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MURDER CHARGE for Korumburra man

MISSING Person Squad detectives have charged a Korumburra man in relation to the suspicious disappearance of Rosebud man Jake Bradford.

Local police conducted a number of enquiries following the 21-year-old's missing person's report by his mother on January 29, including several public appeals for assistance.

A 25-year-old Korumburra man was

arrested Saturday night and has been charged with one count of murder.

The accused appeared before the Latrobe Magistrates' Court on Monday.

No application for bail was made and the accused has been remanded in custody to appear before Latrobe Valley Magistrates' Court in August.

Investigators believe the victim became involved in an altercation in the Foster

North area on or around January 24.

Detectives also arrested a 25-year-old woman of no fixed address last Thursday, and she remains in custody on unrelated matters.

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Police report correction

A POLICE report that appeared in last week's edition on page 3 "Collision on Phillip Island Road" was incorrect.

The Sentinel-Times would like to correct that the Holden Cruze was not travelling on the wrong side of the double white lines, and the silver Mitsubishi contained the passengers.

The following is an updated report from police media:

'San Remo police are investigating a head-on collision that occurred in San Remo on February 26.'

'It is believed three men were travelling in a silver Mitsubishi Lancer along Phillip Island Road when they collided with a red Holden near Punch Bowl Road just before midnight.'

'The driver of the Mitsubishi, a 30-year-old Narre Warren South man was in hospital in a serious condition.'

'His two passengers, a 21-year-old Laverton man and 20-year-old Beaconsfield man were both in hospital in a critical condition.'

'The driver of the Holden was in hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.'

'The investigation remains ongoing.' The Sentinel-Times apologises for any distress this may have caused.

Huge increase for break-ins nationwide

BREAK-INS have increased for the first time in over a decade, with 2.0 per cent of households (194,100) experiencing a break-in over the last 12 months, according to figures released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

Will Milne, ABS head of crime and justice statistics, said: "This was up from the lowest recorded rate of 1.7 per cent (171,600) in 2020-21, which coincided with sustained periods of lockdowns and COVID-19 restrictions across Australia."

"Property was stolen in around two-thirds of break-ins (65 per cent), with personal items like handbags, jewellery or clothing most often taken."

Despite the recent increase in break-ins, the data found that the victimisation rate of 2.0 per cent remains lower than both pre-pandemic levels (2.4 per cent in 2018-19) and from when data was first collected in 2008-09 (3.3 per cent).

The report also found that the prevalence of all other household and personal crimes collected in the survey remained stable between 2020-21 and 2021-22.

The Crime Victimization Survey provides information about experiences of a selected range of personal and household crimes, including the sociodemographic characteristics of people experiencing the offences, whether the most recent incident was reported to police and other characteristics of the most recent incident.



The potential expansion of Cape Paterson's northern boundary has been a key aspect of submissions to the Distinctive Areas and Landscape and its Statement of Planning Policy. Ns050823

Public hearings get underway for DAL

DAY one of the public hearing for the Bass Coast Distinctive Areas and Landscape commenced on Monday with a scheduled 27 days of hearings, which will conclude on April 27.

Accessible via video conference the public hearing was held in person at Wonthaggi Town Hall under the guidance of Chair, Kathy Mitchell AM.

Made up of advisory committee members Alison McFarlane (Deputy Chair), Mandy Elliott, Rebecca Finn, Ian Hamm, Natasha Reifsneider and Jessica Tulloch, the Standing Advisory Committee heard opening submissions from Bass Coast Shire Council, Glen Waverley Real Estate/Coastal Estates, Wallis Watson Cape Paterson, Springway Corporate Group (San Remo), Springway Corporate Group (Ventnor), Adrian Abrahams and Franlaw, Cape Paterson Residents Group and Ratepayers Association, Save Western Port Woodlands, and South Gippsland Conservation Society and Victorian

National Parks Association.

In opening submissions for Springway Corporate Group (San Remo), their barrister highlighted the significant change to the status quo.

"The introduction of a protected settlement boundary is that it represents a significant change to the status quo in respect of planning for San Remo. Protected settlement boundaries are akin to Metropolitan Melbourne's urban growth boundary in some ways.

They're a boundary that effectively vetos any urban rezoning outside of its extent, and a boundary that can only be changed by parliamentary ratification of the planning scheme... We say that it's not essential that the policy include protected settlement boundaries for any particular location, regardless of the characterisation of the township or its place in the hierarchy."

They went on to note that what the committee will hear over the course of the hearing is, "evidence that is quite specialised in nature from

a range of disciplines but planning evidence has a special role to play because it involves the weighting of competing considerations, not only policy considerations, but also considerations that go to the various disciplines."

The comments aligned with Springway Corporate Group's (Ventnor) submission, which stated that the "SPP (Statement of Planning Policy) fails to provide a justification or data to support the downgrading of the township status of Ventnor from a district town to a hamlet, and it is clearly evident that the supporting background papers to the SPP failed to analyse or discuss in any detail this downgrading."

By contrast, reducing the town boundary back to Seaward Drive is the driving factor behind submissions from Cape Paterson residents.

In summary, the proposed Distinctive Areas and Landscape goes both too far and not far enough according to residents and stakeholders.



Fatality along Bass Highway

A MAN has died following a collision in Dalyston on Tuesday, February 28.

Investigators have been told a car and a garbage truck collided head-on along the Bass Highway about 5.45am.

Sadly, the male driver of the car died at the scene.

His female passenger was not injured and taken to hospital for observation.

The truck driver, a 63-year-old man, was not injured and is assisting police with their enquiries.

Investigations into the circumstances surrounding the collision are continuing.

Anyone with footage or information about the collision is urged to contact Bass Coast Highway on 5671 4100, Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a confidential report online at crimestoppersvic.com.au.

Rider's life tragically lost

POLICE will prepare a report for the coroner after a man died following a crash in Wonthaggi on Sunday, March 5.

Emergency services were called to the property off West Area Road about 11am and were told a 20-year-old Queensland man crashed while riding his motorcycle at an organised event.

He was treated at the scene by on site medical teams and then ambulance crews but could not be revived.

Worksafe were notified and will also attend.

Burglary at Mitre 10

POLICE are investigating a burglary yesterday, March 6, at 4.30am at Mitre 10 in Inverloch.

The early morning alarm was investigated by an employee who found the premise had been broken into. It is unknown at this stage if any items were stolen with enquiries ongoing.

Anyone with information contact Wonthaggi CI on 5671 4100 or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000.

Theft of children's bike outside BP

POLICE are investigating a stolen children's bike from outside BP Inverloch on Saturday, March 4 around 11am from the nature's strip.

The children's bike was positioned alongside an adult's bike and has training wheels attached.

A middle age woman was seen in CCTV approaching the bike and walking off with it.

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LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Due to the Labour Day long weekend the next issue of the Sentinel-Times will come out a day late on **Wednesday, March 15**

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IN BRIEF

New round for \$250 power saving bonus

EVERY Victorian will be able to access a new round of the \$250 Power Saving Bonus within weeks.

The \$250 Power Saving Bonus will be re-opened to all eligible Victorian households from March 24, including those that received payments under previous rounds.

Applications for the payment can be made through the Victorian Energy Compare website, where customers can quickly and easily find the best energy offers in their areas – potentially saving hundreds of dollars.

The Energy Assistance Program is also available to help Victorians struggling with power bills to navigate the energy market, apply for eligible grants and concessions, find and switch to better offers and address billing errors.

For those without internet access, over-the-phone and in-person support is available through Community Outreach Partners, including Brotherhood of St Laurence, Ethnic Community Council Victoria, Good Shepherd, State Trustees, and Neighbourhood Houses across Victoria.

To access the \$250 Power Saving Bonus, visit www.compare.energy.vic.gov.au or call 1800 000 832. To speak to an Energy Assistance Program advocate, call 1800 161 215.

It's time to celebrate

THE Bass Coast Refugee Sponsorship Group would like to thank all those who have generously given a kind-hearted welcome and donations to refugee support in Bass Coast.

They invite you to celebrate with the Ali family the first three months of their new life in Australia. They are also celebrating good news for an Afghan refugee, Zamin, whose future and chances of a family reunion have been

enhanced with the recent change in government policy on Bridging Visas.

Please join them at: Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House, 6 Murray Street, Wonthaggi on Friday, March 10, from 5:30-8:00pm.

Bring a plate to share.

RSVP to bersg2021@gmail.com or 03 5672 3731 at WNC.

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Proposal to close Lookout Road

BASS Coast Shire plan to close a section of Lookout Road, San Remo to prevent illegal activities that have been occurring including lighting of fires, dumping of rubbish and hoon driving.

Council's proposal will fence off the last 200 metres of the road for the purpose of ensuring community safety.

The section of road will be closed to vehicles but remain open to pedestrians and cyclists to safely use as a shared pathway.

Council invites the community to submit feedback on the proposed closure, with all submissions considered to inform the final decision.

To learn more and respond please go to <https://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/lookout-sanremo> before Tuesday, April 4, 2023.

For further information contact Council's Asset Officer Roads at 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211.

More stations coming for Gippsland

MINISTER for Ambulance Services Gabrielle Williams

has announced that construction has started on the new Foster Ambulance Station on Station Road.

The new ambulance station will feature a three-bay garage, two rest and recline areas, training facilities, a fully equipped kitchen and improved security and car parking. Construction is on track to be completed in the second half of the year.

In more welcome news for the local community, the process to secure a parcel of land for the new Yarram Ambulance Station is progressing.

The State Government has committed almost \$250 million since 2015 to upgrade and rebuild ambulance stations.

New Gippsland volunteer award

A NEW award for community volunteers in Gippsland has been announced by sponsoring partners Order of Australia Association, Gippsland, and Gippsland's Rotary clubs.

Titled "Exemplary Volunteer" the award seeks to recognise outstanding citizens, aged 40 or under, in any field of community service or charitable organisation.

Explaining the award, Rotary's Gippsland assistant governors and OAA Gippsland branch chair Lorraine Bartling said, "the partnership was created to recognise persons of younger years who demonstrated an attitude of social responsibility, giving beyond basic obligations and who were doing so without concern of monetary reward.

"There's a plethora of community organisations in Gippsland supported by hundreds of volunteers and in line with the Order of Australia Association's ethos to celebrate and promote Australian citizenship and Rotary's mandate of bettering communities through voluntary service, together we wish to recognise

exemplary citizens giving through volunteering."

"Specifically, we are seeking to recognise the younger generation and nominations should be made through a local Rotary club."

Nominees will receive an award certificate presented in National Volunteers' Week in May.

Energy costs major concern for business

A NEW Victorian Chamber survey has revealed the majority of businesses are increasingly concerned about the impact of energy prices and want Government support to reach a net zero economy.

The Victorian Chamber's survey canvassed 408 small, family, medium and large businesses across a range of sectors on issues including energy costs, energy supply and the transition to a net-zero economy. Among the key findings were:

- 92 per cent expressed concern about potential increased costs of energy in the next year.
- 42 per cent of respondents would like Government support in the transition to a net-zero economy.
- Only eight per cent of businesses believe Victoria is adequately prepared to reach 95 per cent renewable energy use by 2035.
- Seven out of 10 respondents believe that the transition to a net-zero economy should be used as an opportunity for Government to help drive green manufacturing in Victoria.
- Under 10 per cent of businesses are currently measuring their carbon emissions, while almost 70 per cent are not planning to do so.
- Only one in five indicated that energy costs have had a significant impact on their business operations in the last 12 months.

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Salvos end Sunday church services in Wonthaggi

SUNDAY religious services at The Salvation Army Wonthaggi Corps end weekend, March 5, with departing corps officer Captain Amy Jones leading the local congregation for the final time.

Divisional leader Colonel Kelvin Merrett officially announced the change in a letter "To the soldiers and friends of The Salvation Army, Wonthaggi Corps", dated February 23.

Captain Jones has been assigned a new appointment elsewhere and will not be replaced at Wonthaggi.

Captain Amanda Hart, the current corps officer at the Leongatha Corps, will continue to be based in Leongatha, also overseeing the Wonthaggi Corps.

"The Sunday congregation is being closed and this Sunday will be the last one," Captain Hart confirmed.

She outlined what Colonel Merrett was alluding to in his letter when he said, "New expressions of worship will be explored."

Captain Hart said new forms of worship being considered would occur throughout the week rather than on Sundays.

"We'd be looking at different ways of worship, whether that be small groups, bible study type arrangements around the table, but places where community can connect," she said.



Sunday church services will no longer be held at The Salvation Army Wonthaggi Corps, but social programs will continue.

"I guess it's a less threatening environment than walking into a church service for some people."

She said that smaller groups would potentially be a good way for people to find out about faith.

The Doorways Emergency Relief program will continue to run at Wonthaggi.

That program includes emergency food relief support, with people able to visit on Mondays and Thursdays between 9.30am and 12pm.

"We often have fruit and veg, bread and pantry items and we also have a case worker who can support people with

more complex needs than emergency food relief," Captain Jones said.

"I know Amanda and her team will be exploring further ways that we can help the community."

The Wonthaggi Salvation Army store and the local Salvation Army Employment Plus will both continue to operate.

Sunday religious services in Leongatha and Warragul will remain.

Asked about Wonthaggi congregation members who are unable to travel to those locations but want to attend religious services there, Captain

Hart said it is early days but the possibility of providing transport will be explored.

Captain Jones is adamant that while Sunday Services are ceasing at the Wonthaggi Corps of The Salvation Army there will definitely be some form of worship there in the future.

"We want to remain relevant and see new people come to faith," she said of the change.

Warren Elliott, The Salvation Army's public relations secretary for Victoria said the decision to end Sunday services was made at the organisation's state level.

"It comes down to viability of that group," Mr Elliott said.

"It was less than a dozen people meeting there on a Sunday morning and we, like every other church, are struggling to make ends meet for those services and to have enough ministers to fill all the gaps at the churches we have around the state and across the nation."

He conceded a period of adjustment will be required, but The Salvation Army is committed to continuing to service the Wonthaggi community.

"It pains us as a movement to have to scale back, particularly in regional areas, because we realise churches are part of the fabric of local communities," Mr Elliott said.



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Bass Coast Shire councillors and representatives were proud to unveil significant new signage which details the No.20 Shaft mine explosion.

Preserving and honouring Wonthaggi's history

THE local significance and tragic history of the No. 20 coal mine shaft site has been remembered with brand new signage which was unveiled last week.

The landmark has also been profiled as part of an intriguing podcast series documenting the heritage of Wonthaggi.

Bass Coast Shire Council together with the Wonthaggi and District Historical Society have partnered with Storytowns, a group of travel-loving adventurers who record interviews with regional personalities to produce interactive geo-located podcast tours, to create a series about Wonthaggi.

The Storytowns Wonthaggi History Tour features seven

stories about local icons, including the No. 20 Shaft on Bass Highway where 17 men lost their lives in two separate explosions on February 20, 1931, and February 15, 1937.

"Marking the space at the Number 20 Coal Shaft is vitally important for our community – as it represents the worker's foundations on which Wonthaggi was built, the brave lives lost but is also a stark lesson for today. The tragedies of 1931 and 1937 are woven into our history, tightening the bonds of our community and a continuing respect for previous generations that we still feel today. Almost 100 years on, Wonthaggi's pioneering industrial roots continue to inspire as

we look to a renewable vision today," Bass Coast Shire Council Deputy Mayor, Cr Rochelle Halstead said.

The podcast series also features stories about well-known street artist Jimmy Dvate's local murals, the historic Union Theatre, mysterious whale bone at the Wonthaggi Hotel, and the town's railway precinct.

Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor Michael Whelan said documenting Wonthaggi's rich, varied and, at times, quirky history meant the local stories could be savoured by the community and visitors for generations to come.

"This incredible audio series allows our community and visitors to uncover the

hidden treasures, right here in the heart of Bass Coast," Cr Whelan said.

"The episodes deepen the knowledge of listeners about places they know, while revealing intriguing secrets and stories on the less familiar.

"Storytowns' fascinating interviews will drive excitement and curiosity about Wonthaggi, which we hope will foster greater awareness about the town and increased visitation that translates to a boost for our economy."

The Storytowns Wonthaggi audio tour can be downloaded from the App Store and Google Play.

For more information, visit: visitbasscoast.com.au/wonthaggi

Deputy Mayor's message



Cr Rochelle Halstead

INTERNATIONAL Women's Day is an opportunity for everyone to mark the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. It is also a day of inspiration and change because there is still a lot to do.

Here on Bass Coast we have a proud record of not only talking about gender equality, but making industry-leading changes which have had a significant impact on improving women's lives.

In the past two years Bass Coast Shire Council has introduced equal pay initiatives that are effectively closing the historic gender gap, including applying equal parental leave rights to both parents and continuing superannuation during periods of parental leave. We have also ordered equal prize money for all sporting events held in the shire.

This year I'm proud to be Master of Ceremonies for Council's International Women's Day event where the theme is embracing cultural diversity. This recognises the rich cultural diversity of women in our workplace and the community, and their journey to equality.

Gender inequality is not experienced in the same way by all women. All elements of identity - including race, geography, sexuality and disability - influence how we experience the world, personally and professionally. Yet we know that diverse teams are better at solving problems, which is vital as we tackle the climate emergency and reconnect post-pandemic.

Embracing cultural diversity is essential in challenging

stereotypes and promoting societal change. Gender equality is a key pillar of this. Ending discrimination and bias - consciously and unconsciously - is a key priority for Council, as we end inequality across our entire community.

Our sold out International Women's Day event will celebrate cultural diversity at a special lunch on Thursday 9 March. We will hear stories from women within our community and be inspired by our keynote speaker Div Pillay (CEO of MindTribes and Co-Founder of social enterprise, Culturally Diverse Women), plus Guest Speaker, Nicky Chung (CEO of Australian Vietnamese Women's Association, President of Rotary Club Wonthaggi and Deputy Chair of Bass Coast Health).

This event underpins the Healthy and Inclusive Communities Community Aspiration of the Bass Coast Community Vision 2041 created with residents last year. It embodies our goal to be caring, connected and welcome all people, celebrating and supporting diversity plus uniqueness.

This event is not just for people who identify as women: everybody is welcome, and we are pleased to see over 20% of registrations for this event identify as male. International Women's Day is a time for us all, regardless of gender, to acknowledge the progress that women have made towards equality - while remembering there is still much to do. Achieving equality, building allyship and dismantling damaging stereotypes is as important for men as it is for women.



Bass Coast Shire Council welcomed the community partners involved in the development of the Guide Park project to the official opening. Z03_1023

New Wonthaggi Guide Park fun for young and old

THE much-loved Wonthaggi Guide Park has officially opened after a major \$1.77 million redevelopment which has created a new playspace for people of all ages and abilities.

The park now includes a mine-themed slide tower, flying foxes, a trampoline, carousel, gentle exercise area and nature-based play. Supporting infrastructure includes a drinking fountain, bike racks, pathways, fencing and an accessible BBQ.

Landscaping works include garden beds, mature trees and irrigation works, as well as changes to the internal road configuration to create more parking and improved vehicle access.

The new park, which Bass Coast Shire Council began construction on in April 2022, was officially opened by Mayor Michael Whelan and Member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale MP on Tuesday, February 28.

"Guide Park in Wonthaggi is a much-loved play space for Bass Coast Shire residents and visitors," Cr Whelan said.

The Guide Park design is an interpretation of the natural landscape of Bass Coast mixed with local mining history, mimicking the rolling green

hills, beautiful coastlines, and native heathlands.

The sandpit with giant boulders and a wave edge references the local coastline, while the water feature replicates local water courses, such as the Powlett River, rolling down from the hills through a valley into the heathland area. The bush tunnel is a representation of the many local beach paths which have a dense canopy meandering down to pristine sandy beaches.

The main tower rises out of the playspace referencing the local area's mining history, while also looking towards the future with a wind turbine on its roof.

"As an accessible intergenerational space, the design incorporates a range of accessible features allowing everyone to be part of the whole space with opportunities to swing, spin, bounce and get their hands sandy and wet. Extensive consultation with the neighbouring Bass Coast Health and Rose Lodge Aged Care Home saw the development of a purpose-built gentle exercise and rehabilitation area to meet the needs of their clients," Cr Whelan said.

Council received substantial funding from the Victorian Government for the delivery of the playspace with \$700,000 funded by Sport and Recreation Victoria and \$350,000 from the Growing Suburbs Fund. Council contributed \$720,000 and managed the project build.

The new playspace's clever design provides an inclusive, gender-neutral area catering to the needs of the whole community.

"With a focus on natural shade and lots of areas to socialise, climb, balance and swing, the new space has been designed to encourage all genders and ages to be involved," Cr Whelan said.

The new park has already proven popular with locals.

Carolyn Thompson, lifestyle manager at Rose Lodge, said: "Our residents have been watching the construction of Guide Park from our leisure room and are excited to now be able to visit. The fitness area was constructed to suit our needs, but the residents were more interested in testing out the flying fox, carousel and tower which were all accessible to them."

Council Update

Proposed road closure: Lookout Road, San Remo

Council is proposing to close a section of Lookout Road in San Remo. The aim of this closure is to prevent the highly dangerous and illegal activities which have been occurring there including fires, joyriding, littering and more. Council's proposal will stop vehicles accessing the parking area and a 200-metre section of the road but still allow for pedestrians and bicycles. By barricading the affected area Council hopes to stop any further antisocial behaviours, which have negatively impacted the local community including nearby farms, residents and visitors.

Council invites our community to submit feedback on the proposed closure. You can submit your feedback online at engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/lookout_sanremo.

Submissions close on Tuesday, 4 April 2023.

For further information please contact Council's Asset Officer Roads on the numbers below.



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Scan the QR code to register your attendance or post on the jobs board.



Charge scheme fate nearing closer

THE next stage of the Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay charge scheme could enter a critical milestone as the preferred treatment option will be decided at this month's council meeting.

Throughout recent months, the shire has been developing a preferred concept plan from feedback received by residents of the estates.

If the preferred concept option is adopted, the project will be further developed, cost estimated and cost proportioning will be undertaken to proportion anticipated costs to the recipients of the project.

If a funding mechanism of a special charge scheme is adopted, property owners will be formally notified of Council's intention to declare a special charge scheme, and will then have the opportunity to support or oppose

the project.

In November 2022, a letter and questionnaire were sent to the estates 1037 property owners to select a preferred concept option and provide comments regarding the scheme.

The questionnaire provided three concept options and requested owners to indicate their support or objection to the options, which included:

- 'base case' option with minimal cost
- option including 'street enhancements' such as landscaped traffic calming features
- option including both 'street enhancements' and a 'shared path' along the Esplanade.

In total there was 511 (49 per cent of estates) questionnaires filled out.

According to the shire, results

from the questionnaire indicated that there is a strong preference towards the 'base case' (minimal costs) option (1).

However, 229 property owners chose not to select a preferred concept option.

The 'base case' option was the most generally supported and least opposed in the questionnaire.

But again, the majority of property owners did not respond to the survey.

Most concerns from property owners generally have been related to cost or reduced characteristics of the area.

Members of the Say No Group had presented a petition at February's council meeting, which contained 602 signatures from ratepayers of both estates who are opposed to the project.

The group is urging council

to offer 'a simple, cost effective, environmentally friendly solution to the dust and drainage issues across the estates e.g. dust suppressant and managed swale drains'.

There are also a number of residents at the estates who are supportive of a scheme.

A timeline of the project includes:

• March 2023

Council to adopt preferred treatment

• April - May 2023

Council meeting to fund through a special charge scheme

• June 2023

Community consultation to advise of decision

• July - August 2023

Council meeting to declare a special charge scheme

• September 2023

Commence detailed design and construction phase

Drainage renewal for Pioneer Bay

BASS Coast Shire Council has announced the appointment of Wiltrack Earthmoving Pty Ltd as part of their annual supply contract for the drainage renewal works behind 45 Sonia Crescent.

The project is expected to commence week ending March 3, 2023, and be completed by late March 2023, subject to favourable weather conditions.

The total cost of the project is estimated to be approximately \$85,000 and is part of the Council's 2022/23 Capital Works Program.

The drainage renewal works are an essential part of the Stormwater Drainage Renewal Program under the 2015 Drainage Services Asset Management Plan.

The project will ensure delivery of the adopted Community Service levels and help manage stormwater runoff and flows of the catchment within the designated drainage reserve area.

As part of the project, Wiltrack Earthmoving Pty Ltd will remove redundant and damaged drainage pipes and structures behind property 45 Sonia Crescent.

They will also construct a junction pit, install underground stormwater pipes and a drainage outlet structure with rock bags, carry out erosion protection and re-establishment works using rock bags and connect existing house drainage connections to the new junction pit.

The community, residents, businesses, and other stakeholders will be kept up to date with the project via website updates, letter box drops or mail outs where appropriate.

For information or assistance during this project, please contact:

- Wiltrack Earthmoving Pty Ltd – Project Supervisor – Michael Wilson 0409 560 886
- Bass Coast Shire Council's Infrastructure Delivery Team, John Armstrong - Project Officer on 1300 BCOAST (226 278) or (03) 5671 2211 (business hours Monday – Friday)
- Visit <https://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/pbstorm> to get the latest updates on this project.



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New proposal for soon to be former Bunnings site

THE future of the current Bunnings site in Wonthaggi could be developed into a 'lifestyle centre'.

Leedwell Property Victoria are advertising the site at 45-61 McKenzie Street for lease, as works for the new Bunnings ramps up.

According to the Leedwell, 'the proposed re-positioning will contain approximately 3624sqm of building area, allowing flexibility of tenancy size to suit your brand's requirements whilst boasting unparalleled exposure and customer access.'

'The estimated completion date for this project is currently Q2 2024.'

Mobile dead spots

PERI Urban Councils Victoria (PUCV) is calling on the Federal Government to include the region's grey spots, such as Bass Coast, in the national audit of mobile coverage that is currently underway.

Grey spots have been defined by the Peri Urban Councils as areas where mobile connectivity is poor or unavailable during peak periods or during certain weather conditions.

A recent qualitative survey conducted by Peri Urban Councils Victoria indicated that all member councils experience a patchy connection at certain peak times of day, and 80 per cent of members also reported deterioration in connection at certain times of year.

Since 2007, the population of Bass Coast, Baw Baw, Golden Plains, Moorabool and Surf Coast have been growing at between 2 and 4 per cent year on year, and are projected to welcome an additional 100,000 people by 2036.

The Federal Government committed at the last election to conduct a national audit of mobile coverage to identify black spots and guide investment priorities.

Learn Local Award music to BCAL's ears

BASS Coast Adult Learning (BCAL) was among eight winners of the 16th annual Victorian Learn Local Awards.

Minister for Training and Skills and Higher Education Gayle Tierney acknowledged the winners last week.

This year marks the 16th anniversary of the awards, which are backed by the State Government. The awards honour learners, trainers, leaders and providers in Victoria's Learn Local sector which includes more than 240 not-for-profit community groups.

Under the Victorian Learn Local Pre-Accredited Program Award (for small providers), BCAL was announced as the winner for their Practical Music program.

The program was developed by BCAL in consultation with music industry professionals to provide a broader experience of the music industry.

Program facilitator Lisa Ovejero said she was thrilled to hear they were recognised.

"The award is great recognition for the centre and for the music program itself," she said.

"The music program is quite unique in that it has participants looking to go into further study and then work in micro business, or work for themselves.

"And it gives them the business skills they need to do that.

"We get different facilitators and industry experts to come in and talk about, for example, recording music, promotion and organising events."



BCAL centre manager David Leslie proudly holding the group's award with facilitator Lisa Ovejero (left) and participants Bill Street, Phillip, Neri, Marilla and David. Ns021023

The group were even able to get their hands dirty on the weekend by organising a fundraiser at Dalyston Hall.

"We've had great success stories with the group; some have gone on to work in local radio and some have gone on to perform."

Participants bring their particular interest to the course and are connected with professional sound engineers, musicians, orchestras, choirs, social media experts, radio presenters and promoters.

Across 12-weeks they cover every avenue of the music business, and have the opportunity to head into further

education to study certificates III and IV in Music, with scope to specialise in performance, composition, sound production and business.

On completion, the musos will have gained broad and practical insights into the industry, which enhances their likelihood of finding ongoing employment, or developing their own music micro-business.

Practical Music provides invaluable encouragement, mentoring, networking, skill building and the confidence to make the connections to explore their chosen path.

Other winners included Sunraysia Mallee Ethnic

Communities Council, picking up the Innovation Award for its class offering conversational English for refugees and asylum seekers, and the East Gippsland Learn Locals Collaboration, that won the Partnership Award after providing classes to support communities recovering from the 2020 bushfires.

This year's prize money totals \$80,000. Organisation award category winners each receive \$10,000, while individual category winners are awarded \$5,000 and all category finalists received \$1,000.

For information on the Learn Local Awards visit: vic.gov.au/learn-local-awards.



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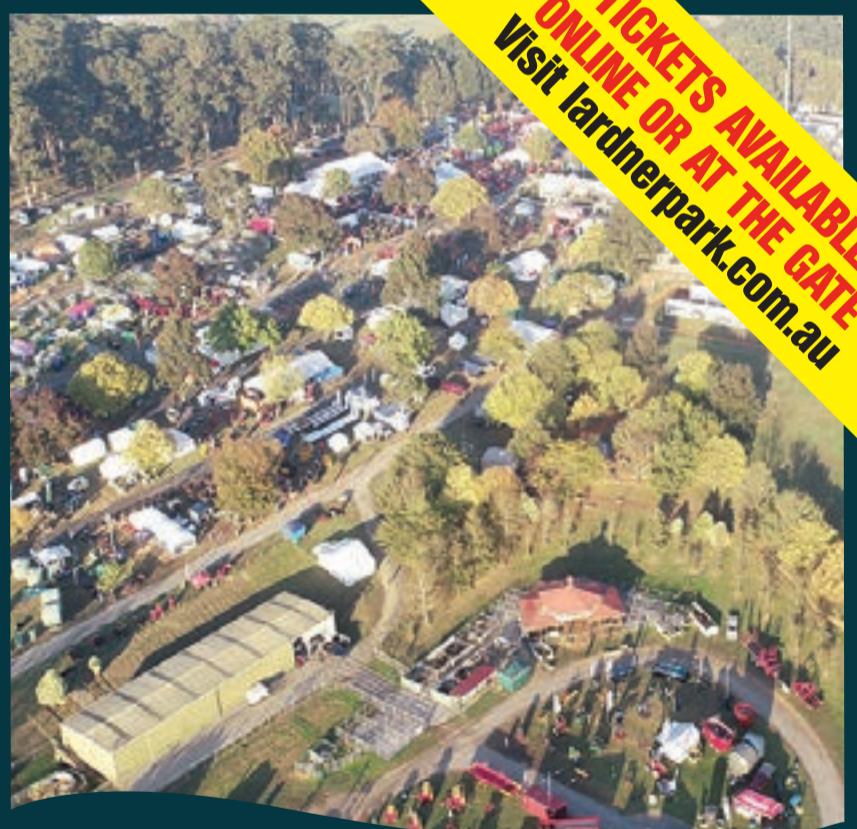
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School of Rock was a high-energy show. A29_1023

School of Rock opens to sell-out crowds in Wonthaggi

SCHOOL of Rock brought energy, humour and improvisation to large audiences in Wonthaggi over the weekend, with Friday's opening performance tickets sold to the back row.

Fifty-four cast members, including an enthusiastic group of kids, put their talent on show, playing instruments, singing and dancing.

Director, Bron Croatto said there was a deliberate focus on

having a diverse classroom of kids so everyone could relate to someone.

While only 15 youngsters were needed for the main group, others helped with the set, and some formed an orchestra.

Bron outlined the message behind School of Rock.

"The show is about striving for something you want and realising it's about everybody," she said.

That is a lesson learned by

Dewey, a failed, wannabe rock star played by experienced Wonthaggi Theatrical Group actor Jay Nelson.

Bron outlined why he was delighted to play that character, something he's long wanted to do.

"He loves the improvisation and the comedy," she said.

Bron spoke of the challenge of getting people back into theatre after the pandemic, something that is now proving successful.

"We're building the next generation of kids who love performing," she said.

Sunday's show sold out ahead and over 1000 people attended during the opening weekend.

There are still nine more sessions of School of Rock, running this Thursday to Sunday and the following Thursday to Saturday, finishing on March 18.

Visit wtg.org.au to purchase tickets.

Have a say on future of Australia Post

AUSTRALIA Post has welcomed the Federal Government's decision to launch a discussion paper and undertake community consultation on the modernisation of postal services.

Under the consultation, all Australians will have an opportunity to provide their views on how Australia Post operates and services its customers and the community.

The consultation comes as more consumers embrace online rather than over-the-counter services and the use of letters continues to rapidly decline.

Over the past three financial years Australia Post has invested more than \$1 billion to meet the changing service needs of the community.

Despite these investments, the losses in Australia Post's Letter's business continue to undermine the long-term viability of the business. Letter volumes have decreased by two thirds since 2008, while delivery costs have increased significantly.

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Planning Scheme Review

Every four years, we must review our Planning Scheme to ensure it is hitting the mark.

As with any review, this has highlighted significant challenges and some work we need to do.

SIGNIFICANT CHALLENGES

Coastal Planning

Many of the current controls are not specific enough, don't clearly state the preferred outcomes for each area, and don't provide enough guidance for applicants and decision-makers.

Rural Planning

We need to protect our agricultural resources, the landscape and visual amenities of our rural areas and provide better guidance on conflicting planning considerations.

For example, reducing the undesirable visual impact from buildings high on main roads, particularly tourism routes and valued viewpoints.

Managing the Growth of Nyora

Currently experiencing significant demand for growth, but further work needs to be done to plan for Nyora's future growth and development.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Are grouped into the following categories:

- Further Strategic Work
- Planning Scheme Amendment
- Process Improvements
- Advocacy
- Other Work to Consider

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:

yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

South Gippsland Jobs Expo



Are you looking for work?

Need staff for your business?

The Gippsland Local Jobs Expos give employers and jobseekers the opportunity to meet in person to discuss jobs available in the local area.

Book a stand to meet job seekers face-to-face or post a job on the job board.

Free sausage sizzle!

Thursday 16 March, 9.30am–2.30pm

Leongatha Memorial Hall, 6–8 McCartin St, Leongatha.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 15 March 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates

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

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Please contact the Governance Team for questions about Council Meetings.

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

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders

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Vintage Chryslers to visit Coal Creek

JUST over 50 vintage vehicles made by Chrysler will be showcased at Coal Creek Community Park and Museum on Sunday March 12 during a visit to Korumburra by the Victorian branch of the Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia.

It is part of the club's annual tour, with members visiting a Victorian region each Labour Day Weekend.

Tour organiser Kevin Cook is now a Korumburra local and was keen to share his new town with club members.

"I call Korumburra home and I'm excited to showcase it to other people, and hope it will encourage them to come back," Kevin said.

He is a long-term member of the Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia and looks forward to driving and displaying his 1972 Dodge Challenger muscle car during the tour.

Kevin explained that as well as producing cars under the Chrysler name, the company has manufactured Dodge, Plymouth, DeSoto and Valiant, with a variety of marques taking part in the tour.



Kevin Cook with his 1972 Dodge Challenger looks forward to the Victorian branch of the Chrysler Restorers Club of Australia visiting Korumburra.

The oldest participating car dates to 1928, with a range of models from throughout the years, although few were produced during World War II.

The Sunday display at Coal Creek is expected to run from 1pm until 3pm.

Chrysler club members will enjoy lunch provided by the Korumburra Lions Club, of which Kevin is a member.

Any profits raised through the

lunch will fund Lions projects.

Prior to their Cole Creek visit, the touring party will catch up with members of the Gippsland Historical Automobile Club for morning tea in Leongatha.

The Chrysler touring group will stay in Wonthaggi on Friday and Saturday nights, enjoying the hospitality of the Workmens Club.

Chrysler club members will

drive into Korumburra on Saturday, stopping at Coleman Park between 11.30am and 1.30pm, with South Gippsland Shire mayor Nathan Hersey set to welcome them.

Almost 100 visitors will be brought to South Gippsland and Bass Coast Shires in the 51 cars participating in the tour, with most coming from Melbourne but some living in other parts of Victoria.

Council concern over poisoned Leongatha tree

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council is encouraging anyone with information on the poisoning of a magnificent red flowering gum tree in Gray Street Leongatha to contact its office.

The tree, conservatively estimated to be over 50 years old, has already turned brown on one side.

A council spokesperson indicated poisoning of public trees is not common in South Gippsland Shire.

"Thankfully, the problem isn't widespread but it does happen occasionally, which is disappointing for our outdoor teams who take pride in maintaining the trees and also for our community," they said.

The spokesperson outlined how council determined the

tree was poisoned and is not dying from other causes.

"A poisoned tree has leaves that quickly turn yellow, and additionally an arborist has assessed the tree and confirmed it was poisoned," they said.

A large sign on the tree outlines the consequences of its poisoning.

"As a result, there will be a large cost to all ratepayers as well as removing important habitat," the sign declares.

While council does not remove a tree unless it poses a risk to the public, that situation is certain to eventually arise after the tree dies and begins to deteriorate.

Anyone with information on the tree's poisoning is encouraged to call South Gippsland Shire Council on 5662 9200.



South Gippsland Shire Council has informed the public of the poisoning of a red flowering gum tree in Gray Street Leongatha and is calling on anyone with information to come forward.

Bright news for Korumburra Southern Lights Festival

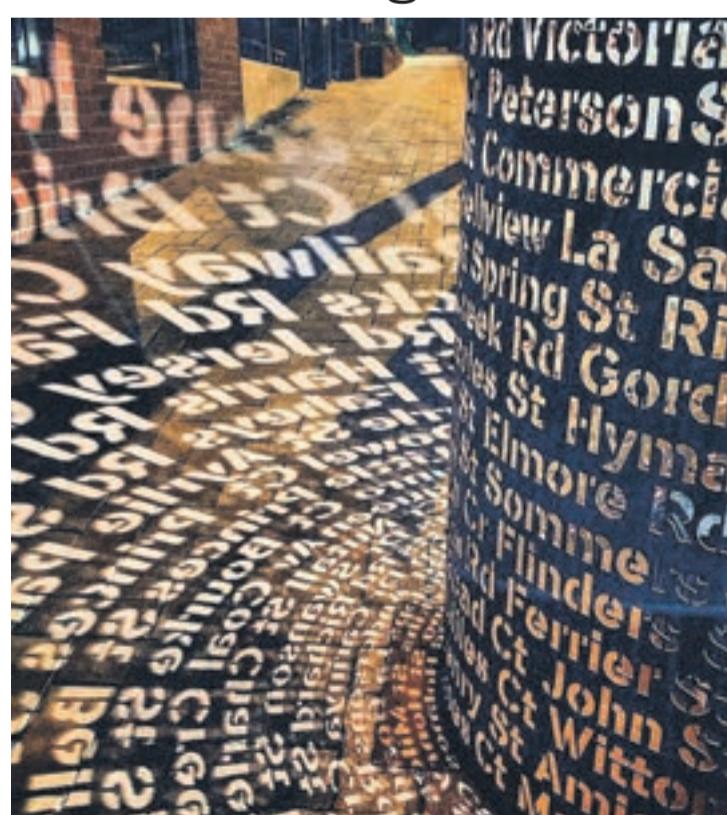
KORUMBURRA Southern Lights Festival organisers recently received a significant boost for the June 11 event at Coal Creek, in the form of a \$10,000 grant through the Events Gippsland Acquisition Fund.

South Gippsland Shire Council presented a joint application to Events Gippsland for the South Gippsland Festival Series.

The Acquisition Fund is a key initiative of 'Events Gippsland' which is supported by Regional Development Victoria, Latrobe Valley Authority and local councils, including South Gippsland Shire Council.

Events Gippsland aims to support a collaborative and strategic approach to the acquisition and development of Gippsland events and identify opportunities for joint marketing and promotion, ensuring a spread of events across Gippsland.

Korumburra Southern Lights Festival is run by a subcommittee of the Korumburra Business Association (KBA), which will work closely with Coal Creek team leader Kim O'Connell to prepare for the event.



Korumburra Southern Lights Festival has received \$10K in funding towards the June 11 event. Photo: Korumburra Southern Lights

Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey



Community Engagement

LOCAL issues can be complex and Council is creating opportunities to know the desires and vision of our community before setting a course of action.

So, what does Council get from engaging with the community?

Firstly, we gain a better understanding of local needs and aspirations.

Council is not about simply telling the community what will happen, we want open and ongoing discussion between Council and the community.

Secondly, we hear diverse perspectives which allow for better decision making.

When Council is inundated with input from those with the loudest voice or the strongest opinion, the outcomes can be detrimental to the community as a whole. We want a balanced understanding of the community views and to enhance the final decision.

Thirdly, community engagement increases transparency. It is a public process and it keeps Council accountable.

Lastly, community engagement supports community ownership.

Increased trust in Council to make better decisions in the interest of all means we create results that everyone is proud of.

If you would like to receive notifications of new engagement opportunities, please register to Council's engagement platform Your Say South Gippsland by visiting <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/register>

As always, Councillors are more than happy to hear from you regarding any particular concerns you have. Councillor's contact details can be found on Council's website www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

South Gippsland Coastal Strategy

On Saturday, February 25, I was privileged to welcome participants to a Community Dialogue as part of the Coastal Strategy engagement. I would like to thank those who attended for making this event such a success and giving up your time so selflessly.

Events

Last week Councillors attended the Toora Horse Yards opening, the Foster Show and the Leongatha South Community Picnic. Coming up we have Dinner on the Mount at Mount Eccles on March 4, the Prom Coast Festival from March 10 to 13, the South Gippsland Jobs Expo on March 16 and the Loch Long Lunch on March 19 just to name a few.

If you have an event you would like a Councillor to attend, please feel free to reach out. We love coming along and hearing the stories of South Gippsland.

Planning Scheme Review

There is just over one week left to provide your feedback to the South Gippsland Planning Scheme Review.

I encourage you to look through the summary document or the entire report and provide your thoughts. We are particularly interested in your feedback on the strategic work for the next four years.

