar profits on the night.

Eight generous artists/bands will volunteer their time to perform for the community at the benefit concert including Sand Brothers, The Strzelecki Stringbusters, Nick Carver and the Mean Street Butchers, The Stony Six, Stringz Costero, Meg Doherty, Nic Huigslot, and Beggs2differ.

Sand Brothers, Greg Walker has generously supported The Burra Welcome Committee in organising the regional gig as a family friendly event.

The band has spent the past two years writing and recording a load of original material, to be released as a debut album 'Too Much Sky'.

Sand Brothers will be launching a series of singles over the

next three months in the lead up to their album release, and will donate their time performing at Archies Creek Hotel for the Join The Welcome event.

"The generosity of the community, including the bands has been so supportive, and with this support we can help the Syrian family children who are aged 10, 8, 6 and 2 - they will be assisted with education and English lessons, as well as medical and dental. We have already raised close to \$7,000 and that has allowed us to lease a home in Korumburra ready for their arrival," said Laura.

"Burra Foods have too been an enormous support in this movement, donating money to support the families' groceries from the local IGA for their first three months of re-settlement. Also providing employment opportunities for the family."

The Leongatha and Korumburra Rotary Clubs have said they are here for the long haul,

to help the family settle and feel welcome within the community.

"We've really felt the care through the community with furniture being donated and delivered and on the night of the event we'll hold a silent auction thanks to all the local businesses," said Laura.

"We aim to cover the family financially for the first three months during their series of processes - as they will settle in Korumburra on a humanitarian Visa which entitles them with permanent residency in Australia."

As well as supporting the family, the benefit concert Join The Welcome will raise awareness of the global refugee crisis.

This family were displaced to Lebanon nine years ago awaiting their refugee to Australia, living amid poor conditions with minimal health care.

Tickets for Join The Welcome are available via [www.trybooking.com/CFKYY](http://www.trybooking.com/CFKYY).



**Urology continence nurse practitioner Dianne Jones** runs Gippsland Southern Health Service's Korumburra-based clinic that provides life-saving treatment for bladder cancer patients, and which has a new home.

## Relocation of Korumburra based clinic

BLADDER cancer patients from across South Gippsland will benefit from a relocated Korumburra-based clinic, with the new site creating a more comfortable environment.

Gippsland Southern Health Service's (GSHS) Bacillus Calmette-Guerin (BCG) clinic provides life-saving help, and now has its own space in the acute medical unit.

The clinic is run by GSHS' urology continence nurse practitioner Dianne Jones who said it is for patients with non-muscle-invasive bladder cancer to undergo immunotherapy bladder instillation treatment.

It is the only clinic in the South Coast area to provide this treatment.

Two regional visiting urologists have admitting rights to direct patients to the clinic when they diagnose a bladder cancer that needs treatment.

Patients from Foster, Venus Bay, Cowes, Leongatha and Wonthaggi have all accessed the service.

Some patients receive maintenance doses of one treatment every three months while others attend every Tuesday for a six-week treatment cycle.

"The procedure reduces the cancer, often curing it, and prevents the cancer from progressing to being an advanced cancer and therefore saves the patient from having their bladder removed," Ms Jones said.

"It's not always an absolute cure but it can keep it at bay, which is why some patients have a maintenance dose."

Patients return for ongoing bladder cancer surveillance with the urologist in theatre at Leongatha at 6 to 12 month intervals to make sure the cancer hasn't returned.

If the local service wasn't available, patients would have to travel to St Vincent's Hospital in Melbourne for the same treatment.

"This is a great example of GSHS providing care close to home for those in our community," Ms Jones said.

The new space is used on other days for infusion clinics.

"We have made the area more specialised for day treatments and bladder, blood and iron infusions," Ms Jones said.

## 'Burra Brush n Bubbles' boom continues

'BURRA Brush n Bubbles' again proved a spectacularly successful Korumburra event, with the social painting session generating joy and raising \$2000 to support earthquake victims in Turkey and Syria.

Korumburra Lions Club is already taking bookings for the fourth 'Burra Brush n Bubbles' gathering on Thursday May 11, which are sure to be snapped up quickly.

Burra Brewery makes a perfect setting for the event, with attendees enjoying its selection of beers, or sparkling Gippsland wine.

Over 50 people attended Thursday's 'Burra Brush n Bubbles', with Koonwarra artist Bob Hickman once again in charge.

Attendees settled in with pizza, drinks and a chat before Bob introduced them to their artistic assignment for the night, one which was approached in a light-hearted but informative manner.

"I thought he'd be the right person to make it a fun night," Korumburra Lions Club secretary Janet Powell said of the decision to pick her painting teacher Bob to run the inaugural event.

Robert Kenyon was one of those joining the fun, testing his

artistic talent for the first time since school.

He was surprised when Bob revealed to the group the acrylic paints needed to be mixed with water, rather than be used as they emerged from their tubes.

"Getting the right amount of water so it's the correct texture is tricky," Robert said.

With 'Burra Brush n Bubbles' an entirely pre-booked event, profits raised have already been given to Lions Clubs International Foundation to support the victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

### Upcoming 'Burra Brush n Bubbles' details:

**Where:** Burra Brewery, 12 Commercial Street, Korumburra.

**When:** Thursday May 11, from 5.30pm until 9pm.

**Cost:** \$65 per person, including a small pizza and bubbly beverage of your choice, plus two hours of art guidance and use of art materials. Additional drinks are at bar prices.

Bookings and information: Bookings are essential and can be made by visiting [trybooking.com/CFXIJ](http://trybooking.com/CFXIJ) and enquiries can be made by phoning 0411 091 419.



**Koonwarra artist Bob Hickman leads the 'Burra Brush n Bubbles' session.** A18\_0923



**'Burra Brush n Bubbles' artists make impressive progress.**

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Prep student Madison McAdams has embraced her start to school.

## Preps excelling and new teachers at Powlett River PS

IT HAS been a wonderful start to the school year at Powlett River Primary School.

"We love welcoming new families to our school," Principal Wendy Nicol said.

"We know it means more helpers and more support. Our parents are huge supporters and there are so many things we could not do without them."

Junior classroom teachers Lisa Butcher and Carla Golden have commented on how well new preps have also settled in this year, "their parents and our local early childhood educators have done an amazing job in getting them all school ready."

"I was lucky enough to visit the preps during Sounds-Write last week, and they were showing me how they can read and write am. They were so excited, it was beautiful," Wendy added.

There are three classes at Powlett River again this year, the largest with 18 students.

Students, and parents, are also enjoying the introduction of Auslan this year. This has enhanced the specialist program already offered at the school.

Ian Chambers continues to teach music.

"We are fortunate to have Ian's level of expertise. He a fantastic teacher," said Wendy.

The school has welcomed Joe Soumilas, who is helping the school facilitate their sports program, and Library teacher Sophie Callcot who is visiting the school each week in the MARC (Mobile Area Resource Centre) Van.

There are different building and garden works underway with an outdoor learning space at the school's entrance, painting and the long anticipated new student amenities block to be completed soon.

The school's Christmas raffle raised \$1000 which is going towards the upgrading the playground with students asking for a Gaga Pit, which is a much-loved game for both students and staff each year at school camp.

### Powlett River students learn Auslan

AUSLAN was introduced this year at Powlett River Primary School and students are loving the program, even teaching their parents and teachers.

Taught by Nicki Robson, the program has only been running for two weeks and already the students have learnt greetings, like good morning, good afternoon, and finger spelling.

"They are picking the skills up very quickly and ask for more phrases every week," said principal Wendy Nicol.

"Nicki is doing a fabulous job. It is a joy watching the kids leave the Auslan class full of excitement. They can't wait to show us what they have learned that day."

"It's something parents have wanted for some time and it's wonderful to be able to offer it."

The school is being supported in implementing and delivering the program by the Auslan Education Services Team.

Parents are delighted with the introduction of dedicated Auslan lessons.

"I love it. It's my favourite thing at school now."



MAIN: Alongside creating an SOS from the sky, students also posed with green and brown cloth in the form of a tree in a bid to raise awareness. C61\_0823 INSERT: Students and volunteers spelt out SOS as they demand greater change to combat climate change. Photo: Joel Sharpe

## Plant a tree, cool the Earth

SAN REMO Primary School and Our Lady Star of the Sea grade five and six students convened at the Penguin Parade recently in a show of solidarity with students around the world.

Hosted by Phillip Island Nature Parks, in conjunction with the Australian Institute of Marine Science's Dr Marji Puotinen, the event was a spectacular hit raising awareness and giving students the chance to be part of a larger movement.

"Earth's climate is changing," Research Scientist, Dr Marji Puotinen said.

"The first contest I ran in 2018 because I was going to Antarctica with an international leadership program, and I wanted to do something worthy.

"That's when I first decided to get kids to draw what they

love most about coral reefs and penguins.

"I then made a giant banner of all the drawings - 1246 from 11 countries and we took it to Antarctica.

"This time, I wasn't going to Antarctica, but we wanted to plant a tree for every drawing we received and focus on solutions. Touring with the banner is a way to inspire people to continue to find the pathways to their own actions that they feel comfortable with.

"This banner has been to six countries and has been visited by 26 schools to date. We are going to keep politicians and diplomats on their toes."

Well informed about the local penguin colony, Dr Puotinen introduced students to the other penguins around the world and in particular those that are endangered particularly due to oil spills, melting

sea caps and climate change.

"Most penguins live with ice and when that ice melts that poses a problem and affects how easily they can find their food and become easier prey."

In discussing the atmosphere and melting ice, Dr Puotinen explained the importance of krill and sea phytoplankton both at a local scale to creatures in Antarctica but also on a global scale and linked it back to Kids Care about Climate Action 2021's overarching question: what do penguins and coral reefs have in common?

The huge banners measuring 7 metres long by 4.25 metres wide are made up on 2629 drawings from 33 nations and 213 schools and debuted at the United Nations Climate meeting in Glasgow in November 2021, before touring the world.

On Friday, students headed down to the sand with the giant banners before recording their messages to form a longer video for key politicians and policymakers in a push for greater urgency around slowing climate change.

"Children are the future caretakers of our planet and will experience the impacts of climate change in a more profound way than any generation that came before them," Catherine Basterfield, CEO Phillip Island Nature Parks said.

"The Nature Parks are excited to support this activity that gives children a voice to champion change in a meaningful and positive way."

A video showing the giant banner with messages from kids around the world was shown at the United Nations climate meeting (COP27).



Leongatha Secondary College students participating in the Victorian High Ability Program enjoyed morning tea in the school library on Wednesday. A01\_0923

## Expanding minds at Leongatha Secondary College

YEARS 7 and 8 Leongatha Secondary College (LSC) students talented in English and maths are enjoying the opportunity to build their problem solving and reasoning skills through the Victorian High Ability Program, as are such students from other schools in the region.

"It's about getting students we know have been excelling and trying to extend them,

and allow them to grow their learning as much as every other student," high abilities practice leader, Harley Rubinstein said.

He explained the focus is not on pushing the students selected for the program ahead of their peers in terms of the curriculum.

"It's not giving them year 9 or 10 content, but building their problem solving and

reasoning skills and ability to think outside the box," Harley said.

At a Wednesday morning tea arranged to bring the LSC High Ability Program students together, the students were told it will prepare them for future endeavours in studying literature, or special maths methods.

Participating students from LSC and across the local region

access the program through the Virtual School Victoria website, undertaking weekly classes over a 10-week period.

Twenty-two LSC students are currently part of the program.

Omarsha Miller is one of them.

She has previously undertaken the English component of the program and is now doing maths.

# HEARING awareness WEEK



## Ear and hearing care for all

HEARING Awareness Day is an annual event that is observed globally to raise awareness about the importance of ear and hearing care.

This year, the week-long event takes place on March 3 and is focused on the theme of "Ear and Hearing Care for All".

The objective is to educate people of all ages about the crucial role that good hearing health plays in their overall well-being.

Audiologist Braden Betley and the ABC team welcome Audiologist Grant Hill to the practice this week.

Grant finished his Master of Clinical Audiology in 2019 and has been working as an Audiologist for the past three years.

"I am looking forward to working with the local community and improving people's quality of life."

"Welcoming Grant to the practice certainly means there will be greater support in Wonthaggi to provide patients with the care that they need, when they need it," said Braden.

Hearing is a vital sense that helps us to connect with the world around us, and hearing loss can have a profound impact on a person's quality of life.

People with hearing loss are more likely to suffer from social isolation, anxiety, and cognitive decline. In fact, hearing loss sufferers are at up to a five times increased risk of dementia.

Despite this, many people neglect to take care of their hearing and delay seeking help until it is too late.

Hearing Awareness Week aims to change this by promoting the importance of regular hearing checks and providing information about the various treatment options available for hearing loss.



**Audiologists Grant Hill and Braden Betley raise awareness on the importance of hearing, providing hearing assessment and rehabilitation.**

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tance of regular hearing checks and providing information about the various treatment options available for hearing loss.

It's never too late to start taking care of your hearing, and there are several simple steps you can take to maintain good hearing health.

Regular exposure to loud noise is one of the leading causes of hearing loss, so it's important to protect your ears from loud noises.

You can do this by wearing earplugs or earmuffs when you're exposed to loud noises, such as concerts or sporting events.

Another important step is to avoid using cotton swabs to clean your ears, as this can push wax further into your ear canal, causing blockages and

potentially damaging your eardrum. Instead, use a warm cloth or damp cotton to clean the outer part of your ear.

Finally, if you suspect you may have hearing loss, it's essential to seek help from a hearing healthcare professional. Hearing loss is a treatable condition, and early treatment can prevent it from worsening and impacting your quality of life.

Hearing Awareness Week is an opportunity to find out about the importance of ear and hearing care.

By taking simple steps to protect your hearing and seeking help, you can maintain good hearing health and enjoy all that life has to offer.

Call About Bass Coast Hearing on 5672 5598 to see Braden or Grant for independent advice.

## Take care of your hearing

Advisors will complete free, simple 15-minute hearing checks.

"Hearing loss can be something that people just accept as part of getting older, but it doesn't always have to be and it's really important to get a proper diagnosis," said Managing Director of Hearing Australia, Kim Terrell.

"We know that people can experience barriers to accessing health services and we want to make it as easy as possible for people to see a hearing professional by offering free checks in every corner of the country.

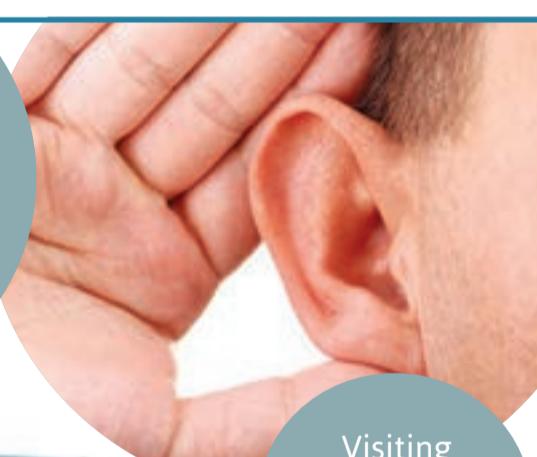
"Our centres are always available for people to book in, but this March we are really encouraging people to register and head down to the nearest Hearing the Nation event to get their free, 15-minute hearing check."

The 15-minute check is the first step in understanding any potential hearing loss, and whether further assessment and diagnosis is required.

People interested in accessing a free hearing check are encouraged to search 'Hearing The Nation' to register for their nearest event.

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### COMMENT

#### Council can't neglect car parking

IN JUNE 2022, we received the Census 2021 data, confirmation that the population of Bass Coast had gone up by a whopping 24.3 per cent in the five years between 2016 and 2021.

We've seen that reflected in the number of dwellings built in recent years, the demand for residential land and now the announcement of several private-sector projects worth big money, including the \$150 million retirement village in Cowes, and the \$130 million hotel project on The Esplanade, also at Cowes.

And while we can't be sure what VCAT will decide to do about the 42-unit residential hotel proposed for a central location in Inverloch, when they hand down their decision in five weeks' time, one thing is certain, there needs to be a sense of urgency about providing the infrastructure to accommodate the population expansion.

The commitment of \$30 million-plus by the shire council to the Cowes cultural centre project and the construction of \$1.77 million Guide Park Redevelopment Project in Wonthaggi are examples of what's needed but what's going to happen in the centre of Inverloch if several planned projects go ahead there.

Not only will there be dozens of extra cars in the Inverloch CBD if the large apartment block goes ahead but there are also plans in progress for a similar treatment of the Wyeth-McNamara Park (Rainbow Park) and a major redevelopment of the Bunurong Conservation Centre, reportedly doing away with the small carpark between the Bunurong Centre and Rainbow Park.

Where are the additional people attracted to the park and the dinosaur centre going to go?

The same issues exist in Wonthaggi.

The obvious place to expand parking in the centre of town is at the Inverloch Recreation Reserve where its time carparking space was sealed and formalised.

In Wonthaggi, we'd like to see progress on a plan for the old secondary college site.

#### Is a voice needed

I wonder why the "Voice to Parliament" proposition needs to be inserted in our Constitution.

All Australians can petition Ministers and Members of our democratically elected Government on matters of importance to themselves or on behalf of others.

Currently we can alter Federal Government decisions by electing other Parliamentarians after three years.

However, if transitory politicians pass a contentious bill in keeping with the agreed provisions of new laws enshrined in the Constitution, it would be more complicated if not impossible to reverse the policy.

Our current Parliament already includes 11 Indigenous politicians which represents a bigger proportion in our Parliament than in the general population.

As the years go by, the lack of definition of "Aboriginality" is resulting in an increase in those claiming Aboriginal heritage which is selective and out of proportion to their declining biological link. The Aboriginal Community is very diverse. It ranges from those who experience sub-standards in housing, medical services and educational opportunities to those who have University qualifications.

In between, we have artists, musicians, elite sportspeople, entertainers etc and those who wish to adhere to Tribal customs.

While all are entitled to respect their cultural roots, just as many migrants have over many decades, it is unrealistic to expect the

**Sue Packham, Woolamai**

**Speed review before tragedy**

I read of more resident disquiet regarding road safety. (Hopes for speed review sees slow progress, ST 7/23).

Council is aware that many speed reviews need to take place. Every precious small Bass Coast hamlet, including Woolamai, has a 100kph limit on narrow roads.

School bus stops and rail trail crossings add to the danger, especially as more trucks and other vehicles use them as racy short-cuts.

With greater numbers of people - and vehicles - in our beautiful countryside, the inappropriate unsafe speed limit is a constant concern.

Mayor Whelan, we urge you to lead the actions required - before tragedy strikes?

**Sue Packham, Woolamai**

**Peter Walsh Leader of The Nationals, Member for Murray Plains**

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# ~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

## WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

DID you know that we have a Community Pantry on the go? Lots of families and individuals are doing it tough and this is rising as the cost of living becomes more expensive and sometimes they need a little hand. Our pantry is supported by our wonderful community and our volunteers. We would be absolutely delighted if you could spare some non-perishable items in your pantry or buy a couple of extra cans of food such as beans, vegetables or fish as well as pasta and rice as this can help a lot.

Here at the WNC our Volunteers find it can be a rewarding experience knowing that in such a role there exists an opportunity to help the Centre fulfil one of its most important goals, to assist in building community and to reach out to those most in need to make a difference. If you have a spare few hours each week to do a shift on the reception desk or some other role, we would be very pleased to have you. Complete the online volunteer form available on the website, phone the office for a chat or better still drop in for a face to face conversation with our manager Leslie Adams.

Just remember: That it's good for you, brings people together, you learn a lot, it promotes growth and self esteem and strengthens your community and you make a difference.

If you want to keep up to date with what's going on at Mitchell House on Murray Street, or over at the Harvest Centre (especially on Wednesday mornings) then become a member for a mere \$10 for the year as an individual or \$15 as a family. That way you'll be posted our colourful and interesting membership Newsletter called 'Connections' which highlights what's going on and focuses on particular aspects of the Centre each month. Well worth a read and can be quite inspiring, perhaps enough that you may feel that you would like to be part of this excellent organisation.

As mentioned before, volunteering could be in the form of some other role besides front of desk, although that is an excellent way to meet and help people. We have Peter who provides his expertise in troubleshooting computer quirks and malfunctions. If you have trouble with Office or the dreaded NBN then Peter may be able to help you out in a non-technical way. Call the Centre on 5672 3731 and we will put you in touch with Peter for an appointment.

Now who's got the time and the knowledge to deal with Apple's IOS peccadilloes?

Don't forget the Reduce, Reuse and Recycle meeting on this Saturday, March 4, 2pm.

There has been a change of date for the Reduce, Reuse and Recycle meeting. This event will now be on Saturday 4th March, 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, every so often plus The Grapevine, delivered online or by post. Call Mitchell House or visit us on Facebook Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House.



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## BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

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](http://www.bcal.vic.edu.au) or call 5672 3115 to learn more.

### ■ WONTAGGI 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](mailto:tgordon@westnet.com.au) for more information.

### ■ WONTAGGI 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.wonthaggewoodcrafters.com.au](http://www.wonthaggewoodcrafters.com.au) or pop in to the workshop.



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## LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE

LEONGATHA Community House offers a variety of services to the Leongatha area.

They have two new exciting activities coming up, South Gippsland Kinship Carer Support Group and Painting with Acrylic.

### South Gippsland Kinship Carer Support Group

Are you caring after a child or children in the absence of a family member or a friend?

Do you wish to meet others who are experiencing the same difficulties as you and can relate to your hardships without judgement?

Leongatha Community House and South Gippsland Kinship Carer Support Group understand your difficulties and invites you to join our Kinship support group.

Caregiving can make it hard to keep up with friends especially if they don't understand your situation.

Joining a support group helps you to connect with other people who understand your position, reducing feelings of isolation and burnout that all carers may experience.

Others who understand your position can provide you with the greatest support and advice. This group is facilitated by a professional who can give specific community resources and support for your circumstance.

Please consider coming along to the South Gippsland Kinship Carer Support Group.

We are looking forward to seeing you on the second Thursday of each month, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., for open discussions and morning tea with our South Gippsland Kinship carer support group.

RSVP for catering call to Anita on 0475740927.

Contact Leongatha Community House for more details on 5662 3962

### Painting with Acrylics:

If you're searching for a new interest, a creative outlet, a new method of therapy for your mental health, or to meet a pleasant new community of like-minded individuals, please join us for our Painting with Acrylics session on Fridays between 10:00-12:00 at the Leongatha Community House!

Don't tell that you are unable to paint!

You never know all your abilities before you try to do it!

With a professional artist Susan Hall, in friendly and creative environment you may develop your skills or learn to draw, paint, and interpret observation art.

We are looking forward to meeting you all.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for more details on 5662 3962.



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## MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

CAN you imagine the good we could do, if all of Australia came together on one day and took practical action to improve the environment? What a difference we could make. Let's see how many people we can bring together on Sunday March 5 and make a real impact...

Clean Up Australia Day! Milpara Community House would like to invite you to join us at our meeting point The Old Good Shed (Korumburra Men's Shed) behind the Korumburra Post Office at 9 am on Sunday March 5.

We'll be working to clean up the rail trail and general area between 9 am - 11 am. You can register as a volunteer or make a donation on our Clean Up Event number 33705 here <https://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au/fundraisers/Milpara/korumburra-rail-trail-korumburra-men-s-shed>

Belinda is also busy planning for Term 2 2023, so now is the perfect time to touch base if you have an activity or class you would like to run or attend.

We are really fortunate that the Team from the Korumburra Telstra shop, Mobiz, would love to share their knowledge and expertise to assist people who are having trouble or need some more understanding in using their phones or tablets. Maybe you need to set up an email. Download an app. Want to adjust the ring tone or how long your phone rings. This is a session to help with any of your phone and tablet questions.

Please let us know you are coming, 5655 2524 our next session is Monday March 6 at 2pm.



