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On hand to officially unveil the Alex Scott and Staff mural, as well as present two commemorative plaques, were Greg Price (director), Anne Gibson (wife of Bruce Gibson), Tom Gibson (director), Paul Dunlop (CEO) and Dan Huther (branch manager) who was instrumental in coordinating the mural. See full story on page 5

RHYLL SAYS NO TO TRAIL

– Community raises concern about lack of consultation

A PACKED community meeting in the Rhyll Hall last Tuesday gave a very clear indication that the community are against the Council's proposed shared use path through Rhyll, with residents calling upon council to abandon the current plan and proceed with a headland trail.

Details of the proposed concrete path through the village and an alternative gravel path around the Rhyll Headland were in discussion.

The meeting was organised by the Rhyll Community Association, Rhyll Coast Action and the Rhyll Park and Hall Committee.

Rhyll resident Peter Balfe presented the comparison of costs and benefits on the Council's proposal (2.5m concrete path through Rhyll) and the headland trail (2.5m gravel path around the headland).

Jim Kiley of the Rhyll Community Association said Peter spent three years at VicRoads as their major projects director and then seven years as the deputy chief executive.

Peter provided the community with an assessment on the project, inviting the three island ward councillors, but only Cr Ronnie Bauer was in attendance and Cr Rooks discussed the community

concerns at an earlier meeting.

The Council's proposal involved construction of a new concrete path through the protected native vegetation and trees alongside McIlwraith Road, crossing Reid Street and constructing a concrete path down to the Rhyll Park; replacing the existing gravel path through the park with a 2.5 m wide concrete path which would deviate to go through to Molton Street alongside the children's playground, then crossing Lock Road and widening the existing concrete footpath to 2.5 metres down to Beach Road.

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Rhyll says no to trail

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The community associations were very critical of the Council's lack of community consultation about the proposal, which appeared to have no mandate.

"No one knew who had proposed the route."

The meeting also expressed concern about the apparent lack of any analysis of the project benefits and costs.

Council's estimate for the proposed works is \$450,000 compared to less than \$175,000 for the headland trail.

"A shared path through local streets could never be sold as a tourist attractor, whilst the headland trail could become a significant attraction," said Jim.

Peter presented the residents with a criterion that identifies that the council's proposed route was shown to have a much higher carbon footprint and negative impacts on the significant roadside vegetation and trees in McIlwraith Road, and the amenity and use of the park and the children's playground.

"It would also pose unacceptable risks to the safety of cyclists and pedestrians at the four road crossings, and crossings at 17 property access entrances with poor sight distance," said Jim.

Residents were particularly concerned about the safety of older pedestrians who need to use the Lock Road footpath,



Rhyll residents are saying no to Bass Coast Shire Council's proposed path and urge council to listen to the community. Z05_1123

and the prospect of months of construction noise and traffic disruption in the village.

On the other hand, it was demonstrated that the headline trail would have no negative environmental impacts and no road or property access crossings.

Presenting that the trail would in fact eliminate a major safety issue for pedestrians who currently can only use a steep narrow section of Beach Road to climb the hill next to the Yacht Club – addressing the concern of parents walking up this hill with prams.

The meeting resolved to notify Council that the community objected to a lack of consultation and 'call on the council to abandon the current plans and bring forward construction of the headland trail instead of wasting \$450,000 on a project that

the community did not want.'

At the end of the presentation, the Rhyll community voted in favour of objecting to a concrete footpath through the heavily treed McIlwraith Road plantation and the protected sedges and native grasses.

They objected to a 2.5m concrete path through to Rhyll Park and proposed deviation of the path adjacent to the children's playground.

All of the Rhyll residents in attendance carried the motion that, 'the meeting request the council to review the priority of a 2.5m gravel path around the Rhyll headland consistent with Council's PIITS 2014 and consult with the community regarding design and construction of the path.'

Cr Ronnie Bauer spoke on behalf of council stating that he would take this community proposal to his fellow councillors to address their concerns

and communicate with them accordingly.

The shire responded by stating: "As a response to recent community feedback, and to further understand the views of all community members, Council is working to undertake further community engagement on this project before proceeding further. We will update the project page on Engage Bass Coast and provide further information to the community about the engagement in the coming weeks. Community members are encouraged to visit Engage Bass Coast and 'follow' this project to receive updates on this project as they become available. The engagement period will run for one month, after which Council will consider all feedback and respond to the community with a proposed way forward."

Thousands detected during Operation Arid

POLICE detected almost 7000 traffic offences during a four-day statewide road policing operation over the Labour Day long weekend.

Operation Arid saw police ramp up enforcement following a shocking start to the year on Victoria's roads.

There have been 74 lives lost in the first 73 days of the year, 45 per cent higher than the same time last year and the five-year average – both 51.

Speeding, impaired driving, mobile phone use and unauthorised driving were the key issues detected by police during the four-day operation.

Offences detected during Operation Arid in the Bass Coast Police Service area included:

- 1 drink drivers
- 2 drug drivers
- 1 disqualified driver
- 2 unlicensed drivers
- 29 speeding offences
- 1 disobey signs/signals
- 2 seatbelt offences
- 16 unregistered vehicles

Statewide, more than a third of offences detected related to speeding, with almost 80 per cent of speeding motorists detected between 10km/h and 25km/h over the speed limit.

There were almost as many drug drivers caught as drink drivers, with 198 drink driving offences and 192 drug driving offences detected.

Mobile phone offences jumped 23 per cent from the last statewide operation in January, with 323 motorists caught using their phone while driving.

Unauthorised drivers accounted for 396 offences, with police using automatic numberplate recognition technology (ANPR) to detect and remove disqualified, suspended and unlicensed drivers from the road.

Operation Arid ran from 12:01am on Friday March 10 and concluded at 23:59pm on Monday March 13.

Funds to divert waste

MINISTER for Environment Ingrid Stitt has announced the opening of the third round of the Circular Economy Councils Fund, which will support councils to increase recycling capacity and divert tonnes of waste from landfill.

Projects eligible for funding include initiatives that seek to increase the reuse, repurposing and recycling of materials at local or regional scale, helping to meet the Government's target to divert 80 per cent of waste from landfill by 2030.

A circular economy keeps materials, products and services in circulation for as long as possible and keeps them out of landfill. So far, more than 50 projects across the state have been supported by \$3.8 million in funding.

All Victorian councils and Alpine Resorts can apply for grants to develop projects.

For more information, visit sustainability.vic.gov.au/circular-economy-councils-fund-round-3.

Community celebrates official lake naming

THE Coronet Bay, Corinella and neighbouring communities turned up in droves for the Smoking and Lake Naming Ceremony on Sunday.

More than 200 people were in attendance.

The Coronet Bay Ratepayers and Residents Committee (supported by the Coronet Bay Ratepayers and Residents Association) organised a fabulous community celebration to officially name the local lake, Wang Toolome Parnung.

Linda Nicholls, vice president Coronet Bay Ratepayers and Residents Committee, was MC on the day.

Bunurong/ Palawa man Josh West from the Bunurong Land Council and his son, Danny West conducted a

wonderful and moving 'Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony'.

Professor John Thwaites AM Chair of Melbourne Water and Josh West then unveiled the sign.

This was followed by brief speeches given by Prof John Thwaites, Deputy Mayor, Cr Rochelle Halstead and Angela Christa (CBRRA member).

Bass MP Jordan Crugnale was also in attendance to enjoy the celebration.

It was a wonderful opportunity for the Waterline communities and visitors to join together and acknowledge how lucky they are to have this environmental treasure and the rich habitats it supports.



Chris Petrie (from left) CBRRA member, Cr Rochelle Halstead, MP Jordan Crugnale, Josh West of Bunurong Land Council, Linda Nicholls vice president CBRRC, Angela Christa CBRRA member, Prof John Thwaites AM, and Gary Irving CBRRA member, celebrate the official naming of lake Wang Toolome Parnung.

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Wind PM: Light

15° **25°**



SAT | Mar 18

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17° **27°**



SUN | Mar 19

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Wind PM: Light

13° **23°**



MON | Mar 20

Cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: S-SW 15-25km/h

13° **22°**

IN BRIEF

Inverloch Cemetery open and information day

THE community is invited to an open information day at the Inverloch Cemetery.

This will be an opportunity for the local community to gain a better understanding of the:

- History of the cemetery
- How it is managed
- What are the plans for the future
- Opportunity to join the trust as one of the trustees

During the information period the Trust members will be able to answer your questions on how the Cemetery Trust and its volunteers operate, costs involved, how to locate individual burial sites, reservations, etc. The event will be held on Saturday, March 25, from 11am to 2pm.

For further enquires please contact the Chairperson (Frank Kisvarda on 0418 177 505).

Mayor elected to peak council body

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council Mayor, Cr Nathan Hersey has been elected to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) Board representing the Gippsland region.

The MAV is the legislated peak body for Victoria's 79 local councils and the voice of local government in Victoria. Its role is to represent and advocate local government interests, build the capacity of councils and provide policy and strategic advice. Mayor Hersey will join nine other Councillors from across Victoria and Cr David Clark who was re-elected as President. The President and Board will serve a two-year term.

"I am honoured to have been elected to the Board of the Municipal Association of Victoria," Cr Nathan Hersey, Mayor South Gippsland Shire Council said. "It is an exciting opportunity to be representing the Gippsland region and I look forward to working closely with my Gippsland colleagues to ensure that our concerns are heard and

that our sometimes-unique position is considered in MAV decision making."

Morning tea for Red Cross calling month

THE Leongatha Red Cross Unit will be holding a Coffee Morning on Tuesday, March 21, as it is Red Cross Calling Month.

It will be start at 10am at the Woorayl Golf Club in Leongatha. The morning will cost \$5 and includes morning tea with bottomless cups of tea or coffee. There will be a \$5 raffle which will give you a chance to win one of several items.

Our guest speakers will share anecdotes about the local Red Cross Unit both past and present as well as sharing what Red Cross is doing nationally and internationally.

Funds from the morning will go towards supporting vulnerable people in disaster zones.

Please come along and enjoy a cuppa whilst learning more about Red Cross. If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact Lois on 0428 868 273, or Cathy on 0427 196 095.

Inaugural club development award

AT A recent meeting of the Wonthaggi & District Combined Probus Club president Brendan Golding was delighted to present the club's inaugural Club Development award to Noelene and Rick Houghton in recognition of their significant contribution to the development of the club's social amenity through the introduction of several games activities and enhanced Cabin and Caravan visits.

Indoor games such as Mahjong, Sequence, and the very popular Mexican Trains are now part of the club's regular program.

Outdoor games such as Klop and Boules are now played at the twice-yearly Cabin & Caravan visits.

Wonthaggi & District Combined Probus Club is actively recruiting new members and meets

at the Wonthaggi Workmens Club at 9.45 am on the third Tuesday of each month. So if you're retired, semi-retired or retiring soon or new to the area and looking to meet active new people while enjoying a range of social activities contact us today.

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O'Brien continues 'kamikaze corner' campaign

THE Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien has urged the State Government to provide funding to fix a dangerous intersection at Leongatha South.

In State Parliament recently, Mr O'Brien called on the Government to provide funding for the realignment of the intersection of Bass Highway and Leongatha South-Outtrim Road, which has been the scene of a number of accidents including fatalities over recent years.

"This intersection was the scene of further accidents over summer and is in need of work," Mr O'Brien said.

"Although the road is predominately straight, those turning right into Outtrim Road don't have a turning lane and a small hill makes visibility towards Leongatha difficult.

"After lobbying some years ago, Regional Roads Victoria installed a left turning lane but there is further work that is needed."

Mr O'Brien said he understands that Regional Roads Victoria has plans for the realignment of the intersection, which also includes neighbouring Roughheads Road, but does not have the funding to proceed.

Offshore wind strategy revealed

MINISTER for Energy and Resources Lily D'Ambrosio has released the Victorian Offshore Wind Energy Implementation Statement 2, which sets out how Victoria will leverage industry-led investment in offshore wind for the first tranche of projects that will deliver at least 2 gigawatts (GW) by 2032.

The strategy confirms the location of the Victorian Renewable Energy Terminal at the Port of Hastings.

The terminal will support wind construction delivery of up to 1 GW per year, process turbines up to 18 megawatts and service multiple offshore wind developments concurrently.

The Victorian Renewable Energy Terminal will undergo a thorough Environment Effects Statement (EES), allowing the community to make submissions which will be considered before the project is progressed.

A Renewable Energy Supply Chain Hub will also be developed near offshore wind development areas.

Work will also begin on a renewable energy workforce development plan that will identify what skills and training is needed to support the industry, with a specific focus on Gippsland.

The strategy also outlines that VicGrid will lead on the development of transmission infrastructure for offshore wind.

It will consider a range of feasible options and is expected to announce the specific transmission connection point locations and route corridors in Gippsland and Portland by the end of the year.

OWEV is working towards a formal competitive procurement process for the first tranche of offshore wind energy capacity in 2025.

Further information will be shared in Implementation Statement 3 in late 2023.

For more information visit energy.vic.gov.au

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Proud unveiling of Alex Scott mural

DOZENS of Wonthaggi locals gathered to witness the official unveiling of the incredible Alex Scott and Staff mural at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club carpark last week.

It has quickly become a source of pride for the town as it features Wonthaggi's strong mining history, while paying tribute to the agency's founders.

Two plaques were also presented which commemorates the memory of Alex Scott,

Stewart Scott and Bruce Gibson, with another plaque also honouring Knox Bros. Timber and Hardware (1913-1987).

The mural itself features the famed coal mining pit ponies, which are a mark of their firm's connection with the mines as a supplier of pit ponies.

They were lovingly rendered by two of the state's best muralists, Brigitte Dawson and Melissa Turner of Melbourne's Murals, clearly with a special

gift for capturing the character and beauty of horses.

It also includes the figure of Alex Scott, the founder of the firm and long-standing managing director, his nephew Bruce Gibson, who passed away a few years ago.

Alex Scott and Staff director Tom Gibson said the event was a fantastic opportunity to not only highlight the agency's history but also Wonthaggi.

"The plaque was in recognition of Alex Scott and his

early days followed by his son Stewart, who took over," he said.

"He called upon his nephew, Bruce Gibson (my dad), and Alex Scott's grandson to come help him."

He thanked all those involved in making the mural possible including Handley and Anderson funerals who provided the plaques.

A time lapse video was also created throughout the duration of the painting.

Vacant land sells for eyewatering amount

ALEX Scott and Staff achieved a record price for vacant residential land in Inverloch over the weekend, with 6 Miller Terrace selling for \$1,935,000 (\$3644 per sqm).

More than 150 onlookers and bidders turned out for the auction which was held on Sunday.



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Cowes industrial sites mostly compliant with EPA

EPA Victoria officers have inspected 10 industrial sites around Cowes in search of any threats to local waterways.

The inspections are part of a state-wide program to resolve problems before they can cause a spill or let chemicals escape into stormwater drains, creeks and rivers.

More than 100 sites have been inspected across Victoria so far.

EPA Gippsland Regional Manager Jessica Bandiera says it's about sensible preventative measures each business should take.

"Businesses around Cowes were cooperative and most of the issues we found could be fixed easily. The team gave compliance advice to nine businesses and will conduct follow up inspections at some of the sites," Ms Bandiera said.

"We also issued four remedial notices; each one is an instruction from EPA to take specific actions to fix a problem. They come with a set deadline and there's no fine if the business complies," she said.

"And I'm pleased to say that one of the businesses achieved a clean sheet and won't need any follow up."

Ensuring the health of local waterways is important for Traditional Owners and their cultural responsibility to care for Country, so the inspection teams often include advisors from local indigenous communities.

Typical issues found during the program's inspections include:

- The lack of a bund – a surrounding barrier that stops any spill from reaching a drain or leaving the property
- The lack of proper storage, handling, and management systems for liquids
- Inappropriate storage/handling of waste that might burn, like tyres and timber – there are size limits and minimum separation distances for stockpiles to limit the size and spread of fire
- Wastewater and wash water escaping to stormwater drains
- The lack of spill kits containing materials and equipment needed to contain a spill

The inspections target any site that can cause a spill, from concrete batching plants to chemical distributors, businesses offering vehicle and machinery servicing/repairs, chemical handling and a variety of other industrial activities.

EPA has information online at epa.vic.gov.au/for-business/find-a-topic/store-manage-liquids

There's more information on the General Environmental Duty here: epa.vic.gov.au/about-epa/laws/laws-and-your-business/general-environmental-duty-for-businesses

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THE NATIONALS for Regional Victoria

Mayor's message

CLIMATE change is front of mind in Council's decision-making, heightened since Council declared a climate emergency in 2019. Sea level induced coastal erosion has been a key focus with Council actively involved in managing key erosion hotspots across the Shire in Cowes East and Kilcunda and Inverloch in recent years.

Inundation risk arising from sea level rise was identified by Council in 2014 when it introduced the Land Subject to Inundation Overlay (LSIO) into the Planning Scheme to guide decisions on development proposals in coastal areas. The data required for the overlay was better in the Westernport areas due to the Coastal Hazard Assessment having been done. Recently the Cape to Cape Resilience project by the Victorian Government has identified further areas in and around Inverloch that are subject to inundation.

The LSIO identified two levels of sea level rise ie the level expected by 2040 of 0.2 metres and a higher level of 0.8 Metres by 2100.

Recently Melbourne Water commenced applying the more stringent 2100 inundation test and projected flood levels to their decision making on development proposals. This change in approach by Melbourne Water has meant that several planning applications that would previously have been approved have now been refused.

Bass Coast Shire Council officers have advised they will be unable to grant future planning permits for new homes and buildings where forecasting shows the property is likely to be impacted by climate change caused sea level rise. To do otherwise would leave the Council and ratepayers open to significant legal issues down the track.

There is an urgent need for Government policy to manage this situation, to recognise the dilemma for people who hold



Cr Michael Whelan

coastal land and who will no longer be able to build on their property. Clear policy direction and leadership from the State and Federal Governments setting out how to manage this emerging situation.

To begin with the State Government should prepare a State-wide Planning Scheme amendment that addresses coastal flooding potential across the State. There should be no doubt that coastal inundation is a state-wide issue impacting the entirety of Victoria's 2500km coastline. There is a precedent for this approach in the way the Victorian Government introduced a state wide bushfire overlay following the Black Saturday bushfires, setting out requirements for bushfire prone areas.

I have been on Council for nearly 7 years over that time the Australian Coastal Council and the South East Councils Climate Change Alliance both bodies have constantly pushed for climate change leadership from the Federal and State Governments. Coastal erosion has been a critical issue in Bass Coast over that time. We know that changes to the Planning Scheme to deal with climate change are well overdue. It is incredible that the Planning and Environment Act is not even subject to the State's own Climate Change Act.

I am calling for the State Government to take the lead role and provide a clear road map on coastal planning in a similar way the took over bushfire hazard planning after 2009's devastating Black Saturday bushfires. The Federal Government will be a critical part of planning for future climate disasters.

Critical stage for Kilcunda viaduct bridge

FINAL designs to help preserve Kilcunda's viaduct bridge have been completed with the project almost ready for construction.

After the community campaigned to have the bridge preserved, due to its deteriorating state, council first implemented permanent fencing to stop onlookers from climbing on it and risking further damage.

However, further plans were undertaken to install a galvanized steel mesh 'portal' to allow pedestrians to walk under the bridge safely, as well as stepping stones for a wet weather pathway.

Council has been working with

Deery Consulting to develop the design.

"These preliminary concept designs and soil test results have been used to prepare the technical drawings for the project," the shire stated via their Engage platform.

"Design options were explored extensively and the safety fencing and retaining wall previously shown on the design were deemed unfeasible and extensive earthworks, retaining wall constriction and other infrastructure were required.

"The safety fencing along the top of the bridge will remain and

there is an opportunity to paint it a colour that is more sympathetic to the skyline.

"The final design will provide the community with a safe thoroughfare and access while retaining the bridge for many more years."

The shire has issued a request for quotation, while the final drawings can be viewed at <https://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/kilbridge>

The Viaduct Bridge in Kilcunda is an ex-railways timber trestle bridge owned by council and has been out of service for approximately 50 years.

Rhyll playspace stage 2 construction underway

STAGE 2 construction works for the Rhyll Playspace behind the Rhyll Angling Club were set to begin on March 14, 2023.

This project will complete the play-space upgrade at Rhyll by providing a nature-themed children's recreation area.

The works will include construction of a play tower, installation of a spiral slide and a connection bridge between the two towers, seating, landscaping, boardwalks, and pathways.

Council has appointed Planned

Construction Pty Ltd.

The total project cost is approximately \$300,000 and is jointly funded by the Victorian Government's Growing Suburb Fund, and Council's Capital works open space renewal program 2022/23.

The project is expected to be completed by late May 2023.

During the construction works for Stage 2, the existing play area will be closed, and temporary fences will be in place. Appropriate traffic and pedestrian control measures will be implemented

onsite during these works.

The community, residents, businesses, and other stakeholders will be kept up to date with the project via Council's website and can also see the on site QR code project sign, which will outline upcoming works and projected timelines for completion.

You can also email basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au or visit the Council's website at <https://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/rhyll-foreshore-playspace> to get the latest updates on this project.

More birthday milestones for Flo



ON March 6, Flo Cooper celebrated her 104th birthday with family and friends at Carinya Lodge in Korumburra.

Flo was born in the bush nursing hospital in Korumburra and lived most of her life in Poowong. Married to Colin Martin, she has three daughters, four grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Flo enjoys all the activities Carinya has to offer including bingo, trivia and the AFL footy tipping competition.

South Gippsland Jobs Expo



Are you looking for work?

Come dressed for success with your resume ready to talk with prospective employers who have jobs opportunities.

This FREE jobs expo is to help all job seekers, from school leavers to mature aged, connect with potential local employers.

A live jobs board will display over 100 jobs.

Need staff for your business?

Connect with job seekers who are looking for ongoing employment, apprenticeships, traineeships and casual/part-time jobs.

Book a stand to meet them face-to-face.

Can't be there in person? Post a job on the jobs board.



Free sausage sizzle!

Free coffee voucher to the first 50 attendees*.

Thursday 16 March

9.30am–2.30pm

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

Register at:

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/JobsExpo



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

Community information sessions

We want you to tell us what is important about the places you live and work, and how we can work with community and industry to create lasting positive outcomes.

BlueFloat Energy is hosting community information sessions for our Greater Gippsland Offshore Wind Project. The 2 gigawatt project is planned to be located off the coast between Woodside Beach and Seaspray, and will generate enough energy to power approximately 1 million homes.

Where we'll be

SALE

Thursday 23 March
10:00am – 2:00pm

Gippsland Shopping Centre (near Coles)

37-39 Cunningham Street, Sale

SEASPRAY

Friday 24 March
4:00pm – 7:00pm

Seaspray Surf Life Saving Club

1A Foreshore Road, Seaspray

WOODSIDE BEACH

Saturday 25 March
8:00am – 11:00am

Woodside Beach Surf Life Saving Club

Richard Road, Woodside Beach

Can't make it?

If you can't attend one of these sessions, you can email us at any time with your questions and feedback. You can also sign up on our website to receive updates as the Project progresses.

info@greatergippslandowp.com.au greatergippslandowp.com.au



Community generosity sees almost \$10K raised

TWO HUNDRED and fifty tickets were sold in advance of Saturday's Join the Welcome event at Archies Creek in a successful afternoon under the sun... But what was the story behind the fundraiser.

"Today is the makings of near on 100 different volunteers and donations, including bands and artists," Burra Welcome Committee event coordinator, Laura said.

"Archies Creek have opened up their venue for us and we have had 15 businesses donate goods for the silent auction, and not to mention all the little bits from posters to advertising - which has been great.

"We have called it Join the Welcome because we really believe that it does take a village to welcome a family into our community and for it to be a successful resettlement."

Ten bands and artists took to the two stages over the six-hour event, as hundreds of guests enjoyed the sunshine outside, a testament to how much Australians want to get behind the

refugee crisis.

"Greg Walker (Sand Brothers) has been instrumental in pulling the bands together and liaising with Archies Creek to get this running today.

"The money that we make today will sustain the Syrian refugee family that we are sponsoring for the rest of the year, which will give us the flexibility to really help them have a great start here and take away some of those financial pressures they are under. We have one year to transition and support them to independence."

The family came to the attention of the committee through academic Miki.

"Miki brought it to us - we put our hands up and here we are today," Laura smiled.

"We are working with CRSA (Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia).

"It's a pilot program that has only just started here but has been running in Canada for 40 years with huge success. Anyone can do it."



Burra Welcome Committee organisers Miki, Maxine, Karen, Sarah and Laura. C38_1123



Neve, Zenna and Milla were at the entry greeting guests during Sunday's event. C39_1123



Enjoying 'Dinner on the Mount' was Cr Adrian Darakai with Mount Eccles Hall committee members from left, Brenda Swan, Marianne O'Rourke, and Helen Reeves.

Dinner on the Mount

THE Mount Eccles Hall was 'packed to the rafters' at its recent 'Dinner on the Mount'.

The annual fundraising event attracted a huge crowd from across the local community and beyond. Also in attendance were South Gippsland Shire Councillors Jenni Keerie, Scott Rae, and Adrian Darakai.

Apart from the traditional array of roast meats, salads and creamy desserts, the evening included dancing to music from the 50s to the 80s.

"While the focus of the evening is about bringing the community together, it is also on raising funds to preserve our beloved 118-year-old Hall", said long-time resident and current committee member, Christine Corbridge.

"An example of the community's pride in our Hall were old newspaper clippings of its history which were tagged to individual cutlery settings by local resident, Jude Cooksley."

In 2021, the Hall committee established the Mount Eccles Hall Preservation Fund with proceeds from 'Dinner on the Mount' and other activities contributing to repairs to the Hall's foundations, stage, and roof.

For more information about future Mount Eccles Hall events, plans for managing its preservation and how to donate, go to www.mounteccleshall.com.au the Mount Eccles Hall Facebook page or email mounteccleshall@gmail.com

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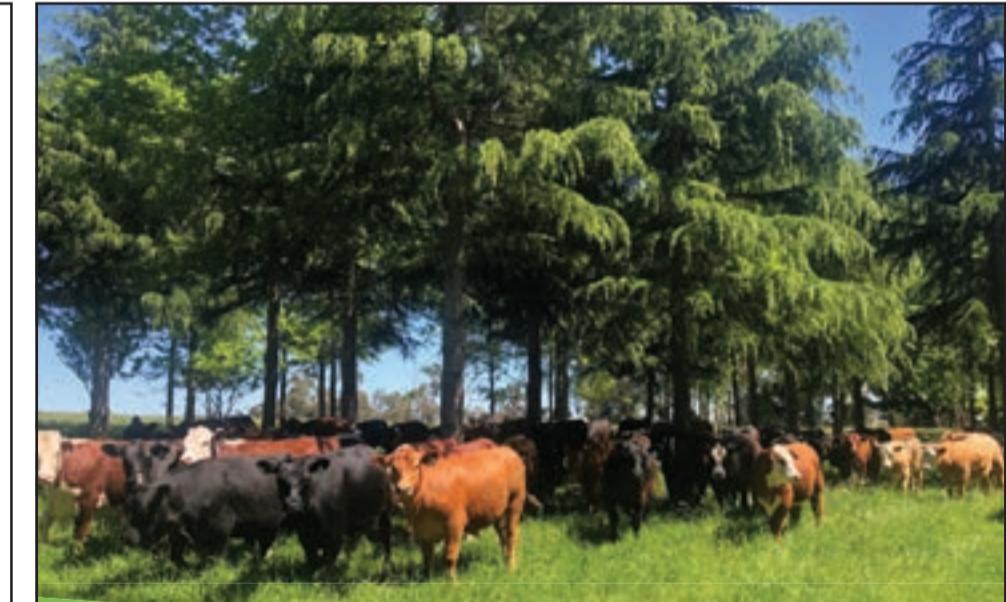
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CALL FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

VicForests is establishing a farm forestry program in Gippsland for landholders. The program encourages the expansion of farm forestry plantations to help address future timber and fibre requirements.

The program will focus on the establishment of suitable tree species, either within plantations or integrated with an agricultural enterprise. Grants will be awarded through an application process.

Grant applications open on 13 March 2023 and close on 14 of April 2023.

Further information is available at VicForests website: www.vicforests.com.au/farm-forestry



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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Animal Registrations

Our four-legged companions are important family members so it's essential that we keep them safe and secure. Owning an animal in South Gippsland requires registration with Council which helps ensure they can be returned to you if they become lost. Your animal registration fees also help to provide important pet-related services within South Gippsland, such as animal control and community education about responsible pet ownership.

If you own a dog or cat, it's important that you:

Register each dog or cat you own

- Ensure each dog or cat you own is microchipped
- Make sure that each dog or cat wears a valid Council registration tag

- Keep your dog confined to your property
- Make sure your dog doesn't bark persistently
- Stop your dog or cat from straying onto another person's property if that person objects
- Prevent your dog from chasing or attacking people or animals

Responsible pet ownership is important for our fur family and our community.

Renewal registrations must be paid by the April 10 each year. New dog and cat registrations can be made anytime throughout the year.

For more information:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/
register-your-pet](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/register-your-pet)

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

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

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Please contact the Governance Team for questions about Council Meetings.

REQUEST FOR TENDER

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

RFT/349 – Korumburra Football Netball Club Changerooms Project

Tenders close 2.00pm. AEST on Wednesday 26 April 2023.

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

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Dylan, Jase, Spencer, Stuart and Louis await their turn in line at the sausage sizzle after a round in the wheelchair relay. C02_1123

Wheelchairs for life

WHEELCHAIRS for Kids has been an international project of Rotary for 25 years.

Founded by Rotary Scarborough in Western Australia teams of volunteers gather daily to build the wheelchairs based on an Australian design, with the final product delivered to individuals abroad who are in desperate need.

Since establishment in 1998, over 54,000 chairs have been distributed to 90 countries worldwide with occupational therapists and physiotherapists setting up each chair on the receiving end to ensure the perfect fit for each child.

"It is one of the best projects Rotary have undertaken," Rotarian Richard noted.

"So many people have been involved over the years and the benefit is incredible."

Each all-terrain, orthopaedic wheel-

chair can be customised to grow with the child with one chair suitable for children from four years to 16 years of age at a cost of \$275 each.

"Our mission is to help any children anywhere in the world," South Eastern Division Wheelchair for Kids co-ordinator, Russell Hayes said.

"Over 300 volunteers participate weekly in the manufacturing with over 6498 volunteers participating over the 25 years. It is completely volunteer driven with all funds raised going directly to building more wheelchairs."

Fundraising for Wheelchairs for Kids is not just available to schools either with workplaces, and private donations also available.

"Kids have a great day out," fellow South Eastern Division Wheelchair for Kids co-ordinator, Grant Klaaysen added amongst the chatter and chorus of Foster Primary School children participating in the relay.

With the assistance of principal, Scott Moorhouse, Dr Laurie Warfe and Liz Hall, the Early Act Program incorporating the Rotary Youth division has seen 10 grade five students involved in bringing the project to Foster Primary School.

"It has been a fantastic day and our aim is to raise enough monies for 10 wheelchairs," Foster Primary School principal, Scott said referencing the direct fundraising students undertook and the sausage sizzle.

"Our parents club have even sponsored the icy poles the kids are enjoying as a way of thanking them for their hard work."

To find out more or get your school involved call Wheelchairs for Kids co-ordinators Russell on 0414 600 721 or Grant on 0419 316 673.

Individuals can also help by nominating Wheelchairs for Kids as part of their Ritchie's Community Benefits.

South Gippsland Asset Management Plan up for adoption

SOUTH GIPPSLAND Shire Council's new Asset Management Plan appears set to be adopted at Wednesday's council meeting, with the aim of providing services in the most cost-effective manner, and an acknowledgement of the budgetary challenges to achieving desired service levels.

The plan provides a long-term outlook, taking account of the lifecycle of assets from acquisition, through

maintenance, operation, renewal and disposal.