Not many councils offer this opportunity to provide feedback on the Planning Scheme Review, so please take advantage. To provide your feedback online before March 15, 2023, please visit <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/planning-scheme-review>

Grants for beach safety

MINISTER for Environment Ingrid Stitt announced the successful recipients of the \$1.1 million Coastal Public Access and Risk Grants program for 2022-23.

The grants will support 16 projects across Victoria and deliver vital safety and access works, including:

- Beach access improvements at Sandy Point, Seaspray, Phillip Island and numerous other beaches state-wide
- New signage and safety information to help prevent drownings at Phillip Island Nature Parks beaches
- Safety assessments and planning work for future improvements at Corio Bay, Walkerville, Dromana and Whitecliffs

Victoria's coastline is dynamic and constantly changing and these grants ensure they can adapt, and infrastructure can be upgraded to ensure Victorians can continue to access their favourite beaches safely.

Funds are available through this program for projects such as risk assessment and management plans for safer access, repair or replacement of paths, stairways, boardwalks and access ramps, installation and improvement of public safety signage and access barriers as well as viewing platforms and lookouts.

Since 2014, more than \$140 million has been invested into marine and coastal environmental projects to deliver a long-term, strategic approach to build resilience in our marine and coastal areas and adapt Victoria's coastal areas to climate change.

For more information on the grants and to see full list of grant recipients, visit marineandcoasts.vic.gov.au/grants/coastal-public-access-and-risk-grants

See all that Newhaven College has to offer

NEWHAVEN College is excited to invite all future and prospective students and their families to explore the school campus at this year's Open Day, Saturday, March 25, 10am-2pm.

College staff and student leaders will be offering visitors guided tours of the stunning school grounds and facilities.

Activities will be held throughout the day in Junior, Middle and Senior Schools. Students and teachers will also be performing specific demonstrations in the science labs and specialty wing, music performances in the new Performing Arts Centre, art displays and hands-on exhibitions in the Trade Centre.

During the tour visitors will discover the academic programs and co-curricular opportunities offered by the College, visit the state-of-the-art sports facilities and experience the new Performing Arts Wing.

Prep to Year 12

Junior School consists of students from Prep to Year 4. Staff are committed to providing high-quality education and offer a broad, balanced curriculum to ensure that all students develop their individual abilities. With pastoral care being at the forefront, students also enjoy the small class sizes and community atmosphere where new experiences, challenges and friendships flourish.

Middle School consists of students from Year 5 to Year 8. Unique programs are intended



Ella Herbert and Frankie Leary taking tours around Newhaven College campus on Open Day 2022.

to optimise the social, emotional and academic capabilities that our students need to acquire in order to be successful in school and beyond, experience well-being, and have positive relationships that include making contributions to others and the community.

Senior School consists of students in Year 9 to 12 students. Students have the opportunity to complete their Victorian Certificate of Education, a school-based apprenticeship or a Level II Certificate in a trade. This allows all students the flexibility and choice to customise their programs to meet their own aspirations and abilities.

A diverse range of cultural and academic opportunities

Newhaven College strives to provide exceptional programs aiming to celebrate the gifts and talents of every student. The College is committed to ensuring that students can maximise their potential in their academic, social, sporting and cultural lives.

Opportunities include transitional curriculum structure, extensive co-curricular programs, social and emotional learning programs, extensive sporting programs, private and in-class music lessons, equestrian team, surfing academy,

tennis academy, creative drama and visual arts programs, Japanese language/cultural studies, extensive camps program, leadership opportunities, level 2 building and construction, school-based apprenticeships, VCE course selection guidance and careers centre.

Building for the Future

Newhaven College is committed to further developing the College facilities, ensuring that they have an environment where creativity, academic, emotional, spiritual, physical and life skills are nurtured.

College facilities include three sub-schools, Year 9 Environmental Centre, Performing Arts Wing, library, arts, Science and Technology Specialist wing, Trades Skills centre, Food Technology centre, double court gymnasium, football oval, soccer field, hockey pitch/12 tennis courts, two multipurpose courts, open-air amphitheatre, netball courts, cricket nets and extensive wildlife wetlands and gardens.

Our College leaders and staff look forward to welcoming you during our Open Day.

If you are unable to attend and would like to arrange a private tour, please contact our Registrar Belinda Manning on 5956 7505 or belinda.manning@newhavencol.vic.edu.au.

Newhaven College will also be running Alumni events on the same day for students who graduated in 1993, 2003, 2013 and 2018. Alumni are asked to book their intention of attendance at <https://www.trybooking.com/CFXLZ> or via QR code

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Polenta and vibrant Italian music enjoyed by many

WONTHAGGI'S Polenta Festival attendees were blessed with glorious sunshine as the large gathering enjoyed a hearty lunch and traditional Italian singing on Sunday.

The event attracted a mix of locals and members of Italian clubs from Melbourne, providing a true Italian flavour both on the plate and in terms of atmosphere.

One audience member commented on the vitality of the performers from Melbourne's Veneto Club Choir, pointing out that Italians are having too much fun to grow old.

The all-male choir consists of voices with a distinctive vibrant strong tone.

As well as the Veneto Club, the Bellunesi nel Mondo club was represented at the festival.

Two large pots of polenta were stirred to perfection by volunteers Pat Pasquale and Peter Campagnolo.

Wonthaggi local Peter said the festival is just once a year and he is happy to help out.

"If no one does it, it doesn't get done," he said.

Once attendees were served a helping of polenta from a pot, other volunteers topped up their plates.

Nobody was going hungry, with a tasty cabbage dish, sausage and delicious meat stew, along with additional polenta in the form of a slice.

A number of those in attendance had connections to the State Coal Mine at which the Polenta Festival was held.

One of those, Lou Storti once worked at the mine and helped convert it into a tourist attraction after its closure.

It was a 'bella festa', with everyone already looking forward to next year's polenta, fine company and song.



Wonthaggi local Peter Campagnolo stirs the polenta at Sunday's festival. A30_1023

Construction ramping up on community hospital

THE multi-million dollar Phillip Island Community Hospital is gaining pace, with early works nearing completion.

"The new community hospital will open in late 2024 and will expand the existing Phillip Island Health Hub to meet demand for more medical services as the Island community grows," Bass Coast Health CEO Jan Child said.

"The double-storey hospital will be at 50-58 Church Street and include a larger Urgent Care Centre for minor, non-emergency medical issues.

There will also be day surgery across two operating theatres, providing colonoscopy, gastroscopy, ophthalmology, dermatology and other non-complex surgery.

"The community will also have access to dialysis, chemotherapy and a public dental service. A radiology precinct will offer CT scans, ultrasound and general x-ray, and there will be a non-retail pharmacy."

The early works are being undertaken by Bass Coast firm TS Constructions and entail site mobilisation and establishment, and demolition of buildings on the site.

These works are 90

per cent complete and were delayed slightly due to electrical abolition, after the Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL) left the site.

Bulk excavation and piling started in February. Tender applications for the main works closed in the middle of February and main works may start in early April.

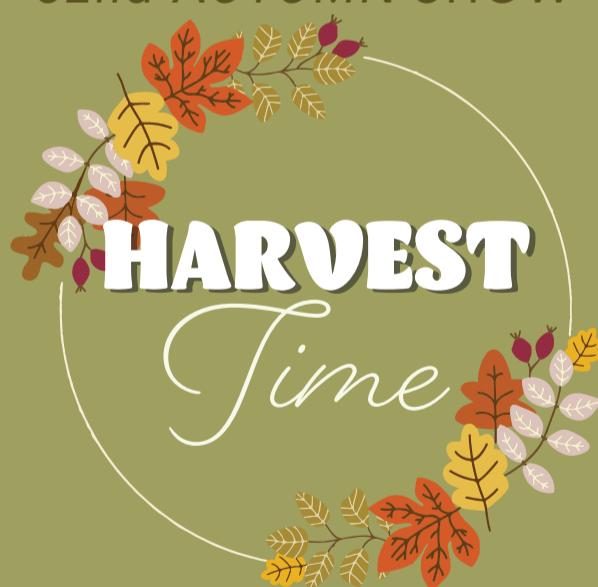
The greater range of services to be offered by Phillip Island Community Hospital will help take pressure off Wonthaggi Hospital, allowing staff there to focus on critical care and acute health issues, emergency care and more complex surgeries and procedures.

Currently, Phillip Island residents must travel long distances to access the level of healthcare that will be offered at the Community Hospital.

The new hospital will also include a new main reception area and a Central Sterile Supply Department will be established to service the theatres and dental unit.

The community hospital is being delivered by the Victorian Health Building Authority and will be operated by Bass Coast Health.

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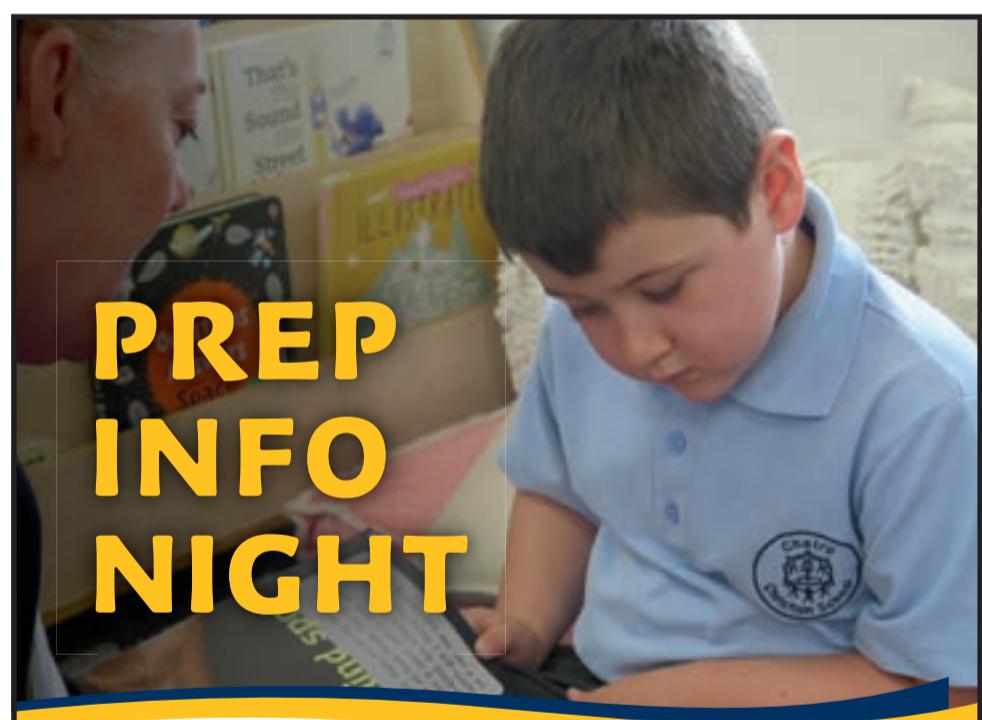
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New Year, new you, join VIEW!

INVERLOCH VIEW Club is on the lookout for new members who want to give back to their community and make new connections with women in the area.

VIEW, which stands for Voice, Interests and Education of Women, is a network of close to 300 clubs and over 14,000 women throughout Australia. It provides a place for women to connect in the community, enjoy social activities, and develop lasting friendships – all while supporting the work of children's education charity, The Smith Family.

Inverloch Club president, Joy said this year is the perfect time to join VIEW as social events are back on the calendar after being going into hiatus due to the pandemic.

VIEW is the largest community sponsor of the charity's Learning for Life program, which provides students with financial, educational and personal support. Joy says this is crucial, particularly in the current economic climate.

Inverloch VIEW Club supports the education of six students through the Learning for Life program, ensuring they have what they need for the school year.

In addition to their ongoing support of The Smith Family, Inverloch VIEW Club hosts social events, including a garden party, high tea, lunches, and visits to places of interest.

"We are always looking for women of all backgrounds and ages to join us and look forward to welcoming new faces at our next monthly meeting," said Joy.

Anyone interested in becoming a member can call Heather on 0412 46 3344 or visit www.view.org.au for further information.

Authors lining up to visit Inverloch

FRIENDS of the Inverloch Library has opened bookings for their next authors' event 'In Conversation with JP Pomare and Christian White' on March 17.

The two best-selling and award-winning authors will discuss their approach to writing in a conversational style event on Friday, March 17, 2023 at 6pm at the Warrawee Seniors Club, 22 A'Beckett Street, Inverloch.

"We are delighted to have these two popular authors visit Inverloch to discuss with each other aspects of their writing and invite audience questions, just like our own 'Writers Festival' event," said FOIL in the latest newsletter.

"JP Pomare has visited Inverloch previously and is back by popular demand.

"Due to the anticipated larger number of attendees we will be holding this event at the Warrawee Seniors Club. Cost is \$15 which includes complimentary wine and nibbles."

Bookings opened on March 1 at <http://www.trybooking.com/CGKHH>

Book early to secure your seat.

• JP Pomare is an award-winning writer whose work has been widely published. His debut novel, Call Me Evie, was critically acclaimed and won the Ngaio Marsh Award



ABC journalist Lisa Millar was a popular guest when she visited Inverloch last month.

for Best First Novel. Pomare's novels in The Clearing and The Last Guests were best sellers, while his novel Tell Me Lies was #1 Audible bestseller and shortlisted for the Ngaio Marsh Award for Best Novel and the Ned Kelly Award for Best Crime Fiction. The Wrong Woman is his fifth novel. He was born in New Zealand and resides in Melbourne with his wife and daughter.

• Christian White is a Melbourne-based author and screenwriter. His recent novel, Wild Place, was released in October 2021. Christian's second novel, The Wife and The Widow, won the 2020 Ned Kelly Award for Best Crime Fiction. His Debut Novel, The Nowhere Child, was the fastest selling debut novel by an Australian author. Christian co-created and co-produced the television series Clickbait.

which went straight to Number 1 on Netflix in 41 countries. He also co-wrote the feature film, Relic, which premiered at Sundance in 2020. His next film Apartment 7A is in post-production for Paramount.

- Next author event will be on Friday May 26 at 6pm when Melissa Manning will be visiting Inverloch to talk about her book 'Smokehouse'. Melissa was due to come during COVID but was unfortunately cancelled. She will happily visit us this year. Booking details to follow- but pencil the date in your diary.

Exciting speaker for Inverloch

THE Friends of Inverloch Library (FOIL) were thrilled to welcome Lisa Millar, ABC Morning News journalist, to their first event held in the library on February 24.

Lisa was an extremely popular speaker and in her lighthearted speech gave them an insight into her life as a journalist.

Sincere thanks to Lisa for a very lighthearted and most interesting evening.

FOIL is also pleased to welcome JP Pomare and Christian White to Inverloch on Friday, March 17.

See Inverloch Library for booking details.

Special reason to celebrate Inverloch Primary fete

EACH day students at Inverloch Primary School remember the community's much loved lollipop lady Judy, as they pass a colourful ribbon rainbow they created to remember and acknowledge Judy and all she did.

Judy was a significant member of the Inverloch school and community - connecting, engaging, inspiring, encouraging and caring with all she met.

She knew every child's name, she knew every parent or carer, every grandparent, dog and sibling.

She warmly welcomed Kongwak students when they visited the larger Inverloch Primary School from their lovely little school in the hills.

Judy tragically and suddenly passed away in March 2020, just as the pandemic forced the school's annual Easter Fair to be cancelled.

Judy was a machine working behind the scenes and on the front line to ensure the Easter Fair was a huge success every year, and there was no one more disappointed than Judy knowing that the Easter Fair was to be cancelled in 2020.

After three long years, the Inver-

loch-Kongwak Primary School has announced The Great Fete will make its debut on March 18, 2023, from 10am-3pm at the Inverloch Primary School grounds.

The new event is different from the school's well-known Easter Fair of years past.

It will have a greater community focus with various community service and sporting clubs providing a great day of community and connection - Judy would have loved this.

In honour of Judy, the Fete will feature 'Judy's Mystery Bags Stall' - a stall run by students exactly as Judy would have liked!

"A great soul never dies. And we hope to reunite the community connection at this year's Fete with Judy's Mystery Bags," shared Brett Smith, IKPS School Principal.

"Judy loved the buzz and preparations for the Easter Fair and she would be proud of the committee who continue this legacy this year."

For event information and updates, including photos in memory of Judy Hughes, go to Facebook @inverlochkpsfete



Inverloch-Kongwak Primary School principal Brett Smith said they hope to reunite community connection at this year's Fete with Judy Hughes 'Mystery Bags'.

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Mia-Laice and Dad, Chris attended the Wonthaggi North Annual Picnic last week.

Picnic in the park

THE WONTAGGI North Primary School (WNPS) Annual Family Picnic occurred in the beautiful school grounds on Tuesday, February 21 from 5-6.30pm.

The annual picnic, held almost every year for the past 20 years (since 2003), is a great way for the school community to come together at the beginning of each new year. A number of school staff, students, families and even past students attended this year's event.

Many students and their families played tennis with the portable nets, blew bubbles on the grass and drew chalk drawings on the concrete as part of the evening's fun and games. Some members of staff also joined in on the activities.

Families brought their own picnic blankets, chairs and picnic dinners while connecting with staff and other families in the scenic school grounds. The picnic also gave the school community the chance to explore some of the wonderful school improvements that occurred last year including the new playground and shade sail area.

Attendance at the WNPS Annual Family Picnic this year appeared to be the biggest number of guests to date.

RCV calls for major federal roads funding reforms

RURAL Councils Victoria – which represents communities across Victoria's 34 rural council areas – has called for major federal roads funding reforms in its submission to the Federal Parliament's Inquiry into the implications of severe weather events on the national regional, rural, and remote road network.

In the submission to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport RCV has called for:

An ongoing review of road engineering and construction standards to enhance the resilience of future road construction.

Greater Federal Government funding for local roads to ensure that roads and road assets are built back to an appropriate higher standard.

The use of waterproof products in road construction.

Review of the Commonwealth's role in road resilience planning to ensure infrastructure can be built back to higher, climate-change-resistant standards as a matter of course.

Exciting year ahead for YES Youth Hub

ARE you between 12 and 25 years old? Are you looking for a place to chill after school and meet new people? Perhaps you're looking for a quiet place to pump out homework or keen for a jam with other musicians?

YES Youth Hub Bass Coast is ready to take on 2023 with a jam-packed schedule of events, programs and activities, and the best part is – you can have your say in it all.

"We are a safe, welcoming, inclusive space for young people aged 12 to 25 in Bass Coast," YES Youth Hub Programs Officer, Tracey Cobb explained.

"We're here to support, encourage and empower young people in any way we can. Whether that's young people who have a vision and want us to help them achieve that or whether they have an idea for their community and want to see a holiday program happen. Perhaps they just want somewhere safe to hang out after school and do their homework, or they need guidance to access services in the area, we are here to provide all of that and more for young people."

The Sentinel Times was fortunate to receive a private tour around the Wonthaggi facilities on Thursday and hear more about the exciting changes ahead; a whirlwind apart from the youth services offered 15 years ago, when the only highlight to a young person's calendar was the Blue Light Discos at the Town Hall – thank you Leading Senior Constable Horrocks.

Young adults now have a plethora of supplies at their fingertips.

The freezer and pantries are stocked ready for after school snacks and meals, whilst a new Community Pantry (made possible by the Bass coast Community Foundation) is underway stocked with essentials. New laundry facilities are also nearing completion allowing young people a place to wash and dry their clothes. But these are just some of the essential services on offer, the cupboards are jam-packed with art and craft supplies ready for young people to let their minds wander and the music room has a collection of instruments available to play.

The outdoor social spaces are scheduled for an over-



Tracey and Jenna are ready to welcome youth to the YES, Youth Hub and affiliated programs and events across the region. C01_1023



YES, Youth Hub is open Tuesday to Thursday with many activities on offer including art and music.

haul later this year with natives, hammocks and a barbecue area set to replace the existing concrete and stone areas – oh and did we mention the collection of outdoor games also available?

They are also excited to be working with Wonthaggi Primary School to facilitate a reading club for young people.

"We will be working with students, who staff identify as needing a little bit of extra support, throughout the course of the year to help them with their literacy skills before they move into high school. Helping them prepare for the high school environment so they can walk in a bit more empowered and confident about what they can achieve," Tracey said.

"We also have the Bass

Coast Youth Pride Prom coming up on Friday, April 14.

"We hosted the first Pride Prom last year and that was a sold-out event. It was such a great event and incredible to be a part of, and that decision was driven by a group of young people who wanted to do something for their LGBTQIA+ cohort and their allies.

"They'd identified that so many young people missed out on their formative experiences during COVID, and that those experiences are not always accepting of LGBTQIA+ young people. We are very lucky to have received generous funding this year from the Victorian Government Department of Families, Fairness and Housing that we have moved it to a bigger premise in Inverloch

with free transport on offer."

"Another incredible program we're running at the moment is Fight Like A Girl – a self-defence program aimed at young women and non-binary individuals. Again, that was thought up by a group of young people who all had experiences of feeling unsafe in their communities, and they wanted to do something physical and empowering."

Fight Like A Girl's first program was hosted at Wonthaggi with the second program just finished in Cowes, with a future program planned for Inverloch.

Wonthaggi YES Youth Hub is open Tuesday to Thursday from 2.30pm to 5.30pm.

Event and program information is available on Facebook and Instagram @yesyouthhub

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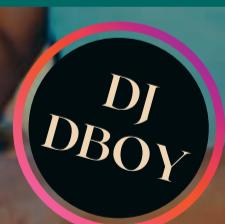
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Combating gender bias in the workplace

AUSTRALIA'S national gender pay gap is 22.8 per cent. On average women earned \$26,000 less annually than men according to the Australian Workplace Gender Equality Agency's (WGEA) December report.

With rising living costs, the gender pay gap is simply making it harder for women to make ends meet.

The gap is improving, slowly but gradually, but more needs to be done sooner than later.

Did you know women make up 42 per cent of the full-time workforce with a staggering 58 per cent of all part-time employee's women?

At our front door, Bass Coast Shire Council reported in their 2021-22 Annual Report, 'the past year has also seen Bass Coast Shire achieve a number of firsts for the Local Government sector to achieve gender equality. We removed the difference between primary and secondary carers which means all parents, mothers, fathers and/or same sex partners are now entitled to the same amount of paid parental leave.'

'We also set a new industry standard by increasing paid parental leave to 16 weeks for both parents and now provide superannuation contributions for a full year to everyone who takes on unpaid parental leave.'

'In May 2022, we announced our partnership with the Hawthorn Football Club, which will see us work collaboratively to drive greater football participation for women and girls whilst promoting the South-East of Victoria as a regional



Bass Coast Shire was the first council to achieve gender equality around paid parental leave, but all industries still have a long way to go. Photo: AAP Image.

sporting precinct...'

WGEA's most recent report highlighted that companies 'that have more women in decision-making are more productive and profitable'.

"Our people understand the importance of equal pay," John Wynen, Bass Coast Shire Manager People and Culture stated.

"This is more than getting paid the same hourly rate for doing the same work: that is a basic Fair Work entitlement which Bass Coast achieves. Equal pay is bringing home equal pay packets each week.

"Sadly women's pay packets are 16 per cent less than men's largely because they are more likely to work in part time positions, simply because they are females and we have societal expectations

that they will be the primary care givers to children."

In a recent Gippsland Women's Health Forum, the Honourable Mary Wooldridge Director of the Workplace Gender Equality Agency reinforced the ideas, data and statistics behind equality and achieving equality in the workforce.

"Gender equality benefits everyone," Mary said.

"We know that men in the past have often been denied the opportunity to work flexibly, or they've been denied the opportunity to take extended parental leave or that the stereotypes and the norms that they experience have inhibited them from putting up their hand to be able to be more engaged in their family and children's life.

"That is why we really pursued gender equal leave, with no distinction between men and women, and even further than that, no distinction between primary and secondary carers. Everyone is a carer for their children."

John highlighted that Bass Coast Shire has provided Active Bystander training for employees for several years to address men's violence towards women.

"This training provides a powerful insight into how gender inequality is an underlying driver of this violence," John added.

"When the Gender Equality Act took effect last year, BCSC was well positioned to accelerate the work towards achieving gender equality. Active Bystander training had already started to shape organisation culture with conversations taking place that make the link between gender inequality and gender-based violence."

In moving forwards Bass Coast Shire Council stated five key targets:

1. Further explore remote and flexible work options

2. Continue to measure the gender pay gap to illustrate the change we are making

3. Strengthen our collaboration with fellow large employers – Westernport Water, Phillip Island Nature Parks and Bass Coast Health – with a united approach to Bystander action and gender equality

4. Influence local governments nationwide with our initiatives

5. Proudly promote the work we are doing



Grandma Yong-soo Lee continues to fight for an apology and resolution.

Fighting for justice and holding hope

By Sentinel-Times reporter Chloe Kent

THERE are many women who have influenced and inspired me over the years, from my mother who has an incredible ability to power through to my late Grandmother that helped paved the way in cancer on medical trials.

However, there is one woman who I had the opportunity to meet in South Korea in April 2019 – her name is Grandma Yong-soo Lee.

It was a last-minute meeting. Along with my now husband, we boarded a fast train from Seoul to Daegu, and upgraded our room to one with a sitting area so I could conduct the interview. It was the key to my trip.

The translator had fallen through, and a last-minute app download failed to transcribe our conversation in real time. However, the haunting memory of Grandma Yong-soo Lee's story remains.

You see sometimes you do not need to speak the same language to understand another.

Grandma Young-soo Lee is a fighter, she is a fighter of recognition and acknowledgement, and a woman who at 94 years old had a life none of us could ever imagine. Grandma Young-soo Lee was one of 200,000 plus women and girls who were forced into sexual slavery under the Imperial Japanese military during the war.

Grandma Yong-soo Lee described her experience. She described the moment she arrived and the wartime rape she encountered. She described holding male genitalia between her hands.

She was 16 years old.

She went through what no child should ever go through, and what no person should ever have forced upon them.

During my visit to Korea I was also welcomed to the House of Sharing and toured privately through The Museum of Sexual Slavery, where I viewed pieces of art completed by women as part of the art therapy program.

Very few moments have ever rattled me to my core, but those moments did, and that is why these women are inspiring. Because after everything they went through, they survived, and they are sharing their heinous stories in the hope Japan will one day take legal responsibility for its war crimes.

Call 1800 RESPECT (1800 737 732) any time for confidential information, counselling and support in cases of sexual assault, domestic violence or abuse.

New VIEW club committee

Inverloch VIEW Club's new committee. The ladies are from the left, Joy Program officer, Leonie treasurer, Helen D. secretary, Helen S vice president and Claire Program officer.

The front row is Jill, assistant treasurer, Rosa publicity officer, Margi, delegate, Heather president, Clare Student Liaison officer and Trish Program officer.

The club supports the Smith Family, a national charity helping young Australians in need to get the most out of their education.



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Danny O'Brien calls for wind farm investment clarity

MEMBER for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien has questioned the need for Victorian taxpayers to make a vast contribution to offshore wind farm development, arguing there is plenty of investment interest from the private sector.

"With the State Government planning to spend a billion dollars of taxpayers' money on the SEC and offshore windfarms, it needs to clarify what this will mean," Mr O'Brien said.

That follows a commitment from Premier Daniel Andrews to re-establish the State Electricity Commission, claiming it will be owned by Victorians and will drive down the energy prices they pay, despite a lack of detail on how that might happen.

"We currently have at least five offshore wind farm proposals from major players in the local and global energy supply chain and I am aware that there are other big investors preparing to develop windfarm plans," Mr O'Brien said.

"This does raise questions as to why taxpayer money should be put towards constructing offshore wind farms given the proposed in-

vestments already from the private sector."

Mr O'Brien argues the State Government needs to explain whether it is intending to co-invest in already proposed projects or embark on its own and, if the latter, outline where the necessary expertise would come from.

He conceded offshore wind proposals could be beneficial for Gippsland provided there is a focus on local jobs and investment.

"How will the benefits be delivered to Gippsland?" Mr O'Brien asked.

"I am concerned that the Government has proposed that the Port of Hastings should be the main construction port for the offshore wind industry in Gippsland," he said.

Mr O'Brien added that such a scenario would limit the number of local jobs involved in the construction and ongoing operation of the wind farms, also reducing opportunities for potential suppliers from the Gippsland region to be involved.

"We need an assurance that the new SEC, if it is to invest in offshore wind, will deliver a benefit to Gippsland," he said.

Walk in the Park for Parkinson's research

SOME members of Leongatha Parkinson's Group are looking forward to 'Walk in the Park', a major fundraising event that will bring thousands of people together to fight Parkinson's on Sunday March 26, centring on Melbourne's Federation Square.

The event is run by Parkinson's Victoria, which has adopted the operational name of 'Fight Parkinson's'.

The organisation estimates that 57,000 Victorians are living with Parkinson's.

As well as affecting movement, the disease can cause other symptoms including pain, depression and problems with memory and sleep.

Currently there is no cure and no way to slow the disease's progression.

However, there are treatments to manage day-to-day symptoms.

Walk in the Park participants have a couple of distance options, a 2-kilometre course and one double that length.

Phillip Island's Bev and Nev Trewin are ready for the day, preparing to tackle the short course.

They've been part of Walk in the Park a couple of times previously, with



The Trewin family enjoy 'Walk in the Park' in 2018, with Phillip Island's Bev and Nev looking forward to being part of the event again this year.

about 10 of their family members participating alongside them.

Bev has Parkinson's disease but won't be letting that hold her back.

"I can do the two kilometres, no worries," she declared.

Should anyone need a rest, there are refreshment stations along the way.

Sheron Considine joined Leongatha Parkinson's Group as her husband Frank had Parkinson's disease.

"It's not a race," Sheron said of the leisurely walk, noting assistance is available for anyone who conks out.

ing a committed member almost eight years after he passed away.

The couple were introduced to Walk in the Park through the group, an event Sheron has happy memories of.

Actor Shane Jacobson is a Walk in the Park Ambassador and speaks at the event, with his mother Jill Goss having Parkinson's disease.

"It's not a race," Sheron said of the leisurely walk, noting assistance is available for anyone who conks out.

Event details:

When: The walk takes place on Sunday March 26 at 10.30am, with entertainment commencing at 9.30am.

Where: Meet at Federation Square, Melbourne, on the corner of Flinders and Swanston Streets for an accessible walk along the Yarra River.

How to book: Registrations can be made online at awalkinthe park.org.au or on the day from 8.30am, with online entries encouraged.

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Energy transformation closer in Venus Bay

WHILE there is still much work to do in planning for future energy resilience and sustainability in Venus Bay, significant progress is taking place, with a recent Energy Options workshop at the town's community centre generating a positive buzz.

The workshop forms part of the Community Resilience and Reliable Energy Feasibility Study that will run through until mid 2023, establishing how Venus Bay can best address its energy challenges.

The session followed an earlier workshop, held last year, that focused on establishing what community resilience looks like in Venus Bay from the viewpoint of locals.

The second session was about discussing more specific energy solutions and options for the town.

South Gippsland Shire councillor and Venus Bay resident Sarah Gilligan, who is on the advisory panel for the Venus Bay energy project, was delighted with how the latest session went and the progress since the initial workshop.

"At first it was hard to see what was going to be the outcome but this workshop was great, and we're not just talking about challenges but are starting to discuss solutions," Sarah said.

"We were talking about microgrids and discussing them being designed for each community and location."

Required energy logistics were spoken about, along with an outline of general power usage in Venus Bay and what that would look like with modified behaviour.

Energy requirements were also



Moragh Mackay is the workshop facilitator and project team member for Venus Bay's Community Resilience and Reliable Energy Feasibility Study.

outlined for ensuring necessities identified in the earlier community workshop are supported in all situations, such as maintaining communications in an emergency.

Sarah noted an important consideration in Venus Bay is the power requirement of water pumps, which significantly increase the community's energy needs.

Much of the focus is on ensuring solutions are tailored to the Venus Bay community, rather than trying to implement a blanket approach.

Workshop facilitator and project team member Moragh Mackay represents Mycelia Renewables, a small social enterprise

business that supports community energy projects, and has previously spoken of the importance of community input.

"It's working with community to understand what their energy needs are for ordinary times as well as in emergency scenarios, and even short-term outages, and the aim is then to develop localised energy systems that the community helps design," Moragh said.

Sarah said the attitude expressed by locals on Saturday is that the community is already resilient and resourceful but needs the tools to make it even more so.

"There were a lot of conversations that left me buzzing," she

said of the positive vibe and the sense practical local energy solutions will be implemented.

Various energy source possibilities were discussed on Saturday, as was the prospect of establishing a funding structure that would ultimately put energy profits back into the community.

The next energy workshop will be held at Venus Bay Community Centre in April, honing in on the type of business models that would suit the town's energy options.

A draft plan for energy reliability is expected to be presented at the last session in June, with the final plan to go on display in July.

Places offered for Community Leadership

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council would like to congratulate those who have been offered a place in this year's Community Leadership Program.

The 20 participants from across South Gippsland will undertake a 10-session program over the course of six months, starting mid-March 2023.

The program aims to provide participants with a set of skills that will enable them to effectively work with other people, strengthen their leadership capability, manage conflict, delegate and meet objectives. It also provides participants with an opportunity to gain insight into different communities and contribute these learned skills to South Gippsland.

Those who have been offered a place in this year's Community Leadership Program are:

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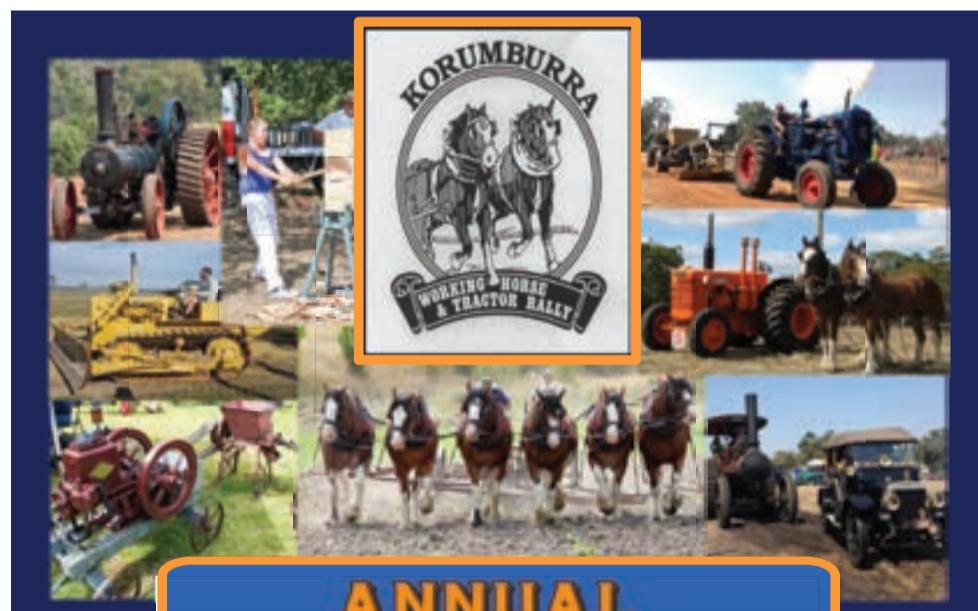
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Jack spent over a decade racing in the BMX circuit both in the junior divisions and then as a pro-am.



Inspired by Gran Torino, Jack has taken on a different style and set of handlebars. C05_1023

From bikes to a good ol' rant



THERE is a unique air to Jack Dent. He is charismatic, caring, up for a chat and a bloke's bloke.

He may be synonymous with Barber Rant in Wonthaggi now, but shy of two decades ago, he was Wonthaggi's own pro-racing world title BMX rider.

"There was an ad at the Wonthaggi North Primary School saying BMX racing at Inverloch," Jack explained.

"The ads had just come out on telly, so I pretty much asked my parents - there's a BMX racing. I've got a BMX bike, can we go down? That was November 1980.

"I had a race, liked it, went back; had a race once a month. Towards the end of the year, I went up an age group.

"I did a bit of racing in Gippsland as a 10/11-year-old and then headed up to Mornington, for my first city race - where people had all the gear.

"My first state titles were as a 12-year-old and I was looking like I was going to get second but had a bit of a tussle, and I crashed in the final and ended up getting eighth.

"That same year I went to my first Australian titles in Western Australia. I think I got ninth, I had a crash in the semi's and didn't quite make it to the finals (top eight go through to finals), and later that year was the world titles in Japan, which I qualified for before the Australian titles."

Built inside the Suzuki race circuit for the weekend, Jack was exposed to the world circuit of BMX racing.

"It was 40 degrees and through to the finals I placed third. There was an Australian first, the guy

who came second was from Europe. I was third in the world for 12 class.

"The next year I got heavier in Melbourne (racing) rather than Gippsland, as I was above that and I got second at the state titles that year."

The world titles were in Canada at Whistler, where organisers cut a BMX track into one of the downhill ski mountains.

"It just zig zagged down the ski run and then you had to walk all the way back up the top. I ended up getting seventh because I changed my gearing before the race and had a mechanical failure coming out of the start - I did a handstand over the first jumps because the chain came off... My bike took out the guy beside me.

"We raced through all the good tracks in America before Canada."

The following year Jack earned the nickname 'Jack the giant killer' after securing first place in state after beating a kid who years before, when they'd started in the 12-year-old category had been much larger than the rest of the boys.

"At the state titles I beat the 6' 2" 90 kilo 12-year-old, this guy had never been beaten before and looked like he never was.

"I didn't go to the world titles that year because France had been testing atomic bombs in the Moruroa Atoll, which people weren't happy about and the Australian team boycotted."

Moving into the 15 class, Jack became a full factory sponsored Vortex rider.

"They approached me, through a friend of ours who (up to then) had been helping me

out. I had a really good year, I went to 16 races and was undefeated. Australia boycotted the Chilean titles because it wasn't a safe place to take kids."

The following year, at 16, Jack could finally race for money in the pro-amateur scene, after been advised against becoming pro - because you couldn't race in the BMX Olympics.

"I spent that first year as a young professional, riding 16 class and pro class, and I didn't need to go to world titles. I think my first race I placed top eight and the top seven pros in Australia were there.

"The following year, class 17, I was high up in the state rankings and that year they had the world titles in Brisbane, and I placed fourth in 17 expert; I was the highest placed Australian in that class. Raced through the rest of that year..."

"The next year I raced as a pro, but I started an apprenticeship as a plumber, so training at the level I needed to be became an issue - you can't ride in the dark after work.

"I continued to ride 18, 19, 20 and finished racing when I was 21 in 1993."

A year later they opened the Victorian BMX Hall of Fame.

"The second year I got inducted into the Hall of Fame.

"Pretty much after that came fast cars and girls. My first car was a HQ Shaggin' Wagon," Jack laughed.

"The idea behind it was obviously the panel van allowed me to carry my tools and bike in the back."

Opportunities took Jack away from Victoria and racing.

After 16 years spent in West-

ern Australia Jack returned to Wonthaggi five years ago last December and set up Barber Rant on McBride Ave - a barbershop for blokes.

"I walked in and said this place needs a barbershop," Jack continued.

"I jumped into it with two feet and a year after it opened, I went and did my apprenticeship as a barber.

With the support of his wife, Jack employed barbers that to this day continue to have many years of skills and expertise under their belts.

"I opened the shop for two reasons - one) Wonthaggi needed a barber shop and two) men needed a place to come with a welcome face when they asked for their eyebrows to be trimmed."

Inspired by the Barber shop scene in Gran Torino, where Thao Vang Lor learns how guys talk, Barber Rant is exactly that. A free space for men to relax, banter and 'Rant'.

"My idea was John comes in and goes 'Hey guys...', and gets his hair cut. His son, Alex, sits beside him and listens to John talk to Jack and at the end, Alex goes 'do you know Jack?' and he goes, 'no, I don't, but we can still have a conversation and banter without being rude or offensive.' An environment that is conducive."

It's more than just a cut, for some, it has been the stranger's ear they've needed.

"We've hosted Are You Ok? nights and been a connection for blokes. Women are just as welcome if they are after a barbering service too."



The perfect Vortex sponsors picture as Jack goes over the mound during a race.



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Do something for International Women's Day

TOMORROW, Wednesday, March 8 is International Women's Day, a day dedicated to celebrating the achievements of women, raising awareness of bias, and, crucially, using it as a starting point to take action for equality every day.

And it's not just a female issue. It's a practical, social and economic issue that is multi-faceted and it's vital that we include men, and their attitude to women, in the equation.

The good news is that the majority of men support gender equality, even if they don't always know how to turn that support into action.

The bad news is that studies show men are now "significantly more reluctant" to interact with their female employees; that they are uncomfortable doing common workplace activities with women such as mentoring, socialising or having one-on-one meetings.

Several prominent events in the past year, both locally, and in the Australian workplace generally, have put the blowtorch on violence against women in community and in the workplace, and it makes you wonder if we haven't taken a few steps forward, but several more backwards.

So, what do we do?

The key is to recognise that we've still got a long way to go where respect, understanding, equality of opportunity, pay and position are concerned.

Bass Coast Shire Council has been a leader in this area, showing that the workplace can be the ideal place for bringing about change.

This International Women's Day is an opportunity for all managers and business owners to ask the question: "What are we doing to change attitudes to and opportunities for women in the workplace.

There are, however many wonderful local role models for what can be achieved and March 8 is also an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate our leading women.

Project is credible

At odds with the editorial, Tuesday, February 21, 2023, I have found the Cape to Cape Resilience Project to be community focussed and extremely credible.

Since the project's inception, community consultation has been sought.

I feel privileged to have been able to participate in a meeting last week where 16 people representing Bass Coast Shire, Dept of Transport, South Gippsland Water, Parks Vic, Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club, RACV, and community members amongst others, engaged in important discussion about the beach erosion issues, the ongoing problems with the Inverloch - Cape Patterson Road, flooding relevant to properties on Surf Parade and other issues.