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## Local publicans happy to continue their support

MEENIYAN Hotel is ideally situated for many Stony Creek Cup patrons to enjoy a meal and a drink on the way home after a great day's entertainment.

Once again, owners Greg and Gabrielle Willcocks are proud to sponsor two of the meeting's races, with one named after the Meeniyian Hotel and the other promoting their other venue, the Fish Creek Hotel.

"We support the community generally, and that's another avenue to get our name out there and to support the race club," Greg said of the successful ongoing arrangement.

The Meeniyian and Fish Creek Hotel operators sponsor races at every Stony Creek meeting, demonstrating the extent of their commitment to the local area.

"We're heavily into supporting the community and the race club is part of that," Greg said.

He believes a hotel serves as the meeting place for community and should contribute to it.

Stony Creek Racing Club CEO Adam Olszanski expressed his appreciation for the commitment the Willcocks make to enable successful local race meetings.

"It's great to have their continued support every year,"

Adam said, adding it is terrific for race attendees to have such an excellent venue as the Meeniyian Hotel situated so close to the track, enabling them to enjoy a meal and continue the celebratory mood.

Both the Willcocks' hotels are open for lunch and dinner.

Those who have stopped in previously on the way home from the Stony Creek Cup are in for an extra treat this year, with the Meeniyian Hotel having installed a pizza oven around Christmas time and now serving a delicious range of pizzas.

They come in 10 and 14 inch sizes, with options including the simple 'Margarita' that combines tomato, a cheese blend and herbs, through to 'The Lot', blending ham, onion, bacon, capsicum, olives, mushrooms, pineapple, anchovies and herbs.

Other delicious choices occupy the middle ground in terms of the number of toppings.

Long-time pub favourites such parmas, fish and chips, steaks, burgers and schnitzels are all up for grabs.

Meeniyian Hotel, or the Fish Creek Hotel, if you're heading that way, are the perfect spots to stop in for warm hospitality and a social atmosphere after the day's racing, or any other time.

# Great day out



Stony Creek Cup Day will be a grand finish to the local South Gippsland racing season.



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# at the Stony Creek Cup

THERE is a new way to enjoy the Ladbrokes Stony Creek Cup this year, from the comfort of the 'Trackside Lawn Party' marquee, which offers an affordable package including everything you need for a great day's racing on Sunday March 12.

Other options include lawn marquee hire, or reserved tables and umbrellas.

General admission is also great value, including live music from Hurricane Duo, which will have people up and dancing.

The Influence Clothing Fashions on the Field will be one of the day's highlights, with categories including Best Dressed Junior (0-15 years), Best Suited, Most Fashionable Couple and Best Dressed.

There'll be plenty to keep the kids entertained.

Face painting will be available, with youngsters also able to enjoy meeting a menagerie of animals featuring in 'The Funky Farm' run by former jockey Chris Symons, with reptiles and a range of Australian natives.

Chris will treat his audience to educational shows and talks as well as giving them the chance to interact with the animals.

For those adults keen to be part of the new 'Trackside Lawn Party', the right mood will be set, with the deal including gourmet canapes and finger food by Leongatha's Brent Sinclair Catering, and five hours of beer, wine, cider, and sparkling wine, as well as soft drink, from 12pm.

Patrons booking a party spot will have a great view of the action, with the marquee overlooking the home straight.

Race entry and a racebook are included, with those taking up the deal able to relax in the marquee chairs or laze on beanbags



Spectators get close to the action at Stony Creek.

in the lawn enclosure, shaded by umbrellas. A private DJ adds to the entertainment of the 'Trackside Lawn Party'.

Limited public tickets are available for the 'President's Luncheon', also catered for by Brent Sinclair, including a three-course meal, five-hour drink package, course entry, racebook and access to the Members Lawn to watch the racing.

On track, horses that have featured throughout the Stony Creek racing season's four previous race days will be among the runners on Stony Creek Cup Day.

2020 Stony Creek Cup winner Don't Doubt Dory, now a six-year-old gelding, might be back for another shot at the event.

Stony Creek Racing Club CEO Adam Olszanski said that the course's characteristics, including some tight turns and a testing uphill stretch to the finish line tend to result in specialist runners emerging at the venue.

Peppino, trained by Sale's Jack Walkley, is one emerging Stony Creek specialist to have caught Olszanski's eye, with wins in the last

couple of meetings at the venue, prompting hopes he will be entered in the Stony Creek Cup.

"It would be good to see a track specialist like Peppino in the Cup, even if it's a bit above his grade, and I'm sure he'd be competitive," Olszanski said.

While the Cup is run over 2100 metres, a much shorter race will also feature prominently on the day's program, with the second running of the Dr Michael Bourke Handicap, an 1100 metre sprint race.

That event commemorates long-term Stony Creek Racing Club member Dr Bourke, a past president and committee member of Stony Creek Racing Club, who in 2019 received an OAM for his services to medicine in the Leongatha area over a number of decades.

Dr Bourke, a founding member of Leongatha Healthcare (previously Leongatha Medical Group), passed away last year.

The Stony Creek Cup and other race days at Stony Creek present important

fundraising opportunities for local clubs and organisations, which are paid as reward for the help their members provide to the Stony Creek Racing Club to make its events a success.

Stony Creek Football Netball Club is an example, running the racecourse bars and assisting in other ways throughout the local racing season.

The Stony Creek Cup is expected to draw 2,500 people who are sure to enjoy a great day at the track.

Apart from Cup sponsor Ladbrokes, Brandt Leongatha is the other main sponsor for the day.

## Stony Creek Cup details:

**Where:** Stony Creek Racecourse, Stony Creek-Dollar Road, Stony Creek

**When:** Sunday March 12, gates open at 11.30am, with race 1 scheduled at 12.35pm and the Stony Creek Cup likely to be run as race 7 at 4.25pm.

Visit [stonycreek.com.au](http://stonycreek.com.au) or call Stony Creek Racing Club on 5664 0099 to book.

**Cost:** General admission tickets cost \$20 for adults, \$15 for concession, with children free.

Bookings for the all-inclusive 'Trackside Party' marquee package cost \$135 per person, while the President's Luncheon is \$130 per person.

**Getting there:** Harley's Buslines will be providing an extensive service on Stony Creek Cup Day to get people to the event and home from many nearby towns.

See routes, booking details and prices online at [stonycreek.com.au](http://stonycreek.com.au) by selecting 'Tickets & Packages', then 'Return Bus'.

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### INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY QUIZ

- [\$100] When is International Women's Day celebrated? A. February 11. B. March 8. C. May 14. D. October 5.
- [\$200] Which woman features on the \$10 banknote? A. Mary Reibey. B. Dame Mary Gilmore. C. Edith Cowan. D. Dame Nellie Melba.
- [\$300] Faith Thomas was the first indigenous woman to achieve which of these? A. Qualify as a nurse. B. Play professional cricket. C. Manage a hospital. D. All of the above.
- [\$500] At the age of 46, the first woman elected to the Australian House of Representatives was whom? A. Dame Edna Everage. B. Dame Edith Cowan. C. Dame Mary Gilmore. D. Dame Enid Lyons.
- [\$1000] In what year did the Commonwealth Franchise Act pass in Australia, enabling white women over the age of 21 to vote at federal elections? A. 1902. B. 1929. C. 1948. D. 1971.
- [\$2000] Successful at her operatic debut in Brussels in 1887 was which famous Australian woman? A. Louisa Lawson. B. Joan Sutherland. C. Ada Jemima Crossley. D. Nellie Melba.
- [\$4000] For what activity is Maude 'Lores' Bonney most famous? A. Olympic skier. B. Aviator. C. Microbiologist. D. Antarctic explorer.
- [\$8000] Which of these important women is the sole Australian female winner of the Nobel Prize? A. Louise Mack. B. Evelyn Scott. C. Gladys Elphick. D. Elizabeth Blackburn.
- [\$16,000] In 2009, Jessica Watson amazed all Australians by being the youngest person to sail solo around the world. How old was Jessica? A. 15. B. 16. C. 17. D. 18.
- [\$32,000] What is the leading cause of homelessness for women in Australia? A. Domestic violence. B. Mental illness. C. Financial crisis. D. Marriage breakup.
- [\$64,000] Which of these women has not been Australian of the Year? A. Cathy Freeman. B. Grace Tame. C. Michelle Simmons. D. Elizabeth Blackburn.
- [\$125,000] In May 2022, in percentage terms, what was the gender pay gap in Australia? A. 20.6%. B. 14.1%. C. 10.6%. D. 7.3%.

- [\$250,000] Elizabeth Kenny is best known for advances in what field of allied health? A. Physiotherapy. B. Audiology. C. Radiography. D. Speech Therapy.
- [\$500,000] Jane Foss Barff was the first Australian woman to achieve what? A. Circumnavigation of Australia. B. Master of Arts at Sydney University. C. Qualification as a doctor. D. Wimbledon championship.
- [\$1,000,000] Who was appointed Australia's first female high court judge? A. Roma Mitchell. B. Marilyn Warren. C. Mary Gaudron. D. Rosemary Balmford.

**Quiz Answers:** 1. B. March 8. 2. B. Dame Mary Gilmore. 3. D. All of the above. 4. D. Dame Enid Lyons. 5. A. 1902. 6. D. Dame Nellie Melba. 7. B. Aviator. 8. D. Elizabeth Blackburn. 9. B. 16. 10. A. Domestic violence. 11. D. Gladys Elphick. 12. B. 14.1%. 13. A. Physiotherapy. 14. Master of Arts at Sydney University. 15. C. Mary Gaudron.

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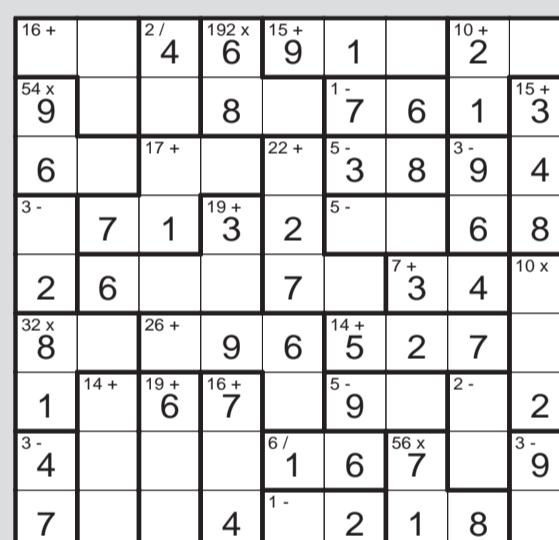


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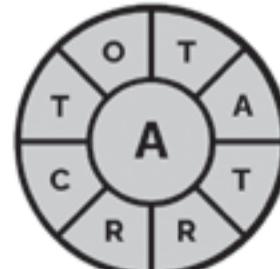


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Every row and column must contain the numbers 1 to 9 once each, with each outlined section equal to the number in the top left of the area when the noted mathematical operation is used.

**TIP: For subtraction and division, start with the largest number in the section.**

## WORD WHEEL



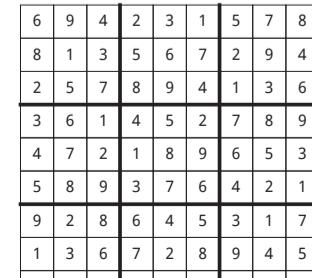
Create as many words of 4 letters or more, using the letters once only and always including the letter in the middle of the wheel.

Answers: A, T, R, C, O, T

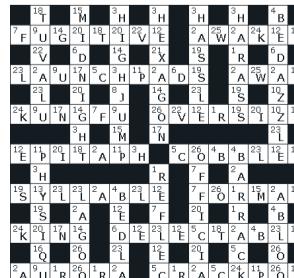
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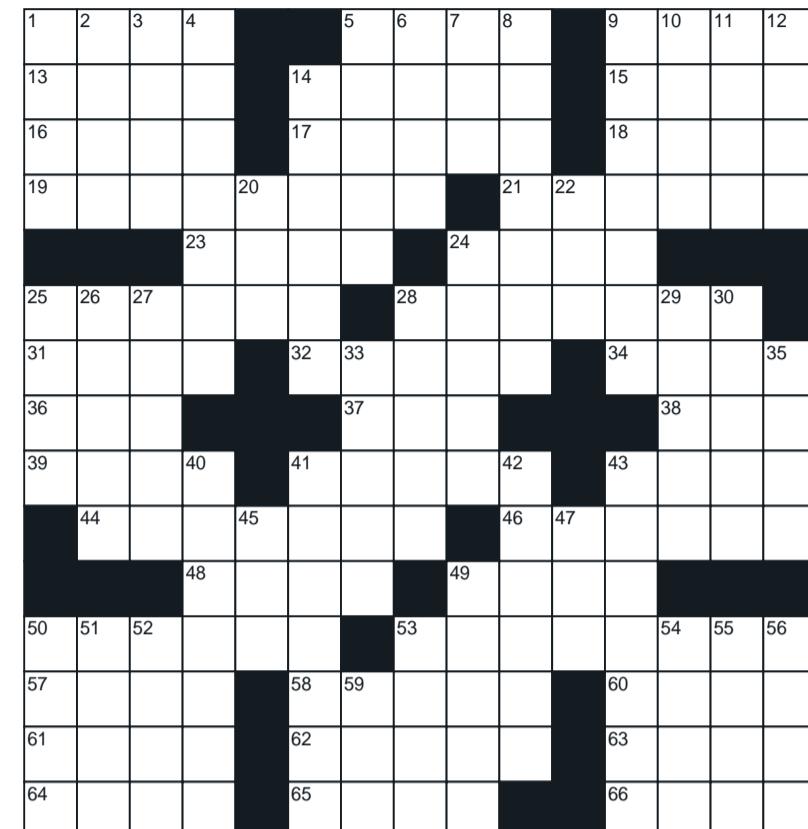
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## CROSSWORD



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- Man
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- Type of communication
- Bored
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- Island
- Casing
- Nocturnal South African dog
- Sundial pointer
- Right-winger
- Lock partners
- North of downtown
- Person with knowledge in specific field
- Ooze
- Quick
- Chopped
- Compass point
- Time period
- Past
- Reserve Officers Training Corps.
- Type of car
- Eagerness
- Rainy
- Earth's crust
- Green seedless plant
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- Destitute
- Group of eight
- Dog food brand
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- Loch \_ monster
- Dozes
- Dregs
- Leaf garland
- Melts ore
- Draw into a tangle
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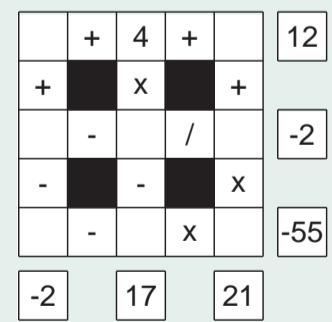
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- Region
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- Rigid top on boat
- Granular
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- Permit
- Taxing
- Cyprus capital
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## MATH SQUARES

### Instructions:

- You have to fill in the numbers 1 ~ 9 in the puzzle.
- You can only use the numbers once.
- Each row and column is a math equation.
- Don't forget that multiplication and dividing are performed before addition and subtraction.

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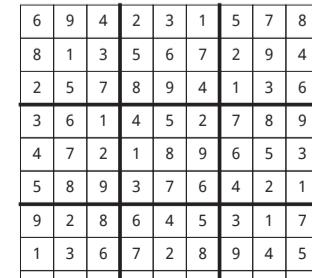


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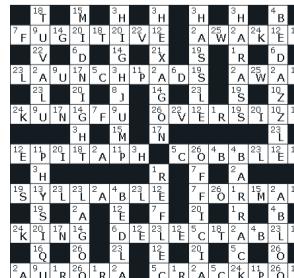
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### Word Search:





Michelle Donohue, Chris Murray and Dot Anthony return for another go at 'Burra Brush n Bubbles', with Chris saying, "We're back to try and improve." A13\_0923



Sally and Diane Williams get ready for another 'Burra Brush n Bubbles' session, with Sally travelling from the Yarra Valley to be part of the fun with Korumburra-based mum. A14\_0923



Etsuko Yasunaga and Robert Kenyon give 'Burra Brush n Bubbles' a try. A15\_0923



Shalyn from Black Snake Productions showed Zac Williams a Woma Python at the Foster Show on Sunday afternoon. Z19\_0923



Vanessa McDonald presented Mazie in the pet show at the Foster Show with Mazie winning first place in the small dog high jump. Z25\_0923



Amy Conlan led Strez Koala around the Foster Show on Sunday to greet the children. Z23\_0923



Jett, Louis and Levi were happy to be treated with show bags at the Foster Show on Sunday. Z21\_0923



Alma and Kyes Morrison held a three-hour Hiit class at Pure Fitness Korumburra as part of the Beyond Blue Fundraiser. Z15\_0923



Abbey Kelson, Samantha Butler and Joanne Greaves were selling raffle tickets at the Korumburra Beyond Blue fundraiser on Saturday morning at Pure Fitness. Z13\_0923

# Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Burra Brush n Bubbles, Beyond Blue Fundraiser in Korumburra and the Foster Show.



Korumburra locals Vanessa Trease, Melissa Donohue, Sarah Belvedere, Julie Patterson and Sarah Donohue look forward to giving 'Burra Brush n Bubbles' a go. A16\_0923



Miles and Sophie were excited to pick show bags at the Foster Show on Sunday afternoon. Z22\_0923



Kate Smiley and Peter Doherty of Small Batch Sweets were selling homemade rocky road at the Foster Show on Sunday. Z20\_0923



Alexander, Judd, Adrian, and Kaylene attended the fundraiser at Pure Fitness Korumburra on Saturday morning to raise funds for Beyond Blue. Z18\_0923



Terence Sanderson, Paul Harper and Phil Dempster volunteered their time at Pure Fitness Korumburra on Saturday for the Beyond Blue fundraiser. Z14\_0923



Tane Derrick, Joel Cuman and Luke Walker took part in the three-hour Hiit session at Pure Fitness Korumburra on Saturday morning, raising funds for Beyond Blue. Z16\_0923



Carly Kitchingman, Jaymie Robinson and Erin Gannon of team Burra Foods joined in on the Hiit class at Pure Fitness Korumburra on Saturday morning. Z17\_0923

## A time to reflect and pray

THE World Day of Prayer will be held again this year, Korumburra Uniting Church hosting the event for Korumburra at 7.30pm and at Poowong, at the Uniting Church at 11.00am.

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome us all to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.

The theme of the WDP 2023 program is based on Ephesians 1:15-19, the letter sent to a faith community to express gratitude.

Paul gave thanks to God for the Ephesians living out their love and faith, and prayer that they could see these three truths: the hope to which God has called the disciples, the riches of God's glorious inheritance among the saints, and the immeasurable greatness of God's power.

God's calling has a meaning and a purpose.

Throughout the letter, the author shared his prayers for the saints in the trust that they could grasp how wide and long and high and deep the love of Christ is (Ephesians 3:18).

You are invited to join in this time of prayer on Friday, March 3, at the venues and times listed above.

Should you wish to know more you can phone Janet: 0409 248 603.

# Canine cartoon inspiration in Foster



Brett 'Cardy' Cardwell of 'Cardytoons' looks forward to helping people create cartoon dogs during workshops at Foster's Stockyard Gallery.

CANINE lovers with artistic inclination can combine the two, learning how to create cartoon versions of their dogs, with school workshop cartoonist Brett 'Cardy' Cardwell running a couple of workshops in Foster on March 11.

He'll be at the Stockyard Gallery as part of the 'Woof' exhibition, with the cartooning workshops being held during the Prom Coast Festival, which takes place on the Labour Day weekend.

"Stockyard Gallery is run by volunteers and we're really passionate about involving the community, getting young people along and inspiring our junior budding artists," artist and volunteer Janie Frith said.

While Melbourne based, Brett loves travelling around Victoria and interstate cartooning with kids from prep to year 12, through his business 'Cardytoons'.

He has over 30 years' experience.

"I'm excited to be invited to the Stockyard Gallery to present workshops on my favourite theme to draw, dogs, being a Western Bulldogs fan and owning two sausage dogs," Brett said.

Growing up on a farm near Whittlesea, he enjoyed reading Footrot Flat comics about Wal Footrot and his dog.

While still a teenager at the end of the 1980s, the link between Brett's art and dogs continued,

illustrating a book called 'Australian Sheep Dogs - Training and Handling'.

He also got his first cartooning job with the Seymour Telegraph in 1993 drawing a comic strip about a farmer and his dog.

Brett spoke about why he loves encouraging other people to draw cartoons.

"The best part about my job is meeting lots of people, young and old, and watching those who thought they could only draw a stick figure surprise themselves when they have a go and see their amazing characters on a piece of paper," he said.

The Foster workshops are open to those from age five up, with all ages welcome.

A \$10 workshop fee per participant covers a visual art diary and pencil to take home and continue cartooning.

The cartooning workshops each run for one and a half hours, with kids, teens and adults sure to enjoy the experience as they are inspired by Cardy's simple hands-on instructions.

A flyer is available on the Stockyard Gallery Facebook page, featuring a QR code for bookings, which are essential, with the first workshop commencing at 10am and the second at 1pm on Saturday March 11.

Participants are advised to bring a small cushion to sit on.

Stockyard Gallery is located at 12 McDonald Street, Foster.

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The Welshpool & District Horticultural Society's 62nd Autumn Show will return in March.

## 62nd Autumn Show coming up in Welshpool

THE Welshpool & District Horticultural Society is excited to be able to hold their Autumn Show on Friday, March 10, and Saturday, March 11, 2023.

Although we are totally aware COVID has not disappeared, we are looking forward to a more relaxed atmosphere this Show.

The show theme is "Harvest Time".

The show will be held at the Welshpool Memorial Hall, South Gippsland Highway Welshpool, on Friday, March 10, 1:30 to 5pm and Saturday, March 11, from 10am to 4pm.

The show will be officially opened at 2pm on Friday 10, by Max Wood, Citizen of The Year South Gippsland Shire and extraordinary Welshpool contributor.

Admission to the Show will be \$5 per adult and no charge for children.

Eftpos facilities will be available for sales from the Nursery.

The show schedule/ program clearly explains the various definitions to help entrants with their entries and club members and section stewards will be readily available to answer queries from entrants

and visitors.

Don't miss the popular "Public Choice" Section of the Schedule.

The topic this Show is "Critters and Creatures" which should encourage some fantastic entries. Make sure you come and vote for your favourite Public Choice entry!

We welcome entries from adults, children, novices and "First Timers! Come and "Have a Go" ... just bring your flowers etc to the hall before 10am on show day Friday, March 10, and members will help you stage and display them. Vases are available if needed.

First timers don't need to ring beforehand to lodge their entries but all other entrants must notify the assistant show secretary, Prue Fleming by 6pm on Wednesday, March 8. There is no entry fee for exhibitors.

Show schedules/programs both printed copies and a digital version are available from the show secretary Frances Grylls mobile: 0481 385 122 and Prue Fleming our assistant show secretary on mobile: 0418 775 717.

## Gypsy music at Dalyston Hall

BASS Coast Adult Learning's award-winning Practical Music class are bringing an afternoon and evening of Gypsy music to Dalyston Hall this Saturday, March 4.

The event will be in two sections.

From 4pm to 6pm, there will be a workshop led by the exuberant and masterful multi-instrumentalist and singer Terry Cole of the Footscray Gypsy Orchestra.

People of any skill level are invited to bring their instruments and/or voices to learn some passionate music.

Then at 7:30pm, there will be a full performance by the Footscray Gypsy Orchestra, augmented by participants in the BCAL music group, and those who attended the workshops.

The workshop and concert are a project of the BCAL Practical Music course. The course teaches people not just performance but also the industry side of music to help them turn their creativity into a small business.

For many of the participants, this is their first experience in planning, promoting, and putting on a show.

They have been involved in every step of the process from booking the performers and venue, to distributing posters and of course, joining in the performance.

Proceeds from the show will go towards the continuation of the Practical Music course.