"Lifecycle costs (or whole of life costs) are the average annual costs that are required to sustain the service levels over the longest asset life," the proposed new Asset Management Plan states.

"Our overall lifecycle budget is slightly lower than the projected lifecycle costs and as a result council

is not able to fund the current infrastructure lifecycle costs in order to maintain the current levels of service and/or provide new services in the long term," the document says.

The overall forecast lifecycle costs across council's asset categories is \$31,326,718, while the planned annual lifecycle budget is \$25,497,430, leaving a shortfall of \$5,829,288.

New focus for Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower business association

THE BUSINESS association for Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower is set for a transformation, with an expanded focus, broader membership base, and a new name to be considered.

Currently known as the Beach & Riverside Business Association (BARBA), the organisation's president, Dan Lawrie of Alex Scott Real Estate in Venus Bay, outlined recent feedback from members.

"Existing members have been canvassed for their views and there was a strong message that 'out-of-season' tourism should form a major plank of a reinvigorated association," Dan said.

That may include the reintroduction of a dual-town festival during the winter.

Previously, the towns united to host a winter festival and the 'Tour de Tarwin', with the latter involving running, walking or riding from Venus Bay to Tarwin Lower.

While there isn't a proposal to bring either event back in its previous form, a reimagined 'out-of-season' festival is seen as an effective way to bring people to town and support local businesses.

Dan noted that informal discussions



Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower business association president Dan Lawrie looks forward to a broadening of the organisation's membership and an expanded focus.

with South Gippsland Shire Council have included enthusiastic support for a revitalised business association for Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower.

With projects such as the Venus Bay streetscape, which is due to commence within the next few months, and the Coastal Strategy, the business

association has an important role to play, he believes.

Dan reflected on the challenges Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower have faced in the last three years, along with the rest of regional Victoria.

"It is time to initiate plans to ensure our businesses remain viable, vibrant and able to continue to serve their communities," he declared.

The business association's expansion of membership eligibility includes those who are self-employed, working from home, tradies, holiday rental owners, and people with experience in tourism, communications and events.

Originally, membership was restricted to physical shop holders.

An AGM will be held on Wednesday March 22 at 6pm at the Venus Bay Community Centre.

A new name for the local business association is likely to be determined at the meeting.

New members are encouraged to join, with committee roles also needing to be filled.

For further information contact Dan Lawrie on 0417 631 252 or Bruce Leonard on 0475 614 272.

Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey



Municipal Association of Victoria Board

I am honoured to have been elected to the Board of the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV).

In this role, I will be representing the entire Gippsland region and have the opportunity to discuss topics relating to all of local government in Victoria with Councillors from across the state.

I look forward to working closely with my Gippsland colleagues to ensure our concerns as a region are heard and that our sometimes-unique position is considered in MAV decision making. We are an extremely important region and that should not go unnoticed.

Advocacy Hits the Road

In a few weeks' time, I will be heading to Canberra alongside Chief Executive Officer Kerryn Ellis, Deputy Mayor Williams and Council's Manager Customer, Communication and Advocacy Nina Barry-Macaulay. We will be meeting one-on-one with federal MP's and Ministers to talk about the needs and importance of South Gippsland.

This will also be an opportunity to talk about our advocacy priorities that were adopted in June last year with the aim of eventually securing funding for these important projects.

Liaising directly with our Commonwealth government counterparts is key to ensuring our region is not forgotten and we are considered part of the decision making when South Gippsland is concerned. We need to be meaningfully consulted with on projects that impact us – no exceptions.

International Women's Day

Wednesday 8 March was International Women's Day, a day to recognise the women in our lives who do amazing things. To celebrate the contributions women have made to South Gippsland, there were several events including the Southern Business Women's Network event in Meeniyan and the opening of the THREADS exhibition at Coal Creek.

The exhibition is open now until 1 May and focuses on women's relationship with textiles and art. Please go along and enjoy the works, many of which have been created by local artists and makers.

South Gippsland Jobs Expo

Don't forget that the South Gippsland Jobs Expo is on this Thursday 16 March from 9.30am to 2.30pm.

Over 250 jobs are on offer and a range of large employers in South Gippsland will be there to talk to you, so come along with your resume and take advantage of this opportunity.

For more information please visit www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/JobsExpo

Animal Registrations

Notices to register your animals have now started hitting letterboxes. You have until 10 April to pay your registration, which can be done at Council's reception or over the phone. Council's reception is open Monday to Thursday between 10am and 3pm.

Planning Scheme Review

This is your last chance to provide feedback, which closes March 15.

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

Thank you to those who have provided feedback.

Tidy Towns Nominations Now Open

Nominations are open now until 18 June for the Tidy Towns awards. These annual awards are run by Keep Australia Beautiful every year and have developed over the years to be a significant celebration of Australia's beautiful towns, of which we have many in South Gippsland! There are ten categories that you can apply for, so there is something for every town.

I look forward to seeing our towns in the nominations list, and maybe even the winners!

For more information, visit www.kab.org.au/awards



The Treble F's singers will be performing at the Leongatha Men's Shed later this month.

Opening up at Leongatha Men's Shed

ARE YOU ready to discover a place to connect and mates that make it all worthwhile?

This simple question will be answered on the last day of March, when the newly completed Men's Shed will be open for all the community to visit.

Men of South Gippsland are invited to experience firsthand all that Men's Sheds offer.

The 'opening up' project encourages local men to participate socially over a couple of hours each month in a broad range of programs, in a happy, healthy and convivial environment.

Each month, the Sentinel-Times will showcase special monthly activities being held at the Leongatha Men's Shed.

There are 'no strings attached', membership is not required to participate in any of these events.

The first of these special events happens on Friday, March 31 between 10.00am and 12.30pm. The doors will be open to bring along family and see for yourselves how fortunate the Leongatha community is, in having such a great shed.

On show will be exhibits of work made by local members

and video presentations of the Shed being built. These members will be on hand to chat about their future plans and activities.

Special entertainment on the day will be provided by the newly formed 'Treble F's singers' and the South Gippsland Brass Band ensemble. Guests can stay and enjoy lunch provided by the Men's Shredders.

Men's Sheds are accessible to all men.

The primary activity is the provision of a safe and friendly environment where men are able to talk or work on meaningful projects at their own pace, in their own time, in the company of other men.

A major objective is to advance the well-being and health of its members.

Coming together, importantly helps combat social isolation and creates new connections in caring and compassionate company.

Men's Sheds are a place to make new mates while contributing to the community.

Come along to 9 Wild Dog Valley Road, Leongatha and find out for yourself.

On show will be exhibits of work made by local members



From Holdens and Fords to British classics, there was no shortage of unique vehicles at Leongatha's car show last year. ns161222

Leongatha ready to shine

VEHICLE lovers and bric-a-brac collectors are in for a treat, with Leongatha Rotary Club's Show 'N Shine & Swap Meet taking over the town's velodrome oval and surrounds on Sunday March 19.

At least 350 vehicles are expected to be on display, with some just exhibited while others will be judged in one of 21 categories, including 'Best Hot Rod', 'Best Veteran', 'Best Street Machine', 'Best Truck', and 'Best Bike'.

It will be a huge day for the judges who are fully committed to the task.

Chairman of the Show 'N Shine committee, Jim McNiven, who is also a judge, explained it's not a matter of just looking at vehicles and deciding which looks nice.

"We have teams of judges experienced in the type of vehicles

they are judging, and we're finicky," he said.

Those exhibiting vehicles on the oval will be required to stay until the 1pm finish time this year, with organisers wanting to ensure the safety of attendees.

Anyone wishing to exhibit vehicles and leave earlier will be directed to a different area that enables them to depart safely when ready to go.

With so many people passionate about vehicles, it's the perfect setting for those keen to sell vehicle parts and related merchandise.

There will be a wide range of bric-a-brac and collectables in addition to car items, with wrought iron work, tools and kitchenware among the possibilities.

Craft and produce will also be up for grabs.

Food and coffee vendors will ensure everyone has the energy to enjoy the whole show.

Swap meet traders and those wishing to exhibit vehicles can take advantage of online entry to avoid queues on the day.

Simply visit leongatharotary.org.au/show-n-shine and click on the 'Express Entry' button to register and pay.

Entry for show car and driver costs \$10, with each additional adult passenger \$10.

It costs \$5 extra to enter vehicles for judging.

General Admission is \$10 for adults, with children free.

General pedestrian entry is via Gate 2 from 7.30 am.

Swap meet traders & food vendors enter via Gate 1 only from 6am.

Show Cars enter via Gate 3 only from 7.30am.



Welcoming the men of South Gippsland



WHAT'S ON in 2023!

JOIN OUR EVENTS HELD ON THE LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH
AT THE LEONGATHA MEN'S SHED - 9 Wild Dog Valley Road

MARCH

OPEN DAY FOR THE COMMUNITY
See today's article for information

MAY

MAKE A TOY CAR
for 'Operation Christmas Child Project'

JUNE

MEN'S HEALTH PROGRAM
Guest speaker/s TBA

JULY

COOK & EAT
Menu: Various Air Fryer cooking

AUGUST

RETIRING FARMERS FORUM
Guest speaker/s TBA

SEPTEMBER

COOK & EAT
Menu: Rice/Pasta Recipes

OCTOBER

MEN'S HEALTH PROGRAM
Guest speaker/s TBA

NOVEMBER

MAKE A POSSUM BOX
for 'Wildlife Victoria project'

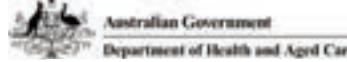
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CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT
Celebration of Christmas and 2023

MORE INFORMATION Email: lgatha.mens@gmail.com Leongatha Men's Shed

Let's have a cuppa! For information about the Leongatha Men's Shed and its current activities, or any of this year's events, call into the LYON & BAIR Café, Bair Street, Leongatha any Tuesday morning between 10am & 11am and chat with a "Shedder"

This project is supported by



Funding from the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care under the National Shed Development Program.



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 **Rotary Club of Leongatha**
SHOW 'N' SHINE AND SWAP MEET
Sunday 19th March 2023

at Leongatha Recreation Reserve Roughead Street, Leongatha
Swap Meet Gate 1 only ~ Show Cars Gate 3 only

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An artist impression of the Kilcunda Skate Park and Playspace.

Kickflips and ollies for Kilcunda

BASS Coast Shire is pleased to announce that Grind Projects has been awarded the contract for the construction of skate park and new play space at Kilcunda Foreshore.

Construction was expected to commence last week.

The construction of the new skate park and playspace is in partnership with the State Government through Sport and Recreation Victoria, who have contributed \$250,000 towards the \$720,532 budget.

The project will see a new skate bowl constructed where the existing play space is located, whilst a new play space will be installed to its immediate northwest.

Kilcunda Community Association president Andrea Bolch said the community had been advocating for the project for almost six years.

"Kilcunda is a rapidly growing

town and it's great to see a wonderful amenity being built for the young people of our town," she said.

"There are limited amenities in Kilcunda and limited places to come together as a community, so this will provide a wonderful venue for all ages to be active and hang out.

"It will also be a huge attraction for our visitors and I imagine an added attraction for the OceanView Holiday Park next door."

Features of the project include:

- The skate bowl will feature a roll in for beginners, a deep end for more advanced skaters, slippery kerb, water fall and pier 7 ledge. The facility also has a shelter with seating and accessible ramp entrance from both the rail trail and the foreshore sides.
- The play space will have a natural feel including rock carvings along with traditional play elements for climbing, sliding and swinging. There will also be an accessible rubber under surface linked to a carousel and basket swing that ensures safe play.
- Landscaping works including drainage and a dry creek bed which acts as a swale, whilst the existing Norfolk Island Pine which creates shade will be retained. Some minor vegetation removal is required before substantial re-planting of trees and garden beds will be completed to act as landscape buffers around the play and skate areas.
- Accessible concrete pathways will be installed throughout the space and will create an uninterrupted path of travel from the main entrances (car park and rail trail) to the skate park, playspace, as well as nearby toilet block and barbecue shelter. The transitions to these activity area's will all be step free.
- User amenities such as a water fountain, bins and bike racks will be installed.

The works will involve the need for heavy machinery and equipment to be used, including noisy works such as demolition, retaining wall construction, and use of trucks for removal or delivery of materials to the site.

As a result, access to the area will be restricted, and appropriate traffic and pedestrian control measures will be put in place to ensure public safety.

The project is anticipated to be completed by the end of June, while the skate bowl is scheduled for completion in late May.

To learn more and sign up for updates go to <https://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/kilcunda-skate>

Early stages underway for crucial highway upgrade

DETAILED designs are being finalised for crucial upgrades on the Bass Highway at Kilcunda.

The State Government is investing \$7.8 million to make travel on the highway safer and more accessible with upgrades to improve safety for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.

Improvements to the road will include new pedestrian operated traffic light signals, turning lanes and better parking facilities along the Bass Highway.

"Early works to improve traffic flow, safety and accessibility on the Bass Highway in Kilcunda have begun and the project is due to be completed by early 2025," said Beth Liley, Regional Director (Gippsland), Department of Transport and Planning.

"We are finalising detailed designs for the safety upgrades at Kilcunda and we will continue to keep the community informed."

This project is part of a \$226.7 million investment to improve safety on high-priority roads and intersections across Victoria, including the Gippsland region's Strzelecki Highway between Mirboo North and Morwell.

More information on the Bass Highway, Kilcunda pedestrian and intersection safety improvements can be found on the Regional Roads Victoria website: www.rrv.vic.gov.au/map/gippsland-improvements/bass-highway-kilcunda-pedestrian-and-intersection-safety-improvements



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Apply for Community Road Safety Grants now

THE NATIONALS Member for Eastern Victoria, Melina Bath, encourages eligible community organisations to apply for Community Road Safety Grants.

"Road safety is an ever-increasing problem, particularly across regional Victoria where our rapidly deteriorating roads have seen a concerning increase in road trauma statistics," Melina said.

While stressing that the State Government is responsible for repairing the roads network under its control, Melina said grassroots organisations can play a part by building road safety awareness in their communities.

"This is a great opportunity for local schools to gain funding to facilitate learning programs around cycling, being a safe driver, passenger and pedestrian, as well as understanding roadside signage," she said.

The former teacher highlighted the success of schools' bike education programs in boosting understanding of road safety rules and measures.

Road safety grants are available to incorporated associations with an ABN, Local Government Authorities, and schools.

Local disability providers and organisations supporting community members from linguistically diverse backgrounds could also benefit from applying for road safety grants.

Applications for the Community Road Safety Grants Program 2023/24 close on March 15.

Visit vicroads.vic.gov.au and select 'safety and road rules', then 'road safety programs', then 'community road safety grants program'.

Applications must be made through the SmartyGrants portal at vicroads.smartygrants.com.au/2324Grants



Merv Allen works with 18-year-old Clydesdale Milo on the historical chaff cutter - a manual machine engaged by the horse to finely cut horse feed at last year's event. Z06_1222.



The 1912 portable steam engine, 'Collie', was restored by Peter and Colin Coleman and featured at the event in 2022. Z09_1222.

A glimpse into the past at vintage rally

KORUMBURRA Working Horse & Tractor Rally is proud to present their Annual Vintage Tractor Rally on the South Gippsland Highway, Nyora.

Experience history come to life on March 18-19, 2023, 10am -3pm.

The rally is now in its third decade since being founded by the shire as a local initiative for bicentennial celebrations proved to be a booming success, which has led to it now becoming a prominent event within the region, attended by many coming from

within Victoria and interstate travellers, laying its claim to being one of the best rallies of its type in Australia.

The rally gives a chance for exhibitors to display their historical machinery and skills of various trades to the eager spectators that interact and watch with excitement and glee.

The Heritage Draught Horses, Annual Tractor Pull, Earthmoving Pit, Steam Engines, Ploughing Demonstrations, hay making and harvest demonstrations give the spectators great insight into what

living in the past must have been like for our founding fathers of this area and beyond.

The displays of working trade include live demonstrations of Blacksmith shops, sheep shearing and axe men along with many extensive collections of vintage machinery displayed at the rally.

The rally always boasts about our relaxed bush atmosphere with plenty of shade to relax under whilst enjoying the attractions of our trade village.

We pride our rally on being accessible to all with ease of

transportation around the rally site and fun activities for the kids and the whole family.

This year our rally is also running a colouring competition for kids, that can be collected from Karmai Childrens Centre, Korumburra Primary School, St Joseph's Primary School, Korumburra Library, Kelly's Bakery and The Tiny Teapot Cafe.

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Frankie Leary and Ella Herbert taking a family on a tour around Newhaven College campus on Open Day 2022.

Don't miss Newhaven College's biggest day of the year!

ON SATURDAY, March 25, Newhaven College will be hosting two important events.

The annual College Open Day (10am-2pm) and Alumni reunions for graduates from years 1993, 2003, 2013 and 2018 (10am-1pm).

Open Day

Every year, Newhaven College Open Day attracts hundreds of prospective students and their families.

It is the perfect opportunity to explore the stunning coastal campus and school facilities.

Focus is on the Junior, Middle and Senior School classroom displays, the gym and numerous

sports fields, the Year 9 Environmental Centre, new Performing Arts Wing and there will be a chance to participate in some live displays in the Science & Specialty Wing and the Trade Centre.

There will also be displays by the College's own Equestrian team and Surfing Academy.

Guided tours will run throughout the day, led by students and staff, each expressing their own insights and passion for the school.

Open Day provides the chance to experience the school first-hand, meet teachers and students and ask any questions you might have about what the

school has to offer.

Newhaven College looks forward to welcoming you on 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.

Alumni Reunion

With social events being on the back burner for a few years, Newhaven College is very excited to be able to invite past students back to reflect, connect and network at the College Reunion function.

Those students who graduated

in 1993 (30 years), 2003 (20 years), 2013 (10 years) and 2018 (5 years) will be welcomed by Principal Tony Corr, who will take the group on a tour of the school, followed by morning tea in the school pavilion with some of our long-term staff.

Past students from these year groups are encouraged to reach out to their fellow graduates to take this opportunity to catch up.

To participate in the Newhaven College Alumni event, for students who graduated in 1993, 2003, 2013 and 2018 please book your intention of attendance at <https://www.trybooking.com/CFXLZ> or via QR code

'Clean' hydrogen gas to be produced in Gippsland

AN Australian joint venture between Japanese organisations J-Power and Sumitomo Corporation (JPSC JV) has been selected as the preferred hydrogen provider to Japan Suiso Energy (JSE).

The clean hydrogen gas will be produced in Gippsland and JSE will liquify the hydrogen for export to Japan.

The JV will produce the clean hydrogen, extracted from Latrobe Valley coal with CO2 capture, utilisation and storage (CCUS). J-POWER successfully produced 99.999% pure hydrogen gas, extracted from Latrobe Valley coal, as part of the Hydrogen Energy Supply Chain (HESC) Pilot Project, which achieved a world first liquid hydrogen supply chain with the delivery of the hydrogen at the Port of Kobe in Japan in February 2022.

In January 2022, the Hydrogen Energy Supply Chain (HESC) pilot Project achieved a world first by demonstrating that clean liquid hydrogen can be extracted from a mix of Latrobe Valley coal and biomass, liquified, shipped and unloaded in the port of Kobe in Japan.

The governments of Australia and Victoria contributed a combined \$100 million in funding to the \$500 million project. The rest was invested by the Japanese Government and Project Partners.

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If a committee can't be formed by early April 2023, the Association will need to take a recess or fold.

Crucial meeting for State Coal Mine

THE Friends of the State Coal Mine are holding a public meeting in the Kirrak room of the Wonthaggi Workmens Club on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, at 7pm.

The reason for the meeting is to inform the people of Wonthaggi and district about what is happening at the State Coal Mine Eastern area.

The underground tours have been suspended since March 16, 2020, and show no sign of re-opening any time soon.

The coal mine café has also ceased operation since January 25, 2023, and similarly doesn't look like reopening any time soon.

The mine is an important part of Wonthaggi's early history, and it is essential that it is preserved for present and future generations.

The Friends group is currently in negotiations with the local member of parliament, who is in turn in touch with a number of other politicians in order to hopefully resolve this issue.

It is hoped that by holding this meeting, they will be able to create renewed interest in the mine and gain support from the people of Wonthaggi and district.

Therefore, they ask that if you can join the friends, you will help them to achieve their aim to re-open underground tours and re-establish the café.

The cost of a membership is \$10.00 per year and it will entitle you to receive monthly newsletters, the Sprag, either by snail mail or email.

Membership forms are available from the Workmens club in Graham street and also Wrench's Footwear also in Graham street Wonthaggi.

Council to drop Wonthaggi's dead

THE Bass Coast Shire Council is considering a motion to abrogate its responsibility for the management of the Wonthaggi and San Remo cemeteries.

In a report to be presented to the next council meeting on Wednesday, March 15 the council has frankly acknowledged that it can't operate the two facilities to either the standard required or to the satisfaction of the two communities.

"The management of cemeteries is not the core business of Council. Despite local government's long involvement in the management of cemeteries, it is a service that councils are actively moving away from," says a report to council this week.

"Council currently has a minimum service offering, and the community would benefit from other services that could be offered under different management models, such as those offered by a Class A Cemetery Trust."

Council is already a long way down the track of abolishing the existing trusts and appointing a Class A cemetery trust, the Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust (SMCT), as land manager of the two cemeteries.

A not-for-profit, metro-based organisation, SMCT administers nine cemetery locations including the Springvale Botanical Cemetery, the Melbourne General Cemetery, Brighton General Cemetery, Dandenong and Sorrento Cemeteries.

"The Class A cemetery aligned to this area is SMCT. A transfer to SMCT is recommended," according to council, "as it can provide options, service and main-



Constant complaints about the condition and lack of facilities at the Wonthaggi Cemetery appear to have brought council to the decision of handing over responsibility to a metro-based manager.

tenance to the community that Council operations cannot."

The current management arrangements for the Wonthaggi and San Remo cemeteries are unsustainable and subsidised by Council rates funding, with full cost recovery deemed unrealistic for the community.

The changes follow a long period of problems and community criticism of the operation of, especially the Wonthaggi Cemetery, where the blame for flooding, lack of care and maintenance, and the absence of basic facilities, including a public toilet, have been sheeted home to the managers, the Bass Coast Shire Council.

An audit of community feedback, referred to at an April 2020 meeting of the cemetery trusts reported that over the previous 12 months approximately 449 emails were received about ground maintenance issues such as twigs and bark on the lawn, weeding, deteriorating

signage, broken adornments and historical graves.

The exposed nature of the Wonthaggi site leaves it open to storms with the resulting problems of flooding, fallen trees and branches, and an inability to cut the grass and carry out routine maintenance.

This criticism reached a crescendo last November when Cr Les Larke blew the whistle on the parlous state of the cemetery after a "disturbing" visit there on Remembrance Day, November 11, 2022.

He has waged an on-going campaign about the condition of the facility and its financial woes.

As well as the difficulties with care and maintenance, the report also raises the lack of funding, and an inability to generate income from the modest number of burials (46 Wonthaggi, 7 Sam Remo in 2022) and other sources.

"Cemeteries have opportunities to generate revenue from four

major sources: burials, cremations, mausoleum crypts, and other sources not affected by land capacity like interment of ashes, memorialisations and chapel use.

"But the Wonthaggi and San Remo cemeteries do not have a chapel, mausoleum or facility to conduct cremations. Thus, revenue is largely generated from a low number of interments."

The council report goes on to note that "there are insufficient funds in trust to pay for capital works, and revenue is not set to increase markedly to cover these costs."

The lack of volunteers is also an issue, although it may be more a reflection of council's unwillingness to organise a volunteer program than locals putting up their hands to help.

"The trusts could contain their maintenance costs if community volunteers were active in cemetery maintenance, however there is no capacity in the existing resources to support the coordination and management of volunteer cemetery groups," said council in its report.

At a special meeting of the local cemetery trusts in June 2019, several members of the Friends of Wonthaggi Cemetery Trust had to write to council asking for clarification about their involvement at the cemetery.

So, it seems that a shift to external management by the city-based Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust may be a done deal and councillors will be asked to give "in principle approval for officers to explore the transfer of management" at this Wednesday's council meeting.



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A positive year for South Gippsland Hospital

IT WAS an exciting day on February 23, as South Gippsland Hospital (SGH) held their Annual General Meeting after a positive 12 months preceding.

SGH Board Chair, Ms Sue Pilkington, paid tribute to the Hospital's "wonderful staff", with the observation that "it's easy to forget now that between July and October 2021, Victoria went in to and out of lockdown three times and the impact that had on our health service and our staff."

"Once again, our staff continued their exceptional work for our Health Service and this community," Ms Pilkington noted.

"Our sincere thanks are extended to every member of staff and those who support them in their work for us."

The Board Chair went on to highlight the 'five key areas of our performance in 2021 – 2022', including safe, high quality healthcare at SGH; a strong financial performance; targeted investment in SGH's future; continuing collaboration with local, sub-regional and regional health services, and the high and enduring levels of satisfaction among SGH staff.

Ms Pilkington told the AGM that the results of regular Government surveys of Victorian health services staff, including those at SGH, on matters such as organisational culture and employee experiences in the workplace, had been consistently above 90 per cent for some time, benchmarked against other health services and also State Government entities.



A hybrid South Gippsland Hospital AGM recently took place with many positives celebrated, CEO Paul noted.

Treasurer Mr David Pollard outlined that net assets of the hospital increased by \$1.2million in 2022, up from \$8.9million in 2021, and capital projects and acquisitions also increased by \$1million over the year with a net surplus of \$713,258.

The hospital also saw an incredible 84 per cent growth in their Home Care Package Program up \$489,182.

During his address, CEO Mr Paul Greenhalgh acknowledged the staff and volunteers for their ongoing commitment to the health service and the community. Wellbeing was paramount to the hospital, particularly after a couple of difficult years stemming from COVID-19.

"The SGH team live the values of the organisation, day in day out, and they have responded to the challenges of 2021-2022 with enormous skill and dedication. Our people are our

greatest strength" he said.

Full time employment was up 4.5 per cent with 96 per cent of employees not only proud to tell others they work for South Gippsland Hospital, but also recommend friends and relatives be treated at SGH. Ninety-five per cent of employees would also recommend SGH as a good place to work.

These comments reflected similar feedback from visitors and patients.

"Great admission, procedure and discharge. Was particularly grateful for the input to the sedation which resulted in less cognitive disruption on recovery. The GP anaesthetist handled this extremely well. Thank you."

"The staff were all lovely and very professional. The facilities were excellent."

"Explained what medication they were administering and made sure I was comfortable, fed and hydrated."

A staggering 96 per cent of adult inpatient's surveyed said they would rate the care received at the hospital as good or very good, with 100 per cent agreeing that using South Gippsland Hospital Community Health Service was helpful to their health and wellbeing.

The capital program of work at the hospital was delivered on budget and included the Healing Garden, upgrades to ICT Network, Duress Alarms and Fire System, installation of steriliser and reverse osmosis unit and upgrade of the hospital ventilation and air-conditioning, redesign of the acute ward, staff amenities and wayfinding signage, and the new Urgent Care Triage Room, CHC Clinical Space and Ultrasound Room.

The Board Chair concluded the meeting by congratulating SGH for being judged as one of three finalists in the Victorian Premier's Awards for Small Health Service of the Year for 2021-2022.

She also commended the Board for developing SGH's new Strategic Plan and Vision, to "shape the SGH of the next three years, and beyond."

South Gippsland Hospital's Strategic Plan for January 2023 to December 2025 focuses on four interconnected areas 1) caring and quality services, 2) valuing all our people, 3) purposeful positive partnerships, all underpinned by 4) sound and aligned funding; and all highlighted by their vision – delivering the best and safest health care for our community.

Grand Ridge Rail Trail Bridge repairs

REGULAR users of the Grand Ridge Rail Trail from Mirboo North to Boolarra will know that the Cartwright Bridge suffered serious storm damage last winter.

After an extensive feasibility review, the committee of management now plans to get started on the repair work.

Preliminary works will be undertaken from March 22-24, and during this time there may be some brief periods when the Cartwright Bridge will be closed.

The major works will commence from April 24, for at least two weeks, and during this time the Cartwright Bridge will be closed continuously to all traffic - pedestrian and vehicle.

The rest of the Rail Trail will remain open during both periods.

The work is being funded by the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action, and managed by Strzelecki Engineering from Mirboo North.

New kinder for Korumburra

MINISTER for Early Childhood & Prep Ingrid Stitt has announced new kindergartens would open in primary schools including Korumburra in 2024.

Two-room centres opening to outdoor learning and play spaces will be built at Korumburra, St Albans Meadows, and Napoleons primary schools and Kyabram P-12 College, with each offering 66 kindergarten places.

The new kindergartens are sharing in \$371 million provided in the Victorian Budget 2019/20 for Three-Year-Old Kindergarten funding.

Built with modular construction to expedite delivery and minimise disruption for the school and local community, the technique delivers new high-quality learning environments more quickly, supporting 42 jobs during construction and 164 in associated industries.

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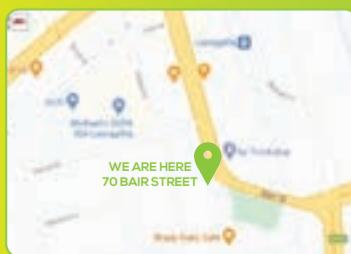
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Leongatha Office Choice team member Amanda Johnson, newsagency co-owner Dipti Thumar, member of the Nextra Leongatha team Karen Anton and newsagency co-owner Raj Joshi are delighted to have sold a winning division 1 Lotto ticket to a local. A14_1123

Leongatha man scoops up \$1M tattslotto win

A LEONGATHA man can finally embrace his new millionaire status after scoring \$1 million in last Monday night's Monday & Wednesday Lotto draw – which came two years after he missed winning division one by one number.

The Gippsland resident held one of the two division one winning entries drawn Monday, March 6.

"There's a million thoughts going through my mind!" the winning man cheered when an official from The Lott confirmed his newfound fortune.

"I'm a bit stunned, a bit breathless."

"I looked up the results last night, and I was left speechless."

"I called my wife immediately to let her know about the win, and she didn't believe it – she thought it was a scam!"

"I didn't have much sleep last night. You always dream about winning division one when you buy a Lotto ticket, but never expect it to happen to you!"

"About two years ago, I missed out on \$1 million in

Monday & Wednesday Lotto because I had five winning numbers and a supplementary number. I needed one more number to win division one."

"I won \$473,000, which was wonderful, but \$1 million is next level!"

"I never expected to actually win division one last night."

When asked how he planned to enjoy his \$1 million windfall, the Victorian man shared it would boost his retirement plans.

"We're going to take a step back and decide how we're

going to allocate the money, but we would love to relocate so we can have a better retirement," he said.

"It would be great to put our feet up and celebrate!"

His winning 18-game QuickPick was purchased at Nextra Leongatha Newsagency, 30 Bair Street, Leongatha.

The Nextra Leongatha Newsagency team couldn't be happier to have sold a division one winning entry and wish their local winner all the best with his prize.

Councillors to decide on contentious Korumburra development

A CONTROVERSIAL proposal for a Korumburra service station will be voted on by South Gippsland Shire councillors at Wednesday's public meeting.

The proposal is to include a truck stop and carpark, a convenience store, three food and drink premises with seating for up to 90 customers, and with a drive-through option available to one of the three tenancies.

Councillors are being called on to decide the outcome of the proposal due to the receipt of 13 objections,

particularly relating to amenity issues on the surrounding area.

Despite that opposition, the recommendation to councillors is to vote in favour of the development, resulting in the issuing of a Notice of Decision to that effect.

Should councillors support the recommendation, amended plans will need to be submitted to and approved by the responsible authority before development starts according to council's March meeting agenda.

The site of the proposed development is located on the western side of the South Gippsland Highway, Korumburra at number 8418.

A Planning Delegation Report for the site notes it is located "in an established mixed use precinct that supports a range of non-residential land uses including farming and industrial supplies and a nursery".

Furthermore, when addressing concerns about noise associated with the proposed development, the report notes that South

Gippsland Highway is designated as an arterial road and carries high levels of traffic.