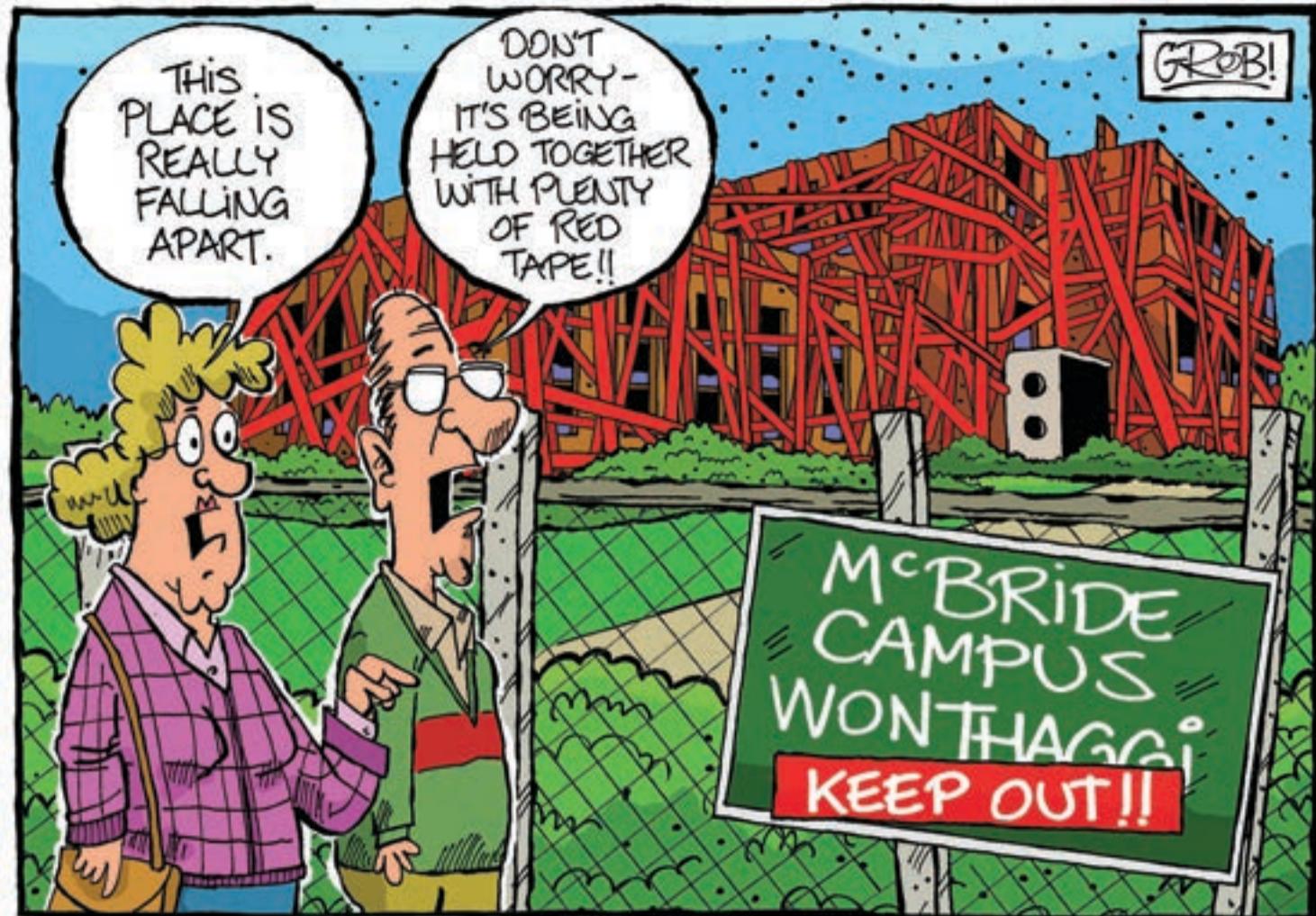
This forum referred specifically to that area.

The latest community survey on their website will probably have closed by the time this is printed but it was there for anyone to access.

If you haven't contributed your ideas, then leave the decision to the experts.

I have complete faith in them.

Margaret Pope, Inverloch



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

Please explain

My name is Levinus Van Der Neut and I was born in Holland in 1955 and in 1956 at the age of six months, my parents made the huge decision to leave their very large family in the Netherlands and migrate to Australia for a new start and they grabbed it with both hands.

From the moment they landed in Australia they were committed to becoming Australians. Within six months my father found a job with a butcher shop and two years later they purchased their first home in Ulverstone, Tasmania.

At the age of six(?) my parents made the huge decision to become Australian citizens and they took the challenge on with a great deal of enthusiasm.

My one memory of this day was that whilst they were taking the pledge my mother had tears in her eyes as she was so excited at becoming an Australia citizen and they continued as the then national anthem, God Save the Queen, was played.

Although I am very proud of my Dutch heritage, I, like my parents consider myself to be an Australian and I was appalled when I read in our local paper, namely, the Sentinel-Times that at the naturalization ceremony on Australia Day at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club that the Australian national anthem was not played.

I believe after reading the paper that other acknowledgements did occur instead.

After reading this article I was moved to send in a question to the council for their meeting on February 15, 2023, as did a few other people.

It seems to me that the Welcome to Country and the Apology to our Aboriginal people was deemed more important than singing the National Anthem at our recent citizenship ceremony for our 33 new Australian citizens.

Could you please explain to me why this happened?

Levinus Van Der Neut, Coronet Bay

Go back to drawing board

Finally, the results are back from the November survey of the three identical options (variations in vegetation being the main difference).

We are now in March, four months to analyse our responses tells me Council has lost control of this project and has little to no read of their community.

This is the fourth (I've actually lost count) reach out to the community either by a questionnaire or survey that Council has sought responses to.

And let us not forget the establishment of the Community Reference Group with over (according to Council and we know they are not good with numbers' casing point is the Say No petition) 100 members that also offered intel to Council.

So, Council must have a mountain of information, yet they still seem blind to what the majority of the Community is saying over and over again via these mechanisms. We do not want sealed roads, footpaths, streetlights and concrete curb and channel gutters.

How is it, why is it, that Council does not understand or refuses to acknowledge that the majority of ratepayers in Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach do not want the current Roads and Drains Scheme being presented by Council.

Is it that the officer leading this project is out of their depth and not reporting accurately up the chain, is it that the Ward Councillors have been absent during this past five months or is it that the CEO has her own agenda, I suspect all three have got us to where we find ourselves today.

Council needs to stop wasting Bass Coast Shire ratepayer's money on a roads and drains scheme that is clearly not wanted by the ratepayers of the estates impacted.

Council needs to scrap this scheme immediately and go back to the drawing board to offer a simple, cost effective, environmentally friendly solution to the dust and drainage issues across the estates eg dust suppressant and managed swale drains. It's that simple.

Susie Wickes, Surf Beach

Vox Pop

What woman has been an inspiration to you?



Arnika Martin
"Kylie Moore-Gilbert, an Australian academic who was arrested and incarcerated for 804 days in an Iranian prison in 2019."



Kim Storey
"Jessica Watson, when aged 16 sailed solo around the world for 210 days."



Serena Cabello
"An incredible friend who has escaped domestic violence and re-built her life."



Alisha Harding
"My best friend Sophie. She has always been so driven to achieve her goals while balancing everything else in life."

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



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Encouraging and inspiring the next generation

EDUCATOR Wendy Nicol felt empowered to step into the role as Principal of Powlett River Primary School after receiving phenomenal support from colleagues who encouraged women in leadership, mentoring her to inspire the next generation.

From her first days at university studying a Bachelor of Teaching, Wendy visualised becoming a primary school principal and in the past five years she had her sights set on leading Powlett River.

When the opportunity emerged, Wendy had the chance to steer a positive culture within a country community school.

"I was ready for this next step in my career, I wanted to provide a positive influence on each child's education," she said.

At Powlett River the educators help the children to build their confidence so when it comes time for them to transition to secondary school, they already have a strong sense of who they really are.

"We have a wonderful group of 44 students from prep to grade six, I know every parent, grandparent and their extended family and I can honestly say I know something special about each student and that is the difference here at Powlett River. We are creating connections every day," said Wendy.

"Our small school is the centre of our community, giving our students a sense of belonging.

"Our past students visit to update us on their journeys in secondary school and we have a lot of parents who attended our school, with many who reflect on having the west creek room as their classroom."

Last year, Powlett River had the opportunity to be a part of a project with Bass Coast Community Foundation who funded the students to be involved in 'Kids as Catalysts' and one of the programs was working with the Wonthaggi Historical Society.

"The kids loved it. We learnt a lot about the buildings within our school – because they came from different places when schools merged."

"There is something special about Powlett River and its history, it's somewhat like a patchwork quilt – the history connection plays within the culture of the school – the children are accepting and open and you can be who you are here," said Wendy.



Powlett River Primary School Principal Wendy Nicol has a passion for education.

"There is no exclusion because of what you wear or what your interests are. At Powlett River there is no pressure to fit in and be the same or mimic what someone else is doing – because when that is happening, that's not who they are – we strive for our children to find themselves."

"I've always wanted to be the principal of Powlett River, it's been a goal for the past five years and on my first days here 18 months ago I thought, yes, this is where I belong."

"I have loved my time in other schools, you invest so much of yourself - all educators do, so it is hard to move on but there was something about the opportunity that Powlett presented – being a small school in a community with so much potential, I thought I could really have an impact here."

Wendy grew up in Drouin and has always loved that country, community feel – she had a positive influence throughout her education which directed her into her successful career as an educator today.

At Powlett River Wendy is working hard to get funding to upgrade their facilities.

"How the community feels about our school is important to me – however, I know that things that improve outcomes for students aren't necessarily the buildings condition, but our children deserve well maintained classrooms."

As a leader in education Wendy doesn't solely see the vision of the school as her own, she intends to work with the students, parents, and the wider community over the next 12 months so everyone has a voice, "together we will develop our school vision, discovering what it is that we want for primary school education for our young people," said Wendy.

Powlett River Primary in Dalyston will remain as a country community school but is always welcoming new families. At Powlett River we aim to help each child thrive in those early days of education."

Inspiring women in leadership

DESTINATION Phillip Island General Manager Kim Storey is inspiring women in the tourism industry – leading a successful team of women to individually grow on their own skillset and follow their passions.

Starting her own career working at Telecom in administration and working her way up the corporate ladder, Kim became a business analyst – testing software for business applications and training employees for over 13 years.

Kim and her husband made the decision to pack up their lives in Melbourne and came into the hospitality industry down on Phillip Island.

"We bought the Tropicana Motor Inn in Cowes and became heavily involved in the community, managing the motel and restaurant for three years."

"My husband then went back to his trade, and I went into Project Management for the local Tourism and Business Association and the journey from that established Destination Phillip Island," said Kim.

"I was acquainted to the organisation in 2004 but in this time, it has changed its focus, at the beginning it was a marketing association committee working on industry development, before growing into a regional tourism board in 2014 – today the obligations are much wider than that, we do work for advocacy, industry strengthening, marketing international and domestic, and strategic planning.

"The remit of the board is much



Destination Phillip Island general manager Kim Storey is leading the Bass Coast tourism industry working with international trade and promoting the natural beauty of the coast. Z08_1023

greater than it was. I've worked with this 'organisation' for 18 years and now Destination Phillip Island runs as a peak tourism organisation and has grown to be better for the region – for Phillip Island and San Remo and in turn regional Victoria."

The organisation delivers more than it ever has, now having a strong voice to various stakeholders, including local, state, and federal government.

"We're more well respected – we are the peak body for tourism in the region; with a lot of hard work from the staff and the board, Destination Phillip Island is now a well-recognised respected organisation in the tourism space," said Kim.

Kim's career has exceeded her own expectations, never imagining that she would be going on to international trade events, working at a national level to represent tourism, to overseeing digital and social media plans.

"From the systems to the software we used to use – technology has seen a dramatic change – from a tele fax system at Telecom to now having efficiency in communication with international relations. The technology change is the biggest impact on my career development," said Kim. This has also supported the organisation in promoting a flexible workplace for our team managing family and community commitments.

International travel to India, Indonesia, and China with the Premier of Victoria and meeting Victorian organisation CEO's and officials, as well as tourism trade delegates are career highlights for Kim.

Kim has had many amazing opportunities to promote tourism over the past 18 years and is grateful for the culture within the team today, working closely with likeminded women who are all striving for success in the region.

Driving creativity in the tourism industry

TRAVEL, study, and dedication steered Arnika Martin into a successfully established career in the tourism industry, working as the Digital Media and Marketing Coordination for Destination Phillip Island.

Growing up on Phillip Island, local girl Arnika graduated from secondary school and immersed herself in a Bachelor of Environmental Science before setting off to live and travel around Europe.

Throughout her study, Arnika worked three jobs to save for her Europe travel, working as a Parade Ranger at the Phillip Island Penguin Parade, instructing surf lessons, and working at Subway.

"My now husband is from Germany and the two of us made plans to live in Hamburg, Germany for 12 months which extended to a year and a half stay, I always had a passion for culture and seeing new places around the world – we travelled around Europe for seven months, I worked in an Irish pub and started German lessons to learn their language," said Arnika.

Upon returning from overseas travel, Arnika came home to Phillip Island and started working at the Bass Coast Shire Council visitors centre – this kept alive



Destination Phillip Island's Digital Media and Marketing Coordinator, Arnika Martin has a passion for creativity and the environment – making herself a successful career in the tourism industry.

her passion for travel and meeting new people, inspiring them to travel around the local area, but their love for Europe saw Arnika and her husband working hard in Australia in the summer months before travelling back to Europe.

"We then had our eyes set on Turkey where I found a passion for unique jewellery. I began buying pieces and creating a small online business called Rome Free Collections – teaching myself the ropes of digital marketing and

building my passion for creativity in media and marketing," said Arnika.

"This journey inspired me to go back to University and complete a Bachelor of Business (Major in Marketing) online through Swinburne University and I did this part time over six years, all whilst continuing my travel through Central America – completing an internship in Guatemala in Tourism, Marketing Management and doing Spanish lessons to learn their language."

Throughout Arnika's travel and studying she learnt a lot about herself and followed her passions to develop a rewarding career in Digital Marketing, working freelance before starting at Destination Phillip Island full time in 2020 and completing her second degree.

Today, Arnika has combined her passion for sustainability and creative design, working with domestic and international marketing that has provided her the opportunity to travel and promote Phillip Island as a tourism destination. "With my experiences and passions, I feel so lucky to have this career that allows me to inspire visitors domestically and internationally to visit our region and to be naturally creative."



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Spearheading local health care

LOUISE Sparkes may be Gippsland Southern Health Service's new CEO, but she is no stranger to the local health care scene nor is she a stranger to paving the way inspiring young women to break the glass ceiling.

One could say Louise was inspired to venture into health care when she was nine due to unfortunate circumstances.

"I grew up in New South Wales, and I remember when we moved down here, my Nanna came to stay with us for a little while," Louise explained.

"My Nanna lived in Melbourne and had cancer.

"I remember her being quite sick and visiting her in hospital, and I remember the nurses looked after her really well. I think that had quite a big impact on me, although, I didn't really know what I wanted to be."

Tempted to leave school before the end of year 12, Louise stayed on and went on to become a registered nurse.

"It's always been about making a difference. Even this role is about making a difference and I think you can make a bigger difference to more people the higher up you get.

"My Nanna loved the nurses, so I became a nurse. I had a wonderful time learning at St Vincent's in Melbourne."

Predominantly working in the public health system, Louise also spent time at Box Hill and The Royal Melbourne amongst others.

"About 15 years ago, my family and I decided we wanted to move out and we wanted land, so we came down here near Inverloch.

"Working down here was hugely different from Melbourne, there was a lot more opportunities. Wonthaggi was very different to any other hospital I had worked at, and it gave me the opportunity to be a leader – to do things and influence. And I became very aware of the difference in access to healthcare in the country compared to the city.

"I believe healthcare should be accessible to everybody and it should be the same quality no matter where you are."

Working in the ED, Louise was exposed to an array of situations that meant she had to be a thinker and could be a leader in significant circumstances that granted her to think outside the square.

"I took every opportunity that was given to me, and I was lucky to have people that really believed in me.

"Suddenly I found myself doing a PhD trying to manage children, and I really wanted to get back to just being a nurse, so I stopped my PhD and came back to working locally in health services."

Leadership opportunities meant Louise quickly



From nurse to CEO, Louise Sparkes has taken opportunities as they've presented themselves.

found herself in various executive position roles, but she wouldn't have it any other way.

"It's been really hard working through COVID – it's probably been the hardest couple of years in my career. Leading a team through it and making the community feel safe, and making sure they could get tested and vaccinated."

Finishing a project close to her heart at Bass Coast Health – the new hospital, Louise is eager for the next chapter.

"I'm really excited about what we can achieve (at GSHS) over the coming years. We've got the most beautiful facilities and committed staff, and I'm looking forwards to tapping into our fantastic partnerships. I feel really supported by a whole network of other CEOs across Gippsland.

"There's a desire to grow excellence in health across all of Gippsland!"

And whilst the Director of Nursing role may have been held historically by women, Louise and her predecessor, Interim CEO Chris Trotman, were the first women in these later years to hold the leading role of CEO within the organisation, and first with clinical backgrounds.

"Community connectiveness and partnerships – I am keen to make sure we are maximising the beautiful TAFE down the road as partners, working together to give local people opportunities at the hospital and within GSHS that are not just clinical ones. We can be stronger together."

"I love the difference you can make, even if it seems really small, it can have a huge impact. Women bring a real strength to the team. I think women can be really good role models for each other in terms of what's possible, and sometimes that means we have to remember to be flexible about the way they need to do their work. If we can provide flexibility in a hospital, you can do it in any industry."

And whilst Louise's life has been an unplanned journey of incredible opportunities her advice to others is simple.

"Be bold, be brave; you're going to make mistakes and that is okay!"

The quiet hero who is campaigning for refugees

"WE WERE refugees ourselves – our family was Jewish," Felicia Di Stefano started.

"The first refugees go right back to the Stone Age, when one group overcame another in savage fights and then the other had to go to find another place to live. That's how people migrated from Africa around the whole world..."

"So, we had to leave Poland where I was born because of antisemitism, it was very difficult."

"The four of us came out to Australia in 1959 – mum, dad, and my sister."

Carlton became home for Felicia and her family before the family shifted to Brunswick, then onto East Brunswick and Elsternwick.

"We moved to Kew when my father died – sadly after two years here."

"Things were really, really difficult because we weren't naturalised Australians and my mum wasn't able to get a widow's pension initially, and she was too ill to work."

"But we survived and when we got the widow's pension we thought we were so wealthy – it was amazing. The school was willing to give us free books and requisites, so that was lucky..."

"Mum made all our clothes because she couldn't afford (to buy them). She used to buy little pieces of material and put them together and make us beautiful clothes, even our school uniforms. She used to make the money stretch."

With the trajectory changing for the trio, Felicia and her sister were encouraged to study – 'education is the key to everything' was her mum's key lesson.

"During the war, (mum) had missed out (on an education) – they had escaped and were put into a work camp in Uzbekistan, but that saved their lives."

Working as a teacher for 10 years majoring in severe intellectual disabilities and raising a family consumed Felicia's life before she joined her husband, John, in his successful software development company. With John able to retire at 52, the pair moved to Gippsland.

"We had heard about 'boat people' and thought what's this 'boat people' thing and looked into it. When we found out who was on the boats, we thought we have to help them for goodness sake."

In discussing refugees whose only option is often to come to Australia by boat, Felicia noted: "They are the brave ones, the ones who are resourceful and we want people like that. My aim is to persuade the government to bring 100,000



Felicia (right) is helping refugees overcome the difficulties in transitioning and arriving in Australia.

refugees because they are in great need, and we can train them for the skills we need. We bring in 200,000 immigrants to Australia, why not 100,000 immigrants and 100,000 refugees."

A common misconception that is narrated by political leaders is that refugees desire free handouts. This could not be further from the truth as refugees can be from all walks of life and often those who come via boat have made a perilous journey; an ultimate sacrifice to save their life or that of their families with no guarantees.

"We tried so hard to be Australian, we rejected anything Polish, we wanted to be part of the Australian people," Felicia recalled of her own refugee journey.

"We didn't want to be a newcomer anymore, and we really tried hard to give back."

"My sister has a PhD and worked in cancer research; I was a teacher. Our son is a PhD and senior research fellow in ecology. We come and we work twice as hard just to succeed. And for my mother, I had to get a piece of paper (a degree) that was success."

Forming the South Gippsland Rural Australians for Refugees, Felicia and her fellow SGRAR colleagues have welcomed many refugees over the years to Bass Coast.

"We've got furniture, bikes for the kids, introduced them to Wonthaggi, tutored English and familiarised them with our neighbourhood."

"(Early on) Julian Burnside sent out email addresses of refugees at different refugee camps. I got to communicate with an Afghan refugee in Lombok, who had been there

for three years. He was desperate. He'd been recognised as a genuine refugee having run away from Afghanistan because his father had been murdered – for being on the losing side."

Intercepted by the Australian Navy and pushed back to Lombok, the refugee was rescued by Indonesian fishermen and locked up in the refugee camp in Lombok.

"We started to correspond, we sent him money and he brought books and learnt English. Australian politicians were not interested, and we got a hold of letters from lawyers and doctors and Greg Hunt sent them to the Immigration Minister in New Zealand and that Afghan man got into New Zealand. He got a job, built himself a house and got married..."

There are many stories similar and differing for Felicia as she continues to navigate the system welcoming refugee families and individuals to South Gippsland alongside her SGRAR counterparts, but what makes Felicia such an inspiring woman is her quiet spoken determination – no-one is different to those around them, we all need the same things – food, water, shelter, clothing and a safe place to sleep.

"The writer Solzhenitsyn says that our purpose on earth is to help one another. I agree with him."

SGRAR is inviting everyone to a Palm Sunday rally and walk on Sunday, April 2 starting at 2pm.

Donations to Bendigo Bank Acc name: SGRAR BSB: 633000 Acc no: 155749153. 100 per cent of each donation goes to help refugees in need.



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A chance encounter would shape Clare's life

CLARE Williams may have grown up in country New South Wales alongside her sister and three brothers, but her heart and bright smile is now firmly in South Gippsland. The place she has called home for over a decade after studying early learning in Melbourne.

"I travelled around Australia working in early years (after my course) and moved to Leongatha about 14 years ago now," Clare explained.

"My husband and I moved here to start a business. I went back to early years education, while he was working in civil construction.

"I did the career transfer as our family grew – it was a little bit easier to be working in the family business. I could move my role to what I needed it to be around the children.

"But as time has gone on, and things have changed, and I've grown, I started looking outside at what I could do and what I wanted my future to be, and that for my kids.

"I could see lots of things that were happening in our region. I thought, can I stand up and say something? I'm not sure and it went by the wayside. You just hope that somebody's doing the best they can for their community.

"And then the door opened, and I had this opportunity. I got tapped on the shoulder, 'would you be interested to run for local government?'

"There was no real interest at the start, I thought there's no way that I could achieve that – I'm just a mum and a woman, there's no point in me even trying to do it. And then I got some encouragement."

Putting her mind to it is exactly what Clare did as she walked through the door.

"It has turned out to be the best thing ever!"

"The opportunity for me to be at a strategic table and be able to represent my demographic is the opportunity of a lifetime. As a parent, you want the best that



Joining local council ended up being the best thing for Clare.

you can give your kids, and this is one way that I can do that."

Experience in small business is also one of the many attributes Clare brings to the table.

"To watch my husband build a business from scratch was really hard. When we started to do it together, developing it to the next level – it was really tough. Because of that experience you know what everyone's going through in small business and that definitely helps when I get to the table because it's a lived experience and the challenges that come with it."

And whilst her role as deputy mayor has added to her schedule, Clare has continued to find time for the many community groups she was active in prior to her accession to council.

"I am still involved with some of the community groups at different levels. I was helping out with the Leongatha community markets, Leongatha Business Association, the community gardens. We collaborated a lot for events too. This will be the first year I am not doing the Daffodil Street Festival, which I did for six years.

"I remember the first Daffodil Street Festival – I remember not sleeping that night and thinking no-one is going to come. I was

so nervous I made myself sick... To see the street full of community life, I was so appreciative that people turned up – it was beautiful. I remember looking around thinking what a pack of legends!"

Looking to the future Clare's aspirations are like many other inspirational women across the community.

"An economically strong future in South Gippsland. I want strong economic growth. I want (the next generation) to be able to finish school and secure a job locally – to be successful here."

"I want to protect our farmland – protect what we have so my kids can see and enjoy the same things we enjoy now."

"In the future I want to see equity – I don't want people to have to look at gender or what type of role they are playing. It doesn't matter where you come from or who you are, it truly matters what you can achieve."

For the next generation...

"Just get involved and don't take no for an answer. If there is a part of you that wants to do something go and chase it."

"What I'd tell my 12-year-old self, if I'm completely honest, would be to join a youth council because local government is the most interesting place to be."

Championing incredible women

"CERISH the highs and wait out the lows because they will pass," Bass Coast Shire Deputy Mayor, Rochelle Halsstead noted.

"I'm a champion for women – I think women bring a different perspective to decision making and that's just our make-up. The old saying 'men are from Mars and women are from Venus' it's so true."

"We should have women at all levels of corporate, government and community organisations... This has been something that has been championed for many, many years now, right from the burning of the bras – those women were incredibly courageous and visionary. To recognise that women offer so much more than was traditionally/historically accepted."

Growing up as the daughter of a Major in the army, Rochelle spent 16 years of her childhood in Western Australia before the family was transferred to Melbourne.

"When I went into the workforce 30/40 years ago, there were women but not at a senior level or in leadership roles, and it's been really interesting through my working life journey to find women who were inspiring, to watch them and learn from them and subsequently grow, but they were scarce back then."

"In recent times, there seems to be a big flood of women coming through – I am so excited!"

"Hannah Eisen, President of the Phillip Island Boardriders Club always springs to mind. She impresses me so much. Who would have thought 20-30 years ago you would have a female president of a board riders club, which historically has been a sport for men?"

"Women are now doing it and that's so exciting!"

And whilst Rochelle is championing other women, it's often easy to forget that this inspirational woman is a role model within her own right.

A mum of three ladies, and soon to be grandmother of three including two girls, Rochelle's own journey has been filled with beautiful highs and devastating



Bass Coast Shire Deputy Mayor Rochelle Halsstead is championing women today, tomorrow and into the future.

lows, but she hasn't let it hold her back.

"My mum was an inspiration to me – a strong woman who raised two girls."

"Watching the women through my life – professionally and personally – taking on roles in all different community organisations, that was previously not existent."

Rochelle is excited for the time when women are presidents and in high levels of government across the globe.

"There's still more work to do and a lot of talk around equal pay. I'm really proud of Bass Coast Shire for being a leader in this space. Women should be on the same levels of pay if they're doing the same job as men do and vice versa."

Seeing women in positions, traditionally held by men or whilst balancing a young family I hope will one day be the norm.

"It won't look like something that is unusual. All of a sudden there will be women in big boardrooms doing things men have traditionally done and I think the world would be such a better place when that happens."

"We didn't have all the role models young women have now, but today anything is possible."

Surrounded by two strong women in Council and multiple more in the Shire, Rochelle couldn't imagine herself being where she is today.

"The advice I'd give my 12-year-old self is to not take things that happen in life too seriously, life is a roller coaster ride full of ups and downs and how you feel in one moment won't last forever."

Office closure for Gippsland Women's Health

FOR 30 years, the Gippsland Women's Health (GWH) team have worked to prevent violence against women and promote women's sexual and reproductive health across Gippsland.

For majority of these years, main GWH office has been centrally located in Sale.

For some time now, the face of GWH has changed in line with funding requirements and progression of the organisation. Since the COVID-19 pandemic the GWH team have primarily

been working remotely across the region.

GWH is not funded to provide 'direct service delivery' to the general public and are not a crisis response centre.

The GWH Board of Management have taken this opportunity to review their reach across Gippsland.

Currently, GWH have staff located in Baw Baw, Latrobe, Wellington, Bass Coast and East Gippsland.

As of March 10, 2023, the

primary office space in Sale will no longer be open to the public and staff based in the Wellington Shire will be co-located in office space with partners Quantum.

Staff in other sub-regions will either work remotely and/or in co-located office space with other partners.

The GWH team and valued resources can still be accessed via direct contact on 03 5143 1600 and/or through their soon to be re-launched website.



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Inspirational speakers to feature at Women's Day event

BASS Coast Shire is inviting the community to celebrate cultural diversity this International Women's Day.

Locals can join a special lunch on Thursday, March 9, with keynote speaker Div Pillay, guest speaker Nicky Chung, MC Deputy Mayor Cr. Rochelle Halstead, alongside women from all backgrounds – and allies – at Phillip Island Winery.

For this year's Bass Coast event, the theme is embracing cultural diversity.

Please join and be inspired by keynote speaker Div Pillay, CEO of MindTribes and Co-Founder of social enterprise, Culturally Diverse Women, plus guest speaker, Nicky Chung, CEO of Australian Vietnamese Women's Association, president of Rotary Club Wonthaggi and deputy chair of Bass Coast Health.

Nicky joined the Bass Coast community in early 2019 and has since made it home - where her heart is.

After the Vietnam War, Nicky and her family of six fled their home country, leaving behind their loved ones, taking a risk in the hope of finding a better life.

It may have started with a perilous boat trip, but the end result has been the opportunity to make the most of living in Australia.

In 2022, Nicky was appointed the CEO of the Australian Vietnamese Women's Association where she now leads a team of more than 300 employees to provide health and community care services to other migrants of all ages and genders, from culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

Tickets for Bass Coast International Women's Day: Embracing Cultural Diversity go on sale Monday, February 6, at 9am from basscoastinternationalwomensday.eventbrite.com.au.

This event is not just for people who identify as women; everybody is welcome.

Date: Thursday, March 9, 2023

Time: 12 noon to 2.30 pm
Venue: Phillip Island Winery, 414 Berrys Beach Road, Ventnor VIC 3922

Tickets*: \$35 per person (includes two course meal and speakers)

Buy from: basscoastinternationalwomensday.eventbrite.com.au

**On sale Monday, February 6 at 9am, limited availability.*

Story of resilience and hope

"I WILL never forget how I drove through Grantville during the fires on Saturday, February 2, 2019," Nicky Chung recalled.

"My car was loaded up with my personal belongings, ready to set up shop, to start my new gig at the Desal in Wonthaggi.

"I distinctly remember that one side of the highway had closed. I was driving slowly past a group of resting firefighters, who I am sure were thinking, "you might've picked a better day!", but gave me a friendly smile and wave, nonetheless. This was probably the start of that warm sense of community you get in the Bass Coast."

For Nicky, home became San Remo after that day. A home she has provided respite foster care from since July 2020, and a home from which she has become an active member of the Bass Coast community, as Deputy Chair of Bass Coast Health, a Board Member of South Coast FM, and President of the Rotary Club of Wonthaggi.

For four years prior Nicky had worked in Melbourne's CBD.

"I am by no means a city slicker. People can tell I am not a Melbournite, I drink freeze-dried coffee and am always poorly dressed for the weather!" Nicky laughed.

"I was born in Vietnam. My family and I left after the war, arriving in Australia in 1979 as refugees. I grew up in Perth and then lived in Sydney after finishing my Psychology degree at university."

After university, Nicky headed over to England for five years before coming back to Australia where she lived in Brisbane, Cobar, Karratha,



Moranbah and finally in Melbourne.

"My work has taken me to so many amazing places in Australia. Karratha, where I was for two years was pretty interesting. I worked for an Algae company as their HR Manager.

"On site in my high vis and steel cap boots, working out of an airconditioned donga," Nicky smiled.

"We grew algae prolifically in the hot sunny conditions, harvesting hundreds of kilos a day. The algae was then converted to biodiesel and omega 3 oils for vegans.

"I still think that algae is the future. It was interesting work, and an interesting place because it was during the mining boom and the population was quite transient. The locals were not quite as open arms like folks in the Bass Coast."

Between her multiple board hats, Nicky's full-time role is CEO of the Australian Vietnamese Women's Association which employs over 300 staff, whilst providing health, wellbeing and community care services to migrants in the Victorian region.

"Since starting as the CEO, where 99 per cent of our employees are bilingual Vietnamese, who choose to work for a not-for-profit, I have had a chance to think more deeply about cultural diversity and inclusion, and what impact it can have in the broader community context.

"There is a uniqueness about the care and services that we offer because of our cultural connection, and shared experiences with our clients. It's what sets us apart from our competitors. We enable people to seek care and counselling services, such as gambling help, alcohol and other drugs, family violence, as it is provided in language, and provided by people who understand the Vietnamese culture.

"Inclusion is now about understanding the barriers such as stigma that prohibit some families and individuals from seeking help when they need it. I hope by speaking about it often and loudly, we can help all people access the help and support they need, when they need it, in a way that will genuinely meet their needs."

Nicky was also recently

awarded Melbourne Business School's Community Services Award after completing her Senior Executive MBA.

"I can really see now how incredible my parents are," Nicky said.

"They literally left everything they knew behind to get on a boat with their four kids, all under six years old, for the chance of a better life. They'd just went through a war and then life in a refugee camp.

"I think the Vietnamese have shown themselves to be resilient and highly resourceful. My folks worked tirelessly, which meant us kids were at home by ourselves most of the time, which might not happen these days.

"We learnt about Australian culture through Neighbours and Home and Away, but my values, the ability to grow strength out of adversity, and leading with courage were definitely learnt through my parents.

"I probably should tell them that at some point. I wonder if they know how much they have influenced who I am."

As for Nicky's greatest contribution.

"Most people would say that being a respite foster carer would be my biggest contribution, but I think that my greatest contribution is being a blood donor. I know that the blood donations actually save lives directly. I love that the bus comes to Wonthaggi quite often to give us the chance to make a difference."

Nicky is a guest speaker at the Bass Coast Shire's International Women's Day event on March 9 at Phillip Island Winery. Tickets available at basscoast.vic.gov.au/explore/whats-on/events/international-womens-day-2

Women's Day at Myli...

MYLI Library San Remo is celebrating International Women's Day on March 10, 2023.

At Myli, we are passionate about celebrating women's achievements and empowering young women to thrive.

As part of our International Women's Day Celebrations, we are inviting girls from the local schools to celebrate two successful women from our community, Deb Leonard and Hannah Eisen.

There will be discussion about women's achievements and thriving in traditionally male dominated spaces: from construction, to law, to politics, to surfing and study choices.

It will be an opportunity for students and their teachers

to ask questions, to eat food and celebrate.

For further information on the event please contact myself or Sarah Jury at the Library 5644 3320 or on email at sarah.jury@myli.org.au or jessica.berry@myli.org.au.

Featured speakers

Hannah Eisen: Hannah is a project manager, architect and interior designer who is also heavily involved in the community.

Currently Hannah is completing a Diploma of Governance via a scholarship received by State Government, she is undertaking a Fellowship called 'Women Leading Locally' and is President of the Phillip Island Boardriders Club.

She works full time as a Senior Project Manager at Bass Coast Shire Council where she is leading the construction of the Cowes Cultural and Community Centre and the Wonthaggi Activity Centre Streetscapes Masterplan as well as running her own business, HE Consulting, a consulting firm helping people design and construction their dream homes.

Deb Leonard: Deb is a business owner, lawyer, active community member and mum in Bass Coast. In 2022, she stood as an independent candidate in the Federal election, with aspirations to be the first female elected to our federal seat, and to bring much needed attention and representation to

our region.

As an active community member and mum, Deb was the Vice President of San Remo Preschool for two years; taking an active role in shaping early education for local children attending the centre.

Deb is currently on the committee of the Phillip Island Boardriders Club, in role of Supergroms Coordinator where she organises events for children of all surfing abilities in an inclusive and fun environment.

Deb also loves to chase the snow with a passion for snowboarding and managing a lodge at Mt Hotham, surfing, being with friends and adventures locally and beyond with her family.



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It's a women's sport!

IN the past, there was to be an unspoken hesitation with the female surfers, no matter what level you surfed at. A worry that you could be the only lady in the line-up, and it was still a boy's sport.

Phillip Island Boardriders Club wanted to change this stereotype by creating a pilot program to encourage participation in the sport. Along came the Phillip Island Boardriders Club Surf and Yoga Program for Girls; an inaugural 12-week program that finished up last week – but it's unlikely to be the end of the road.

Developed by current President, Hannah Eisen, and Club Secretary, Emily Scott, the program aimed at increasing participation of girls who surf and by doing so aimed to increase involvement in competitions and memberships, while establishing friendship and important community connections.

The program partnered with local surf schools including Jess Laing from Girls on Board surf coaching the beginner level and Glydon Ringrose coaching the advanced level, to provide mentoring for females, tailored for their individual needs, and teamed up with local sports providers and governing bodies to show female members, mothers, daughters and sisters of the club that surfing is for everyone of all ages and abilities.

"Offering this program (at such an affordable rate thanks to Change Our Game and Bass Coast Shire Council) has built such a positive and inclusive community of surfing girls and women," Hannah said.

"With the tailored surf coaching program including surf photography and video analysis, plus yoga sessions to hone flexibility and breathing technique we sure did see the progression in the surfing ability and confidence gained in the participants."

Hannah also expressed how humbled she has been seeing so many girls getting out in the water and coming to the yoga classes hosted by Dominique Salerno.

The last few years has seen an exponential increase in the number of women in surfing, with big wave surfers such as Maya Gabeira proving that surfing is not just a boy's game and inspiring a new generation of girl surfers everywhere.

Up and coming junior surfing champion and PIBC member, Scarlett Rennie (Age 10) has been one of the many girls making waves of late.

"The best thing about the PIBC girls surf and yoga program has been getting to know more girls that surf on the island. The yoga has been really good for strength and flexibility. I really hope PIBC can have another program like this!" Scarlett said.

There are lots of benefits to taking up surfing and yoga. Both are a fun way to get a full body work out; navigating the water and waves takes every muscle in the body and the ability to balance on the right spot of the surfboard and shift weight between front and back feet whilst surfing combined with yoga and breathwork teaches important balance, breathing and coordination skills.



The 12-week PIBC Surf and Yoga pilot program has drawn to a close after an incredibly successful trial which included surf coaching video analysis with Glydon Ringrose.



"When starting the yoga for Boardriders program, I was hoping to simply share a few benefits of yoga and breathing as they apply to surfing. What I didn't anticipate was the incredible response within the entire Phillip Island Board riding community. They turn up every week. Young and old to move, breathe and bolster connection to one another and this amazing place we all call home. I am so incredibly grateful to have connected with these people! Not hard to see why they're celebrating 60 years this month!" Dominique Salerno, Yoga Teacher.



Women and girls of all ages took to the waves and mats because "girls just wanna have fun!"



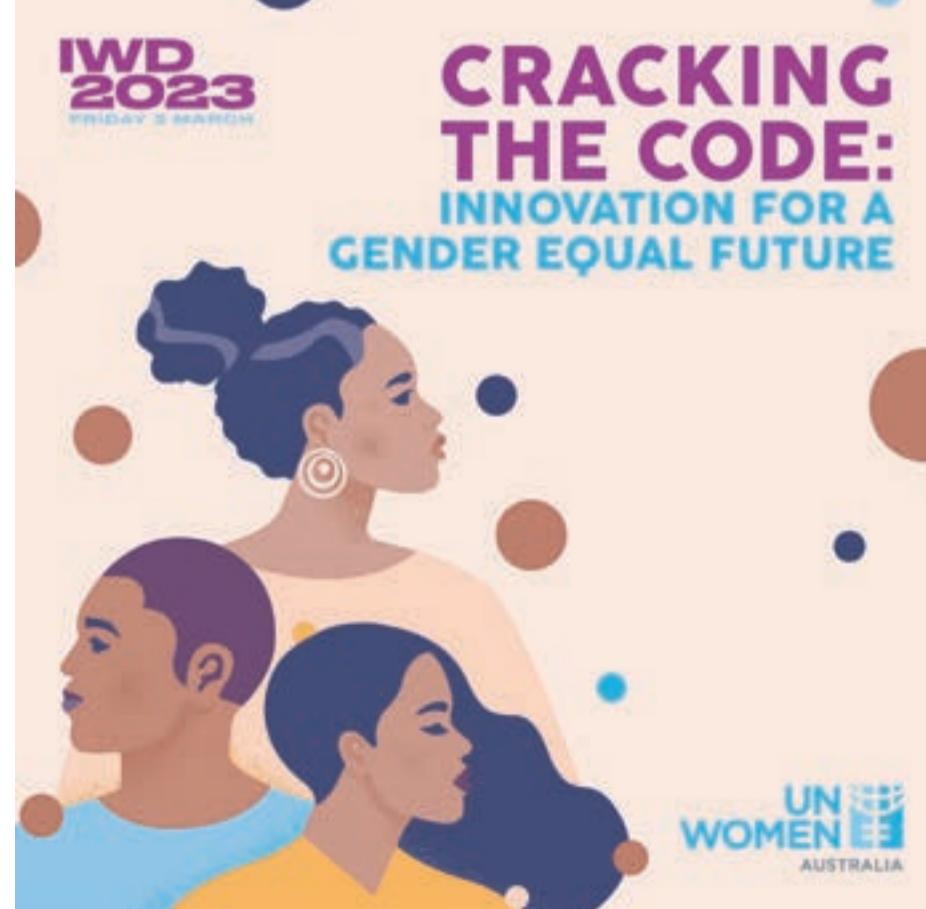
The program was developed by the inspirational Phillip Island Boardriders Club president, Hannah Eisen. Photo: Andrew Lidsey @ bunpix

Celebrating International Women's Day

This International Women's Day, we'd like to acknowledge our female staff in innovation, science, technology, engineering, math and communications fields who manage and deliver water and wastewater services to our customers and communities.



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Alexandra Martin and Melinda Glew from Westernport Water's Assets and Operations Division are great examples of women working locally in STEM and innovation roles.

Celebrating female STEM staff on #IWD2023

THIS International Women's Day, we would like to acknowledge two of our female staff working in innovation and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) roles.