Tickets are \$25 for the workshop, \$25 for the concert, or \$40 for the workshop and concert. Bookings can be made at [trybooking.com/CFULS](http://trybooking.com/CFULS). To learn more, call 5672 3115.

## The best lunch in Loch is back!

AFTER a successful Loch Long Lunch in late winter last year which attracted nearly 120 people, it's on again this year on Sunday, March 19, at the old Loch Train Station.

For those of you who had such a great day last year, there are a few small tweaks but, fundamentally, there will be plenty to eat and drink!

Just like last year, there will be four courses and the per head cost of \$125 (same cost as last year), which includes two glasses of local wines from the wide range of reds and whites, bubbles, and a small selection of beers for the non-wine drinkers.

Food will be from local renowned local chef Brent Sinclair and his team from Brent Sinclair Catering.

The meal will start with a charcuterie platter of local olives, cheeses, cured meats, dips and breads.

Entrees of local scallops wrapped in bacon with a white wine garlic cream sauce will be partnered with a delicious double baked pork belly served with a quince sauce.

Main course will a local char-grilled beef served with a red wine jus accompanied with a pan-fried Atlantic salmon with a gazpacho salsa.

Desserts will be something light and refreshing to finish off the day. Vegetarian and Gluten Free options will be available on request at time of booking.

Again, we'll have the wonderful marquee set up in the Lions Reserve at the old Loch Train Station with Trevor Howard providing background music to top off the experience.

Festivities begin at noon with an approximate finish around 3:30pm.

For bookings visit, [www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=974906&](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=974906&)



Hussy Hicks is set to hit the small regional town of Archies Creek playing their new EP 'Same Boat', and new bluesy track 'I Am Not A Dog'.

## Hussy Hicks Aus tour hits Archies Creek

FOLK blues duo from Northern NSW Hussy Kicks are on the road for their Australian tour and arrive in their beloved regional town, Archies Creek on March 10 – returning after their 2021 sold out show.

The duo featuring vocalist, guitarist, and percussionists Leesa Gentz and Julz Parker alongside their drummer, Ali Foster and Tracey Stephens on bass last appeared in the regional town after a city show was blown out because of a snap lock down and the band picked up a gig at Archies Creek.

"The town rallied together to support live music in the middle of the pandemic, packed the room and we had a sold-out show with only a few days' notice," said Leesa.

"I'm so excited to get that community feel again, everyone is together for the same purpose – to hear us play music and share in that creative moment."

The Hussy Hicks new EP is a powerful three-track (plus bonus single) collection that is as meaningful as it is beautiful

and released alongside the EP is the third and final track from the EP 'I Am Not A Dog', a notable blues number, stepped back in tempo but harnessing the group's true melding of folk and blues-rock perfectly, with heavy grooves, slide guitar riffs and defiant vocals.

"I Am Not A Dog" has been a kind of an outlet valve for all the anger and anxiety I experienced from the complete decimation of our industry and my career path - in particular trying to deal with continual cancellations of gigs and live music events while major sports events were continuing," said Leesa.

"A lot of our songs are deliberately positive and uplifting so it was really good on a personal level to just write something super angry - it's loud, a bit obnoxious and pretty empowering."

The duo met in 2004, started going to Jam nights and playing music and discovered that they were well matched, beginning their first tour in 2006 in America – released a self-produced EP

and travelled around selling it.

"We made our first serious album in 2008 and went off on our first Euro tour, with a solid continuation of nice gentle production before moving back to Australia and touring on the road."

Ironically in a cruel twist of fate, the first song/game was released on the same day that the Hussy Hicks community was ravaged by the Northern Rivers floods, which saw the couple lose their house and recording studio to the raging waters, before paddling a kayak to rescue their elderly neighbour from the rising floodwater until further help arrived.

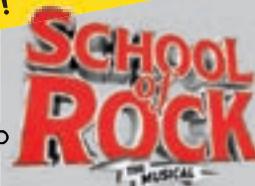
The Hussy Hicks app is the perfect metaverse for music lovers, it not only features tour dates, special insights, and band news, but three playable eight-bit video games, one for each song off the EP.

Find the Hussy Hicks album in the App store and for tickets and information for the Archies Creek show visit <https://www.hussyhicks.com/en/tours>

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# How maternity staffing shortages are affecting local health services

IT HAS dominated headlines the last couple of years but has the maternity staffing shortage recovered and what of the predicted pre-pandemic birth rates and coming baby boom.

The Sentinel Times spoke with the major three hospitals in South Gippsland and Bass Coast, to establish if they are affected and how they are providing job opportunities and upskilling in their workforces.

## How are you combating maternity staff shortages that you face?

**South Gippsland Hospital CEO**  
Paul Greenhalgh

"The South Gippsland Hospital (SGH) workforce strategy broadly for many years has been "grow our own" yet we always test the market to see if there are any sea or tree changers in the wind," South Gippsland Hospital Chief Executive Officer Paul Greenhalgh stated.

"We have a very upstream view, starting with a work experience program and undergraduate program, and culminating in the post graduate midwifery program.

"In recent years, our graduate nurses have moved straight into the post graduate midwifery program once they finish their general postgraduate. The post-graduate midwifery program is offered in partnership with Federation University, so, we have had a constant flow of midwives and thus are not currently in a shortfall.

"We have a very healthy learning and development culture, and our values are lived by the team, which provides us with a healthy retention and recruitment rate."

**Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child**

"Bass Coast Health (BCH) is always seeking clinical staff, including midwives, to fill shifts. We provide a 24/7 sub-regional Maternity service to the Bass Coast and South Gippsland shires.

"We are actively recruiting new staff by advertising locally and further afield via digital methods, and also by working with nursing agencies.

"BCH is not alone as most hospitals are seeking nurses and midwives. We also support our nursing staff to train as midwives should they wish, and this approach has resulted in additional midwives in our team."

**Gippsland Southern Health Service Director of Nursing Kylie Ashton**

"Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) has been greatly affected by the chronic midwifery shortage over the past three years.

"We have altered our recruitment strategy and as a result we are now recruiting direct entry Midwives; specialists that work solely in the maternity setting.

"We have engaged with a number of recruitment agencies enabling us to fill our vacancies with experienced Midwives from across the country, further enhancing our service as they share their knowledge and lived experiences with our team."

**Midwifery and nursing students will be back at university soon and placements recommence, how does this help?**

**South Gippsland Hospital**

"We employ Registered Students of Nursing (RUSONS) which provide extra hands on the deck so to speak, and this helps with a future workforce supply.

"Two of our RUSONS from last year are now engaged in our graduate nurse year for 2023, which has expanded to four – double on last year!"

"We believe that it is our mix of work and team culture that ensure students want to stay with us beyond their clinical placements. Furthermore, as we have a fully booked schedule of student placements this year, we are confident that



**Local health services are combatting maternity staff shortages in similar ways, but rest assured you are still in the best hands.** Photo: freestocks | Unsplash

there will be a lot of interest in our 2024 program. Also, a full student placement schedule indicates to me that the financial incentives to study nursing have worked.

"SGH has recently implemented an Enrolled Nurse supported transition year for a graduate in their first year of service, and we have also been fortunate to receive some funding for a refresher program for nurses that have been out of the game for a while.

"Moreover, an Enrolled Nurse to Registered Nurse sponsorship will soon be advertised for current staff. All in all, our nursing and midwifery workforce is in good shape at the moment."

**Bass Coast Health**

"We currently enjoy the services of midwifery and nursing students who assist our qualified staff while learning on the job. We have been fortunate that in the past, students have gone on to become ongoing staff with BCH and bolster our staffing."

**Gippsland Southern Health Service**

"Gippsland Southern Health Service has a strong commitment to growing our local midwifery workforce, we have increased our intake of postgraduate midwifery students for 2023, who will be supported by our education team, which includes two passionate midwifery educators.

"Together with our Nurse Unit Managers and senior staff, they are committed to developing the skill set of the staff in our unit, which then enables us to provide women and their support network access to the high-quality midwifery care we pride ourselves on delivering.

"GSHS is also actively recruiting undergraduate nurses and midwives, which further enhances opportunities for young professionals to join our workforce early in their career journey."

**With the new expansion underway, how will BCH be attracting specialised staff and midwifery teams into the future?**

"While we have opened the new Wonthaggi Hospital, our maternity service is not part of the new hospital and will continue to operate in the existing building. We do plan to expand maternity services in the future to enable more complex births to be conducted at Wonthaggi Hospital, thereby saving women and their families from having to travel outside of their local community to have their baby."

"This will increase our maternity capability from level 3 to a level 4 maternity service with a neonatal service. This increased capability will further assist us in attracting staff who want to maintain and enhance their skills."

Bass Coast Health is looking forwards to an upcoming fundraiser which will raise monies for the new maternity services.

"We are currently working with the Leongatha Golf Club to hold a major fundraising event that will raise funds for our expanded maternity service," Jan Child concluded.

"We invite the golfing community to support this event. More details to come."

# Real Estate

South Gippsland and Bass Coast



## Superb country in ideal location

BITUMEN road and river frontage, this one ticks all the boxes.

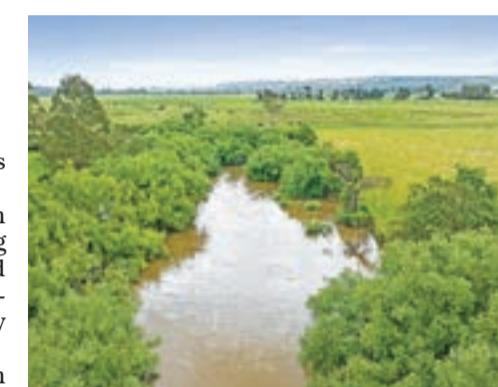
With town water connected to troughs in all paddocks, undercover cattle handling facilities in very good order, a hay shed and available power already on the property, this is a very tidy paddock in a highly sought-after area.

Rarely changing hands, this presents an opportunity to access good grazing country on the tightly held Latrobe River flats.

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**Livestock**

49.37ha

165 Archbalds Lane, Tyers

**For Sale** \$1,586,000

**Agent** Alex Scott & Staff - Sale  
Jarryd Sutton 0457 034 111



## FOR SALE

789 Sisters Road, Gormandale - \$1,550,000



## RURAL LIFESTYLE AWAITS!

As you enter this lovely property, immediately you begin to realise the uniqueness you are about to encounter. Centred on 107 acres- approx, farm is a solid period home, tastefully renovated and expanded to capture and retain its heritage roots.

Meticulously maintained, this 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom plus study, Circa 1900 period home boasts plenty of historical features such as original brick fireplaces, timber doors and windows and 11 foot ceilings throughout.

North facing panoramic windows fill the family lounge, kitchen and dining rooms with natural Winter sunlight.

The heart of this large open living area is the solid timber kitchen offering bottled gas cooking appliances, slow combustion stove and full walk-in pantry.

Other features: solar hot water system, large capacity rainwater tanks, verandas and pergola/ deck, covered rotunda and BBQ area, oversized double lockup garage, extensive mixed shedding for workshop and machinery and excellent boundary and internal fencing.

### CONTACT SALE:

Jarryd Sutton 0457 034 111 Max O'Doherty 0419 286 920

**SALE OFFICE** 395 Raymond Street **5144 0601**

HM10077



## Spectacular views and spacious brick home await

WELCOME to your own secluded oasis. As you turn off the sealed road into your very own 500m private driveway all your worldly worries will fade away.

This gorgeous 4.5-acre property boasts a 4-bedroom, 1 bathroom brick home, undulating to rolling hill country, and breathtaking views.

With ample shedding and beautiful established gardens, this ideal lifestyle property has everything you need to live your best life.

Upon entering the home through the lovely wide hallway, you will notice just how light, bright and spacious the home really is.

The gorgeous Tasmanian Oak polished hardwood floorboards also will capture your eye. The lounge area is very comfortable and includes a Coonara wood heater with 3 speed fan, perfect for heating the home in the cooler months.

A well-appointed country kitchen features an island bench, gas cook top, electric wall oven, wood stove and lots of cupboard space.

The four generous sized bedrooms make the home perfect for a family. A central bathroom includes a walk-in shower, vanity and toilet.

The sunroom and laundry room (with a second toilet) are found at the rear of the home. An outdoor entertaining area captures the stunning scenery and would be perfect to enjoy your morning cuppa or a glass of wine at the end of the day.

Beautifully established gardens with mature trees surround the brick residence and create a great ambience.

The original dairy with 360 views has the potential for an AirBnB or studio space (STCA). There is ample parking and good shedding for all your storage requirements.

60,000 litres of tank water incorporating a Puretec Twin cylinder Ultra-violet filtration system for crystal clean water.

The well-maintained paddocks are divided into three areas all with good fencing and water connected for stock.

This expansive 4.5-acre property includes plenty of room and would be ideal for cattle, sheep or horses.

Located just a short drive from the rural township of Poowong, this property offers the perfect balance between peace and tranquillity and easy access to amenities.

Whether you're looking for a place to call home or a weekend retreat, this property has it all.

Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity - contact us today to arrange an inspection. Call Katrina Griggs on 0428 571 083 or Don Olden on 0417 805 312 for more information or to arrange an inspection.

For a Due Diligence Checklist go to: consumer.vic.gov.au/duediligencechecklist

4 | 2 | 4 4.5 acres

235 Houlahan's Lane, Poowong

**For Sale** \$985,000

**Agent** Elders

Katrina Griggs 0428 571 083

Don Olden 0417 805 312



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## AUCTION

Sunday, March 12, 2023 at 12 noon on site  
6 Miller Terrace, Inverloch



### PREMIUM WATERFRONT PROPERTY

Representing the last opportunity to secure a vacant allotment in a highly coveted location along the beach front embracing panoramic views of Anderson Inlet, Point Smythe and the Bass Coast.

The water views achieved are simply outstanding and very few properties in Inverloch can boast this aspect. The property is within just minutes' walk from the town centre, reserves and walking paths and of course the sparkling beaches.

It presents the perfect platform to build a substantial dream home or dual occupancy development (STCA) amongst some of the finest architect designed homes in this area.

Permit approved Architect plans and renders available. Land: 531sqm.

#### CONTACT INVERLOCH:

Marni Redmond 0403 525 413

**INVERLOCH OFFICE** 7 a'Beckett Street **5674 1111**

**Elders**

Real Estate

### 'KIALLA' EXCEPTIONAL GRAZING & LIFESTYLE | 160 ACRES



Price \$2.55 Million

Elders Web ID: 300P105003

DUMBALK

- Architecturally designed brick home in private setting
- Lock-up shedding (3 phase power), hay shedding
- Heavy carrying rich flats & undulating to rolling hills
- 12 fenced paddocks serviced by central laneway
- Water via creeks, dams & bore, 40" pa rainfall
- Clean pastures with excellent fertiliser history

### 'KOORRNONG' | 11.56 ACRES



Price \$1.2 Million

Elders Web ID: 300P106223

NYORA

- North facing 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom brick veneer home
- Wrap-around veranda, perfect to enjoy the serenity
- Bush corridor with creek, tree ferns, wildlife & birdlife
- Numerous tanks and a large dam for water supply
- Shedding for machinery & storage plus cattle yards
- Ideal for horses, cattle, sheep or other interests

### ELEVATED HOME ON DOUBLE SIZE BLOCK



Price \$699,000

Elders Web ID: 300P101665

LOCH

- 3-bedroom, open plan home, revamped kitchen
- Huge 1812m<sup>2</sup> block with subdivision potential (STCA)
- Wood heater, 2 x split system reverse cycle
- Lovely outdoor entertaining area with open fire
- Office/studio with established gardens & lawn
- Lock up shed, garden shed, woodshed

### MARVELLOUS MT ECCLES – 7.5 ACRES



Price \$710,000

Elders Web ID: 300P101511

MOUNT ECCLES

- 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom split level home
- Huge living area with wood heater & split system
- Sweeping verandah with scenic valley views
- 4.2kw solar system that feeds back into the grid
- Tank water supplies home, seasonal creek for stock
- Leongatha 20 mins, Inverloch 35 mins & Melb 2 hrs

Elders Korumburra

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Don Olden 0417 805 312

Sharon Turton

(Property Manager)

0439 383 091

Elders Leongatha

37 Bair St - Ph 5662 3523

Katrina Griggs 0428 571 083

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## Executive elegance on town boundary

LOCATED close to the edge of Leongatha is this stunning executive home.

Approximately 3.7 acres of manicured gardens and park like setting, this property has it all.

From a luxurious home to ample shedding, outdoor entertaining areas, a water feature dam, half-court basketball area, established trees... The features are endless!

The property represents:

- Four bedrooms, including stunning master suite with walk in robe and resort style ensuite
- Fully appointed deluxe kitchen with high quality appliances, walk in pantry, massive breakfast bar with open plan dining area
- Massive lounge area with a central fireplace, as well as zoned R/C heating and air conditioning throughout
- Separate study, large enough to work from home
- High end fixtures and fittings throughout
- Gorgeous central bathroom, with separate powder room and laundry
- Undercover alfresco area opening off the dining area and overlooking the gardens
- Extensive shedding, an indoor entertaining area/man cave and an additional gym room
- Another outdoor entertaining area with seating and a fire pit
- A chicken coop, dog run, cubby house... The list goes on!

So if you're in the market for more space, a gorgeous home and excess shedding, then this one's for you.

Don't miss the opportunity to inspect this magnificent property. Call Matt Redmond on 0418 357 341 today!

4 2 8 3.7 acres

7 Carmodys Road, **Leongatha**

**For Sale** \$1,750,000

**Agent** Nutrien Harcourts

Matt Redmond 0418 357 341



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### YARRAGON

Views, Location & Acreage!

- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom rendered by home.
- Approx 14.4 Acres with north facing views.
- 4 main paddocks, fencing, 2 main dams.

**FOR SALE** \$1,195,000

### LEONGATHA

Approx 1/4 acre with rural views!

- Fantastic 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom BV home.
- Master bedroom with walk in robe & ensuite.
- Private & rural views in a great location.

**SOLD**

*Barry Redmond*



0477 622 292

Director/Licensed Estate Agent

*Kellie Thomas*



0438 647 449

Licensed Estate Agent

### WOODLEIGH

Fantastic Rural Opportunity

- Located in rolling green hills of Sth Gippsland.
- On approx. 39.53 Acres.
- A 6 B, 2 bath, north facing Hardiplank home.

**SOLD**

*Matt Redmond*



0418 357 341

Licensed Estate Agent

### LEONGATHA

Lovely home!

- 3 Bedroom, 1 bathroom solid BV home.
- Large 930m<sup>2</sup> block with established garden.
- Excellent location close to the schools.

**FOR SALE** \$580,000

*Monique Wightman*



5662 2292

Office Admin & Marketing Manager





## Productive grazing with big views

82HA / 203 ACRES of livestock grazing positioned in one of Victoria's most productive agricultural regions.

This undulating to rolling grazing property offers sheltered paddocks and breathtaking views with opportunity to build your dream home with 360 views all the way to the Hoddle Ranges, Wilsons Promontory and surrounding South Gippsland.

Abundant water supply via multiple natural catchment and spring fed dams along with the little Buffalo Creek that meanders into the property.

Productive pastures, great hay and silage paddocks make for an ideal fattening or turn out block for dairy and beef cattle.

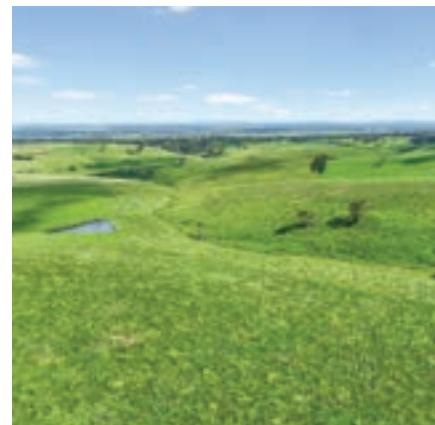
Key features:

- 82ha / 203ac with an additional 10ha / 25ac\* of Crown lease (total 228ac\* grazing)
- Excellent standard of fencing throughout with 12 paddocks, fenced lane leading to stock yards
- Treed conservation zones along the Buffalo Creek
- Fertile grey loam soils with rye and clover pastures
- Water supply via eight dams including spring fed
- Good stock yards with Norton cattle crush and B-Double access to yards providing ease of stock movement
- Shedding includes hay shed and two smaller sundry shedding
- Beautiful house sites offering big views
- Reliable 1025mm (40 inch) average annual rainfall
- Ideally located 5km\* Fish Creek, 21km to the pristine coastline of Waratah Bay, 34km\* to Leongatha and 167km\* to Melbourne CBD

For further information and to arrange a personal inspection, please contact Irene Walker SEJ Livestock & Real Estate 0429 045 632

For a Due Diligence Checklist go to: consumer.vic.gov.au/duediligence-checklist

\*Denotes approximately



### Grazing 203 acres / 82ha

65 Scott Road, **Buffalo**

**For Sale** \$2,850,000

**Agent** SEJ Real Estate

Irene Walker 0429 045 632



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#### DOLLAR



- 284 ac / 115 ha - 2 titles
- Undulating, hill to steep grazing
- Traditional blue gum country
- Secure water & good fencing
- 2 stand shearing shed
- 30 min. to Leongatha

**\$7500 per acre**

#### LEONGATHA SOUTH



- Exceptional Dairy Operation 'Dilee Holsteins'
- 511 acres / 207 ha - 4 titles - flat topography
- 50 stand rotary dairy with Afimilker dairy man. solutions
- 200 cow concrete feed pad with 3 silage bunkers
- Secure water with bores & 61 MGL dam & irrigation
- 2 magnificent B/V homes with excellent shedding

**CONTACT AGENT**

#### POUND CREEK



- 124 ac / 50 ha Grazing
- Stunning Views to the ocean
- Andersons Inlet to Inverloch
- 4 paddocks & 5 dams, well fenced
- Exceptional house sites (STCA)
- Exc. Land investment

**\$1,995,000**





## Rare farm close to Leongatha

LOCATED at the end of a private road, less than 15 minutes' drive from Leongatha, is 'Warrawong', a 209-acre farm which may very well be the one you have been waiting for.

This farm is a hill grazing block with a mixture of river flats, undulating hay paddocks and some steeper grazing paddocks. The property has been a dairy farm for a long time, with a 16 swing over dairy upgrade around 2010 (not currently in use).

The property is now being used as a beef grazing property and is ready for new owners to take it on for its next phase.

The property features a three bedroom 'renovators delight', various sheds, including a dairy, lock up work shop, open bay carport, hay shed and various smaller storage sheds. At the dairy is also secure stock yards and loading race.

The stock water is a mixture of various storage dams, with one main dam gravity feeding to a header tank at the dairy (on feeding to troughs). The river flats join to the 'Wilkur Creek' at the southern end of the farm.

Spread throughout the middle of the property is some amazing, tall gum trees, giving you both confidence in the soil and shelter for the cattle.

'Warrawong' is a rare commodity in the current market. 200 plus acres this close to South Gippsland Shires' main township in Leongatha, as well as one of major cattle selling markets at Koonwarra sale yards.

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.



3 | 1 | 4 209 acres

100 Reidy and Stevensons Rd,  
**Mt Eccles**  
**For Sale** \$2,100,000  
**Agent** Alex Scott & Staff  
Leongatha office 5662 0922

## Stunning home with panoramic views

WELCOME to 70 Craig Road, Ryanston, a spectacular property located on 7.57 acres of land.

This property has undergone quality renovations and is now the epitome of modern comfort and luxury.

The property boasts four spacious bedrooms and two well-appointed bathrooms, including a walk-in shower and separate bath.

The ensuite also features a separate toilet for added privacy and convenience.

The living spaces are bright and inviting, with double glazed windows and sliding doors that offer spectacular views of the surrounding landscape.

A 6kw solar system has been installed, providing sustainable energy usage and reduced utility costs. The property also features a ducted vacuum system, making maintenance and cleaning a breeze.