The report concludes by expressing why council supports the proposed development.

"Council has considered the matters under Section 60 of the Planning & Environment Act 1987. It considers that the proposed use and development is appropriate having regard to the relevant matters and can be managed through appropriate conditions."

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International Women's Day

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Women of Wonthaggi CFA

IN CELEBRATION OF International Women's Day, Wonthaggi Fire Brigade shared the stories of some of their current female members.

Leah, Firefighter



Leah has been an operational member of the brigade for approximately 12 months. Growing up her Dad was also part of the CFA and she had always wanted to join up herself and serve her community.

Leah opted to temporarily put aside her CFA dreams and instead focused on establishing her career as a Nurse and being a proud mother of one. Being a mother is her biggest joy in life and her second is travelling the world with him.

Jess, Firefighter



Jess has been a firefighter for several years, first joining the brigade as a junior member. Jess now has several qualifications within the brigade including low structure firefighting, breathing apparatus, working with heights and has undertaken FEM duties and fundraising for the CFA as well.

She is also a devoted mother of one. During the day she works in Real Estate as well as teaches Aerial Fitness locally and has a strong dedication to her overall health and fitness.

As a born and raised Wonthaggi local, Jess is proud to be serving her community through the CFA.

Jaci, Firefighter



Jaci is a passionate member who embraces her emergency services role. She loves that giving just a little of her time can contribute so majorly to the community while developing new skills for herself and enjoys working alongside all the other members.

Jaci is a structural firefighter and also undertakes roles such as FEM (Fire Equipment Maintenance), BA (Breathing Apparatus) and being a Fire Safe Kids Presenter at kinders and schools.

Jaci originally discovered the CFA by chance seven and a half years ago at a perfect time in her life, having other family members in the field, it made perfect sense for her to sign up and join the brigade.



Nicky Chung, Maddy Harford, Div Pillay, Khadija Moustafa, Lukman Ali, Deputy Mayor Cr Rochelle Halstead and Cr Clare Le Serve at last week's women's day event.

Women of all backgrounds celebrated

BASS Coast Shire proudly celebrated this year's International Women's Day, Thursday 9 March, with a community event honouring inspiring women and cultural diversity.

Deputy Mayor Bass Coast Shire Council, Cr Rochelle Halstead, said International Women's Day was vitally important in marking the strong progress towards gender equality – locally and globally – while also acknowledging the work still to be done.

"It is a day for inspiration

and change," Cr Halstead told the 150 people gathered at the sold-out event at Phillip Island Winery in Ventnor.

The keynote speaker was Div Pillay, CEO of MindTribes, Co-Founder of Culturally Diverse Women and Board Director of the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation.

Local speaker Nicky Chung, President of Rotary Wonthaggi, Deputy Chair of Bass Coast Health, Board Member at South Coast FM radio and CEO of Australian Vietnamese

Women's Association, told of her family's remarkable journey to Australia.

"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 started with a perilous boat trip, but the result has been the opportunity to make the most of living in the greatest country in the world, Australia," Cr Halstead highlighted.

Maddy Harford, representative Bass Coast Refugee

Sponsorship Group, also spoke at the event, sharing Khadija Moustafa's powerful and moving story of how she and her family have settled since arriving in Australia and Bass Coast as refugees.

"Maddy asked the attendees: think about what you can do to include and support our refugee family in our community."

The event was sponsored by Bass Coast Health, Phillip Island Nature Parks and Westernport Water.

Fostering culture, change and connection

THE inaugural her. International Women's Day event was held at Clay & Co. on Wednesday, March 8 where the Phillip Island community were brought together.

The day was a warm and intimate gathering that welcomed unity, togetherness, and support.

As the doors opened at Clay & Co, the Queen of Acknowledgements (Nartarsha Napanagka Bamblett) captivated the guests as she commenced her Welcome and Acknowledgement to Country, whilst Crystal-Jae Harrison started the Karakia (traditional Maori call that invokes the spirit).

As Nartarsha led the crowd towards Crystal-Jae they embraced with a traditional Maori Hongi.

The theme for this year's International Women's Day was diversity, equality and breaking the bias.

her. International Women's Day event was a platform for inspiring, encouraging, and nurturing women to be the best version of themselves.

All proceeds raised from the event will be donated to local charity, Change for Sam.



Crystal-Jae Harrison, Bree Tiana, Nartarsha Napanagka Bamblett and Alexis Guttridge at her. International Women's Day event. Photos: Regina Magner



Guests wore white to pay homage to the beautiful Samantha Fraser, one of Phillip Island's locals who tragically lost her life.

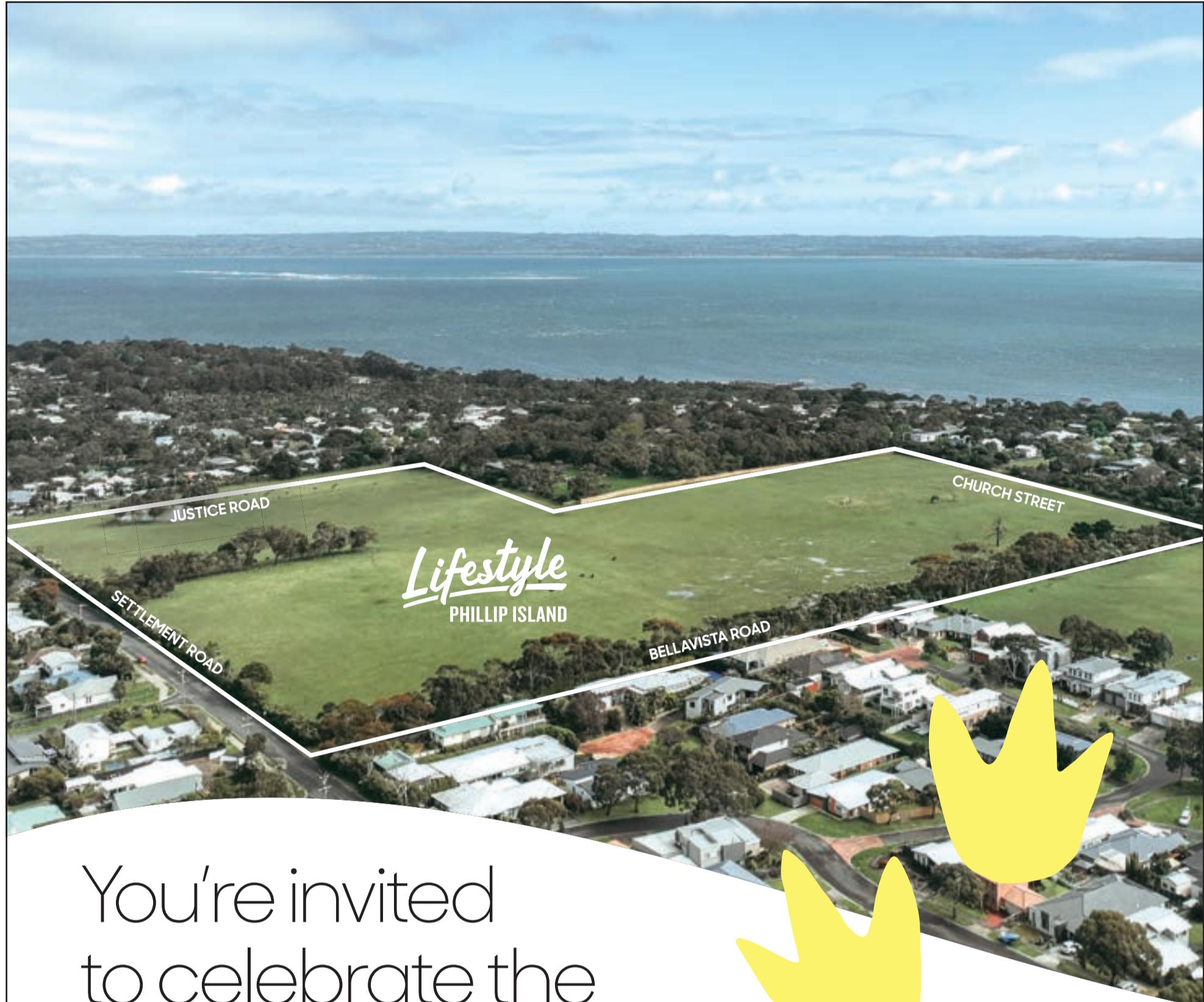


Strong women signing for the future

TWO incredible women recently signed the South Gippsland Hospital agreed Statement of Priorities. South Gippsland Hospital Board Chair, Sue Pilkington on the left was snapped with a representative from the Victorian Department of Health.

Containing key performance measures the agreement holds health services to account whilst also outlining key health sector priorities.

Details of the agreement will be available online in the near future.



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Nominations open for tidy towns

THE search is on for Victorians who are leading the way to a sustainable future with entries now open for the Keep Australia Beautiful Victoria Tidy Towns and Sustainable Cities awards.

Now in its 41st year, the 2023 Tidy Towns and Sustainable Cities Awards recognise, celebrate and share environmental achievements and strong community spirit amongst a range of applicants including community groups, education institutions, businesses and councils across Victoria.

Two awards within each of the ten categories will be presented: the Tidy Towns Award - for projects in regional and rural Victoria, and the Tidy Cities Award - for projects in metro and urban areas.

The winners will be announced at the awards ceremony in Melbourne in October.

Entries close June 18, 2023.

Tidy Towns and Cities is kindly sponsored by Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA), Hanson and GME.

• FAITH FACTOR

Breaking down misconceptions

By Father Darren Howie
- Parish Priest
St. Joseph's Wonthaggi

DOES Jesus promise us happiness?

Christianity is not a pathway to a successful life of self-indulgence.

There is nowhere in Scripture where it states that all our desires for material possessions and the success of our projects will be fulfilled.

In the Lord's Prayer Jesus asks people to aspire to follow God's plan with the words, "Your will be done, your kingdom come."

Jesus never said it would be easy to be a Christian.

In Matthew 16:24 Jesus is up front: If anyone wants to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross and follow me.

For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." In Matthew 13:44 Jesus said that we need to do our bit to find him as well: "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field.

When someone has found it, they hide it again, and then in their joy sell all they have and buy the field."

This treasure is a relationship with God. In 1 John 4:16 are the words, "And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love.

Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them."

A treasure, a relationship with God which no one can take away from us as expressed by St Paul in Romans 8:35 with the rhetorical question: "Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love?" Does this mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?

It is my experience and the experience of countless other Christians, past and present, that following Jesus is the pathway to the love and acceptance we all desire as Jesus said in Jn 10:10 that: "I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full."

This happiness is freely given by God and is open to anyone of anytime and place, rich or poor.



Attendees view the varied works featured in the 'Threads' exhibition, with Coal Creek's gallery space an ideal location.

Threads exhibition weaves its magic at Coal Creek



Ingrid Riddell, a member of the 'Coal Creek Spinners' demonstrates the 'Great Wheel'. A15_1123



Invited artist Sarah Parkes, of Fish Creek, stands under her stunning knotting work. A17_1123

COAL Creek Community Park and Museum made a splendid setting for the opening of the 'Threads' exhibition on Thursday, featuring the works of many South Gippsland artists, and those from elsewhere, with the show having a theme of women and textiles and fibre arts.

The theme tied in with Wednesday's International Women's Day.

Knitting, weaving, tapestry, knotting and spinning all featured, as did paintings depicting textiles and fashion.

Along with the static art works, the many attendees enjoyed watching the 'Coal Creek Spinners' in action.

The enthusiastic group demonstrated traditional fibre spinning techniques.

As well as the better-known spinning wheels at which the operator sits, an older-style machine was in action.

Long-term member of the Coal Creek Spinners, Ingrid Riddell was in charge of the 'Great Wheel', also known as the 'Walking Wheel', explaining it was a forerunner to the more efficient sit-down spinning

wheel devised by Leonardo da Vinci.

Knitting specialist Sarah Parkes of Fish Creek was a guest of honour, helping open the show alongside South Gippsland Shire mayor Nathan Hersey.

"Textiles have an ancient and rich history and they're a fundamental part of human existence," Sarah said during her speech, noting textile arts draw on skills and techniques passed through generations and cultures to create a new approach and perspective.

Cr Hersey highlighted the value of Coal Creek to South Gippsland's growing arts community.

"It is a fantastic space, activated in this way," he said.

While Coal Creek's auditorium has been converted into a white-wall gallery, the venue's foyer has also been transformed into an exhibition area, with the use of improvisations such as double-sided floating display panels that work brilliantly with the vaulted ceilings.

The Threads exhibition runs until May 1.



Member of the 'Coal Creek Spinners' Jo McLeay and Coal Creek team leader Kim O'Connell enjoy the opening night of the 'Threads' exhibition. A16_1123

Nappy rebate vote in South Gippsland

A RESIDENT'S call for South Gippsland Shire Council to implement a rebate program to encourage the use of reusable nappies and other sanitary items will not proceed at this stage unless councillors vote against the recommendation before them.

The vote will be taken at Wednesday's public meeting, with a report prepared on the matter following a petition received at council's February meeting.

It was submitted by Van Bui, attracting 25 valid signatures within South Gippsland Shire and stating the aim of such a rebate program would be to reduce household waste.

While council's March meeting agenda states the environmental benefits of the initiative have been considered, the report argues such a service does not appear to significantly influence a change in behaviour.

The report credits the City

of Casey with pioneering the service, saying it has continued the rebate program for approximately 15 years, but calls into question its effectiveness.

"Discussions with City of Casey staff indicate they do not believe the program has had much impact on increasing the numbers of people switching to reusable products," the report states.

A 2022 City of Monash study into the uptake of reusable

nappies and rebate schemes is referred to, saying "It found that removing cost as a barrier was not a prominent reason for the continued use of reusable cloth nappies."

The report adds that the high cost of disposable nappies makes cloth nappies a more financially attractive option in the long term.

It is also argued up-front costs associated with reusable cloth nappies appear to be reducing.

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"Our sizing ranges from eight to 22, we offer gift vouchers and have Afterpay available instore, so you can shop the huge range of clothing."

Illa May is open Monday to Saturday from 9am – so head instore to browse!

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In keeping with the times, Mark and Ryan are also experts in scam related computer and mobile scans, cleans and reports working alongside the banks to help get your accounts back in working order and devices safe.

"More people are being scammed unfortunately," Ryan stated.

"We are working with the banks to get devices back online for clients and able to submit full reports to banks."

Mark's many years' experience at Harvey Norman, and over 12 years direct industry experience in computer technology, paired with growing up in Wonthaggi means many locals are already on the pulse.

Don't get lost in a giant tech store or walk out with your head spinning from all the different options and price points, let Mark help you find the right product, even if that means a custom build.

Covering all your technology needs from PC and MacBook computer and mobiles sales to tech support, repairs and data transfer, what sets Mark apart is his tutoring service.

"From beginner to more advanced tutoring I can teach individuals whatever they want to learn," Mark said.

"And I also do in home tech services."

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more TLC than off the shelf, Mark is also able to customise.

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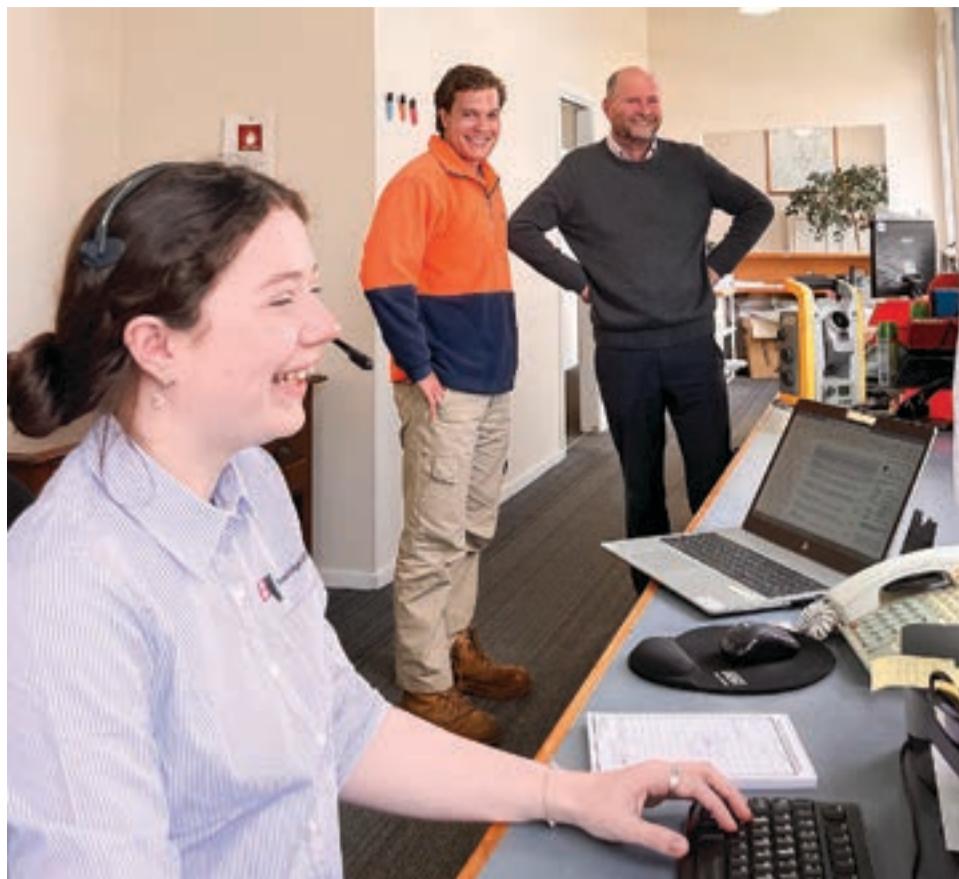
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Manager of Wonthaggi/Leongatha and Licensed Surveyor Adam Maher said they have been in the Plaza Arcade for more than 20 years, with the charm of the cathedral ceilings and feature windows.

Beveridge Williams is one of the largest multidisciplinary engineering, infrastructure, and land development companies in Victoria, employing more

than 300 staff across eleven offices in Victoria and New South Wales.

"Our services include traffic and transport, town planning, surveying, civil engineering, landscape architecture, urban design, and environmental assessments."

"Our team is comprised of industry leading experts who plan, design, manage and deliver projects and programs to the highest standards," said Adam.

"Our service offering continues to evolve to meet the needs of our clients in both the public and private sectors. The diversity of our services and geographic locations of our offices, including a number of remote and regional centres throughout Victoria, creates a flexible workforce that enables the dedication of necessary resources and

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For more information on Beveridge Williams, visit the team in the Wonthaggi Plaza Arcade.



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Advocacy support for freedom and equality

GIPPSLAND Disability Advocacy Inc work together with people with a disability, to assist them to achieve freedom, respect, equality, and dignity.

Supporting people to exercise their right to control over their own lives, so they can reach their full potential.

Executive Officer Leanne Wishart said, 'people with a disability have the right to live free from abuse and neglect, and at Gippsland Disability Advocacy we value each community member and listen to their concerns and needs.'

"Together we are working to support our clients, so they can work towards independence and have the chance to do things for themselves and make the best choices."

Those living with a disability in Bass Coast and South Gippsland are eligible for the service and help is available from the Wonthaggi office.

Advocacy for individuals is delivered

at different levels, some may need information to help them advocate for themselves, some need support to help them resolve an issue and others may require representation from a GDA advocate.

GDA are a professional advocacy service driving change and empowering people living with a disability to live a good life and to help them achieve social justice and equal opportunities.

This means giving everyone the chance to be informed, take risks, speak out for their rights, and have friends and a variety of relationships.

Priority is given to those who are unable to articulate their needs without support and may be experiencing potential abuse, discrimination or negligent treatment, denial infringement of rights or social isolation.

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"It is debilitating"

SPEAKING on The Project recently, Professor Jayashri Kulkarni from Cabrini Women's Mental Health says up to 750,000 Australian women need specialised support to manage Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder (PMDD); a condition that significantly affects their ability to work, study and maintain relationships.

"PMDD is a debilitating major depressive condition," Prof Kulkarni said.

"For the women who experience its most severe form, it robs them of their quality of life, of their ability to work and their relationships."

"It can have tragic outcomes, including suicide."

PMDD is a severe form of cyclical depression, caused by increased brain sensitivity to fluctuating hormones and is influenced by psychological and environmental factors.

The symptoms cause clinically significant distress, interference with

Data shows cervical cancer diagnoses higher regionally

Cancer Council Victoria is urging women and people with a cervix in regional Victoria to get up to date with cervical screening and protect themselves from cervical cancer.

Recent data from Cancer Council Victoria's Victorian Cancer Registry has revealed that females living in regional Victoria are 28% more likely to be diagnosed with cervical cancer compared to those living in major cities.

In 2023, thousands of Victorians will receive an invitation from the National Cervical Screening Program to participate in cervical screening for the first time in half a decade.

Those who are due for a Cervical Screening Test will now have the option

work, school, usual social activities, and in particular relationships with others.

"Women feel overwhelmed, depressed, even suicidal," Professor Kulkarni said.

"It is so important to let them know that with the right treatment and support, there is hope."

Management options need to include the consideration of all aspects of the woman's life including her work, relationship stresses, past traumas, current physical health and daily demands."

Many women experiencing PMDD require hormone treatment and other strategies to assist them to improve their quality of life.

"PMDD is a severe form of depression and is influenced by psychological and environmental factors. It is critical to underline that PMDD is a brain disorder, not a reproductive organ disorder."

to self-collect their test.

Self-collection allows people to collect their own vaginal sample in a private space at the doctors or other health setting using a swab.

It's quick, easy and just as reliable as a sample taken by a doctor or nurse using a speculum.

If you are due for a Cervical Screening Test, speak to your doctor or nurse about your options, including self-collection or call Cancer Council Victoria's experienced cancer nurses on 13 11 20 for information and support.

Find out more about self-collection at www.cancervic.org.au/selfcollection or search for a local provider who suits your needs on Cancer Council Victoria's Cervical Screening Directory.



Co-Owner of Crystal Infusion David Crowe holds a passion for horticultural selling a range of succulents on the grounds in Kilcunda.



Crystal towers represent protection, strength, and power.



Amethyst crystals are available in a range of sizes at Crystal Infusion.

A hidden gem in Kilcunda

EACH crystal is believed to have different natural healing properties or meaning, and Crystal Infusions in Kilcunda holds a vast collection to browse and connect with – something that is best chosen in person and given with intention.

Co-owners of Crystal Infusions in Kilcunda, Trent Hooper, and David Crowe source their crystal collection from Australia, South America, China, Indonesia, and North America, together finding a connection through their shared interest in crystals and minerals.

Trent handcrafts wax melts that are available in the shop at Crystal Infusions with musk baby powder and fruit loops being the most popular scents – the Kilcunda studio showcases a range of burners, candles, jewellery –

including handmade macrame keyrings and crystal stands and holders – there is something for all ages.

Trent originally ran an online candle and wax melt business. David commissioned Trent to make up some Christmas hampers. They soon discovered a common interest in crystals and together in 2020 agreed to start an online business.

"Once the online business was established, thanks to Trent's expertise, I made a sea change to Kilcunda and made the decision to showcase crystals our shop at 3505 Bass Highway, Kilcunda," said David.

Crystal Infusions is open every Saturday and Sunday, and every public holiday from 10am until 2pm. They are also open by appointment during the week, just call 0437 938 915

for availability.

"With the high volume of traffic past our property on weekends and peak seasons and only a couple of shops in the small town of Kilcunda, we chose to open up a home shop - open to the public."

After being in business both online and in the shop since 2022, Trent and David have grown their collection and have regular updates on their live Facebook streams at www.facebook.com/groups/crystalinfusions – showcasing new collections.

David also has a horticulture background and is selling a wide selection of succulents in the rear shop; so, if you have a passion for crystals, are looking for a special gift and like to support small businesses, visit Crystal Infusions at 3505 Bass Highway, Kilcunda.

Newborn screening for SMA improves chances of walking

CHILDREN with spinal muscular atrophy (SMA) are more likely to walk, be more functionally independent and free of respiratory and feeding support when screened, diagnosed and treated shortly after birth, according to a new study conducted at Sydney Children's Hospitals Network (SCHN).

Significantly, the findings show newborn bloodspot screening (NBS) for SMA, coupled with potential to access disease-modifying therapies, is correlated with greater motor milestone acquisition with those diagnosed before the onset of symptoms reaching regular childhood developmental milestones.

The study, published in *The Lancet Child & Adolescent Health*, is one of the first to investigate the effectiveness of NBS for SMA beyond clinical trial populations.



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"The research shows the effectiveness of newborn screening for spinal muscular atrophy in the broader population," says the lead author of the study Dr Didu (Sandi) Kariyawasam in the School of Clinical Medicine, UNSW Medicine & Health, and a paediatric neurologist at SCHN.

"Until recently, SMA was the

leading genetic cause of infant mortality worldwide. Many babies born with the severest infantile-onset form of the disease – type 1 SMA – died before their second birthday."

NBS programs test for a range of rare, treatable conditions as early as possible after birth – even before symptoms appear. While there is currently no cure for SMA, recent advances in the effectiveness of genetic treatments have opened the possibility for a test for SMA to be included in newborn bloodspot screening.

"While the development of genetic therapies has been crucial, having a proactive model for early diagnosis is equally as important as an intervention," says Dr Kariyawasam.

"The earlier the diagnosis, the earlier treatment can begin, which is where newborn screening comes in."



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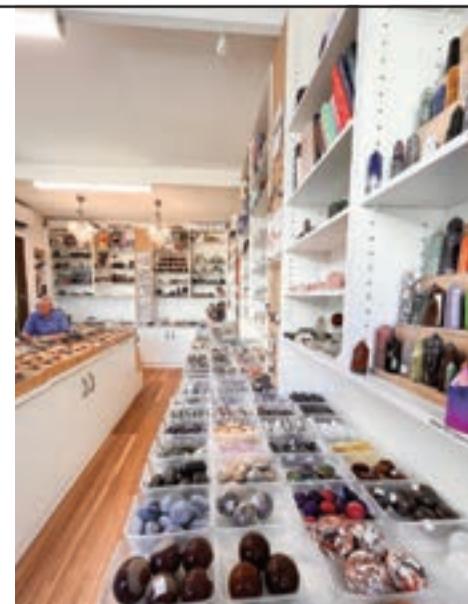
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"What's come from the research of crystal bowl sound therapy is that they reduce stress, anxiety, blood pressure and heart rate. And, for a frequent user it can help reduce depression and long term anxiety."

Attuned to the elements and linked to Earth's heartbeat (7.83Hz), including moon cycle and time within the year, no two of Rachel's guided sessions are the same ensuring gatherings are best tailored to individuals or groups and the natural world around.

But Rachel's practise is not just for those spiritually minded, with sessions also available for self-reflection and awareness that will work for anyone.

As a Reiki practitioner, the Modern Medicine Woman also offers specialised reiki sessions incorporating sound therapy and chakra specific sound therapy sessions across Bass Coast and South Gippsland.

"The basis of what I do is to help people connect and heal, and to find that they have their own self-capacity for healing. Providing an environment to feel safe, to let go of oneself and go to a self-reflective space to be able to do that healing."

Upcoming group sessions and series workshops include:

A New Moon Sound Healing Experience: Sunday, March 19 at 4pm – Island Healing, Newhaven

The Chakra 7 Part Series: Commences Sunday, April 30 (fortnightly) – Island Healing

For more information and ticket details visit Instagram @_themodernmedicewoman or Humanitix

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Sound therapy is beneficial whether you are spiritually minded or not with multiple health benefits possible.

Salt, calcium and vitamin D – do you get enough, or too much?

WHAT you eat and drink, as well as how much sunlight you get on your skin, all affect your micronutrient levels – and in turn the health of your body and mind. So, what is a micronutrient? A micronutrient is a nutrient that your body needs in small quantities.

They include vitamins, such as vitamins A and D, and minerals, such as iron and calcium. Getting them into your body via what you eat and drink – except for vitamin D, which your skin can produce when the sun shines on it – is essential for health and wellbeing.

Anyone's diet can be unbalanced in one or more micronutrients. How to address salt, calcium and vitamin D problems

Salt:

• Consider the Suggested Dietary Target of 2000mg/day of sodium for adults (about 1 teaspoon of salt). Estimate how much you might eat on an average day by looking at the nutrition information labels on the processed things you eat, and note how much salt you add to cooking and meals. The average hamburger can get you to half of the daily target! The Heart Foundation has an online converter for sodium to and from salt, if you need it.

By Dr Rebecca Reynolds, Registered Nutritionist and Adjunct Lecturer at UNSW Medicine & Health

- Choose reduced salt versions of processed products, for example tomato sauce.
- Reduce or remove the salt that you add during cooking or at the table. This is hard, I know, because our taste buds are used to higher levels of salt in our meals. But remember, even a small reduction can help, for example one teaspoon to three-quarters of a teaspoon.

Calcium:

- Fill in this online calculator (eatforhealth.gov.au/nutrient-reference-values/nutrients-dietary-energy-calculator) to see how much calcium is recommended for you. We each need different amounts of nutrients depending on factors including sex, age and pregnancy.
- Again, look at the nutrition information listed on the packets of the processed foods you consume, and work out how much calcium you might get in a day from those sources (for example dairy, cheese, fortified oat milk, tinned sardines or salmon, tofu, and some nuts and seeds).
- Then, consider the calcium you might get from non-pack-

aged/labelled fresh foods, such as leafy green vegetables. Think broccoli, cabbage, bok choy, spinach, and so on. Food Standards Australia New Zealand has an online search tool where you can find out what nutrients a food or drink contains. The problem with calcium is that our gut doesn't absorb all of it from foods and drinks. We absorb about 30 per cent of the calcium in milk, 50 per cent in bok choy, and only 5 per cent in spinach – because spinach has something called oxalates in it that bind to the calcium in the gut, preventing its absorption.

This doesn't mean that spinach isn't a good food overall though. Note that having enough vitamin D in the body enhances the gut's ability to absorb calcium, so if you are low in both calcium and vitamin D, your bones will particularly suffer.

- Make sure you eat and drink enough from the dairy and/or alternatives group.
- Make sure you choose alternative milks that have calcium added to them, for example oat milk with added calcium.

Vitamin D:

- It's almost impossible to obtain enough vitamin D from diet alone – the main dietary sources for Australians are fortified

margarine, oily fish and eggs.

- Did you know that if you put mushrooms in sunlight, they'll produce more vitamin D? How cool is that? Only 15 minutes of mushroom 'sunbathing' is required, preferably with their gills facing up.
- It's important to get enough sunlight on your skin (in a safe way). In summer in Australia, a few minutes mid-morning or mid-afternoon is all that is needed for your skin to produce enough vitamin D. In some winter months in the more southern parts of Australia, it's two to three hours per week.
- People who are at particular risk of vitamin D deficiency are those with dark skin, who keep their skin mostly covered with clothing, and who spend large amounts of time indoors.

A word on supplements

It's best to try to get enough calcium and vitamin D into your lovely body through what you eat and drink, and via sunshine on your skin. However, if you can't (or won't), then supplements might help. It's best to consume supplements with food and be aware of any side effects. Also, be mindful of the amounts you take – you don't want to ingest toxic levels of any micronutrients.



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COMMENT

It's a question of respect not cost

OK, so the Bass Coast Shire Council has finally thrown up its hands and acknowledged that it can't run the Wonthaggi and San Remo cemeteries to the satisfaction of either itself or the local communities.

Frankly, it's not a surprise.

In a report to council this week, councillors are being asked to admit their failures and to consider handing over the management of the two cemeteries to the Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust (SMCT) which operates, principally metropolitan cemeteries, including Springvale Botanical Cemetery, the Melbourne General Cemetery, Brighton General Cemetery, Dandenong Community Cemetery and the Sorrento Cemetery.

But given that such a move raises far more questions than have so far been answered in the publicly-released reports, a decision along these lines would seem to be extremely premature.

For one, you are talking about a very small operation with just 53 burials between the two cemeteries in financial year 2022; 46 at Wonthaggi and 7 at San Remo and the ashes from 13 cremations (5 Wonthaggi and 8 San Remo) memorialised locally.