Alexandra Martin and Melinda Glew both work in Westernport Water's Assets and Operations Division. Alexandra is our Reliability Engineer, and Melinda works in the climate change, water quality and sustainability field.

As an Environmental Scientist, Melinda is passionate about protecting and improving water, land and biodiversity in our service area. She is responsible for assisting the organisation to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

Melinda says that she loves the variety of her work and collaborating with like-minded and inspiring co-workers. "One day I may be sampling out in the field and investigating changes in the environment, and the next day sitting at my desk developing a strategy. I feel privileged to be working in a collaborative environment where science and engineering disciplines consult, providing great learning experience and knowledge sharing opportunities."

A message Melinda would give to her 12-year-old self is "Learning never stops. As the world and concepts develop, ensure you arm yourself with the tools to keep building on your knowledge, and critically think about information you are presented with."

Alexandra's role is integral for assessing the condition of Westernport Water's assets, providing engineering technical support for the operations and maintenance of our water and wastewater assets, treatment plants, pump stations and pipelines.

"I'm fortunate to be a part of an

organisation providing an essential service to the community and being able to make an impact," said Alexandra.

"I think it's important that women can work in whichever field they like and have no barriers in selecting a career that interests them."

"A career in STEM can be incredibly empowering and offers the opportunity for personal growth, career trajectory and job security."

When asked what could be done to increase the number of women working in STEM fields, Alexandra strongly believes that "You can't be what you can't see."

"It's necessary to make women working in STEM visible to the younger generation through outreach programs in schools (before year 11/12 subject selection) to inspire interest and remove some mystique from what STEM is. Once in the workforce, companies supporting women through maternity and genuinely attempting to level the gender indifference at the management level is extremely valuable to make STEM careers attractive to women."

"My message to young girls today would be that you don't have to be the smartest in the class or the best at maths to have a successful career in STEM fields. It's not just reserved for those that get all the school awards and you can still enjoy playing sports and socialising and aspire to a STEM career."



Midwife Rebekah Eastman, postgraduate midwifery student Kayla Pepperell, midwifery educator Linda Fiddelaers and postgraduate midwifery student Jeelu James.

GSHS seeks to secure maternity staff

GIPPSLAND Southern Health Service is taking another step towards securing the future of its maternity service by increasing its annual intake of postgraduate midwifery students.

Director of Nursing – Leongatha, Kylie Ashton, said that like most health services, GSHS had faced a chronic shortage of midwives over recent years.

But the new initiative aims to meet that challenge.

"We normally take one student but this year we have increased that to two as part of our strong commitment to growing our local midwifery workforce," Ms Ashton said.

GSHS has been able to

cover the recent shortfall with agency workers.

"The agency midwives have been great and brought knowledge and skills to our service, but to make our unit sustainable, we want to build our team of locally trained midwives who will be here long-term," Ms Ashton added.

Kayla Pepperell and Jeelu James, who have worked as nurses with GSHS for several years, have taken on the post-graduate positions.

"Both have a lot of experience but have a strong interest in maternity and will be excellent recruits for our team," Ms Ashton said.

"They will stabilise our

workforce and help to build our unit so we can continue the high-quality midwifery care we pride ourselves on delivering."

The students will be supported by GSHS's education team led by midwifery educators Linda Fiddelaers and Carly Boulter.

"The educators are committed to developing the skill set of our unit which then enables us to provide women and their support network access," Ms Ashton said.

GSHS currently has three postgraduate midwifery students with Mardie Foster also continuing training she started last year.



Bass Coast Health's new Midwifery Unit Manager, Relle McMillin (left) and Clinical Director of Women's Services Dr Carmen Brown (right) with new parents Savanah Marmion and Liam Raynes and their daughter Leah Raynes, all of Corinella.

New leader for a new chapter in maternity care

BASS COAST Health (BCH) has appointed Relle McMillin to lead the hospital's maternity team underscoring its commitment to mothers and families using the service.

Ms McMillin is BCH's new Midwifery Unit Manager, overseeing a team of midwives and administration staff who deliver high quality maternity services to the communities of Bass Coast and South Gippsland shires.

She is also a qualified doula – a trained professional who acts as a companion to a woman and their family, under-

standing their emotional and physical needs during pregnancy, birth and beyond.

"Having this qualification and experience enables me to go beyond the exceptional medical care we provide to women and their families to ensure they are emotionally prepared and supported during this exciting, yet transformative time of their lives," Ms McMillin said.

Dr Carmen Brown, Clinical Director of Women's Services at BCH, said Ms McMillin's doula experiences reflect that BCH is "committed to natural

and family-centred birth-ing".

"The minute you make care centred on what is best for the patient, it's of great benefit to everyone involved," Dr Brown said.

Ms McMillin comes to BCH with experience as Midwifery Unit Manager at Eastern Health's Box Hill Hospital and Associate Midwifery Unit Manager at the Royal Women's Hospital site at Sandringham.

As a registered midwife, Ms McMillin has a primary health, wellness focus.



International Women's Day

Wednesday, March 8, 2023



Southern Business Women's Network are proud to be hosting a panel of guest speakers including Louise, Chelsea and Patrice on Wednesday, March 8.

Growing women professionally

COMMENCING at 6pm, Southern Business Women's Network (SBWN) in partnership with South Gippsland Shire Council, South Gippsland Water and Women for Change (a Bass Coast Community Foundation Initiative) is proud to host Embrace Equality – a panel of wonderful guest speakers including Patrice Mahoney OAM, Chelsea Caple and Louise Sparkes at Trulli's Meeniyana on International Women's Day (Wednesday, March 8).

Celebrating a quarter of a century, the team are looking forwards to an evening of sharing valuable business tips, advice, nurturing professional connections and friendships whilst celebrating equality and International Women's Day, alongside women throughout Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

Prolific artist, Patrice 'Muthaymiles'

Mahoney, a proud mother of five children and one granddaughter, will be joined by Chelsea Caple, founder and director at Summersalt Gymnastics in Wonthaggi and Director at Latrobe Regional Hospital; and Louise Sparkes the newly appointed CEO of Gippsland Southern Health services.

Tickets are available at sbwn.com.au/event-5161002 - \$35 Members, \$40 Non-Members



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KARLI is a visual communicator and learner who really enjoys storytelling.

"Using a camera to narrate seemed a natural step for me," she said.

While loving her job, Karli detailed some of the challenges she faces and how they are overcome.

"The biggest hurdles are probably times where a lack of confidence leads to doubt and working in environments that are unpredictable, unfamiliar or overwhelming.

"I have had to push through many moments of discomfort and fear to continue to grow both spiritually and technically and I can happily say I've never regretted taking a job."

Karli highlighted the beauty of a career in the arts/media is that there are many paths one can take.

"I did complete some formal study in photography at Photography Studies College in Melbourne, but ceased

about halfway through to travel."

She highlighted that without a doubt, the woman who inspires her the most is Lauren Murphy - a professional photographer working from a studio in Warragul.

"Lauren's life story shares some similar sentinel moments to my own and she has proven that it's possible to raise children and nurture a personal love and dream at the same time."

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Teresa Scott goes the extra mile when clients need her the most.

Challenging but rewarding

WITH a career in the industry for 20 years, Teresa Scott loves her role as the claims manager at Elders Insurance.

"I enjoy being able to assist our clients in their time of need. Claims are an emotional and stressful time and to be able to support a client through the process is highly rewarding," she said.

For those interested in a career, Teresa had the following advice.

"Qualifications are required in Financial Services. Differing levels of qualifications allow the ability to give advice on varying complexity of insurance programs. Qualifications can be obtained through Professional Industry Education providers online and via correspondence."

When asked what advice she would also give to younger women, she highlighted it's important to make your 'invisible work visible'.

"Communicate your value... No one else is going to do it for you," she said.

While one of her biggest inspirations in the industry has been her director and friend, Jamie Hutchison.

"To think back, we started working together 17 years ago with me training her. And now Jamie is a co-director of her own Insurance Agency and I work for her! It is inspiring and I love her determination and will power to stick at things in life."



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Katriona Griggs of Elders Real Estate strives to always achieve the best outcome for her clients.

Be confident and don't be afraid!

WITH six years' experience in the real estate industry, Katrina Griggs always strives to achieve the best results for her clients.

After commencing employment at Elders in livestock, the opportunity then arose to transition into real estate and Katrina hasn't looked back since.

While growing up on her parent's beef farm, she never quite knew what she wanted to do but always hoped to remain in South Gippsland.

"I'm so glad that the path led me into the industry I work in today and so fortunate I am working in the beautiful South Gippsland," she said.

"Be confident and don't be afraid to give anything a go, you'll be amazed at what you can do when you put your mind to it."

While the pandemic has had its

challenges, Katrina highlighted that technology and ways of working in the industry had changed for the better.

"This opens up more opportunities within the industry for women, which is pleasing to see. I'm sure technology will continue to improve for the Real Estate industry in the coming years."



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Kathleen Brack and Emily Harris - inspiring local women and recent participants in the Joan Kirner Emerging Leaders Program.

Commitment to embed change

THE Andrews Government has an unwavering commitment to improving outcomes for women and girls in every setting, every community, every stage of life.

Our Gender Equality Strategy and Australia's first ever Gender Equality Act leads the way, sets the scene, sends the message of action with outcomes.

We continue to invest in programs and services to increase participation, create opportunities, pathways, supports, scholarships, mentoring in STEM/STEAM, construction, energy, manufacturing, new technologies, sport, media, business, arts, parity on boards and in our courts.

We have a suite of Leadership programs for women of all ages and backgrounds: more here: www.vic.gov.au/our-womens-leadership-programs

Our Government is proudly made up of 54% women MP's, 64% Women Ministers.

Many of our progressive reforms have been led by strong women Ministers sitting at this table - Wage Theft, medicinal cannabis, Workplace Manslaughter, Free TAFE, Free Kinder and 'Best Start - Best Life, Voluntary Assisted Dying, Climate Action and nation leading renewable energy targets, as well as the world-first Royal Commission into Family Violence.

Despite the many gains that have been made for women and girls in Victoria, there is still a way to go achieve gender equality. Our work is not over yet!

Happy International Women's Day!

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O'Brien Real Estate are honouring the strong women in their organisation this International Women's Day.

Reasons to celebrate at O'Brien

WITH the number of women joining the team at O'Brien Real Estate increasing by 50 per cent in the last six months, we are thrilled to celebrate International Women's Day this week!

A day to recognise and celebrate the achievements of women from all backgrounds and within our business, to show appreciation for their hard work and dedication.

From the hardworking administrative and operations team behind the scenes, to the outstanding agents who meet with our clients every day, and the amazing partners and mothers who support the men in our team - they are all a valuable asset to our business.

We are deeply grateful to have such an impressive and diverse group of women working with us.

They bring an unparalleled level of expertise, knowledge, and dedication

to our company, we believe that gender equality is essential for economic growth and the success of any business, and we are proud to stand behind the advancement of women everywhere.

"Every woman's success should be an inspiration to another. We're strongest when we cheer each other on." - Serena Williams.

We look forward to taking the ladies of our organisation to a wonderful lunch to show our appreciation and celebrate their accomplishments.

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"More women need to be brave and just have a go."

I wouldn't change anything!

IT started as a passion for figures when Lynda Sainsbury was in high school.

"I knew I wanted to work with figures, either as an accountant or in a bank - I love numbers!" Lynda explained.

"After more than 23 years in banking and as an experienced Branch Lender, I jumped to the challenge of being a self-employed Finance Broker."

Inspiring the next generation of women, Lynda would happily take on a young person for work experience.

"I recommend women follow their passion," Lynda smiled.

"I'm inspired and proud of myself every day. Women make up a very small number of Brokers in Australia. This is surprising as, in my experience, most of the Lending Managers in banking were women!"

"Most women I've spoken to are scared to take the plunge. It does take

courage and a lot of hard work, but it's paid off for me."

Has the brokering world cracked the code?

"We can work from home (or anywhere in the world) via our laptops and phones. We can have a family and work flexible hours."

"Males dominate this industry, but most male brokers are very supportive of women coming in."

"Whilst I love having a female broker assistant, what I love most, is being the mentor of a young male broker in my business!"

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Talia Abraham of Melbourne Furnishing Company in Wonthaggi took over the family business in 2004.

Talia continues family tradition

PASSED down through four generations, Melbourne Furnishing Company in Wonthaggi opened in 1910 and last September 25, celebrated 112 years all in the hands of the Abraham family.

The unique Graham Street store has been owned by Talia Abraham since 2004.

In 1910, it was her great-grandfather, Samuel Abraham, who established the business that remains today on the same site.

And now, more than a century later, Talia and her staff continue to provide the best quality furniture for the people of South Gippsland.

Melbourne Furniture Co encourages custom designing. Talia has the industry contacts to complete your ideal piece.

"It's not just what's on the store floor, we can get all styles," Talia said.

From Hampton, Scandinavian, traditional, retro or industrial, Melbourne

Furnishing has a wide range and sources Australian made where possible.

"We encourage choice, the right chair, the right style," she said.

"I have the contacts who can make the piece the shape you feel most comfortable on and in the materials that suit your home," Talia said.

Talia assures that Melbourne Furnishing Co will continue to provide the traditional personal service, that has been their trademark, well into the future.

Having stood the test of time, that appears to be a given.

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Sharon Exton of Project Enable.

Helping to live life to the fullest

PROJECT Enable is a belief or vision that everyone is entitled to citizenship and the opportunity to live their best life as part of their chosen community.

Project Enable came about through a desire and motivation to enable people living with a disability to have the same opportunities and shared experiences.

"We are constantly challenged by the ever changing world of NDIS. As a registered provider Project Enable is audited and monitored by the NDIS to ensure quality outcomes for the participants that we support," owner Sharon Exton said.

Sharon highlighted there were many ways to obtain a degree or qualification in the industry.

"Work experience is a great way to gain a feel for any industry and sector and something that I would encourage to help young woman find their passion."

When asked about her inspirations, she said, "I have been privileged to have a few very amazing women who have inspired and lifted me up when I needed them the most."

"I think inspiration comes in many forms having inspiring female role models regardless of where they come from in life is so important."

They currently have vacancies in all areas of their business and don't hold waitlists.



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The team at Flourishing Figures has continued to grow and expand since 2017.

Helping women flourish

FLOURISHING Figures has gone from strength to strength after their humble beginnings.

Owner Shelley Beilharz loves her job after being in the industry for almost 16 years.

She highlighted that getting to know her clients and their businesses is one of the most rewarding aspects.

When asked about how to kick start a career in the industry, Shelley highlighted it depends on how far you want to take it!

"You can do TAFE and then university and absolutely could do work experience.

"I'd highly recommend it, as I myself did that starting from year 10 work experience then worked during holidays and ended up part-time during late uni.

"We have lots of technology in our industry, which makes it very flexible

and is very female friendly. You need to do your research on the firm and make sure they're up with the latest tech."

One of her biggest inspirations is 2022 CAANZ president, Kate Boorer FCA, who she met by attending networking and coaching groups that Kate ran.



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A complete change of career and inspirational mentor, Catherine is celebrating love. Photo: Claire Davie

What's not to love about love?

AFTER working in the security industry, Catherine Styles decided she needed a change of pace.

And after having her two children, she had to reevaluate it as a career choice.

She has since commenced a wonderful career in Celebrancy, and for those interested in the industry, she recommends finding a mentor.

"Many companies offer a Cert IV in celebrancy, but I would highly suggest approaching a mentor celebrant to learn the behind the scenes. It really is one thing to learn the legal legislation of lawfully binding two people together for life academically."

However, some of the biggest challenges they face can be the 'bridezilla' moments.

"When couples get stressed a.k.a the bridezilla moment, it really is all about confidence, reassurance and focusing their mind on what is important.

I always tell my couples "You do not need a fancy expensive dress, the coolest venue, the biggest diamond, or 300 guests."

When asked about a woman who inspired her, unsurprisingly, it was another celebrant.

"The absolutely beautiful and kind Patricia Jamieson a fellow local Celebrant has helped me grow and inspired me so much. She suggested I join toast masters, a public speaking group that develops communication, leadership, confidence, and personal growth."



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Imogen Wilson-Kells has loved her role at South Gippsland Water.

Water industry celebrates

TO CELEBRATE International Women's Day, South Gippsland Water wants to thank and celebrate all the incredible women across the organisation who play such integral components and have shaped the organisation to what it is today.

Imogen Wilson-Kells joined our Network Maintenance Team as a trainee in October 2021.

Over the last year and a half, Imogen has been rotating through different teams in the Network Maintenance Team.

This has equipped her with a range of skills and insights in the duties involved in the operation of water, sewerage, pumping stations and customer connections – setting her up with a long career in the water industry!

"I have really valued all the learning lessons that have been thrown at

me so far. What I have learnt is that no two days are the same. I've really enjoyed having the time to get to know each aspect of the industry, my favourite so far has been wastewater. I am excited to immerse myself in that area of work more in the future".

Keep an eye out for any future traineeships on our website at sgwater.com.au/careers.



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Autumn planting has arrived

By Karen Haw,
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Garden Centre

AUTUMN is here and while spring is the traditional time for garden revamping and planting, autumn is actually just as good if not better time to plant.

The soil is still warm but air temperatures cooler and if soil is properly prepared you will get maximum root development with minimum stress on the plants.

Planting now means that by the time next summer arrives plants are well established and are able to withstand the hot and dry better.

It is the ideal time to plant natives and their relatives proteas and leucadendrons.

There are some fantastic natives available and not only do the birds love them many are also good for cut flower arrangements.

Grevilleas are a very versatile plant they range from groundcover plants to tall shrubs and even a tree like the silky oak. There is a size to suit any garden.

The large flowering varieties are better for cut flowers and look good matched with proteas. Some stunning varieties include moonlight with pale cream flowers.

This is a hardy plant and can grow up to three metres so also makes a good screening plant. It flowers for many months of the year.

It has been difficult lately to source the large flowering pink grevilleas but we have managed to find a few. Grevillea flamingo has large mid pink flowers and is frost hardy and grows to around 2.5 metres and flowers all year.

Another beauty is called

Pink Profusion – this grevillea has a naturally compact and busy habit and grows to around 1.5m.

It has large pinky red cylindrical flowers that bloom for 12 months of the year and are most prolific during spring.

For something different there is a grevillea called Pink Pokers (grevillea petrophiloides).

This plant has stiff finely blue grey foliage and then has large pink/purple flowers spikes in winter and spring. It is an excellent source for nectar feeding birds and an excellent addition to any garden.

Many of the large flowering grevilleas have very strong colours in the flowers including orange red and yellow, but you have to be careful with many of the yellow flowering varieties as they are often frost sensitive.

I have been told Sandra Gordon is a good yellow and am trying it at home, but I have found it is often better to pay the extra and buy grafted grevilleas if you want yellow.

There are hundreds of grevilleas but one of the best is called Peaches and Cream. It has lovely large peachy and cream flowers nearly all year round and only grows to around 1.5 metres.

Isopogon, I do not know where they find these names, but this is a delightful native shrub of which there are many varieties and with their cone flowers they also make excellent cut flowers.

Pink Bouquet has a compact habit and large pink flowers.

It grows to around 1.2 metres tall and 1metre wide. It likes a sunny position and is used commercially for cut flowers.

Isopogon lollipop is another stunner with attractive broad dark green foliage and purple pink



Alanna Gobel has chosen some sedums to add colour to the garden of her café Lamezleighs in Mirboo North.

flowers that are attractive in bud and also useful for cut flowers.

Pink drumsticks has pink drumstick flowers that sit perched on the tops of each branch. All isopogons like a prune after flowering to encourage new growth.

Everlasting daisies are great for the garden and make long lasting cut flowers another less known native plant for long lasting flower s are the Rice flower or Ozothamnus.

They come in pink or white flowering shrubs. Red gingham is an easy grown shrub and is an excellent cut flower, harvest when in full bud which are bright red before the flowers then open to a nice pink. Flowers picked in full bud dry well for floral arrangements.

Prune heavily after flowering as they can grow to 2-metres.

Acacia cognate limelight is a very popular native

shrub so popular that over 1 million plants have been sold.

It is a standout feature plant for any garden, pot or landscape and is low maintenance with a compact weeping habit. It grows around 60cm to one metre high, so if you want something more compact there is a /new acacia cognate called Nano.

Nano grows to around .5 metres tall. This small shrub displays beautiful lush fine foliage which creates a dense habit. It is also a low maintenance plant with many uses in the garden.

It is time to fertilise citrus trees.

Keep citrus trees happy and healthy by using organic based fertilisers. These products do more than feed the plants - they also feed the soil and encourage earthworm and soil microbial activity. Add about a handful of fertiliser per square metre once

a season (except winter) and cover with mulch.

Follow these basic principles for happy, healthy citrus, which produce loads of fruit. Keep a lookout for the presence of ants and/or scale and spray with white or pest oil.

Some customers have mentioned the lack of bees lately. If you want to attract bees and butterflies to the garden this time of year consider planting sedums. They are tough, hardy and have stunning flowers and the bees love them. They look great planted with coneflowers and grasses.

There are hundreds of varieties of sedums but some of the popular garden varieties include Autumn joy with mid pink flowers, Neon – have deep fluorescent pink flowers, thundercloud has lovely soft pink flowers and desert black has stunning dark foliage and a vibrant rose pink nearly burgundy flowers. There also many white flowering varieties and sedums also make great cut flowers

March is sweet pea time, St Patrick's Day March 17, has been the tradition.

Sweet peas are a climbing annual with romantic ruffled flowers that make a perfect cut flower and are great in pots and containers.

Many varieties produce a gorgeous perfume as well and all are easy to grow.

The ideal position to grow sweet peas is full sun however they like to have cool feet. Many growers recommend planting other annuals such as primulas or pansies around the base of sweet peas to provide shade to their roots and keep them cooler.

Sweet peas love an alkaline soil so apply lime or dolomite before planting. Sweet peas are usually grown from seed

and sown directly into the soil.

To assist germination, soak the seeds overnight in a bowl of warm water.

Plant seeds into damp soil to a depth of around 3cm and water in with a seaweed solution.

Sweet pea seeds are vulnerable to rooting so do not water again until the young shoots break through the soil (unless there is especially hot and dry weather).

There is plenty to do in the vegetable patch.

It is time to plant winter vegetable – beetroot, brussel sprouts, cabbage, silver beet, turnips, parsnips and carrots.

Broccoli is a very heavy feeder and if you can achieve a good size head then this indicates a good pH and healthy living soil.

Continue to dust with derris dust until the weather is cool.

Prepare the ground for some broad beans.

The plants grow rapidly in the warm autumn soil and are toughened by the cold winter weather. Broad beans have long traditions of cultivation in Old World agriculture, being among the most ancient plants in cultivation and also among the easiest to grow.

It is believed that along with lentils, peas, and chickpeas, they became part of the eastern Mediterranean diet in around 6000 BC or earlier.

For rapid germination soak the beans for 25 hours before sowing.

Ensure dolomite or lime is applied as they do not like acid soils.

Do not add extra nitrogen, as the plants grow too tall and lanky. Broad beans are ideal cover crop or green manure crop as they provide nitrogen back to the soil through rhizobium bacteria nodules on their roots.

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Ed Thexton and Mark Finsterer are in the mood for local theatre as they look forward to School of Rock. A03_1023



Wonthaggi Theatrical Group front of house volunteers Jenny, Anne, Lyndal and Virginia are ready for the opening night of School of Rock. A04_1023



John and Ashlee Cuttriss and Steve Waldron are ready to rock in Wonthaggi. A06_1023



Locals Levi Reid, Jack Howard and Angus Chisholm look forward to seeing friends performing in School of Rock. A07_1023



Keerah Pocklington and Leah Mark of Leongatha look forward to a vibrant show in Wonthaggi. A08_1023



Eliseo Mattiuzzo, Angelo Savaris, and Frank and Nadia Stefani look forward to a delicious lunch at Wonthaggi's Polenta Festival. A10_1023



Maria Scapin enjoys the Polenta Festival at the State Coal Mine with friend Lou Storti who once helped convert the mine into a tourist destination. A15_1023



Anthony Michielin and Ryan Burns came to the Polenta Festival to hear the Veneto Club Choir, with Anthony's father one of its members. A18_1023



Valerio Faoro and John Peruzzo make the most of a beautiful day at the Polenta Festival. A16_1023

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the School of Rock and the Polenta Festival.



Sage and Emily van der Walt, Jordan Crugnale and Lisa Hogan are ready for a big night at School of Rock. A05_1023



Zoe Hunt looks forward to seeing Dylan Sweet perform in School of Rock. A09_1023



Lucio and Joan Ulcigrai came from Melbourne to experience the Polenta Festival at the State Coal Mine. A11_1023



Christina, son Dylan, and Bruce Vella, with Italian visitor Giulia Randon enjoy the Polenta Festival, with Christina secretary of Vicentini nel Mondo in Melbourne. A13_1023



Onelia Dal Masetto and Petronella Coldebella appreciated the vibrant singing of the Veneto Club Choir, after a delicious polenta lunch on Sunday. A19_1023



Frank, Elio and Pat during the Polenta Festival in Wonthaggi. A17_1023



Garry Treuel, and Kerrie and Rob Storti at the Polenta Festival. A14_1023



Lorenzo and Betty Michielin get into the spirit of the Polenta Festival in Wonthaggi. A12_1023

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Nicky Bomba will be part of a lively performance by Melbourne Ska Orchestra and is also running a free percussion workshop during a busy Prom Coast Festival.

No apologies for having a good time!

LIKE Victoria's Premier, the organisers of the Prom Coast Festival say they "make no apologies", but rather than locking you down, they're providing a jam-packed program that challenges you to plan what to see and do over the Labour Day Weekend.

While they aren't apologising for setting such a searching endeavour, no matter how you plan you'll experience an array of enjoyable activities, with events extending across the Prom Coast from Fish Creek through to Welshpool.

The biennial community-run festival showcases music, food, books and games, with a relaxed vibe.

Melbourne Ska Orchestra is one of the highlights, performing on Saturday night in Foster.

"If they can't get you up and dancing, you might be dead," declared Prom Coast Festival committee member Julia Merrington.

Subsidies have kept ticket prices for the performance at an affordable level, as is the case with other high-profile festival shows.

Earlier on Saturday, the driving force behind Melbourne Ska Orchestra, Nicky Bomba, is running a free percussion workshop at Foster Secondary College, with gold coin donations encouraged.

Julia said there is a strong focus on high-quality affordable

entertainment and experiences during the festival.

"It's about community getting together for a really good time," she said, adding the festival features the people, place and produce of the Prom.

Yarra Arts Piano Trio provides a classical feel, comprised of Shelley Heath (violin), Anna Daniel (cello) and Edith Ellis (piano), and is playing on Sunday afternoon in a wonderful private home nestled in the hills near Agnes Falls, affording Prom views.

Fish Creek Hall is the venue for a Sunday writing and illustrating workshop for children and adults, called 'Hidden Talents', hosted by South Gippsland's published author, teacher and lecturer Michael Hyde, and nationally renowned illustrator Craig Smith.

Local ingredients such as Gippsland lamb will be savoured at a Saturday night degustation at Foster Golf Club, combined with beverages from nearby Gurneys Cider.

Waratah Hills Vineyard is also supporting and highlighting local produce, offering shared platters to be enjoyed with their wines.

Terrific views of the Prom and Corner Inlet can be appreciated, along with the scrumptious scones of the South Gippsland Hospital Auxiliary, during a garden Devonshire Tea in Foster on Sunday, raising money for the

hospital.

It's just \$10 per person and bookings are essential.

Competition will be fierce in one of the festival's early events, as adults and children battle it out in a wheelchair race at Foster Primary School on Friday.

It's on at midday, so come and watch the action as funds are raised through gold coin donations towards wheelchairs for kids in developing countries.

Garden lovers aren't forgotten, with Welshpool & District Horticultural Society presenting its 62nd Autumn Show, offering the chance to stock up on healthy plants from the onsite nursery.

Cabaret heads back to Fish Creek Pub on Sunday night, with a new, cheeky and outrageous performance.

Book lovers and budding writers can meet local author Janeen Webb at Foster Library on Saturday.

"We're hoping people will come to multiple events," Julia said of the festival, saying its broad range of events caters to the diverse interests of locals and visitors.

There's plenty more to hear, see and taste, with promcoastfestival.com.au/2023-events the ideal place to visit to check out the festival program and get planning, and where necessary, booking.

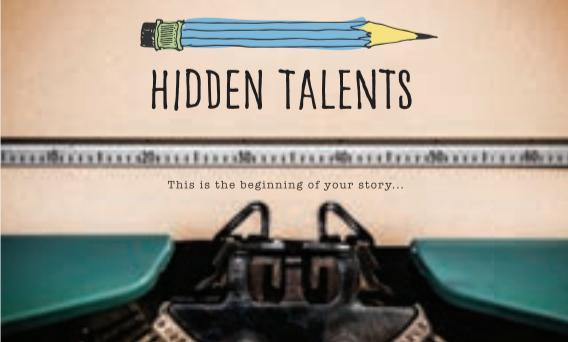
Tickets for the festival's major events are still available but selling fast.

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Prom Coast Tai Chi Masters

Beginner Tai Chi classes commencing in Inverloch for 2023.

KAREN and Andy Law of Prom Coast Martial Arts Club have dedicated much of the past 36 years to studying and practicing martial arts and during this time they have run classes within the local community teaching and helping many people.

Both Karen and Andy started training in Shotokan Karate-Do in 1987 and continued this training for over 25 years.

Andy reaching 4th Dan grading in Shotokan Karate-Do and 3rd Dan grading in Shorin Ryu Karate-Do.

Karen also reached a high level in Shotokan Karate-Do.

While still training in Karate-Do they both discovered the internal martial arts of Tai Chi Chuan some 25 years ago.

Gradually over the years Tai Chi and Qigong took over all their training and

instruction time.

The martial arts were a big part of Karen and Andy's household with both children Jason and Ella practicing Shotokan Karate-Do at a young age and in later years saw Jason travelling to China on several occasions to have private tai-chi teachings with their Master.

Both agree they have been lucky with their Tai Chi Journey, having the opportunity to travel extensively throughout China with their Yang Style Tai Chi Grandmaster which has resulted in being able to train and study under some of the best Masters in the world.

On numerous occasions Karen and Andy have been invited to perform on the world stage, competing and performing demonstrations at opening and closing ceremonies at International events - Andy even having

the honour of carrying the Australian flag into the opening ceremony of the Estonian Martial Art games in Eastern Europe and performing a solo demonstration at the Korean games in front of an audience of 5000 people.

After many China trips, they found a very well respected and sought-after Traditional Chen Style Tai Chi Master who agreed to take them on as students.

Master Yang was born into a traditional Tai Chi family and started learning both Tai Chi and Qigong from his Daoist Grandfather in the mountains of Henan province at the age of three.

With many years of dedicated study and after 35 training trips to China they were both honoured to receive the title of Tai Chi Masters from their own Chinese master, something

rarely achieved by westerners in China.

For the first time in 10 years, Karen and Andy are planning to run a beginner only class at the Inverloch Community Hub on Tuesday evenings. Existing students will train separately at the same time at 6pm.

This provides everybody an opportunity to train and receive Tai Chi and Qigong instruction from experienced Masters. Tai chi is a personal journey, and it is up to the individual how far the journey takes you; training should be fun and enjoyable while experiencing all that the internal arts have to offer.

For all inquiries, please call Andy on 0409 871 305 or Karen on 0438 871 188, you can also contact via email andymlaw62@gmail.com or check out PCMA website www.promcoast-martialartsclub.com.au

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Mick Harrington returns home to Stratford



The Voice Australia runner up, Mick Harrington will be returning home to Stratford to perform on Friday, March 17.

Renters Rights – do you know yours?

MITCHELL House is continuing to run free advice sessions for renters with the assistance of two lawyers from Gippsland Community Legal Service.

Jessica Harrison, from Housing Matters said, "We all need to know our rights in the current competitive rental market. We have discussed the best way to get repairs done, bond reimbursement and sudden rent increases.

"Your booking can be in private with a lawyer, or you can join the group discussion and pick up useful advice."

The next session will be



~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

IT'S been years since we had our Women's Stories going on. So, International Women's Day for 2023, Wednesday March 8, is a perfect opportunity to reboot it with an evening of brainstorming ideas for speakers and topics which can be had for the Women's Stories Reboot. Come along at 7.30 with your ideas and please bring a plate (with food upon it!) Should be interesting and fun.

Having a place to call home is essential to our wellbeing. Coming up on this Thursday, March 9, 3.30 to 4.30pm at Mitchell House is a chance to get together and discuss the needs and rights of renters as a group with Solicitors from Renters' Rights Gippsland Community Legal services.

Please ring to book a place. It may be that there were will lots of interested people there (great stuff) and it will be more of a forum on what is needed for the world of renters. Lower numbers may mean that opportunities may be had to talk to a solicitor individually.

The housing crisis has a negative impact on our community and so 'Bass Coast Housing Matters: Affordable housing for all' group has come about under the auspices of the WNC. We believe housing needs to be considered by government and the community as a social asset rather than a financial one and our mission is to advocate for adequate secure, affordable and environmentally sustainable housing for the diverse needs of all in our Bass Coast community.

The group work with and lobby Council and state government as well as having public meetings and an outreach program and are looking at more hands-on projects to directly help locals affected by the housing crisis. If you would like to find out more, look us up on Facebook, go to www.housingmattersbasscoast.weebly.com or email us at HousingMattersBC@gmail.com.

The Harvest Centre, beyond the Goods Shed out the back of the Big W carpark, has a couple of groups: The Garden Group which meet on Wednesday mornings, 9.30am to 12noon.

A great place to get involved with gardening and share ideas. Then there is the Seed & Veggie/Produce Swap which is on Saturday, March 11, 10 to 11am. Bring along your excess produce from your garden, fresh or processed, all is good.

Following this is the Wonthaggi Food Collective where food bought in bulk, and then distributed at a low mark up to members. Ring Michael Nugent on 0416039933 or email him at WonthaggiCoop@gmail.com for the stockist and other information.

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

BCAL was thrilled to be presented with the Pre-accredited Program Award (For small providers) at the Learn Local Awards last Friday.

The presentations were due to be held last November but had to be postponed due to road flooding as representatives from all over Victoria were invited to attend.

The award was for BCAL's Practical Music course. It was presented to course facilitator Lisa Overjero by Maria Peters, Chair of the Adult, Community and Further Education (ACFE) Board. The trophy now takes pride of place in the BCAL foyer.

Learn Local represents community-based learning centres across Victoria delivering courses designed to help participants gain employment or prepare for accredited training. A key focus of Learn Local courses is that they are locally developed and adaptable to learners' needs.

The Practical Music course itself has a rolling intake and people can enrol at any time.

For more information on all BCAL's courses and services, please visit www.bcal.vic.edu.au or call 5672 3115 to learn more.

■ WONTAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

There are many good reasons to grow your own food for the table.

Freshness, flavour, nutrition, variety of produce, sustainable growing, sharing the harvest and saving on fresh food costs are just a few of them.

There are also times in the growing year when we have just a bit too much of the good food we grow. Thankfully volunteers help each other manage the excess with recipes and tried and tested ideas for using up the end of summer season glut.

The harvest of cherry tomatoes, large green tomatoes, zucchini, apples, beans and herbs can all go into chutney, pickles, sauces, savoury slices, juices and plenty of sharing and giving to family, friends and the nearby community. Visitors will usually find something to try on the 'help yourself' table at the garden gate.

All are welcome at the garden. Volunteers get together on Thursdays between 10 and noon. Contact tgordon@westnet.com.au for more information.

■ WONTAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

Recently the Woodies received a donation of some redgum posts. Since they are no longer needed to hold up fences, they are now being used to create some beautiful objects.

The wood is very well seasoned and some of the pieces are over 100 years old. They have an amazing deep, dark colour inside.

The large pieces will be dressed and used by the furniture making group. Smaller pieces may be turned into bowls and offcuts will be used by the segmented turning group. Nothing is ever wasted. Wood can always be given a new life.

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit www.wonthaggewoodcrafters.com.au or pop in to the workshop.



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LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE

THE Leongatha Community House is proud to offer a variety of fun as well as supportive and educational activities.

Today we would like to focus on following activities: Chronic pain Support Group, Tai Chi and Circle Dancing.

Chronic Pain Support Group

Do you or someone you support suffer from chronic pain?

According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (2023), one in five Australians aged 45 and older suffer from chronic pain, which affects not only people physically but also mentally.

If you want to meet individuals who understand your situation and learn more from guest speakers and peers, come to our group meetings on Fridays from 1 pm to 2 pm at the Leongatha Community House.

Communicating with others who have or are experiencing similar hurdles in their life is a method to practice self-care. Don't ignore your needs; instead, join us and prioritise them. This kind and friendly space welcomes anybody suffering from chronic pain and invites visitors to bring any aids that may make them feel more comfortable.

Please do not hesitate to contact Leongatha Community House for more details on 5662 3962.

Every Thursday we are running Tai Chi for Beginners, Tai Chi -- Experienced and Circle Dancing. The classes are open to all ages, and participants can expect to learn valuable movement skills and improve their physical wellbeing.

Tai Chi is an ancient Chinese martial art that is known for its graceful movements and calming effects. The classes focus on gentle exercises and breathing practices done to peaceful music. The movements strengthen and tone the whole body leading to an improvement in balance and overall health. Beginners are welcome to join, and experienced practitioners can deepen their practice.

Circle Dance

Dance for Exercise or circle dancing is international folk dancing in a circle. No experience is required, and the dances vary from slow and gentle to quite lively and energetic. This providing great exercise for all age groups. These dances are all done to the traditional music of countries around the world. Recently we posted video with Circle Dancing on our Facebook page. Circle dancing is a great way to get some exercise and socialise.

The classes at the Leongatha Community House are taught by experienced instructor Tania. No prior experience is required, and the atmosphere is always friendly and welcoming.

The classes (45 minutes each and an intervals between classes 15 minutes) take place on Thursday from 9:45am till 12:45pm. Costs \$5 per class.

For more information and to register, please contact the Leongatha Community House at (03) 5662-3962 or email office@leongathacommunityhouse.org.au



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MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

NEW to the area, or know someone who has recently arrived? Make a note in your calendar to join us at the House for this Term's welcome morning tea 'Cuppa and Mutta' on Wednesday, March 22, at 11.00am.

We'll have cake, tea and will look forward to sharing the best and most useful insights into our community. Please RSVP on 5655 2524.

If you're interested in exploring tarot or colour healing, Susanne will be hosting 'Tea and Tarot' sessions on 14 and 16 March, and a colour healing workshop on 19 March. Milpara offers a place for groups to meet and has stacks of information including local supports and happenings. Please note Narcotics Anonymous meeting time has changed - now meeting on Fridays 7.30-8.30pm.

Milpara's vision is for a connected and vibrant community. We do this by fostering opportunities for learning, belonging, support and growth. Belinda is busy putting together the program for next Term so now is the perfect time to let us know if you have an idea you would like to explore further, a course you would like to see delivered in our area, or a skill or group you would like to offer yourself. As a House, we want to get involved in supporting the Uluru Statement from the Heart and Voice to Parliament and help our community engage in the referendum. Come in to let us know if you've got ideas, or get in touch via Facebook, phone or email.



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Build your dream home right along the beach

OCEAN views, beautiful sunrises and sunsets and close to all amenities, 6 Miller Terrace, Inverloch offers the last opportunity for investors or those looking for a sea change.

Situated within a private court locale and just minutes away from the centre of town Inverloch and walking distance along the wide pathway along Ramsey Boulevard to Surf Parade.

For boating, fishing and water sports enthusiasts the Inverloch Marina is also within close proximity.

With strong interest building already, don't miss this chance to secure the last remaining vacant lot along the waterfront.

Plans and permits are available for a proposed substantial residence. Alternatively, the site could accommodate a dual occupancy development (STCA).



Residential Land 531m²

6 Miller Terrace, **Inverloch**

Auction Sun, Mar. 12 at 12 noon

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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.

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View property:



FOR SALE

100 Reidy And Stevensons Road, Mount Eccles



'WARRAWONG' – 209 ACRES

Located at the end of a private road, less than 15 minutes drive from Leongatha, this 209-acre farm known as 'Warrawong' 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 3 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+ acres this close to South Gippsland Shires main township in Leongatha, as well as one of major cattle selling markets at Koonwarra sale yards.

For more information or to arrange an inspection, please contact Andrew, Emily or Tony anytime.



Andrew
0402 940 320



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Tony
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Price: \$2.1 million

Inspection: Strictly by appointment only

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RURAL LIFESTYLE OPPORTUNITY

Alex Scott & Staff are excited to offer to the market this prime grazing property of approx. 162 acres, featuring dual road access and distant views to Corner Inlet & Wilsons Promontory. Including 5 main paddocks, all serviced with an excellent water supply with dams and troughs though out, 2 X 2 bay hay shed, cattle yards, excellent fencing and gently undulating pastures.

Located a scenic 2 hour drive from South East suburbs of Melbourne, 10 minute drive to the township Foster for all your shopping needs, 20 minute drive to Wilson's

Promontory National park, Waratah Bay & Sandy point. With a premium build site (STCA) ready to design the house of your dreams and capture the stunning panoramic views to Corner Inlet, you will search a long time to find a rare opportunity such as this

Price: \$3.3 million

Inspection: By appointment only

Contact: Phil Hanley 0417 140 508

WONTHAGGI Cnr Murray & Billson Streets **5672 1911**

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Luxury in Meeniyam, with development potential!

ON OFFER is this immaculately presented home, architecturally designed, and locally built by reputable builders.

Perfectly positioned, elevated, and overlooking the beautiful undulating paddocks, it is located close to the town boundary of the thriving township of Meeniyam. The property consists of approximately 16 acres with future subdivision potential (STCA).

Everything about this place is impeccable. From the quality fixtures and fittings throughout the home, to the gardens, to the shedding, and to the most amazing views that lie before you.