The gardens and driveway have been newly landscaped, creating a stunning entrance to the property.

A double carport provides covered parking for vehicles, and two 30,000 litre water tanks have been installed for added water storage.

But perhaps one of the standout features of this property is the magnificent shed, measuring 15 metres by 10 metres and featuring a concrete apron.

This shed provides ample storage space and can be used for a variety of purposes, from a workshop to a hobby space, or even for additional living space.

Overall, 70 Craig Road is a truly exceptional property that seamlessly combines modern comfort with spectacular natural beauty.

It is the perfect place to call home for anyone looking for luxury, space, and tranquility.



4 | 2 | 6 7.57 acres

70 Craig Road, **Ryanston**

**For Sale** \$1.590,000  
**Agent** Alex Scott & Staff  
Phil Hanley 0417 140 508  
Mick Chambers 0418 349 783



**YINNAR**

OPEN SAT, MAR 4, 10.30 – 11.15AM



**145 Creamery Road**

- 5 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 3 car
- Architecturally designed home on 5 acres
- Views to the Jeralang Ranges

**\$1,075,000**

Contact: Leongatha Office

**KORUMBURRA**



**20 Valleyview Parade**

- 4 bedroom home on 1/4 acre block
- Lots of indoor/outdoor living
- Double garage + 4 car garage

**\$735,000**

Contact: Korumburra Office

**CORINELLA**



**33a Balcombe Street**

- 4 bedroom, 2.5 bathroom, 5 car
- 1/3 of an acre
- Westernport Bay views

**\$990,000-\$1.08m**

Contact: Grantville Office

**WONTHAGGI**

**NEW PRICE!**



**1/53 Murray Street**

- Closest unit to CBD Nth facing
- Spacious living, 2 large bedrooms
- Sep office off garage, private yard

**\$510,000**

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

**MOUNT ECCLES**



**NYORA**



**100 Reidy And Stevensons Road**

- 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom, 5 car
- 'WARRAWONG' – 209 acres
- Grazing block with a mixture of river flats

**\$2,100,000**

Contact: Leongatha Office

**CORINELLA**



**75 Berry's Road**

- 4 bedroom house, 4.1 acres.
- Outdoor entertainment area, heated pool
- Excellent shedding, close to Rail Trail

**\$1,425,000**

Contact: Korumburra Office

**WONTHAGGI**

**NEW PRICE!**



**7 Edgar Street**

- Premium position with northerly views
- Older style 2 BR home, huge potential
- Easy access to town and schools

**\$519,000**

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

**KOONWARRA**



**NYORA**



**305 Sewells Road**

- Private retreat on 2.47 acre bush block
- Mud brick home + studio & workshop
- Orchard, veggie garden and more

**\$725,000**

Contact: Leongatha Office

**CORONET BAY**



**1270 McDonalds Track**

- 3 bedroom house on 10 acres
- 2 living areas, covered outdoor area
- Shedding & views to Westernport Bay

**\$995,000**

Contact: Korumburra Office

**WONTHAGGI**

**NEW PRICE!**



**6 Fuller Road**

- Private oasis. Spacious living
- 3 BR, 2 living, 2 bathrooms
- Fantastic car accom/workshop

**\$609,000**

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

**MIRBOO NORTH**



**KORUMBURRA**



**151 Boolarra Sth-Mirboo Nth Rd**

- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 4 car
- Opportunity Awaits - 20.78 acres
- Close to the town boundary

**\$1,495,000**

Contact: Leongatha Office

**BASS**



**9 Prudence Close**

- 3 BR home on 1,100m<sup>2</sup> block
- Views, 2 living areas, deck
- Double garage + room for shed

**\$805,000**

Contact: Korumburra Office

**WONTHAGGI**

**NEW PRICE!**



**70-72 Nolan Road**

- 3 houses, 4 titles
- 336 acres, Bass River frontage
- Prime cattle country

**Contact Agent**

Contact: Grantville Office

**42 Miners Drive**

- Terrific corner position in sought after spot
- 3 living areas, 3 bedrooms plus study
- Excellent sunny exposure, private gardens

**\$672,000**

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

**LEONGATHA**

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## Avoid the prospect of a penalty when fossicking

WITH tens of thousands of Victorians authorised to search for gold on public land, authorities are reminding recreational prospectors to do the right thing, keep safe and safeguard the environment.

There are almost 73,000 active miner's rights in Victoria and the rush to get involved shows no sign of slowing with more than 8,000 purchased in during 2021.

While they're out prospecting for gold, Earth Resources Regulation Inspectors and Conservation Regulator Authorised Officers are checking that fossickers are licenced, panning in permitted areas and meeting their responsibilities to reduce any impact on the environment.

Due to recent heavy rain and flooding, some areas across the state remain closed or inaccessible, so it is more important than ever for prospectors to plan ahead.

- Know the access rules and consent requirements of the preferred location.
- Check local weather conditions, state forest, park and road closures at <http://mapshare.vic.gov.au/mapshare/vic/>.
- Always share travel and itinerary information with someone.

Fossicking and recreational prospecting is permitted in state forests and in designated areas of some national, state, historic and heritage parks.

Prospectors must also follow all other public land rules while out fossicking, including driving only on tracks or roads open to the public, taking all rubbish home, and immediately restoring the area to how it was found by backfilling any holes and replacing leaf litter.

The use of mechanical equipment or explosives is not permitted, vegetation and Aboriginal objects must not be removed or damaged.

In Victoria, hobby gold hunters must possess a miner's right, which allows them to keep any gold they find.

Anyone caught panning or fossicking without a miner's right permit can face penalties up to \$36,984 under the Mineral Resources (Sustainable Development) Act 1990.

A miner's right can be purchased for \$26 from Services Victoria.

Earth Resources Regulation has produced a Guide to Recreational Prospecting in Victoria and a helpful video, both can be accessed by visiting [earthresources.vic.gov.au/fossicking](http://earthresources.vic.gov.au/fossicking).

# STA logger innovation



Terra Lab's Harley Schinagl was overjoyed to receive a \$35K grant through the Innovate with Grant Program.

SAN Remo business Terra Lab was awarded \$35,000 in grants through the Innovate with Grant Program nbn awards for its STA logger.

Their hardware and software solution – named STA logger, uses the internet to help accurately log data, work, statistics, produce and public maps and help landowners not just with weed and pest management, but also manage planting, saplings and crops.

The STA logger is a first in land and weed management, business owner Harley Schinagl said.

"It is giving land managers all over the world control of their land by providing them with a type of data that has previously been absent, but in a streamlined and automated way," he said.

"Controlling weeds is only one part of the equation. Most land managers, whether involved in forestry, conservation, or carbon offsetting, are also planting trees. Our hardware is multi-use and our platform is dynamic so we wanted to encapsulate that activity too."

"We are progressing plans so that existing users can utilise the same hardware on tree planting tools so they can record the location of every tree planted – something not done often."

"While this data on tree location is powerful enough on its own, we also hope follow up maintenance – where weeds are controlled near the tree to help it survive – that uses the STA logger will highlight where trees have not survived and infill planting may be required."

As the Agriculture category winner, Terra Lab was awarded \$15,000 and as the overall Innovate with nbn Champion collected a further \$20,000 to continue development and expansion of their platform.

## Gipps Dairy Employment Basics – Express

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facilitated course covers three key modules to help you manage compliance for existing employees.

This program will be delivered by consultant Di Gresham and Regional Extension Officer, Jessica Russell. The

sessions will run for approximately 1.5-2 hours each.

Session 1: February 28, 10.30am start: Payroll, leave and the law (part 1)

Session 2: March 7, 10.30am start: Payroll, leave and the law (part 2)

Session 3: March 14, 10.30am start: Effective Termination Decisions

For more information, please contact Jessica Russell on 0427 275 654 or at [jessica.russell@gippsdairy.com.au](mailto:jessica.russell@gippsdairy.com.au)



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## Mixed results for stores

### Report by SGSA

AGENTS yarded 2700 cattle at last Friday's VLE Leongatha store sale.

The yarding again was generally good with less dairy and Xbred types yarded.

Prices varied depending on quality, breeding and weight.

Heavy Angus steers 550kg to 680kg sold to a dearer trend topping at \$2700, with a few local bullock men competing against the regular heavy feeder buyers.

Mid weighted steers sold to a slightly easier trend with the Charlton feedlot not in attendance.

Weaner steers were 10 to 25 cents easier for most, apart from the odd pen of good Angus calves with some close to the rate from the previous sale.

Weaner heifers sold to a firm to dearer trend with a few less being yarded. Xbred and Friesian steers sold at a similar rate and cows and calves were firm.

### Leongatha Store Sale on Friday, February 24, 2023

#### Grown Steers

G MacAulay 14 Angus	680kg	\$3.88	\$2640
G MacAulay 15 Angus	677kg	\$3.87	\$2620
G MacAulay 15 Angus	665kg	\$3.93	\$2620
White Past 18 Angus	658kg	\$4.10	\$2700
G Macaulay 15 Angus	636kg	\$3.99	\$2540
B&G Missen 13 Angus	635kg	\$3.96	\$2520
B&G Missen 13 Angus	567kg	\$4.23	\$2400
T&L Smirl 10 Angus	560kg	\$4.32	\$2420
L & A Watt, 10 Hereford	504kg	\$3.75	\$1890
R&M Rogers 12 Angus	498kg	\$4.17	\$2080
Von Pace Past, 14 BB	490kg	\$4.28	\$2100
Von Pace Past, 21 Angus	486kg	\$4.32	\$2100
D&G Hunter 20 Angus	484kg	\$4.33	\$2100
G & G Thompson, 17 Angus	484kg	\$4.11	\$1990
Est L Dignan 15 Hereford	474kg	\$3.90	\$1850
M&J Chatfield 10 Hereford	473kg	\$4.00	\$1890
DM Phelan 19 Hereford	429kg	\$4.06	\$1740

#### Weaner Steers

S&D Curtiss 10 Angus	480kg	\$4.12	\$1980
R Telling 21 Angus	445kg	\$4.00	\$1780
Kd Opray 16 Angus	437kg	\$4.12	\$1800
S&D Curtiss 14 Angus	412kg	\$3.98	\$1640
Golden Gully Farm 14 Angus	400kg	\$3.75	\$1800
G&L Simmons 20 Hereford	397kg	\$4.03	\$1600
G & G Thompson 20 Angus	393kg	\$3.93	\$1560
Aw & Cm O'mara 25 Angus	392kg	\$4.59	\$1800
P & D Moore 22 Angus	392kg	\$4.08	\$1600
M Pretty 18 Red Angus	384kg	\$4.04	\$1550
J & P Fleming 22 Angus	380kg	\$4.15	\$1580
Little & Cummins, 12 Angus	376kg	\$3.86	\$1450
D & K Belcher 18 Hereford	375kg	\$4.21	\$1660
Dm Phelan 23 Hereford	375kg	\$4.27	\$1600
Stuart Investments 21 Hereford	373kg	\$4.02	\$1500
Brookville Angus 20 Angus	366kg	\$4.09	\$1500
M Breen 20 Angus	360kg	\$4.44	\$1600
Deep Creek 12 Hereford	353kg	\$4.14	\$1460
D&B Farms 15 Angus x	351kg	\$3.96	\$1390
M Breen, 28 Angus	329kg	\$4.44	\$1500
Telegraph Past 17 Angus	329kg	\$4.01	\$1320
M Breen, 22 Angus	286kg	\$4.28	\$1300
Sandy Creek 17 Angus	278kg	\$4.32	\$1200

#### Heifers

Brookville Angus 16 Angus	396kg	\$3.78	\$1500
Brookville Angus 22 Angus	371kg	\$3.71	\$1380
T & J Christensen 10 Angus	370kg	\$3.48	\$1290
Brookville Angus 28 Angus	358kg	\$3.82	\$1370
Brookville Angus 28 Angus	335kg	\$3.91	\$1310
Mj Jeffrey 13 Angus	317kg	\$3.47	\$1100
T & J Christensen 10 Angus	316kg	\$3.76	\$1190

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R & Y Brown, 10 Angus X	549kg	\$2.95	\$1620
Barton & Keilly, 12 Angus X	445kg	\$3.39	\$1510
Prom Views, 19 Friesian	501kg	\$2.91	\$1460
Barton & Keilly, 14 Friesian	435kg	\$2.33	\$1100



A feature of last Friday's Store Cattle Sale at Leongatha was the annual draft of Yarram Breeders' Cattle yarded by Phelan & Henderson & Co.

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AGENTS drew for 3250 cattle at the Store Cattle Market on Friday February 24 at Leongatha comprising 2455 steers, 655 heifers and 125 cows and calves.

Phelan & Henderson & Co had their annual draft of Yarram Breeders' Cattle that presented in great condition showing their quality breeding and the excellent season in the east.

The prices were similar to the Bairnsdale sale held earlier in the week, but the overall average was back \$650 a head on last year's sale with some client averages back nearly back \$900 on last year.

#### Quotes older steers 14-18 months:

- M&J Chatfield 10 x P/Hfd 473kg \$1890, 25 average \$1704
- Estate L Dignan 15 x Hfd 474kg \$1850 35 average \$1747

#### DM Phelan 19 x Hfd 429kg \$1740 34 average \$1643

#### Angus weaner steers:

- KD Opray 16 x Ang 437kg \$1800 75 average 1676
- R Telling 21 x Ang 445kg \$1780 50 average \$1689
- P & D Moore x 22 ang 392kg \$1600 99 average \$1426
- M Pretty 18 x R/Ang 384kg \$1550
- L & S Roberts 9 x Angx 411kg \$1460 17 average \$1347
- D&B Farms 15 angx 351kg \$1390

#### Hereford steer weaners:

- D & K Belcher 18 x Hfd 375kg \$1660ea 42 average \$1580
- G&L Simmons 20 x Hfd 397kg \$1600ea 43 av \$1487
- DM Phelan 23 x Hfd 375kg \$1600ea 108 av \$1438
- Stuart Investments 21 Hfd 373kg \$1500 57 av \$1365.



David Phelan, Simon Henderson and staff sold a strong line-up of Yarram Breeders Cattle at the store sale at Koonwarra last Friday.

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2 Osment DR & JL Unknown Dist	645.0	400.0	2,580
4 Milner E & J Glen Alvie	691.3	400.0	2,765
14 Folicks Pty Ltd Nerrena	660.0	396.6	2,617
6 McKenzie Rd Lang Lang	691.7	395.0	2,732
2 Hume JE & ML Dumbalk	652.5	392.0	2,557

#### Steers

1 Inglis NG & MA Glengarry	350.0	531.6	1,860
1 Andco P/L Mardan	440.0	521.6	2,295
1 McNaughton D L S J Korumburra	375.0	519.6	1,948
2 Braithwaite NJ & HE			
Jumbunna East	452.5	500.0	2,262
2 Heynea D & Vos A Newry	405.0	498.6	2,019
2 Goding Ge Kindergem Pty Ltd			
Welshpool	417.5	493.6	2,060

#### Heifers

1 Hopkins R Yinnar	420.0	490.0	2,058
2 McNaughton D L S J Korumburra	425.0	480.0	2,040
4 Braithwaite NJ & HE			
Jumbunna East	421.3	471.2	1,984
6 Andco P/L Mardan	400.0	460.0	1,840
1 Heynea D & Vos A Newry	360.0	460.0	1,656
2 Mort A Loch	355.0	450.0	1,597

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03.02.1930 - 24.02.2023.

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Loving stepdad to Jenny and Russell, Ian and Jodie, Kevin, Jo and Kim, Donna and Andrew, Lynette (dec.) and Daniel.

Adored Pa Keith to all his grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Much loved by all who knew him.

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**HARDEMAN, Keith:**  
03.02.1930 - 24.02.2023.

Much loved husband of Dot.

Much loved and respected stepdad of Jenny and Russell.  
Loving and adored Pa to Sarah and Michael, Jess and Dale, Carley and Tim, Emma and Michael.

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**LOGAN, Robart (Rob):**  
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Friend of George.  
Brother to Glen, Roma, Natasha and Jaylene.  
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**O'FLAHERTY (nee Clutterbuck), Esma May:**  
13.05.1933 - 21.02.2023.

Passed away peacefully at Carinya Lodge Korumburra.  
Loved and loving wife of Wilf (dec.).

Loved and admired mother of Kerry, Lynne, Sue, and Ray.  
Mother-in-law of Chris and Wendy.

Treasured Nana of 11 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

**We will miss you dearly.**

**O'FLAHERTY, Esma:**  
21.02.2023.  
Mother of Lynne, Nanna to Lara and Cane, Josh, Brock, and Jasmine.

Great-Nanna to Boston and Hunter, Harlen and Senn.

No matter what life presented you with you handled it with dignity and pride.

## DEATHS

**O'FLAHERTY, Es:**  
Nana, you were the shepherd of our flock.  
Your lipstick kisses will be imprinted on our hearts forever.  
Greatly missed and always loved.

-- Wolf, Scarlett, Ruby, Toni, Scott, and Sue.

**O'FLAHERTY, Esma:**

Passed away February 21, 2023.

Very dear friend and long time neighbour for over 60 years at Moyarra and Korumburra.

**Loving memories. A life well lived.**

Love Alan, Glenyce, Dale, Royce, and families.

**THOMAS, Trevor John:**  
Passed away February 16, 2023.

Loved brother and brother-in-law of Glenn and Peg.

Loved uncle of Leigh and Jack, Kylie and Brad, Shannon and Anthony.

Great uncle of Sam, Tom, Molly, Billie, and Harry.

**Sleeping peacefully.**

**THOMAS, Trevor:**  
Passed away February 16, 2023.

Aged 87 years.  
Fun loving brother-in-law to Dave, Ros, Sue and Graham, Deb and Kevin, and their families.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Yvonne and family.

**"Go Tigers".**

## FUNERALS

### HARDEMAN:

The Funeral Service for Mr. Keith Hardeman will be held at Handley & Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi on Friday, March 3, 2023, commencing at 10:30am.  
A Private Cremation will follow.

**Handley & Anderson**  
Wonthaggi 5672 1074

## FUNERALS

### O'FLAHERTY:

The Memorial Service for Mrs Esma May O'Flaherty (nee Clutterbuck) will be held at the Uniting Church, Bridge Street, Korumburra

**TODAY, TUESDAY**

February 28, 2023,

commencing at 2pm.

A private family burial will precede this service.

**Handley & Anderson**  
Wonthaggi 5672 1074

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

**TONKIN: 60th (Diamond) Wedding Anniversary.**

Don and Lyn Tonkin of Korumburra, married 60 years ago March 2nd, 1963, are celebrating their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

A union full of love while enjoying family, work, travel, and friends.

## BEREAVEMENT THANKS

### BRISCOE, Maurice:

Margaret and family would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards, and messages during the recent passing of Maurice.

Special thanks to Dr Sonya Moncrieff, Mirboo North Aged Care and Ambulance.

Your kindness and care were a great comfort to all the family.

Please accept this as our personal thank you.

### FINLAY, William Robert (Bill):

Mary, Ian and Kylie, Anne, Leigh and Gary, Graeme and Tracey, Greg, Karen and Michael and all of their families would to sincerely thank family and friends for their attendance at our beloved Bill's funeral.

Your visits, phone calls, tribute messages, flowers, cards, and food were truly wonderful and deeply appreciated.

To Dr. Sky Lim a big thank you for your great care of Bill and the BCH staff for their kindness and nursing care and the love and kindness shown to the family, which was so appreciated.

We also thank most sincerely Scott, Sharon and the Handley and Anderson team as well as Rev. Graeme Liersch of St. George's Anglican Church for their love, support, and assistance over this very sad time.

## BEREAVEMENT THANKS

### GHELLER, Teresa:

Mark, Dino, Rick, Stephen, and Sandy would like to thank everyone for the phone calls, flowers, and messages during the recent passing of our mum.

The family would also like to thank Scott and Sharon Anderson, Wonthaggi Hospital, Kirrak House, and Rose Lodge for their wonderful care given to mum.

Please accept this as our personal thanks.

### HARLEY, Dorothy (Dorrie):

Christine, Narelle and Wayne, along with their families would sincerely like to thank everyone for your love, support cards, phone calls, messages, flowers and cooking at the time of our sadness.

To Carinya Lodge making this our Mum's home and in our time of deep need we cannot express enough how grateful we were for your understanding.

### To Dr. Jackie and Dr. Paul your care and support, a heartfelt thank you.

To the Uniting Church and Handley Funeral Services your compassion made a difficult task much easier, thank you.

You have all helped, time will heal our heartache, but our memories will endure.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### AGM

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**Tuesday March 21** at the Korumburra Golf Club, Warragul Road, Korumburra commencing at 10am. Visitors most welcome. Helen Taylor Secretary.

**LUNCH:**  
Lunch with the Korumburra Arthritis Group to remember Diane.

12.00 at the Middle Hotel Korumburra Tuesday March 7, 2023.

All friends are welcome.

Please RSVP by Sunday March 5. 0407 825 488.

## STALL HOLDERS WANTED:

Leongatha Croquet Club Car Boot Sale.

Roughhead Street, next to Splash. Saturday March 11, 2023, 10am - 4pm.

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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](mailto:operations@southcoastbus.com.au) or post PO Box 946, Cowes, 3922

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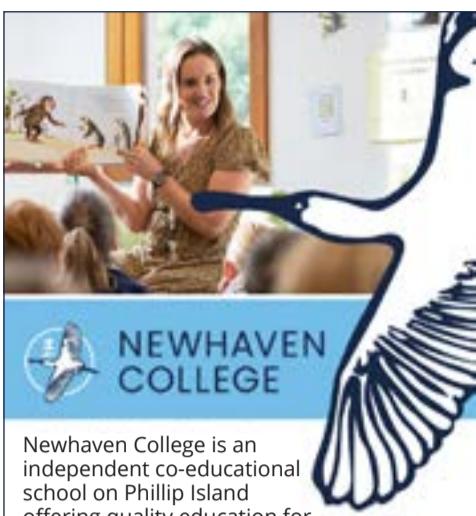
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We are seeking applications to join our collaborative team in the following temporary fixed term contracts for Semester 2, 2023

#### EDUCATION ASSISTANT

Part-time

#### EDUCATION ASSISTANT

Full-time (Parental Leave vacancy until April 2024)

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#### 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](http://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**

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Positions for permanent part time and casual shifts at Banfields Aged Care

Banfields Aged Care is part of a family-owned Australian Aged Care Group Pty Ltd (AACG), which prides itself on imagination and innovation in caring for the aged.

We are located at 192 Thompson Avenue, Cowes, a short stroll into town for the local beach and shops.

Set amongst beautiful landscaped grounds. Banfields Aged care is a 90 bed residential care facility which provides an extensive range of services.

We are seeking motivated and dedicated Registered Nurses and Endorsed Enrolled Nurses to be part of our team.

Your responsibilities will be to provide nursing care guided by the Director of Care including medication management, clinical practice and supervision, documentation, wound management, and palliative care;

#### The successful candidate will have:

- Registered Nurse qualifications and current AHPRA registration (RN only)
- Current registration with AHPRA as an Enrolled Nurse with medication endorsement (EEN only)
- Previous experience in residential aged care essential
- Ability to lead, motivate & educate staff.
- Strong communication skills.
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\*\*We are a non-smoking facility.\*\*

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#### There is a wonderful opportunity for volunteers to become a part of Banfields Aged Care

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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!



## GippSport Gen G on the Go program deliverer

GippSport, has received Safer Communities funding from the Australian Government to deliver a youth program called Gen-G on the Go. Program locations include Toora and Corinella.

The Gen-G on the Go project is a comprehensive, structured program to engage marginalised youth at risk of involvement in the criminal justice system in six local government areas (LGA) of Gippsland. The project boosts the capacity of current community organisations, each with a strong record of developing young peoples' life skills, promoting inclusion, building individual and community resilience as well as fostering wellbeing for 12-17 year old participants.