And despite the fact that San Remo has not produced an operating profit in the past five years, between them, the two cemeteries have recorded a net loss of only \$73,000 in the past five years.

Not a significant amount for such an important service.

You'd think a council with the resources of Bass Coast would handle such a small management role with ease.

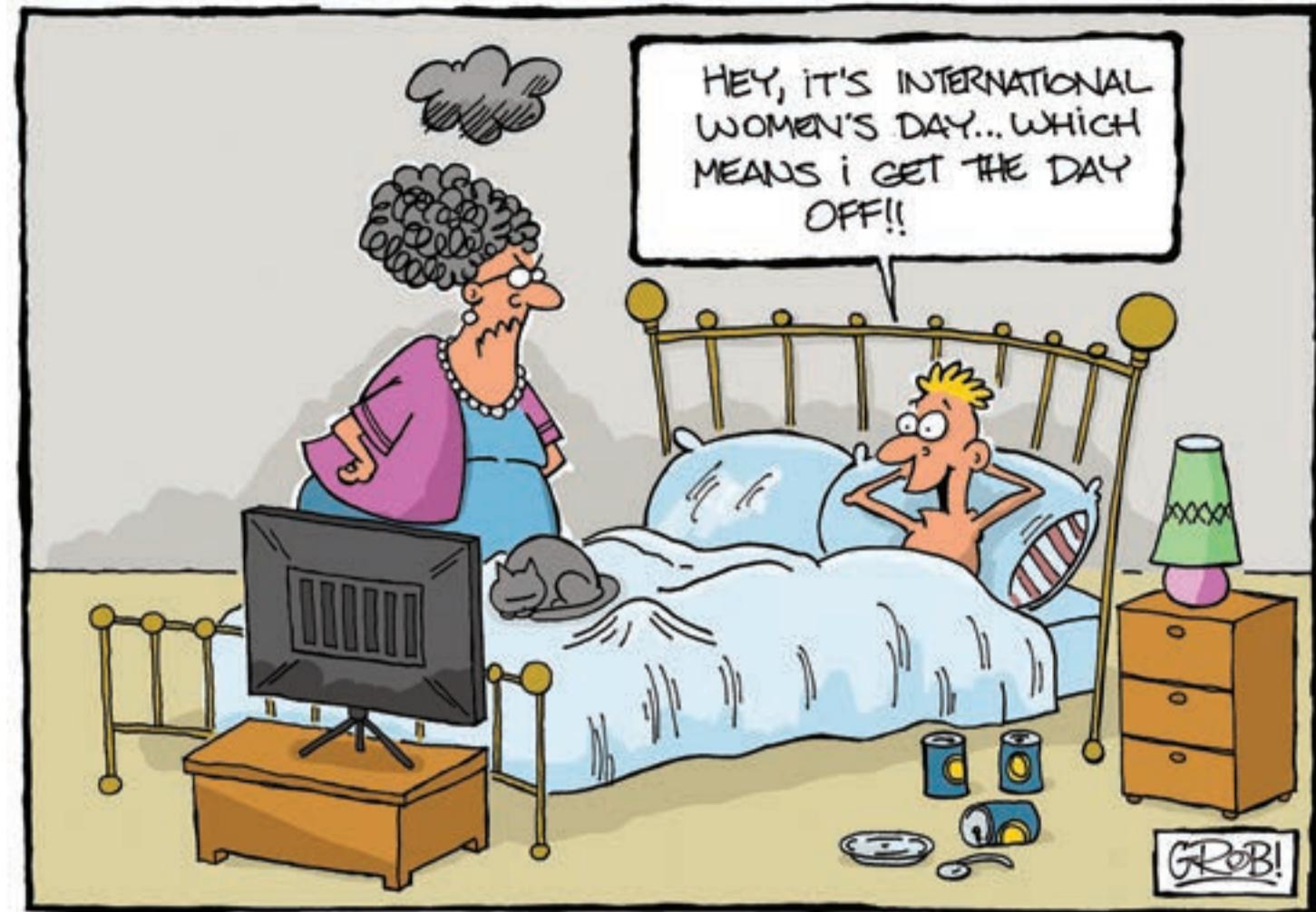
And notwithstanding the fact that council has set aside a modest \$3.2 million in its Long Term Capital Works Program for projects over the next 10 years, and is projecting it will contribute \$2.2 million for staffing over the next five years; it would seem to be more of an issue of spending priorities and a lack of commitment to delivering basic community services than it is an indictment on council's ability to manage generally.

The community probably doesn't need to be concerned about the ability of a not-for-profit organisation like SMCT to manage the cemeteries but they should be concerned about the possible impact on burial costs.

And the cost of operation, maintenance and future expansion isn't going to go away.

There's also the question of whether the Wonthaggi Cemetery is even located in the right place (next to the tip), given projected expansion of the town and on-going drainage problems there.

The council is going to have to consult with the community and provide a much more comprehensive report, including comparative examples from other regional communities, the likely cost to local families of such a change and future planning for the two facilities before it simply hands the problems over to someone else, expecting them to go away, or at least be hidden from view under commercial-in-confidence and contractual protocols.



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

Drainage woes

It has been three months since I contacted VicRoads regarding numerous drainage issues on Phillip Island Road fronting Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach estates.

There are numerous drainage issues as a direct result of VicRoads failure to maintain or to have installed adequately sized drainage pipes.

I contacted our local MP for an email contact for VicRoads.

I was informed by our MP that the email had been forwarded to VicRoads on December 13, 2022. Since that time I have neither heard or seen any progress on this matter from either VicRoads or our MP, even though I have sent two emails to the MP in the past three weeks.

The drainage outfall at Sunderland Bay Road at Phillip Island Road is under capacity and completely blocked.

I believe the failure to maintain drainage is directly related to the proposed Sunderland Bay Surf Beach Special Charge Scheme.

If drainage issues remain through failure of council and VicRoads to regularly maintain pipelines and pits, it is likely, when it comes to the declaration stage of the special charge scheme, that a number of ratepayers will believe that the Bass Coast Shire Council (BCSC) plans will rectify their drainage issues even though council has stated that the drainage is being designed to flood every five years. Council stated at the December council meeting, that VicRoads will not be required to contribute one cent to the special charge scheme.

That means ratepayers will pay for the 3 km of drainage works along the frontage of the estates.

The failure also of BCSC and VicRoads to act on the 2014 Sunderland Bay Road Traffic Management Plan: d2n3eh1td3vwdm.cloudfront.net/general-downloads/Infrastructure-Assets/2014-06-03-Surf-Beach-and-Sunderland-Bay-Traffic-Management-Plan2.PDF is also of extreme concern.

It would appear that road safety is not a major concern to either BCSC or VicRoads.

It was recommended in the traffic management plan almost nine years ago that the number of entry and exits points into the estates should be drastically reduced and that dedicated turning lanes be incorporated at the intersections.

There was a rear end crash at Dunvegan Crescent over Christmas, luckily it did not result in a death but traumatic for the occupants, none the less.

There have been a number of crashes and a death on this section of road. I am disgusted in BCSC failure to address these major drainage and safety issues with VicRoads and implement plans to coordinate upgrades of Phillip Island Road and road and drainage works in the estates simultaneously to ensure uniformity of designs.

Philip Davy, Surf Beach

Big thank you

We are so lucky living in the South Gippsland area when it comes to aged care.

Over the past few years, we have had the need to use Prom Country Aged Care at Foster as well as Seaview Aged Care at Inverloch for our dad's brief stays for respite.

In both cases the care and support were excellent.

About 12 years ago mum moved into Carinya Aged Care at Korumburra.

Over those many years mum certainly had her ups and downs but the care and support from management and staff in that time gave us great comfort that mum was in good hands.

Their communication to us meant that we were always in the know as to how mum was going.

Recently mum passed away and in those last few weeks the love and interest shown between her, and the staff was amazing to see and hear.

And so this letter is just to let you know that we thank and truly appreciate the aged care facilities locally but especially to Carinya for the care mum received over many years.

Allan, Kim, Terry and Vicki Charlton and families.

Doug Rickaby

"There was already an original study to do a coastal path. We want to know why this was overturned without community consultation?"



Jim Kiley

"The lack of community consultation is a major problem. Council needs to act and change the route of the path."



Sophie Maddigan

"We don't want to see the bike path coming through the children's playground. The pathway should showcase the shore."



Helen Dennis

"I'm concerned with the safety of pedestrians who use the Lock Road footpath. Council needs to listen; the proposed plan has too many risks."

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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~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE

Conversations in Italian Beginner:

HAVE you considered broadening your horizons by learning the romantic language of Italian?

Since English and Italian have many similarities, it is possible to learn this language with considerable ease and have plenty of fun. This opportunity allows for you to:

Engage with new people. Meet individuals who speak another language and build new friendships.

Understand Italian culture. Ability to learn new information about Italian history, music, books, and restaurants.

It is perfect exercise for your brain.

For several years, Leongatha Community House has hosted the Conversation in Italian class. As a result, there are many people who are now fluent in Italian. In addition to this advanced session, we are starting Italian for Beginners class. It may take you several months to learn Italian at a level when you can have "a small talk". Maybe you will be able to effectively communicate in Italian by Christmas or even earlier!

The cost for the course is \$90 for term 2. A possibility for payment plan is available, however there is no return for missed classes.

Have a wonderful time! Relax while developing your new creative skill.

Classes will be held on Fridays, at 11.15 a.m. at the Leongatha Community House, starting April 28. Call us and book your place! Don't miss this great opportunity!

Calligraphy:

Do you want to learn something fun and new? Something relaxing, soothing, and enjoyable, something that helps improve and retain motor skills and memory?

Leongatha Community House welcomes you to join our Calligraphy Italics script workshop. Calligraphy is a beautiful art that can be learnt and practiced at any age. You do not need to be in your youth to start and enjoy this creative outlet. By learning this skill you can draw and sign a greeting or postcard, make your own invitations to a family event that people will love and display on a shelf, create your own logo or signature for sketches, photos, and other creative work.

Our thoughts are always striving to catch up and stay ahead of our busy lifestyles. Slowing down and focusing on one thing can benefit you immensely. Calligraphy helps us to refocus on what we are doing in the present moment and promotes mindfulness. Spend some time supporting your mental health by engaging in a peaceful yoga-like practise for your brain. Do not limit yourself in any way; instead, come to our class and immerse yourself in learning a fun new ability.

When: March 25, between 12 and 4pm.
Where: 16 Bruce Street, Leongatha, Leongatha Community House.

How much: \$15

Booking is essential. Call us 5662 3962

ZUMBA GOLD test class:

Get a taste of Zumba Gold with Leongatha Community House!

Zumba Gold is a slower-paced, lower intensity version of a regular Zumba class.

Leongatha Community House is going to start NEW ZUMBA GOLD classes. To give everyone the opportunity to get a taste of ZUMBA GOLD, we are arranging a ZUMBA GOLD test class.

When: Tuesday, March 28, 9-20
Where: Dakers Centre, Leongatha Senior Citizen Centre, 23 Smith Street

How much: Golden coin donation (for test class)

Duration of test class - 20 minutes.

Booking is essential. Call us 5662-3962



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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

BCAL's Practical Music group had a full house at The Dalyston Hall last Saturday night.

An amazing fun-filled night was preceded by a two-hour afternoon workshop attended by over twenty members of the local community, embracing the opportunity to learn romantic and traditional Romany, Greek, Macedonian, Russian and Klezmer songs, tunes and dances.

Conducted by Terry Cole, the Footscray Gypsy Orchestra delivered mesmerising high-level performance in which local musicians were invited to join in with the tunes they had learned in the workshop. The inescapable energy of the evening collected a full house of over eighty happy smiling faces immersed in music, dancing, singing, and permeating into a deep, rich experience of community inclusion.

The event was organised by the award-winning Bass Coast Adult Learning Practical Music course participants from conception, planning and venue set-up to ensuring the smooth running of the night's procedures, the clean-up, follow-up and evaluation. A valuable hands-on learning experience, embraced by all.

For more information on all BCAL's courses and services, please visit www.bcal.vic.edu.au or call 5672 3115 to learn more.

WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

Keen volunteers with three wheelbarrows plus perfect cool weather made light work of shifting a large heap of aged chicken manure into the garden.

It's now ready to add to the compost and spread as a top dressing on the veggie plots.

Eight volunteers and members helped with a range of chores last week working at tasks suited to their interests and abilities.

A new volunteer who had come to enquire about the BCAL Horticulture course helped out and the regulars were grateful for his assistance.

The great thing about gardening as a group is everyone can do what they are able to, and there are others to help with tasks that may be beyond an individual's ability.

All are welcome at the garden. Volunteers get together on Thursdays between 10 and noon. Contact tgordon@westnet.com.au for more information.

WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

At the monthly meeting this week, the Woodies had a visit and talk from Jim Lyons of the International Wood Collectors Society.

Founded in 1947, the Society is devoted to distributing information on collecting wood, correctly identifying and naming wood specimens, and using wood in creative crafts.

Also at the meeting, one of the members showed off some curios he carved. The pieces feature a cubic shape completely encapsulated inside another shape, yet carved from a single piece.

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit www.wonthaggewoodcrafters.com.au or pop in to the workshop.



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WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

JUDGING from the pics on Facebook Fixit Café, there were lots of people getting their beloved items fixed by dedicated fixers, from the Wonthaggi Men's Shed and others with particular skills. And judging by the comments made, there were many satisfied customers who praised the skill and work done by the fixit volunteers. So all very chummy. It looks like a good place to hang out and see what's going on, helped of course by having a cuppa and maybe cake! (Bit obsessed about that.) Remember, if you wish to get something fixed, be sure you can carry it there, sorted out any parts that may be needed and Book It In! Because ... we need to make sure that we have a fixer for your needs. Ring us on 5672 3731. Also, it one item per person. The next Fixit Café is coming up this Sunday, March 19, 11am to 1pm.

Coming up on Wednesday, March 22, is our fortnightly Free Community Lunch from 12noon. Please book in so we know how many to cater for. It is lovely food cooked up by our wonderful Emma in our kitchen with some of the produce coming from our own harvest gardens up at the Harvest Centre. Which is also a great place to visit on Wednesday mornings to get ideas about gardening and passing on your own tips etc. and to help out. The garden group meet 9.30am to 12noon. It's a bit like Dennis Waterman "I write the song, I sing the song" a la Little Britain. 'I help produce the food, I eat the food.' The Lunch is a great way to spend time with friends known and yet to know.

Exercise your brain and put it towards your good health when you join the Chess Group which is on every Monday afternoon from 2 to 4 pm, plenty of time to show your maverick streak to out strategize your opponent.

Ever thought of taking up the ukulele? It's a smallish instrument played by quite a few well known people. It can cheer you up with many a bright tune. There's a group playing up a storm on Thursday mornings 10am to 12noon. If you'd like to join give us a call on 5672 3731.

And music and dancing are also good ways to lift your mood. Have you ever done circle dancing? An activity which guarantees that you meet people and perhaps have a quick chat (if you're not puffed) before you move on? They meet on Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 3pm.

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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MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

FREE Hearing Checks! We are excited to be part of the World Hearing month and will have free hearing checks here at Milpara Community House on Wednesday March 22. So please let us know if you would like to make a booking. We have 15-minute time slots available from 10.45 am - 1 pm. Please call Milpara 5655 2524 to book your space. Tests will be done at Milpara Community House, 21 Shellcot Road, Korumburra.

Also on the same day, we have our Cuppa and Mutta session at 11 am, which we are running with Myli - Korumburra Library. A great opportunity to come along for a friendly chat and meet some new faces. If you are new to the area, this is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about our community and welcome packs will be available. Let us know if you are coming.

If you have not claimed this round of the Power Saver Bonus \$250 (from July 1 2022 until March 23 2023) you are running out of time! Bring in your full power bill and bank details and we'll assist you. A new round starts on March 24, if you pay a Victorian Electricity bill you can claim \$250 even if you have claimed in previous rounds.

The Colour with Style workshop is coming up on Sunday April 2. When you look good, you feel good. You will learn to understand Colour Analysis, Clothing Colour Choices and the Four Seasons Method. Learn how to use your personal Colour Chart.



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QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

GEOGRAPHY GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

- [\$100]** Apart from the Nile, what is the longest river in the world?
A. Yangtze. B. Mississippi-Missouri. C. Amazon. D. Congo.
- [\$200]** From which country did America buy Alaska in 1867 for 2¢ an acre? A. Russia. B. England. C. Canada. D. France.
- [\$300]** What present-day Italian city does Mt Vesuvius overlook?
A. Rome. B. Venice. C. Naples. D. Milan.
- [\$500]** Which of these countries is a member of the United Nations?
A. Palestine. B. Taiwan. C. San Marino. D. Kosovo.
- [\$1000]** What is the capital of Jamaica? A. Plymouth. B. Bridgetown. C. Kingston. D. Nassau.
- [\$2000]** Which country is home to the most active volcanoes (since 1950)? A. Indonesia. B. Japan. C. United States. D. Russia.
- [\$4000]** To which country do the Canary Islands belong?
A. United Kingdom. B. Spain. C. Morocco. D. Western Sahara.
- [\$8000]** What is the name of the deepest point in Earth's oceans?
A. Marina Trench. B. Tonga Trench. C. Philippine Trench. D. Kermadec Trench.
- [\$16,000]** Which of these US states does not share a border with Canada? A. Pennsylvania. B. Ohio. C. Massachusetts. D. New Hampshire.
- [\$32,000]** In which city would you find La Sagrada Familia?
A. Asuncion. B. Barcelona. C. Caracas. D. Duque de Caxias.
- [\$64,000]** How many countries are there in Africa?
A. 34. B. 44. C. 54. D. 64.
- [\$125,000]** In which European city would you find Manneken Pis (a statue of a small boy urinating into a fountain)? A. Amsterdam. B. Brussels. C. Cologne. D. Dublin.
- [\$250,000]** How many countries are located in the Southern Hemisphere?
A. 32. B. 36. C. 40. D. 44.
- [\$500,000]** Which animal appears on the flag of Sri Lanka?
A. Elephant. B. Lion. C. Leopard. D. Sambar deer.
- [\$1,000,000]** How many local government areas are there in Scotland?
A. 29. B. 30. C. 31. D. 32.

Quiz Answers: 1. C. Amazon. 2. A. Russia. 3. C. Naples. 4. C. San Marino. 5. C. Kingston. 6. A. Indonesia. 7. B. Spain. 8. A. Marina Trench (1 km). 9. C. Massachusetts. 10. B. Brussels. 11. C. 54. 12. B. Dublin. 13. A. 32. 14. B. Lion. 15. D. 32.

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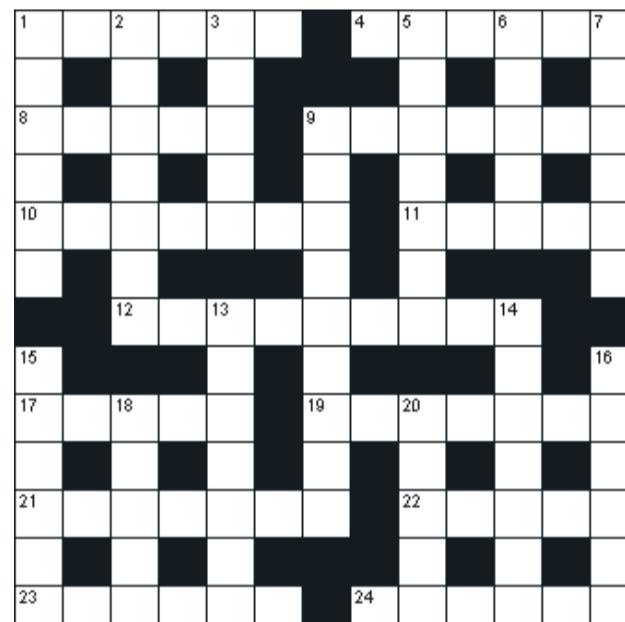
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Instructions:

Only the numbers from 1 through to 9 can be used. Each 3x3 box can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once. Each vertical column can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once. Each horizontal row can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once

QUICK CROSSWORD



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ACROSS

- Sauntered (6)
- Scare (6)
- Entice (5)
- Theft (7)
- Italian wine (7)
- Given admission (3,2)
- No longer valid (3,2,4)
- Rage (5)
- Need (7)
- Mollify (7)
- Wear away (5)
- Underground passage (6)
- In fact, truly (6)

DOWN

- Assail (6)
- Italian child (7)
- Devoured (5)
- German measles (7)
- Excellent (5)
- Attempting (6)
- Strengthen (9)
- Connected row of houses (7)
- Incident (7)
- Floor covering (6)
- Decapitate (6)
- Cereal (5)
- Chess piece (5)

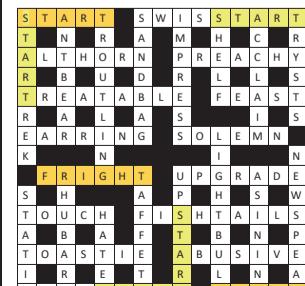
WORD WHEEL



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

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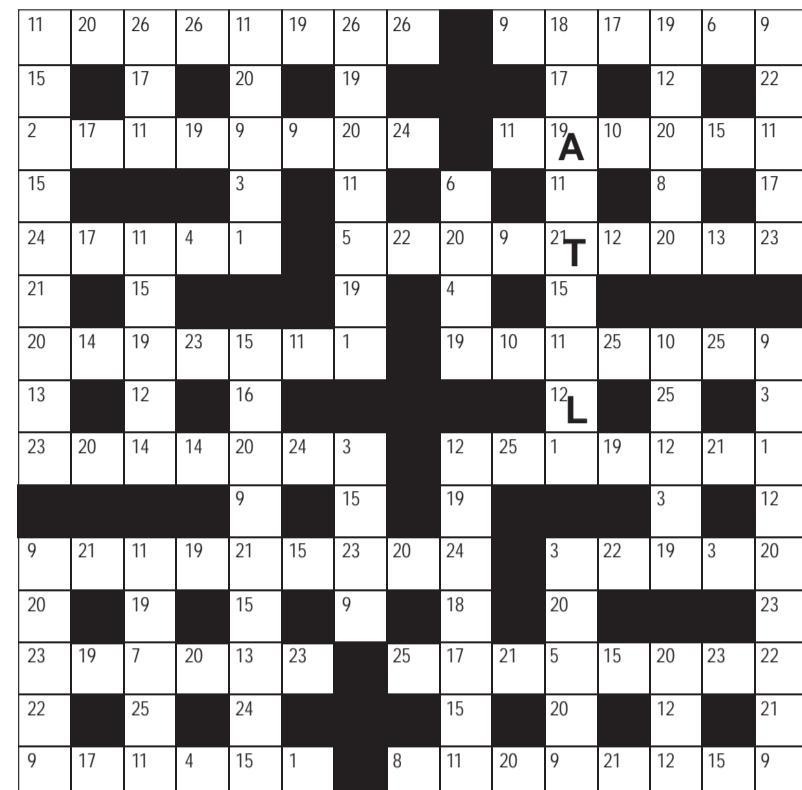
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CODE CRACKER

Each letter in this puzzle is represented by a number 1-26.

Every letter of the alphabet is used at least once. Three letters are already in place to get you started.



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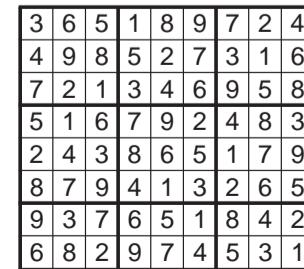


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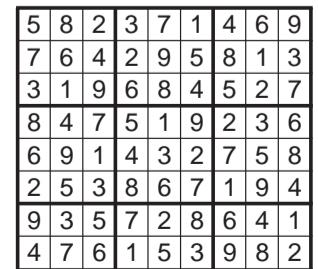
COLOURING



Sudoku #1:



Sudoku #2:





Julie-Anne Trease with Bass Coast College campus leaders Maddie Hosking and Olive Foster attended the San Remo library's International Women's Day event. Z11_1123



Cowes Primary School House Captains Ella and Violet with School Captain Eliza visited San Remo Library for the International Women's Day event, discussing women in leadership. Z12_1123



Newhaven Primary School students Billie, Addison, Chinasa and Daisy took part in the San Remo library International Women's Day morning. Z13_1123



Deb Leonard, Maddie Hosking, Olive Foster and Hannah Eisen attended the San Remo Myli International Women's Day event discussing courage and confidence in women. Z14_1123



Jim and Elizabeth Colbert came from Melbourne for the opening of the 'Threads' exhibition at Coal Creek, with Elizabeth entering a fibre work titled 'Swaddling' (not pictured). A19_1123



South Gippsland Shire Mayor Nathan Hersey and Coal Creek team leader Kim O'Connell enjoy the 'Threads' exhibition on Thursday evening. A21_1123



Mt Best's Susan Schuhmann took her visiting cousin John Shields along to the Autumn Show as they browsed the spectacular display. C10_1123



Victorian Square Dancing Association members Robbie, Howard and Tony were on hand as beginners took to the floor on Saturday. C11_1123

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the Myli International Women's Day event in San Remo, Threads exhibition in Coal Creek, Wheelchairs for Kids, Welshpool and District Horticultural Society Autumn Show, VSDA State Convention and Inverloch All Abilities Surfing



Square dancer Leanne joins first and third generation dancers Ralph and his granddaughters Sarah-Ann and Olivia. C12_1123



It was all smiles from Hazel, Max, Aysha and Peyton on Friday as they helped raise monies for Wheelchair for Kids. C06_1123



Supporting their younger peers Lola, Cassie and Will were on hand to push the junior students around the track. C07_1123



Charlie and Ashlee joined forces for Wheelchair for Kids on Friday. C08_1123



Dressed in spectacular frocks, Ann and guest of honour, Sandy hit the floor for the round dancing and square-dancing beginner sessions, even though the pair have a combined 86 years' experience under their belt. C13_1123



Volunteer Bonnie was joined by a patient Ben from Your Own Way as he waited his turn to hit the waves at Inverloch's All Abilities Surfing event. C15_1123



Hannah rode the waves in with the help of Archer (and a team of volunteers) on Saturday in spectacular weather. C16_1123



It was fun in the sun for Swornim, John and Hari as they took to the waves on Saturday. C17_1123



Sisters Kailei and Darcie took a break from the wave action at Inverloch on Saturday. C14_1123

Come and plan your cool weather crop

BASS Coast Landcare Network invites you to come along to our next River Garden Blitz Day, to be held on Saturday, March 25, at the River Garden in Bass.

This month the theme is, 'Cool Weather Veggies and Feeding Your Garden From Your Own Backyard'.

The event will be run by permaculture guru Rick Coleman, who is always a hit due to his immense knowledge of all things to do with producing food.

Rick will teach participants what to plant, where to plant it, and why, as well as demonstrate soil improvement using organic material that you'll most likely already have lying around in your garden.

If you want to be eating fresh homegrown veggies this Winter and Spring, it's a great time to start getting your hands dirty.

This is a free event however bookings are essential, with morning tea supplied for all participants.

To book, head to <https://coolweatherveggies.eventbrite.com.au>

These free workshops are possible thanks to funding from the VicHealth, Reimagining Health Program.



Sarah MacLaine and other well-known musicians will be performing at Phillip Island Bowling Club on March 19.

'Jazztastic' performances on Phillip Island

SUNDAY, March 19, will be Bendigo Bank Appreciation Day and this is the opportunity to say thanks for supporting our local jazz scene since day one. Bendigo Bank has been involved in projects varying from production of our newsletter to purchase of a waterproof trailer to store our sound equipment and transport it to gigs.

A massive thanks to Bendigo Bank.

Providing the day's entertainment will be the glamorous and talented Sarah MacLaine, who is in demand for appearances at festivals and corporate events. The backing group is led by two well-known musos to Phillip Island audiences namely Todd Sidney on keyboards and Ron Anderson on sax and flute.

They will be joined by Ivan Rosa on bass and Lachlan

Wallace on drums.

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

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

The Jazz Extravaganza Day is almost upon us – Sunday, April 16, an all-day event commencing at 10am and concluding at 5pm.

Cost of entry is \$35.00 which

includes a barbecue lunch.

Bands appearing will be The Skiffle Party, Dan Bolton & Friends and Andrew Nolte Dixieland Band.

This event will be jointly sponsored by Philip Island Jazz and Bass Coast Council.

For more information please contact Robin - 0432 814 407 or Jill - 0417 416 300 to arrange purchase of tickets.

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Dyonn with her rewired lamp at the Fixit Café. All are welcome on March 19.

Fixit Café Wonthaggi up and running

FOR the first time Fixit Café had nearly as many Fixers as customers and space was at a premium.

The team welcomed Wendy and Sabah to do some sewing, and Vern came back to sharpen tools with his home-made gadgets.

A rocking chair, lovingly restored by Trevor of the Men's Shed, was returned to its owner who hope to have another 40 years of use from it.

This month, on March 19, we are down to one electrician and it's a chance to remind customers that they are welcome to bring one appliance at a time to Fixit as each customer is allotted 30 minutes. Although there is no charge for repairs, if a donation is possible it helps with running costs. Bringing replacement parts saves time on the day.

Fixit Café is held in the Harvest Centre behind the Goods Shed, with access from the back of Big W carpark. It is a joint activity between Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre and the Wonthaggi Men's Shed.

To book in your item (which should be small enough to carry) ring Mitchell House on 5672 3731. The session runs from 11 to 1pm and customers are welcome to coffee and cake while they catch up with friends or make new ones.

Bass Coast Strollers to celebrate 25 years

ON MONDAY, May 8, local walking group, Bass Coast Strollers, will gather members together, both past and present, to celebrate 25 years of exploring our wonderful area.

There will be plenty of reminiscing of our great trips away as well.

They are inviting all past and present members to get together at a Newhaven Venue for a light casual lunch and an afternoon of mingling and chatting.

The plan is to walk around Churchill Island in the morning with 4 or 8km options. Past members are most welcome to join the walk.

The Strollers would like past members to register their interest by emailing info@basscoaststrollers.org so more details can be sent.



A mature Strzelecki Gum. Photos: Vicki Philipson

Appreciating our beautiful Eucalyptus species

NATIONAL Eucalypt Day (NED)! What started as a small event ten years ago is now an annual national celebration of our iconic Aussie gum tree.

Organised by individual groups, events like ours are unified through a trust, Eucalypt Australia, and widely advertised on social media.

NED is promoted by TV personality Costa Georgiadis and gum gurus such as Dean Nicolle.

This all came about because one Bjarne K Dahl, a forestry expert, made a lot of money over his lifetime in the bush a fortune, in fact, from fortuitous land purchases.

Having no heirs, he set up a bequest to promote, study and protect the trees he loved.

This trust fund is now Eucalypt Australia and Dahl's birth date (March 23) is recognised annually.

Here in South Gippsland, we are celebrating National Eucalypt Day on the weekend of March 25-26, with two open days at the pioneer Lester property in Mardan, and on Saturday at Korumburra's beautiful, well established

Botanic Park.

For many years now, Richard Lester has been successfully growing species of all shapes and sizes that would not normally grow in our climate.

A tour of his collection shows how he manages this - very useful knowledge now that so many exotic gums are readily available. Species such as E. tetraplera (Square Mallee), which is suggested as a tree for small gardens, benefit from careful preparation.

The Lester farm also has some fine examples of remnant gums plus many other trees planted over generations. Among these is Eucalyptus Strzelecki.

Strzelecki gum, aka Wax Tip, gets a particular mention for three main reasons.

One is that Korumburra Botanic Park has a thriving young specimen given to the park a year ago by FOKBP (Friends of Korumburra Park) member, Vicki Philipson, a much-awarded botanic artist who also provided the wonderful gum leaves image for this year's poster.

Then, as this is the fifth year of local NED, a noteworthy anniversary, it seemed like a good idea to have a special Feature Tree - our second reason.

The third, and most important, is to spread the word that our fine local E. Strzelecki, while not yet facing extinction, is in escalating decline.

The hope is that awareness will encourage farmers and people with large properties to plant seeds (described as quite easy to germinate) or tube stock.