Featuring:

- Grand master bedroom, generous walk-in robe, and resort style ensuite
- Two remaining bedrooms, with built in robes, a central bathroom with separate powder room
- Gorgeous designer kitchen boasting
- oven, cooktop, range hood and dishwasher, with a massive walk-in butler's pantry
- Spacious, open plan lounge/dining area capturing the amazing rural views
- Formal lounge with wood heating
- Spacious study/home office, perfect for working from home
- There are 2 functional undercover alfresco areas, one at the front of the house and one at the rear
- Heating by way of zoned heating with solid fuel, reverse cycle heating/cooling and Nobo wall panel
- Solar panels, and recently updated hot water services
- Enormous lock up 10m x 15m shed, concrete, power, with additional bathroom facilities
- Additional Studio for the budding artist, and abundant enclosed veggie gardens
- A large dedicated horse paddock with

shelter and tack room, 2 dams and wood and animal sheds

Additional features of this home are endless, and an inspection is a must!

The flawless presentation of this property is an absolute credit to the current vendors. Everything is in place, and there is a place for everything.

Some of you may be looking for a weekender, that's only an hour away from the eastern suburbs of Melbourne, and some of you may be looking for small acreage offering plenty of room for the kids to run around, or even maybe have a horse and some animals. Then this is for you. There's never been a better time to make the move. Don't forget to grab a glass of wine, head to the gazebo and watch the memorable sunsets.

For more information or to arrange your inspection please call Kellie Thomas on 0438 647 449.



3 | 2 | 8 16 acres

53 Martins Road, Meeniyam

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- Set on approx. 14.4 acres, with rural views.
- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom rendered BV home.
- 2 car shed, fruit trees, 2 dams, 4 paddocks.

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Executive Home

- Brilliant 4 bed, 2 bath rendered BV home.
- Enormous man cave with large lock up shed.
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Don't want to feel hemmed in?

STUNNING, modern home with spectacular views and sense of privacy at the end of a quiet close. Situated on a generous approx. 1,100sqm block with some currently vacant land next door, you can have some livestock as your neighbours on one side and feel on top of the world in the elevated position with the home perfectly designed to suit.

Built by a well-known local builder, this home features stylish fittings and decor throughout, good storage and easy-care furnishings making it ideal for a young family or someone looking to come into the town from a farm or rural property.

The master bedroom boasts a tiled ensuite with oversized shower, WIR and ceiling fan and there are BIR's in the remaining two bedrooms.

The open plan kitchen, dining and living area has loads of cupboard space, elec. cooking, opens up onto a covered deck and takes in the expansive views.

The second living area/rumpus or home theatre room is well appointed to the bedrooms and master bathroom.

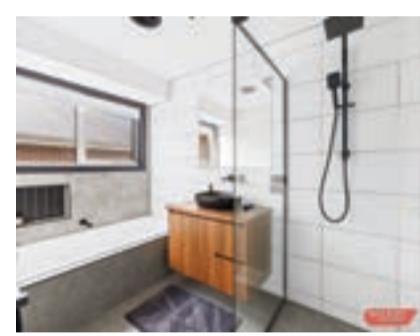
There is direct access into the house from the double garage and the laundry is also really trendy and has ample storage and bench space.

The home has electric central heating and cooling, as well as the option of the solid fuel heater.

The bigger than standard block allows access and space for a shed or workshop to be built if it's on the wish list and there's plenty of room for a trampoline, veggie patch, swing sets etc as well.

The under-house space could also be further utilised if required.

Lots on offer here and a rare opportunity to purchase a quality home on a large block.



3 | 2 | 2 1,100m²

9 Prudence Close, **Korumburra**

For Sale \$805,000

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Scott McKenzie 0427 552 898



Perfect family home with space for boat or caravan

HERE is a unique opportunity to purchase a quality-built home within the family friendly Whyte-sands Estate.

A lovely network of walking tracks and footpaths provide safe and easily accessible walks to the beach or bicycle rides around the various nearby parklands while the main park in the Estate offers sporting amenities and facilities great for the whole family.

Consisting of three bedrooms plus a study or fourth bedroom, two bathrooms and a second living area which can also be used as a rumpus, media room or home office, this premium built home has plenty of room for the whole family.

The master bedroom has a walk through robe to an ensuite with double vanity, while the remaining bedrooms have built in robes.

The large open plan living, dining and kitchen area has a glass sliding door out to a covered alfresco area, providing a great area for entertaining.

The kitchen is functional in design and comprises 900mm gas cooktop and electric oven, with plenty of storage and island bench.

Fully fenced, the 644m² allotment has a 19m frontage and access down the side of the house which provides a secure area for boat or caravan storage, plus offering plenty of room for children and pets to play.

Additional features include:

- Family bathroom with bath
- Double garage with internal access
- Reverse cycle air conditioning



4 | 2 | 2 644m²

9 Waldorf Road, **Cowes**

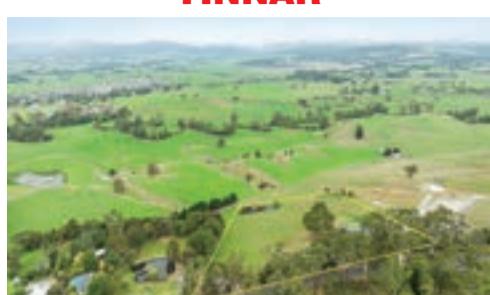
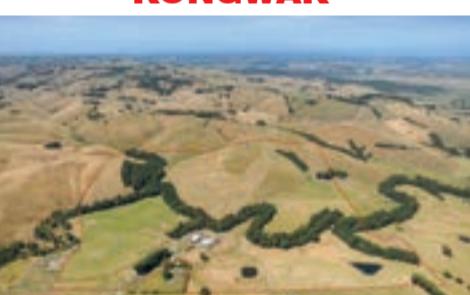
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LEONGATHA	KONGWAK	VENTNOR	INVERLOCH
			
19 Macdonald Street	Lot 2 Wolonga Estate Road	4 Crafers Crescent	18 Mariner Place
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car Near new modern home Close to schools <p>\$639,000 Contact: Leongatha Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approx. 152 acres, heavy carrying country 4 dams, troughs & water license Variety of sheds, stockyards <p>\$13,500 per acre Contact: Korumburra Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classic seaside cottage Large 950m² allotment (approx.) 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom <p>\$765,000 Contact: Cowes Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lovingly maintained residence Fantastic location, private gardens Large garage, nice outdoor area <p>\$870,000 Contact: Wonthaggi Office</p>
MIRBOO NORTH	KORUMBURRA	COWES	WONTHAGGI
			
151 Boolarra Sth-Mirboo Nth Rd	45 Mine Road	143 Pyramid Rock Road	3 Clear View
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 4 car Opportunity Awaits - 20.78 acres Close to the town boundary <p>\$1,495,000 Contact: Leongatha Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renovated 3 bedroom cottage Elevated position, walk to shops Rear lane access, dble carport <p>\$439,000 Contact: Korumburra Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farm set on 156 acres (approx.) 4 bed home with separate 2 bed cottage First time offered in 80 years <p>\$3,500,000 Contact: Cowes Office</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best views in town! Huge multiple living 4 bedroom <p>SOLD FOR FULL PRICE ! \$910,000 Contact: Wonthaggi Office</p>

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Emily Clifford 0422 622 299
Tony Giles 0407 528 192

KORUMBURRA

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36 Bridge Street

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Scott McKenzie 0427 552 898

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Phil Hanley 0417 140 508



QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IRELAND?

- [\$100] When is the Irish National Day St. Patrick's Day celebrated? A. March 16. B. March 17. C. March 18. D. March 19.
- [\$200] What is the capital of Northern Ireland? A. Dublin. B. Belfast. C. Londonerry. D. Limerick.
- [\$300] What is the national symbol of Ireland? A. The Leprechaun. B. The Shamrock. C. The Claddagh Ring. D. The Harp.
- [\$500] Which song by Ed Sheeran mentions an Irish city? A. Limerick Lad. B. Galway Girl. C. Clonmel Clare. D. Letterkenny Lash.
- [\$1000] Who wrote Gulliver's travels? A. Jonathan Swift. B. James Joyce. C. Laurence Sterne. D. Oliver Goldsmith.
- [\$2000] Which famous Irish band owns the Temple Bar Pub? A. The Cranberries. B. U2. C. The Corrs. D. The Pogues.
- [\$4000] Ireland is home to (allegedly) the longest coastal driving route in the world. What is it called? A. The Galway Way. B. The Carrigrohane Highway. C. The Wild Atlantic Way. D. The M7 Motorway.
- [\$8000] In which Irish city was Van Morrison born? A. Armagh. B. Belfast. C. Coleraine. D. Dublin.
- [\$16,000] Which Netflix show features Irish teenage girls? A. Dominion's Creek. B. Hardy Bucks. C. Can't Cope Won't Cope. D. Derry Girls.
- [\$32,000] What type of race is the North-West 200? A. A yacht race. B. A motorcycle race. C. A triathlon. D. One-day cycling race.
- [\$64,000] What was legalised by public referendum in May 2015 in the Republic of Ireland? A. Abortion. B. Same-sex marriage. C. Lowering the age of president from 35 to 21. D. Medicinal marijuana.
- [\$125,000] What is a hurling ball called? A. Hurl. B. Sliotar. C. Quaffle. D. Camogie.
- [\$250,000] In which year was the Belfast Agreement (Good Friday agreement) signed? A. 1968. B. 1978. C. 1988. D. 1998.
- [\$500,000] Where is the Galway Races summer festival held? A. The Curragh. B. Ballybrit Racecourse. C. Croke Park. D. Downpatrick Racecourse.
- [\$1,000,000] Who wrote the Irish folk song 'When you were sweet sixteen'? A. Finbar Furey. B. Luke Kelly. C. James Thornton. D. Paddy Reilly.

CROSSWORD

CRYPTIC CLUES

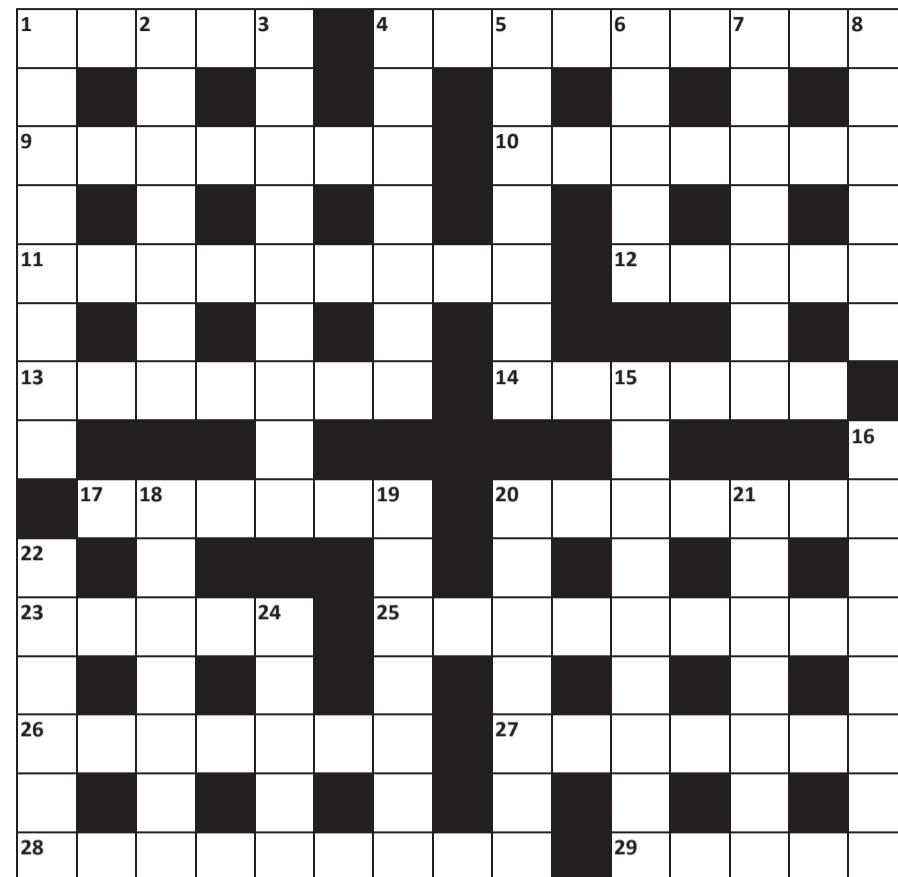
ACROSS

- Simon and Garfunkel: for both, their first time in opening act (7)
- Empty show is 1-across jam - fancy? (5,4)
- Brass instrument with aluminium point (7)
- Jimmy's around for everyone, sermonising (7)
- Froth-bare latte - it can be dealt with! (9)
- Safety nearly abandoned in gorge (5)
- Tinnitus from jewellery? (7)
- Single man, hollow but dignified (6)
- 1-across, too easily first out of charge (6)
- Promotion of French grape varietal (7)
- Bit through it. Ouch! (5)
- Uncontrolled movements in T&G from 3-down? (9)
- Two 'Laksa Tripe' - a regular hot snack (7)
- Libelous dispositions - a US vibe (7)
- 'Young One', by 1-across, written for Braque's work (6,3)
- 1-across, too regularly first in bill (5)

DOWN

- 1-across to get about \$1000 out of this world franchise (4,4)
- Wiggles ran and beat aardvark! (7)
- Big fish, little fish (9)
- Spooner's party dip for hamper (7)
- What Clark Kent could say to show off? (7)
- Console tailenders in crisis with some real belief... (5)
- ...'Stroking a 250 tops ten 100s' (7)
- Unions back strict Secretary remit boundaries (6)
- It describes a certain moment, buoyant and swelling! (5,4)
- Bulletin story on top bureaucrat's speech (8)
- 'Fruit'n'veg' talk on stage (7)
- Crisp material round chunky cheese (7)
- Buoyant 1-across, newly of consequence (7)
- Silly, like I + IX... (7)
- ...Still, it's taken from numerical fact (6)
- Abhors rush; cautious right to the end (5)

Number 42 - by 'Johnno2' of Cape Paterson



Answers in next edition of The Sentinel Times

STRAIGHT CLUES

ACROSS

- Act of opening, beginning (7)
- 'Jam Fancy' biscuit, for example (5,4)
- Brass tenor musical instrument (7)
- Sermonising (adj) (7)
- Able to be dealt with, as in a wound, etc (9)
- Gorge, eat plentifully (5)
- Body-part-specific jewellery (7)
- Dignified, serious (6)
- Start, as in a shock (6)
- Promotion, improvement (7)
- Bit, soupçon (5)
- Uncontrolled movements; also, ends of 3-down (9)
- Hot sandwich snack (7)
- Libellous, offensive (7)
- Georges Braque's work, for example (6,3)
- Start, or gap, as in a race (5)

DOWN

- Space-movie franchise (4,4)
- Aardvark (7)
- A little fish (9)
- Hamper, block (7)
- Successfully show off to (7)
- Console, ledge (5)
- Stroking, applause (7)
- Unions, meetings, in secret (6)
- A type of illuminating moment! (5,4)
- Bureaucratese, from Orwell novel (8)
- Fruity stalk vegetable (7)
- Type of crisp fabric (7)
- Newly of consequence, and cocky (7)
- Silly (7)
- Still, not moving (6)
- Abhors (5)

SUDOKU

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Sudoku:

2	8	5	6	1	4	7	3	9
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Calcudoku:

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54x	1	3	19+	6	16+	7	8	5-	9	4
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Math Squares:

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Word wheel:

4 letter words: CART, COAT, ORCA, RATA, ROAR, ROTA, TACO, TACT, TARO, TART

5 letter words: ACTOR, AORTA, ATTAR, CARAT, TAROT, TRACT

6 letter words: CARROT, TARTAR

7 letter words: ATTRACT, TRACTOR

9 Letter word: ATTRACTOR

SOLUTIONS: Feb 28, 2023

Quiz answers: 1. B. March 17. 2. B. Belfast 3. D. The Harp. 4. B. Galway Girl. 5. A. Jonathan Swift. 6. B. Slotoar. 13. C. 1988. 14. B. Same-sex marriage. 15. C. James Thornton.

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Blueberries straight from Corinella

NESTLED in Corinella on 40 acres, Scott and Allison Carter have set about turning a once dilapidated property into a world class blueberry farm – White Cloud Farms.

Hidden under five acres of 132 tunnels the blueberry plants have been maturing for 14 months and Scott is keen for the season ahead.

"My first summer at university I worked for a guy that grew strawberries and berries," Scott explained.

"My flatmate was selling fruit around town – nectarines, peaches, so the next summer I brought fruit off my old boss and started selling them."

Tauranga, New Zealand, was home and where Scott first honed his farming skills.

"I did that for a few years, travelled to America where I met Allison, and then moved to Australia.

"I started working for Mecrus doing glasshouse strawberries, that's where I learnt hydroponics, and we set up a glasshouse in Shady Creek.

"Then I worked as general manager on a 50-hectare farm in the Yarra Valley for Sunny Ridge."

Wanting his young family to grow up on a farm, the pair found their current property three years ago, whilst living in a small cottage in Menzies Creek.

"The dream was always to have land and have a farm. We'd been looking for quite a while and found this space. The South Gippsland climate is perfect for growing plants, not too hot in the summer, and not too cold in the winter, which also makes for a great place to live."

"The house was okay, but the land required a lot of work – old grow bags, posts, wire, grass up to the waist, blackberries up to the chest... We had a major clean up job."

"But it's become a productive, sustainable site, which is good for the community."

Utilising sustainable growing practises, the tunnels are built in such a way as to scatter diffused light evenly and allow for hydroponic growing practices.

"The tunnels are designed



It's a family affair amongst the trees with Allison, Scott and their three children.



Pickings from their crop last year.



Even the little ones have jumped on board assisting in the nursery.

to also catch the rain through the gutters and flow the water back through to the dams, which are then used in a sustainably circular manner – a closed circuit.

"It also allows us to monitor how much water and nutrients are going into the plants and ensure they are at the optimal level."

And whilst picking was finished by New Year's Eve last season, Scott is looking forwards to a full crop that will take picking into January next year as the plants mature further.

"We are growing a premium quality blueberry and sell it fresh straightaway. It has a crunch and pop to it."

"Our crops go to Harris Farms in Sydney, and also to Coles in the Eureka Punnet."

After many years spent in the industry, Scott knew he had to set up the farm properly from the start, which is why he partnered with Mountain Blue Orchard (MBO).

Mountain Blue's vision is concise – to be the leading global producer of exception berries, through premium genetics, cutting-edge nurseries

and holistic marketing services. They are also family owned and operated.

It's the reason Scott partnered with them.

"Their products are premium grade, and they are strict on quality. They have a world class genetic breeding program and because their varieties are so good, and they do a phenomenal job marketing, they've really got an amazing product and they are getting the premium for the growers."

"And the other side of working with them is that they're a privately owned Australian company with a lot of young professionals who are passionate, good people."

The support provided by MBO is second to none.

"Often farmers take all the risk. They put up the capital, endure the weather risks, do a lot of the work and put everything into growing the fruit, but everyone else makes the money."

"Australia no longer has the grower co-operatives like in other parts of the world – where growers are collaborating and growing better systems and profitability for all."

In Australia there is competition everywhere...

"That's why I like MBO, they are farmers themselves and they want farmers to succeed – they're a good partner for us."

Splitting his time between farm work and administration, including compliance, it is not unusual to see a few little helpers pitching in.

"It's quite cute. (The kids) helped plant the tiny little plants – scooping up the soil, putting them in."

"It's good to be on a farm, but it really is hard work at times. The heat can be punishing especially when the hard, physical labour is required, which is the case at the moment."

"But the upside is that the kids see the hard work and they get to learn work ethic."

And whilst setting up a farm may be a challenging task; Scott couldn't speak more highly of the Regional Investment Corporation AgriStarter Loan.

"Helping young people get started and established – it is a massive support; and keeping land being productive and ensuring future food supply in Australia."

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Saturday, March 18

at 10am

A/c PM, JA & VR Johnston

PROPERTY SOLD

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Items include Deutz-Fahr 410 tractor; Kioti RX 8030 tractor with Kioti KL701 loader, bucket & spike; Fiat 780 tractor; Tonutti 9 wheel rake; Super 56 Rake; 60" Howard Hoe; International Chisel Plough; 3 Disc plough; New Holland 855 Twine Baler; New Holland 847 Baler; Hulls Silage wrapper; 1 Yamaha Ag 200 -7617km; 1 Yamaha Ag 200 -171km

Full list to follow in next week's edition.

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LARDNER PARK BI-MONTHLY DAIRY SALE

An established regular market for all classes of dairy cattle held on the 1st & 3rd Friday of every month.

NEXT DAIRY SALE:

Friday, March 10
at 11am

A/c – Manna Valley Dispersing Herd

25 - Springing high yield medium/large frame Holstein cows & heifers by Rambo, Maebull, Kingdoc, Wrangler, MVP Balisto. Due March/April to sexed Holstein semen Dreambig, Samite, Dylan, Loyalty and A.I. Speckle Park & Angus.

A/c – Various Vendors

20 - In milk & springing cows & heifers

ATTENTION FARMERS

Please ensure all entries are booked in with your agent prior to sale.

Following Dairy Sale: Thursday, March 30

5623 4744

Terry Ahearn
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Neil Darby
0418 595 265

5941 0299

Darryl Adams
0408 385 872

Michael Robertson
0429 104 467

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Thursday 16th March 2023

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First sons of Millah Murrah Paratrooper, Baldridge 38 Special and Musgrave Exclusive to sell in Gippsland.



Bowman Bartel S7 - Top 1% Angus Breeding \$ Index





Wattlewood Angus are busy preparing for their Annual Bull Sale on Thursday, March 16.

Wattlewood bulls ready for work

WATTLEWOOD Angus are in full swing preparing for their Annual Bull Sale on Thursday, March 16.

John and Fiona Glover are no stranger to the hard work that goes in behind the scenes making sure their animals are in their best health to achieve the best reproductive performance and longevity. The 30 bulls that will be included in their on-farm sale that is interfaced with AuctionsPlus have all been vaccinated with 7in1, Pastiegard and Vibroavax as well as being semen tested.

These ready for work bulls are by renowned sires that include Baldridge Beast Mode, Chiltern Park Moe, Coonamble Hector and gone but not forgotten sire- Te Mania Ada through some embryo bulls that are rising two year old in the sale.

Wattlewood's breeding philosophy is to have structurally correct, quiet animals that perform in a package that buyers want to and enjoy owning.

While the Glover's have never concentrated on EBV's, Wattlewood have potential stud and herd sires available that are among the best in the breed for birth weight, growth, structure and carcass EBVs.

When various traits are calculated, there are bulls in the 2023 sale that are top performers in every index the Angus breed has.

After overwhelming interest prior to and during their Beef Weeks Open Day saw enquiries coming from breeders from all across South East Australia, including Tasmania, the husband and wife team believe they are on the right track with their breeding program and continue to have return buyers as well as new buyers that have heard about Wattlewood genetics from other happy Wattlewood bull owners.

Fiona states, "We love the relationships that we have developed with our bull buying clients over the years and appreciate hearing how well the bulls are working for their new owners".

"It is great to get an insight to what our breeders are trying to achieve and help them accomplish this when selecting the next wave of genetics that will be used over the strong female base that we have".

For any enquiries that you may have, to request a catalogue or view the bulls that are available prior to the sale, Fiona can be contacted on 0416 216 951.



Cheryl Batagol will be one speaker talking about how to tackle the issue of deer populations locally.

Managing deer across Gippsland

WE can't eradicate deer from Gippsland but we can work together to control them.

That's the theme of the Managing Deer Across a Shared Landscape community forum which is being held on March 26, to coincide with the release of the East Victoria Deer Control Plan.

The free event, which is being hosted by South Gippsland Landcare Network and the Victorian Deer Control Community Network, will bring together a wide range of speakers with strategic and practical experience in managing deer in rural and peri-urban landscapes. They include representatives from the Invasive Species Council (ISC), Vertebrate Pest Management Association of Australia, Parks Victoria and the Department of Energy, Environment

and Climate Action (DEECA), as well as recreational hunters and a commercial harvester.

South Gippsland landholder, Cheryl Batagol, will also share her experience of building and being part of a community network to control deer in and around Walkerville and Tarwin Lower.

She will describe how the Cape Liptrap Community Deer Control Group works with recreational hunters and a commercial harvester to manage deer on privately-owned land and is engaging with Parks Victoria to coordinate control in the nearby coastal park.

Other topics to be covered at the forum include the legal status of deer, the role of local government and catchment management authorities in community deer control, deer behaviour and new and

emerging control tools.

Importantly, there will be two sessions providing guidance on developing productive relationships with recreational hunters and, if appropriate, commercial harvesters.

There will also be plenty of opportunities for networking including a workshop discussion at the end of the day.

The community deer forum is generously supported by the South Gippsland Shire Council and DEECA.

Numbers are limited so please register as soon as possible by going to www.eventbrite.com.au/e/south-gippsland-deer-forum-tickets-548169157707.

For more information contact Jenny O'Sullivan on 0419 153 377 or leapjos@gmail.com or Jillian Staton at jillian@sgln.net.au.

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David Ryan	0408 311 895		
LEONGATHA			
Dane Perczyk - Livestock Manager	0408 176 063	Rob Ould - Livestock Manager	0408 595 183
Kaleb Jans	0487 155 471	David Holden	0428 749 390
		Alan Bolding	0419 723 255
WARRAGUL		Dale Atherton	0428 888 300
Neil Darby - Livestock Manager	0418 595 265		
Terry Ahearn	0438 582 816	PAKENHAM	
Jason Fry	0407 295 909	David Setches - Livestock Manager	0409 443 473
Jordan Sim	0448 058 435	Glenn Barwick	0408 975 476
Mark Malacarne	0418 654 590	Morgan Croucher	0457 001 877
		Tim Gibson	0420 306 599

Real Estate Sales

KORUMBURRA

Scott McKenzie	0427 552 898	Andrew Newton	0402 940 320	INVERLOCH
Christie Nelson	0407 812 904	Peter Dwyer	0428 855 244	
		Emily Clifford	0422 622 299	
WONTHAGGI				
Phillip Hanley	0417 140 508			
Dan Huther	0418 334 801	WARRAGUL	0409 423 822	
Cal Nation	0439 334 163	PAKENHAM		
Mick Chambers	0418 349 783	GRANTVILLE	Tom Gibson 0438 574 472	
		LANG LANG	Scott McKenzie 0427 552 898	
		BERWICK	Michelle Gibson 0439 707 252	
		MELBOURNE LAND	Matt Koster 0474 781 711	

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BERWICK

MELBOURNE LAND

COWES

VENUS BAY

KOO WEE RUP

Greg Price	0419 337 441
Maree Malloy	0408 316 715
Chase Watters	0423 272 819
Brian Silver	0407 347 509
Daniel Lawrie	0417 631 252
Sue Lawrie	0419 885 489
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Heifers an added bonus at Kelly Angus autumn offering

EXCITING sons of one of the world's most popular Angus bulls, plus the first offering from the stud of registered females, are big draw cards to this year's Kelly Angus Autumn Bull and Heifer sale.

But according to stud manager Patrick Joyce, it's the total offerings' consistency of type which is the main attraction for commercial producers.

"This year's bulls stand up well and will blend in seamlessly to any commercial operation," Mr Joyce said.

"There's bulls in the catalogue to tick most boxes, and everyone can get a job done with them."

The sale, to be held on Thursday, March 23, at the stud's homebase in Yea, Victoria, will see the first sons of GAR Hometown to be offered at Kelly Angus up for grabs.

GAR Hometown ranked number one in the US for breed registrations in 2022, and Mr Joyce said his sons will be frontrunners in the sale.

Knowla Nobleman N127 is another bull with progeny in the sale that Mr Joyce describes as "pretty exciting".

Used as an AI sire, Nobleman has Estimated Breeding Values in the top 3 per cent for Calving Ease Direct and both Selection Indexes, and the top 1% for docility.

He also sits in the top 7 per cent for Intramuscular Fat (IMF).

And of course, the first sons of the \$108,000 Texas Powerplay to be offered at Kelly will also be in the line-up.

Live calves on the ground for their clients and themselves remains key at Kelly Angus, with moderate birth-weight and calving ease a big focus.

"We want everyone to have a positive journey with their calving, and get an article that will do what they want at the end for whatever market they are targeting," Mr Joyce said.

"That said, we are very focused on carcase qualities as well, with a high emphasis on that, and we like keeping our



Leading Stud Sire 'Kelly Angus Quinn Q209' has quality sons selling at the Kelly Angus March Sale.

finger on the pulse of the most recent genetics."

After offering commercial females in their Autumn 2022 sale, selling three pens of heifers to a top of \$3500 and average of \$2950, this year Kelly will put forward registered heifers.

"It should create some interest and add another element to the sale," Mr Joyce said.

"If people want to buy them and keep them registered, they can, otherwise they will just have a really superior commercial product."

"There will be a mixture of sire lines in there, but definitely some Powerplay daughters."

The heifers will be either 18-months or 14-months old, and pregnancy tested empty for buyers to join as they like.

All sale lots, along with a handful of the stud's cows and calves, will be on display prior to the sale, on February 25 on-property.

"People can come in and take their time to have a look, and there is no stress or pressure on them, they can go through as they will," Mr

Joyce said.

After a very wet winter and spring, including some flooding, Mr Joyce said their property had fared well in the end and they had plenty of feed going into summer.

"The bulls had a pretty tough winter...it was hard going on all the stock, but they've got to hold up well to all conditions or they don't get retained in the stud, so the bulls have all done a good job."

The March 23 sale, interfaced with AuctionsPlus, will be just the fourth on-property auction for the stud, which has been in operation just shy of a decade, but it has already built up a loyal client base.

Last autumn, they sold 48 bulls at auction to an average of \$9836, topping at \$26,000.

Mr Joyce said while bulls travelled across three states, about two thirds of the lots stayed local to Yea.

Which was obvious at this year's Yea weaner calf sales, where plenty of Kelly Angus sired pens were on offer.

"The weaner sales dipped a bit from last year's record highs, but there was still a lot

of positivity there, and everyone was still pretty happy, the cattle have stood up exceptionally well," Mr Joyce said.

"Quality animals always sell there is no doubt in that and that has shone through in the weaner sales as well, if they are top quality everyone wants them."

"It was a credit to the vendors that got the extra weight and got them blooming, they are certainly getting rewarded."

Mr Joyce predicts bull prices will reflect what is happening in the commercial market, and bidders at his sale won't be disappointed with the value for money.

"Quality matters more than ever, so stick with a breeder you get along with and that has the same breeding objective, and you will do well."

The annual auction gets underway at 1pm Thursday, March 23, at the Yea property and will be live online through AuctionsPlus.

For the latest news and sale updates, please visit www.kellyangus.com.au or Kelly Angus Facebook & Instagram Page.

Dairy ponds must be top priority for farmers

EPA Victoria (EPA) officers returning from inspections in South Gippsland's dairy districts say farmers should be putting dairy effluent ponds on their 'to do' list before winter sets in.

The officers visited 10 farms and issued one Official Warning, but in most cases gave compliance advice to help farmers to keep their dairy effluent management systems up to standard.

EPA Gippsland Regional manager Jessica Bandiera says last year's wet spring and flooding in parts of the state were reminders of the hazards of an overgrown or backed up dairy effluent system.

"The threat from a neglected dairy effluent management system is in overflows and leaks, and any rainy weather can send backed up effluent pouring over the edge," Ms Bandiera said.

"Dairy farmers need to get some maintenance done on their dairy effluent ponds, pumps and pipes as soon as they can."

"It's the most effective way to make sure dairy effluent is a fertiliser that's good for your farm, not a pollutant that threatens waterways and neighbouring properties." The pollutants can include:

- nutrients
- pesticides
- fertilisers
- milk from washdown, spillage and waste milk, and
- contaminated soil washed away by heavy rain.

Letting those pollutants escape into channels, drains and waterways can reduce oxygen levels, kill aquatic life, encourage toxic algae and create the danger of disease.

The on-farm emissions action plan pilot

THE On-Farm Emissions Action Plan Pilot is supporting Victorian farmers and growers to measure and understand their on-farm emissions profile, develop an emissions reduction action plan, and implement recommended actions with grant support funding from a pool of up to \$5 million.

Over three years, Agriculture Victoria will work with up to 250 producers who are interested in understanding their emissions output, adapting their practices, growing their business in a low-emissions future, and are willing to help other farmers by sharing their experiences and learnings.

Since the pilot opened in May 2022, engagement with industry and key stakeholders has seen strong interest from the beef, dairy, and sheep sectors.

Six more rounds will open over the next two years, with opportunities for beef and sheep farmers to participate.

Stay up to date with the pilot by visiting and bookmarking the On-farm Emissions Action Plan Pilot webpage.

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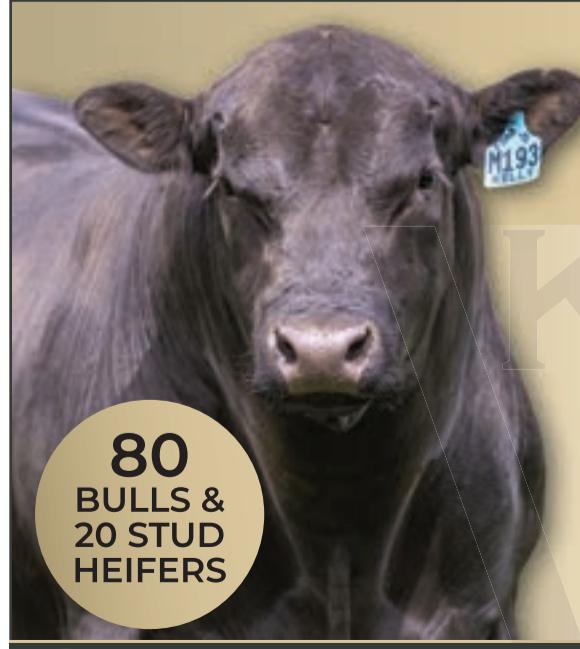
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A/c Dean & Woodland, Cowes (NUTRIEN)
"Property Sold"
108 Angus steers, 18-20 mths, East Gippsland bred
Von Pace Pastoral, Giffard (NUTRIEN)
50 Ang & Ang Hfd X Steers, 16-18 Mths
A/c Willawa Grazing, Foster (NUTRIEN)
48 Angus X steers, 2 yo
A/c Lester Farms, Leongatha (NUTRIEN)
42 Angus Steers, 2 yo, VB, NE Accred
A/c Mardan Lodge, Mardan (SEJ)
26 Hereford steers, 20-22 mths
15 Angus steers, 18-20 mths, All East Gippsland Bred, In Forward Condition and very quiet
A/c M&A Lyon (ELDERS)
40 Angus steers, 2 yo
A/c A&P Anton & Son's (ELDERS)
40 Angus steers, 20 mths, Pinora blood, VB, GF & ABF
A/c Peacock Rural Holdings P/L, Hallston (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus steers, 18 mths
A/c Stonewarra, Koonwarra (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus steers, 14-15 mths
A/c Latrobe Park Angus, Morwell (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus steers, 14-16 mths
A/c Wangara Park, East Gippsland (NUTRIEN)
7 Angus steers, 2yo , GF & ABF
30 BB steers, 14 mths, GF & ABF
A/c S & H Mahoney, Mansfield (NUTRIEN)
35 Hereford steers, 24 mths Sugarloaf & Mawarra blood, NE Accred, 1X 5in1
A/c Hooley Past, Cowwarr (NUTRIEN)
25 Angus steers, 20 mths, EU Accred
A/c S Bare', Hallston (SEJ)
25 Angus steers, 17-16 mths, Battersby & Hall Blood, 2 x 5in1
A/c Robert Benson, Yinnar (SEJ)
24 Hereford steers, 20 mths
A/c J & B Dunbar, Traralgon (NUTRIEN)
21 Angus steers, 18 mths, Leewood & Merlewood blood
A/c O'Loughlin Farms, Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 18 mths, By Kunuma bulls
A/c M Dean, Jumbunna (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 18 mths, East Gippsland bred
A/c Adele's Grove, Yanakie (SEJ)
18 Angus steers, 18-20 mths, By Alpine Angus Bulls
A/c Melaleuca Pastoral, Ruby (NUTRIEN)
16 Angus steers, 17 mths, VB, NE Accred, Leewood blood
A/c R&J Edwards, Fish Creek (SEJ)
15 Angus & Char X steers, 16-18 mths, VB
A/c K & L Holmes, Boolarra (NUTRIEN)
15 Hereford steers, 14-16 mths, Mawarra & Newcomen blood, Drenched Dectomax, Arrest 26/1 2x5in1, very quiet
A/c Sage Family Trust, Whitelaw (NUTRIEN)
12 Angus steers, 16-18 mths
A/C Stafford Logging, Neerim South (SEJ)
10 Angus steers, 18-20 mths, VB
A/c DJ Halliday, Boolarra (NUTRIEN)
10 Angus steers, 20 mths
A/c W Whykes & P Remmos, Hazelwood (NUTRIEN)
10 Hereford steers, 16 mths
A/c Gilford Family Trust, Buffalo (SEJ)
9 Angus & Angus X steers, 14-15 mths
A/c MJ & JJ Lee, "Leebrooke", Stratford (NUTRIEN)
8 Angus steers, 18 mths, GF & AB free, Multimin, NE accredited, Pinora & Kunuma blood

GROWN HEIFERS

A/c Baillie Bros, Traralgon (NUTRIEN)
35 Angus heifers, 15 mths, Leewood blood, unjoined
A/c Elm Valley, Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus heifers, 16-18 mths, NE Accred, VB, By Kunuma Bulls

WEANERS

A/c PF Cashman, Stratford (ELDERS)
50 Angus/Hereford and Hereford mixed sex weaners, 9-10 mths, weaned, all vet treatments, Mawarra and Bowman blood
A/c AW & CM O'Mara, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)
35 Angus steers, 12 mths
A/c CW Littlejohn, Mirboo Nth (NUTRIEN)
35 Angus mixed sex, 12-14 mths
A/c R & D Knight, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)
25 Angus mixed sex weaners, 12 mths, Bowman & Landfall blood
A/c JT & PJ Fleming, "Mertonvale", Willung (NUTRIEN)
20 Herford/Angus x steers, 11-12 mths, Innesdale & Mawarra blood
A/c MJ & JJ Lee, "Leebrooke", Stratford (NUTRIEN)
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A/c F&C Cameron, "WildDog", Ventnor (SEJ)
18 Angus heifers, 12-15 mths, VB, Merelwood and Alpine Angus Sires Excellent future breeders and very quiet.
A/c Ross Lawson, Tanjil Sth (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus & BB steers, 10-12 mths
A/c M & K Hall, Boolarra (NUTRIEN)
14 Hereford mixed sex , 11 mths
A/c P Mattern, Alberton (NUTRIEN)
14 Charo X steers, 12 mths, yard weaned, Vacc & drenched on silage since weaning
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XBRED & DAIRY

A/c Fella Group, Moyarra (SEJ)
28 Friesian x steers, 18-20 mths
A/c Behmer Pastoral, Pound Creek (NUTRIEN)
25 AA/Friesian X steers, 20 mths
A/c M&A Lyon (ELDERS)
20 Xbred steers, 18-20 mths
A/c Avon Farms (ELDERS)
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A/c HA Dairy Co P/L, Foster (NUTRIEN)
8 Angus/Friesian X steers, 18-20 mths
A/c A De Riter, Sale (NUTRIEN)
18 Friesian steers, 16-17 mths
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6 Wagyu steers, 16-17 mths
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1 O'Loughlin Pl Woodside	590.0	395.0	2,330
1 Clark RA & SJ Hallston	570.0	390.0	2,223
14 Compro Solutions Pty Ltd			
Krowera	741.4	387.6	2,873
15 Liptrap Waters Tarwin Lower	778.3	386.6	3,009
13 Peterson Ian Yarram	666.2	386.0	2,571

Steers

2 Olsen RL Poowong East	405.0	495.0	2,004
5 Von Pace Pastoral P/L	483.0	492.0	2,376
2 Olsen RL Poowong East	512.5	492.0	2,521
3 Nimmitybel P Co Jeetho	448.3	490.0	2,196
1 Shaw L Unknown District	440.0	490.0	2,156
1 Hancock IJ & ACN Jeetho West	450.0	485.0	2,182

Heifers

1 Dunne J Hazelwood	340.0	499.2	1,697
1 Olsen RL Poowong East	410.0	492.0	2,017
1 Hancock IJ & ACN Jeetho West	310.0	480.0	1,488
9 Nimmitybel P Co Jeetho	405.6	455.0	1,845
2 Braithwaite NJ & HE			
Jumbunna East	415.0	450.0	1,867
2 Shaw L Unknown District	392.5	440.0	1,727

Cows

1 Pilkington D & Toohey F	400.0	345.0	1,380
Waratah Nth	545.0	335.0	1,825
1 Estate Of Quigley VM Yinnar	560.0	330.0	1,848
1 Jones Julie Fish Creek	795.0	327.6	2,604
1 Hart TA & ER Corinella	700.0	325.0	2,275
1 Bowman LP & SL Foster	823.3	320.0	2,634

Bulls

1 Robertson LC & CA Leongatha	825.0	319.6	2,636
6 Hengstberger I & R Stony Ck	705.0	311.6	2,196
1 Dixon A (Allan) Loch	1,005.0	308.0	3,095
1 Estate Of Quigley VM Yinnar	890.0	306.6	2,728
1 Olsen RL Poowong East	620.0	306.0	1,897
1 Taysom HC & JG Yinnar Sth	840.0	305.6	2,567

Vealer Bulls

4 Christiansen M Inverloch	308.8	354.6	1,094
1 Mack TJ & Jackson EA			
Woorarra East	310.0	354.6	1,099
2 Brooker Dairies Pty Ltd Driffield	425.0	271.6	1,154
3 Moore ED & HC Yarram	390.0	265.6	1,035
1 Willis FJ & MJ Woodside	455.0	259.6	1,181
1 Woolford AR & LF Cowwarr	305.0	160.0	488

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, February 27, 2023

Jersey & Jersey x	\$30 to \$50
Friesian Bulls	\$42 to \$66
Friesian Heifers	\$70 to \$350</td



Plant pathologist recognised as grains industry emerging leader

AGRICULTURE Victoria researcher Dr Joshua Fanning has been awarded the Grains Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) 2023 Emerging Leader award for the southern region.