The fundamental principles of the Program Deliverer role is to support the Project Officer with the Gen-G program delivery during the weekly sessions and excursions. The activities will include sport, active recreation, play experiences, arts, excursions, programs, and projects.

**Please send a cover letter and resume to Den Lim via email to [den@gippsport.com.au](mailto:den@gippsport.com.au).**

**Please contact Den if you have any enquiries about the role 0497 167 946**

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Grade 2

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Catholic Regional College

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Kathryn Sloan – Head of Property Management Department  
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### The Role...

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- Lead all staff members responsible for the delivery of care to residents
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Saturday 25 March  
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If you are an experienced journalist, please apply. We would also like to hear from university graduates, preferably with writing, reading, IT, photographic, social media, and people skills. A driver's licence is essential. The role will be based out of our Wonthaggi office.

Please send a cover letter and resume to Michael Giles via email to [michael@sgst.com.au](mailto:michael@sgst.com.au)

Only suitable applicants will be contacted, and an appointment will be made as soon as the right person is found.

## PUBLIC NOTICES



## Bass Highway Roadworks:

Roadworks on the Bass Highway just west of Dalyston.

Day works commence Monday 6 March, Night shift 14-24 March.

There may be some noise at night due to the nature of these works, but Sure Constructions will aim to minimise this as much as possible.



## PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION LOCATED AT LOCH

Telstra plans to upgrade an existing telecommunications facility located at 135 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Loch, VIC 3945 (Lot 2 PS308741) [www.rfnsa.com.au/3945002](http://www.rfnsa.com.au/3945002)

1. Telstra Limited (A.C.N 051 775 556) are currently upgrading existing mobile network facilities to allow for the introduction of 5G to Telstra's network. As part of this network upgrade, Telstra proposes the installation of M700 (4G), M1800 (4G), M2100 (4G), NR850 (5G), DSS2600 (5G) and NR3500 (5G) technologies at the Loch locality and surrounds.
2. The proposed works at the above site include the removal of eight (8) panel antennas and the installation of nine (9) panel antennas (each no more than 2.8m long). Works also include the removal of six (6) remote radio units (RRUs) with the installation of three (3) RRUs and the installation of associated ancillary equipment. All internal equipment will be housed within the existing equipment shelter located at the base of the facility.
3. Telstra regards the proposed installation as a Low-Impact Facility under the *Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination 2018* based on the above description.
4. In accordance with Section 7 of C564:2020 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code, we invite you to provide feedback about the proposal. Further information and/or written submissions should be directed to Teah Hammet, Aurecon Australasia Pty Ltd (A.B.N 54 005 139 873) via email to: [Teah.Hammet@aurecongroup.com](mailto:Teah.Hammet@aurecongroup.com) or via post to: Teah Hammet, Aurecon Australasia Locked Bag 331, Brisbane, QLD 4001 by 5pm on 15/03/2023.



## 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/career/careers-expressions-of-interest>

For more information, please email [company.secretary@gphn.org.au](mailto:company.secretary@gphn.org.au)

Applications Close: Sunday, March 5, 2023



## Cleaner – Concierge Duties – 5 days per week

Karmai Community Children's Centre (KCCC) is a not-for-profit organisation providing quality education and care to children and families in Korumburra and the surrounding community. We are an innovative, progressive organisation and an equal opportunity employer that supports diversity in all aspects.

We are currently offering an exciting employment opportunity for an experienced Cleaner to join our team at Karmai. Supporting our community to keep clean safe and healthy. We are looking for someone who is a perfectionist when it comes to cleaning and leaves no stone unturned. We pride ourselves on our commitment to ensuring a child safe environment.

The role has the flexibility to work as a split shift, working a few hours during the day and then the evening cleans from 5.30pm onwards, or a pure evening shift.

### As a Cleaner at Karmai you will;

- Provide daily cleaning and tidying duties to support the programs.
- Cleaning educational program rooms, bathrooms, kitchenettes, offices, windows, in line with the Karmai cleaning schedule (dusting, vacuuming, sweeping, mopping etc)
- Emptying bins, cleaning toilets, cleaning surfaces in line with cleaning schedule
- Cleaning doors, windows as required.
- Ensuring bathrooms and kitchenette are cleaned, sanitised and fully stocked.
- Support and work collaboratively with your colleagues to ensure our service is a clean and healthy environment for all.

### The ideal candidate for these positions will possess:

- Have proven experience cleaning for large scale facilities.
- Demonstrate initiative in your role
- Availability to work the hours required
- Keen eye for detail and proactive approach to problem solving.
- Passion and enthusiasm for creating a happy, nurturing, relaxed and enriched environment where play experiences are fun, exciting, spontaneous, stimulating, comforting, and challenging.

All employees of Karmai must have a WWC check, National Police Check, COVID-19 Vaccinations, complete Mandatory Reporting training, comply with child safe standards and Karmai Policies.

If you believe you are the right person for any of these roles, please email your CV/resume and cover letter to [admin@karmaiccc.asn.au](mailto:admin@karmaiccc.asn.au), for further information in relation to either of these roles, please call Sue or Chloe on 03 5655 2121, Applications close on Friday, March 3, 2023.



Sharon King Principal of Bass Valley PS is presented with Back to School vouchers by Bass Coast Community Foundation directors, Polly Caldow (left) and Chelsea Caple (right).

## Local kids have a strong start to the school year

KIDS in need across Bass Coast have had a strong start to school thanks to Back-to-School vouchers distributed by the Bass Coast Community Foundation, which can be redeemed for school essentials like uniforms, shoes, school bags and stationery.

Funded by the generosity of local donors in partnership with the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal (FRRR), the Foundation has provided more than 800 vouchers to Bass Coast schools and organisations, which are distributed to local families struggling to meet the costs of the new school year.

Bass Coast Community Foundation director, Chelsea Caple said, "We're really pleased that with the help of our generous local donors we've been able to fund the highest ever number of vouchers to help our local kids have a positive start to the school year," she said.

Sharon King, Principal of Bass Valley Primary school said "these vouchers make such a difference to many families, and help students feel like they are ready for their new school year. As one of many schools in the region receiving the vouchers, we are incredibly grateful to the Foundation and support many Bass Coast families."

The latest allocation of Back-to-School vouchers brings a total of \$380,000 worth of vouchers the Foundation has been able to allocate to local schools as part of their involvement with the program over 18 years.

For more information about the Foundation go to [www.bccf.org.au](http://www.bccf.org.au).

## Community champion honoured

THE contribution of long-serving Woodleigh Hall Committee Member, Evan James Jones, was remembered at the February meeting of the Bass Coast Shire Council.

Western Port Ward Councillor, Rochelle Halstead, took the opportunity of her monthly report to council to pay tribute to Mr Jones, who passed on December 30, 2022.

"Evan and the Jones family did a lot for the Woodleigh Vale area, but in particular, Evan's time on the Woodleigh Hall Committee serving as president for 25 years is a magnificent achievement by itself," said Cr Halstead.

She also made mention of a quirky piece of local Woodleigh history where Mr Jones, a passionate Collingwood supporter, insisted on a photograph of former Collingwood great, Bob Makeham, taking pride of place in the hall.

It's easy to understand why.

Born at Welshpool but recruited from Woodleigh, Makeham was a centre-half forward who played 157 games for the Pies, including the famous four premierships of 1927, 1928, 1929 and 1930, plus two other grand finals, making him one of Gippsland's greatest players of all time.

From one community champion to another!



School of Rock is coming up in Wonthaggi this Friday.

## Get Ready to Rock in Wonthaggi

LOOKING for the ultimate musical experience for the whole family? Then get set for iconic music, an incredible cast and a hilarious storyline!

It's with great excitement that we announce 'School of Rock: The Musical' opens this Friday at Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre.

The cast and crew are thrilled to showcase their hard work with you, after months of rehearsals, set preparation, mic checks

and choreography.

From the moment the curtain goes up, you'll be swept away by the electrifying energy and foot-tapping tunes that will have you bopping along in your seat.

You'll be laughing, cheering, and feeling so proud of the amazing pool of talent in our little corner of the world.

But it's not just the music and performances that make this show so special. It's the heart-warming

story of a group of misfit students who learn to embrace their unique talents and become the ultimate rock stars.

It's a tale of friendship, perseverance, and the power of music to bring people together.

'School of Rock' is a show you won't want to miss.

Get ready to rock out with the best of them.

Call Wonthaggi Union Community Arts centre on 5671 2470 today!



Board Chair Danny Luna was proud to honour recently retired board members Jennifer Paproth, Rodney Beech, and John Bordignon.

## Celebrating efforts of retired board members

WONTHAGGI Miners Dispensary recently celebrated retiring Board members John Bordignon, Rodney Beech and Jennifer Paproth with a dinner at the Wonthaggi Club on Thursday, February 2, 2023.

John Bordignon who served for 26 years and Rodney Beech who served 14 years including 10 consecutive years as chair and a period as secretary, were awarded life

memberships for their long and outstanding service to the Dispensary.

Jennifer Paproth was awarded a certificate of appreciation and recognition for her five years of service, being the first woman to serve on the Board in its 100-year history.

Board Chair Danny Luna, spoke about the individual contributions of each person and the personal attributes, skills,

and knowledge that they brought to the Board.

All three retired Board members spoke glowingly about the satisfaction they obtained from serving and the pleasure of working with Board members, management, and staff over their respective terms.

The dinner was also an opportunity to welcome two incoming board members Damien O'Connor and Kaye Carew.



Outgoing Inverloch RSL Sub Branch president Bob Sutton welcomes incoming president Ross Gabb.

## A change of guard at Inverloch RSL Sub Branch

THE recent Annual General Meeting at the Inverloch RSL Sub Branch saw a changing of the guard with a new president, senior vice president, and vice president.

New president Ross Gabb paid tribute to outgoing president Bob Sutton, RSL Life Member and Meritorious Service Medal and Peter Allen RSL Life Member and the work the RSL has done over their time in the executive with an increase in membership, new works at the hall and of course managing the difficulty processes through the many COVID lockdowns.

Ross' new team of Jan Millington and Bill Damm with current secretary Lindsay Guerin and treasurer John Langford are preparing to build on the success of the Sub Branch and increase community, and family activities through the RSL Active program and of course honour those who have served through ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day and others.

Ross emphasised that the RSL is there to support veterans as their number one priority.

## Wheels in motion for pump tracks

DEPUTY Mayor, Cr Rochelle Halstead was nominated to chair the BMX/Pump Track/Mountain Bike Reference Group following council's February meeting.

At the December 2022 council meeting, councillors endorsed the establishment of a community led reference group to identify suitable locations for pump tracks across the Shire, including the development of Terms of Reference for the group to be considered at the February meeting.

Following the Draft Skate Strategy Review survey, a component of the survey requested whether respondents would be interested in being part of a community reference group to help inform appropriate site locations for Pump Tracks across the Shire.

Of the 237 respondents, 29 indicated that they were interested in being part of the pump track reference group.

A Terms of Reference outlines the following guidelines for the group:

- Members will represent an array of age demographics
- At least two representatives will reside in each ward
- The group will consist of a maximum 10 members
- A Councillor will sit as part of the group
- Membership will be for a period of 12 months with an option to reapply for a further two years
- A member of the Reference Group can only be a member for a maximum of three consecutive terms

Council officers will seek expressions of interest in March/April from the 29 survey respondents (and additional community members put forward by councillors) who indicated their interest in being part of the reference group, and seek to have an inception meeting with the group in May.

## INVERLOCH

Midweek Pennant.

All three of our Midweek week Pennant Teams made it into the finals.

The three teams played their first final match at Inverloch Bowling Club.

Two out of the three teams have made it into the next round of finals.

Results from Tuesday. Division 1 Inverloch 67 defeated Wonthaggi 44. Division 2 Inverloch 68 defeated Phillip Island 49. Division 3 Inverloch 35 were defeated by Leongatha 41. Great shots were made by many bowlers as you would expect in finals. Some rinks saw the scores sea saw all day.

South Gippsland Medley

The South Gippsland Medley was played on Sunday, February 19, at Inverloch Bowling Club.

96 bowlers in 24 teams competed for honours on the day. Teams played a combination of Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours over 6 games.

Third place on the day went to Dave Gooder, Colin Veendaal, Steve Skinner and Andrew Dali all from Mitcham.

Coming in second place was the team of Nino Vlahovic, Janis Parks, Wayne Parks and Sue Gill.

The eventual winners on the day was the team of Jodi Ashby, John O'Donnell, Rod Paterson and Dave Ashby.

## LEONGATHA

ROUND 14 of the Midweek Pennant competition was played on Feb 21 against Foster.

The result of the Division 1 game was a win to Leongatha by defeating Foster with an overall score of 59/57 shots and 14 points.

Leongatha Div 1 will now advance to the Preliminary Final against Wonthaggi on Tuesday, February 28, at Korumburra.

The Midweek Pennant Division 3 game against Inverloch was won by Leongatha with an overall score of 41/35 shots and 10 points.

Leongatha Div 3 will now advance to the Preliminary Final against Fish Creek on Tuesday, February 28, at Korumburra.

On Tuesday evening we witnessed the Culmination of a great season of Barefoot Bowls. The winners were the 3 BS (BACK-TO-BACK) which are identified by Brendon Cashin, Beau Park and Brenton Suckling. Runners/up were Piston and Broke.

The Monthly Triples event that was conducted on Wednesday attracted 26 teams and sponsorship via South Gippsland Quarries.

The winners were again the notorious successful team from Philip Island being John Newcombe, Peter Forrest and Graeme Cornell. Runners/up were Ian Todd, Wayne Walker and Harry Forrester. The all-girls power side (Marj Pearson, Jenny Roffey & Nancy Parry) will be disappointed if they don't get a mention for coming third.

On Saturday Wonthaggi Bowls Club was the venue for the staging of the two preliminary finals, being Saturday Pennant Divisions 1 and 2.

The Division 1 preliminary final Leongatha versus Philip Island was a victory to Philip Island with an overall score of 58/49 shots.

Leongatha won on two rinks but were thrashed on the other rink. Individual rink scores were as follows: Jenny Miller (Leongatha) defeated David Hanlon (P I) 17/14 SHOTS; Paul Michael (Leongatha) defeated John Newcombe (PI) 24/14; Peter Forrest (PI) defeated Anthony Collier



South Gippsland Medley winners Jodi Ashby, John O'Donnell, Rod Paterson and Dave Ashby.



Leongatha triples winners John Newcombe, Graeme Cornell and Peter Forrest.

(Leongatha) 30/8 shots.

The Division 2 preliminary final Leongatha versus Fish Creek was a victory to Fish Creek with an overall score 60/38.

Leongatha won on one rink but was beaten convincingly on the other two rinks. Individual rink scores were as follows: Wayne Walker (Leongatha) defeated Robert Mortlock (Fish Ck) 17/14 shots; Tim McLean (Fish Creek) defeated Rod Jackson (Leongatha) 25/13 shots; David Christie (Fish Creek) defeated Les Wilson (Leongatha) 21/8 shots.

Saturday Pennant is now completed for the Leongatha Bowls Club.

This Friday night is the Kitty Club function.

## TOORA

PERFECT day on Sunday, February 26, for Toora bowls Club to host their annual Bendigo Bank Day. Winners were Chris Kelly, Charlie Ginnervan and Bart Zafarese.

Runners up comprised of Phil Stimpson, Ann Plowman and John Chadwick and third place-getters were Dave Christie, Bruce Cooper and Don Cripps.

Division 5 tried extremely hard to win last Saturday in the prelim but were pipped at the post by 2 shots.

Division 2 girls play on March 7, in the grand final after winning last Tuesday against Wonthaggi in the semi-final.

Good luck to the Fishy boys in their quest for the premiership this coming Saturday.

## WONTHAGGI

TUESDAY saw Mid-Week Pennant finals start, with Div 1 going down the road to play Inverloch who are always a good team and finished on top of the ladder.

The final scores Wonthaggi 44 Inverloch 67.

Div 2 played host to Toora at Wonthaggi and were looking to bounce back after a loss last week and go into the Grand final. After a very close match in which Wonthaggi won one rink with a narrow loss in the other two, Wonthaggi went down by six shots. The final scores Wonthaggi 55 Toora 61.

Wednesday saw a smaller number of bowlers grace the greens.

In a day of pairs over one game of 16 ends, we had two teams who were joint winners, in a mix of the new and the old at the club.

One team was Steve Bruynen and Frank Seaton with a score of 21 points and 13 shots up.

The other pair were Allan Gilmore and Aldo Sartori, also with 21 points and 13 shots up.

Thursday morning is going well with good numbers for a game of bowls and a chat with lunch.

Saturday saw Div 4 travel down the road to Inverloch to play Phillip Island for the right to play in the Grand Final.

The final scores Wonthaggi 62 Phillip Island 54. A great match

played in the best spirit of the game.

Bowls this week: Tuesday Mid Week Pennant finals at Korumburra, Tuesday night is the last Bare Foot Bowls for the season, Wednesday we have Turkey Triples and on Thursday social bowls at 10.00am.

Don't forget, if you are not playing on Wednesday, you are welcome to play on Thursday, Friday Coaching at 10.00am and Saturday is Grand Final Day for Div 3 and Div 4, with both matches to be played at Inverloch.

## WONTHAGGI

### INDOOR

WE HAD 22 players the winners with a plus 21 were Helen Rook Jeannie Slocombe and Jim Rodhi. Runners up on plus 18 were Ken Peterson John Stewart and Jim Wilson. Friday saw 23 players and another close finish.

The winners on plus 13 were Lino Cuman, Brian Newman, Jim Wilson and John Rook.

Runners up on plus 11 were Dot Harland, Ann Boyd, Jos Kemper and John Bird.

## MIDWEEK

ANOTHER great day as 29 of our friends turned up for our weekly challenge.

Winners this week with 33 points were:

Dennis Talbot (S), Sue Stansfield (3), Tony Morris (L)

Runners Up on 23 points

were:

Tony Heppleston (S), Robyn Coulson (3), Pauline McWilliams (2), John Morgan (L)

Best One Game winners on 22 points were:

John Nicholson (S), Terry Floyd (3), Chris Coulson (2), Shirley Corcoran (L)

Next week we will head to Koo Wee Rup.

## 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 16, Jenny McVeigh lost 15 shots to 18.

While Jo LoMagno went down 16 shots to 21.

In Division three the news was all different at 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 two wins and a draw were Vera Sund and Ross Lomagno.

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.



Korumburra Golf Club's 2023 Women's Champions are Johanna van den Heiligenberg (Club and A Grade Scratch Champion), Lyn Perks (C Grade Scratch and Handicap Champion, Senior trophy and Norrie Little Memorial trophy winner) and Julie Hillberg (B Grade Scratch and Handicap Champion).



Gena Roughead Bowl winners from Meeniyian Golf Club were Faye Le Page, Jo Graeme and Tanya Thorson.



Foster's Jenny Alexander was winner of the summer competition.

## FOSTER

### Ladies

WEDNESDAY stableford competition.

A Grade Jan Best (23) 42 points.

BDTL Trudi Prue (27) 37 points and Josie Parisi (31) also 37 points.

9 Hole comp Viv Reid 19 points.

Congratulations go to Jenny Alexander, winner of summer competition.

28/12/22: A Grade R Brown (23) 40 points. J Alexander (48) 49 points. B Grade, BDTL B Britten (19) 35 points.

4/1/2023: A Grade B Curram (23) 41 points, B Grade J Alexander (44) 42 points. BDTL B Warren (16) 39 points. B Britten (18) 35 points.

25/01/23: K Morris (32) 41 points. BDTL G Sinclair (27) 40 points.

## KORUMBURRA

### Ladies

THE club was rapt to have so many women involved in the three weeks of championships and appreciates all those who participated, making the event so competitive.

Well done to all the winners and the club congratulates Johanna van den Heiligenberg (10) who is our 2023 Women's Club Champion and A Grade winner with 256.

Kerri Besley (17) won the A Grade Handicap, 225.

Julie Hillberg (23) won B Grade Scratch (291) and Hand-

icap (222) trophies. Lyn Perks (31) won C Grade Scratch (314) and Handicap (221), the Senior trophy, as well as the Norrie Little Memorial trophy for the best overall net score.

The wind certainly created some interesting challenges on Wednesday.

Johanna (10) won A Grade, 75 net and Heather Grist (20) was runner-up, 79 on a c/b. Lyn Perks (29) won B Grade, 72 net and runner-up was Sherrin Solly (25), 76 net.

The C Grade winner was Lorraine Knox (39), 72 net after a c/b with Karen Sorrell (40). BDTL went to Betty Thomson (40), 77 net, Kath Welsh (32), 78 net and Jenny Blackmore (30) and Kerri Besley (16), both 79 net.

The nine-hole comp was won by Maree Wittingslow (53), 25 pts. NTP winners were Merrissa Cosson, 10th and Sherrin, 13th.

Thursday's Twilight winners were John and Sherrin Solly, 23 pts and there was a free throw for all competitors. David Sorrell and Merrissa were the NTP winners.

Our club had two teams in the Woorayl Bowl on Friday and well done to Kerri Besley who was the winner in A Grade.

Aliesha Wrigley (20) won on Saturday, 37 pts after a 3-way c/b. Lorraine Knox (39) was runner-up. BDTL went to Deb Wrigley (23), 37 pts and Lynette McIvor (19), 35 pts.

NTP's were Merrissa, 7th, Diane Maskell, 10th and Lee Clements, 13th.

## LEONGATHA

TUESDAY Stableford February 21.

On Tuesday 52 members/guests played in the Stableford Round.

A Grade Winner: Peter Stivic with a score of 37 points

A Grade R/Up: Neale Gillin with a score of 35 points

B Grade Winner: Michael Street with a score of 39 points on a countback

B Grade R/Up: Neil MacKenzie with a score of 39 points

Thursday Stableford February 23.

On Thursday 87 members/guests hitting off on a shotgun start at 9am, enjoying the course at its best with a warm day for

their Stableford Round.

A highlight was the A grade winner Michael Westaway off a handicap of 6, recording an outstanding round of 72 off the stick, 40 Stableford points, kick starting with an Eagle 2 on the 3rd. Well done.

A-Grade Winner: Michael Westaway with 40 points

A-Grade R/up: John McInnes with 39 points

B-Grade Winner: Roy Kleverkamp with 38 points on a countback

B-Grade R/up: Ross McRobert with 38 points

C-Grade Winner: Joe Lowell with 42 points

C-Grade R/up: Bradley Hines with 35 points

D-Grade Winner: Jim Haydon with 40 points

D-Grade R/up: Michael Street with 38 points

NTP 14th: Graham Fitton at 4.37m

NTP 16th: John McInnes at 1.65m

Saturday A.E. Ebney 4BBB Par Qualifying Round February 25.

On Saturday we had 98 golfers take to the course for the A.E Edney 4BBB Par qualifier event.

Winners: Grant McRitchie & Ian Debenham with +12

Runners-Up: Todd Lomax & William Blundy +11

Third Place: Bryan Roylance & Nick Shaw with +10

NTP 14: Phil Strike with 2m

NTP 16: Bryan McCormell with 1.8m

### Ladies

THE Esplanade Hotel Inverloch sponsored the women's stableford event last week.

Despite the very blustery wind there were some exceptional scores.

Chris Lay won A Grade with a very respectable 38 points, the runner up, Fay Quilford, was just one behind with 37 points.

Libby Seebeck played a superb game to win B Grade with 44 points. The runner up in B Grade was Glenyce McRobert on 37 points.

Winners of balls down the line were: Joc Howson and Shirley Welsford 35 points, Bev Reinhard, Viv French, Nicole Whiteside and Vicki Milner 34 and Louise Schache 33 points.

Louise Schache was also the closest to the flag on the 16th.

## MEENIYAN

### Ladies

ON A warm Wednesday and a course in great condition 12 ladies played Par (everyone's favourite).