There is plenty of general and also scientific information about eucalypts online.

And of course there will be info handouts available at both event sites:

Richard Lester, 731 Mardan Road, Leongatha (Saturday and Sunday, March 25-26, 10am to 4pm)

Korumburra Botanic Park, (Open all day, Saturday March 25. Guided tour 2pm)

For information, look for posters or contact:

Richard Lester: 0419 624 122, lesterrc46@gmail.com

Ben Ellis: friends.burra.botanic@gmail.com lbrittain@fastmail.fm

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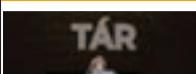
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The Poems, Prayers & Promises of John Denver



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Australia's biggest and best comedy festival is hitting the road for a huge 25th year!
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The Sunshine Club
Thur 29 June 7.00pm
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138 acres of sensational grazing land

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Springrise consists of very gently undulating country with approx. 30-35 acres of natural bush which provides shelter for stock, haven for birdlife / wildlife and aesthetic appeal.

An original solid brick home comprising four-bedrooms, two bathrooms, two living areas, in a private setting boasting magnificent rural northerly views.

Additional two-bedroom cottage, ideal for extended family or a BnB opportunity (STCA).

There is extensive shedding for machinery and hay storage.

Superb fencing throughout the property to 13 paddocks, including a central laneway for ease of stock management is a key feature of 'Springrise', along with a heavy-duty stockyard with separate truck access.

A superb water via dams and troughs, supported by a reliable 40-inch annual rainfall compliments the property.

Pristine beaches of Inverloch are only 10 minutes for swimming, surfing and fishing and 'Springrise' is central to other major towns of Wonthaggi and Korumburra 17 mins, Leongatha 20 mins.

'Springrise' is a rare find that offers a unique opportunity for anyone looking to own a sizable and versatile piece of land in a beautiful and tranquil location.

For sale by Expressions of Interest closing 4pm on April 14, 2023.

If you would like to receive a copy of the Information Memorandum or to inspect this property, please contact Don Olden on 0417 805 312 or Katrina Griggs on 0428 571 083.

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Agent Elders

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- 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom home ideal for restoring
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- 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom home on 660m² block
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UNDER CONTRACT

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- Solid 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom brick home
- Kitchen inc. electric oven, gas cooktop and dishwasher
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- Great outdoor undercover entertaining area
- Large 988m² block with beautiful established gardens
- Excellent location, short stroll to main street

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Elders Korumburra - 11 Commercial St - Ph 5658 1894

Don Olden 0417 805 312

Sharon Turton (Property Manager)

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Picturesque grazing property

PRODUCTIVE picturesque grazing property of approximately 284 acres with exceptional water security.

Located in the high rainfall (850mm) farming region of Welshpool, just 8kms from the coastline, 425 Woorarra Road offers a unique opportunity to secure a large parcel of land in this tightly held valley.

With four titles on offer plus seven acres on a 99-year lease, the property is well fenced into 38 paddocks accessed via a central laneway allowing ease of management and stock rotation.

The undulating property is 90% tractorable and has a full fertiliser history. Infrastructure includes a central 45mg. dam coupled with multiple spring fed and surface dams plus frontage to two creeks.

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Currently the property runs 120 cows, 90 calves and 60 steers and cuts hay and silage.

The property includes a comfortable 4-bedroom BV residence with modernised kitchen and open plan living areas.

The home has a solar system plus there is a standalone solar system that provides power for the fences.

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An exciting opportunity for a new owner to continue the legacy in quality cattle production. Inspections can be arranged by contacting Andrea Adams from SEJ Foster 0429 822 801

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425 Woorarra Road, **Welshpool**

For Sale \$3,800,000

Agent SEJ Real Estate

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- Neat home plus shed

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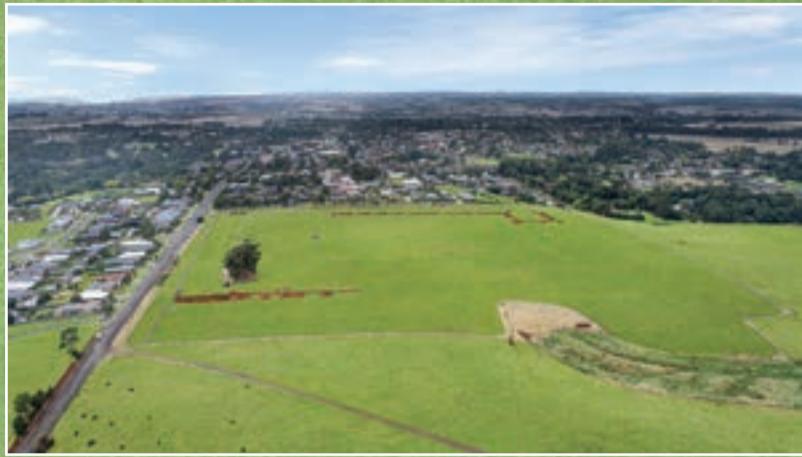
POUND CREEK



- 124 ac / 50 ha Grazing
- Stunning Views to the ocean
- Andersons Inlet to Inverloch
- 4 paddocks & 5 dams, well fenced
- Exceptional house sites (STCA)
- Exc. Land investment

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Shamrock Springs Estate

CONSTRUCTION is now underway... the perfect life awaits you!

Shamrock Springs is Leongatha's latest address, where you can live the perfect country life.

Your new life will spring into action at Shamrock Springs. Attractive streetscapes and spacious homesites in a beautiful country environment, only minutes from everything your family

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Shamrock Springs is so close to parklands, playgrounds, sporting fields, pools and shops, you'll have everything you need right on your doorstep.

The available allotments in Stage 1 range from 560m² - 678m² in size and are mostly flat with rural views.

It's the perfect place to build

your brand-new dream home and immerse yourself in country life.

All services are available including power, water, sewer, gas and NBN, all you have to do is find a builder and get started!

With level family homesites selling from as little as \$300,000 and only 15 lots left to buy in stage one, Shamrock Springs is reserved for a lucky few.



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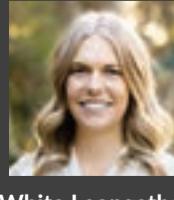
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For Sale

47 Tilly Court, **Leongatha**

WHY BUILD? ONLY 12 MONTHS OLD

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- Tastefully decorated & well designed
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- Undercover outdoor area & dbl garage

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For Sale

3 Olinda Court, **Leongatha**

WHY BOTHER BUILDING?

- Located in a quiet, leafy court on 831sqm
- Cleverly designed with 4 BRs & 2 living spaces
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For Sale

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AUCTION

**30 Bair Street Leongatha
Wednesday, March 29, 2023 at 10.30am
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FIRST TIME OFFERED IN 50 YEARS - RENEWED LEASE

Renewed 5 year lease plus Option

Long established business

Easy future subdivision STCA

- Single tenancy incorporating national chains - Nextra, Officechoice and Tattslotto
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- Impressive 388sqm building over two levels
- Position perfect with clear visual exposure to The Reject Shop, NAB, Aldi, IGA plus large council carpark with 125 car spaces
- Rent \$55,712pa + GST

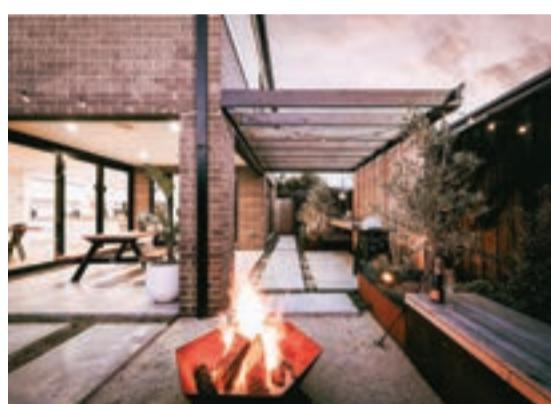
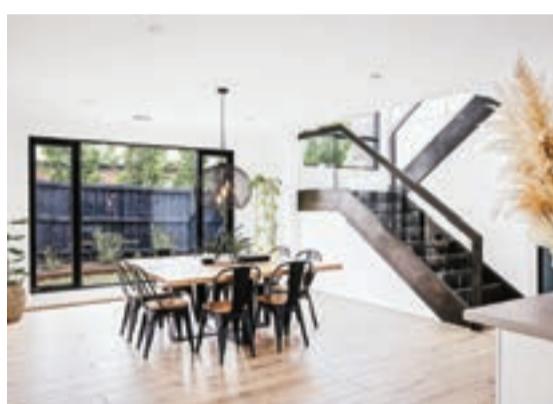


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Burgess Rawson 0413 860 304





Phillip Island's best kept secret



SET in one of Phillip Island's most exclusive enclaves, 6 Bunya Drive presents an opportunity to purchase a magnificent modern home in the Woolamai House estate.

No expense has been spared on this four-year-old home, and it is in immaculate condition ready for the new owner to simply turn the key and move in.

A short walk to the end of the street are the golden sandy beaches of Cape Woolamai.

These beaches are safe swimming beaches for children and extend from the San Remo Bridge all the way to the Cape Woolamai Point.

6 Bunya Drive is walking distance to the Cape Woolamai shops which features cafes, bars, convenience supermarket and take-away food restaurants.

The perfect place for getting your morning coffee or enjoying a meal in the evening with friends.

As you enter the property, past the professionally landscaped gardens, you are immediately given a sense of elegance which flows throughout the home.

The soaring high ceilings in the sweeping wide entrance hallway introduces you to a house that exudes tranquillity.

Downstairs has been laid out for entertaining and living. It features a study area, cinema room with the latest surround sound and black out blinds, laundry, powder room, kitchen, living and dining areas. The open plan kitchen and living area is flooded with natural light from double glazed, floor to ceiling windows.

The luxurious kitchen includes Caesarstone benchtops, butlers pantry, integrated Smeg dishwasher, 900mm Technika oven, hidden range hood and is completed with high quality laminate timber flooring.

Floor to ceiling, double glazed stacker doors join this wonderful space to a professionally landscaped rear yard and entertaining area. The low maintenance garden is complemented with

custom lighting that can be controlled from your phone, concrete paths, outdoor hot/cold shower, fire pit, bench seating and a shed for storage. The design has made great use of the space and is ideal for relaxing or entertaining guests.

A wide custom staircase joins the ground floor to the second level. A second living room and study nook separates the Master bedroom suite from the wing with 3-bedrooms and main bathroom.

The master bedroom has its own north facing private balcony, ensuite with 2.5 m double rain head shower, double vanity, floor to ceiling tiles and separate toilet.

This is adjoined by a sprawling walk-in robe fully equipped with custom cabinetry. The other three bedrooms are well proportioned and all feature their own walk in robes, they are serviced with a central main bathroom.

Live in comfort with all the modern extras such as:

- Four zone ducted heating and cooling
- Built in surround sound system in the alfresco area
- Hardwired security cameras and alarm
- 12Kw grid feed solar system

The Woolamai House Estate is home to the most expensive real estate in Cape Woolamai.

The distance to the beach and privacy has been a big draw card for many looking for a seaside escape. Whether you're looking for an investment, beach house or permanent residence this house ticks all the boxes.

Contact the selling agents to arrange a private inspection mid week or on weekends.

5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 510m²

6 Bunya Dve, Cape Woolamai
For Sale \$1.65m-\$1.75m
Agent Alex Scott & Staff
Greg Kane 0477 020 267
Nathan Cleeland 0497 114 568

Prime position and loads more

LOCATED in Wonthaggi's dress circle within an easy stroll of the CBD this modest residence is ripe for renovation and extension or re-development.

North facing and with terrific views over town to the hills it offers ...

Large lounge, spacious kitchen, two large bedrooms, central bathroom, and laundry.

There is side lane access to the huge rear yard to allow construction of garage/workshop etc....

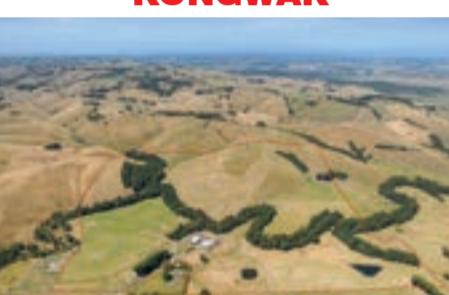
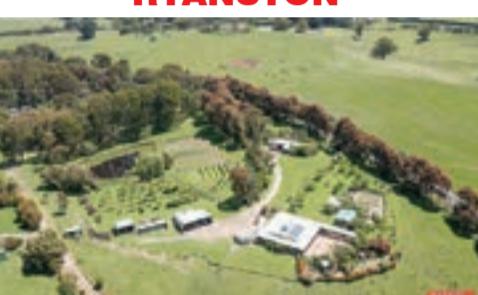
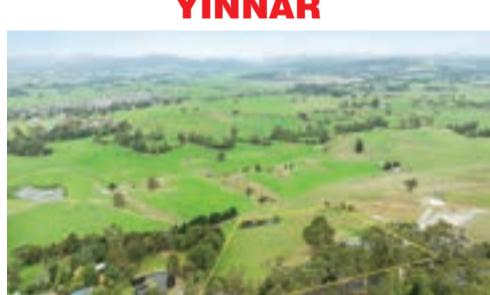
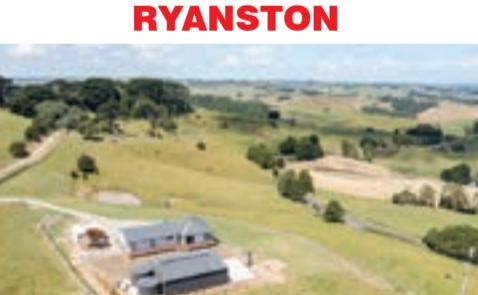
This site would be ideal for future development and/or a fantastic rental/investment.

Vendor is very keen to sell property so book an inspection quickly!

2 | 1 | 1 | 845m²

7 Edgar Street, Wonthaggi
For Sale \$515,000
Agent Alex Scott & Staff
Dan Huther 0418 334 801



LEONGATHA	KORUMBURRA	CORINELLA	KILCUNDA
OPEN SAT, MAR 18, 10.30-11AM 			
27 Brown Street • 2 Bedroom (option for 3 - STCA) • 2 livings areas, central kitchen • Great size block – low maintenance \$515,000 Contact: Leongatha Office	20 Valleyview Parade • 4 bedroom home on 1/4 acre block • Lots of indoor/outdoor living • Double garage + 4 car garage \$735,000 Contact: Korumburra Office	33a Balcombe Street • 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 5 car • 1/3 of an acre • 2 kitchens \$990,000-\$1,080,000 Contact: Grantville Office	10 Shanty Lane • Breathtaking ocean views 980 sqm • Amazing retirement opportunity • Quality homes, prestige spot \$849,000 Contact: Wonthaggi Office
LEONGATHA	KONGWAK	CORINELLA	RYANSTON
OPEN SAT, MAR 18, 11.15 – 11.45AM 			
34 Roughead Street • 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom (2 toilets) • Super neat, new carpets, fresh paint • Great location, close to CBD \$575,000 Contact: Leongatha Office	Lot 2 Wolonga Estate Road • Approx. 152 acres, heavy carrying country • 4 dams, troughs & water license • Variety of sheds, stockyards \$12,500 per acre Contact: Korumburra Office	19 Barker Street • 4 bedroom, 1 bathroom • The perfect first home • Endless opportunities \$500,000-\$550,000 Contact: Grantville Office	60 Koetsveldt Road • Self-sufficient living/ retirement • Character filled home, private haven • Abundant fruit trees, veggie gardens \$1,100,000 Contact: Wonthaggi Office
YINNAR	NYORA	CORONET BAY	LANCE CREEK
			
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Pastures may need extra care after the wet spring

PASTURES affected by flooding and severe waterlogging will need some extra care this season to re-establish healthy productive pastures.

By focusing on soil testing, soil temperatures, seed depth, irrigation, weed control and grazing management, this will all help with pasture re-establishment.

Soil testing is highly recommended. After flooding sandy soils can have issues with leaching of various nutrients, such as sulphur, potassium and nitrogen. Heavy soils that have been inundated for prolonged periods; denitrification can occur.

Previously planned fertiliser applications may need to be adjusted to suit. The soil test may also indicate the need for gypsum application to help build and protect soil structure.

Soil temperature is a critical aspect of any pasture establishment. The ideal soil

By Brett Davidson, Regional Manager Dairy Northern

temperature for sowing varies depending on the species. For ryegrass and clovers, the ideal soil temperature for germination is between 20 and 25°C. Persian and Shaftall clover can withstand higher soil temperatures of up to 35°C. Oats have an ideal soil temperature range of between 10 to 25°C, while wheat and barley prefer temperatures a couple of degrees lower than oats.

If you are unsure of soil temperatures, a good rule of thumb for ryegrass and clover is to sow when daily maximum air temperatures for five consecutive days average less than 25°C. Above these temperatures seeding establishment is reduced significantly and pastures may need to be resown.

The sowing depth of seed is proportional to the seed size. A general rule of sowing is that sowing depth should be twice

the length of the seed. For example, ryegrass seed should be sown at 1-2 cm depth. If seed is sown too deep, it will increase the time it takes to emerge, or it may fail to emerge at all.

To achieve a dense, productive pasture aim for plant densities of 600 seedlings/m². Plant densities should be measured one week post emergence. If the plant density is below 600 seedlings/m² action may be required.

Pasture with counts lower than 80 per cent will require more drastic action to perform at their best. Newly established seedlings are more susceptible to moisture stress than established plants.

Depending on the season, the first irrigation will typically use 1.5 ML/ha with subsequent irrigations requiring 0.5 ML/ha, depending on soil type and irrigation layout.

After the pasture sward is established, the first grazing is crucial to get right, as it can set

the pasture up for the remainder of the season. The pasture should be 10 cm high and at least at the two-leaf stage.

Before grazing check if the root system is developed enough by using the 'pluck test'. To complete a 'pluck test', take a tiller between your fingers and pull in a motion to mimic a hungry cow's bite. If it tears without pulling the plant out of the ground, it is ready to graze.

Graze pastures to a residual height of 4-6 cm. This will help promote tillering, minimise damage to the pasture and set the residual height for future grazing's. On-off grazing should be used to help achieve residuals of 4-6 cm when first grazing new pastures.

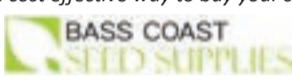
It is vital to get the basics of pasture establishment and grazing right to ensure the best result possible and produce healthy productive pastures.

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Agri-Tech roadshow coming to Foster Secondary College

ANOTHER cohort of students from the Gippsland region will get insight into high-tech career options in agriculture thanks to an agri-tech program from CQUniversity and several project partners.

Since the initial program roll out in 2021, the Raising Aspirations in Careers and Education - Gippsland (RACE - Gippsland) project has supported more

than 2000 students from Malacoota to Wonthaggi and Drong to Lakes Entrance in their exploration of great agricultural careers that exist across the Gippsland region.

With funding from the Victorian Department of Education and Training, the project will continue to increase student and teacher awareness of modern agricultural careers,

via hands-on activities and workplace visits linked to skills needed in the fast-changing industry.

The project brings together local partners from education and industry, including the Baw Baw Latrobe, Gippsland East and South Gippsland, Bass Coast Local Learning and Employment Networks (LLENs) and GippsDairy and VegNET.

CQU project lead and Gippsland dairy farmer Associate Professor Dr Amy Cosby says research shows that young people need more opportunities like RACE - Gippsland to see the diverse career paths available in primary production.

The roadshow will visit Foster Secondary college on March, Friday 17.

Fox and wild dog bounty program back in operation for 2023

THE Victorian Government's fox and wild dog bounty has resumed for 2023.

Agriculture Victoria Biosecurity Officers will again operate monthly collection centres across the state from March until October.

Agriculture Victoria Biosecurity Manager Jason Wishart said participants could submit

entire fox scalps for a \$10 reward and/or entire wild dog body parts for a \$120 reward at specified collection centres during scheduled collection times.

The Fox and Wild Dog Bounty program received \$6.7 million in the Victorian Government's 2020-21 Budget and will continue until 2024.

Since the program was

introduced in 2011, over a million fox scalps and close to 4,630 wild dog body parts have been collected in Victoria.

Foxes and wild dogs prey on livestock, especially lambs and sheep, inflicting significant economic and production loss to Victoria's livestock sector. They also have an impact on native wildlife.

Participants are reminded that the Victorian Fox and Wild Dog Bounty has gone digital.

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Crackdown on illegal firewood collection

AS MANY Victorians stock up their firewood supplies for winter, the Conservation Regulator is urging people to help save critical wildlife habitat and protect Aboriginal scarred trees by sourcing firewood responsibly.

Birds and reptiles as well as a range of native mammals, such as possums, gliders and bats, rely on hollows in both standing and fallen trees for habitat.

The illegal collection of firewood, if made up of mature trees and limbs, also has potential to harm Aboriginal scarred trees. Once gone, an important piece of Aboriginal cultural heritage is lost forever.

Domestic firewood collection from public land is only available in designated areas during the autumn and spring firewood collection seasons.

During these times people can collect a maximum of two cubic metres of firewood per person per day and a maximum of 16 cubic metres of firewood per household per financial year. Only fallen timber without hollows can be collected.

This year the Conservation Regulator is targeting firewood theft with Forest Fire Management Victoria and Parks Victoria through Operation Hollows.

Authorised Officers are educating the public about the rules and penalising thieves. Anyone caught breaking firewood collection rules can face on-the-spot-fines of \$740



Locals are being urged to source firewood responsibly. Photo: Andreas Pajuvirta on Unsplash

under the Forests Act 1958 or a maximum penalty of \$9,246 and/or 1 year jail if the matter is taken to court.

Last year the Conservation Regulator laid 625 charges and issued 85 infringement notices and 16 official warnings for firewood offences, including cutting or taking fallen or felled trees, and disturbing, damaging or destroying wildlife habitat. Cases which resolved in the Magistrate Court system faced convictions, fines and had chainsaws and trailers forfeited and destroyed.

It is also important firewood collectors understand their obligations under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006. All Aboriginal places, objects and Ancestral remains are protected in Victoria. It is an offence to harm Aboriginal heritage and substantial penalties apply.

If you think you have found a scarred tree or other Aboriginal cultural heritage, contact your relevant Registered Aboriginal Party (if one has been appointed) or First Peoples - State Relations on 1800 762 003.

For details of where firewood

can be collected, visit: www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood/firewood-collection-in-your-region.

More information about firewood collection rules can be found at: <https://www.vic.gov.au/collecting-firewood>.

The community can report the illegal cutting or removal of firewood anonymously by calling 136 186.

Financial assistance is available for people on low incomes who buy firewood for heating. <https://www.ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood/energy-concession-and-support>.

2023 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grants closing soon

GRANTS of up to \$1000 are still open to primary schools and early learning centres across Australia for hands-on projects to help grow the next generation of environmental champions.

You can apply for funding for environmental projects that focus on any of these areas:

- Food production e.g. planting veggie gardens
- Waste management and recycling e.g. composting and worm gardens
- Biodiversity e.g. enhancing wildlife habitat or creating butterfly gardens
- First Nations perspectives e.g. planting a bush tucker garden

For project inspiration, check out our Top 10 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grant Project Ideas or explore the Woolworths Junior Landcare Map to see what other schools or early learning centres have done near you. You can also view our useful Information Session for tips on how to complete your application at [youtube.com/watch?v=KJy5Ld6KEHs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJy5Ld6KEHs).

Don't delay – applications for 2023 Woolworths Junior Landcare Grants close at 5pm AEDT on March 17.

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Bullocks

1 Fullerton B Tyers	555.0	380.0	2,109
1 Sunnygen Park	555.0	380.0	2,109
1 Avery M2 Hedley	560.0	380.0	2,128
4 Crane B Traralgon South	780.0	377.6	2,945
1 Donat R & C Wonthaggi	730.0	377.6	2,756
2 Balas Holdings Welshpool	552.5	375.0	2,071

Steers

1 Von Pace Pastoral P/L	475.0	481.6	2,287
1 Macaro Investments Jeetho	440.0	460.0	2,024
1 Fullerton B Tyers	455.0	450.6	2,050
1 Balas Holdings Welshpool	510.0	450.0	2,295
1 Braithwaite NJ & HE			
Jumbunna East	350.0	448.0	1,568
1 Dunne J Hazelwood	405.0	442.6	1,792

Heifers

1 Sellings B 1 Unknown District	290.0	463.2	1,343
1 Macaro Investments Jeetho	435.0	430.0	1,870
12 Andco P/L Mardan	365.8	430.0	1,573
1 Balas Holdings Welshpool	460.0	430.0	1,978
1 Dunne J Hazelwood	440.0	421.2	1,853
2 Behmer M Leongatha Sth	520.0	420.0	2,184

Cows

1 Pilkington D & Toohey F	570.0	345.6	1,969
Waratah Nth	620.0	333.6	2,068
1 Svenson R Tarwin Lower	930.0	329.2	3,061
1 Opray KD Hedley	730.0	312.6	2,281
1 Harrison S & L Giffard	730.0	310.0	2,263
1 Whelan K Outtrim	670.0	309.6	2,074

Bulls

1 Whelan K Outtrim	905.0	309.6	2,801
1 Bland HR & JA Woranga	1,060.0	299.6	3,175
1 Stanara Bengworden	1,000.0	298.6	2,986
1 Melaleuca Pastoral Meeniyian	1,020.0	289.6	2,953
1 Harrison S & L Giffard	900.0	285.6	2,570
1 Sha Valley Pty Ltd Krowera	710.0	283.6	2,013

Vealer Bulls

2 Davis GJ Budgeree	477.5	240.0	1,146
1 Matthews FG & KG Yarram	460.0	184.2	847

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, March 6, 2023

Jersey & Jersey x	.....	\$24 to \$50
Friesian Bulls	.....	\$30 to \$90
Friesian Heifers	.....	\$250 to \$420
Beef Bulls	.....	\$70 to \$200
Beef Heifers	.....	\$110 to \$170
Number of Calves: 139		
Number purchased to rear: 35		

Attention Farmers

There will be no calf markets on March 20 & 27, due to Farm World. Calf Markets recommence as normal Monday April 3.



The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien is calling on the state government to better enforce the law with respect to weed management.

Action needed on weeds management

GIPPSLAND landowners are continuing to face an uphill battle as the State Government fails to take action to enforce the law with respect to noxious weeds, according to The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien.

Mr O'Brien said he has been contacted by several frustrated landholders throughout the electorate who are struggling to manage weeds due to rampant weed growth on neighbouring properties – many of which are Crown land.

He said he has regularly raised the issue of weed eradication with the state government, but is not seeing any action on the ground.

"Unfortunately, it is becoming somewhat of a tradition that around this time of year I am

inundated with calls from fed-up farmers and landholders who are rightly concerned about unmanaged weeds, particularly ragwort and blackberries and particularly in the South Gippsland Shire," Mr O'Brien said.

"Most landholders do the right thing, but many farmers are angry and frustrated that some of their neighbours do not and that the government doesn't enforce the law with respect to weed management."

"Indeed, the government departments themselves are some of the biggest culprits when it comes to mismanagement of weeds on Crown land or in road reserves.

"Weeds currently cost Australian farmers \$4 billion each year through yield losses and

product contamination and this government needs to take action to ensure they are not contributing to the problem," said Mr O'Brien.

A spokesperson from Agriculture Victoria responded stating, "Agriculture Victoria works with a wide range of land managers in the South Gippsland area including private landholders, local government, and crown land managers to meet their responsibilities to manage declared noxious weeds."

"In the past few months Agricultural Victoria Biosecurity Officers have visited 30 properties of concern across South and West Gippsland to assess noxious weed infestations and discuss control options with landholders."

Store sale sees more than 2000 cattle

By SGSAA

AGENTS yarded 2200 cattle at last Friday's VLE Leongatha store sale in another very good quality yarding.

Prices for extra heavy steers held firm on the previous sales dearer trend and improved a little on the mid weighted steers with the return of a regular buyer with a couple of extra feedlot and background orders in play.

Weaner steers and heifers sold at similar rates to the previous market with breeding and quality influencing prices.

There were less Xbred and dairy types on offer and sold at a slightly cheaper trend.

Cows and Calves sold at similar rates.

Leongatha Store Sale on Friday, March 10, 2023

Grown Steers

M&A Lyon 15 Angus	616kg	\$3.73	\$2300
R Duke 10 Angus	614kg	\$3.85	\$2370
Lester Farms 21 Angus	592kg	\$3.72	\$2200
S & H Mahoney 13 Hereford	585kg	\$3.74	\$2190
Dean & Woodland 15 Angus	577kg	\$3.93	\$2270
A Siggins 12 Angus	577kg	\$3.55	\$2050
Thimms Hotel 16 Angus	567kg	\$3.26	\$1850
Dean & Woodland 14 Angus	565kg	\$3.85	\$2180
S & H Mahoney 17 Hereford	558kg	\$3.58	\$2000
Dean & Woodland 24 Angus	553kg	\$4.01	\$2220
Hookey Past 25 Angus	542kg	\$4.07	\$2210
Dean & Woodland 20 Angus	541kg	\$3.99	\$2160
Lester Farms 22 Angus	536kg	\$3.60	\$1930
Thimms Hotel 17 Angus	515kg	\$3.20	\$1650
Dean & Woodland 16 Angus	513kg	\$3.56	\$1830
A&P Anton 12 Ang	509kg	\$3.90	\$1990
A & A Missen 14 Angus	503kg	\$4.15	\$2090
Dean & Woodland 14 Angus	502kg	\$3.84	\$1930
K & L Holmes 15 Hereford	485kg	\$3.91	\$1740
A & A Missen 14 Angus	477kg	\$3.89	\$1860
Stackhouse Past 22 Angus	434kg	\$4.12	\$1790
A&P Anton 15 Angus	433kg	\$4.01	\$1740
Stackhouse Past 22 Angus	426kg	\$4.01	\$1710
Wangarra Past 18 Angus	423kg	\$4.02	\$1700
Stackhouse Past 48 Angus	414kg	\$4.10	\$1700
Stackhouse Past 63 Angus	414kg	\$3.98	\$1650
Stackhouse Past 20 Angus	388kg	\$4.33	\$1680
Stackhouse Past 18 Angus	387kg	\$4.21	\$1630

Weaner Steers

M & K Hall 10 Hereford	393kg	\$4.07	\$1600
M & J Lee 17 Angus	379kg	\$4.35	\$1650
J & P Fleming 13 Angus	378kg	\$4.05	\$1530
Cw Littlejohn 11 Angus	372kg	\$4.13	\$1540
Mareeba Past 10 Angus	370kg	\$4.27	\$1580
W & J Bullock 20 Angus	351kg	\$4.56	\$1600
R & D Knight 19 Angus	347kg	\$3.97	\$1380
P Cashman 15 Hereford	347kg	\$3.97	\$1380
S Wakefield 18 Angus	318kg	\$4.52	\$1440
B&M Walpole 23 Hereford	303kg	\$3.96	\$1200

Xbred & Friesian Steers

M&A Lyon 12 Xbred	602kg	\$2.87	\$1725
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Outstanding sons from one of Australia's most popular sires on offer

ANTHONY Pisa's deduction to breeding the very best from the very best will once again be on show this year.

The Absolute Angus principal will have an impressive line-up of bulls on offer at his autumn sale on Wednesday, March 29.

And he's already talking excitedly about the yearlings to be offered later this year in the spring.

But first things first, and in his upcoming sale on-property at Thorpdale (Trafalgar South), West Gippsland, there will be "standout sons" of sires including Landfall New Ground N90, Landfall Leonardo P145, Landfall Prominent P317 and Te Mania Prime P586.

"Te Mania Prime is an excellent bull for IMF (Intramuscular Fat) and for birth," Mr Pisa said.

"He's very thick and phenotypically the best you can get - his progeny stands out and looks very much like their sire.

"These will be the first sons of his we have offered."

The \$75,000 Landfall New Ground N90 also has some "outstanding" sons in the sale, proving why he was the top selling bull for ABS Genetics in the spring of 2022.