The GRDC Emerging Leader award recognises the commitment of an early career professional working in the grains industry who has already contributed to the future of the industry and is emerging as an industry leader in their field of endeavour.

In his 10 years with Agriculture Victoria, Dr Fanning has built significant research expertise studying pulse diseases and has committed time and effort to communicate that knowledge to growers and other industry professionals to enhance integrated disease management practices in crops.

Dr Fanning was presented with the award by GRDC Southern Panel Chair Andrew Russell at the GRDC Grains Research Update in Bendigo recently.

Dr Fanning completed his bachelor degree and PhD at the University of Adelaide.

His disease research kicked off in his first job at Agriculture Victoria in 2013 managing a soil-borne disease program, focusing on root lesion and cereal cyst nematodes.

He also investigated yield losses and varietal resistance to different diseases in both cereal and pulse



Recipient of the 2023 GRDC Emerging Leader award (South) – Dr Joshua Fanning (Agriculture Victoria) (left) and GRDC Southern Panel Chair Andrew Russell (right). Photo: GRDC.

crops and developed an interest in pulse foliar diseases.

By 2018, Dr Fanning started a new role as a field-based pulse pathologist, while supporting the soil-borne disease program. The new role was developed to support Victorian pulse growers and to work in collaboration with pulse pathologists, agronomists, and breeders nationally. In 2022, Dr Fanning accepted a promotion to Research Leader – Plant Pathology overseeing the Plant Pathology team.

Pulses like chickpea and lentil are high value crops that have expanded rapidly in south-eastern Australia over the past two decades.

Integral to their success has been

the development of integrated disease management, which combines cultural methods (e.g. rotation), genetic tolerance and strategic fungicide applications.

Pulses are now expanding into new areas, including low-rainfall zones, where disease incidence is different.

Supported by GRDC, Dr Fanning has been working on fine-tuning disease management recommendations for these new areas and communicating these to growers and their advisers.

In accepting the award Dr Fanning thanked his mentors and colleagues, and the growers and agronomists with whom he works.

Passing of a Landcare legend Vale Jeff Clark

LOCAL Landcare legend, Jeff Clark passed away on February 8, aged 84.

Jeff was well known to many landcarers throughout South Gippsland and Australia.

He was an active member of many community groups over the years, was the ultimate community volunteer and absolutely loved Landcare.

In the early 1970s together with his wife Elvie, Jeff established the Nyora Tourist Farm.

This farm was set up to provide an exhibition for farming and it provided a great opportunity for urban dwellers to come and see farming in action.

Jeff and Elvie ran the tourist farm whilst also running their dairy farm at Poowong and being actively involved in the local and broader Gippsland community in a host of ways from sport to environment and tourism.

Jeff's volunteer activities also included Young Farmers, the CFA, working with disabled children and new Australians to settle in South Gippsland.

By South Gippsland Landcare Network

From a Landcare point of view Jeff was a stalwart of the Poowong Landcare Group serving in many roles over generations.

He was instrumental in establishing the South Gippsland Landcare Network and was the original weed warrior.

His positivity and enthusiasm was infectious and he played a huge role in educating South Gippslanders about weed prevention and control.

Jeff co-authored the original South Gippsland Weed Identification Guide.

Jeff had a great sense of fun and is well-remembered for dressing up to make an impact at Landcare Field Days and functions.

Jeff was awarded 30 Year Honorary in 2016

South Gippsland Landcare Network send its condolences to Elvie, Rodney, Leslie and family – a great Landcarer who has left many great legacies.

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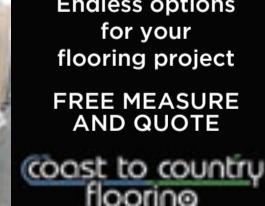
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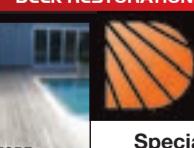
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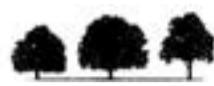
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BIGGINS, Stuart Wayne: 17.03.1957 - 03.03.2023. Passed away suddenly in Leongatha. Much loved younger brother of Robert, Graeme, and Peter. He will be sadly missed for his caring, creative and fun loving spirit.	BLUNDELL, Louisa: Much loved neighbour for 36 years to Maureen and John (dec.) who will be sadly missed. Very grateful for your friendship. Heartfelt sympathy to Jack, Cheryl, Rob, Graham, and families. R.I.P.	GRABHAM, Barry Robert: Beloved son of Ted and Thelma (both dec.). Brother to Russell, Colin and Heather. Tragically taken too early. Baz was not only a brother to me, but a lifetime friend. A character who will be sadly missed by us all. -- Heather (Sis), Beav, Mark and Carissa, Chez and Macka, JB and Zel and families. R.I.P. Baz.	GREEN, Peter John 'Greenballs': Passed away peacefully on March 2, 2023, surrounded by his wife and kids. Loved and loving husband and soulmate of Cheryl. Adored dad to Kelly and Chris, Yid and Scott, Jason and Rach, Chris and Nic, Nic and Nick. Cherished and loved Pa "Silly Pa" to Chloe, Ruby, Indie; Blake, Sam, Ellie; Noah, Beau, Isla; Max, Will, Luke; Jax, Mason and Parker. Loving son of Bev and Bill (dec.). Forever a joker who will be missed by all his family and friends.	RAY (Pate), Alice: 07.06.1936 - 27.02.2023. Passed peacefully at Strezelecki House. Loved wife of Barry (dec.). Adored mother of Margaret, Isabelle, Geoffrey, Hether, and Felicity. Will be sadly missed. The Funeral Service will be held at St. Mary's Mirboo North, Tuesday 14th March commencing at 2pm. Private cremation to follow.	BLUNDELL: The Funeral Service for Mrs. Louisa Blundell will be held at the graveside, Wonthaggi Cemetery TOMORROW Wednesday, March 8, 2023, commencing at 2:30pm. 	KNIGHT: A Funeral Service to Celebrate the Life of Mrs. Elizabeth Knight will be held at St. Andrew's Uniting Church, Peart Street, Leongatha on Thursday, March 9, 2023, commencing 11am. Private Cremation. This Service will be livestreamed, to view please visit www.handleyfuneralservices.com.au	BALES OF HAY: Contact Martin: 0408 593 748.
BLUNDELL, Louisa: Passed away peacefully on March 3, 2023. Loved wife of Jack. Loving mum and mother-in-law of Cheryl and Garry, Rob and Chris, Graham and Katie. Loved Nanny Lou to all her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Resting Peacefully.	GORFINE (nee Staines), Murrium Patricia (Marie): 14.11.1927 - 02.03.2023. 95 years, at Seahaven, Inverloch. Loving daughter of Charles (dec.) and Alice (dec.). Adored wife of Thomas Gorfine (Tom), (dec.). Dearly loved mother of Angela and Loretta and her partner Christopher. Beautiful Nanna of Matthew and Nerida, Jessica and Luke, Sarah, Anna and Vincenzo and treasured Grandy of Scout and Thomas. Revered mother-in-law of Anthony Raftis. Sister to Desmon (Des) Staines (dec.), and sister-in-law to Joan, wonderful Auntie to Rebecca, Jonathon, Ben, and families. <i>You never failed to do your best, Your heart was true and tender, You simply lived for those you loved, And those you loved remember.</i> R.I.P. Bazza	GRABHAM, Barry: Bazza, you made us laugh with your antics and funny sayings. You lived life your way. You were one of a kind and a true Aussie bloke. Loved brother of Russell and Maureen, and cherished uncle to Michael, Kylie, Ben and Kristy and their families. Taken too soon. Never forgotten.	KNIGHT, Elizabeth (Betty): Passed away 24.02.2023, aged 92. Dearly loved wife of David (dec.). Much loved mother of Lynda and Richard, Stephen and Jenny. Loved grandmother of Nathanael, Clare, Melanie, Matthew, Dani, Emma, Sarah, Eliza, and Sam. In God's Care Our deepest thanks and appreciation to all the staff at Koorooman House for their years of dedicated, professional, and compassionate care of Mum.	RODWELL, Kaye: 02.07.1945 - 05.03.2023. Loved wife and partner for 57 years of Bruce. Adored mum of Adrian (dec.), and Nadine. Special mother-in-law of Ross. Best Nanny in the world to Kyle, Kirst, and Jade. And of course, mummy to Millie and special nanny to Marley (dog.). We will miss you so much, as you were the centre of our family. But we know you are now free from pain and with Age. Luv ya forever xxx. Please see Herald Sun for Funeral details.	GORFINE: Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Mrs Murrium Patricia Gorfine will be offered at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Korumburra Road, Wonthaggi on Thursday, March 9, 2023, commencing at 11:30am. At the conclusion of Mass, the Funeral will leave for the Wonthaggi Cemetery. 	BEREAVEMENT THANKS O'FLAHERTY, Esma: Es's family would like to thank all staff at Carinya for their kindness and support to Mum and us. Special thanks to Vince for fixing everything for Mum. Thanks to Handley and Anderson and Gavan Sharp for their professionalism and guidance during this difficult time.	BOLTS AND SCREWS: Bolts all types Screws all types Staples and nails all types Repair all types of air tools Action Fasteners 0424 623 121 MEADOW LANE, NEWBOROUGH 3825
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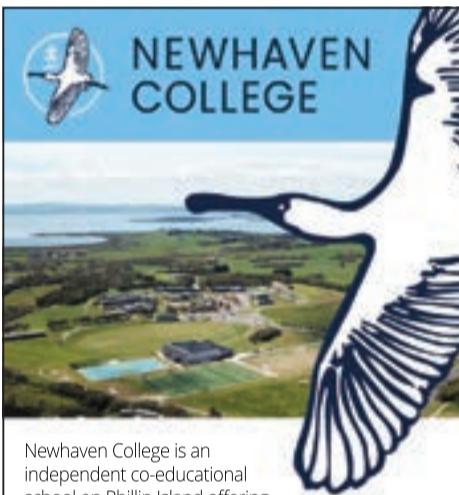
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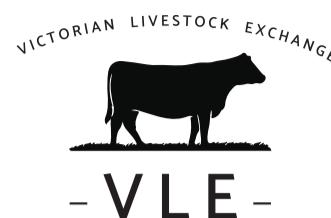
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Property Manager

Established in 1886, Alex Scott & Staff Real Estate has been providing quality and trusted Real Estate services for over 130 years. With a vision of further growth, an opportunity now exists for you if you are ready to join our team at either our Cowes or Grantville office.

If you are looking for a start in Property Management or a change, this is the position for you. This position is being offered as a part-time position

Support & Assistance:

- Assistance and support from approachable management including Head of Department Manager Ongoing training and use of established systems, a cohesive friendly work environment. Large secure company with a stable & respected history
- Full out of office trust accounting support

Skills & Experience:

- Previous Property Management Experience required, Current Agents Rep Certificate or Real Estate Licence required, Current Driver's Licence
- Excellent customer service, time management, communication & computer skills plus a great attitude to learning & improvement

Tasks:

- Day to day portfolio management, leasing, applications, appraisals & new property listing, arrears, maintenance & compliance, inspections (Ingoing, Routine & Outgoing), business development and growth of rent roll

All applications and enquiries will be held in the strictest confidence.

Enquiries or Applications:
Kathryn Sloan – Head of Property Management Department
kathrynsloan@alexscott.com.au
0423 971 465

LB0800

BUSHLAND TEAM MEMBER

Envirogain is seeking a Bushland Team Member to work in the Bass Coast and South Gippsland regions. To view our full ad, please go to: <http://hrmjobs.com.au/jobs/2023/20016485>



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Inverloch

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PROPERTY MANAGER

Part time

Our Inverloch office is looking for an experienced Property Manager to become a part time member of our progressive rental department.

You should possess excellent customer service and communication skills. Experience and qualification in Property Management preferred. Proficient computer skills, the ability to multitask and a passion to grow the business are essential.

Excellent package and above award remuneration.

All enquiries strictly confidential. APPLICATIONS BY EMAIL TO: marniredmond@alexscott.com.au or contact Marni Redmond on 0403 525 413 7 a'Beckett Street, Inverloch, 3996



Bass Coast Health

Current vacancies

Chef

Part Time – Closes 13/03/2023

Better @ Home Coordinator

Permanent Full Time – Closes 16/03/2023

Enrolled Nurse – Kirrak House

Permanent Part Time

HR Partner and Return to Work Coordinator

Full Time – Closes 13/03/2023

Registered Nurse – Acute

Permanent Full Time/Part Time/Casual – Closes 31/03/2023

Physiotherapist – Grade 1

Permanent Full Time – Closes 17/03/2023

Physiotherapist

Permanent Part Time – Closes 13/03/2023

Occupational Therapist

Permanent Part Time – Closes 13/03/2023

Oral Health Therapist

Permanent Full Time, Part Time – Closes 20/03/2023

Registered Nurse – Perioperative

Permanent Part Time, Casual – Closes 19/03/2023

Registered Nurse – Sub Acute

Permanent Full Time – Closes 31/03/2023

Associate Nurse Unit Manager - Emergency

Permanent Part Time/ all hours considered

Registered Nurses – Urgent Care Centre

Permanent Full Time/Part Time – Closes 30/03/2023

Registered Nurses – Emergency

Permanent Full Time/Part Time/Casual – Closes 31/03/2023

Support Services Assistant

Casual – Closes 19/03/2023

To find out more about working at Bass Coast Health and to apply, visit the Careers page on our website or contact our HR team on hr@basscoasthealth.org.au or 5671 3151



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Bass Coast Health

p 5671 3151
e hr@basscoasthealth.org.au
w www.basscoasthealth.org.au

LB0824

Weekend Milker Wanted

Weekdays and every 2nd weekend at Leongatha South.

Phone Paul on 0429 643 242 or Mark on 0427 643 241

JA21380



WANTED CLEANERS

Inverloch Holiday property cleaners needed for summer and ongoing periods including weekends. Must have ABN, own equipment and transport.

Please email expressions of interest to:

Karen McAlpine
Senior Property Manager
c/ invrentals@alexscott.com.au
Phone 5674 1602

JA19392



Executive Officer

The Bass Coast Community Foundation is seeking to recruit an Executive Officer (EO) to run its operations across Bass Coast.

The EO has overall operational responsibility for the promotion, delivery and administration of the Foundation's business and philanthropic programs. The role oversees all operations according to the strategic plan and provides professional and administrative support to the Board.

For all information regarding the position description please visit <https://bccf.org.au/executive-officer-vacancy/>

Applications including Resume and selection criteria response are to be emailed to info@bccf.org.au by Friday, March 17 2023.

For further information contact the Chair, Phil Friedlos phil.friedlos@bccf.org.au or 0415 180 175.

LB0822



Would you like to make a difference and impact?

Newhaven College is an independent co-educational school on Phillip Island offering quality education for students from Prep to Year 12.

We welcome applications to be considered

COUNSELLOR - WELLBEING TEAM

Part time (15 hours 0.42 FTE)
Permanent - Ongoing

Applications close 12pm Friday 24 March 2023

Applications to be submitted to: recruitment@newhavencol.vic.edu.au

For details on requirements, duties and responsibilities, visit our website www.newhaven-col.vic.edu.au/about/work-at-newhaven

Should further information be required please contact, Head of Wellbeing, Tahnee Brown on 5956 7505

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.

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Apprentice Chef

THE CAPE TAVERN

Are you looking for a career in the Hospitality industry?

We are seeking a motivated and enthusiastic person to join our Kitchen team as an Apprentice Chef at The Cape Tavern. As well as working along side our team you will be enrolled in a culinary training program in the local area.

If this looks like something you may be interested in, please send your resume to Michael capetavern@westnet.com.au



Medical Receptionist

Full Time/Job Share available

The Korumburra Medical Centre requires the services of a Medical Receptionist for our busy and expanding general practice.

Applicant Requirements:

- Medical Reception experience is preferred but not essential.
- Must be computer literate.
- Must have excellent communication skills with a caring and professional manner.
- Must be able to multi task.
- Ability to work under pressure in a fast paced environment.
- Applicants must be able to work varied shifts Mon-Sat

If you would like to be part of our team please submit your resume to manager@korumburramedical.com.au

Applications close
Tuesday, March 14, 2023

LB0823



Positions Vacant

After Hours Coordinator

NM5D - 0.63 EFT

2 x positions permanent part time & part time, fixed term leave replacement

Registered Nurse or RN Midwife or Enrolled Nurse

up to 1.0 EFT

Registered Nurse - Refresher Program

Opportunity to re-enter work in acute setting

SGH Surgical Reform Project Officer

Clinical Nurse Consultant C

0.21 EFT (limited term role up until 31/3/24)

Kitchen Assistant

IN14 - Casual

Social Support Group

Welfare Worker, Class 1 or 2A
Casual

Intake Officer - Community Care

Welfare Worker, Class 2A

0.53 EFT fixed term leave replacement

Physiotherapist

Grade 1 or Grade 2

0.63 EFT (Neg), permanent part time

Podiatrist

Grade 1 or Grade 2

(depending on experience)

0.84 EFT, permanent part time

Occupational Therapist

Grade 2

0.42 EFT, up to 11 months fixed term

parental leave position

For more information, visit our website at: southgippslandhospital.com.au

LB0829



NOW HIRING

We are looking at expanding our team. We are looking for the following positions:

Full time Pastry Chef

Casual Baker

1st Year Apprentice – Pastry Chef

Customer Service team members – especially for weekend shifts

We are looking for applicants who have a passion for cooking and baking to join our team. Early morning starts will be required.

Email your resume to

paul@paulthepieman.com.au
or come in and hand your resume to one of our friendly team members.

Paul the Pieman,
5 Abeckett Street, Inverloch

LB0988



Southern Smiles Dental is now accepting applications for the following positions:

- **Full Time Qualified Dental Assistant**
- **Full Time Trainee**

Certificate III Dental Assisting Trainees will learn dental nursing on the job and at the completion of the program you will receive a certificate III in Dental Assisting.

Your ability to work in a proactive team environment is essential with a hard working attitude.

Location: Foster and Leongatha, Victoria

Applications close:
5pm Friday, March 24, 2023

For further information please contact Anna Poletti on 03) 5682 2696

Please forward a cover letter with attached resume to:
Southern Smiles Dental
25 Bair Street, Leongatha 3953
or email to
southernsmilesleongatha@gmail.com

LB0987

**Maintenance Technician**

The HVP Nursery is undergoing a significant expansion and redevelopment and we need an experienced and motivated Maintenance Technician to join our team at one of Australasia's leading and largest state of the art pine container nurseries located west of Yarram in Gippsland.

Contribute your knowledge to service and maintain a wide variety of machinery and equipment that includes conveyor lines, irrigation booms, pumps, pneumatic systems and a robotic planter. Basic knowledge of air and water plumbing is desirable.

This opportunity is a full-time, ongoing role aimed towards someone able to work with service providers, maintain supplies, work within budgets, develop others' skills, meet deadlines and be able to work within a diverse group.

Furthermore, the nursery provides opportunity for someone who is well-organised, proactive, and embraces innovation to join a great team with individuals from diverse backgrounds.

Applications should be sent to
jobs@hvp.com.au
by Friday, March 17 2023

LB0983

We are an equal opportunity employer and believe in the power of a diverse, inclusive team.

**CLEANING POSITION**

available at HR helpers.

Looking for someone who is hard working, motivated, has attention to detail, and is willing to learn, to join our team.

Part time/casual, driver's licence and own vehicle, two references, current police check, must be double vaccinated.

Call 0447 422 868 or email hannah@hrhelpers.com.au

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**Making a real difference in the lives of people across Bass Coast.**

If you can give, please give where you live.

www.bccf.org.au

LB0707

NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT**Will this planning application affect you?**

The land affected by the application is located at:
5 Stansfield Court, Leongatha, VIC, 3953

The application is for a permit to:
Removal of Restrictive Covenant AD744391J and a three (3) lot subdivision.

APPLICATION DETAILS

Application Number: 2021/513
Address: 5 Stansfield Court, Leongatha, VIC, 3953

Applicant name: MH Gribble

For Further reference contact:

Amy Wagenaar Ph: 5662 9200
Email: council@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

How can I find out more?

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application at the office of the South Gippsland Shire Council at 9 Smith Street, Leongatha. This can be done during office hours and is free of charge.

You can find more details or make a submission regarding this application by scanning the QR code below or by visiting the link to view more details:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/planning

How can I make a submission?

Any person who may be affected by the granting of the permit may object or make other submissions to comment to the responsible authority. If you object, the responsible authority will tell you its decision. This application has not been decided and you can still make a submission before a decision has been made. An objection must:

- be made to the responsible authority in writing
- include the reasons for the objection and;
- state how the objector would be affected.

The responsible authority must make a copy of every objection available for any person to inspect free of charge until the end of the period during which an application may be made for review of a decision on the application.

The responsible authority will not decide on the application before: Tuesday, Mar. 21, 2023



Find out more:
Scan the QR code using your mobile phone



LB0825

Hidden talents on show

PURSUE your writing or illustrating dream with an upcoming free workshop.

Hidden Talents is a combined adult and children's writing and illustrating workshop sponsored by the Bendigo Community Bank – Toora & District and Foster.

The workshop will take place at the Prom Coast Festival this March, and be hosted by South Gippsland's Michael Hyde, a published author, teacher and lecturer, and nationally renowned illustrator Craig Smith - both presenters from the 2022 Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories.

In this free event, participants will search for their hidden stories and emerge with the beginnings of their own story.

The author/illustrator workshops will be at the Fish Creek Hall on Sunday, March 12, from 11am to 2pm.



Michael Hyde has published 40 books over his writing career.

He loves being in a story – by that we mean really inside the story, thinking about the characters, what they might be doing and how to picture that. And, what technology to use? Pencil, paper, paint and ink certainly. Somewhere in the process digital tools and software.

Craig's illustration workshop, called 'Drawing a Story', is about the questions and choices an illustrator faces when composing a drawing, and modelling a way to start working it out.

All materials supplied. The outcome will be an A3 ink wash - or graphite - illustration of unusual quality! The workshop runs from 12.30pm to 2pm.

Readings from the 2022 Writing Challenge

Some of the young authors from the 2022 Fishy Stories Writing Challenge - as well as Michael Hyde - will be reading a selection of stories from the Writing Challenge eBook from 12pm to 12.30pm.

There will also be a display of stories from the eBook (also available to download at fishystories.org).

The Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories will publicise further details of the challenge, however, the age brackets will remain the same, with Grades 1-2, 3-4, 5-6 and Years 7-8.

So get thinking and get writing by checking out the workshops at the Fish Creek Hall on Sunday, March 12, from 11am to 2pm.

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.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**LEONGATHA Secondary College**

115 Nerrena Rd., Leongatha

CLEANING CONTRACT TENDER NOTICE

Leongatha Secondary College & Leongatha Primary School form part of the Leongatha Education Precinct, with both schools seeking interested parties to apply for 3 year cleaning contract to commence May 1, 2023.

Interested parties must hold (or apply for) DET approved panel status.

LEONGATHA PRIMARY SCHOOL

115 Nerrena Rd. Leongatha

CLEANING CONTRACT TENDER NOTICE

Leongatha Primary School & Leongatha Secondary College form part of the Leongatha Education Precinct, with both schools seeking interested parties to apply for a 3 year cleaning contract to commence May 1, 2023.

Interested parties must hold (or apply for) DET approved panel status.

All interested parties must attend site inspection March 14, 2023

To obtain tender documentation and register for site visit, please contact Kate Dean via kdean@leongathaps.vic.edu.au or 03 5667 4600



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Catch a fish, release a fish

AUSTRALIANS eat more than 356,000 tonnes of seafood each year.

And now there is a simple way for seafood lovers to give back to the ocean via OneFishTwoFish, a new program which aims to return two fish to the sea for every fish or seafood equivalent cooked, sold or consumed.

The world first program was developed by Seafood Positive, an early-stage social enterprise with a mission of no net loss of marine life, to provide finance for ocean conservation programs that measurably improve fish and marine life.

Marine biologist, ocean conservationist, and OneFishTwoFish founder Dr Chris Gillies said he started the program to address the challenges of seafood sustainability.

"OneFishTwoFish helps seafood restaurants, businesses, retailers and consumers balance their seafood consumption by replacing each fish they serve, sell or eat with two more in the ocean," Dr Gilles said.

OneFishTwoFish is helping the Corner Inlet Fishers Habitat Association become the first fishery in Australia to become Seafood Positive, by returning two baby fish for every flounder or flathead caught by fishers over a two-year period.



Marine biologist and ocean conservationist, Dr Chris Gillies, founded the OneFishTwoFish program which hopes to address the challenges of seafood sustainability.

The project aims to replace fish destined for Melbourne's top restaurants with baby fish bred in SeaGen Aquaculture's Phillip Island fish hatchery.

Adult fish are collected by the fishers before being handed over to the SeaGen hatchery for spawning to produce baby fish for release.

Commercial fishers use their expert knowledge to guide the release of thousands of baby fish into habitats where they have the best chance of surviving into adulthood.

It's expected that, only a small proportion of the realised fish are ever likely to end up on a dinner plate, with the majority living naturally, helping to keep fish populations in balance.

The program hopes to achieve Australia's first 'no-net-loss' commercial fishery.

If successful, it could expand to include other important fish species such as Trevally and Sand flathead.

OneFishTwoFish is funded by annual subscriptions that can be bought by either members of

the public or businesses, and is proudly launching with a platinum selection of foundation supporters including Taronga Zoo, Melbourne's Stokehouse restaurant, Stomping Ground Brewing Co, Two Hands and The Happy Apple supermarkets.

For more information about OneFishTwoFish, please visit seafoodpositive.org. You can also follow OneFishTwoFish on social media, including Facebook, Instagram and LinkedIn.



A local photographer captured this stranded boat at Newhaven recently as kind passers-by offered their assistance. Boaters are urged to be cautious of high and low tides and weather conditions.

Know the three and survive at sea

BOATERS and paddlers are being urged to 'Know the three when out at sea' when out on the water.

Safe Transport Victoria's latest boating safety campaign asks boaters and paddlers to follow three simple safety rules:

- Wear, maintain and service a lifejacket,
- carry at least two waterproof communications devices,
- and check the weather before and after setting out.

Wearing a correctly fitted lifejacket gives someone who falls into the water time to save their life by allowing them to get back on board or call for help.

A waterproof communications device is needed to raise the alarm once someone is in the water or if the boat capsizes.

It's important to always keep an eye on the weather forecast as conditions can change quickly.

There were seven boating-related fatalities in Victoria between July 2021 and June 2022.

Boating related fatalities recorded over the past decade were from a range of hazards, including drowning, fire, collisions, gas inhalation, and other boating accidents.

Over the past 10 years, nearly four out of five people who drowned while boating did not wear a lifejacket or wore an incorrectly-fitted lifejacket.

Male boaters aged between 35 and 60 are the largest at-risk group and are the primary audience for the campaign.

To help spread the 'Know the three when out at sea' message, Safe Transport Victoria will run boating safety workshops at high traffic areas in regional Victoria throughout summer and officers will engage with boaters at boat ramps.

The 'Know the three when out at sea' campaign will run on radio, social media and online throughout the summer.

Learn more at: <https://transportsafety.vic.gov.au/maritime-safety/recreational-boating/campaigns/know-the-three-when-out-at-sea>

It's also important for boat owners to be aware of running aground.

Shifting sands and tides, particularly in enclosed coastal areas, make the risk of running out of water an ever-present hazard.

Recreational boating grants open again

GRANTS of up to \$3 million are being made available by the state government towards boating facilities.

Minister for Outdoor Recreation Sonya Kilkenny and Member for Bellarine Alison Marchant, visited the recently upgraded Ocean Grove boat ramp and the proposed upgrade of St Leonards boat

ramp to announce applications are now open for the next round of the Recreational Boating Grants Programs.

The Structural Maintenance Grants and Dredging and Access Grants programs are both funded through reinvesting boaters' registration and licence fees, as part of the Government's Better

Boating Fund.

The grants will be overseen by Better Boating Victoria.

Up to \$2 million will again be made available for ramp managers to repair or replace pontoons, resurface ramps or upgrade gangways through Structural Maintenance Grants. The maximum grant amount available

is \$300,000.

Up to \$1 million is on offer through the Dredging and Access Grants to allow ramp and waterway managers to plan and undertake dredging works with a maximum grant amount of \$150,000.

For more information about eligibility or to apply visit betterboating.vic.gov.au.



Ladies learn to lure them in

THE Women in Recreational Fishing Network, Bass Coast group, held a "Ladies learn the art of Lure Fishing" at the Powlett River.

More than 30 women eagerly listened to pro tournament angler Nikki Bryant from Purple Patch Fishing, share her knowledge and passion of Lure Fishing.

One lucky lady, Kerry managed to catch a Bream.

"It was a sight to behold seeing so many ladies line the river to practise," said event organiser and WIRF leader Amanda Keilar from San Remo.

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woolamai (Same), Tooradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

TUESDAY	March 7
▲ 1.10am	1.32m
▼ 6.57am	0.80m
▲ 12.47pm	1.19m
▼ 7.05pm	0.51m

WEDNESDAY	March 8
▲ 1.54am	1.38m
▼ 7.50am	0.70m
▲ 1.46pm	1.27m
▼ 7.55pm	0.49m

THURSDAY	March 9
▲ 2.30am	1.43m
▼ 8.29am	0.59m
▲ 2.35pm	1.36m
▼ 8.35pm	0.49m

FRIDAY	March 10
▲ 3.01am	1.51m
▼ 9.01am	0.49m
▲ 3.18pm	1.45m
▼ 9.11pm	0.49m

SATURDAY	March 11
▲ 3.32am	1.51m
▼ 9.33am	0.41m
▲ 3.57pm	1.53m
▼ 9.45pm	0.51m

SUNDAY	March 12
▲ 4.03am	1.53m
▼ 10.04am	0.34m
▲ 4.35pm	1.58m
▼ 10.18pm	0.53m

MONDAY	March 13
▲ 4.35am	1.53m
▼ 10.35am	0.29m
▲ 5.13pm	1.60m
▼ 10.54pm	0.57m

Email us your fishing photos
news@sgst.com.au

Registrations open for sports voucher program

MINISTER for Community Sport Ros Spence met with junior cricketers at Oak Park Cricket Club to announce that applications for the Get Active Kids Voucher Program are open.

Eligible families can apply for vouchers of up to \$200 and use them at their registered Get Active Kids Voucher Activity Provider.

The vouchers can help pay for sporting equipment, uniforms and memberships in a range of activities – even learn to swim classes for toddlers.

To be eligible, kids must be aged 18 and under, a Victorian resident, named on a valid Commonwealth Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card and named on a valid Medicare Card at the time of application.

A special consideration stream is available to support children residing in Victorian Care Services, temporary or provisional visa holders, undocumented migrants and international students aged 18 and under at the time of application.

Clubs, associations and organisations can register as a Get Active Kids Voucher Activity Provider to be able to redeem the voucher from the Government.

To be eligible they must be affiliated with a recognised state sporting association or equivalent governing body.

Applications for this round of vouchers close on May 10.

Families can also continue to claim reimbursement for expenses already incurred from November 28, 2022 to May 10.

For more information go to getactive.vic.gov.au/vouchers.



The Phillip Island Classic 'Festival of Motorsport' will be an outstanding event with a huge range of historic cars set to compete.

Huge return for Phillip Island Classic

THIS year's Phillip Island Classic 'Festival of Motorsport' will be an outstanding event with some of the finest historic cars from around the world competing on the world renowned Grand Prix Circuit at Phillip Island from March 10-12.

Not only are there six classic Formula One cars from Europe including the 1972 Surtees TS16/02, the Shadow DN8, the Tyrrell 012, the Ensign N179, the Lotus 81, and the Hesketh 308-1, racing some of the finest historic race cars in Australia but there are four spectacular sports cars also from Europe.

The sports cars include Leon Ebeling's 1962 Shelby Cobra 289, Steve Brooks Lola T70 Mk 3b, Ludovic Caron's Chevron B31, a historic Le Mans competitor and Andrew Newall's 1966 Chevron B6-a multiple World Championship Car in

which Andrew won the 2015 FIA Masters Historic Sports Car Championship.

The Chevron B24 driven by Tom Tweedie has the distinction of being the first type of Formula 5000 car to beat the Formula 1 machines in a combined event, this occurring at Brands Hatch in 1973 after Peter Gethin had also won the regular Formula 5000 race.

With the entry of Tim Berryman in the 1979 Lola T332, in which Australian past World Champion Alan Jones finished 4th on 1979 Australian Grand Prix at Oran Park Raceway, we will see two of the fastest Formula 5000 cars in Australia competing against the international Formula One's.

Also competing will be the very rare 1962 Ferrari 196 SP Dino which was raced in the 1962 Sebring 12 Hours by the North American Racing Team.

The first of the mid/rear-engine Ferraris, it was one of only five that were built and is the only one surviving.

The car continued to race with success in major events in Europe and USA before passing into the hands of some of the prominent collectors before recently arriving in Australia.

From the USA, the well-known and highly competitive 1959 Old Yeller Mk11 raced by Ernie Nagamatsu will once again make an appearance at the Phillip Island Circuit.

A feature race on the Sunday will see competitors in the Formula Ford category race for the Perkins Cup in honour of legendary Australian driver Larry Perkins.

Also on the Sunday, the Phillip Island Classic 'Festival of Motorsport' will feature two international events with more than forty Formula Fords on the grid with entrants from, New Zealand, Ireland, USA and UK competing against Australian drivers.

The second international race on the Sunday we will see the six international Formula One cars racing against four of Australia's Formula One cars.

Competing in regularity will be the

1946 Maybach Mk1 which won the 1954 New Zealand Grand Prix driven by Stan Jones. This car was the first successful race car developed and built in Australia to win a Grand Prix event.

On static display at the circuit will be a number of world famous feature cars including Allan Jones 1979 World Championship Williams; the March 701 driven by Italian past World Champion Mario Andretti; an Indy car driven by four times winner of the Indianapolis 500 Rick Mears and a 1985 Ferrari 156/85.

Past Bathurst winners Steven Richards and Greg Murphy will be racing in Group C & A in the Nissan HR31 turbo cars against the Ford Sierras, one driven by Chris Stillwell.

In a move to assist competitors at a time of higher inflation, a very committed Mark Tierney, Race Fuels CEO has just announced that his company will hold the cost of fuel at last year's level for this year's Phillip Island Classic event.

Once again, the event has strong support from major motor and industry sponsors such as Penrite, Shannons, Cooldrive and Apex Steel, Dutton Garage, Bendix Brakes and Trico with support also coming from Bass Coast Shire Council and Events Gippsland who all recognise the importance of this major sporting event.

The Phillip Island Classic 'Festival of Motorsport' is a family friendly event attracting youths, families with young children right through to senior citizens because of the range of authentic race cars presented along with exciting and competitive racing.

Road closure in Cowes

FROM 4-8 pm on Friday, March 10, Thompson Avenue will be closed as some historic cars will be driven from the track and will be on display.

Merchandise and a "Sunday only" ticket will be available from a historic cars stall.

Bass Coast Shire have donated funds for this event.

Children's' safety in water paramount

AFTER a tragic spate of six fatal drownings since Christmas Day, Life Saving Victoria (LSV) is reminding parents to watch around water, as it is revealed children aged 5-14 are at highest risk of drowning in January.

Of the 38 children within this age group who have drowned in the past decade, 34 per cent have been within the month of January.

This has sparked an urgent warning from LSV manager research and evaluation Dr Hannah Calverley for parents and guardians to keep an eye on their little ones.

"It takes just 20 seconds for a child to drown in as little as a few centimetres of water, so to avoid tragedy these holidays, please actively supervise children at all

times, which means under fives in arm's reach and under 10s in your constant and direct eyeline."

Dr Calverley said another important thing to consider is who is doing the supervising.

"If you are celebrating or holidaying with a large group of people, it can be easy to assume that someone else is watching the kids when in fact, nobody is."

"This is why LSV encourages you to have designated adult supervisors whose role it is to actively watch the kids. You can rotate this role throughout the day, so everyone gets a chance to relax and enjoy themselves."

Tragically, 27 people have fatally drowned in Victoria since July 1, 2022.

FESTIVAL OF MOTORSPORT
MARCH 9-12 2023
ENQ - 0458 882 304
WWW.VHRR.COM

Tickets for the event are available at the gate (not online) and children under 17 years accompanied by an adult are FREE



South Gippsland Golf District Bowl winners Sue Brown presents the bowl to the Meeniyian team of Jo Graeme, Sue Hoskin and Heather McCaughan.



South Gippsland Golf District Bowl grade winners Sue Brown congratulates Jeannette Diss, Dot Stait and Sue Hoskin.

FOSTER

Ladies

THE ladies March medal was won by Jenny Mountford with a fabulous 87 (23) 64 nett, certainly a day out for Jenny.

B Grade Frances McGlead 106 (33) 73 Frances has been bringing good scores this year.

A Grade scratch Barb Warren 85, and B Grade scratch Frances McGlead 106, Jenny Mountford 27 putts, Barb Warren 2 NTPs on the 6th and 17th, BDTL Barb Warren 71 nett (14), Di Walker 71 nett (27) and Trudi Prue also 71 (26). The raffle was won by Di Walker.

Big thank you to Sheron Cripps who sponsored medal day.

Pennant results on hand Section 2. 2 1/2 2 1/2. Well done playing Lang Lang on their home course.

Next week March 15, No Golf. Start of the week of golf Thursday 16.

The week after March 22, RWH 4BBB Qualifying round Choose partners.

Norma McGrath 4BBB Knock Out Qualifying, Jenny Mountford Trophy.

KORUMBURRA

Ladies

THE first round of the Gloria Burgess event was played last Wednesday.

A Grade was won by Merrissa Cosson (13), 35 pts with Shelley Snooks (17) next, 34 pts.

Lyn Perks (29) continued her winning streak to win B Grade, 39 pts and Jenny Blackmore (30) was close behind, 38 pts.

Lorraine Knox (34) followed up last week's win to be C Grade's winner, 34 pts, after a c/b with Karen Sorrell (34).

BDTL went to Barb Twite (23), 37 pts, Beryl Brown (26) and Trudy Olden (28), both 36 pts and Maree Wittingslow (48), 33 pts on a c/b. Barb Walker was NTP on the 1st and Jenny Blackmore was closest on the 13th.

Bob and Carol Stiff won Twilight's comp on Thursday, with 23 pts and Shelley Snooks was NTP on the 1st.

We had a team travel to Welshpool for the SGG Bowl and congratulate the winners from around our district.

Kerri Besley was Saturday's Monthly Medal and Scratch Score winner, 87(16)71. Trudy Mantell (23) was runner-up, 72 net and BDTL went to Aliesha Wrigley (19), 75 net and Judy Webb (20), 76 net.

Section 1 Pennant teams had a bye last week and our Section 2 team had a win 3 1/2 / 1 1/2 against Meeniyian. Well done to Julie Hillberg and Trudy Olden who played Pennant for the first time.

LANG LANG

SATURDAY saw the Monthly

Medal and the 2022 Medal of Medallists played with a pretty good weather day presented for the field of 160 competitors.

Congratulations to Michael Foote and Rena Casey for taking out the Medal of Medallists for 2022, and to Tony Ambrus and Betty Williamson for winning the March Medals.

Reminder to members and guests to save the date for the next Social night on Friday, March 17, with another \$250 shootout on the 9th hole.

It is the first round of AFL and Pies Vs Geelong will be playing on the big screen. Tee times from 3pm till 5.30pm, be sure to book your spots ASAP via the clubhouse, or if you just want to come down for a meal they are available for \$20, bookings essential.

Results for the week as follows:

Tuesday Stableford Competition

Division 1 winner was Peter Sellers with 41 points, Runner up Paul L Moore with 40 points

Division 2 winner Simon Vigilante with 45 points, Runner up Rod Robertson with 39 points

Ball rundown to 35 points

NTP's: 5th Gary Jollands, 9th Andre Van Gent, 12th Michael Fahey, 15th Kevin Cresp

Wednesday Ladies Monthly Medal/2022 Medal of Medallists

Winner March Medal Sue O'Connor with Net 72 points, Runner up Leah Barker with Net 73 points

Medal of Medallists winner

Chris Caig

Ball rundown to 79 points

Thursday Henry Hatch Par 4BBB Board Event

Winners were Bradley Vigilante and Simon Vigilante with a score of 11, Runners up Brian Tollkuhn and Frankie Chiu with a score of 10

Ball rundown to 6

Nearest the pins: 5th Daryl Barker, 9th Dale Gude, 12th Mark Weeding, 15th Dale Gude

Saturday Monthly Medal/Medal of Medallists

A Grade: Winner Tony Ambrus with Net 64, Runner up JJ Jenkins with Net 67 by countback to Third placegetter Tony Andrews

B Grade: Winner Bill Lucas with Net 67, Runner up Noel Welsh with Net 68 and Third Derek Page with Net 69

C Grade: Winner Tyler Doran with Net 65, Runner up John Adams with Net 67 to Third placegetter Peter Barber

Ball rundown to Net 72

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY Stableford February 28.

On Tuesday 59 golfers played in this Stableford Round.

A-Grade Winner: Winton Knop with 39 points

A-Grade R/up: John Ryan with 37 points

B-Grade Winner: Greg Ellt with

37 points
B-Grade R/up: Ian Trease with 35 points

NTP 14th: John McInnes at 3.2m

NTP 16th: Peter Stivic at 2.2m
Thursday Invy Espy Stableford March 2.

On Thursday 95 members/guests hitting off on a shotgun start at 9am, enjoyed an excellent day out, with thanks to the Invy Espy for their valued sponsorship of this Stableford Round.

This was the farewell round for the LGC Professional Tyler Marotti who has served the club brilliantly over the past 6 years and leaves with the best wishes of all staff and members at LGC to take up the post as Director of Golf at the Cranbourne Club. You will be greatly missed Tyler.