The winner with a lovely +2 was Jo Graeme who is playing very well and keeping the handicapper busy.

R/U on c/b was a very welcome visitor from Darwin Annette Ballard with +2

DLB's went to Sheila Constantine +1 & Heather Poletti -4

Sponsor for the day was Rita Wells,

Next week is stroke (Medal Day) and 1st round of silver spoon.

## MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, February 23, Stableford.

Day winner, R Matthews, (10) 41pts.

DTL: S Hill-Smith 35, J Smeriglio 33, R Thompson 32 c/b.

NTP: 4th D Mc Cafferty 6th M Tethington.

Birdies: 4th T Whitelaw, D Mc Cafferty, 6th R Matthews, S Hill-Smith, 16th R Matthews S Hill-Smith.

Saturday, February 25, Par.

A Grade: T Bradshaw (9) 4up

B Grade: S Evison (20) 3up

DTL: S Hill-Smith, N Baker 3up, W Reynolds, E Woodall 2up, Tom Traill 1up c/b

NTP: 4th, R Robbins, 6th, M Payne, 13th, T Bradshaw, 16th, R Jenkins.

Birdies: 4th M Payne, 6th, T Bradshaw, 13th, T Bradshaw,

## WONTHAGGI

MEN'S results February 25, S.R 71

Competition type: 4BBB Stableford

A Grade: Daniel Crellin and Michael Scott 42

B Grade: Norm Burne and Kevin Bayley 47

NTPs: Ireland Connor 2nd, Secondo Tiziani 4th, Peter Dell propin 8th, Michael Scott 13th, John Walsh money hole 17th.

Men's results February 23.

Competition type: Stableford 18 Hole, SR. 71

Winner: Colin Banks 40

Runner up: Robert Wilkinson 36.

Men's results February 23.

Competition type: Stableford Front 9 hole, SR. 34.5

Winner: Bob Cornelis 20

### Ladies

WEDNESDAY was the second round of the Ladies Championships.

Lisa Brusamarello was on 95(31)64 net.

Needless to say she was the C Grade winner from Carole Sartori with another great score of 116(45)71.

A Grade winner was Yvonne Everitt 97(20)77 while Pam Russell was B Grade winner 106(29)77.

NTP 2nd Kath Dunscombe, 8th Pam Russell, 17th Dawn Judkins.

BDL C Sartori 71, D Judkins 73, P Hanley 74, B Bowmar 77, C Hamilton 78, M Ryan 78.

## WOORAYL

### Ladies

OUR Gena Roughead Bowl was well supported by surrounding clubs.

The winners of the bowl with 104 points were the talented Meeniyian team of Faye Le Page, Jo Graeme and Tanya Thorson.

A grade winner Kerri Besley 35 points Korumburra, B grade Pauline Lancaster 39 points Woorayl and C grade Bev Bridge 41 points Woorayl.

NTP were 8th Heather Sullivan and 17th Betty Bowmar.

DTL Balls went to Trish Owen 36, Jo Fennell 36, Jenny O'Neill 36, Yvonne Everitt 35, Maxine Eabry 35, Cheryl White 34, Kath Davis 34, Janet Thompson 33, Betty Bowmar, Wendy Cross 33, Veronica Park 33 and Beth Curram 33. The first round of the

D & J O'Connor 4BBB Board event was played on Wednesday February 22, with thanks to our sponsor Hartley Wells Betta Home Living for their continued support of this event.

The winners were the pairing of Heather Sullivan and Jenny Rilesey 45pts with runners up Fay Maynard and Dianne O'Connor 43pts.

Balls down the line to Jean Hayes and Jo Fennell 41 pts, Bev Bridge and Kath Davis 41 pts.

Nearest the pins to 8th and 17th Inge Giliam and the 11th Heather Sullivan.

# Tightlines

## Around the Bay

With Jim's Bait and Tackle

ALTHOUGH not quite as busy as the Christmas period the almost perfect weather through February has seen plenty of people still fishing and last week was no exception.

We had a good mixture of reports last week for both in the bay and offshore. There are not too many now that haven't caught a tuna or two but still some that no matter how hard they try just can't seem to land one.

Better Boating Victoria have announced that they are starting the planning, with council, for the upgrade to the Newhaven boat ramp.

It is still in the very early stages of planning and there are no set designs drawn as yet, plenty of sketches though.

I think we will all agree that what we want is a solution that will better help us retrieve and launch our boats, park our trailers and clean our fish.

The best way to do this is not to attack it with let's see who we can blame for all the other ramps mistakes and yes there are plenty but that is another issue and something to learn from, now it's about getting Newhaven right.

There will be a series of meetings coming up, apparently one already, with the next after the long weekend.

Personally, the way I think these early meetings should go is to have a small group/committee working with the Council and Better Boating to get to a design stage then open to public for consultation.

I will be attending and more than happy to convey your ideas and thoughts, simply drop into the shop and have a chat or send us an email.

There were some good reports in the bay also this week from those not heading offshore with whiting, calamari, pinkies and gummies all reported.

All of the fish reported were from areas you would expect to catch

them, from times you would expect to catch them and sizes most common to this time of the year, so while the weather is closer to what you would expect for a February so was the fishing.

We even had reports of garfish being caught both from the land and on the water, Dickies Bay and Coronet Bay the best areas.

Whiting reports were just ok if you are comparing it to 4 months ago, in reality they are still very good because of the condition of the fish.

While they have certainly lost a bit of length with the average is closer to mid 30cm now the condition of the whiting is still there.

We have been told of a lot of much smaller just size whiting which is good for the future, and they are mixed in with the bigger ones so just preserve and release the smaller stuff for next time.

Mid 40cm and above is a little more of a rarity of late however, everyone still manages to find at least one.

Calamari reports this season have been a little different than other years.

But I think it's probably due recently to the tuna run and the weather in the early season that people aren't doing a full day on them looking to bag out, but short sessions to get what they need for their day's fishing.

It's a bit different from those fishing from the land who have more limited opportunity with tides and tend to be out for a feed.

We are still getting plenty of reports of calamari caught all around the bay, many on snapper or gummy rigs, even a couple from offshore on flathead rigs.

Pinkies have not been as thick as they were over the last few years but still can be a nuisance and during the last couple of weeks, we have seen some better-quality ones caught. Hopefully we will see another run of the bigger pinkies/snapper.

There were some good reports in the bay also this week from those not heading offshore with whiting, calamari, pinkies and gummies all reported.

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## SPORTS

# Taking care of business at Fish Creek footy club

THERE'S absolutely no doubting the benefits of country football and netball clubs to their local communities.

Whether it's developing good citizenship or taking care of mental health, there's more to it than just providing a sporting outlet.

And at Fish Creek Football Netball Club they are well aware of the vital role that local business sponsors play in putting teams on the ground and the court each year, and helping to develop facilities.

Recently the club honoured one of its long-term gold sponsors, Gendore Tractors and Farm Machinery, with a unique piece of Kangaroos' memorabilia; a Fish Creek FNC jumper signed by many of the members of the three-peat premiership team of 2017, 2018, and 2019.

"We promised Derek Genoni (Managing Director of Gendore Tractors), that if he continued on with his sponsorship of the club we would organise a framed jumper for him," said FCFNC President Ray Stefani recently.

"It's been a few years coming, with COVID intervening, but he's now got it hanging up in their office in Leonagatha."

Ray said the acknowledgement of sponsorship underscored what it takes to run a successful football netball club these days, in a climate of rising costs, including one cost that really stands out for clubs these days, the cost of insurance.

"We run a social rooms on our own land at Fishy and being a licensed club we've seen the cost of insurance rise from \$2400-a-year a few years ago to \$4000 and then \$8500 and it looks



Derek Genoni and the team at Gendore Tractors and Farm Machinery including General Manager Tim Burgess and South Gippsland salesman Jake Peters, join Fish Creek Football-Netball Club President Ray Stefani at the presentation of a signed and framed club jumper from the 2017, 2018 and 2019 premiership teams in recognition of Gendore's on-going support of the club.

like being over \$10,000 just for the public liability and general insurance.

"A big contributing factor to that has been the rise and rise in the number of break-ins and thefts at local sporting clubs. To give you an indication, the Fish Creek Bowling Club, which we share the reserve with, has been robbed three times since Christmas and I'm aware of Mirboo North and other clubs that have been hit.

"It's not so much what they take, in some cases it's only a few slabs of beer, but it's the damage they cause along the way. We've got our CCTV surveillance, but it doesn't always seem to deter them."

Local footy clubs are also coming under the scrutiny of the taxation department as their turnover tops \$250,000, another issue for clubs as they prepare for the season ahead.

## Gippsland United FC enter 2023 as a combined force



Gippsland FC, Warragul United and Latrobe United Women have joined forces as a single entity to provide a holistic, strong and elite pathway for Gippsland's premier soccer talent – Gippsland United FC.

THE Junior Boys National Premier League has now commenced for Season 2023 and sees the Gippsland boys hitting the pitch with a new name and new strips!

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This season in the JBNPL, we will be fielding U12 Pre-NPL, U13 Pre-NPL, U14, U15, U16 and U18 sides.

This season will include 11 qualifying matches and 22 home and away matches, with all qualifying matches being played at the Latrobe City Sport Precinct in Morwell.

### U16 - Round 4 Qualifying – Gippsland United FC v's Dandenong City

In an exciting display of Football, the Gippsland United FC U16 boys took to the park against a strong and undefeated Dandenong City team. A match that was intense from start to finish, the Gippsland boys started strong with Trent Frost finding the back of the net within minutes of commencement. A further two goals saw Gippsland hit a 3-0 lead before Dandenong City started

ed to rein the boys in. A match which saw amazing displays of football, some great saves by the Gippsland keeper, goal attempts that found the bar repeatedly, many a scramble in the box and a few penalties paid, saw the visitors come home strong with a hard fought 6-4 win against the Gippsland boys.

### U18 - Round 4 Qualifying – Gippsland United FC v's Dandenong City

The Under 18 Boys took to the park against second on the table, Dandenong City, who came into the bout undefeated so far this season. In the warm conditions, the Dandenong boys displayed their undefeated status by opening the scoring in the opening quarter of an hour. Dandenong soon doubled their advantage and before half time, had put three past the home side. Going into the second half, Dandenong were able to find a fourth goal and looked to continue their dominance in this game. Some great goalkeeping from Jared Goodwin, and some wonderful blocks by centre backs Ben McCartney and Abraham Konyi was enough to keep the away side scoreless for the rest of the half. Final score was Gippsland United 0, Dandenong City 4.

## TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woolamai (Same), Tooradin +2hrs 45m, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

TUESDAY	February 28
12.00am	0.56m
6.19am	1.51m
12.28pm	0.22m
7.30pm	1.51m

WEDNESDAY	March 1
12.38am	0.64m
6.55am	1.43m
1.05pm	0.28m
8.16pm	1.43m

THURSDAY	March 2
1.16am	0.71m
7.32am	1.35m
1.45pm	0.35m
9.07pm	1.35m

FRIDAY	March 3
2.00am	0.79m
8.15am	1.27m
2.30pm	0.42m
10.03pm	1.29m

SATURDAY	March 4
2.52am	0.86m
9.10am	1.20m
3.25pm	0.49m
11.07pm	1.27m

SUNDAY	March 5
4.01am	0.90m
10.20am	1.15m
4.40pm	0.53m

MONDAY	March 6
12.13am	1.28m
5.34am	0.88m
11.37am	1.15m
6.00pm	0.53m

Email us your fishing photos  
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Alan Sperling (right) received his Hall of Fame certificate from the Victorian Country Cricket League's president Kelvin White in Wendouree.

## High honour for Alan

LEONGATHA Cricket identity Alan Sperling's outstanding Country Week contribution was recognised in Wendouree earlier this month when he was officially inducted into the Victorian Country Cricket League's (VCCL) Hall of Fame.

Sperling received his induction certificate from VCCL president Kelvin White, acknowledging his extraordinary career representing the Leongatha & District Cricket Association in Country Week competition in Melbourne between 1954 and 1981, totalling 93 matches.

Sperling was vice captain of the LDCA side that famously won the 1976 Country Week final on the hallowed turf of the MCG.

Having made his Country Week debut aged just 15, he went on to score almost 2000 runs, including a couple of centuries.

Sperling captained LDCA in the annual tournament for 14 years.

In addition to his onfield contribution, he was a committed VCCL administrator, representing his region on the Board for 19 years.

As a VCCL selector, Sperling managed the Victoria Country team for two years at the Australian National Championships.

## Alambee Mirboo & District Tennis Association results

KOONWARRA were not able to field a team for their match against Westernport. Unfortunate at this end of the season, but it can happen. Inverloch won the match against Leongatha North. A tiebreaker in the third men's set was Leongatha North's only set for the day. Inverloch and Westernport are well on top of the ladder in this section, but the bottom half of the ladder is still close with positions open to change in the last round next week.

Leongatha Gold v Outtrim was the match of the week across both sections this week, with Outtrim winning by just four games. Leongatha Gold won the ladies sets and two of the men's sets, but Outtrim won all the mixed which won them the match. Baromi were winners against Korumburra. The Fraser family played well and helped the team to the win. A number of clubs have families playing, which helps keep the Association going.

Next week is the final round of the season. Like last season, could all clubs please organise a donation for the raffle.

Section 1 results: Inverloch 8.71 defeated Leongatha North 1.31, Koonwarra v Westernport - Koonwarra Forfeit, Korumburra BYE

Ladder: Inverloch 122.5, Westernport 100.5, Koonwarra 65.5, Korumburra 62.5, Leongatha North 61.5

Section 2 results: Baromi 6.60 defeated Korumburra 3.48, Outtrim 4.62 defeated Leongatha Gold 5.58, Leongatha Green BYE.

Ladder: Outtrim 97.5, Leongatha Gold 87.5, Baromi 86, Korumburra 86, Leongatha Green 53.5



Ride for Relief participants met at Mitsubishi Motors in Wonthaggi before their ride to Mornington Peninsula via Phillip Island on Saturday morning with Warren and Nicole Stewart supporting the ride. Z10\_0923

## Mental health ride stops off in Bass Coast

THE participants of Ride for Relief came together in Wonthaggi at Mitsubishi Motors on Saturday morning to set off on their fifth day, en-route to Mornington Peninsula via Phillip Island.

The group was raising awareness for mental health and supporting their own wellbeing through physical activity.

The Ride for Relief event is hosted by the Peninsula Hot Springs and presented by NAB, Giant and Mitsubishi Motors Australia with local supporters including Wonthaggi Mitsubishi, jumping on board to support the community ride.

Participants had to be individually sponsored to partake in the six-day tour; each raising \$3,000 before they set off from Metung on Monday, February 20.

The journey had riders travelling through the East Gippsland region, they then traverse back to the Peninsula Hot Springs on Mornington Peninsula via Phillip Island, where a Seaboard cruise - a sponsor of the tour

- ran a dedicated ferry to transport the riders across Western Port Bay.

Ethan Bevends of Ride for Relief met with Warren and Nicole Stewart, and Josephine Wagstaff of Mitsubishi Motors on Saturday morning, where vehicles were donated to the tour to have support crew on the road - travelling in front and behind the riders.

"We're proud to sponsor this great community event that is raising awareness for Mental Health," said Warren. "This is the fifth year running for Ride for Relief but after a successful inaugural six-day tour in 2022, the Peninsula Hot Springs again partnered with Mentis Assist and set a goal of raising \$200,000 and we've already surpassed that goal," said Ethan.

"So far, the event has raised \$209,225, this includes sponsorships, as well as grassroots fundraising and raffle ticket sales," said Josephine. "100% of the funds raised go directly to Mentis Assist and

Wellways Wonthaggi, community not-for-profit mental health support services that provides specialised mental health services for people living with mental illness.

When the new Saltwater Springs is open to the public, participants will be able to enjoy a recovery bathing session in the natural geo-thermal mineral-rich waters; just as they will at the end of the ride at the Peninsula Hot Springs.

"The participants didn't necessarily have to be a part of a riding group or have experience in distance rides, one of the riders this year had ridden his longest distance of 50km but just on Friday they rode 150km alone," said Ethan.

The passion for the cause kept the riders motivated to finish the stage. A charity event that supports those suffering from mental illness and raising awareness to start the conversation.

For more information on future cycling and bathing tours, visit [www.rideforrelief.grassrootz.com](http://www.rideforrelief.grassrootz.com)

## SGB retains the Ashley Delany Award

SOUTH Gippsland Bass (SGB) continued their summer success, swimming strongly in the Gippsland Championships on the weekend.

Swimming kicked off on Friday night with the open 50m events, finishing up with the first of the relays.

SGB showed their depth, fielding up to 10 teams in some relays and coming away with a number of medals.

Saturday was a warm day and swimmers were happy to get in the pool to race and cool off. Sunday wrapped up the meet, finishing up with the hotly contested open relays.

The three day event, held this year in Sale, has the 115 SGB competitors competing in events from the under 8s to the over 35s, meaning there is something for everyone.

Of all the swim districts in Victoria, Gippsland has one of the largest number of competitors with over 500 competing on the weekend, with up to 50 swimmers in some junior



South Gippsland Bass team captains Hayden and Maddy with the Ashley Delany Trophy.

events, making the placings the SGB swimmers earned, even more impressive.

SGB is still hot on the heels of Traralgon, who won the Ken and Pat Hewitt Premiership Trophy for the most points overall, with SGB coming second for the 6th year in a row.

SGB has retained Ashley Delaney 14/U Team Award,

for the most points for the under 14s swimmers for the past 4 years.

Such is the depth of swimmers, the club was able to field up to 10 relay teams in some age groups, highlighting the popularity of the sport in the area.

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

## Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling

ROUND1: 2S COMPANY: 1st on 3pts King Pins, 2nd on 3pts Palms and 3rd on 2pts Alley Cats.

ABL (Almost Bowling Legends) 1st on 15pts PinPals, 2nd on 14pts Buccaneers and 3rd on 13.5pts Knackers.

Business Early: 1st on 3pts Wooly Rollers, 2nd on 3pts Balls Deep, 3rd on 2pts Wooly Balls and 4th on 2pts Old Timers.

Business Late: 1st on 3pts S&R Clarke Auto, 2nd on 2pts City Lights, 3rd on 1pt Team Rich and 4th on 1pts Dynamic Painting.

### Top Scores

Men: Matt Edwards 213, Steve Clarke 206, Raff Merente 202

Women: Chloe Else 203, Jacqueline Kent 153, Mary Dardha 152

## Gippsland Basketball League scores new chair

MARY Aldred is the new Chair of the Gippsland Basketball League.

Ms Aldred is well known to many Gippslanders, having served as the founding CEO of the Committee for Gippsland, on the boards of Lifeline Gippsland, Latrobe Regional Hospital, and Australian Sustainable Hardwoods.

A basketball fan, Ms Aldred also played the game in her 20s.

Affiliated with Basketball Victoria, the Gippsland Basketball League is the governing body for junior competition through to elite Big V Men's and Women's teams in the region.

The league covers from East Gippsland through to South Gippsland and Bass Coast, Baw Baw Shire and Latrobe City.

A 2020 strategic review of the League recommended a number of actions to strengthen and promote basketball in Gippsland, including a skills based board, an increased sponsorship base and improved development opportunities for talented young Gippslanders to have a pathway through to elite level.

Gippsland Basketball League Board Member Erin Maskell said the Board was very pleased to have Ms Aldred in the role.

## Mirboo North & District Junior Tennis Association

A GRADE results: Leongatha Federer 5 sets and 33 games defeated Mardan 1 set and 13 games, Fish Creek 5 sets and 32 games defeated Leongatha Nadal 1 set and 25 games, Baromi 5 sets and 34 games defeated Leongatha Kyrigos 1 set and 17 games.

A Grade Ladder: Leongatha Nadal 65.5, Baromi 60.5, Fish Creek 55, Leongatha Federer 49.5, Leongatha Kyrigos 40, Mardan 20.5

B Grade results: Fish Creek, 5 sets and 34 games defeated Mardan 1 set and 16 games, Baromi 6 sets and 37 games defeated Leongatha 0 sets and 19 games.

B Grade Ladder: Fish Creek 66.5, Baromi 65, Leongatha 40.5, Mardan 23

C Grade: Leongatha Swaitek 8 sets and 32 games defeated Baromi 0 sets and 10 games, Fish Creek and Leongatha Saville drew with 3 sets and 18 games each, Leongatha Tomijanovic 5 sets and 26 games defeated Mardan 3 sets and 19 games

C Grade Ladder: Leongatha Swaitek 88, Baromi 76, Leongatha Saville 61, Fish Creek 60, Leongatha Tomijanovic 51, Mardan 41

# World Superbikes - Alvavo's Island Triple Treat

By Peter Cleeland

THE 2023 World Superbike and World Supersports Championships kicked off with The Grand Ridge Brewery sponsored round at the famous Phillip Island motor racing circuit on February 24-26.

Testing on Monday and Tuesday had one common theme which was Ducati was going to be the bike to beat in World Supersports, with German rider Nicolo Bulega on board and in World Superbikes with reigning champ Spaniard Alvaro Bautista topping the timesheets. Bautista's work rate was phenomenal as he completed 147 laps in testing over the two day period.

The race program scheduled one full length race for World Supersports and World Superbikes on Saturday, a shortened Superpole race on the Sunday followed by another full length 22 lap event on Sunday as well.

## World Supersports: (Race 1, 18 laps)

Three attempts were made to get this race underway as wet weather intervened. The first trial lasted just three laps before officials called a halt to proceedings and due to reduced time available the second jaunt was scheduled as a 12 lap contest but further rain intervened. When the lights went out Ducati rider, Nicolo Bulega left the field in his wake. Such was his dominance Bulega was about to lap the backmarkers as he crossed the line to take the chequered flag. Nichloas Spinelli on a Yamaha 6R was second and John McPhee on a Kawasaki ZX-6R was third.

## World Superbikes: (Race 1, 22 laps)

With the track now thoroughly drenched holding an ample amount of surface water riders chose wet grooved tyres for this race. Northern Irishman, Jonny Rea on his Kawasaki blasted off the line and established a commanding lead over reigning World Superbike champion Alvaro Bautista who was settling into the race conditions. Rea's team mate Alex Lowes who was also on a Kawasaki held down third place.

An early retirement in the wet conditions was BMW rider Michael van der Mark who ran off the track doing significant damage to his machine. Van der Mark's team mate, Englishman Scott Redding was making great progress through the field after starting well back on the grid.

Up front Rea's lead of 1.6 seconds was evaporating as Bautista found his rhythm and started to reel off some sharp laps. By lap 7 Alvaro had taken the lead and was never headed in the run to the flag. Rea finished on the podium in second place with Turkish rider Toprak Razgatlioglu on the blue Yamaha in third position. Scott Redding who had worked hard to get to sixth place developed some issues with the bike and finished in 9th spot. Honda Racing team who have not been competitive in World Superbike racing would have been happy with their riders performances with Iker Lecuona in sixth place and Xavi Vierge placed in eighth position.



Alvaro Bautista made it three straight wins as he heads down the main straight to the chequered flag. Photos: Peter Cleeland

## World Superbikes: (Tissot Superpole, 10 laps)

Yamaha rider Toprak Razgatlioglu headed the field at the start of this sprint race with Ducati team mates Bautista and Rinaldi in hot pursuit. However, on lap two Bautista took over the lead and he together with Ruben Rinaldi made it a convincing 1-2 for Ducati with Yamaha rider Toprak Razgatlioglu finishing third. Aussie rider Remy Gardner didn't endear himself to his Yamaha team mate Dominic Aegerter as the pair entered Miller Corner at turn four Remy collided with Dom ending proceedings for both riders.