"He has produced excellent progeny with data to match - phenotypically, structurally and feet wise, his sons all have it, plus his data is amazing," Mr Pisa said.

The sons of another Landfall bull in Leonardo P145 have also caught the attention of Mr Pisa, with their tremendous



Absolute Angus Autumn sale feature Sire, Landfall Leonardo P145 - Sons selling on March 29, 2023.

thickness and length.

"You can put him over anything...he is a sire that I am sure will grow to prominence in the breed."

"And then there is Landfall Prominent P317 - another outstanding bull with good data - they are hard to find like him - the low birthweight and high fat.

"He's in the top 1 per cent of the breed for growth, docility and carcase, definitely a bull that stands up to top sires.

"People are looking for growth, they want to turn vealers off quicker at six to seven months - he just produces calves that have everything you would require as a commercial producer."

Last autumn, Absolute offered 52 bulls, selling 50 at auction to a top of \$22,000 twice and averaging \$9980.

This year's autumn sale, the third for Absolute, will be integrated with AuctionsPlus and kick off on-property at 1pm, with inspections from 11am.

There will be 70 bulls catalogued for sale in March, giving bidders extra opportunities to secure the right sire for their breeding operation.

Clients new and old are welcome to check out the bulls on Saturday 18 March, when Absolute Angus will be open for inspections.

"We look forward showcasing some of the genetics we have to offer," Mr Pisa said.

"The focus remains on low birth, high growth, high EMA and IMF and positive fats - I think those are the key things for commercial breeders."

Looking further ahead the excitement is growing at Absolute for the spring sale.

where the first sons of two new Milwillah sires the stud purchased outright will be offered.

"Milwillah Rimfire is an outstanding bull with calving ease like I have never seen before - I calved down 70 heifers without a hitch," Mr Pisa said.

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The in-depth Australian Good Meat Education resources have been developed by Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA) for the 2023 school year, covering all grades from Prep to year 10.

MLA Group Stakeholder Collaboration Manager, Samantha Jamieson, said that the resources are linked to the current version 8.4 of the curriculum and the new version 9.0 of the curriculum.

"These resources are free and easy to access on the Australian Good Meat website and are designed to be used in both print and digital format,"

Ms Jamieson said.

The cross-curriculum resources are designed to meet curriculum outcomes for Design and Technologies, Science, Mathematics, English, and Humanities and Social Sciences. Sustainability is a large focus across the resources to support this as a focus area in the Australian curriculum.

"By accessing the teaching re-

sources on the Good Meat website, teachers will find resources such as instructional videos for teaching support, lesson plans, student activity worksheets, and supplementary classroom materials such as posters and more," Ms Jamieson said.

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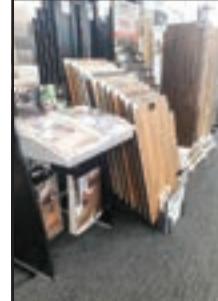
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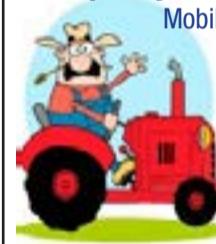
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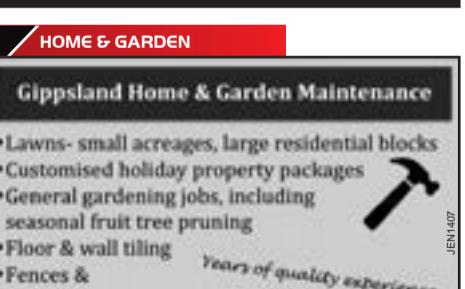


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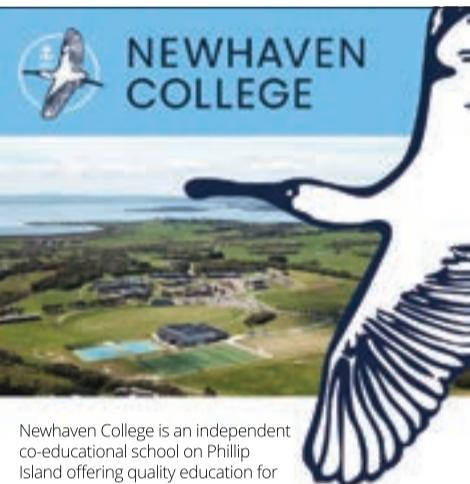
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Applications close:
Friday, March 24. 2023

All enquiries (between 10 am & 4 pm) to:
Bass Coast Children's Centre Inc
244 White Road, Wonthaggi, VIC, 3995
Ph: (03) 5672 5151
bass.coast.cc@kindergarten.vic.gov.au

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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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Building Supervisor

Permanent Full time

About us

An established family run business with over 60 years in the building industry, Coldon Homes is South Gippsland's most active new home builder. Our company recognises the efforts and contributions of our people and appreciate that our success is the result of our employees and contractors working together to achieve great outcomes.

Servicing Bass Coast and South Gippsland. From Port Albert, Wonthaggi, Inverloch, Phillip Island to Lang Lang and everywhere in between, we work with the most experienced local trades, have a strong supply chain and are here for the long haul- because this community is our community too.

The role

We are seeking an experienced **Building Supervisor** or an experienced **Tradesperson** with the ability and ambition to advance their career to a Building Supervisor.

Reporting to the Coldon Homes General Manager the Building Supervisor will focus on supervising residential home builds, managing a portfolio of home builds from site start through to the final inspection and handover to our valued client.

The successful applicant will:

- Be experienced in domestic home construction;
- Effectively communicate with a diverse customer group including contractors, clients and stakeholders;
- Be customer focused and deliver excellent customer service to everyone they engage with;
- Build strong and ongoing working relations with customers, trades and key stakeholders;
- Possess strong organisational skills and be able to manage multiple projects simultaneously;
- Coordinate, schedule work, lead and direct tradespeople;
- Day to day management of trades on site, suppliers, completion of paperwork and other administrative tasks;
- Ensure quality homes are built within set time frames and budgeted guidelines;
- Have well developed problem solving and time management skills with the ability to prioritise work;
- Understand, comply and enforce OH&S regulations;
- Ensure correct building practices and procedures are adhered to at all times;
- Have completed the General Construction Induction Course/White Card (mandatory)
- Hold a valid driver's licence (mandatory) and
- Be a person of integrity, drive and energy.

An attractive remuneration package is on offer.

How to Apply

Applications will be accepted via seek.com <https://www.seek.com.au/job/66000324> and must include a current resume and cover letter.

Please contact Michelle Marriott, Human Resources michelle.marriott@cv-bp.com.au or call (03) 5672 0607 with any queries.

Applications will close
Tuesday, March 28, 2023.

Please note: Interviews will be conducted prior to the closing date should suitable applications be received.

Mechanic

Full time
Located in Wonthaggi

Role includes: All aspect of vehicle maintenance required including the service of equipment and vehicles. Company vehicle included in salary.

Please send your resume to
accounts@wheelawaste.com
PO Box 878, Wonthaggi 3995

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Inverloch

WANTED CLEANERS

Holiday property cleaners needed for summer and ongoing periods including weekends. Must have ABN, own equipment and transport.

Please email expressions of interest to:
Karen McAlpine
Senior Property Manager
c-invyrentals@alexscott.com.au
Phone 5674 1602

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Inverloch

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

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PCA positions available (Must have experience)

Banfields Aged Care is part of a family-owned Australian Aged Care Group Pty Ltd (AACG), which prides itself on imagination and innovation in caring for the aged.

We are located at 192 Thompson Avenue, Cowes, Phillip Island a short stroll into town for the local beach and shops.

Set amongst beautiful landscaped grounds. Banfields Aged care is a 90-bed residential care facility which provides an extensive range of services.

As a PCA, your responsibilities will be to provide nursing care as directed by a Registered Nurse.

Casual and permanent part-time contracts are available for these positions.

Applicants must have a positive and professional work ethic with dedication and commitment to high quality care.

Essential criteria:

- Certificate III or IV in Aged Care.
- Current National Police Check.
- Demonstrated knowledge/ability in providing safe quality personal care to consumers and ensuring the rights of consumers are respected.
- Compassionate and empathetic person.
- Excellent communication skills - both written and verbal.
- Efficient time management skills.
- Must have flexible availability and be reliable.
- Ability to travel to Cowes on Phillip Island.
- Current evidence of influenza vaccination.
- Both COVID-19 Vaccinations.
- Current Victorian Drivers Licence.

What you can expect from us:

- A friendly, social & collaborative team
- A workplace that supports and values their staff
- Support from management and ongoing development and education opportunities

Desirable:

- Previous experience in Residential Aged Care.

We are a non-smoking facility.

If you believe you have the qualities and skills we are looking for please call: the Acting Director of Care, on (03) 5951 2500 or forward your resume to reception@banfields.com.au

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Registered Nursing (RN) Staff and Endorsed Enrolled Nursing (EEN) staff required

Positions for permanent part time and casual shifts at Banfields Aged Care

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We are seeking motivated and dedicated Registered Nurses and Endorsed Enrolled Nurses to be part of our team.

Your responsibilities will be to provide nursing care guided by the Director of Care including medication management, clinical practice and supervision, documentation, wound management, and palliative care;

The successful candidate will have:

- Registered Nurse qualifications and current AHPRA registration (RN only)
- Current registration with AHPRA as an Enrolled Nurse with medication endorsement (EEN only)
- Previous experience in residential aged care essential
- Ability to lead, motivate & educate staff.
- Strong communication skills.
- Current Police Check.
- Team player qualities.
- Current influenza vaccination.
- Three COVID-19 vaccinations.
- Current Victorian Drivers Licence.

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Anglicare Victoria



SENIOR FAMILY SERVICES PRACTITIONER

Full Time Ongoing based in Wonthaggi

The Anglicare Family Services Program provides a suite of services to vulnerable children, youth and families, including parenting support, case management and support to navigate the NDIS and other services. Many of these families have long histories of involvement with child protection and community agencies, and require flexible and innovative interventions to address their needs to support their safety and wellbeing. The Integrated Family Services team aim to increase the safety and wellbeing of children and young people, strengthen family relationships and dynamics and prevent children and young people from entering the Child Protection system. Family Services aims to support parents to ensure the social, emotional, educational, health and developmental needs for their children are met.

Enquiries: Josie Stubbe on (03) 5135 9555

Applications close: 19th March 2023

To view PD and application details, please visit careers on our website.

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South Gippsland Hospital

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

Casual (IN14)

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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

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The Autumn Show was also for the younger crowd with the local Primary School involved in the decoration of the foyer and Kinder submitting entries for the candle display.

Welshpool Flower Show blooms



Volunteers took a moment to enjoy afternoon tea after an incredibly busy build up to the event on Friday. The next event will be the November Melbourne Cup long weekend. C36_1123



Faye Taylor with her first prize exhibit "Harvest Time". C34_1123



Trish Newbury with two of her many winning dahlias – the Devon Showtime and three bloom Winkie Crystobelle. C32_1123



It was another incredibly successful year for the Welshpool and District Horticultural Society Autumn Flower Show as prizes were awarded, the raffle drawn, Public Choice counted and refreshments eaten, not to mention nursery left bare with visitors popping through the doors on both Friday and Saturday. C31_1123

Album launch at Meeniyian

MELBOURNE powerhouse Cash Savage and the Last Drinks have announced a new album, So This Is Love, to be released on April 28 by Mistleton Records in Australia and New Zealand and internationally by Glitterhouse Records.

And to celebrate they will be heading out on an Australian tour in May and June.

The tour will kick off with a perfor-

mances at Good Times Festival and Meadow Festival, will then take to Fremantle, Meeniyian, Ballarat, Torquay, Eltham and Melbourne.

The Meeniyian date is Saturday, May 13 at the Meeniyian Town Hall with special guests Gut Health.

Tickets: \$40.00 plus booking fee. Book tickets via The Lyrebird Arts Council and the Oztix link. Enquiries phone 0408 039 251 or 0419 302 851.

PUBLIC NOTICES



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PUBLIC NOTICES

PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION LOCATED AT GRANTVILLE

Telstra plans to upgrade an existing telecommunications facility located at Cnr Stanley Rd and Bass Hwy, Grantville, VIC 3984 (1IPS60555) www.rfnsa.com.au/3984003

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2. The proposed works at the above site include the removal of six (6) panel antennas and the installation of nine (9) panel antennas (each no more than 2.8m long). Works also include the installation of associated ancillary equipment. All internal equipment will be housed within the existing equipment shelter located at the base of the facility.
3. Telstra regards the proposed installation as a Low-Impact Facility under the *Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination 2018* based on the above description.
4. In accordance with Section 7 of C564:2020 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code, we invite you to provide feedback about the proposal. Further information and/or written submissions should be directed to Teah Hammet, Aurecon Australasia Pty Ltd (A.B.N 54 005 139 873) via email to: Teah.Hammet@aurecongroup.com or via post to: Teah Hammet, Aurecon Australasia Locked Bag 331, Brisbane, QLD 4001 by 5pm on 28/03/2023.



25 years of catchment health

Expression of interest for the supply of contract services.

- Agricultural fencing of waterways, gullies and environmental projects
- Weed control and revegetation services
- Earthmoving, truck and associated equipment hire

We are inviting expressions of interest from contractors for our panel of preferred contractors to undertake works as required. The panel of preferred contractors will run for a period of three years starting 1 July, 2023.

Expressions of interest close at:
4pm on Friday 14 April 2023

More information www.wgcmca.vic.gov.au

PO Box 1374, Traralgon 3844.
T: 1300 094 262 www.wgcmca.vic.gov.au



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.

All interested parties must also attend site inspection on March 14, 2023.

To obtain tender documentation and coordinate site visit, contact Gabe Windsor via gwindor@leongsec.vic.edu.au or 0437 090 195.



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NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PLANNING PERMIT

Will this planning application affect you?

The land affected by the application is located at: **92 Whitelaw Street, Meeniyian, VIC, 3956**

The application is for a permit to: Use of the land for a Place of Assembly to operate fifteen (15) events per year with a total number of 246 patrons and waiver of the car parking requirements.

APPLICATION DETAILS

Application Number: **2022/348**
Address: **92 Whitelaw Street, Meeniyian, VIC, 3956**

Applicant name: **IS Architecture**

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: Sat, March 25, 2023



Find out more:
Scan the QR code using your mobile phone



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A horizon of choices and opportunities

EXCITED chatter and much listening was had as students from Bass Coast College senior campus embarked on the annual Year 12 Tertiary Camp to Melbourne last week.

Across four days students visited universities, TAFE and tertiary education facilities to explore the options available.

From RMIT to Swinburne, Australian Catholic University (ACU) to Deakin, it was a chance to understand the facilities, courses offered and experience university life first-hand.

"(The camp) helped give a hierach of university preferences for when it comes time to put in your preferences," Kayla began.

Notably, the camp brought a sense of calm and resolute to students as universities adapt to the changing post-secondary dynamics and options.

"They are pretty flexible on the ATAR's now," Miea explained.

"Especially after COVID, there are more pathways, and they are making it more accessible for everyone. It's for everyone now not just high achievers or (those who could afford to go)."

The relief of not stressing about the year in front and each BCC student doing the absolute best each can do was evident.

"A lot of the speakers said, 'don't stress' – there are so many pathways to gain access to do what you want to do," Miea said.

For Kayla hearing about the students own experiences and not having the same information reiterated was a highlight, as was hearing the different options.

"All the different universities have different set-ups," Miea explained.

"Deakin had the nursing ward and Swinburne was more about science – there was variety for everyone."

"Being able to go to the places you were most interested in and customise it for what you want to do was interesting," Ella added.

Ella and Scout also highlighted the new and different ways universities were tackling the ever-changing market by offering varied modes of learning -for example, Victoria University's Block Model, and the wider inclusion of trimester across more universities, not to mention breadth of double degrees.

The journeys each student is looking to embark on beyond year 12 is just as varied as the universities themselves.

"I want to do something in Allied Health, like OT at ACU – their allied health services are spot on for me and going there really set it for me," Archer noted.

"Business commerce at ACU," Isaac added.

"Science, but I am not sure where yet," Kayla said.

"Nursing and midwifery (double degree) at Deakin in Burwood or ACU," Miea stated.

Visiting the universities, public and private, also helped clarify the costs for students with public education the same no matter the university.

Another chapter for premiers' challenge

THOUSANDS of Victorian children are about to go 'wild about reading', as they embark on the annual Premiers' Reading Challenge for another year.

Minister for Education Natalie Hutchins launched the 2023 Premiers' Reading Challenge on Wednesday, an initiative that promotes the importance of reading for children and students from early childhood to Year 10 while encouraging families to be more involved with supporting reading at home.

This year's theme is 'wild about reading' with the accompanying artwork designed by Kate Isobel Scott, a talented Victorian-based illustrator known for her colourful, quirky and endearing hand-made characters.

The Premiers' Reading Challenge encourages students to read a set number of books over the year depending on their Challenge level, with their reading efforts recorded online. Picture books, short stories, poems or non-fiction books in any language can be part of the Challenge.

Children who have not yet started school are challenged to experience 40 books with the help of their families as part of the Premiers' Reading Challenge for the Early Years.

Most of the books are from Challenge book lists while the remainder can be of the reader's choosing.

For more information, visit vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge.



Leongatha Lions members Mike Touzel, Les Byrne, Ron Campbell, David Thompson, (President), Ray Pearson and Denise Marris handing over the rotunda with Cemetery Trust members Graham Fixter, Ray Sullivan (Chair) and Jessie Spencer.

Leongatha Cemetery Trust project for Lions

IN UNDERSTANDING the need to provide information to relatives, family search or historians, the Leongatha Cemetery Trust recognised the need for an information board at the cemetery which would be an all-weather building and open to the public.

So funding was sourced through a grant from the DHS and the Cemetery Trust's own savings.

To complete the project, the Leongatha Lions then set about planning, assembling and erecting a rotunda to house an information board.

The progress was not as smooth sailing when first planned as from start to finish the COVID pandemic and associated health directives curtailed a number of team meetings and planned working bees.

The project was completed

in October last year and with the surrounding garden now planted, on Monday, March 6, 2023.

The rotunda was officially handed over to the Leongatha Cemetery Trust Chair Ray Sullivan by the Leongatha Lions President David Thompson.



Members of the Leongatha Primary School Student Representative Council with past student Alana Green. A28_0923



Leongatha Primary School captains Stella O'Leary, Remy Turner, Cooper Rogers and Amy Stevic with principal Dot Coghlan and past student Alana Green. A25_0923

Leongatha Primary School names leaders for 2023

LEONGATHA Primary School's leaders have assumed their responsibilities for 2023, receiving their membership badges from past student, Dr Alana Green.

Alana spoke to the leaders and many of the broader school community prior to the badge presentation.

She recalled her passion for science and sports during her time at the school and the way teachers encouraged her to pursue her interests.

Alana heeded that advice, now a doctor of Chinese medicine and an athletics competitor.

Principal Dot Coghlan said getting past students back to Leongatha Primary School to reflect on their subsequent achievements demonstrates to students they can achieve what they set their minds to.

That might be in the arts, medicine, sport, or other pursuits.

Alana congratulated all students nominated for leadership roles.

She reflected on her disappointment early in grade six when, to her horror, she wasn't nominated for a leadership role, having expected she would be a house leader.

"I knuckled down and dedicated myself to my studies and my sport and I was able to find my own self-worth even though I didn't have a house captain badge," Alana said.

That attitude earned her academic and sporting honours in her grade 6 year, teaching her values she has carried on.

The young students heard about Alana's athletics success since becoming

an adult.

That includes being Victorian pole vault champion and medalling multiple times at Australian championships.

She also outlined the setbacks, including breaking her spine and suffering a head injury, admitting such incidents made her question whether to continue, but adding that she hasn't given up.

Alana told her audience that those who missed out on official leadership positions can still show leadership.

Stella O'Leary, Amy Stevic, Remy Turner and Cooper Rogers are this year's school captains.

Wightman House captains are Maddi Pocklington and Tyler Hulshof.

Taj Houston and Lucy Carter are Johnston House captains, with Jemma Rump and

Hannah Webb fulfilling that responsibility for Herring House.

Strzelecki House will be captained by Anika Edwards and Zahra George.

Performing arts leaders are Eliza Stein and Chelsea Lester, with Adele Murray and Darcy Lavis named visual arts captains.

Arlie Houston and Tara March are the 2023 library leaders, with Biancha Mansfield and Ida Hilligso-Chadwick appointed to captaincy roles for languages.

Information and communication technology captains are Flynn Kew and Onyx Lee-Mckelvey, with Ellie Hengstberger and Lacey Clark to lead the way in sustainability.

Members of the Student Representative Council were also announced.



House captains Zahra George, Maddison Pocklington, Tyler Hulshof, Taj Houston, Anika Edwards, Lucy Carter, Hannah Webb and Jemma Rump with former student Alana Green. A26_0923



Leongatha Primary School subject and specialty captains with past student Alana Green. A27_0923



In 2022, the community joined the BCRN and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community to walk across the San Remo - Phillip Island bridge in support of reconciliation.

Closing the Gap in Bass Coast

IN 2008, the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) established Closing the Gap to provide the basic health, education and other services needed to put Indigenous Australians on an equal footing with other Australians.

Since then some targets, such as children's school readiness, child-removal rates and incarceration rates, went backwards, and other measures have faced repeated delays.

In March 2019, a formal partnership saw, for the first time, Australian governments share decision making with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peak representatives to develop a new National Agreement on Closing the Gap.

In February 2023, the Minister for Indigenous Australians, Linda Burney, announced more than \$420m towards a new plan providing clean water, food security and housing to Indigenous Australians. The announcement is part of the practical actions the government

has promised to close the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australia. Next Step towards Closing the Gap

The implementation plan covers water, housing, education, legal assistance and support for women and families experiencing violence, with a particular focus on rural and remote communities.

The funding is in addition to the \$1.2bn announced in the October 2022 budget, and will be delivered through formal partnerships with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and communities.

Closing the Gap locally

The Bass Coast Reconciliation Network (BCRN) consists of community members and key organisations within the Bass Coast. These organisations are also working to Close the Gap.

Phillip Island Nature Parks has had a Reconciliation Action Plan for

several years and has also developed an Aboriginal Employment Strategy and added two new employees to the Conservation team.

Westernport Water rolled out their second Reconciliation Action Plan in 2022.

Bass Coast Health is committed to working with First Australian communities to understand their health and well-being needs and to improve our health practices.

In 2020 Bass Coast Health employed an Aboriginal Hospital Liaison Officer, and in 2021 an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee was formed and will launch their Reconciliation Action Plan in 2023.

The Bass Coast Reconciliation Network is proud to be working and walking with these organisations and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in the community to close the gap.

70 trees chopped for 'appropriate infill'

THE Bass Coast Shire Council is set to support an "appropriate infill" subdivision of 16 allotments in Cowes despite the need to remove 70 trees from an area subject to a Vegetation Protection Overlay.

However, according to a report prepared for this week's council meeting, 57 of the trees at the 35 Cowes-Rhyll Road site, opposite the Cowes Catholic Church and Primary School, have been assessed as having low retention value.

Council has also worked with the developer to retain eight trees pre-

viously nominated for removal and the applicant must enter into an offset agreement for the replacement of 0.221 hectares of native vegetation.

A long list of conditions has been produced to protect retained vegetation during construction and upon completion.

The project on a 1.391ha site off Cowes-Rhyll Road adjoins land already developed for housing in the Blue Gum Estate area near the Phillip Island RSL.

Blocks vary in size from a compact 450m² to generous lots over 600m²

and up to 744m².

The application attracted 11 objections raising a variety of concerns about such things as potential flooding from an underground spring, significant native vegetation removal, the need for wildlife fencing, no pedestrian access to Cowes-Rhyll Road, traffic congestion and lack of consultation.

But with no objections coming from relevant authorities and an exhaustive list of 46 itemised conditions, council is set to support the project.

Stop the social media trolls, says Cr Laing

AS AN avid contributor to social media, Cr Leticia Laing is well aware that the publication of one's thoughts online can cut both ways.

But in a Notice of Motion to this Wednesday's council meeting, Cr Laing is asking the Bass Coast Shire Council and its peak body, the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV), to draw the line at bullying and abuse.

She is asking council to petition the MAV to place the following about the bullying of councillors and candidates on the agenda for the next MAV State Council meeting.

"That the MAV advocate on behalf of candidates and Councillors for

additional resources for the eSafety Commissioner, Local Government Inspectorate and other relevant bodies to address online bullying, harassment and trolling of candidates and Councillors on social media platforms, including but not limited to:

- Expanding the authority of the eSafety Commissioner to remove online abuse on online service provider platforms which would either fall under the current threshold of content with the 'intent of causing serious harm' or under a new threshold of 'unintentionally causing serious harm'.
- Work with local governments

to develop specific support and social media management programs available for candidates and Councillors through the eSafetyWomen program in the lead up to the 2024 elections.

Cr Laing is also calling on council and the MAV to campaign for a change to the Local Government Act to not require reimbursements of childcare costs or expenses, incurred by a Councillor, to be reported as an expense item in the Annual Report or elsewhere in council documents.

Cr Laing has claimed to have been previously vilified for making such claims on her councillor allowance.



Around the Bay

With Jim's Bait and Tackle

THE fishing season is very quickly winding down for those who just fish the warmer months.

But those that know will still be wetting a line over the winter period with plenty of fish to be caught.

Although we had several reported over the weekend, the tuna reports have started to slow and they are a little wider than they have been.

The next couple of weeks will tell if it was just the bad weather of the previous week that pushed them out wider or they are actually on the move.

That doesn't mean that offshore fishing is finished it just means a change of species.

Now is the time to break out the kingfish gear and go and chase, in my opinion, a much better fighting and eating fish than tuna and will be much more of a challenge also.

The reports of late have also started turning up a few makos, snapper, gummies, schoolies and good numbers of flathead, all worth the effort of heading offshore.

There have been some bigger salmon and plenty of live bait if you want to go and chase a kingfish.

Another species we have seen this season that has been a little scarce lately has been blue sharks. The blue shark is the makos dopy cousin and 100 per cent opposite, a draughtboard with a different coloured skin as one customer described.

There was plenty of people fishing back in the bay over the weekend both in boats and from the land with mixed results from all.

The boats are finding another run of big pinkies/snapper again which is about the same as last season.

They aren't the 6 or 8kg models of the early snapper season but some very respectable pan sized ones.

The reports mostly came from the edges of the channels and some of the deeper snapper spots with the shallower areas producing plenty of smaller pinkies.

Every week now we are getting reports of big

ger flathead from in the bay and not just one or two but good numbers, there are still plenty of the tiny ones but good to see them growing up a bit. Gummies have been nothing too special this last few months, certainly nothing like they were around October but a few of size are showing up, the bigger ones require a trip offshore.

Whiting reports, if they were 5 years ago they would be considered excellent but everybody's expectation has certainly changed because the fishery has been so good.

We have been spoilt for the last few years and now everyone expects to head out and catch a bag full of 40cm ones, forgetting that it's only been recently that was the case.

The reports we are getting now are a bag of mixed sized ones and even some undersized showing up which is more like we are used to from a few years ago except the condition of the whiting is much better.

Calamari have been very difficult to get a read on this year and you can't really blame the weed either; it's just been inconsistent.

Entries have been coming in steadily for our seventh Easter Good Friday competition April 7-10.

For those new to our easter fishing competition here is a rundown.

For the last seven years, we have run a family competition where we donate 100 per cent of the entry money to the Royal Childrens Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

There are categories for heaviest capture in adults, juniors (11-14) and small fry (up to 11), gummy, flathead, whiting, squid, snapper.

Also, just for entering you have the chance to win one of 30 hourly prizes drawn over the weekend with the major prize an 8min Phillip Island helicopter flight for 3 people.

The first 50 juniors or small fry and ladies to enter receive a show bag. Entries are available via Facebook, instore or over the phone (5678 5462).

Email us your
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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

WEDNESDAY
March 15
5.39am 1.48m
11.43am 0.24m
6.35pm 1.56m

THURSDAY
March 16
12.08am 0.67m
6.14am 1.44m
12.19pm 0.24m
7.24pm 1.50m

FRIDAY
March 17
12.46am 0.73m
6.52am 1.40m
1.01pm 0.27m
8.20pm 1.43m

SATURDAY
March 18
1.30am 0.79m
7.42am 1.34m
1.51pm 0.32m
9.29pm 1.37m

SUNDAY
March 19
2.27am 0.83m
8.49am 1.29m
2.55pm 0.39m
10.45pm 1.35m

MONDAY
March 20
3.44am 0.84m
10.20am 1.27m
4.20pm 0.44m
11.56pm 1.38m

TUESDAY
March 21
5.18am 0.76m
11.55am 1.32m
5.53pm 0.46m



Leongatha Bowls Club celebrate their success having defeated Inverloch in a hotly contested Midweek Competition Grandfinal. The team consisted of Jenny Miller, Susan Symmons, Anne Lye, Vito Serafino, Carol Harry, Marje Pearson, Les Wilson, Allan Easterbrook, Rosa James, Wayne Walker, Bruce Fidler and Dot Jarvis.



Wonthaggi Bowls Wednesday winners Frank Cimino, Denise Silver, and Jim Martin.



Korumburra winners of the annual Jack and Mary Wrench Memorial Trophy sponsored by the Wrench Family. (Left to right) Keith March, Judith Nicholl and sponsor Lynette Wrench.



Runners up of the Korumburra Bowls Club's Monthly Triples are local team of (left to right) Peter Spark, Bob Snooks and George Hams.

from the coach Russell Trotman gradually pegged back the deficit.

After 39 ends the scoreboard was showing 35/31 shots in favour of Inverloch. Carol Harry's team lifted their game aided by skill and luck to close in on their losing margin.

After 58 ends the scores were even at 51 shots apiece and with three ends to complete the flag was there for the taking.

The opposition players Wayne and Janice Parks who are recognised as champs of the game had their opportunity to put Inverloch in front on their final end, but were unable to negotiate the wind gusts on the forehand to their advantage.

Players and supporters of both clubs were on tender hooks during the final moments of the game and the overall score for the 63 ends was 54/53 shots in favour of Leongatha.

Well done Leongatha and best of luck when you play against the North Gippsland Midweek Pennant side being Drouin Bowls Club on March 21.

Individual Rink Scores were as follows:

Jenny Miller Skip, Susan Symmons third, Anne Lye second and Vito Serafino lead representing Leongatha defeated Lorraine Dowson Skip, Dianne Coleman third, Geoff Coleman second and Carol Thorn lead representing Inverloch 23/15 shots.

Carol Harry Skip, Marje Pearson third, Les Wilson second and Allan Easterbrook lead representing Leongatha were defeated by Carol Hughes Skip, Bruce Corrigan third, Bill Selby second and Dianne Selby lead representing Inverloch 16/18 shots.

Rosa James Skip, Wayne Walker third, Bruce Fidler second, Dot Jarvis lead representing Leongatha were defeated by Janis Parks skip, Wayne Parks third, Anne Tschiderer second and Jon Justin lead 15/20 shots.

Social Bowls was played on Wednesday and Saturday past with 12 players on the green.

The winning team on Wednesday was L. Lancaster and S. Holch with a score of 2 wins plus 16 shots. Saturday winners were R. Trotman and M. Barton with a score of two wins plus 16 shots.

It was great to see Russel Trotman on the green after spelling for some time.

The Monthly Triples is scheduled for March 22, so please keep the entries rolling in to ensure that we have a final number that will be competitive.

MIDWEEK

A GOOD turnout as 25 of our bowlers met at Lang Lang for our weekly challenge.

The bowling was exceptionally good, but that didn't stop the laughter and banter from all quarters.

The green was in tip top condition but the entire day was a bit tricky with the gusty wind, but it certainly was no deterrent to quality bowling from most, if not all of the players.

There was only one two game winner which just goes to show how close the opposition was.

Winners were:

Mark Andreatta (S), Gillian Harper (3), Shirley Corcoran (L)

Runners Up were:

Michael Dady (S), Laurie Bell (3), Michael Saunders (L)

Best One Game went to: John Nicholson (S), David Tal-

bot (3), Ruth Waring (L)

Next week we will be at Corinella.