A Grade Winner: Paul Deery with a score of 38 points

A Grade R/U: Tyler Marotti with a score of 36 points

B Grade Winner: Wayne Keen with a score of 41 points

B Grade R/U: Peter Brownlie with a score of 36 points

C Grade Winner: Gordon Allan with a score of 37 points on a countback

C Grade R/U: Greg Ellt with a score of 37 points

D Grade Winner: George Misson with a score of 38 points

D Grade R/U: Trevor Moss with a score of 33 points on a countback

NTP: 14th George Misson 1.80m, NTP: 16th Eldon Westaway .44m

Saturday Monthly Medal 18 Hole Stroke Round 1 McMicking Plate March 4.

On Saturday we had 79 golfers take to the course for the Monthly Medal McMicking Plate Stroke Round 1 event.

A Grade Winner: Mark Lafferty with a net score of 67, A Grade R/U: Tony Morganti with a net score of 69 on a countback

B Grade Winner: Timothy McCarthy with a net score of 67, B Grade R/U: Paul Dell with a net score of 70

C Grade Winner: Edward Kosciuk with a net score of 65 on a countback, C Grade R/U: Phillip Edwards with a net score of 65

NTP: 14th John McInnes 1.54m, NTP: 16th Andrew Henley 2.50m

Well done to Phil Douglass with an eagle 2 on the Par 4 3rd hole.

Ladies

THIRTY-eight women competed in the March Monthly Medal and the first round of the Silver Spoon and McMicking Plate.

Deb Miller fared well in the variable weather conditions to win A grade with 96/72. Marianne Leaver was the runner up, on a count back, with 100/72.

Karen de Groot blitzed the B Grade field with a 109/68.

Else Gedye was runner up with

108/71. Karen will now have to wait patiently for the Saturday women to play before a final Monthly Medal winner is announced.

Winners of balls down the line were: Libby Seebeck 72 nett, Helen Mackenzie, Bev Reinhard and Mel Willer 74 nett, Karen Bear 75, Lianne Adamson and Wendy Brown 76, Delia Perry and Joc Howson 77 and Kay Dumbleton 78 nett on a count back from two other very disappointed players.

Marianne Leaver was the closest to the pin on the 14th and Trish Owen on the 16th hole.

Twelve women competed in the 9 hole competition with Pat Pease returning the best score of 16 points.

Sue Woods had 15 points and both Trish Miller and Marie Sands won a ball down the line with 14 points.

MEENIYAN

Ladies

ON Wednesday, March 1, 17 ladies played stroke (Medal Day) and first round of Silver Spoon. Sponsor for the day was Meeniyian Pharmacy.

It was also great to have 3 new players join us and play 9 holes.

The winner of the day and her first medal was new comer Louise Vuillermoz (54) with a lovely score and broken handicap of 123-54-69nett.

Runner Up was Faye LePage (25) 97-25-74nett

DLB Jo Graeme (29) 75 nett, Veronica Park (17) 76 nett, Andrea Thorson (9) 76 nett, Irene Holm (17) 76 Nett.

9 Hole comp went to Jan McCrystal 56 Gross.

Next Week RWH 4BBB Choose partners. Sponsor Graham Hoskin.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, March 2, Stableford.

A Grade: T Whitelaw (8) 38pts
B Grade: W Warner (30) 37pts
DTL: D Woodall 36, S Mc Kenzie 35, J Smeriglio 34, S Hill-Smith 33 c/b

NTP: 4th T Bradshaw 16th D Woodall.

Birdies: 6th J Smeriglio, 16th N Rutledge.

Saturday, March 4, Stroke.

A Grade: J Robbins (14) 71 c/b.

B Grade: J Mc Farlane (16) 71.

DTL: D Woodall, Tim Traill, N Baker 72, N Bracecamp, P Smart 73 c/b.

NTP: 1st S Mc Kenzie, 4th O Mahoney and 6th S Evison.

Birdies 4th G Shandley, Tom Traill, 6th S Evison.

PHILLIP ISLAND

TUESDAY, February 28, Men's 18 hole Stableford.

A Grade winner: Dan McConnon (6) with 40 Points from Wayne

Morris (7) with 39 points c/b

B Grade winner: Bill Lang 20 with 38 points countback from Rod Ward (17)

C Grade David Egan (25) with 37 points countback from Carl Russo (24)

NTP: 5TH Mark Jamieson 7th Stuart Carson 10th Wayne Morris 17th Dave Nicoll

BDL to 35 points c/b

Tuesday, February 28, Men's 9 hole Stableford

The winner was Mal MacArthur (28) with 19 points countback from Reg Browne, David Gladman, BDL to 18 points.

Wednesday, March 1- Ladies 9 Hole Stableford

Winner was Gillian Scrase (45) with 19 points countback from Marilyn Jamieson (35)

BDL to 15 points c/b.

Wednesday, March 1 – Ladies 18 Hole Par

A Grade Winner Kaye Beaton (22) with square

B Grade winner was Jill Tyrrell (29) with +3

C Grade Winner was Judy Griffin (36) +7, BDL to -2 c/b

NTP: 5th Lesley Meadowcroft 7th Lynore Mercer 10th Mary Taylor

Thursday, March 2, Open 9 hole Stableford

Winner was Reb Browne (35) with 19 points countback from Brian Baker (18), BDL to 18 points.

Thursday, March 2, Open Stableford

A grade: Rick Banfield (14) 38 points from Rob Davison (10) with 35 points

B Grade: David K Taylor (17) with 42 points from Howard Black (17) with 39 points c/b

C Grade Winner was Warren Dickie (22) with 41 points countback from Rob Wood (27)

BDL to 35 points c/b

NTP: 5TH Jeff Sellenger, 7th David K. Taylor 10th, Rob Davison and 17th Alan Schache

Saturday, March 4, Stroke Monthly Medal

Men's Results

A Grade Winner was Scott Leathbridge (7) with Nett 69 from Gino Manfredi (11) 70 nett c/b

B Grade winner was Andrew Hewett (15) with Nett 69 countback from Gerard Ferrari (18)

C Grade winner was Ron Wadey (19) with Nett 68 from Jeff Sellenger (24) with Nett 70 BDL to 74 Nett

NTP: 5th Craig O'Neill, 7th Trevor Read, 10th Stuart Crawford, 17th Mark Harringtonsma

Ladies Stableford results

Ladies winner was Barb Haydon (31) with 38 points from Jill Tyrrell (28) with 37

NTP 5th Dawn Andrews 7th Vicki Roff-Smith 10th Alice Schofield 17th Vivienne Laurito



2023 Club Champions at Wonthaggi Golf Club were Pam Hanley (C Grade), Robyn Wilkinson (B Grade) and Marg Johnson (Open).

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9 hole Open Stableford winner was David Scrase (33) with 17 points from Len Fenton (16) with 16 points.

BDL to 12 c/b

SOUTH GIPPSLAND

Ladies

THERE was a great gathering of clubs from around the district on Friday, March 3, at Welshpool Golf Club for the Women's SGGI Bowl.

The dry weather that is currently upon us contributed to the 'run' found around the fairways – the course was in great condition and certainly commanded respect particularly around the greens.

The winners of the SGGI Bowl Teams Aggregate with a fabulous 106 points were the Meenian 2 team of Sue Hoskin 38pts (27), Jo Graeme 33pts (28) and Heather McCaughan 35pts (45). In the grade events winners were A Grade Jeanette Diss (Phillip Island) 37pts (20), B Grade Sue Hoskin (Meenian) 38 pts (27) on a c/back from Maxine Eabry and C Grade Dot Stait (Welshpool) 36pts (37).

Balls down the line went to 38pts Maxine Eabry (Leongatha) (27), 35pts Faye Le Page (Meenian) (25), Rachel Brown (Welshpool) (20), Nicole Whiteside (Leongatha) (43), 34pts Kaylene Morris (Foster) (27) Karen Barwick (Welshpool) (30), 33pts Trish Owen (Leongatha) (21), Marg Johnson (Wonthaggi) (14), Dawn Andrews (Phillip Island) (17), 32pts Bev Bridge (Woorayl) (33)

Nearest the pins went to 3rd Marg Johnson (Wonthaggi), 6th Jo Graeme (Meenian), 15th Beth Curram (Foster)

A scrumptious afternoon tea was enjoyed by all and some wonderful hand made raffle prizes were appreciated by the lucky recipients.

On behalf of all present a huge thank you goes out to Captain Sue Brown for the fabulous effort she did in running the event with her wonderful team at Welshpool.

WONTHAGGI

MEN'S results March 4, S.R 72. Competition type: Stroke Monthly Medal and putting.

A Grade: Mat Johnson 72

B Grade: Ross Yann 67

C Grade: Willy Williams 66 (Monthly Medal)

Eagle: Gary Kirk, 11th Hole.

NTPs: Grant MacKenzie 2nd, Ian Gilmour 4th, Mat Johnson propin 8th, Grant MacKenzie 13th, Julian Wintle money hole 17th, Graeme Crawford Putting. Men's results March 2.

Competition type: Stableford 18 Hole, SR. 71

Winner: Ian Hack 42

Runner Up: Geoff Callister 39

Men's results March 2.

Competition type: Stableford 9 hole 10 to 18, SR. 36
Winner: Norm Burne 20

Ladies

ROUND of stroke was the March Monthly Medal and the final round of the Women's Club Championships over three weeks.

Our runaway B Grade and Medal winner was Betty Bowmar with a lovely 97 (28) 69.

Jan Beaumont won A Grade 92(19)73.

Jan birdied the 4th (and it's NTP) and won the putting with 29 puts.

C Grade winner was Heather Wintle 110(39)71.

Other NTP 2nd and 8th Marg Johnson, 17th Wendy Cross, Best Scratch Merryn Dear 88

BDL A Poulton 72, P Hanley 72, P Russell 73, Y Everitt 74, G Prentice 74, D Brosnan 74

Club Championships

We were generously sponsored by Viridian Financial Group who have supported our Championships for many years. From the results each grade was a close battle.

Open Champion Marg Johnson 278 from Merryn Dear 279.

B Grade Champion Robyn Wilkinson 302 from Geraldine Prentice 308

C Grade Champion Pam Hanley 309 from Lisa Brusamarello 310

A Grade Handicap (net over 3 rounds) Jan Beaumont 225

B Grade Handicap Dawn Judkins 226

C Grade Handicap Pam Hanley 216

Pearl Kewning Award best net of all grades for 3 rounds -Pam Hanley

L & M Taylor Award -Lisa Brusamarello

WOORAYL

Ladies

THE March Monthly Medal and Ken Grist Matchplay Qualifying round was the program for the women at Woorayl on Wednesday, March 1, playing Stroke.

The day was Sponsored by Lyn Rose Boutique and they were thanked for their continued support.

The winner of the Monthly Medal and B Grade was Sherrill Winkler with a fabulous 102-38-64nett.

The A Grade winner was Ann Poole with another good score of 100-25-75nett.

Balls down the line went to Diane O'Connor 74 nett, 76 nett Heather Sullivan and Bev Bridge.

The best nine out was Sharyn Rayson and the nearest the pins were the 8th Heather Sullivan, 11th Elly Berryman and 17th Bev Bridge.

Notable moments were Gobbler Birdie to Sherrill Winkler on the 17th and a gobbler to Elly Berryman on the 13th.



Wonthaggi Turkey Triples winners Graham Cornell, John Newcombe and Kevin Brown.

LEONGATHA

THE Midweek Pennant Division 1 Preliminary Final and also the Division 3 Preliminary Final were played on February 28 at Korumburra.

The result of the Division 1 game was a win to Leongatha by defeating Wonthaggi with an overall score of 56/52 shots and 14 points.

Leongatha Div 1 will now advance to the Final against Inverloch on Tuesday, March 7, at Korumburra.

Leongatha supporters are required to show their support.

The Midweek Pennant Division 3 game against Fish Creek was won by Fish Creek with an overall score of 45/34 shots and eight points.

Leongatha Div 3 will now look forward to next season and Fish Creek will play in the Final against Port Welshpool on Tuesday, March 7.

Midweek Pennant is now completed pending the Final for the Leongatha Bowls Club and hopefully we can improve over the off season to become a force in the 23/24 Midweek Pennant program.

The Kitty Club function on Friday night was enjoyable thanks to the workers who made it happen.

Social Bowls will continue on a Saturday and Wednesday and the Monthly Triples event will be as scheduled.

PHILLIP ISLAND

DIV 1 Phillip Island vs Mirboo North: P Forrest team 25 defeated P Lewis 21, D. Hanlon 17 defeated by J. Taylor 21 and J. Newcombe 29 defeated A. Sopakow 18. Totals were 68 to 60 to Phillip Island.

Division 2.

Phillip Island vs Fish Creek: Kevin Brown played D. Christie, won 26 to 15: Mark Hone played Robbie Mortlock and won 23 to 13: Stu Cunningham played Tim McLean and won 22 to 17. Totals were 71 to 45 Phillip Island.

Div 5.

Phillip Island vs Tarwin Bill Davies played Peter Henwood and won 23 to 16: Lois May played S McPherson and lost 10 to 21: Terry Dawes played K Shears and won 26 to 13. Totals were 59 to 50 Phillip Island.

This was the first time since the club was formed that we have won three Saturday Pennant Grand Finals in the same year.

STRZELECKI SOUTH

WEEKEND Pennant Grand Finals for Division 3 and 4 were hosted by Inverloch Bowls Club on Saturday, March 4, 2023.

Strzelecki South representative Mark Taylor (Foster BC) presented the winners with their

Pennant Flag, Club Plaque and Player medals.

Mark commented that the games were competitive and played in good spirit.

He thanked Inverloch Bowls Club for hosting the event along with the umpires, scoreboard attendants, green keepers and catering staff for volunteering their time to help organise a most successful and entertaining day.

Division 3 – Wonthaggi 48 defeated by Lang Lang 53.

Division 4 – Tarwin Lower 66 defeated by Wonthaggi 42.

WONTHAGGI

THIS week started off with Wonthaggi hosting the Strzelecki Region Champion of Champions last Sunday.

As you probably know our own Jan Jeeves won the Ladies Champion of Champions and will go to Bendigo to play in the State titles.

After lunch Jan teamed up with Caroline Donohue, Janis Parks and Robyn Dennis to not only play in the final of the fours, but to win the title for the Strzelecki region.

A great result for all four bowlers after a lot of hard work to get to the final.

Tuesday Mid Week saw the the preliminary finals being played at Korumburra.

Div 1 put up a good show on all three rinks but playing Leongatha is always a tough match, as they are hard to beat on any given day.

The result went down to the wire with Wonthaggi going down by a slim margin. The final scores Wonthaggi 52 Leongatha 56.

Div 2 played Inverloch, also at Korumburra, with mixed results over the three rinks. Once again Inverloch are hard to beat on any given day.

As you would expect Wonthaggi fought the match out until the last end. The final scores Wonthaggi 37 Inverloch 56.

Bare Foot Bowls finished on Tuesday night, once again with a lot of happy faces and played in good weather and in good spirits. Looking forward to next year already with more teams and more people.

Wednesday saw our Turkey Triples with a full field of bowlers which is a credit to Fred and his team. The naga award went to a team of Ladies from Tarwin and Wonthaggi. The best game went to a team from Inverloch being Wayne and Janis Parks and Graham Turton with a score of plus 26 shots. The winners were a team from Phillip Island, consisting of Graham Cornell, John Newcombe and Kevin Brown with a score of 4 wins and 25 shots up. They were one of two teams that were 4 game winners. The runners up were a team from Wonthaggi and

Inverloch being Rob Allan, Keith Cousins and Ray Hin with a score of 4 wins and 22 shots up.

Thursday morning saw a good number of 20 bowlers enjoy the fine weather and a chat over lunch. Pennant Break up will be Friday 10th March at 5 pm in the Clubhouse. Talking about Pennant, Saturday was Grand final day with Div 3 and Div 4 playing at Inverloch on a fine day with a stiff breeze from the east. Div 3 had a tight battle all day against a Lang Lang team that were there for the same reason as we were. One rink had a draw another a good win and another did not have a good day, but that happens. The final score Wonthaggi 48 Lang Lang 53. Div 4 were playing Tarwin who finished the year on top of the ladder.

However, Wonthaggi, after two good wins to get to the Grand Final, were in good spirits and looking for another win. As the match went on Tarwin showed why they finished on top of the ladder and were able to get a break and win the match. The final scores Wonthaggi 42 Tarwin 66.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 1pm, Thursday social bowls at 10 am, Friday Coaching at 10.00am and Saturday day social bowls at 1pm

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

ONCE again we had a good turnup.

Tuesday we had 23 the winners with a plus 29 winning both their games were Sylvia Mattock, Thelma Kavanagh, Rhonda Ratzenbury and Wolfe Gilch.

Coming second on plus 12 also winning both games were Pat Smith, John Postlethwaite and Helen and John Rook.

Friday day 27 players compete the winners on plus 9 winning both games were Brian Newman, John Stewart, Lino Cuman and Bill Featherson runners up with a win and a draw on plus 4 were Pat Novak, Jos Kemper and Wolfe Gilch.

MIDWEEK

WHAT a great day at Koo Wee Rup this week.

Winners on 37 points were:
Terry Floyd (S), Frank d'Uinenville (3), Peter Thorley (L)

Runners Up on 36 points were:
Michael Dady (S), David Talbot (3), Shirley Corcoran (L)

Best One Game on 18 points were:
Mark Andreatta (S), Michael Saunders (3), Pauline McWilliams (2), Ruth Waring (L).

Next week our venue is Lang Lang Bowls Club, please be at the club by 10am for a 10.30am start, everyone welcome.



Phillip Island's Division 1 team got the better of Mirboo North in Saturday's grand final. Pictured is Peter Forrest, Peter Ferguson, Ewan Wilson, Arthur Denny, Dave Hanlon, Russell May, Jim Kirk, John Mathews, John Newcombe Rohan Walker, Darryl White and Bob Hurst A20_1023



Phillip Island claimed the Division 2 Saturday bowls pennant in Wonthaggi, beating Fish Creek in the decider. Pictured is Kevin Brown, Graeme Cornell, Pat Ryan, John Routley, Mark Hone, Robyn Dennis, Barrie Goldsbury Trevor Gibson, Stuart Cunningham, Chris Fricke, John Batty and Wayne Barr A21_1023



Lang Lang Division 3 winners. Vern Elliot (back row), Scott Bancroft, Kevin Kitchin, Tony Abbott, John Williams, Neville Kitchin. Bev Kitchin (front row), Gillian Abbott, Jenny Smith, Bill Bairns, Judy Prowd, David Smith, Laurie Bell.



Tarwin Lower Division 4. David Barry (back row), Ned Clark, Paul Redmayne, Kevin Jones, John Hutt. Peter Micali (front row), Fred Martin, Ray Saunders, Arthur Newsome, Jon Fedley, Mark Jois, Peter Tainton.



Phillip Island is the Division 5 champion after toppling Tarwin Lower in Saturday's grand final. Pictured are Bill Davies, Max Opitz, Paul Bean, Ray Pepper, Lois May, Jan Dixon, Sam Cachia, Steve Williams, Terry Dawes, Beb Hyslop, Derek MacDonald and Graeme White A22_1023



Sporting clubs unite for Stony Creek Cup

STONY CREEK Football Netball Club continues its longstanding association with the Stony Creek Cup and the four other days of racing that make up the local season.

Club members throw themselves into running the bars and canteen and overseeing car parking, with between 20 to 30 of them in action for Stony Creek Cup Day.

It is a major fundraiser, enabling the Lions to make improvements to their ground and surrounds that benefit the local community.

"The footy club is very active in its support of the Stony Creek Race Club and what they do," Stony Creek Football Netball Club president Mark Le Page said.

With funding obtained through his club's involvement with the Stony Creek racing season, Le Page is looking forward to the addition of grandstand seating around the Lions' netball courts, better coaches' boxes for footy and netball, and more seating at the footy ground.

However, he stressed fundraising is not the main motivation for helping Stony Creek Racing Club.

"The race club has been a mainstay of our community for over 100 years, and it allows us to help it do what it does very well," Le Page said of his club's close association with Stony Creek Racing Club and the opportunity to be involved on race days.

"We're happy to be a part of it and support them, which in turn supports the community," the president said, noting that "is what it's all about".

Le Page considers the Stony Creek racing season is of huge importance, bringing attention and visitors to the area from far and wide.

"The people that roll through, not just Stony Creek, but the surrounding towns for the day or the weekend is massive," he said.

The president noted that footy netball club members working at the races hear a lot of positive feedback on how the local community brings the Stony Creek Cup Day together and ensure it runs smoothly.

Up to 2500 people are expected to attend the Stony Creek Cup, the culmination of the local racing season.

Le Page praised the Stony Creek Racing Club's success in promoting the event and the local area.

"They are actively part of the community, so all the volunteers who work at the races are from community-based clubs or organisations," he said.

While individual volunteers aren't paid for their efforts, the racing club financially rewards local clubs and organisations for their help to run its race days.

Stony Creek Racing Club CEO Adam Olszanski is delighted with the success of partnering with local clubs and organisations for the Stony Creek Cup, and the mutual benefits that flow from it.

"It's a big fundraiser for a number of community clubs that get paid to run the event services," Olszanski said, clearly delighted with the way they go about doing so.



Nick Say (left) and Paul Mannix can't wait for San Remo's own seafood festival to be held in September this year which has been named 'TIDAL'.

San Remo to get its own seafood festival

LAST weekend the San Remo Fisherman's Co-op attended the Apollo Bay Seafood Festival, in preparation for San Remo's own seafood festival, TIDAL.

To be held on the San Remo foreshore on September 15-17 this year, TIDAL is San Remo's very own celebration of its connection to the sea and the fishing industry that has helped shape the town.

The TIDAL committee has been working hard behind the scenes to rebrand the Fishing Festival into a multi-day, family friendly event and has been working closely with organisers of last weekend's Apollo Bay Seafood Festival. When the opportunity to get involved in the festival came up, it was an opportunity not to be missed.

"Bill Fraser and the committee in Apollo Bay run a world-class event, so when we were invited to get an inside look, we couldn't say no," says Paul Mannix, manager of the San Remo Fisherman's Co-op.

So Paul and Nick Say from the Westernport Hotel volunteered their time to head to the festival with the idea of selling the Co-op's famous Grilled Gummy Burger to the masses, while promoting San Remo's event and learning as much as they could about what makes a great fishing festival.

"It was a win-win-win," said Jims Bait & Tackle owner, Craig Edmonds, who's heading up the San Remo committee.

"We added some value to the Apollo Bay event, we learnt a lot that we can bring back to San Remo, and 100 per cent of the profits from our stall on the day went back to the Traders Association to help make TIDAL the best event it can be."

Paul and Nick sold out of Gummy Burgers in a hectic 3 hours, which made for a long trip home to San Remo.

"It really highlighted the demand for what we do well in San Remo - fresh fish straight from our local fishers, cooked simply and treated with respect. We can't wait to do the same with all the local traders on board in September."

Keep up to date with TIDAL Seafood Festival at tidalseafoodfest.com.au

Sporting grants open

VICTORIAN community sporting groups can kick off their 2023 season with funding now available for uniforms, equipment, training and club development, through the State Government.

Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence announced applications are open for the latest round of the Sporting Club Grants Program.

Grants of up to \$1000 are available for uniforms and participation equipment, up to \$2000 for training of coaches, officials and volunteers, and up to \$5000 to create new participation initiatives and improve club operational effectiveness.

The Sporting Club Grants Program has invested more than \$15.5 million to support thousands of community sporting clubs across the state since 2015.

By providing more opportunities for clubs and organisations to build their resources, skills and offer new initiatives, the program makes an important contribution to future proofing grassroots sport and active recreation.

For more information and to apply for Sporting Club Grants Program visit sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding.



Inaugural First Nations Youth Camp to be held on Phillip Island. Surfer Otis Carey. Photo: Billabong / Duncan Macfarlane.

Inaugural First Nations youth high performance program camp

IT started on Friday, February 17.

The three-day camp that includes surfing and cultural sessions at URBNSURF Melbourne, on Wurundjeri land, and Phillip Island, on Boonwurrung land. The cultural aspect of the program will be guided by an all-Indigenous Committee, with the High-Performance component led by Surfing Australia.

Committee spokesperson, Rory Togo said "The program has been tailored around helping the kids to aspire to their fullest surfing potential in a culturally safe environment. Not only will they be exposed

to some of the best surfing coaches the country has to offer but we hope to inspire and encourage them to stand proud in their culture as young Indigenous people."

The program's Founding Partner Norm J Innis Charitable Foundation has generously supported this key new initiative.

Sixteen surfers have been selected for the inaugural First Nations Youth High Performance Program using a combination of event results and surfer potential.

Each surfer will have an individual High Performance plan that prioritises

wellbeing and cultural identity, valuing the voice of the young person and their families. The plan includes strength and conditioning training, sports psychology, life skills, trick acquisition, goal setting and other support as required.

The First Nations Youth High Performance Program camp is proudly sponsored by the Norm J Innis Charitable Foundation and major partner Billabong with support from URBNSURF, Mark Richards Surfboards, FCS, Surfboard Empire, and the Australian Olympic Committee.

Open Longboard success



A number of local Longboarders found success over the weekend in round one of the Victorian Longboard Titles.

FINALS day of Round 1 of the Victorian Longboard Titles commenced at Cape Woolamai with light winds and solid waves shifting the competitors' focus to performing their manoeuvres in the most critical section of the wave.

Throughout the day, the incentive for the Victorian Men's and Women's Longboard division to be awarded a wildcard into the upcoming WSL Bells Beach Longboard Classic World Tour Event was on everyone's mind with performances clearly raised.

It was an exciting start to the day with Liam McCafferty (McCrae) doing a nose ride into close out barrel to start the Logger Over 40 Men's final. This boosted McCafferty's confidence going into the rest of the final as he scored dual high 6-point rides. McCafferty took out the final on a combined heat total of 13.60.

Ben Considine (Torquay) took control of both the Logger Open Men and Open Men Longboard finals as he continued his momentum from yesterday. In the Logger Open Men's final Considine took nose riding to the next level as he lent over the nose of his board two times on the one wave.

Considine didn't slow down in the Open Men's Longboard final as he produced some technical footwork and displayed insane balance on his way to a combined heat total of 17 points. This won him his second division of the day and put him one step closer to scoring an event wildcard into the WSL Bells Beach Longboard Classic World Tour Event.

In the Open Women's Longboard final Angela King (Torquay) came out

of the gates strongly by performing a series of backhand carves to get a 6-point ride and the early lead.

However, this lead was not held for long as Molly Powell (Angelsea) took off on one of the biggest waves of the day and carved off the lip with commitment to obtain a 7-point ride and the pole position in the final. Powell was then quick to acquire a 5.70-point ride as a backup in an attempt to hold onto the lead.



Karen Klym was presented with life membership by president Don Stewart-Uden.

Phillip Island Bridge

THE club's AGM was conducted recently.

Outgoing president Don Stewart-Uden and vice president Paul Waylen were presented with gifts in recognition of their service over many years.

Long serving President Karen Klym was presented with life membership.

Clare Murphy also received a gift in recognition of her services to the club. The new committee will be finalised next week.

On to results. North/South players Hannah Martin and Maureen Stiles came first on 61.11%. Next in line were Deb Anglim and Greg Nicholson on 55.06% and third were Lois Dywer and Anne Gibson on 52.08%.

East/west winners were Paul Waylen and Leng Haggith on 55.59%. Marion Wellwood and Graham Mckergow came second on 54.17%. Bron Sund and Shirley Stewart finished third on 50.60%.

Wednesday, March 1, nationwide:

Caroline Shaw and Leng Haggith took line honours with an even 60%. Greg Nicholson and Deb Anglim came second on 55% and third place was a tie between Bron Sund and Shirley Weaver and Diane Coleman and Tony James.

Don't be at risk of accidental entry

LIFE Saving Victoria (LSV) is reminding those spending time in or around water during March, of the risk of accidental entry, and that just because you don't intend to enter the water, does not mean you shouldn't be prepared for the risks.

This comes as statistics uncover that walking or recreating near water has been a key activity preceding drowning in the month of March, with 17 per cent of people fatally drowning in March doing so after walking near water (including on rocks) since year 2000-01.

LSV manager research and evaluation Dr Hannah Calverley said just because summer is over, this does not mean the risks around water are gone.

With Victorians' likelihood of drowning increasing by 68 per cent on a public holiday, Dr Calverley said this message is particularly important in the lead up to Labour Day on March 13.

Those planning on spending the long weekend by the water are reminded to swim between the red and yellow flags at a patrolled location wherever possible, never swim alone and keep children under constant supervision, wear a lifejacket if boating or fishing and remember to avoid alcohol and drugs while undertaking water-related activities.



Mackenzie Findlay (left), Mae Trease, Emma Murphy, Eddie Turner, Margot Elliott and Lisa Guastella had a ball at the recent Auskick event on Sunday.

Auskick is for everyone!

GIRLS came to Leongatha on Sunday from all over South Gippsland to develop their skills and their love for footy at the AFL All Girls Footy4Fun event.

Over two Sundays, girls have worked on a range of skills in a fun and supportive environment with the expertise of coaches Mackenzie Findlay and Lisa Guastella.

They've practiced their handballing, got "stuck in the mud", and finessed their drop punts. There's even been the odd torpedo.

For South Gippsland girls wanting to hone their skills and have some fun, the AFL is kicking off a 5-week All Girls Auskick Program at Imperials Cricket Club in Leongatha.

It starts this Friday 10th March and sessions run 4:30-5:30. The registration fee is discounted off the participants' local NAB AFL Auskick Season.

For Auskickers of all genders, Leongatha's NAB AFL Auskick season is open now for registrations.

Sessions run on Friday nights 5:00pm - 6:00pm from 28th April throughout term 2.

Leongatha's Friday night Auskick is a community event and a great way to have some fun with other families.

Tea for the kids is sorted as Leongatha Auskickers get a free sausage in bread, and there's a canteen open with a range of food on offer.

Families get on the field together, celebrating those footy firsts with their Auskickers.

It's super easy to help out, even

if you're not familiar with footy. Parents can come and have a kick or help out in the canteen or with the barbie.

NAB AFL Auskick is the best way to introduce kids to the great game of Aussie Rules football. It's all about fun, getting hands on the ball and being constantly involved in exciting activities.

To register for the All Girls Auskick Program or for the Leongatha NAB AFL Auskick season, visit playhq.com and search Leongatha, or contact Gen Anderson 0424 964 335.

Under 18s take on Melbourne City

U18 JBNPL - Gippsland United FC V Melbourne City

The Under 18 Boys took to the park against top of the table and A-League Academy side, Melbourne City FC, who came into the bout undefeated and with many high-scoring wins under their belt.

In the warm conditions, the City boys looked more the likely from kick off, however when Gippsland strung several passes together, it was Ronald Kong who rounded the keeper and took the home side into an unlikely lead.

However, the City boys displayed their undefeated status by equalising, and then turning the game around to put themselves in the lead in a matter of minutes.

The scoring would not stop there, as the Melbourne City boys demonstrated their academy-level footballing abilities and dominated an extremely

one-sided contest and went into half time many goals ahead.

The second half began a little more promising for the home side, however, City were too much for the Gippsland boys.

The boys will look to bounce back in a double header weekend of football next Saturday and Monday, as the boys host Bentleigh Greens and Oakleigh Cannons.

Gippsland United 1, Melbourne City 15.

U16 JBNPL - Gippsland United FC V Melbourne City

The soccer season is in full swing for Gippsland FC with the highly anticipated match against Melbourne City played this weekend at our home grounds. The day was a hot one with the boys playing in 34 degree heat, which unfortunately proved to be too much for some.

This has always been a tough

match for the boys and today was no exception. The under 16s starting 11 went out looking strong in their new strips lead by their captain Luca Dicorleto #31.

Thank you to the four under 15s players that stepped up to support the team due to unfortunate injuries.

Our goalie Jedd Foster #20 and the defence had their work cut out for them and Jedd gave it everything he had with some fantastic saves especially a brilliant slide save in the first half. Luca Dicorleto #31, Spencer Boughton #25, Noah Jackson #24 and Dylan Rosato #30 fought hard to keep the Melbourne City team under control but unfortunately, it wasn't enough and Gippsland FC lost to Melbourne City 0 - 12.

Other scores:

U15 JBNPL - Gippsland United FC (0) V Melbourne City (9)

U14 JBNPL - Gippsland United FC (0) V Melbourne City (9)



Sam Darby (U15) takes control during their match against Melbourne City.



Olivia Holmes was runner up in the Jewel Family Trophy winner.



Zac Sherar was runner up in the Alan Harlow award.

Local swimmers win further awards

SEVERAL SGB swimmers placed well in the awards last weekend at the Gippsland Championships. The club featured prominently in the top 10 place getters for several of the awards.

Olivia Holmes won the Jewell family award for most individual points by a female swimmer, having won 6 gold, 4 silver, 3 bronze.

This includes points in her age group and open events. Rahni Matheson finished sixth.

In the Charles Ford trophy for the most points by a male swimmer Caiden Gill ranked third, Mostyn Lumsden fourth and Zac Sherar was 5th and Dylan Muir eighth.

In the Alan Harlow award for the most points for earned in under 14 events in the female's second place went to Olivia Holmes, fourth Emily Croatto, sixth Rahni Matheson, seventh Jemma Tagell and eighth Sienna Hunt.

In the male's section, second place went to Zac Sherar and third to Rex Brocklesby.

Grand Ridge Parkrun

IT WAS a balmy morning for Mirboo North this Saturday. The Grand Ridge Rail Trail was bustling with 33 participants who came to enjoy their run, jog or walk. We had a few wonderful poohches and visitors to the event.

Darcy Linforth achieved his 50th parkrun milestone before racing off to continue a few weekend jobs.

Darcy has always remained a speedy parkrunner often completing each event in a little over 20minutes.

Darcy has volunteered a total of 37 times and is often seen helping out at our event before umpiring during the football season. Great work Darcy!

We are very grateful to the volunteers who made this event happen; Bill Barry, Chris Bickhoff, Lynane Bickhoff, Julia Groves, Brooke Jones, Kate Lewton, Leon McDonald, Linda Zhang.

Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling

2S COMPANY: 1st on 5pts King Pins, 2nd on 5pts Alley Cats and 3rd on 5pts Palms

ABL: 1st on 30pts Knacker, 2nd on 26pts Buccaneers and 3rd on 21pts Fairlanes

Business Early: 1st on 5pts Balls Deep, 2nd on 4pts Sassy Gronks, 3rd on 3pts Wooly Rollers and 4th on 3pts Turkey Slappers.

Business Late: 1st on 4pts City Lights, 2nd on 4pts Dynamic Painting, 3rd on 3pts 3 Stooges and 4th on 3pts S&R Clarke Auto.

Top Scores:

Mens: Matt Edwards 209, Raff Merente 207 and Peter MacInnes 205.

Womens: Jacque Kent 176, Karen Klym 162 and Tarryne Wright 158.

ALAMBEET MIRBOO & DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOCIATION

THE last round of the 2022/2023 season was this week and with some kind weather it was a day to make the ladders move in both sections.

Westernport won against Inverloch in the first round of the year and have repeated it again this week.

They are the only team to have done this, so well done! Some teams have changed a bit since Country Week with some players coming back with injuries.

Inverloch and Westernport have been the top two teams all season, but the other three positions have been extremely close. Korumburra's win this week secured third position and Koonwarra won just enough sets to sneak into the top four, meaning that Leongatha North miss out by just half a point.

Outtrim finish the season with another win, this time over Leongatha Green. Joel Langstaff played well this week, doing everything he could for his team.

It has been magnificent seeing Joel play with his son's Zac and Ethan who have played some fantastic tennis. Outtrim ladies won all their sets, setting their team up for the win.

Leongatha Gold and Korumburra had a long afternoon with two tiebreakers, a few 8/6s and plenty of rallies. Well done to Pam Gardner for filling in for Leongatha Gold and winning her three sets.

There is no play next weekend due to the long weekend.

The Semi Finals will be held at Leongatha Tennis Courts on March 17. The two teams outside the four are required to have at least three players in attendance for umpiring. Those in the four, please make sure you are there on time for play to start at midday. These will be the matches for the Semi Finals:

Section 1: Inverloch v Koonwarra, Westernport v Korumburra

Section 2: Outtrim v Korumburra, Leongatha Gold v Baromi

Section 1 results: Westernport 6.64 defeated Inverloch 3.53, Korumburra 7.64 defeated Koonwarra 2.43, Leongatha North BYE

Ladder: Inverloch 125.5, Westernport 108.5, Korumburra 71.5, Koonwarra 67.5, Leongatha North 67

Section 2 results: Leongatha Gold 7.67 defeated Korumburra 2.42, Outtrim 6.64 defeated Leongatha Green 3.39, Baromi BYE

Ladder: Outtrim 105.5, Leongatha Gold 96.5, Baromi 91.5, Korumburra 88, Leongatha Green 56.5

MIRBOO NORTH & DISTRICT JUNIOR TENNIS ASSOCIATION

A GRADE results: Baromi 6 sets, 36 games defeated Mardan 0 sets, 10 games, Fish Creek 6 sets, 36 games defeated Leongatha Federer 0 sets, 8 games.

Leongatha Nadal 6 sets, 36 games defeated Leongatha Kyrigos 0 sets, 6 games.

A Grade ladder: Leongatha Nadal 72.5, Baromi 67.5, Fish Creek 61, Leongatha Federer 50.5, Leongatha Kyrigos 40, Mardan 20.5

B Grade results: Baromi 5 sets, 36 games defeated Mardan 1 set, 13 games, Fish Creek 5 sets, 34 games defeated Leongatha Federer 1 set, 18 games.

B Grade ladder: Fish Creek 73.5, Baromi 71, Leongatha 40.5, Mardan 24

C Grade: Leongatha Saville 5 sets, 26 games defeated Baromi 3 sets, 24 games, Fish Creek 5 sets, 27 games defeated Mardan 3 sets, 19 games, Leongatha Swaitek 8 sets, 32 games defeated Leongatha Tomijanovic 0 sets, 11 games.

C Grade ladder: Leongatha Swaitek 97, Baromi 79, Leongatha Saville 67, Fish Creek 66, Leongatha Tomijanovic 51, Mardan 44

Congratulations to all players on a terrific season.

No matches are to be played next week over the Labour Day Long weekend.

Semi (Elimination) Finals are to be held on March 18, at the Leongatha tennis courts. 1st V 4th & 2nd V 3rd. Goodluck to all finalists.



The Frankston Men's squad were good enough to get a photo with a few Coasters youngsters after their practice match win over Ringwood. B12_1023

NBL1 action hits Wonthaggi

By Aiden Box

close three-point Frankston win.

Following the women's match, the highly anticipated men's contest got underway from 7pm in front of a packed crowd, there was barely a single spot free in the grandstand all night.

Despite finishing at different ends of the table last NBL1 season, the Blues and Hawks produced a close contest in the first quarter until Frankston proved they're a cut above and pulled away in quarters two and three.

A highlight for the healthy Wonthaggi crowd was watching former Aussie Boomers Olympian and current Melbourne United guard Brad Newley work his magic for Frankston.

Newley scored well and led the way on defence in the Blues' 29-point win.

The NBL1 South will tip off on Saturday April 1 for the Blues and Sunday April 2 for the Hawks.



Action gets underway in Wonthaggi with the tip off between Frankston and Ringwood in the men's match. B14_1023

Olivia's showjumping success

ELEVEN-year-old Olivia Curtain from Rhyll and her team of three horses have started 2023 on fire.

On New Year's Day, her 14.2 hand pony Indi's Mr Zorba Jones took out the 95cm Mt Gambier Showjumping Classic, along with her other 14.2 hand pony Xcella winning a 95cm and 1m class.

Olivia also stepped out her new 16 hand off the track thoroughbred, That's Limo, having some lovely clear rounds.

Then in early February was the World Wetlands and GDP Classic both at Boneo Park, where Olivia stepping That's Limo up in the Emce Apparel Children's 1.05m class coming fourth in a super competitive field.

Then backing that up in the Feedhouse Children's Championship's coming third in the 1.10m class.

Mr Jones had a first in the 95cm and Xcella first in the 1m also performing well with some great placings and clear rounds.

Friday, February 24, saw 200 plus riders competing in the first of three rounds of the Interschool Showjumping Championship at Boneo Park and the first round of four for the VEIS

(Victorian Equestrian Interschool Series) which first and second place in the series qualifies for the Nationals later in the year at Werribee Park.

Olivia representing Newhaven College competed all three horses with the best result coming from Mr Jones taking out the Progressive Championship 95cm, with some very consistent riding.

Xcella and That's Limo competed in the Intermediate Championship 1.05m with Xcella winning the first speed round, but a not so good two phase leaving them in 18th place.

While That's Limo was his normal consistent self-finishing in equal fifth place for the Championship, which are all wonderful achievements.

The next few months sees Olivia and her team competing in the invitation only ponies section of Jumping with the Stars at Werribee against the best children's riders in Victoria. Interschool State Championships at Werribee and round 2 of the ISJ and VEIS Series.

Olivia would like to thank all her family and supporters, her sponsor Melbourne Brick and her coaches Lever Equestrian and Hillview Equestrian.



Olivia Curtain from Rhyll has had an incredible start to 2023 competing in numerous equestrian competitions. B14_1023

Finals fever hits LDCA juniors

Reports courtesy of Scott Checkley

• Under 17s

Inverloch 0/38 d Nerrena 35

INVERLOCH defeated Nerrena on the Leongatha Turf, batting first the Red Caps failed to fire with the bat.

Opening bowlers for Inverloch Jesse Dugard and Harry Butcher had the Red Caps in early trouble and that was compounded by the run out of their skipper Tadgh Gannon.

Despite a determined effort from Billy Trotman (11 off 69 balls) and Archie Gannon (10*) they never got any momentum in their innings.

Rhys Newman (3/2 from 5) cleaned up the tail with a magnificent hat trick and was the leading bowler for Inverloch.