## World Supersports: (Race 2, 18 laps)

Ducati rider Nicolo Bulega fresh from success in the first race on Saturday led off the start line along with Nicholas Oncu (Kawasaki 6R) and Stefan Manzie (Yamaha R6). The trio cleared out from the rest of the field with Bulega being overtaken by Manzie who had been the fastest rider throughout the week's practice sessions. His lead was short lived as Nicolo Bulega, not to be denied retook the lead at turn one. With a promising finish building geese intervened and the race was red flagged with five laps to go. As two thirds of the race had been completed Bulega was awarded the race from Manzie and Oncu.

## World Superbikes: (Race 2, 22 laps)

The last race on the program was held in perfect sunny conditions. Largely what unfolded was a repeat of the first two races with Alvaro Bautista opening up a commanding lead along with his team mate Ruben Rinaldi. Yamaha rider Andrea Locatelli settled into an untroubled third placing as the Ducati lads stormed off into the distance. Remy Gardner for his errant ways in race two earned himself a long lap penalty for knocking Dominic Aegerter off the track. The race for the minor placings between Rea, Lowes, Razgatlioglu, Petrucci, Oettl and Axel Basbani kept the crowd on its toes. As Alvaro Bautista did his party tricks on receiving the chequered flag some 6.191 seconds ahead of his team mate Rinaldi with Locatelli a further 2.9 seconds in arrears one thing became very apparent, Ducati ruled round one at the Island.



Former World Professional Surfer Glyndyn Ringrose and Island surfer Scarlett Rennie coached a surf lesson for Remy Gardner, Tom Bramich, Garrett Gerloff, Eric Granado, Oliver Bayliss and Xavi Vierge. Z04\_0923

# WSBK experience Phillip Island off the track

THE Island isn't just home to the World Superbike Championship, it's also home to world renowned surf conditions.

And WSBK riders took to the ocean for an Island Surf lesson with Former World Professional Surfer Glyndyn Ringrose and supergrom Scarlett Rennie, last Wednesday afternoon.

Tom Bramich (Supersport - Apex Yamaha Racing Team) grew up in the township of Glen Alvie just 50km from the Grand Prix circuit, learning to ride amid the South Gippsland Hills at just three years old and has been racing for the past 10 years.

Tom said he was ready for the challenge in the ocean, having surfed a few times before when visiting Phillip Island, and despite of some of the riders having more confidence than others, Glyndyn Ringrose said they all did really well.

Glyndyn briefed the riders on the safety of the ocean on



World Superbike Rider Eric Granado surfed well during his lesson with Island Surf on Wednesday morning at Smiths Beach. Z07\_0923

the shore before entering the water and Oliver Bayliss was the first to catch a wave, followed by Tom Bramich and Eric Granado who all showed their previous experience as they confidently rose to their feet.

The World Superbikes pre-event activation was to put the riders coordination to the test,

after all it takes great coordination to race at speeds well over 300 kilometres an hour on the track.

10-year-old Island surfer Scarlett Rennie helped out in the morning session as a coach, showing her young talent in the waves, leaving the riders amazed at how well she could surf.



World Superbike rider, Alex Lowes holds up his gift from 2023 World Superbike Phillip Island officials and race marshals - signed orange Proban overalls - after donating his race leathers. C05\_0923



British house and techno club DJ, and owner of Carl Cox Motorsport, Carl Cox caught up with marshals and officials at the conclusion of Sunday's race. Carl is pictured with Timetable Official Gary Bleazby. C04\_0923



Several fire brigades combined to extinguish a blaze at the Leongatha Town clubrooms. A29\_0923

## Hopes to salvage Leongatha Town rooms

WHILE those at Leongatha Town Cricket Club are devastated by the extensive damage to their clubrooms from Friday afternoon's fire, and the loss of memorabilia, they are heartened by immediate support from other clubs and the Leongatha & District Cricket Association (LDCA).

"The support I've received is just amazing," club president Cam Dowling said on Saturday morning.

Clubs have already offered rooms and grounds.

Dowling said even those at distant clubs like Bass and Phillip Island have expressed their keenness to come and help.

LDCA president John Schelling is a life member and former club president at Leongatha Town.

"All the clubs have responded, wanting to know how they can help," Schelling said.

"I've just been told Killy Bass offered to forfeit their game and come over and help us clean up."

Despite the extensive internal damage to the clubrooms, those at Leongatha Town remain confident the building can be retained, but its structural soundness will need to undergo further assessment.

"It's badly scorched and there's a lot of smoke damage and water damage, so it's going to be a fair clean up job" Schelling said.

"The bearers in the roof have only got one scorch mark on them and the damage has been done by the smoke and the radiant heat."

Scorebooks were saved along with a few photos, but premiership photos and honour boards were lost.

Dowling explained the clubrooms were built with funding from around the community, and a number of local businesses and trades assisted.

"To get to where we were was a big effort from a lot of people," he said.

The Leongatha Town president believes the clubrooms were in service for about 10 years prior to the fire.

Dowling said an electrical fault was responsible for the blaze, with Schelling stressing it is a lesson for the community to turn televisions off at the power and not leave them on standby for long periods.

The clubrooms are on school grounds, with Leongatha Town



While those at Leongatha Town Cricket Club are confident their clubrooms can be saved, the vast extent of the task ahead is apparent after Friday's fire.

maintaining the field for cricket and student use.

Dowling expressed his appreciation for those emergency service personnel who responded to the fire.

"They were amazing and I'm thankful to the emergency services that helped and controlled the fire so we didn't lose the whole lot," he said.

Despite the massive setback for the Scorpions, the president is maintaining a positive outlook.

"We'll rally around in the club and rebuild and come back stronger than ever," Dowling declared, saying such events have a way of pulling people together.

### Positive news emerges for Leongatha Town

LOCAL fire brigades swung into action on Friday, arriving just after 4pm at Leongatha Town's clubrooms in Horn Street after smoke was reported emerging from a building, with initial indications of a shed fire at Leongatha Primary School.

All four Leongatha appliances, the tanker, pumper, Hazmat and FCV were called into action, with Koonwarra Fire Brigade's tanker also quickly on scene.

"When I realised how the structure was burning, I requested Korumburra pumper with BA (Breathing Apparatus) operators, and after that I requested Bass Group Rehabilitation, then Traralgon BA Support," Leongatha Fire Brigade captain Mick Wight said.

"The Rehab assist the firefighters and carry out observations

on them."

After firefighters emerge from the structure and remove their BA, members of the Rehab team test important measures such as their pulse and blood sugar levels, taking any necessary action.

Traralgon BA Support brought six full BA cylinders, swapping them for empty ones.

Mick outlined the initial situation firefighters discovered.

"When we arrived, there was only a small amount of smoke billowing out of whirlybirds and the gutters of the roof," Mick said.

"We gained access through the main door and there was no sign of fire when we first entered the building, just heavy smoke, so the fire almost suffocated itself because it couldn't get enough oxygen."

The Leongatha Fire Brigade captain estimated the fire took about 20 minutes to extinguish, but firefighters were on scene for approximately two and a half hours.

While those at Leongatha Town Cricket Club are devastated by the extensive internal damage to their clubrooms and loss of memorabilia such as photos and honour boards, the fire's limited oxygen supply proved a stroke of good fortune.

"The structure is fine, but there's a lot of smoke damage," Mick said.

A fire investigator concluded that a wall-mounted television started the fire.

Captain Wight issued a reminder for people to turn off appliances at the power point when not in use.

## South Gippsland over 60s remain top of the table

LAST Sunday saw the Kookaburra Over 60s attempt to stay on top of the Victorian over 60s ladder.

The Kookaburra won the toss with Ol Grayza and Milzy opening up.

Fresh from playing for Australia in the Caribbean, Peter Magnificent Miller blasted a majestic 40no. off a lazy 38 balls.

Against some very good Stars bowling, the Kookaburra were like the

In another arm wrestle, the Kookaburra held firm.

The best of the bowlers included Neil Prez Whitey 4/28 - taking control, Ol Grayza Mighty 1/17, Geoff Allrounder Birnie 1/24 and Freddy Debono 1/25.

The Kookaburra bowling out the Stars for 184.

It's the last round next week against the Ringwood Roughriders, can the Kookaburra finish on top.



Sophie Fletcher knocked out the competition taking out the series championship and round three alongside Harry de Roth who secured first place in the final round on Saturday, whilst coming runner up in the series. Photo: Tommy Williams/Surfing Victoria

## Harry de Roth and Sophie Fletcher riding high after open series

THE FINAL round of the 2023 Victorian Open Series kicked off at Phillip Island with the opportunity for a select few surfers to take out the series title.

Coming into this event, only the Mornington Peninsula pair of Lucas Hickson (Rye) and Pedro Lani (Bittern) could overtake Willis Droomer (Bells Beach) to win the Victorian Open Series.

However, with Droomer competing at the Lake Mac City Pro Junior in NSW the door was left wide open for either Hickson or Lani to overtake him.

In a turn of events, during the quarterfinals Pedro Lani (Bittern) was taken out of title contention after being knocked out in the dying minutes of his heat due to a buzzer beat wave by Ryder Tweedie (Aireys Inlet).

This put Lucas Hickson in the hot seat as he went into the final looking for a first-place finish. However, to get into that first place on the rankings he was going to have to overcome Phillip Island local Harry de Roth (Phillip Island), 2021 Under 18 State Title winner Ethan Huxtable (Jan Juc) and Jack Bassett (Barwon Heads).

After staying quiet in the first half of the final Harry de Roth found his way onto the biggest wave of the final to completely unload a series of power hacks to receive the highest score of the heat, an 8.27-point ride.

With de Roth making his way into first place Hickson decided to ramp up his aerial game by racing down the line and launching almost two metres into the air while rotating 360 degrees, however he unfortunately came down on the wrong part of the wave making the score inconsequential.

In the final minutes of the

final de Roth backed up his excellent score with similar surfing to his previous ride earning a 7.27-point ride and a combined total of 15.54-points (out of a possible 20). This scoreline secured Harry de Roth the win.

"It feels great to win the last event of the series as I had a bit of a shocker in the others, so it feels good to get on top," said Harry.

"There were some fun lefts out there and you just had to be patient."

On the other side of the draw in the Open Women, the Victorian State Title was condensed to three people going into the final with Lucy Naylor (Point Lonsdale), Eva Bassett (Sandy Point) and Sophie Fletcher (Phillip Island) vying for the top spot on the podium.

Sophie Fletcher was looking strong all day and continued this momentum in the final by lighting up her first wave with a couple of vertical snaps. This set the tone for the final and ended up being the highest scoring ride.

With Fletcher being able to connect on two rides throughout the final she took out the final and jumped from 11th place on the series rankings to first place, overtaking Eva Bassett (Sandy Point).

"I didn't even have any idea of the rankings, I was just keen to surf my home break with friends and family," Sophie stated.

"It was also cool to rock up and see fun waves to surf," she added.

Eva Bassett (Sandy Point) placed fourth in the final round, but secured second overall in the Victorian State Titles in what was a fantastic day for Bass Coast and South Gippsland surfers.

Full results and scores can be found online at [surfingvic.com/live](http://surfingvic.com/live)

## Junior finals this weekend

THE LDCA junior finals series kicks off this weekend and it's set to be an absolute belter.

### Semi Finals Sunday March 5

**Under 17:**  
**Phillip Island v Imperials**  
 at Wonthaggi Turf  
**Nerrena v Inverloch**  
 at Leongatha Recreation Reserve Turf

**Under 15**  
**Phillip Island V K'burra Blue**  
 at McMahon Reserve Wonthaggi  
**Inverloch v Leongatha Town**  
 at Outtrim.

Start time for the games is 10am.

### C GRADE DIVISION 1

#### Nyora 5/198 drew

#### Koonwarra L/RSL 7/198

**Nyora - 1st INNINGS:** P Dixon 21, D Esler 111\*, K Linford 33, K Maclure 6, W Dixon 0, K Wurzbacher 12, B Pugh 6\* Bowling: C Riseley 1/38, S Chadwick 0/31, S Paterson 1/21, T Collins 0/35, B Cary 0/48, K Thorne 3/21  
**Koonwarra L/RSL - 1st INNINGS:** S Paterson 19, A Stanley 28, C Harwood 38, H Scrimshaw 30, B Cary 14, AJ Thorne 20, T Collins 21, C Riseley 2\*, R Collins 9\* Bowling: K Maclure 1/34, T Perkins 1/26, Pugh 1/48, W Dixon 2/36, TL Howarth 1/34, D Esler 0/11

#### Phillip Island 5/162 d MDU 161

**MDU - 1st INNINGS:** P Vine 25, T Bright 7, K Sinclair 22, J Brown 1, W Cockesedge 35, C Schwennesen 8, L Bell 1, D Thomas 25, A Richardson 12, K Brown 2, S Riley 7\* Bowling: MA Cleary 2/32, ST Sirirathnage 0/2, C Fall 2/20, D Mani 2/39, A Williams 2/41, N Williams 2/25  
**Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS:** J Manning 54, D Mani 16, T Asurumui 0, ST Sirirathnage 55, D Ivey 3, MA Cleary 9\*, W Paterson 2, J Parry 1\* Bowling: K Brown 0/23, S Riley 2/16, A Richardson 0/19, P Vine 0/27, L Bell 0/43, C Schwennesen 2/27

#### Inverloch d Club

Inverloch won on a forfeit

#### Korumburra - BYE

### C GRADE DIVISION 2

#### Kilcunda Bass 3/252

#### d Koonwarra L/RSL 6/116

**Kilcunda Bass - 1st INNINGS:** A Joseph 51\*, S Oates 109\*, J Reilly 68\*, DB Bettles 10, C Bettles 1, O Shumack 0, H Bettles 2\* Bowling: A Piksons 1/37, T Lund 0/24, D Steele 0/25, G Matthies 0/58, K Collins 0/29, G Birnie 2/25, G Mattingley 0/54  
**Koonwarra L/RSL - 1st INNINGS:** D Murdica 58\*, K Collins 15, G Birnie 19, G Matthies 9, G Perry 0, T Lund 0, A Piksons 5, G Mattingley 5\* Bowling: H Bettles 1/12, DB Bettles 2/26, C Bettles 0/10, P DeRubeis 0/19, A Joseph 1/23, D Bettles 1/16, C Reilly 1/10

#### Town 5/118 d OMK 5/117

**OMK - 1st INNINGS:** G Lomagno 23, T Walker 3, A Sorensen 23, B Maguire 0, J Myors 1, M Whiteside 35\*, N Furness 21\* Bowling: R Hume 1/33, C Rickard 0/31, C Dowling 1/14, T Strybosch 3/9, Y Ratnake 0/16, P Carter 0/14  
**Town - 1st INNINGS:** N Hodges 11, R Edwards 68, R Hume 2, A Fixter 6, T Strybosch 5, M Warren 4\*, P Carter 14\* Bowling: M Whiteside 0/16, B Maguire 0/12, A Sorensen 1/30, D O'Neill 1/21, J Myors 2/15, G Lomagno 0/6, D Wylie 1/15

#### Glen Alvie - BYE



Michael Cleary sends one down the Reece Plumbing Park pitch in his 200th club game. B06\_0923



Tim Bright plays a nice shot off his legs in his 300th game for MDU. B05\_0923

## Esler's ton the highlight in thrilling tie

### C Grade, Division 1

NYORA welcome Koonwarra L/RSL down the road to the Nyora Recreation Reserve, won the toss and chose to bat first.

The home side got off to a thrilling start, reaching 82 before the loss of their first wicket.

Even after that though, they were able to continue on with star opener Daniel Esler (111 from 93) putting together a superb unbeaten century to help his side finish with a competitive score of 5/198 after their 35 overs.

In the second innings the Cougars set out in pursuit of the 199 runs required for victory and made solid work of it but struggled to find a consistent partnership in the end, with several betters getting starts and falling.

In the end, the match became an instant classic, with Koony needing just 12 from the last 18 balls with five wickets in hand. Tyler Perkins (1/26 from 7) bowled a wicket maiden in the 33rd over, followed by allowing just four of the required five runs in the 35th, to force a tie!

Cameron Harwood top scored for Koony while their skipper Kevin Thorne (3/21 from 5) was the best with the ball, his side will now face Wonthaggi and Nyora will head to Inverloch in Round 14.

### Sharks prevail in milestone match

PHILLIP Island hosted MDU at Reece Plumbing Park (Rhyll) and there were milestones aplenty.

Four men celebrated big milestones as MDU's Keiran (KB) Brown played his 200th club game, Tim Bright played his 300th club game, Steven (Skinny) Riley played his 450th club game and Michael (Mick) Cleary from Phillip Island played his 200th club game.

Skinny is a club legend of MDU and a possible future LDCA life member, Bright became only the sixth player in history to join the 300 game club and he and Brown played in excess of 100 games at Tarwin Lower.

MDU Cricket Club, Phillip



The milestone men L-R Keiran Brown (200 games), Tim Bright (300 games), Steve Riley (450 games) and Michael Cleary (200 games).

Island Cricket Club and the LDCA congratulated the four players on achieving such significant milestones.

As for the match itself, the Demons won the toss and chose to bat first and were able to compile 161 runs but unfortunately lost all ten wickets.

Wayne Cocksedge (35 from 32) top scored while 200 gamer Michael Cleary (2/32 from 7) was able to claim a couple of scalps in his milestone match.

In reply, chasing 162 for victory, the hosts were able to reach the target with two overs to spare, losing five wickets along the way to win by five wickets.

John Manning (54 from 80) and Sachin Sirirthnage's (55 from 65) half centuries were the difference in the win as Steven Riley (2/16 from 7) grabbed a few wickets in his 450th match.

The Dees' will now have the bye which means their season comes to an end as they're out of finals contention, as for the Islanders, they'll host Korumburra back in Rhyll as they go for the minor premiership with a win.

### C Grade, Division 2

#### Kilcunda Bass score too imposing for Cougars

KILCUNDA Bass backed up its decision to bat first at Koonwarra by setting the Cougars a daunting target of 253.

While the Koonwarra Leongatha RSL top order showed

fight in the chase, the initial requirement of almost 7.23 per over proved a mountain too high to climb.

Kilcunda Bass set an aggressive tone from the outset when it batted, with Steven Oates blasting 109 off just 80 balls before retiring, and captain Ashley Joseph retiring after a quickfire 51.

Oates' innings included 10 boundaries and six maximums.

Number three batsman Joe Reilly helped Kilcunda Bass maintain its rapid tempo, with an unbeaten run-a-ball knock of 68.

Geoff Birnie was the standout bowler for the Cougars, removing a couple of the Sharks' middle order batsmen and finishing with 2/25 from seven overs on a day some of his teammates copped fearful punishment.

Dom Murdica opened the batting as Koonwarra Leongatha RSL embarked on its massive task and proved a solid presence, making an unbeaten 58, but facing 112 balls from the tenacious Kilcunda Bass attack.

Daniel Bettles was the winning side's only multiple wicket taker, with 2/26 off his full allotment of overs.

Hunter Bettles took a wicket and conceded just 12 runs off his seven overs.

Murdica proved the only major contributor with the bat for the beaten Cougars, with Birnie's 19 next best.

### Town bowlers set up defeat of OMK

AFTER Outtrim Moyarra Kongwak chose to bat at Digger Park, Leongatha Town's bowlers delivered a disciplined performance, ensuring their batsmen wouldn't have to chase too many runs.

OMK was able to set the Scorpions a target of just 118 despite losing only five wickets, such was the difficulty of scoring freely from the Leongatha Town bowlers.

Travis Strybosch led the way for the Scorpions' stingy attack, allowing just nine runs from his seven overs and taking three wickets.

Leongatha Town president Cam Dowling also proved tough to get away, sending down his full complement of overs for just 14 runs and capturing a top order wicket.

Michael Whiteside provided the most resistance in OMK's innings, making 35 not out from 50 balls.

Opener George Lomagno and number three batsman Andrew Sorensen were the next highest scorers for the Diggers, making 23 each, with keeper Noah Furness unbeaten on 21.

Despite defending a low total, OMK's bowlers forced Leongatha Town to work hard for success.

Were it not for the flare of Ray Edwards at the top of the order, Leongatha Town may well have fallen short of the target.

He delivered his side a crucial 68 runs, facing just 58 balls, with 12 boundaries.

Skipper Paul Carter helped guide the Scorpions home with his undefeated 14 their next best score behind Edwards.

Jordan Myors was the multiple wicket taker for OMK, capturing 2/15 from his four overs.

By the time of Edward's dismissal, just 17 runs were required for Leongatha Town success, something the Scorpions achieved with 11 overs to spare.

### Glen Alvie handed points

GLEN Alvie picked up 12 points for the bye, resulting from Phillip Island's withdrawal from C2 competition earlier this season.



Nerrena opener Lachlan Roberts gets bat on ball in his side's win over Inverloch. B09\_0923



Ethan Smith enjoys the moment after helping guide Leongatha Town to victory over Kilcunda Bass by taking 3/19 off his eight overs. A22\_0923

# Imperials down Cobras

## • B Grade, Division 1

KORUMBURRA headed to East Campus Oval and the hosts, the Imperials won the toss and chose to bat first.

Half centuries from Gary Sauvarin (77 from 114) at the top and Clint Honeysett (71 from 53) at number six set up the hosts first innings total of 6/205.

Shane Dole (2/28 from 8) was the pick of the bowlers for the Cobras, who ultimately never really got going in the chase despite a nice half century from skipper Trevor Allen (51 from 59).

Jordan Nagel (3/5 from 2.3) and Dallas McLennan (3/22 from 8) did the damage to dismiss the visitors for 139, seeing them fall by 66-runs.

Korumburra will now head to Thompson Reserve to face Inverloch, while the Imps will head to Nerrena for the last round of the home and away season.

## Cougars end Diggers season with win

OMK hosted Koonwarra L/RSL at the Outtrim Recreation Oval and the Diggers won the toss and chose to bat first.

After a poor start that had them 2/8, the home side never really recovered as Nathan Trotto (3/21 from 8) led the visiting attack to bowl out their hosts for 124.

Some late order hitting from Sam Matthews (31 from 56) ended up the top score for the Diggers who were able to make a great fightback in the second innings.

The hosts were able to dig in with the ball and cause a decent amount of stress to the Cougars who eventually weathered the storm and passed the required total inside 25 overs with just three wickets remaining.

The chase was highlighted by James Rushton (31 from 35) who top scored at number five setting up the three wicket win, Mitch Sawyers (2/11 from 4) tried his best for OMK with the ball.

Koony will now head to Meenyan this Saturday for a huge top four clash, a win could see them lock away second spot on the table.

As for OMK, their season is over as they have the bye and

find themselves outside the top four.

## Nerrena knock off Inv

INVERLOCH welcomed ladder leaders Nerrena down to the Inverloch Recreation Reserve for a huge top four clash and the hosts won the toss and chose to bat first.

Unfortunately though, it wasn't business as usual for the Stingrays as they lost Brett Debono (6) for an uncharacteristically low score and despite a gallant fightback from Chris Terlich (32) and his skipper Warren Williams (30), they never got going, falling 10/145.

In reply, the top dogs Nerrena came out firing after Tyson Harris (2/18 from 8) led their attack in the first innings, finding their way to the 146 run target with just over seven overs to spare, losing just three wickets.

Damien Symmons (49\*) top scored in the chase after the other of the season's prolific run scorers David Baldi (5) too fell for an uncommonly low score.

Dean Cashin (1/34 from 8) fought hard with the ball for Inv, they'll now look to bounce back from the seven wicket loss this weekend when they host Korumburra and hope to regain second spot.

As for Nerrena, they've locked in the minor premiership and will use this Saturday's home matchup with MDU as finals preparation.

## • B Grade, Division 2

### Ethan Smith excels in Leongatha Town win

LEONGATHA Town won a terrific contest against the backdrop of its badly damaged clubrooms, which appear deceptively fine from outside, with young leg spinner Ethan Smith weaving a web around the Kilcunda-Bass batsmen.

Fifteen-year-old Smith's lack of pace made his deliveries look an inviting prospect, but his mix of flight and spin proved testing and he took 3/19 from eight overs.