TOORA

UNBELIEVABLE! A huge congratulations to all who played last Tuesday at Korumburra in the pennant grand finals.

Awesome job everyone, Leongatha took out Division 1, Toora grabbed Division 2 and Port Welshpool collared Division 3.

It really was a team effort and everybody gave it their best shot to bring home the flag.

Very proud of team Toora.

WONTHAGGI

A QUIET week to what we have had over the last few months, with the Pennant season finished, and the weather not the best for a few days. Wednesday saw a small number of bowlers brave the wind and rain.

Only 12 bowlers graced three greens in two games of triples over ten ends. There were no two game winners, with the winners being the team of Frank Cimino, Denise Silver and Jim Martin with a score of one win and 16 points.

Saturday's forecast looked better for a few more bowlers to catch some sunshine before winter comes. Thursday continues to attract good numbers, even with a few showers early in the day, with eighteen bowlers enjoying a bowl and in general, a good day with a chat over lunch.

Friday's Pennant breakup went off well, even with a number of people away. You set a date and hope it suits as many people as possible.

Saturday saw a fine but cool day, with a few more bowlers taking to the greens to enjoy a little bit of sunshine. 24 bowlers graced the greens for two games of triples over ten ends. There were two 2 game winners, with the winners being once again, the old and the new as club members go. The winning team were Frank Seaton, Wendy Donohue and Jill Gilmore with a score of two wins and 34 points. It was Jill's first game under match conditions, so it was good to see her have a good result.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 1:00 pm, Thursday social bowls at 10:00am, Friday coaching at 10:00am and Saturday social bowls at 1:00pm

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

ONCE again this week we had a good turnout of 50 players.

Tuesday winners with a plus 10 were Helen Rook, Chris Rose, Fred Demenech and Betty Huitema.

Runners up on plus 3 were John Stewart, Marg Morgan and John Postlethwaite.

Each team won both their games.

Friday saw 8 teams competing with each team winning 1 game each.

We had 2 winning teams with a plus 9 they consisted of Murray Wilson, Lia Smith and Jan Milkins, Jos Kemper, Barb Culph and Mary Spooner.

We also had 2 teams equal second on plus 8 they were Jeannie Slocum, Fred Demenech, Jim Wilson and Mario Toffolon, Max Sweetnam, Jean Wylde, and Dot Harland.



Sherrin Solly and Johanna van den Heiligenberg were the grade winners at Korumburra, with Johanna also winning the Monthly Medal.



Leongatha ladies' stableford winners were Deb Miller, Judy Bright, Liz Chandler (sponsor from Bliss), Anne Gibson and Nan Meagher.



Foster's Lyndell Shields hole in one on the 17th and Trudi Prue winner and Geraldine Sinclair Trophy donor.

FOSTER

Ladies

FOSTER Ladies stableford round was won by Trudi Prue (25) 35 points.

Highlight of the day Lyndell Shields with a hole in one on the 17th.

This was Lyndell's first hole in one and we believe celebrations continued into the night.

NTP 6th Beth Curram.

BDTL Shirley Cook (29) 34 and Beth Curram (18) 34.

Both on a count back.

9 hole winner was Viv Reid (38) 16.

Raffle winner: Kaylene Morris. Thank you Geraldine Sinclair for sponsoring the day.

Pennant results on hand section 2 squared and section 3 lost 1 1/2 3 1/2.

KORUMBURRA

WEEKLY Men's winners.

Tuesday, March 7

Stableford 41 Players

A Grade: Tim O'Neill (6) 36 Points, B Grade: Mark Marotti (32) 42 Points, NTPs: 1st Greg Wilson, 10th Tim O'Neill and 13th Allan Twite

Thursday, March 9

Stableford: 10 Players

Winner: Ethan Lamers (29) 35 C/B Points, NTPs: 1st Roland Rees, 10th Barry Kerr & 13th Roland Rees

Saturday, March 11

Stableford: 63 Players

A Grade: Billie Wrigley (9) 37 Points, B Grade: Jake Shane Pouw (14) 40 Points, C Grade: Blake Cosson (27) 45 Points, NTPs: 1st Jacob Wrigley, 7th Brian Pope, 10th Roland Rees and 13th Billie Wrigley

Ladies

LAST Wednesday, the March Monthly Medal, A Grade and best Scratch Score was won by Johanna van den Heiligenberg, 82(10)72.

Johanna won the Rolling Hills voucher as the Monthly Medalist.

Merrissa Cosson (13) was runner-up, 73.

Sherrin Solly (25) was the B Grade winner, 75 net on a c/b from Jenny Blackmore (29).

BDTL went to Shelley Snooks (16), 75 net, Heather Grist (22), 76 net and Barb Twite (23) 77 on a c/b.

The nine-hole comp was won by Moira Rogers (30) with 16 pts.

NTPs were Johanna, 1st, Kelly's Bakery voucher, Shelley Snooks, Club voucher, Merrissa, KD'S Barbershop voucher and Lyn Leppin, Pure Fitness voucher.

The match-play qualifiers were decided after Wednesday's comp and these games will be played over the coming weeks.

Thursday Twilight winners

were Tim O'Neill and Colette Pearl, 20 pts with Zac Scholte and Aliesha Wrigley runners-up, 19 pts.

Well done to the Meeniyen Bowl winners last Friday and to Barb Twite, who won a BDTL.

On Saturday, Trudy Olden (27) was the winner, 38 pts with Heather Grist (22) close behind, 37 pts. Place getters were Jennie Loughnan (37) and Sherrin Solly (25), both 34 pts. Diarne Maskell won the Kelly's Bakery voucher with NTP on the 1st.

LANG LANG

THIS Friday night we will be holding our third and final Social night for this season with a \$250 cash shootout and 8 hole Ambrose event. If you haven't already booked in please do so quickly, tee times are limited and filling up fast. If you are not up for a game and just want to pop down for a meal and to join in the fun remember to book your spot for catering purposes. The Pies Vs Cats game will be on the big screen and the weather is looking good so far.

Results for the week as follows:

Tuesday Stableford Comp

Division 1 winner was John Johnson with 40 points, Runner up Guy Jones with 36 points

Division 2 winner Steve Clark with 37 points, Runners up Rod Robertson and Richard Oldham 36 points

Ball rundown to 33 points

NTPs: 5th Tony Goldring, 9th Peter Moore, 12th Jason Herbert, 15th Michael Fahey

Wednesday Ladies Stableford Comp

Winner Anne Wedlock with 35 points, Runner Up Kerrie Davey with 32 points

Ball rundown to 32 points

Nearest the pins: 5th Anne Schellekens, 12th Kerrie Davey

Next weekend we have the JH Gray Board Event (Stableford) in which the top 4 players will qualify to move into the Semi-final. Best of luck to all players and congratulations to all winners this week.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY 4BBB Stableford March 7.

On Tuesday 58 golfers played in the first of the week's 4BBB team's event playing in a Stableford Round.

1st: Luke Manders and Adam Miller with a score of 48

2nd: David Child and David Forbes with a score of 47

3rd: Michael Westaway and John Cadd with a score of 45

NTP 16th: Craig Hutchinson at 2.5m.

Congratulations to Luke Manders for his eagle on the 5th.

Thursday 4BBB Gentsomes Stableford March 9.

On Thursday 86 members/guests hitting off on a shotgun

start at 9am, enjoyed an excellent day out with the team's event 4BBB Gentsomes Round.

1st: Adam Miller, Jamie Grenville, Steve Fisher and Paul Deery with a combined score of 104.

2nd: Paul Richardson, Craig Hutchinson, Dean Kellet and Peter Read with a score of 101.

3rd: Michael Westaway, Steve Vuillerman, Ashleigh Hutton and John Cadd with a score of 96 on a countback.

NTP: 14th Jamie Grenville at 1.30m

NTP: 16th Michael Thomas at 2.22m

Saturday Stableford March 11.

On Saturday we had an excellent turnout of 95 golfers playing in outstanding conditions to record great results during the Stableford Round event.

A Grade Winner: Norman Hughes with a score of 41 points

A Grade R/up: Craig Hutchinson with a score of 38 points

B Grade Winner: John Housey with a score of 38 points

B Grade R/up: Meat Deery with a score of 37 points

C Grade Winner: Nick Camm with a score of 38 points

C Grade R/up: Barry Stevens with a score of 37 points

NTP: 14th – Steve Piasente at 1.37m

NTP: 16th- Ross Paul at 2.35m

Ladies

'BLISS in Inverloch', a women's clothing store, generously sponsored the stableford event last week.

Also in recognition of International Women's Day, club manager and PGA Professional, Justin Speirani provided a free clinic.

One of our oldest members, Anne Gibson, had a day out with the putter, scoring 42 points and winning A Grade. Deb Miller was runner up with 34 points.

Judy Bright was the B Grade winner with 41 points and Nan Meagher was our runner up with 36 points.

Winners of balls down the line were: Trish Miller 35 points, Helen Mackenzie 34, Trish Owen and Chris Lay 33, Karen Bear 32, Neryl Hopcraft and Ev Indian 31, Fran O'Brien 30 and Tricia Arthur and Jan Brownlie 29 points.

Wendy Parker was the closest to the pin on the 16th.

Paula Cross had another great score this week, winning a Bliss voucher, with 18 points. Brenda Wilkins earned a ball down the line with 15 points, as did Norleen Williams and Robin Smith.

MEENIYAN

Ladies

ON FRIDAY, March 10, Meeniyen Golf Club Ladies held their Annual Olive Harris Bowl, with

14 teams competing.

Teams were from Leongatha, Lang Lang, Korumburra, Foster, Wonthaggi, Welshpool and Meeniyen. The bowl will stay again at Meeniyen this year as the winners were Meeniyen

4, consisting of Jo Graeme (28) 34pts, Veronica Park (17) 31pts and Sheila Constantine (18) 30pts with a total of 95pts on a C/B from Meeniyen

1 consisting of Faye LePage (24) 29pts, Sue Hoskin (27) 31 pts and Heather Poletti (21) 37pts with a total of 95 pts.

The grade winners were A Grade - Heather Poletti 37pts, (Meeniyen) B Grade - Jo Graeme 34 pts (Meeniyen) and C Grade

- Dot Stait 33 pts (Welshpool) NTPs on 2nd PETA Barlow (Welshpool), 8th Marg Johnson (Wonthaggi), 11th Mervin Dear (Wonthaggi) and 14th Trudy Prue (Foster)

DLB went to Marg Johnson, Irene Holm 34 pts, Trudy Prue, Andrea Thorson 33 pts, Peta Barlow 32 pts, Barb Twite, Tanya Thorson 31 pts and Jenny Cope 30 pts.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, March 9, Stableford

A Grade: S Mc Innes (3) 36pts, B Grade: R Thompson (26) 39pts, DTL: N Whichello 36, T Bradshaw 35, P Woodall, D Elwood 34c/b, NTP: 6th D Elwood, 16th J Smeriglio, Birdies: 4th R Thompson, P Woodall, G Shandley, M Payne, S Mc Innes, 6th D Elwood, 16th J Kus.

Friday, March 10, 4BBB mixed. (Sponsor) Craig Young Butchers. & Gunn Family.

Ladies Div 1, Lia Brent & S Calwald 38pts, Ladies Div 2 D Kidd & M Beruldsen 35pts

Mens's winner: D Evans & A Liebe 47pts, runner Up: R Thompson & T Tomoda 44pts

DTL: Ladies, B Stimpson & M Thompson 37, J Blizzard & C Barnes 31.

Men: R Kidd & J Kidd 41, G Shandley & I Blencowe 40.

NTP: 4th R Pentland, 6th H Moon 13th J Kidd 16th Cristine

Saturday, March 11, Stroke, (Sponsor) C P Plumbing.

A Grade: J Robbins (14) 67, B Grade: D Evans (20) 70, Vets: R Matthews (10) 69, DTL: J Chila, S McInnes 70, S Duff, J McFarlane 72, S Forrester 74 c/b.

NTP: 4th, T Bradshaw, 6th D Evans 13th J Coleman 16th J Smeriglio. Birdies: 4th W Lewis 16th J Smeriglio.

Sunday, March 12, 3BBB (Sponsor) Drummonds Traralgon

Ladies Winner: B Stimpson, M Thompson, C Deppeler 74, Ladies runner Up: A Wood, D Kidd, M Beruldsen 68

Men's Winner: C Moody, R Borg, R Petkovic 82, Men's runner Up: S Beitz, D Jerram, N Casboult, 81

WONTHAGGI

MEN'S results March 11, S.R. 71.

Competition type: Stableford A Grade: John Walsh 38, B Grade: Glenn Hewlett 40, C Grade: Ian McDonald 39, NTPs: Doug Putt 2nd, Glenn Rielly 4th, Ian Gilmour 8th, Glenn Rielly 13th, Ian Baker money hole 17th

Men's results March 9.

Competition type: Stableford 18 Hole, SR. 71

Winner: Colin Banks 37, runner up: Philip McCrimmon 36, Ball Sweep: Frank Huber 35, Peter Magnussen 33, Mick Bourke 33.

Men's results March 9.

Competition type: Stableford Front 9 hole, SR. 34.5, Winner: Bill Howard 18

Ladies

WEDNESDAY ladies endured the windy day.

There were 24 players for 18 holes of Stableford. The round of the day and B Grade winner was Irene Walsh utilising her wind boring trajectory to post (24) 39 points.

A Grade winner was Mary Johnson (14) 34 points and C Grade winner was Marion Walker (35) 34 points.

NTP 8th Sharon Patullo, 17th Merryn Dear.

BDL Chris Hamilton 33, Jan Beaumont 32, Anne Poulton, Simone Lindsay and Sharon Patullo 30, Marg Ryan 29.

9 Holes, five players. Dot Garry 17 points from Maureen Masterman 14 points.

Pennant Results Ladies Sec 2 lost 2/3 to Woorayl.

Sec 3 won 4/1 against Leongatha.

WOORAYL

Ladies

EIGHTEEN women competed in the daily 4BBB event sponsored by Buzz Hair Studio with four pairs competing in the final day of the Dianne and John O'Connor 4BBB Board Event.

Congratulations to the winners Fay Maynard and Dianne O'Connor.

The daily event was also won by Fay and Dianne with 39 points.

Runners-up were Pauline Lancaster and Linda Forrester with 38 points on a countback from Bev Bridge and Kath Davis.

BDL Bev Bridge and Kath Davis with 38 points and Elly Berryman and Ann Poole with 36 points.

NTPs on 8th Elly Berryman, 11th Heather Sullivan and 17th Sharyn Rayson.

Special mentions are Gobblers: Inge Giliam 14th, Anne Grist

Allambee Mirboo & District tennis finals

THIS Saturday, March 18, the first week of finals will be played at Leongatha Tennis Courts.

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 are the matches:

Section 1: Inverloch v Koonwarra, Westernport v Korumburra

Section 2: Outtrim v Korumburra, Leongatha gold v Baromi

After the Grand Final on Saturday, March 25, the Presentation Night will be held at Brent Sinclair's Space 47 in Leongatha at 6.30pm.

Tickets will be \$33 per head and include two course meal with drinks at bar prices. Tickets can be purchased at the Semi Finals or money directly deposited online to the AM&DTA with the following account details: BSB: 063 518, Account Number: 1006 1395

Please use your name as a reference. Tickets must be purchased before Tuesday, March 21, for catering purposes.

For all enquiries, please contact Damien Minogue on 0427 507 369.

Henselite Vic Open

WITH more than \$100,000 in prize money up for grabs, Victoria's Largest Bowls event is less than two weeks away.

Scheduled from March 24 to April 2, the Henselite Victorian Open will see thousands of bowlers from across the country (together with a small contingent of overseas participants) converge as part of the first ever Victorian Open to be held in Gippsland.

Having signed a landmark agreement, Latrobe City will become the home of the second largest bowls event in the country for the next five years.

More than 20 bowls clubs throughout Gippsland including the two main venues Traralgon and Morwell Bowls Clubs, will host the large contingent of bowlers battling it out across eight different categories for the state's largest prize pool.

Entry to each of the venues are free of charge with spectators encouraged to come along and witness this festival of bowls. Full schedule details can be found on the event website at <https://vicopen.com.au/>



Gippsland Croquet Association's golf-croquet singles champions (from left) Peter Goldstraw, Sale, Penny Morrison-McGill, Morwell, and Sue Baker, Wonthaggi.

Sue takes out golf-croquet championship

WONTHAGGI Sue Baker won the Gippsland Croquet Association's golf-croquet division three singles championship at Sale on Saturday.

She played strongly all day, losing only one match on her way to the title.

Sue will now represent Gippsland in the Victorian regional titles at Cairnlea.

In section one Peter Goldstraw, Sale, won a hard-fought event.

He was one of three players who finished with four wins, but his six net hoop advantage was one better than Judy Wernbridge and Dennis Saxton, both from Bairnsdale, who also had four wins.

Section two winner was Penny Morrison-McGill, Morwell, who went through the competition undefeated.

SPORT | SURFING



Sandy Ryan was acknowledged as number 3 influential surfer for the Phillip Island Boardriders.



Professional surfer Nikki van Dijk was recognised as Phillip Island Boardriders number 2 influential surfer.



Glyndyn Ringrose named number 1 influential surfer for the Phillip Island Boardriders.

Phillip Island Boardriders 60 years of rich history

WHAT it means to be part of a community club with 60 years of rich history was on display for all to see at the Cutback Festival last month, when the Phillip Island Boardriders Club celebrated with a mini music festival after a month-long 'Festival of Surfing' program.

Surf culture is a big part of the Island, and this was a huge focus of the event with the announcement of the Club's top 10 most influential surfers.

The Phillip Island Boardriders Club is a huge part of the local community; during the speeches, members spoke of how spoilt they were to be surrounded by the ocean with world class breaks and how surfing binds families and creates strong bonds within the community.

The criteria for the Club's most influential surfers over the past 60 years were the surfer who through their surfing, and their wider contribution, has had the most profound influence or impact on the sport of surfing.

The committee had much difficulty with this seemingly easy task, there were 63 people nominated for the prestigious award by 35 club members, life members, past committee, and captains, and whittling it down to just ten seemed wrong, so the committee announced the top ten, which included 23 surfers due to a few ties in votes.

Jake Eisen committee member and presenter of the top 10 awards said, "after pouring over the list and giving it much thought, the committee thought it was disrespectful to try and split this group of legends."

"You could flip the lower half of this list upside down and no one would argue, these surfers have all in their own way inspired and influenced generations of surfers and given their valuable time to the club and

the sport," said Jake.

Presenting the awards, Jake spoke of how many of the nominees inspired him as a kid, pushed him into waves, and as he got older, took him away on surf trips, locally and internationally. The Phillip Island Boardriders Club is a big family, it brings people together, and provides surfers with opportunities and social connections that last a lifetime.

Top 10 most influential surfers:

1. Glyndyn Ringrose
2. Nikki van Dijk
3. Sandy Ryan
4. Carl Wright, Mal Gregson
5. Bob Mathews, Dave Fincher
6. Steve Smart, Amber Goldsbury
7. John Mason, Vaughan Platt
8. Simon McShane, James Noble, Joe van Dijk, Terry Klemm
9. Neil Luke, Anthony Marlborough, Paul Hart, Mark Fairthorne
10. Steve Demos, Harry De Roth, Gary Dorrington, Geoff Owens

Bill Yusko Life Member Award

Club President Hannah Eisen presented Bill Yusko with a life member award and said that "this award is not handed out lightly and that she was humbled to award life membership to Bill Yusko a very deserving person who has been influential in her life,

pushing her onto waves as a grom and encouraging her on and off the board, most recently in G-land Indonesia."

Bill has been a member of the club every year since the 1970s and has been a consistent competitor. Hannah said that she didn't think that Bill had ever missed a year of competition throughout his 40 years with the club.

Bill has been the Grand Master aggregate champion in 2001-2002, a Legend Champion in

2004-05 and 2017-2018. He has represented on many committees, helping steer the club throughout the 1980 - 1990s into 2000s. He was Vice President in 2013-2014, then was the first to put up his hand when the club was at a low point, and in 2014 when he took over as President for three years.

When Bill was asked what his first memories of the Phillip Island Boardriders Club were, Bill replied "As you know I wasn't born here, I came in 1976 from America, they needed teachers at the time, so I applied and got accepted."

"Maybe two weeks into the start of my career a friend and I camped at Cape Woolamai and when we woke I was astounded with the waves. I've been here ever since. I love it! I love the Club! Now every time I wake and look at the ocean or bay, I just think wow how lucky we are," said Bill.

Bill joins a prestigious group of club legends including, Jim Howard (decd.), John Quinn, Malcolm Gregson, Neil Oke, Bruce Oke, John Mason, Chris Rodgers, David Fincher (decd.) Craig Clarke, Mark Fairthorne, Paul Cochrane, Geoffrey Owens, Robert Matthews, and Pal Cinninas.

Vice President Geoff Russell said, "I was honoured to lead the month-long celebration of surfing and acknowledge the legends that have made the club what it is today, their stories, heartfelt words and appreciation was very moving and felt by all in attendance."

"The heart and soul of any club is its people, and it's why we spent a great deal of time, energy and resources acknowledging the past and helping the next generation to get involved."

"Not only are our junior members integral for our pipeline to future active membership, but providing programs for their development

will ensure we are competitive in the future, and this enables them to develop their surfing and to learn valuable skills to achieve their potential."

"Volunteers are the lifeblood of the club, and we are no exception. We have dedicated committee members, life members, family and a crew of helpers who happily give up their valuable time to do a host of jobs to ensure our club continues to thrive, and I want to thank the band of volunteers that turned up throughout February to make the Festival of Surfing and the 60th celebration a success."

Hannah Eisen Club President said "The Festival of Surfing, Cutback Festival and 60 Year Celebration was more than I ever imagined! Thanks to the vision of Vice President, Geoff Russell for dreaming up such an epic event to celebrate this milestone."

"The community support has been phenomenal, and I am humbled to be President of such an amazing club. The turnout to the 60-year celebration was a testimonial to the legacy and future of the club. We had young and old all having a great time, from Super groms to the founding members, everyone came together and celebrate the history of the PIBC."

Hannah gave a special shout out to the awesome Committee, "Emily Scott for coordinating the graphics, Natalie Van Der Heyden for running the bar, Steve Parker for the art and mural, Keith from Carve media for the video production, Benita Russell for advising us on waste management, all the volunteers that helped setup, work the bar, sell tickets, Jayne Menesdorffer who cooked paella, the Surf Church crew for the BBQ food, as well as my brother, Jake Eisen for being MC, it really has been a collective effort."

Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun

THE long weekend saw a couple of visitors join us for Mirboo North's relaxed and welcoming parkrun event.

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A big thank you to our volunteers this week; Dave Knowles, Helen Lughetto, Mark Lynch, Pam Pincini, Steve Quirk, Linda Zhang and Julia Groves.

We may be a smaller parkrun in comparison to some events but you will be surprised at the variety each Saturday morning at the Grand Ridge can bring, you are always welcome to come and find out for yourself.

Top players return

A GRADE players have returned to Wonthaggi Table Tennis after four long years of missing their skill and enthusiasm.

Some upgraded players there too. Looking forward to a fantastic season.

6.30pm on Mondays.

A new and very strong A Reserve comp is also underway. 6.30pm on Tuesdays.

Social table tennis and practice is now only Wednesdays and Saturdays from 12.00 mid-day due to the current AR and A Grade times.

Juniors night remains on Thursdays from 6.00pm with David, Trish and Sam.

It will be a busy year for Wonthaggi Table Tennis.

Good to see the pandemic slipping away at last with regard to the impact on local sporting clubs.

Please phone Trish on 0407 502 441 for AR and Juniors.

Justin Licis on 0455 353 568 for A Grade.



Beginners took to the floor on Saturday morning to learn round dancing before a session of square dancing kicked off. C26_1123

Square dancing fun for all

TWIRLS, New Yorkers, fence lines, crab walks...

San Remo Recreation Reserve was transformed over the weekend into an island oasis, as dancers from across the state gathered for the 52nd Victorian Square Dancing Association State Convention.

Themed to Fantasy Island, dancers took to the floor over the long weekend, starting with dancing up to the official opening on Friday evening.

Saturday kicked off with Come and Try Sessions of Round Dancing and Square Dancing before the experts jumped up and continued

competition after lunch.

Square Dancing is best described as 'fun and friendship set to music' with four pairs dancing in a square to modern and classic songs with a caller calling the moves in a freestyle fashion – a great workout and 'hoedown' to challenge all and have fun at the same time.

"Give it a good try before deciding if it's not for you," Club Caller Ralph explained.

"I started with the plan of going to every couple of dances but ended up going every week – we got hooked!"

Ralph's comments are echoed by many in the Square

Dancing community with Leanne also hooked and now into her fourth year.

"I tried square dancing and then line dancing, and went back to square – I haven't looked back..."

Guest of honour, Sandy has been square dancing for 41 years after seeing a flyer at Moomba with her daughter.

"It's such a nice activity and time," Sandy said, explaining the many countries she has been fortunate to dance in.

"I remember the first time I walked into the hall and saw the skirts and petticoats – I just said yes!"

A jam-packed schedule of

square and round dancing available over the long weekend, members still found time to explore the local community and enjoy the offerings of San Remo and Phillip Island.

Beginner Square Dancing classes will be kicking off in Berwick on a Wednesday afternoon from 1pm this week in conjunction with Berwick Community Centre. And whilst the local Bass Coast Club may have ceased in recent years there are plenty of options within an hour radius including Cranbourne, Frankston and the Peninsula.



Surrounded by a fantastic crew of volunteers, Fiona had a spectacular time in the water as part of Inverloch's All Abilities Surf event on Saturday. C19_1123



Isabel was all smiles after hanging 10 with the volunteers in a successful day out at Inverloch on Saturday for the All Abilities Surfing event. C22_1123



It was spectacular weather on Saturday as Amanda, Sam, Hollie and Joie made the journey across from the Valley for a fun day out in the surf. C20_1123



The crew from Foxy House enjoyed a day at the beach surfing. C21_1123



Coaches Caiden and Dylan with Olivia and Miah before their 200m backstroke.

Swimmers dig deep and reap

THE stands of MSAC were full of supportive families as 29 South Gippsland Bass (SGB) swimmers competed at the Age LC championships at MSAC on March 9-13.

The team, 11 of whom will head to the National Championship at the Gold Coast next month, all competed in a range of distances in which they had met the tough qualifying times against the best of swimmers from across Victoria.

The squad, the third biggest from a regional Victorian club, had swimmers racing over the five days in the 12-18-year old categories.

It has been a busy few weeks for the swimmers, but they dug deep and were still able to manage PBs and to make finals in races where milliseconds separate 10th and 40th.

Some events have more than 90 swimmers, so to be able to make finals is a superb achievement.

There were five swimmers old enough to compete for the first time, who got advice about racing in the pools from the older swimmers.

The proper race blocks and backstroke ledges are not available for the SGB swimmers to practise on in their local pools, so every meet like this they compete at improves their learning and puts them in good stead for next weekend's All Juniors.

The older swimmers have had some big race meets of late, especially coming off a lot of racing at the Gippsland Championships a fortnight ago, but with nationals around the corner, racing against their rivals gave them a good chance to see what they need to work on.

"The swimmers have dug deep over the weekend and swum well, maintaining and improving their times and a number have made the finals. Some of them had a big load as they had qualified for several events but they still performed well," said head coach Dylan.

"They should be proud of their performances. When they get out of the pool smiling it's always a good sign they are having fun and are pleased with their effort and at the end of the day, that's what is important."

The team, the largest SGB has sent to the Victorian Long Course championships, highlights the strength and popularity of the sport in the area.

The 29 swimmers who represented SGB were Asha Chalmers, Billy Boyd, Billy Fisher, Claudia Croatto, Cooper Quaife, Cormac Flynn, Freya Berry, Gypsy Quaife, Harper McRae, Hayden Barnes, Holly Hurst, Hugh Munro, Isabel Croatto, Jarrah Tagell, Jasmine Ruffin, Josh Hunt, Kuga Heenan, Maddi Boyd, Max Brocklesby, Miah Roberts, Mostyn Lumsden, Olivia Holmes, Rahni Matheson, Rebecca Barclay, Sienna Hunt, Sienna Matheson, Skye Munro, Will Simmons and Zac Sherar.



Chauffeurs were kept busy doing demo laps in the Moffat HO and Brock XU1.

Classic cars on show at Phillip Island

THE Victorian Historic Racing Register held its Festival of motorsport meeting at the Phillip Island Auto Racing Circuit over the March long weekend.

Organisers were pleasantly blown away by the crowds filing through the gates on Saturday and Sunday, to witness some historic motor cars being put through their paces in perfect sunny conditions.

The thundering roar of Camaros, Mustangs and Holdens captivated the crowds who must have thought they had been transferred back to the 1970s via a time machine.

Vehicles dating back to pre-1930s through to the classic touring cars of the 1980's and sports cars of 1960s, 70s and 80s were entered.

Immaculately presented machines raced over the three days in a total of a staggering 52 event program.

The formula 5000 cars and drivers provided a spectacular

By Peter Cleeland

experience for the purist motoring enthusiasts with their large horsepower output and sleek designs.

A special mention to the members of the Phillip Island Bowls Club who annually volunteer their time and support this event by carrying various duties such as gate keeping, crowd entry processing and some traffic control making the Festival of Motorsport a truly community supported spectacle.

With drivers travelling from all over Australia to participate in the three day program without the incentive of large sums of prize money historic car racing relies heavily on the input of sponsors Penrite, Shannons and Cooldrive for its survival.

Patrons who attended this well organised event will be sure to invest in bookings for the 2024 meeting.



1964 Ford Rallye sprint driver Jervis Ward locks the brakes at turn 4. Photos: Peter Cleeland



The VHRR Festival of Motorsport celebrated motor racing with every shape of car imaginable.

Record entrants for the 37th San Remo Channel Challenge

A SENSE of relief followed the successful staging of the re-scheduled Channel Challenge at San Remo last Saturday.

After the initial attempt was postponed, there were 200 competitors who received refunds as they had other plans already in place for the long weekend.

But another 260 competitors were attracted by the prospect of tackling the iconic event in favourable conditions, and by the time the event started, there was a record number of 640 entrants in the system although not every one of them turned up on the day.

Organisers knew beforehand that there were many original entrants who had not asked for a refund but who would not be able to make the event, but they decided to leave their entry fee remain as a donation to the Woolamai Beach SLSC.

It is believed that there have been 800 different competitors who had entered for either one of the scheduled events and this demonstrates that there is a massive interest in this unique event which is expected to keep growing.

The event itself was run in ideal conditions although it was a difficult tide to predict as it had changed early on the previous day when organisers checked.

However, the top ranking competitors in Callum McLusky and Tokyo Olympian, Emma Jeffcoat, were the fastest male and female competitors across the water and both went on to win their respective Divisions and repeat their victories of last year.

Justin Tilley, a local O/40 competitor, put in a terrific effort to be the fourth fastest competitor overall and he naturally won both the Open and Local O/40 categories while a local youngster, Callum McLeod, also beat home all visiting and local competitors in the Junior Male



category.

Justin and Callum also took out the Bass Coast Series prizes for Open and Local competitors in their divisions.

There was prizemoney of nearly \$7,000 given out for the Channel Challenge and Bass Coast Series placegetters on Saturday plus vouchers worth several thousand dollars donated by the local business community.

Everyone involved with the Summer Series of events is glad that the big effort made to re-schedule the Channel Challenge paid off, with a large number of spectators and competitors attending the event.

Special events coordinator Ron Nicholson said that having the Bass Coast Series finalised was definitely preferable to holding it in abeyance until December.

"The Woolamai Beach SLSC would also like to especially thank the major sponsors of the Channel Challenge for 2023 – the Bass Coast Shire, the San Remo Bendigo Bank, the San Remo Hotel and the Phillip Island Nature Parks," said Ron.