Inverloch opening batters Riley Harris (21*) and Harry Butcher (15*) reached the total without losing a wicket.

Man Of the Match honours went to Stingrays skipper Harry Butcher for his effort with bat and ball.

P-Island 9/137 d Imperials 107

THE Imperials won the toss and elected to bowl on a very good looking Wonthaggi Turf.

The Island got off to a good start with openers Heath Womersley and Max Arceo putting on a 63 run stand before Arceo was dismissed for 17.

Henry Peppard joined Womersley at the crease before Womersley was dismissed for a well-made 33, Peppard (22) and Noah Williams (12) were the only other batters to reach double figures as the Imps bowlers finished the last 20 overs strongly.

Klayton McGrath (3/24 from 8) and Xavier Lamers (2/12 from 6) the pick of the bowlers.

Archie Casey and Campbell Reid opened up for the Imps facing the formidable left arm duo of Tim Niven and George McCausland.

Reid was brilliantly run out by Noah Williams with a direct hit to get the Island off to a great start.

The Imps then slumped to 4/30 before skipper Aydan Williams (25) and Cam Bruce (16) dug in with a 46-run partnership to get the Imps back in the game.

The dismissal of Bruce led to a collapse of 4/3 including the big scalp of Williams, Leevi Lidstone (14*) added some late runs but the Imps came up 30 runs short.

A great season by a young talented Imps side will have them very excited about the future.

Heath Womersley (4/33 from 10), Henry Peppard and Tim Niven were the pick of the bowlers.

Heath Womersley was awarded Man of the Match for his great all round game.

• Under 15s

Phillip Island 6/179 d

Korumburra Blue 7/170

A GREAT game of cricket took place at McMahon Reserve with Phillip Island coming away narrow victors.

Batting First in the split innings format the Island put a good score on the board, Zack

Hughes (23) and Drew Fusinato (45) got them off to a great start. Jobe Williams (33) and Harry Arceo (32) through the middle both batted well as Levi Gooch with (3/30 off 8) was the best bowler for the Cobras.

The Burra innings got off to a great start with the Belvedere brothers at the top of the order, Noah, Evan and Flynn.

Noah (51*) notched a half century and retired, playing a great innings, scoring boundaries all over the ground with the support from his younger brothers Evan (20) and Flynn (11).

This put Korumburra in a strong position and with the middle order all getting starts the Cobras looked likely to complete a great chase however Phillip Island held on for a narrow win in a classic game of Junior Cricket.

Best bowlers for the Island were Harry Arceo (3/26 from 7) and Justin Tran (2/22 from 8).

Harry Arceo was awarded Man of The Match for a great all-round game.

Leongatha Town 6/166

d Inverloch 82

LEONGATHA Town were victors over Inverloch at Outtrim, the outfield is in magnificent condition and offered great reward for shots.

Town batted first in the split innings format and compiled a good total thanks to Angus Livingstone who batted brilliantly to retire on 52.

He had great support from Fletcher McLennan (40) and Clayton Quaife, Ty Debono (2/20 from 8) was the pick of the bowlers for Inverloch.

The regular loss of wicket through the Inverloch Innings saw them struggle to get to the Town total with Ty Debono (13) and Noah McLennan (13) the only players in double figures.

Yuthil Ratnaike (3/17 from 7) was the most successful bowler for Town with McLennan, Max Carter and Jack Cashin each picking up two wickets.

Clayton Quaife also did an excellent job with the gloves with three stumpings and two catches.

Fletcher McLennan was awarded Man of the Match for his efforts with bat and ball.

It was a great Semi Final day of cricket, thanks to the clubs for hosting, preparing pitches, ovals for the games, the umpires for their continued support of Junior cricket, and all the supporters for getting out and creating a great atmosphere for the Juniors.

We look forward to some great Grand Finals this Sunday:

Under 17s - 10am start
Phillip Island v Inverloch at the Wonthaggi Turf

Under 15s - 10am start
Phillip Island v Town at McMahon Reserve Wonthaggi



Phillip Island move into the under 15s Grand Final, their squad (back L-R) Bailey Parry, Jackson Allan, Brydon Marshall, Jobe Williams, Justin Tran, Harry Arceo, Drew Fusinato, Sienna McLellan, Dave Fusinato (coach) (front L-R) Zack Hughes, Archer Cox, Zack Sund, Ethan Rhee, Archie Williams and Ethan Tilley. B21_1023



Leongatha Town secured their under 15s Grand Final spot, (back L-R) Nat Challis, Max Carter (captain), Clayton Quaife, Jack Cashin, Hamish Gill, Fletcher McLennan, Angus Livingstone (front L-R) Frazer Livingstone, Lucy Carter, Kohen Gilliatte, Yuthil Ratnaike and Bede Challis. B22_1023



Phillip Island won to be in the under 17s Grand Final, (back L-R) Jackson Huther, Henry Peppard, Heath Womersley, Finn Russell, Will Peppard, Tim Niven, Jackson Voce, Daniel Caffieri (front L-R) Noah Williams, Charlie O'Garey, Max Arceo, Ollie Duggan and George McCausland. B23_1023



Inverloch are ready for the 2022-2023 under 17s Grand Final, (back L-R) Isaac Seuren, Riley Harris, Callan O'Flynn, Keely Dennerley, Gabrielle Perry, Harry Butcher (C), (front L-R) Jordon Foote, Rhys Newman, Jesse Dugard, Archie Terlich and Zak Box. (absent Max Scott) Jason Dennerley and David Newman (coaches). B24_1023

200 veteran games and going strong

JIM Armstrong of Wonthaggi has been a stalwart of Veterans Cricket Victoria (VCV) since its inception.

On Sunday, he played his 200th game of VCV cricket where he donned the whites for a game against Ringwood in the Over 60s competition for South Gippsland.

His previous games include fixtured games in Over 60s and Over 70s, Echuca and other carnivals, one off special matches and fill in games for many clubs.

This means that Jim has made appearances for over 10 clubs.

He is a great example of what Veterans cricket is about, playing and enjoying cricket with mates and developing life long friendships with fellow cricket tragic.

A sprightly 83 years old this year Jim has left his mark on many clubs.

C GRADE

DIVISION 1

Koonwarra L/RSL 8/197 d Club 48

Koonwarra L/RSL - 1st INNINGS:

S Paterson 26, A Stanley 35, AJ Thorne 32, JH Bohn 10, H Scrimshaw 40, B Cary 9, K Thorne 10, T Collins 13, R Collins 1*, S Chadwick 0*

Bowling: S Ton 0/18, L Ton 0/23, J Burns 1/20, B Ton 0/34, L Borne 2/36, P Cornelis 1/9, R Gray 1/25, A Ray 0/17, D Beaumont 3/12 Club - 1st INNINGS: P Cornelis 4, L Borne 1, J Burns 4, M Sharp 8, S Ton 5, L Ton 1, B Ton 2, A Quilty 9, R Gray 3, D Beaumont 2, A Ray 4* Bowling: S Chadwick 3/23, B Cary 5/12, AJ Thorne 0/8, T Collins 1/4, R Collins 1/0

Korumburra 7/142 d Phillip Island 110

Korumburra - 1st INNINGS: PD Beadel 1, J Wrigley 5, C Smith 17, J Petrie 0, D Scott 11, M Olden 47*, T Morrison 26, RP Butler 5, S McKinnon 8*

Bowling: MA Cleary 0/32, A Brayley 2/6, C Fall 2/15, A Williams 2/34, D Mani 1/38, T Asurumui 0/6

Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS: GR Excell 30, D Mani 0, T Asurumui 18, A Brayley 26, C Fall 3, M Arceo 0, ST Sirirathnage 3, J Parry 8, A Williams 8*, MA Cleary 6, W Paterson 0 Bowling: D Scott 2/21, S McKinnon 1/46, PD Beadel 2/18, M Olden 2/18, AT Knight 2/0

Inverloch d Nyora

Inverloch won on a forfeit.

MDU - BYE

C GRADE

DIVISION 2

OMK 2/135 d Kilcunda-Bass 8/129

Kilcunda-Bass - 1st INNINGS: A Joseph 28, S Oates 76, DB Bettles 2, C Bettles 1, L May 8, O Shumack 2, H Bettles 0, P DeRubeis 0*, D Bettles 0, R DeRubeis 0*

Bowling: M Whiteside 0/16, B Maguire 0/15, H Sorenson 1/26, L Holderhead 2/28, J Myors 2/9, D Wylie 0/26, N Furness 1/1, M Whiteside 2/0

OMK - 1st INNINGS: A Sorensen 68*, L Holderhead 38, J Myors 7*, H Sorensen 0, M Whiteside 10*

Bowling: H Bettles 0/31, DB Bettles 0/36, P DeRubeis 0/39, A Joseph 1/16, C Bettles 1/2, D Bettles 0/10

Glen Alvie 2/238 d

Koonwarra L/RSL 4/230

Koonwarra L/RSL - 1st INNINGS:

D Murdica 13, K Collins 61, G Matthies 112*, G Mattingley 4, J Browne 7, G Birnie 7* Bowling: A Luke 0/7, H Driscoll 0/24, J Brown 0/22, W Bridle 1/23, R Luke 0/19, N Thatcher 1/36, M Dhar 1/28, AT Donohue 1/26, J Glenn 0/26

Glen Alvie - 1st INNINGS: J Brown 66, MD Donohue 122*, AT Donohue 4, A Sinclair 10* Bowling: J Browne 1/29, T Lund 0/40, K Collins 0/63, G Matthies 1/11, D Wickramasinha 0/28, L Carew 0/38, G Birnie 0/19

Town - BYE



Glen Alvie bowled well to set up a strong win on Saturday. B03_1023



Koonwarra L/RSL had a great battle with the Alvie at the Leongatha Velodrome. B04_1023

Burra build momentum with Island win

• C Grade, Division 1

PHILLIP Island welcomed Korumburra to Reece Plumbing Park for a huge pre-finals top four clash and the visitors won the toss and chose to bat first.

After struggling to find many contributors out of their top order, the Cobras innings was accelerated by Mathew Olden (47* from 70) and his captain Tim Morrison (26 from 32) at number six and seven.

The pairs 41-run stand saw the visitors finish 7/142 after Aaron Brayley (2/6 from 7) led the Island attack well.

In reply, the Sharks innings was almost the complete opposite, with the bulk of their runs coming from Gavin Excell (30 from 41) and Brayley (26 from 43) who batted in their top order.

Unfortunately, though, they found next to nothing from their middle and lower order and slumped to 10/10.

Patrick Beadel (2/18 from 7) led the way for 'Burra in the 32-run win, while Aaron Knight (2/0 from 0.3) finished it off.

The two sides will now have the weekend off as they prepare for their respective Semi Finals the following weekend.

Koony too good as Cary takes five

KOONWARRA L/RSL welcomed Wonthaggi down the road to the Koonwarra Recreation Reserve and the visitors won the toss and sent the hosts in to bat first.

The Cougars came out strong as their top order all found some runs, but none of them were able to go on with them, Harry Scrimshaw (40 from 44) and Alex Stanley (35 from 49) the best on the day.

The hosts finished up with a strong first innings score of 8/197 after Darren Beaumont (3/12 from 2) gave his best efforts with the ball for Club.

In the second innings, it just was not Wonthaggi's day, as the Koony attack took over bowling them out for 48, with Aiden Quilty's nine the top score.

Brodie Cary (5/12 from 7) led the charge with the ball in the Cougars' 149-run win.

The loss unfortunately spells the end of the Wonthaggi season, while the win builds confidence in the Koony side who will take this weekend off before they compete for glory in the finals.

Inverloch v Nyora

Inverloch won by forfeit

MDU had the bye.

• C Grade, Division 2

Host OMK overpowers Kilcunda Bass

VISITOR Kilcunda Bass elected to bat at Digger Park, making a strong start before Outram Moyarra Kongwak's bowlers hit back hard.

Sharks skipper Ashley Joseph (28) and Steven Oates put on 57 for the first wicket, with the latter going on to make 76.

However, the rest of the Kilcunda Bass batting lineup was unable to get going, with Luke May's eight runs the next biggest contribution.

OMK used eight bowlers, with almost all performing strongly.

Leon Holderhead (2/28), Jordan Myors (2/9) and Matthew Whiteside (2/0) were the multiple wicket takers.

A commanding opening partnership set the Diggers on the path to victory, wiping off a large portion of the 130 runs required.

Andrew Sorensen finished unbeaten on 68, with Holderhead completing a powerful allround performance with 38.

Ashley Joseph (1/16) and Cruz Bettles (1/2) were the successful bowlers for the outgunned Sharks.

Donohue ton guides Glen Alvie past Cougars

A scintillating century from Matthew Donohue led Glen Alvie to a stunning eight-wicket win over Koonwarra Leongatha RSL at the Leongatha Velodrome.

He remained unbeaten on 122, scored off just 89 balls, including 18 boundaries and a six.

His was the second not out ton recorded in the match, with Cougars skipper Glenn Matthies belting 112 off just 72 balls, highlighted by a stunning nine sixes and five boundaries.

Kylie Collins' 61 helped Koonwarra Leongatha RSL set Glen Alvie what appeared an imposing 231 run target, requiring a rate of 6.6 per over.

Donohue was well supported in setting the platform for a successful chase by Jack Brown who made 66 at a good rate.

On a day when willow dominated leather, no bowler in the game managed more than a single wicket.

Wayne Bridle's 1/23 from six overs was the bowling highlight for Glen Alvie, with Matthies' 1/11 from three overs best for the defeated Cougars.

Leongatha Town sits out round

TOWN had the bye.

Kookas have the last laugh

AFTER a slow start against the Ringwood Roughriders, Joey Burke and Master Blaster Pieter Loos applied the wrecking ball to a shocked roughrider bowling attack.

Burky 40 off 29 balls and Loos 38 of 28.

President Neil "Super Calves" Whitey 22no and Gary Mr Cricket Adams 30no, then kept the Hammer Down.

Warwick bus driver Hayes then drove the Kookas home with 22no.

The Kookas then took the pill. The main task was to "Do it for the 200 Game, Spring Chicken, Jimmy Armstrong". As usual, the Kookas all bowled very economically.

Best were Brian Brains Mitchell 1/10, Gary Adams 1/14 and an Ol Grayza Wighty 1/14.

Even the Local Kookaburras flew onto the Ground to watch their Beloved Team hold the Ringwood to 3/156.

Man of the Match was Joey Burke for his all-round efforts!

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Korumburra's Jacob Beckwith put together a match-winning unbeaten half century on Saturday. B09_1023

Beckwith does it all in Burra's maiden win

• B Grade, Division 1

INVERLOCH welcomed Korumburra down to Thompson Reserve and the hosts won the toss and chose to bat first.

Despite losing much of their top order cheaply, opener Brad Phillips (65 from 116) was able to notch a nice half century alongside allrounder Josh Williams (43 from 52) to steady the Stingrays innings.

The home side eventually finished 7/155 after some great bowling from Jacob Beckwith (2/33 from 8).

In the second innings, it was Beckwith (60* from 97) again doing the damage, batting on after losing his captain Trevor Allen (44 from 53) to see the Cobras to their first win of the season!

Jesse Dugard (1/23 from 8) was the only Stingray to take a wicket with the ball in the eight wicket loss.

The win comes in 'Burra's last game of the 2022/23 season, while Inverloch will rest up this weekend before beginning their finals run.

Koony easily over MDU

MDU hosted Koonwarra L/RSL at the Meenyan Recreation Reserve and the visitors won the toss and sent the hosts in to bat first.

After finding just seven runs from their top four batters, the Demons were under pressure early, and although they got a nice contribution from Kurt Sinclair (36 from 67) they never properly recovered.

Josh Thomas (4/16 from 8) bowled well to see the Dees' dismissed for 97.

In reply, the home side was able to reach the total with four wickets left in the shed thanks to a nice knock from Nigel Grimes (33 from 60).

Jake Palmer (2/22 from 7) bowled well in the four wicket loss, his side, as well as Koony, will now have the weekend off to prepare for their respective finals runs.

Nerrena dominate Imps

MINOR premiers Nerrena hosted the Imperials at the Nerrena Recreation Reserve and the hosts won the toss and chose to bat first.

After their openers put on a nice 67-run stand to start out, the Red Caps built on their foundation to surge to a strong score of 5/222.

This was largely due to the massive 107-run partnership between David Trotman (69* from 69) and Damien Symmons (64 from 58) who both reached half centuries at five and six respectively.

Jim Jeffery (1/33 from 8) bowled well for the Imps.

In the second innings, the visiting Imps weren't able to find the same groove as their hosts, falling all out for 85, their skipper Kristian Gray (31 from 44) and Clint Honeysett (24 from 21) got starts but were unable to go on.

Tyson Harris (4/9 from 6) bowled excellently in Nerrena's 137-run win, they will now have the weekend without cricket to prepare for the upcoming finals series, while the Imps will begin their offseason.

• B Grade, Division 2

Sibley sets platform for Wonthaggi win over Nerrena

WONTHAGGI Club skipper Luke Sibley backed up his decision to bat first with an opening knock of 71 at close to a run-a-ball pace, helping set a challenging 194-run target for visitor Nerrena.

Nathan Cant (39 not out), was next best for the eventual winner.

Will Croatto was the pick of the Red Caps bowlers, snatching 3/25 from his eight overs, while Charlie Dougherty (2/26) also performed strongly and sent down his maximum allotment of overs.

While a trio of Nerrena batsmen were able to get solid

starts, none went on to a large score against disciplined Wonthaggi bowling.

Club conceded just one wide and a single no ball in a little over 36 overs.

Chris Fraser wreaked havoc through the Nerrena middle and lower orders, claiming 4/33 off his full allowance of overs.

Cant (2/19) and Sam Liddle (2/15) were the winning side's other bowlers to make more than one breakthrough, while Sean Roche finished with the excellent return of 1/24 off eight overs.

Drew Herbert was just as economical but didn't take a wicket.

Nerrena captain and keeper Michael Croatto top scored for his side with 27, one run more than Cameron Baudinette.

Three other Red Caps reached double figures but with none stamping their authority on the game, Nerrena was left 59 runs short of catching Club when stumps were drawn.

Phillip Island bowlers tie up Kilcunda-Bass batsmen

PHILLIP Island's bowlers ensured skipper Connor Epifano's decision to send in host Kilcunda-Bass proved an inspired choice.

While Kilcunda Bass batted out its 40 overs, it never really recovered from the loss of two wickets before it reached double figures.

Robert Blackney, batting at number 6, took the fight to a tough Phillip Island attack, with his resilient 31 not out from 51 balls helping Kilcunda Bass pass the century mark, setting a target of 104.

Tarryn Allan grabbed 2/11 of eight miserly overs, with Peter Francis capturing 2/22 from seven overs.

All six Phillip Island bowlers kept things tight, forcing Kilcunda Bass to toil hard for its runs.

While Epifano was sent on his way for a duck in Phillip Island's chase, Andrew Tolley's

unbeaten 47 off 56 balls and Andy O'Brien's 31 helped steer the side to a six-wicket win.

The Kilcunda-Bass bowlers inflicted damage along the way, at one point having Phillip Island 4/85, still requiring 19 runs.

Stephen Leman (2/16) and Rohan Duff (2/20) were the successful bowlers for Kilcunda-Bass, proving difficult to get the better of in their 16 combined overs.

OMK attack restrains Glen Alvie to set up win

OUTTRIM Moyarra Kongwak sent in Glen Alvie, claiming early dismissals, then making scoring difficult.

Andrew Brown appeared to be batting on a different pitch to the other Glen Alvie players, clubbing 72 not out off 76 balls, featuring three sixes and six boundaries.

His entertaining innings allowed Glen Alvie to set OMK 127 for victory.

Patrick Jobling (2/18) and David Jeffries (2/26) were OMK's multiple wicket takers, with Justin Greenwood's 1/19 off eight overs and Danny Elford's 0/13 from his full over entitlement also excellent.

Opener Scott Handley's 44 laid the base for the Diggers' productive chase, with teammates Luke Jones, Brad Hayes and Greenwood all scoring in the twenties, helping OMK to a seven-wicket win.

Greenwood's undefeated 29 at close to a run-a-ball completed a commendable all-round performance.

Such was the assured nature of its batting, OMK triumphed with 15 overs to spare.

Lachlan McRae (1/32) and Tai Bolding (1/26) were the wicket taking bowlers for the outclassed Glen Alvie, with the other OMK batsman to fall succumbing to a run out.

Leongatha Town sidelined

Leongatha Town had the bye.

B GRADE

DIVISION 1

Korumburra 2/158

d Inverloch 7/155

Inverloch - 1st INNINGS: B Debono 12, B Phillips 65, CJ Terlich 2, R Newman 1, R Harris 2, J Williams 43, J Richardson 0, D Cashin 17*, J Dugard 5*

Bowling: M Young 2/33, SR Head 0/10, J Beckwith 2/33, GA Barrett 0/11, S Dole 0/30, N Christensen 0/23, T Allen 1/8

Korumburra - 1st INNINGS: T Allen 44, N Christensen 9, J Beckwith 62*, S Dole 38*

Bowling: J Richardson 0/31, J Dugard 1/23, R Newman 0/20, J Williams 0/22, C O'Flynn 0/11, D Cashin 0/33, CJ Terlich 0/12, W Williams 0/2

Koonwarra L/RSL 6/101 d MDU 97

MDU - 1st INNINGS: G Webster 4, MJ Olden 3, T Zukovskis 0, C Hooper 0, M Hooper 13, J Bright 15, K Sinclair 36, D Thomas 0, T Gordon 16*, A Richardson 1, J Palmer 0

Bowling: J Thomas 4/16 (Hat-trick), M Boswell 0/5, PA Buckley 0/14, N Trotto 2/4, M Cooke 0/13, J Rushton 1/1, N Arnup 2/20, A Drury 1/18

Koonwarra L/RSL - 1st INNINGS: M Cooke 3, N Grimes 33, JA Pickersgill 25, C Harwood 7, B Anderson 3, J Rushton 14*, N Arnup 1, N Trotto 0*

Bowling: T Gordon 1/20, J Palmer 2/22, M Hooper 1/16, K Sinclair 1/23, T Zukovskis 1/18

Nerrena 5/222 d Imperials 85

Nerrena - 1st INNINGS: D Baldi 35, L Roberts 31, MB Croatto 1, J Kelly 6, D Trotman 69*, D Symmons 64, Z Trease 3*

Bowling: J Jeffery 1/33, I Bolge 0/39, N Eddy 1/44, JR Forrester 1/23, A Casey 0/52, KB Gray 1/26

Imperials - 1st INNINGS: GA Sauvarin 3, A Casey 5, N Eddy 0, KB Gray 31, C Honeysett 24, C Bruce 0, C Reid 0, JR Forrester 4, J Nagel 4, J Jeffery 6*, I Bolge 1

Bowling: JA Checkley 0/22, MB Croatto 3/22, B Salmon 2/26, T Harris 4/9, Z Trease 1/3

OMK - BYE

B GRADE

DIVISION 2

Club 8/193 d Nerrena 9/134

Club - 1st INNINGS: L Sibley 71, G Britt 7, J O'Reilly 26, R Todd 25, DT Herbert 1, J Licis 3, S Roche 0, N Cant 39*, C Fraser 0, J Shannon 1*

Bowling: P Joseph 1/33, WB Croatto 3/25, RL Giliam 0/30, C Dougherty 2/26, R Elava 0/26, P Johnston 2/46

Nerrena - 1st INNINGS: A Harrison 22, B Gannon 8, P Matheson 8, R Elava 10, RL Giliam 18, C Baudinette 26, MJ Croatto 27, WB Croatto 0, C Dougherty 4, P Joseph 4*

Bowling: DT Herbert 0/24, S Roche 1/24, N Cant 2/19, R Todd 0/14, C Fraser 4/33, S Liddle 2/15

Phillip Island 4/109 d K-Bass 6/103

Kilcunda Bass - 1st INNINGS: B Joseph 7, S Williams 0, SJ Leman 17, C Armour 10, R Gardiner 16, R Blackney 31*, R Duff 1, J Mahood 15*

Bowling: M Parsons 0/18, T Allan 2/11, H Arceo 1/8, D McCausland 0/8, A Tolley 0/32, P Francis 2/22

Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS: C Epifano 0, A O'Brien 31, H Peppard 2, A Tolley 47*, BJ Ross 8, T Allan 13*

Bowling: R Duff 2/20, C Peckett 0/16, SJ Leman 2/16, J Mahood 0/18, NJ McCallum 0/23, R Blackney 0/12

OMK 3/130 d Glen Alvie 5/126

Glen Alvie - 1st INNINGS: A Dakin 7, J Burke 4, D McGuirk 2, N Brown 23, R Spiteri-Stevens 5, A Brown 72*, JA Tiziani 5*

Bowling: P Jobling 2/18, J Greenwood 1/19, S Handley 0/6, D Jeffries 2/26, D Elford 0/13, R Wyatt 0/10, CM McKenzie 0/16, R Quaife 0/14

OMK - 1st INNINGS: R Quaife 5, S Handley 44, L Jones 21, B Hayes 26*, J Greenwood 29*

Bowling: R Spiteri-Stevens 0/34, J Burke 0/15, L McRae 1/32, T Bolding 1/26, A Brown 0/11, P Loos 0/9

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A2: Kurt Lane (Phillip Island) 62 ; Jackson Baker (Kilcunda-Bass) 5/45

B1: David Trotman (Nerrena) 69* ; Tyson Harris (Nerrena) 4/9

B2: Andrew Brown (Glen Alvie) 72* ; Chris Fraser (Club) 4/33

C1: Mathew Olden (Korumburra) 47* ; Brodie Cary (Koon L/RSL) 5/12

C2: Matthew Donohue (Glen Alvie) 122* ; Jordan Myors (OMK) 2/9

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Madusanka and Ratnaike have a day



Scorpions star Madura Madusanka scored a huge century, leading his side out of trouble against Inverloch. B08_1023



Inverloch are locked in a great battle with Leongatha for a spot in the finals. B06_1023

• A Grade, Division 1

LEONGATHA welcomed Inverloch down to Scorpion Park in what is a huge win and get in clash, with both sides' finals hopes resting on victory.

Town won the toss and chose to bat first on what proved to be a challenging pitch early with the Stingrays tight bowling.

Invy spearhead Lewis Rankin (3/61 from 18) was charging in and was able to break through the top order with three early wickets and looked to have his tail up.

However, with the Scorpions 4/24 and Amila Ratnaike (114 from 146) walking to the crease, the visitors knew it wasn't over yet, but little did anyone expect what happened next.

Combining with Madura Madusanka (128 from 155), Ratnaike was able to weather the Stingrays storm and completely backflip the momentum back in his side's favour.

The pair putting on an absolute masterclass, with a truly mammoth 227-run partnership, turning the game on its head.

Eventually though, the Stingrays were able to wrestle back some control of the contest through allrounder Andrew Donohue (5/78 from 17.3) and clean up the Town tail.

But the Scorpions with their backs to the wall put their best foot forward in the charge to a finals berth, setting a big total for the Stingrays to chase, finishing 10/292.

Nerrena hold Koony to 135 on day one

KOONWARRA L/RSL faced off with Nerrena at the Leongatha Recreation Reserve and

the Cougars won the toss and chose to bat first.

Unfortunately though, their hopes at pulling off another big upset were hit hard after the majority of their XI barely made it into double figures.

The Koony captain Ben Walsh (66 from 154) was again bold but it wasn't enough as his side fell 10/135, setting up a relatively easy chase for the Red Caps this weekend.

Ryan Clark (2/23 from 12) bowled well for Nerrena.

Lamers five sees Island collapse again

OMK welcomed Phillip Island to the Outtrim Recreation Oval in what shaped to be an absolute blockbuster between the minor premiers and the reigning premiers who were desperate for a win to book a finals spot.

The Island won the toss and chose to bat first and unfortunately for them, that was about all the luck they had all afternoon.

In stunning fashion, after their opening pair made it to 28, the Sharks lost 10/52 to finish all out for just 80!

The collapse is their second in as many games and has seen them again score under 90, this time their top scorer was opener Daniel Bourke (26 from 54).

Diggers young gun Jacob Lamers (5/24 from 12) sensationally ripped through the middle order with three wickets in his first over!

Lamers' first trio of scalps included Shiran Rathnayake (6) and former Diggers Daniel Mock and Thomas Keily who both fell for ducks.

Lamers finished with a superb five wicket haul, but the

entire OMK attack bowled magnificently.

In reply, the hosts even had over 20 overs to cut into the 81 runs required for the win and did so and despite getting a bit shaky on their way, were able to knock off the total with four wickets to spare.

Noel Creed (42* from 68) led the way with the bat, while Keily (3/55 from 14) tried hard with the ball for the Island, they'll now hope the other results fall perfectly in their favour as they cling to the second spot on the ladder.

Wright takes five as Wonny fall for 149

THE Imperials welcomed Wonthaggi to East Campus Oval and looking to sneak into the finals with a win and some luck, the visitors won the toss and chose to bat first.

Although they may want their chance again after a bumpy innings saw several of their top and middle order players get starts but fail to go onto a big score.

Alex Geyer (44 from 109) and Mitchell Thomas' (32 from 37) innings looked promising, but the pair both fell before reaching the half century mark as Club were dismissed for 149.

The hometown Imps were led beautifully by Lachlan Wright (5/25 from 13.1) who finished with a brilliant five wicket haul.

The Wonny' boys are now going to have to bowl tight if they're any chance of sneaking into the finals with a win when they return to East Campus Oval this Saturday.

LADDERS

B GRADE, Division 1

Team	Points	%
Nerrena	138	2.5158
Koonwarra L/RSL	102	1.5012
Inverloch	90	1.2140
MDU	72	0.9227
OMK	54	0.8506
Imperials	36	0.5743
Korumburra	12	0.4365

C GRADE, Division 1

Inverloch	114	2.8798
Phillip Island	102	1.0968
Koonwarra L/RSL	90	1.1002
Korumburra	84	1.1542
Nyora	54	0.5824
MDU	36	0.6992
Club	24	0.7635

C GRADE, Division 2

Town	144	1.6641
OMK	126	1.6741
Nerrena	90	1.2515
Town	84	1.2090
Phillip Island	84	1.0672
Club	84	1.0125
Kilcunda-Bass	36	0.8102
Glen Alvie	0	0.4075

NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES & UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

SATURDAY MARCH 11

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	

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A GRADE

DIVISION 1

Koon L/RSL 135 v Nerrena 1/29

Koonwarra L/RSL – 1st INNINGS	
BF Davison c H Funnell b J Hoy	3
A Hunt run out (M Clark)	5
B Walsh c S Vagg b J Hoy	66
H Hoekstra c C Salmon b J Trease	14
S Hughes run out (M Clark, H Funnell)	10
K Weeranga b R Clark	1
J Hughes c H Funnell b R Clark	6
M Scrimshaw c T Gannon b M Clark	13
I Wickramasinghe c C Salmon b T Wightman	11
J Kennedy c S Vagg b T Wightman	5
C Buckland not out	0
Extras (nb 0, w 1, b 0, lb 0)	1
Total 135 (66.3 overs)	

Bowling: J Trease 13-4-1-19, J Hoy 14-6-2-30 (1w), R Clark 12-3-2-23, T Gannon 4-1-0-9, T Wightman 15-3-1-2-41, M Clark 8-1-1-13	
Nerrena – 1st INNINGS	
M Clark not out	22
LJ Giliam run out (C Buckland, J Hughes)	4
J Renden not out	0
Extras (nb 1, w 1, b 0, lb 1)	3
Total 1/29 (8 overs)	

Bowling: K Weeranga 0.4-0-0-1, I Wickramasinghe 2.2-1-0-6, H Hoekstra 4-0-0-18 (1nb), J Kennedy 1-0-0-3 (1w)

OMK 6/94 v Phillip Island 80

Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS	
D Bourke c N Auddino b J Lamers	26
L Cleeland c A Rose b PJ Dell	13
J Black b PJ Dell	0
SL Rathnayake b J Lamers	6
DP Mock c A Rose b J Lamers	0
T Keily b J Lamers	0
EM Richards lbw b PJ Dell	0
S Kirton c K Brann b E Lamers	18
C Keerthisinghe b J Lamers	0
TS Niven c A Rose b E Lamers	6
GD McCausland not out	7
Extras (nb 0, w 1, b 1, lb 2)	4
Total 80 (37.4 overs)	

Bowling: RL Williams 7-0-0-34, PJ Dell 10-7-3-10, J Lamers 12-5-5-24 (1w), E Lamers 8.4-4-2-9

OMK – 1st INNINGS

J Cuman c DP Mock b C Keerthisinghe	4
E Lamers c TS Niven b T Keily	18
K Brann b T Keily	9
N Creed not out	42
A Rose lbw b C Keerthisinghe	5
RL Williams lbw b T Keily	1
J Lamers c T Keily b SL Rathnayake	3
J Hayes not out	10
Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 2, lb 0)	2
Total 6/94 (36.5 overs)	

Bowling: S Kirton 4-2-0-4, T Keily 14-4-3-55, C Keerthisinghe 15-6-2-28, SL Rathnayake 4-2-1-5

Imperials 2/29 v Club 149

Club – 1st INNINGS	
M Thomas c D Perera b T Sauvarin	32
S Beaumont c & b L Wright	3
RG Thomas c T Sauvarin b J Ginnane	9
J Brann c S Sameera b T Sauvarin	20
A Geyer c D Perera b L Wright	44
H West c D Perera b T Sauvarin	3
M Waller c & b L Wright	21
J Sheerin c & b S Sameera	0
R Birkett b L Wright	0
M McCall not out	0
F West c & b L Wright	0
Extras (nb 0, w 7, b 8, lb 2)	17
Total 149 (60.1 overs)	

Bowling: L Wright 13.1-5-5-25 (2w), L Anderson 5-0-0-25, T Sauvarin 13-4-3-23 (3w), J Ginnane 8-2-1-25 (1w), AR Williams 3-0-0-11, S Sameera 12-7-1-10 (1w), D Ginnane 6-0-0-20

Imperials – 1st INNINGS

RK McLennan not out	12
D Ginnane b J Brann	1
J Ginnane c M Waller b J Brann	3
T Sauvarin not out	11
Extras (nb 0, w 1, b 0, lb 1)	2
Total 2/29 (14 overs)	

Bowling: J Brann 7-3-2-12, F West 5-0-0-12 (1w), J Sheerin 2-1-0-4

Town 292 v Inverloch

Town – 1st INNINGS	
D Hume c J Butcher b L Rankin	0
J Giardina c J Butcher b L Rankin	14
B Hanrahan c & b CW Asbury	6
L Bowman c JB Dennerley b L Rankin	0
M Madusanka c CW Asbury b H Butcher	128
A Ratnaike c JB Dennerley b A Donohue	114
DL Polwattha Gallage c & b A Donohue	0
M Riaz c CW Asbury b A Donohue	15
S Clark not out	3
F McLennan lbw b A Donohue	0
O Vimalarathna c D Newman b A Donohue	0
Extras (nb 5, w 0, b 5, lb 2)	12
Total 292 (71.3 overs)	

Bowling: L Rankin 18-6-3-61 (4nb), CW Asbury 11-3-1-30, A Donohue 17.3-0-5-78, T McQualter 2-0-0-23, JB Dennerley 5-0-0-34, H Butcher 13-2-1-32, J Donohue 5-0-0-27 (1nb)



Foster opener Josh Toner plays one to the offside on Saturday. B01_1023

Nyora sets MDU challenging first innings chase

A Grade, Division 2

position from which the Tigers didn't quite recover.

NYORA'S choice to bat seemed a good one, setting Meeniyan Dumbalk United 251 to get ahead on the first innings.

It was a full day of activities at Nyora with a Ladies Day fundraising event adding colour to proceedings.

On field MDU snagged the early wicket of opener Kade Anderson but solid contributions from the remaining top-order batsmen kept the scoreboard ticking.

Henry Dolphin (42) combined with Daniel Esler (39) to add 58 runs for the second wicket.

With the Hackett brothers Jake (44) and Gavin (42) partnering to contribute a useful 62 for the fourth wicket.

It will be worth going to Nyora Recreation Reserve for day 2 as MDU sets about its tricky chase.

Korumburra in charge against Foster

Korumburra is well on its way to first innings honours after day one of its home clash with Foster, knocking over the Tigers for just 120 and charging to 1/66 in reply.

The Cobras made the right call by inviting their visitor to bat first.

While Foster started steadily, Korumburra never allowed the Tigers easy runs.

That scoring challenge was exemplified by the knock of Foster opener Mitchell Jones as he ground his way to 19 off 88 balls, reaching the boundary just twice.

His skipper Josh Toner also needed to show patience, managing 21 from 63 deliveries.

Toner was first to fall, with Foster's total on 40, which eventually became 5/65, a

from 10 overs, sending down five maidens.

Glen Alvie captain Lachlan Harris (7 not out) and Ben McRae (10 not out) have both faced over 40 balls and will hope they can score more freely on day two.

Earlier, Jarvis Harvey was the standout of Wonthaggi's first innings with a brisk 42.

McRae was the leading wicket taker for Glen Alvie with 3/18 from seven overs, but Nathan Findlay (2/34) and Dean Williams (2/13) inflicted damage high in the Wonthaggi batting lineup.

Stephen Kennedy was another tidy contributor with the ball for Glen Alvie, taking 2/20 off 10 overs.

Kilcunda-Bass backs itself but Phillip Island dominates

Kilcunda-Bass chose to bat at Cowes but was blown away by a devastating Phillip Island bowling attack.

Geoff Odgers decimated the Kilcunda-Bass top order on his way to 4/21, while Heath Womersley seized 3/4.

Ryley Duff's unbeaten 11 stood out as the top score for Kilcunda Bass.

In an extraordinary first day of play, all 20 first innings wickets fell, but not before Phillip Island blasted its way to a 141-run lead.

Kurt Lane took the attack to the Kilcunda-Bass bowlers after they made scoring difficult for Phillip Island early.

He blazed 62 from 41 balls, in contrast to Phillip Island opener Womersley's patient 16 off 61 balls.

Kilcunda-Bass pair Justin Price and Jackson Baker combined to dismiss Phillip Island.

Price took 5/63 from 20 overs, with Baker getting 5/45 from just seven overs.

A GRADE

DIVISION 2

Glen Alvie 2/37 v Club 163

Club – 1st INNINGS	
D Britt c B McRae b RV Sinclair	23
E Dempsey c L Harris b N Findlay	21
JC Harvey st L Harris b D Williams	42
J Sheerin c & b D Williams	3
J Williamson st L Harris b B McRae	22
A Mankhong c L Harris b S Kennedy	0
LD McGuirk lbw b S Kennedy	1
K McGregor c J Standish b B McRae	5
M Davey not out	22
S Williams c S Kennedy b B McRae	5
H Dobbie b N Findlay	9
Extras (nb 6, w 2, b 0, lb 2)	10
Total 163 (48 overs)	

Bowling: N Findlay 8-0-2-34 (3nb), MA Dakin 7-0-0-45 (2nb), S Kennedy 10-2-2-20, RV Sinclair 6-0-1-24 (1w), D Williams 8-2-2-13 (1w), B McRae 7-3-3-18, Z Scholz 2-0-0-7 (1nb)

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S Smith c JC Harvey b E Dempsey	9
RV Sinclair lbw b E Dempsey	5
L Harris not out	7
B McRae not out	10
Extras (nb 0, w 1, b 5, lb 0)	6
Total 2/37 (27 overs)	

Bowling: J Williamson 10-5-0-7 (1w), E Dempsey 9-2-2-16, LD McGuirk 4-1-0-6, H Dobbie 3-3-0-0, S Williams 1-0-0-3

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Amy swam her final laps at the Wonthaggi YMCA on Tuesday evening swimming an extra 2km to complete the challenge. z05_1023

Amy Hodson was congratulated by swimming Coach Sam O'Keefe of South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club on Tuesday evening after her final swim. Z06_1023

Super Swim Hero Amy raises \$10,000

THIS summer thousands of Aussies were diving in to be a Super Swim Hero and go the distance for sick kids, and solo swimmer 10-year-old Amy Hodson from Wonthaggi exceeded her personal goal – swimming 25km and raising \$10,000 for the Starlight Children's Foundation.

After setting herself a personal goal to raise \$1,500 and swim 20km in 28 days, Amy smashed her kilometres at the local Wonthaggi YMCA swimming four to five nights a week.

Upon finishing her final 2km's on Tuesday evening, training with

South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club coach Sam O'Keefe, Amy said she is proud to have raised money for other sick kids.

Amy's parents Brad and Robyn Hodson said, "our hearts are full, and it is not only Amy who achieved this but our wonderful community."

"Friends, family, businesses, and organisations all helped Amy achieve the magical figure of \$10,000. Donations were received from Western Australia, South Australia, Queensland, New South Wales, and Victoria," said Robyn.

"I love swimming and hope to one day be in the Olympics, when I heard about the challenge I thought, I want to do it because adults help kids all the time but it's hard for kids to help kids."

Amy's mother Robyn said Amy's motivation for the challenge came from her time in and out of hospital as a young child.

Amy has no vision in her right eye, she was born with a rare cataract on the right side and underwent surgery at only eight weeks old.

Since then, she spent many years at the Royal Children's

Hospital for appointments and will continue to undergo further surgeries due to her cataract.

Amy has been swimming with the South Gippsland Bass Swimming Club (SGB) for 12 months and trains three times a week at the YMCA in Wonthaggi.

"During the challenge I was spending an extra two days a week in the pool, and it was a lot of fun, I was also swimming with friends who helped support me," said Amy.

Amy tracked every swim at training and every extra swim until February 28 where she

achieved her distance of 25kms.

"This challenge highlighted Amy's natural ability to care for others," said Robyn.

"We are so proud of Amy, and she should be really proud of herself," said coach Sam.

Starlight CEO Louise Baxter said: "Being seriously ill shouldn't mean missing out on the joy of childhood."

Through Amy's own health challenges, she found a passion for swimming and with the support of her local community she proudly made a difference for sick kids and their families.

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