That included breaking the crucial partnership of Stephen Leman and Clinton Armour, having the latter caught by Josh

Schelling.

While Armour made just seven, he and Leman added 38, taking Kilcunda-Bass to 3/100, needing just 63 more runs for victory.

Armour's removal made that 4/100 and sparked a collapse that saw the Sharks bowled out with the addition of just 30 more runs, giving Leongatha Town a 32-run win and a finals berth.

By the time Leman fell for 49, bowled by the medium pace of Luke Ashton, Kilcunda-Bass was 6/112, still needing 51 and with its hopes fading.

Ashton finished with 1/24 from his full allotment of overs.

Noah Fixter made crucial top order breakthroughs, helping set up Leongatha Town's winning opportunity, including bowling Kilcunda Bass opener Scott Williams, who looked threatening before succumbing for 26.

Fixter captured 2/31 from his eight overs, effectively bowling an extra over with four wides and a couple of no balls.

Lachie Gill managed impressive figures of 1/12 despite conceding five wides.

Smith held his nerve regardless of some attacking strokes from the Kilcunda-Bass batsmen.

He commanded plenty of respect, having the Sharks in defensive mode on many occasions.

Smith has been learning the challenging art of leg spin for about five years, saying his lack of pace prompted his decision to focus on guile.

Leongatha Town skipper Mark Hardy praised the efforts of his side after the game, telling them they have made the finals and urging them to tidy up in the extras department, noting a couple of the bowlers bounced back strongly after wayward starts.

Lachie May defied what for many proved challenging batting conditions, with his rapid 48 not out, batting at number 7, proving crucial in enabling Leongatha Town to set a competitive target of 163.

Opener Matt Davies and number three batsman Ashton were the Scorpions' next biggest contributors with the

willow, making 27 apiece.

Leman preceded his impressive innings for Kilcunda-Bass with excellent bowling, taking 3/11, with half his eight overs being maidens.

Nicholas McCallum also took three wickets for the Sharks, conceding 39 runs from his maximum over allotment.

Both those bowlers inflicted damage on Leongatha Town's top and middle order.

Like the other clubs in the Leongatha & District Cricket Association, those at Kilcunda-Bass swiftly offered help to Leongatha Town after Friday's fire destroyed the inside of the Scorpions' clubrooms.

Leongatha Town will have a bye in the final regular season round before commencing its finals campaign.

## Phillip Island outmuscles Glen Alvie

GLEN Alvie chose to bat at home, but the visiting Phillip Island bowlers made that a tough assignment.

While Glen Alvie showed fight to bat out its 40 overs, it was able to set a target of just 103, something Phillip Island achieved for the loss of just one wicket.

Clint Gooch, batting at number 9, may be in for a move up the order after top scoring for Glen Alvie with 27 not out at almost a run a ball.

Pieter Loos (20) and Joe Burke (17) were a couple of other decent contributors with the bat for the beaten team.

Matthew Parsons was a destructive force with the ball for the Sharks, taking 4/8 from six overs, helping ensure Phillip Island's batsmen didn't have too much work to do.

Tarryn Allan was the winning side's other multiple wicket taker, with 2/13 off eight overs.

Phillip Island skipper Connor Epifano led his team's successful chase with an undefeated 54, with fellow opener Kurt Lane blasting a rapid 33 that included five fours and a six.

Lachlan McRae was Glen Alvie's wicket taker, finishing with 1/18 off four overs.

## B GRADE

## DIVISION 1

### Nerrena 3/147 d Inverloch 145

Inverloch - 1st INNINGS: B Debono 6, W Williams 30, CJ Terlich 32, R Newman 3, J Williams 7, J Richardson 2, D Cashin 28, J Dugard 5, IJ Seuckley 1/49, D Symmons 1/2, WB Croatto 1/21, MB Croatto 1/12, B Salmon 2/18, Z Trease 2/18, T Harris 2/18

Nerrena - 1st INNINGS: L Roberts 26, D Baldi 5, MB Croatto 33, J Kelly 24\*, D Symmons 49\* Bowling: J Richardson 0/17, J Dugard 1/21, D Cashin 1/34, J Williams 1/33, R Newman 0/22, N Dobbie 0/19

### Imperials 6/205 d Korumburra 139

Imperials - 1st INNINGS: GA Sauvarin 77, F Materia 5, RK McLennan 28, D McLennan 0, M Reidy 0, C Honeysett 71, C Reid 4\*, A Casey 9\* Bowling: B Riddell 2/38, SR Head 0/34, N Christensen 0/17, J Rockall 2/41, S Dole 2/33, PD Beadel 0/27, T Dole 0/10 Korumburra - 1st INNINGS: T Allen 51, N Christensen 6, Z Barrett 1, S Dole 15, PD Beadel 25, J Rockall 0, SR Head 12, T Dole 15\*, B Riddell 0, C Turton 1, J Dunn 1 Bowling: J Jeffery 1/22, A Casey 1/37, D McLennan 3/22, C Bruce 0/27, KB Gray 1/16, J Nagel 3/5

### Koon L/RSL 7/127 d OMK 124

OMK - 1st INNINGS: K Kerr 3, R Quaife 3, B Furness 7, J Paterson 18, D Creed 1, A Busana 13, S Matthews 31, C Quaife 0, SM Taylor 14, M Sawyers 19, R Foster 1\* Bowling: M Boswell 1/14, J Rushton 0/2, B Smith 1/3, N Arnup 1/17, PA Buckley 1/13, N Trotto 3/21, M Cooke 1/7, A Drury 1/41 Koonwarra L/RSL - 1st INNINGS: JA Pickersgill 0, M Cooke 18, B Anderson 15, N Grimes 13, J Rushton 31, PA Buckley 15, N Arnup 2, N Trotto 13\*, M Boswell 7\* Bowling: SM Taylor 0/34, M Sawyers 2/11, R Foster 2/34, J Paterson 2/20, K Kerr 24

## MDU - BYE

## B GRADE

## DIVISION 2

### P-Island 1/107 d Glen Alvie 9/102

Glen Alvie - 1st INNINGS: A Dakin 0, J Burke 17, JA Tiziani 4, J Standish 11, D McGuirk 3, P Loos 20, L Gooch 14, N Thatcher 0, C Gooch 27\*, W Hynes 0 Bowling: K Lane 0/18, P Francis 1/21, M Parsons 4/8, T Allan 2/13, A Tolley 1/24, H Arceo 1/13 Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS: C Epifano 54\*, K Lane 33, BJ Ross 16\* Bowling: J Standish 0/21, L McRae 1/18, W Hynes 0/25, L Gooch 0/11, J Burke 0/3, P Loos 0/19, N Thatcher 0/9

### Town 162 d K-Bass 130 (Rd 13)

Town - 1st INNINGS: M Davies 27, M Hardy 5, L Ashton 27, N Fixter 0, C Bruce 14, W Dawson 16, L May 48\*, J Schelling 3, D Goss 1, L Gill 4, E Smith 2 Bowling: NJ McCallum 3/39, C Peckett 2/37, SJ Leman 3/11, B Waldron 1/19, ZB Crow 1/35, S Williams 0/15 Kilcunda-Bass - 1st INNINGS: S Williams 26, B Waldron 4, SJ Leman 49, D Ferguson 0, C Armour 7, ZB Crow 3, R Gardiner 3, R Blackney 9, N Grant 6, NJ McCallum 0, C Peckett 0\* Bowling: L Gill 1/12, L May 0/13, M Davies 2/29, N Fixter 2/31, L Ashton 1/24, E Smith 3/19

## Nerrena - BYE



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A2: Jai Bright (MDU) 58\* ; Jack Gay (Foster) 5/29

B1: Gary Sauvarin (Imperials) 77 ; Nathan Trotto (Koon L/RSL) 3/21

B2: Connor Epifano 54\* ; Matthew Parsons (Phillip Island) 4/8

C1: Daniel Esler (Nyora) 111\* ; Kevin Thorne (Koon L/RSL) 3/21

C2: Steven Oates (Kilcunda-Bass) 109 ; Travis Strybosch (Town) 3/9

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Team	Points	%	Team	Points	%
<b>A GRADE, Division 1</b>					
OMK	120	1.3096	Korumburra	126	2.5932
Phillip Island	84	1.0810	Phillip Island	96	1.1609
Nerrena	84	1.0235	MDU	84	1.1454
Town	84	0.9978	Nyora	72	1.0027
Inverloch	78	1.0671	Foster	72	0.9468
Club	72	0.9934	Club	60	0.6033
Imperials	60	0.8597	Glen Alvie	54	0.7145
Koonwarra L/RSL	42	0.7382	Kilcunda-Bass	48	0.8155
<b>B GRADE, Division 1</b>					
Nerrena	126	2.3524	OMK	114	1.6820
Koonwarra L/RSL	90	1.4796	Nerrena	90	1.3539
Inverloch	90	1.3499	Town	84	1.2090
MDU	72	0.9792	Phillip Island	72	1.0417
OMK	54	0.8506	Club	72	0.9680
Imperials	36	0.6401	Kilcunda-Bass	36	0.8215
Korumburra	0	0.3734	Glen Alvie	0	0.3963
<b>C GRADE, Division 1</b>					
Inverloch	102	2.8798	Town	132	1.6641
Phillip Island	102	1.1849	OMK	126	1.5725
Koonwarra L/RSL	78	0.9634	Kilcunda-Bass	108	1.2364
Korumburra	72	1.0897	Glen Alvie	72	0.7274
Nyora	54	0.5824	Koonwarra L/RSL	30	0.3898
MDU	36	0.6992			
Club	24	0.9133			

## NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES &amp; UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

SATURDAY  
MARCH 4

## A GRADE, Division 1

**Koonwarra L/RSL v Nerrena**  
LEONGATHA TURF  
Ashley Stride  
**Town v Inverloch**  
SCORPION 1  
Steve McNamara  
**OMK v Phillip Island**  
OUTTRIM  
Shane Moore  
**Imperials v Club**  
EAST CAMPUS  
Ian Thorn

## A Grade, Division 2

**Nyora v MDU**  
NYORA  
Les White  
**Korumburra v Foster**  
KORUMBURRA  
Greg Goss  
**Glen Alvie v Club**  
WONTHAGGI TURF  
Glenn Plymin  
**Phillip Island v K-Bass**  
COWES  
Graham Wightman

## B Grade, Division 1

**Inverloch v Korumburra**  
INVERLOCH TURF  
Neil Grabham  
**MDU v Koonwarra L/RSL**  
MEENIYAN  
Geoff Parkinson  
**Nerrena v Imperials**  
NERRENA  
Terry Rogers  
**OMK - BYE**

## B GRADE, Division 2

**Club v Nerrena**  
McMAHONS  
Geoff Wyatt  
**K-Bass v Phillip Island**  
BASS 1  
TBA  
**Glen Alvie v OMK**  
GLEN ALVIE  
TBA  
**Town - BYE**

## C GRADE, Division 1

**Koonwarra L/RSL v Club**  
KOONWARA  
TBA  
**Inverloch v Nyora**  
INVERLOCH FG  
TBA  
**Phillip Island v Korumburra**  
REECE PARK (RHYLL)  
TBA  
**MDU - BYE**

## C GRADE, Division 2

**OMK v Kilcunda-Bass**  
DIGGER PARK  
TBA  
**Koon L/RSL v Glen Alvie**  
LG VELODROME  
TBA  
**Town - BYE**

## • A Grade, Division 1

AFTER setting a competitive total on day one, Nerrena welcomed back OMK to the Leongatha Recreation Reserve.

However, the ladder leading Diggers made light work of the 206-run target as star opener Ethan Lamers (126\* from 160) finally notched that elusive century that he fell five runs short of last time out.

The young opener's unbeaten innings was the difference in the chase, as he combined beautifully with his captain Koby Brann (67 from 123) to put together a 157-run stand after being 1/0.

Jarrod Hoy (1/34 from 11) tried his best with the ball.

The visitors huge eight wicket win sent a big message to the rest of the A grade division one competition as they have now locked in the minor premiership and will use the final game of the regular season against Phillip Island as a sighter for finals.

As for Nerrena, they'll host Koonwarra L/RSL and look to win to guarantee themselves a finals berth.

## Club upset Town to keep dream alive

WONTHAGGI welcomed Leongatha back to the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve Turf and looked to

complete the upset by finding a further 160 runs.

In the end, the home side were able to make the 160 runs and reach the required total inside 50 overs to complete the upset, losing just three wickets along the way.

Club captain Ryan Thomas (62\* from 106) combined well with young opener Stewart Beaumont (79 from 132) who's half centuries and 90-run partnership laid the perfect foundation for the successful chase, seeing the Wonthaggi boys win by seven wickets.

Amila Ratnaike (1/30 from 8) tried bravely with the ball for Town.

The win keeps Wonthaggi's finals hopes alive, but they'll need to defeat the Imperials on the road this week and hope some other results fall their way to sneak in.

As for the Scorpions, they'll now host Inverloch and look to win and hold them out of the top four.

## Imps stun Stingrays

INVERLOCH welcomed the Imperials back to Thompson Reserve and looked to complete the run chase and grab a spot in the top four.

However, just as the chase looked as though it was well on its way to being a successful one at 2/84, disaster struck for the finals hopeful

## Stingrays.

With gun top order bats in captain-keeper duo David Newman (35 from 93) and Jack Butcher (28 from 137) at the crease, the hosts lost 8/31 as Sumudu Sameera (4/14 from 17) and his captain Jack Ginnane (4/34 from 15.2) combined to tear them apart.

The brutal collapse saw the hosts dismissed for 115, falling 12-runs shy of the win.

The Inv's squad will have to lick their wounds quickly and compose themselves ahead of a massive clash this weekend at Scorpion Park, where they take on Town for a spot in the finals.

As for the Imps, they're out of the finals race themselves, but will look break some more hearts with a win over Wonthaggi this Saturday.

## Walsh and the Cougars complete the upset

IT MAY have been an uneven matchup on paper going in, with last season's premiers hosting this season's wooden spooners, but that didn't bother Koonwarra L/RSL when they travelled back to the Newhaven Recreation Reserve to face Phillip Island.

Needing just 65 more runs to complete one of the almighty upsets after

bowling the reigning premiers out for just 88 on day one, the Cougars returned with a fierce determination.

This was led by their fearless captain Ben Walsh (21 from 182) who's incredible captain's knock, that lasted almost 200 minutes set the tone for the chase, and ultimately saw Koony out of trouble.

Although despite Walsh and Kasun Weeranga's (28 from 70) defiant digs, the Cougars side was still unable to hold off some resistance from the Sharks, who should be commended for not giving in.

Led by star spinner Charith Keerthsinghe (2/25 from 30) the hosts showed great fight, dismissing Walsh and Weeranga and making the game interesting with 20-runs to go.

However, the visitors showed some amazing heart and persevered to get the job done, winning by three wickets.

A massive upset loss for Phillip Island who were looking to lock in a finals spot, they'll need to continue that search for perfection this week and take down the minor premiers OMK if they want to remain in second position.

As for Koony, they'll look to cause a bit of late season chaos with a win over Nerrena.



Cougars opener Ben Walsh's captain's knock set up a huge upset win for his side at the Newhaven Recreation Reserve. B14\_0923

## Lamers finds three figures in another Diggers win

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Todd Smith plays a beautiful drive during his team high score in the loss to Korumburra. B12\_0923

## MDU overhauls Glen Alvie's modest total

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MEENIYAN Dumbalk United overcame the loss of a couple of early wickets the previous week to claim a first innings win over visitor Glen Alvie.

MDU entered day two of the match at 2/25, still needing 90 runs to edge ahead, having lost both openers.

The Glen Alvie bowlers gave their all, reducing MDU to 6/71, a deficit of 43, but the Demons went ahead on the scoreboard before losing any further wickets.

A speedy 58 not out from Jai Bright was a highlight for the triumphant MDU, which finished with a first innings lead of seventy runs when stumps were drawn.

His aggressive efforts were well complemented by the patient knock of Mitchell Hoober, with his 31 runs from 63 balls steadyng the ship for the home side after he entered the fray at number 7.

Nathan Findlay impressed with the ball for Glen Alvie, giving his side a chance as he captured four of his side's first five wickets.

He finished with figures of 4/57 from 24 overs.

While Matthew Dakin was Glen Alvie's other multiple wicket taker with 2/29 off nine overs, teammate Stephen Kennedy went wicketless but made the MDU batsmen toil for their runs, conceding just 21 from 16 overs.

### Kilcunda Bass can't hold off Korumburra for draw

WITH Korumburra setting a mountainous total of just over 300 runs in its first innings, Kilcunda Bass dug in on day 2 fighting for a draw, but the Cobras' bowlers did enough to prevent that.

Sri Lankan spin pair Inshaka Siriwardena and Harshika Fernando applied fierce pressure, with fielders crowding the Kilcunda Bass batsmen.

Siriwardena bowled what Kilcunda Bass skipper Ash Larcombe aptly described as "a ton of overs", sending down 24 of them and taking 4/23.

"We batted most of the day pray-



Korumburra quick Jacob Whitside steams in at the Bass Recreation Reserve on Saturday. B11\_0923

ing for rain," Larcombe said of the tense battle for a draw.

While drizzle arrived, it was never enough to force players from the field.

Larcombe commended the fighting spirit shown by his side, exemplified by Todd Smith's determined 27 from 88 balls and an undefeated 20 from 51 balls by James Mahood.

With one player unable to make it to the ground, it was a case of nine down all out for Kilcunda Bass.

Fernando finished with 2/32 from 11 overs for the victorious Korumburra, with teammate Harry McNeill ending the innings of the defiant Smith and capping that with the game's final wicket, taking 2/11 off just over five overs.

### Foster forces Phillip Island follow-on

PHILLIP Island never threatened to make the 266 runs required for

a first innings win over Foster.

The Tigers took charge from early in the Sharks' innings, reducing the visitors to 6/22.

While Clint Wilson (43) and Jobe Williams (32 not out) dug in to provide much-needed fight for Phillip Island, the side was only able to muster 128 first innings runs, prompting Foster to ask the Sharks to bat again.

Jack Gay (5/29) and Jack Weston (4/23) devastated Phillip Island through the top and middle order, with Weston also accounting for the stubborn Wilson and taking the final wicket.

In the second innings, Phillip Island skipper Steve McIntyre took responsibility on his shoulders, pushing himself up the order to open the batting.

He set the standard for his side with an unbeaten 58 at better than a run-a-ball.

No other Shark made more than seven in the second innings before stumps were called.

### Club has a go, but Nyora gets the points

A BRISK 87-run opening stand gave Wonthaggi Club a solid start to its epic quest to surpass Nyora's 306 run total.

However, Nyora's bowlers took charge thereafter, sending Club's number three batsman Kyle McGregor on his way for a duck, then reducing Wonthaggi to 4/102.

While Club had a number of solid contributors, none were able to press on to a really big score, with Jason O'Reilly and Luke McGuirk both making 56.

Openers David Britt (49) and Emmet Dempsey (44) also did well for the beaten team.

Mitchell Rowe toiled hard and reaped healthy rewards for Nyora, snatching 5/60 from his 15 overs, removing five of Wonthaggi's top six batsmen.

Teammate Michael Lynch needed less than eight overs to claim 3/23.

Nyora finished the winner by 35 runs, with skipper Henry Dolphin's century on the game's opening day proving crucial.

### A GRADE

#### Koonwarra L/RSL 7/90

##### d Phillip Island 88

###### Koonwarra L/RSL – 1st INNINGS

B Walsh	lbw	b SL Rathnayake	.....	21
A Hunt	c J Black	b GD McCausland	.....	4
J Hughes	c J Black	b T Keily	.....	3
H Hoekstra	c HW Womersley			
b C Keerthisinghe			2	
S Hughes	c DP Mock	b T Keily	.....	1
K Weeranga	c SL Rathnayake		28	
M Scrimshaw	c SL Rathnayake			
b C Keerthisinghe			1	
I Wickramasinghe	not out		12	
J Kennedy	not out		7	
Extras (nb 0, w 3, b 3, lb 0)			6	
<b>Total 3/180 (dec) (52.6 overs)</b>				

Bowling: DL Polwattha	Gallage	12-3-0-34, M Madusanka	19-6-1-46, D Hume
C Brann	c L Hickey	b F McLennan	5.6-0-1-27
(2w), A Ratnaike	8-1-1-30,	O Vimalarathna	2-1-0-6
Town – 2nd INNINGS			
D Hume	not out		9

J Giardina	b J Brann		14
B Hanrahan	c M Waller	b J Brann	0
DL Polwattha	Gallage	c M Waller	
b J Brann			0
M Madusanka	not out		7
Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 4, lb 0)			4
<b>Total 3/34 (9 overs)</b>			

Bowling: T Keily	18.1-6-2-34 (3w),
GD McCausland	5-2-1-10 (1nb, 1w),
C Keerthisinghe	30-18-2-25, TS Niven
5-2-0-5 (1w), SL Rathnayake	14-8-2-11
<b>Total 7/90 (72 overs)</b>	

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##### Inverloch – 1st INNINGS

J Butcher	c D Perera	b J Ginnane	.....	28
J Strickland	b L Wright		4	
A Donohue	b L Wright		2	
D Newman	c D Ginnane	b S Sameera	35	
T McQualter	lbw	b S Sameera	.....	4
JB Dennerley	c D Perera	b J Ginnane	.....	4
R Harris	lbw	b S Sameera	.....	0
CW Asbury	lbw	b J Ginnane	.....	0
L Rankin	c L Wright	b S Sameera	.....	13
J Donohue	c D Perera	b J Ginnane	.....	2
H Butcher	not out		0	
Extras (nb 3, w 9, b 7, lb 4)			23	
<b>Total 115 (66.2 overs)</b>				

Bowling: L Wright	21-10-2-40 (1w),
L Anderson	4-2-0-6, J Ginnane
4-34 (2nb, 7w), T Sauvarin	3-2-0-1 (1w),
S Sameera	17-12-4-14, I Bolge
6-2-0-9 (1nb)	

<b>Total 115 (66.2 overs)</b>	
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<b>Total 115 (66.2 overs)</b>	
Bowling: L Wright	21



Inverloch Cricket Club, the inaugural LDCA Women's Division one premiers. B01\_0923

## Superb Stingettes claim first women's flag

FOR the first time in Leongatha District Cricket Association (LDCA) history it was women's Grand Final day as the inaugural women's season reached its last Sunday.

The big day kicked off at 10am down in Foster as the two Tigers squads went at it in the Division two decider.

Once again, just as they have all season, the two Foster teams produced some sensational cricket in what was a brilliant game from start to finish.

In the end though, it was Foster Black taking the crown, winning the Division two Grand Final by just 20-runs and becoming the first LDCA Women's Division two premiers.

Congratulations to both Foster teams on their terrific seasons.

By Aiden Box

Following the amazing start from the Tigers ladies, the Division one Grand Final was held at 1pm at Koonwarra and it sure did not disappoint.

The hometown Koony side hosted the surging 'Stingettes' who had not been defeated at any point throughout the season, including beating their Grand Final opponents twice.

Inverloch went in to bat first and thanks to some hard running and quality shot play, were able to post a competitive total of 112.

Although, the hosts were determined to pull off the upset on their home deck and despite some exceptional early fielding from the Inv ladies, were able to make

the red and blue faithful sweat towards the end.

Koonwarra were brave in the chase, but ultimately fell 19-runs short, handing the Stingettes the historic win.

Not only did the victory solidify the Inverloch Stingettes names into the history books as the first ever LDCA women's Division one premiers, but they also completed the perfect season, winning all of their games.

Congratulations to the Inverloch Cricket Club, an outstanding achievement and they were well supported throughout the season and the Grand Final.

Congratulations to all the clubs who participated in the incredible first women's season, it was hugely supported by all and looks to have a very bright future.



Foster Black became the first LDCA Women's Division two premiers on Sunday.

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