"Special thanks to Phillip Island and San Remo Rotary who had organized a market for the cancelled event and the San Remo SES who are a major contributor to the actual running of the event."

Female challengers enter the water taking on a 450m swim across the channel for the 37th San Remo Channel Challenge. Z15_1123



Father and son duo Kris and Levi with aunty and niece duo Jess and Ivy take on the team's relay at the 37th San Remo Channel Challenge. Z17_1123



Brian Dallinger and his son, Chris, with two grandsons. Brian has now completed all 37 Channel Challenge events with the first one being in 1986. Z18_1123

From Murray to Moyne

SOUTH Gippsland Hospital Moovers are in final preparations with a spectacular fundraising event this weekend.

The event started from humble beginnings in 1987 when Hester Woodrup challenged her husband, Woody, the Port Fairy Apex Club and another team of local identities to ride in relay from the Murray River to Moyne River in Port Fairy to raise monies for the Port Fairy Hospital. The ride would take 24 hours.

Fast forward 36 years and South Gippsland Hospital's doctors, nurses and community members have jumped on board for their 11th year of relaying to raise monies for our very own SGH.

Smashing the previous target, this year the count is already at \$19,500 and that is before Saturday's special fundraising event at Sandy Point Community Centre and all important raffle.

There are over 25 prizes to

be won in the raffle including boat tours, accommodation, massages, vouchers, nursery trees and more.

"It's incredibly humbling that so many businesses and community members have come together," SGH CEO Paul Greenhalgh noted.

"All monies raised are going towards upgrades to our surgical services – we have several pieces of equipment that are approaching their end of life. Depending on how much we raise we will work through our priority list."

There is plenty of fun to be had at the Jungle Jim Smith fundraising event kicking off on Saturday (March 18) with doors open and pizza from 6pm and music from 8pm.

Visit the SPM Facebook Page for more information and to book tickets.

Community members can keep up to date during the relay itself via South Gippsland Hospital's Facebook page and all important raffle.

There are over 25 prizes to



South Gippsland Hospital CEO Paul Greenhalgh proudly takes receipt of \$3000 from Ian Dutton of Foster RSL for the Murray to Moyne Cycle Relay.



The Moovers outside major sponsor Foster Service Centre.

Bass Coast Series winners

The Bass Coast Series results are as follows:

Points are awarded for finishing positions in each of the three Bass Coast Series events sponsored by the Bass Coast Shire – The Cape Aquathon, The Cowes Classic and The San Remo Channel Challenge. Open Senior Male, Tristan Price, \$250 - Local Senior Male, Andre Heterbreug, \$250 - Open Senior Female, Mia Foster, \$250 - Local Senior Female, Cassie Stoppa, \$250 - Open Junior Male, Callum McLeod, \$200 - Local Junior Male, Callum McLeod, \$200 - Open Junior Female, Erin Maloney, \$200 - Local Junior Female, Mackenzie Wain, \$200 - Open O/40 Male, Justin Tilley, \$200 - Local O/40 Male, Justin Tilley, \$200 - Open O/40 Female, Lauren Borschmann, \$200 - Local O/40 Female, Sarah Smith, \$200 - Open O/50 Male, Paul Taylor, \$200 - Local O/50 Male, Rob Fleisner, \$200 - Open O/50 Female, Jo-anne Elvish, \$200 - Local O/50 Female, Emma Moore, \$200

Phillip Island Bridge results

LAST Monday, March 6, Greg Nicholson and partner Deb Anglim continued on their winning way with 68.52%.

Still above 60% were Lorrie Read and Neville Chapman on 61.48%. Robert Maclellan and Sohan Pal claimed third place with 58.15%.

Wednesday's results have Greg Nicholson and Deb Anglim leading the way again on 65.28%.

Clare and Jim Murphy were next in line on 57.64%. Karen Klym and Paul Waylen finished third on 56.94%.

The new committee met for the first-time last Monday and positions were confirmed.

They are: Greg Nicholson president, Deb Anglim vice president, Karen Klym secretary, Jim Murphy treasurer. General members are Caroline Shaw, Leng Haggith, Diane Coleman and Graham McKergow.

Classic Brabham racer goes missing

THE 2023 Phillip Island Classic 'Festival of Motorsport' hosted six former Formula 1 race cars from Europe at the weekend but a highly rare Brabham BT21 wasn't among them.

The 2023 Phillip Island Classic regarded as the largest historic motor race in the Southern Hemisphere certainly didn't disappoint local and international fans with the likes of a 1974 Surtees TS16/02, a 1977 Shadow DN8 driven by Alan Jones, a Tyrrell 012 in the original Benetton sponsored livery and an Ensign N179 which participated in 11 Formula One World Championship events during the 1979 season.

But the rare Brabham open wheeler was missing.

Police recovered the stolen car, not far from the Toorak home from which it was taken, but damage to the clutch rendered the vehicle inoperable for racing at the weekend.

Apparently the thieves were unable to work the combination of instruments needed to start the car.

Owner and racer of the car, Peter Williams of Melbourne, is hopeful the car can be fixed and be available for next year's Phillip Island meet.

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Ladbrokes Stony Creek Cup winning jockey Craig Newitt knew he had it in the bag with an impressive 3.5 lengths in front of second place Commando Drift. C53_1123



It was all smiles from the Ladbrokes Stony Creek Cup owners and jockey as Flambeur took home the race with an impressive lead. From left, Peter Harrington, Peter Bonnett, Craig Newitt and Glenn Deoki. C46_1123

Stony Creek Cup puts on a thriller for delighted fans



Fashions on the Field Best Dressed, Milly Smith from Dromana and Best Millinery, Karlie Owen of Cranbourne South stand with sponsor Influence Clothing's Judy Stone. C42_1123



Judge Peter Jago jumps in with the winning Fashions on the Field Most Fashionable Group – the BBQ Blokes, who were at the races celebrating a bucks party. C43_1123



Robert and Heather Herron hold the owners' winnings trophy for Race 6 on Sunday at Stony Creek – after their horse Romania took out the Danny O'Brien MP Handicap. C45_1123

THERE was jubilation and celebration on Sunday at Stony Creek Racing Club as crowd favourite Flambeur took home the prestigious 2100 metre Ladbrokes Stony Creek Cup pocketing his owners the coveted \$46,750,000 in prize money.

Three of the seven-year-old gelding's owners were on hand to watch as he crossed the finish line, rejoicing as the trophies were presented.

"We had such a great day," owners, Glenn Deoki, Peter Harrington and Peter Bonnett explained.

"We cannot believe it."

"We want to thank the trainer, and we'd like to thank the syndicate and team," Glenn added.

"It doesn't matter how hard you try you cannot stop the chop."

The euphoria was not restricted to the owners either as Flambeur's jockey Craig 'Froggy' Newitt celebrated his Cup triumph.

"It was terrific – I have been riding for 23 years and haven't been able to win one, so it's a pleasure to win," Froggy said.

"I have been here all season and to the racing club's credit the tracks raced in perfect order all season."

"My bloke is down from Sydney and not many Sydney horses' race here so it's a nice difference – it was good and worked out well."

In other results, Prancing Spirit took out the Fish Creek Hotel Maiden Plate (race one), whilst Innerbloom finished 0.4 lengths in front of Bing's Dream to claim the Williams Tracy & Associates Maiden Plate.

Ridden by young gun Ben Allen Misspoke claimed the Leongatha Rural Supplies Maiden Plate for race three, followed by Riverside Special in race four – Meenyan Hotel 0-58 Hcp.

King's Chamber, Romania and Onehundred Percent claimed the Dr Michael Bourke OAM Memorial BM64 Handicap. Danny O'Brien MP 0-58 Handicap and Brandt Leongatha 0-58 Handicap respectively.

But the action wasn't limited to on track with plenty of fun and entertainment off field.

"Today went really well – I am very happy," Stony Creek Racing Club CEO Adam Olszanski smiled.

"It's my second Cup as CEO. We had a big event last year, but there were a few things I felt could have been improved and this year was a lot smoother."

"The weather was terrific – the perfect 22 degrees no wind, slightly overcast and the racing was very competitive with a great mix of attendees. The cup was a good race with a favourite winning. Craig Newitt is well known at Stony Creek and has a knack for performing consistently well."

From family events to a buck's party – who took out the most fashionable group – the track also played host to a wedding prior to the day's races on Sunday.

"A lot of people are making Stony Creek a venue for them to celebrate the important moments," Adam added.

"Everyone has been well behaved and having a good time at an event that brings the community together."

"I am proud of the small team we have who have put everything together and the community who continue to get behind the event and volunteer their time for their organisations."

Master couture milliner Peter Jago and high fashion stylist Hilda Simonds were back for their fourth year judging the highly anticipated Influence Clothing Fashions on the Field.

"The girls have been exemplary, and the hats are beyond belief," Peter stated excitement.

"It's been an absolute pleasure to be here today."

"The standards have been very high but suitable for country and having the support of local fashion (businesses) ensures this is possible and provides an avenue for high fashion," Hilda added. Organisers would like to thank those who sponsored the event.



Danny O'Brien MP 0-58 Handicap winner Romania. C50_1123



LDCA under 15s 2022/23 premiers Leongatha Town. (back L-R) Nat Challis (coach), Angus Livingstone, Hamish Gill, Fletcher McLennan, Kohen Gilliate, Frazer Livingstone, (front L-R) Beade Challis, Yuthil Ratnaike, Max Carter (captain), Clayton Quaife (captain), Lucy Carter, Julian Aeschlimann. (absent Shem Hickey).

Juniors battle it out in finals epic

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Congratulations to coach Connor Epifano and his team on an outstanding season, going undefeated and becoming premiers is a great achievement.

Player Of The Match went to George McCausland for his five wicket haul.

George is an outstanding young bowler and together with his Player Of The Match in the U15 GCL Grand Final for the LDCA shows that he has a huge future in the game.

Inverloch 61 defeated by Phillip Island 6/62

Under 15

A GREAT under 15s grand final was played at McMahon Reserve between two very good teams, a large crowd gathered and the oval was in great condition offering the batters great value for shots.

Town won the toss and elected to bat with openers Max Carter (23) and Yuthil Ratnaike (36) getting them off to a great start with a 48-run partnership.

At the 20 over mark of the split innings format Town had reached 1/75 with Ratnaike 35 not out and the in-form Angus Livingstone 10 not out.

Phillip Island's turn at the crease saw Drew Fusinato (23) looking in great touch after the early loss of Zack Hughes who was bowled by Ratnaike.

With the dismissal of Fusinato, Archie Williams and Jobe Williams formed a good partnership to have the Island at

2/61 after 20 overs, not far behind with plenty of talent still to bat.

The Scorpions second turn to bat saw the quick dismissal of Ratnaike, Clayton Quaife joined Livingstone at the crease and with a mixture of well-timed shots and good patient defence the boys put on 49 valuable runs.

With Livingstone (38) and Quaife (26) dismissed some late hitting by big Hamish Gill got the score up to 166, the best of the bowlers for the Island was Harry Arceo with 2/38 off his 8 overs.

Needing 106 for victory the Island suffered an early blow with the loss of Archie Williams for 20 but with young star Jobe Williams at the crease the Island were still in the game.

Unfortunately, nobody was able to stick around with Williams and when he was dismissed for a well-made 26, the Island had slumped to 8/86.

To the credit of Zac Sund (22*) and Jackson Allan (12*) the Island kids fought the game out right to the end batting out the full overs.

The best bowlers for Town were Ratnaike, Fletcher McLennan and Angus Livingstone with two wickets each.

Player Of The Match went to Angus Livingstone for his efforts with bat and ball, Angus had a fantastic finals series with 52 retired in the Semi Final and has a bright future.

Leongatha Town 5/166 def Phillip Island 8/130



Yuthil Ratnaike plays one straight in the first innings. B10_1123



Stingrays quick Jesse Dugard was steaming in for his side in their loss to Phillip Island. B14_1123

LDCA Junior team of the year

AS THE junior season has now come to an end, the LDCA has released the junior teams of the year for season 2022/23.

LDCA Under 17

Team Of The Year 2022-2023

- 1 Harry Butcher Inverloch
- 2 Tadgh Gannon Nerrena
- 3 Rhys Newman Inverloch
- 4 Matthew Dakin Glen Alvie
- 5 Mitch Croatto Nerrena
- 6 Max Arceo Phillip Island
- 7 WK Riley Harris Inverloch
- 8 Reuben Foster Korumburra
- 9 Heath Womersley Phillip Island
- 10 Jesse Dugard Inverloch
- 11 George McCausland Phillip Island

LDCA Under 15

Team Of The Year 2022-2023

- 1 Levi Gooch Korumburra
- 2 Clayton Quaife Leongatha Town
- 3 Louis Read KLRLS
- 4 Eamon Berryman Nerrena
- 5 Cooper Newman Inverloch
- 6 Roy Checkley Korumburra
- 7 Archie Williams Phillip Island
- 8 Bryce Riddell Korumburra
- 9 Holly Williams Inverloch
- 10 Angus Livingstone Leongatha Town
- 11 Yuthil Ratnaike Leongatha Town

Poowong Loch Cricket Club meeting

CURRENTLY the Poowong Loch Cricket Club is in recess due to lack of players.

The club has a full working committee and is in a sound financial position.

But they lack the required number of players to take the field.

An open meeting will be held on Monday April 3 at 7.30pm at the Loch memorial reserve to openly discuss the current position of the club and what that future may be.

Everyone is welcome to come along and have your say, keeping in mind, 'words can only do so much, but action is what is important.'

It is proposed to discuss senior cricket and the possible formation of a junior team.

So please keep the conversation going and come to the meeting, ready to join with others to keep the club going with senior and/or junior grades.

At the end of the meeting a date will be set for an AGM.

For enquiries, please contact club president Peter Miller 0409 592 211.

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A1: Walter Taberner (Inverloch) 63 ; Mudassar Riaz (Town) 5/17

A2: Harshika Fernando (Korumburra) 89 ; Brad Coates (Foster) 4/61

B1: NO GAMES

B2: NO GAMES

C1: NO GAMES

C2: NO GAMES

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Team	Points	%
A GRADE, Division 1		
OMK	132	1.3378
Nerrena	96	1.0997
Town	96	1.0718
Phillip Island	84	1.0163
Inverloch	78	0.9720
Club	72	0.9728
Imperials	72	0.8896
Koonwarra L/RSL	42	0.6925
A GRADE, Division 2		
Korumburra	150	2.7904
Phillip Island	108	1.2280
MDU	84	1.1454
Nyora	72	1.0027
Foster	72	0.8722
Glen Alvie	66	0.8010
Club	60	0.5753
Kilcunda-Bass	48	0.6940

NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES & UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS

SEMI FINALS - SAT, MARCH 18

A GRADE, Division 1 (Sat/Sun)

OMK v Phillip Island
Scorpion 1
Shane Moore / Ash Stride
Nerrena v Town
LG TURF
Ian Thorn / Glenn Plymin

A Grade, Division 2 (Sat/Sun)

Korumburra v Nyora
KORUMBURRA
Steve McNamara / Terry Rogers
Phillip Island v MDU
INVERLOCH TURF
John Schelling / Graham Wightman

B GRADE, Division 1 (Sat)

Nerrena v MDU
NERRENA
Neil Graham / Greg Goss
Koonwarra L/RSL v Inverloch
KOONWARRA
Les White / Ian Salmon

B GRADE, Division 2 (Sat)

OMK v Phillip Island
OUTTRIM
Jason O'Reilly / Jake Dennerley
Nerrena v Town
MEENIYAN
Geoff Parkinson / TBC

C GRADE, Division 1 (Sat)

Inverloch v Korumburra
INVERLOCH FG
Geoff Wyatt / Matt Grieve
Phillip Island v Koonwarra L/RSL
REECE PARK (RHYLL)
Heath Dobbie / TBC

C GRADE, Division 2 (Sat)

Town v Glen Alvie
SCORPION 2
Gary Sauvarin / TBC
OMK v Kilcunda Bass
DIGGER PARK
Noel Grayden / TBC

Subject to Confirmation.
Prospective umpires contact
Jason O'Reilly 0439 688 575
or Geoff Wyatt 0413 081 136



Walter Taberner plays a shot on the front foot on his way to a gallant half century at Scorpion Park. B06_1123

Imps survive early trouble to cap off season with win

A Grade, Division 1

THE LDCA senior cricket home and away season came to an end on Saturday after many a challenge with rain, rescheduling and unavailabilities along the way. The two A grade divisions all completed their final two day match and the finals are officially set to begin this weekend around the region.

Needing an all-time bowling performance to defend 149 and keep their season alive, Wonthaggi travelled back to East Campus Oval to face the Imperials.

The Club boys started well, seeing the back of both Ginnane brothers (Damon then Jack) for single figures and soon had the home side 4/36, the game was up for grabs!

With their top four batters in the sheds, Luke Rogers (31 from 25) and Dimitri Perera (39 from 41) began the resurgence.

The pair combined for a brave 49-run partnership before Rogers fell, but luckily this just brought in the talented Sumudu Sameera (49* from 56) to the crease for what proved to be a match-winning innings.

Sameera and Perera put together a 49-run stand themselves before a brief late collapse was avoided nicely by Sameera who saw the Imps to a sensational two-wicket win.

Fraser West (3/45 from 11) tried his best with the ball for Wonthaggi, unfortunately though for both sides, their off season

starts early as they both have missed out on a finals berth.

Scorpions 'out-sting' Stingrays in race to finals

LEONGATHA welcomed Inverloch back to Scorpion Park where they looked towards completing the mammoth chase of the 293 runs required for a finals-clinching victory.

However, the Scorpions had other ideas and started beautifully on their way to a finals-clinching win of their own, stunning the Stingrays to have them 2/0 off the rip.

Things didn't improve soon after either, as the Invincible skipper David Newman was too sent back after being controversially caught behind, he joined Jack Butcher and Lewis Rankin in the sheds at 3/6.

Amazingly, the going got even tougher for the Stingrays after the loss of their skipper, with Andrew Donohue and Jacob Strickland both losing their wickets before their side even reached 30.

Although, with the visitors reeling at 5/24, Walter Taberner (63 from 111) stood tall, dug in and looked determined to bring his side back into contention.

He put together a 58-run partnership with youngster Jake Dennerley (19 from 52) as the pair weathered some strong bowling and began to resurrect the Invincible season.

After Dennerley fell just prior to the tea break, Tom McQualter (21 from 34) accompanied

Taberner at the crease and just as the pair were accelerating the scoring and looking dangerous, the in-form Taberner fell, for an outstanding half century, which truly gave his side hope.

McQualter continued to try and up the ante, until he was come undone but yet another controversial call, when he was run out taking a quick single, as the Town duo who dominated on day one, Amila Ratnaike and Madura Madusanka combined once again to have the visitors in big trouble.

Mudassar Riaz (5/17 from 11.3) fought off what appeared to be a tough injury to clean up the Stingrays tail and see his side to a 158-run win, and into another finals series, with an excellent five wicket haul.

Leongatha will now face Nerrena at the Leongatha Recreation Reserve in a two day match this Saturday and Sunday for a chance to book their place in a second consecutive A grade division one Grand Final.

Red Caps complete chase

WITH 136 runs required for victory, Nerrena travelled back to the Leongatha Recreation Reserve to face Koonwarra L/RSL who were looking to find their best form with the ball to defend their small total.

The Red Caps started well after losing Luke Giliam at 1/31, Mitch Clark (46 from 76) and Joel Renden (47 from 112) put on a 58-run partnership to see their side into a strong position

in the chase.

Clark then fell with the score 2/89, but this didn't worry Renden as he kept the momentum going along with Hayden Funnell (30* from 56) to complete the chase, and the win, securing Nerrena's place in the finals.

Jason Kennedy (2/17 from 11.4) competed well with the ball despite the seven-wicket loss.

Nerrena will now face Leongatha at the Leongatha Recreation Reserve, a side who they both defeated and lost to during the home and away season.

Diggers, Sharks get some finals practice

AFTER defeating Phillip Island in just one day, OMK welcomed the Sharks back to the Outtrim Recreation Oval as they looked to complete the outright win.

The Diggers finished their innings 10/173 with Noel Creed (52) and Jaxon Hayes (58) bringing up half centuries, while Charith Keerthisinghe (3/53 from 27.4) bowled well for the Sharks.

In their second innings, the Islanders finished 3/46, this gave both sides a good opportunity to feel each other out before they meet again in this weekend's Semi Final at Scorpion Park.

Phillip Island will be looking for the all important win on their way to back to back premierships, while OMK will hope to convert their minor premiership into a premiership, starting with a Grand Final clinching win.



Ben McRae flicks one to the leg side during his unbeaten half century against Wonthaggi. B08_1123

Nyora bowlers defend solid total against MDU

• A Grade, Division 2

WHILE Meeniyian Dumbalk United recovered from a shaky start to its innings to make a go of chasing Nyora's testing target of 252, the mountain proved too steep for the Demons to climb, falling for 220.

MDU skipper Joel Sinclair gave his side a chance on day two, steadying the ship after it fell to 2/29.

Sinclair took an attacking approach, notching an impressive 81 off just 83 balls that included 13 boundaries.

Tharindu Nuwan (38) and Mitch McGrath (36) were the other MDU batsmen to help the Demons get within cooee of the Nyora total.

However, Nyora skipper Henry Dolphin followed his solid week-one knock of 42 by claiming 4/77, including the valuable wickets of opposition captain Sinclair, and McGrath.

Jake Henry helped remove the MDU middle order on his way to 3/28 from 10 overs, sending Scott Browne on his way cheaply, then accounting for the well set Nuwan.

While Dolphin was a little on the expensive side, with an average of just over 4.5 runs scored from each of his 17 overs, teammate Aidan Simmons conceded a miserly 46 runs from 19 overs and claimed the scalp of MDU opener Colin Knox.

Korumburra builds on day one work to beat Foster

KORUMBURRA had little to do on day two to claim a first innings win over Foster, already sitting on 1/66 in pursuit of the Tigers' 120 all out and losing just one more wicket prior to passing that total.

Number three batsman Harshika Fernando added to his day one tally of 48, eventually being dismissed for 89.

His was the fifth and final Korumburra wicket to fall, with the first innings total of Foster already comfortably eclipsed.

Steven Hamill was the victorious Cobras' next highest scorer, recording 38 not out.

While expensive, Tiger Brad Coates took four of the five Korumburra wickets claimed, including Jacob Whiteside early on day two, and the later prize of Fernando.

Coates finished with 4/61 from 11 overs.

Jake Staley was the other wicket taker for outclassed Foster, taking 1/19 from six overs, having given the Tigers early hope of defending their low score with the day one wicket of Korumburra opener Tom Crocker.

However, Staley didn't bowl on the concluding day of the match.

Glen Alvie batsmen fire on day two, beating Club

WHILE the Wonthaggi Club bowlers made a strong start to their defence of their batsmen's 163-run total, having Glen Alvie at 2/37 after day one, the chasing side took command when the contest resumed.

Club removed Glen Alvie skipper and keeper Lachlan Harris for 44, giving Wonthaggi hope, with Glen Alvie still needing 70 runs for a first innings win, but that proved Club's last hurrah.

Ben McRae held firm in Glen Alvie's seven wicket win, finishing with a patient unbeaten 72 off 194 balls, well supported by Matthew Dakin's un hurried 25 not out from 57 balls.

While Emmett Dempsey couldn't add to his two day one wickets for Club, he sent down a further five overs, finishing with 2/21 from 14 overs.

Andot Mankhong took the only wicket Club claimed on day two, finishing with 1/47 but conceding almost a run-per-ball.

While teammate Jai Williamson went wicketless, he made Glen Alvie's batsmen work for their runs, yielding just 23 off 18 overs, with Luke McGuirk also keeping the pressure on Glen Alvie, giving up just 18 runs from his 13 overs.

Still, patience paid off for the chasing side.

Phillip Island takes week one win over Kilcunda-Bass

PHILLIP Island wrapped up a comprehensive first innings defeat of Kilcunda Bass on day one of the sides' match at Cowes Recreation Reserve, making 198 all out in reply to 57 all out.

The clubs agreed not to play the second innings, with Phillip Island assured a top-two finish to the home and away season, and little to gain for last-placed Kilcunda-Bass.



Heath Dobbie sends one down in his side's loss to Glen Alvie. B09_1123

A GRADE

DIVISION 1

Nerrena 3/139 d Koon L/RSL 135

Nerrena – 1st INNINGS	
M Clark b J Kennedy	46
LJ Giliam run out (C Buckland, J Hughes)	4
J Renden b J Kennedy	47
H Funnel not out	30
Extras (nb 3, w 4, b 1, lb 1)	12
Total 3/139 (43.4 overs)	12

Bowling: K Weeranga 0.4-0-0-1, I Wickramasinghe 8.2-1-0-28, H Hoekstra 14-3-0-52 (3nb), J Kennedy 11.4-6-2-17 (1w), BF Davison 6-0-0-24 (2w), C Buckland 3-0-0-12 (1w)

OMK 9/169 d P-Island 80 and 3/46

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
N Auddino lbw b SL Rathnayake	0
PJ Dell c SL Rathnayake b TS Niven	19
AL Trotto not out	0
Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 0, lb 1)	4
Total 9/169 (67 overs)	4

Bowling: S Kirton 8.3-3-1-13, T Keily 16-4-3-70, C Keerthisinghe 25.5-11-2-41, SL Rathnayake 7.1-3-2-13, TS Niven 5-1-1-3

Phillip Island – 2nd INNINGS

D Bourke c A Rose b T Wyatt	14
J Black not out	27
EM Richards c A Rose b T Wyatt	0
BD Johnston c A Rose b PJ Dell	3
Extras (nb 0, w 2, b 0, lb 0)	2
Total 3/46 (22 overs)	2

Bowling: RL Williams 2-0-0-4 (1w), AL Trotto 7-0-0-28 (1w), T Wyatt 9-4-2-14, PJ Dell 4-4-1-0

Imperials 8/153 d Club 149

Imperials – 1st INNINGS	
RK McLennan c M Thomas b F West	12
D Ginnane b J Brann	1
J Ginnane c M Waller b J Brann	3
T Sauvarin c RG Thomas b F West	13
L Rogers c S Beaumont b F West	31
D Perera c S Beaumont b J Sheerin	39
S Sameera not out	49
AR Williams b J Brann	0
L Wright c M Waller b J Sheerin	3
D McLennan not out	0
Extras (nb 0, w 1, b 0, lb 1)	2
Total 8/153 (39 overs)	2

Bowling: J Brann 16-3-3-59, F West 11-0-3-45 (1w), J Sheerin 9-2-2-28, R Rirkett 3-0-0-20

Town 292 d Inverloch 134

Inverloch – 1st INNINGS	
J Butcher b M Riaz	0
L Rankin c D Hume b DL Polwattha Gallage	0
A Donohue st B Hanrahan b M Madusanka	2
D Newman c B Hanrahan b M Riaz	4
J Strickland c D Hume b A Ratnaike	12
W Taberner c B Hanrahan b M Riaz	63
JB Dennerley c O Vimalarathna b M Madusanka	19
T McQualter run out (A Ratnaike, M Madusanka)	21
CW Asbury not out	4
J Donohue b M Riaz	0
H Butcher b M Riaz	4
Extras (nb 2, w 0, b 0, lb 3)	5
Total 134 (54.3 overs)	5

Bowling: M Riaz 11.3-7-5-17, DL Polwattha Gallage 8-2-1-22 (1nb), M Madusanka 23-6-2-57, A Ratnaike 7-5-1-6, D Hume 5-1-0-29 (1nb)

A GRADE | DIVISION 2

Glen Alvie 3/169 d Club 163

Glen Alvie – 1st INNINGS	
S Smith c JC Harvey b E Dempsey	9
RV Sinclair lbw b E Dempsey	5
L Harris c JC Harvey b A Mankhong	44
B McRae not out	72
MA Dakin not out	25
Extras (nb 0, w 2, b 12, lb 0)	14
Total 3/169 (74 overs)	14

Bowling: J Williamson 18-7-0-23 (1w), E Dempsey 14-6-2-21, LD McGuirk 13-5-0-18, H Dobbie 9-4-0-18, S Williams 6-3-0-15, A Mankhong 8-0-1-47 (1w), J Sheerin 4-1-0-12, M Davey 2-1-0-3

Korumburra 5/203 d Foster 120

Korumburra – 1st INNINGS	
T Crocker b J Staley	6
R Rangana c & b Coates	17
H Fernando c M Jones b B Coates	89
J Whiteside b B Coates	10
S Hamill not out	38
I Siriwardena c M Jones b B Coates	27
J Richards not out	7
Extras (nb 0, w 6, b 1, lb 2)	9
Total 5/203 (42.3 overs)	9

Bowling: W Jenkins 4-1-0-14 (1w), J Weston 6-0-2-27, J Staley 6-1-1-19, J Toner 4-1-0-5, B East 3-0-0-24 (2w), B Coates 11-2-4-61, AJ Pattie 8.3-0-0-50 (3w)

Phillip Island 198 d Kilcunda-Bass 57

Game completed on Day 1

Nyora 251 d MDU 220	
MDU – 1st INNINGS	
S Arnup c MJ Rowe b L Brock	7
C Knox c H Dolphin b A Simmons	9
MJ McGrath c D Esler b H Dolphin	36
J Sinclair c L Brock b H Dolphin	81
T Nuwan b J Henry	38
S Browne b J Henry	1
T Sinclair c KW Anderson b H Dolphin	5
M Martin c J Henry b H Dolphin	17
DA Mathews lbw b MJ Rowe	5
S Bright b J Henry	4
M Cantwell not out	8
Extras (nb 0, w 3, b 3, lb 3)	9
Total 220 (57.3 overs)	9

Bowling: A Simmons 19-7-1-46, L Brock 5-1-1-28 (3w), MJ Rowe 6.3-0-1-35, H Dolphin 17-2-47, J Henry 10-1-3-28



LDCA under 17s 2022/23 premiers Phillip Island. (back L-R) Jackson Voce, Heath Womersley, Will Peppard, Ollie Duggan, Finn Russell, Jack Huther, Daniel Caffieri, Connor Epifano, (front L-R) George McCausland, Henry Peppard, Noah Williams, Max Arceo (captain), Charlie O'Garey, Tim Niven (seated front). B16_1123

Juniors battle it out in finals epic

Under 17

THE highly anticipated replay of last year's U17 Grand Final took place on the Wonthaggi Turf between two very talented young teams, a big crowd was in attendance with barely a car park left around the oval.

Inverloch skipper Harry Butcher won the toss and elected to bat on a good looking Turf pitch.

Butcher opened up with Riley Harris up against the formidable left arm combination of Tim

Reports by Scott Checkley
LDCA Junior Chairman

Niven and George McCausland. With McCausland removing both openers Inverloch were in early trouble, Isaac Seuren and Rhys Newman dug in to get though 11 overs together before Newman was bowled by a very good Niven delivery.

The addition of spinner Jackson Huther into the attack caused havoc to Inverloch's middle order and when Seuren

was dismissed for a well-made 29, Inv had slumped to 6/59.

McCausland then returned to the attack and bowling at good pace he bowled full and straight hitting the stumps on three occasions to dismiss Inverloch for 61.

Best bowlers for the Island were George McCausland 5/16 off 9 overs and Jackson Huther 4/6 off 6 overs.

After the break the Island's Heath Womersley and skipper Max Arceo opened the innings.

Inverloch were fired up knowing the needed quick wickets to get back in the game.

Jesse Dugard delivered the goods second ball with a very quick delivery seeing Arceo's off stump doing a cart wheel.

When Butcher had Womersley caught at short cover the Inv boys had their tails up, two more wickets to Butcher and one each to Newman and Terlich saw the Island in big trouble at 6/33 and all of a sudden it was game on.

Noah Williams (8*) then joined Tim Niven (22*) at the crease and these boys showed great composure under the pressure applied by some outstanding Inverloch bowling and inch by inch they accumulated the remaining 29 runs to secure the premiership.

Best bowlers for Inverloch were Harry Butcher 3/17 off 10 overs with Dugard, Newman and Terlich all taking a wicket each and bowling great spells.

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