



Renowned fundraiser returns

Korumburra IGA's customer service manager Taylah McLean and second in charge Donna Telfer show their support for town fundraising legend Tommy Brown as he sells raffle tickets to assist The Royal Children's Hospital. Full story page 11. A16_1223

Wonthaggi clubs to vote on 'massive opportunity'

THE prospect of establishing a Wonthaggi Country Club development right in the centre of town incorporating other sports, residential units, players' accommodation, a retirement village over time and a first-class golf course is in front of members of both the golf club and Wonthaggi Club.

At a meeting of golf club members last night, golfers had the chance to ask any and all questions about the project, how it will be funded and managed, and next Monday night, March 27, it will go to a vote.

"Initially we're talking about merging two of the oldest clubs in the town, both more than 100 years old, but the outcome could really be something game changing for Wonthaggi and district," said Wonthaggi Golf Club President Rob Geyer.

"The committees of both organisations are keen for it to happen but we're a members-based organisation so, ultimately, it's up to them.

"Nothing has been decided until the members have their say."

But the idea of producing a high-level masterplan, incorporating retirement village, residential units and multi-sports for the 50-hectare, centrally located site is mouth-watering.

"As a 57-year member of the golf club, I see this as an exciting opportunity to secure the future of our sport in the town while doing something special for the local community," said passionate supporter of the concept, Glenn Turner.

But it will all hinge on the vote of members next Monday, March 27.

'BULLYING AND INTIMIDATION' rocks Island roads scheme

THERE were some extraordinary allegations made at the Bass Coast Shire Council meeting last Wednesday, March 15, that opponents of the Surf Beach Sunderland Bay Special Charge Scheme had resorted to bullying, intimidation and outright lies to get their way with the \$30 million roads and drainage project.

Members of the 'Say No to the Sunderland Bay Surf Beach Special Charge Scheme', including

Maxine Sando, say such claims, including those made at last week's meeting by Cr Rochelle Halstead are "absolute rubbish".

"We don't know where they are getting this from. We don't know anything about an 80-year-old being bullied. We're fuming about it."

But Cr Halstead is adamant the reports about opponents of the scheme behaving badly are bona fide.

"It does sadden me to hear re-

ports of intimidation and bullying tactics that have been used throughout the community, to the point I did read, recently, an 80-year-old lady being bailed up in her kitchen with people trying to convince her to vote a certain way," said Cr Halstead.

"Residents who feel bullied or intimidated have a right not to engage with anyone they don't feel comfortable talking to, and I would encourage them to access factual information through the

Engage Bass Coast website.

"I've received daily emails both for and against the proposal, offering varying points of view and what's come from this engagement is now before us in a preferred concept plan that offers minimal cost, least impact on the environment and retains the characteristics of the area; all three of the most important aspects that were highlighted by the community themselves."

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‘Bullying and intimidation’ rocks Island roads scheme

From page 1

A local resident of Surf Beach, who wishes to remain anonymous, has confirmed that the aggressive, abusive and deliberately misleading approach of some opponents of the scheme have been a feature of the process so far.

“The people who were doing the petition were just on a mission to get people to sign,” she said.

“They’ve tried to scare people about the cost of the project, saying they’ll be up for \$30,000, \$40,000 or even \$50,000; that they might even lose their house. “I know for a fact that [name] told one resident to ‘go back to the suburbs’ when she said she was sick of the dust and wanted it to go ahead.”

The resident provided a copy of an email sent to local residents from a leading member of the ‘Say no’ group warning the “silly nonsense about turning our coastal village into a concrete suburban sprawl and then charging us upwards of \$35,000 for the works” as evidence of the scare tactics.

Documents provide at last week’s council meeting report that residents will be charged, on average, between \$19,600 for a “lower range” project costing \$25.5 million based on 80:20 split of costs between property owners and Council or up to \$25,500 for the “higher range” project costing \$31.2 million on an 85:15 split of costs.

But copies of lively email exchanges between residents about the health impacts of dust on the one hand and saving the environment on the other were evidence of a division in the community, but could hardly be described as abusive.

Maxine Sando rejects allegations members of her group have overstepped the mark while accusing council of being disingenuous with its consultations and sticking to a predetermined agenda.

“They’ve pretty much gone ahead and done what they like,” she said of council

choosing Concept Option 1 at last week’s meeting.

Option 1 details sealing roads, installing underground drainage and associated kerb and channel, installing one concrete footpath on all road reserves and traffic calming with speed humps.

Each option calls for the installation of downstream wetlands. Water Sensitive Urban Design (WSUD) swales in nature strips and the sealing tourist car parks along The Esplanade.

“We agree that the dust and the drainage is a problem, but they haven’t maintained the drains and a program of dust suppressant would solve the dust problem without turning the area into suburbia,” said Ms Sando.

“People came down here for a natural coastal environment. They don’t want it urbanised, but council won’t listen to realistic, low-cost options.

“Some people simply can’t afford it,” she said.

“They’ve trumped up these bullying and intimidation allegations now because they’re worried they don’t have the numbers.”

The next step for council is to get Option 1 properly costed and cost shares for the 1040 properties calculated.

If the decision to issue the notice of intention occurs, all property owners would be notified by registered post, and provided details on the individual property owners’ estimated contribution amount.

Property owners would then have 28 days to lodge submissions to object or support the project.

“If over 50% of property owners lodge submissions of objection to the proposed special charge scheme, then in accordance with legislation the project cannot proceed. If less than 50% objections are received, then Council will decide on whether to declare a special charge scheme.”

More details on the Sentinel-Times’ website at sgst.com.au.



The campaign for and against a resident-paid road and drainage scheme at Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay on Phillip Island is dividing the community.



Flooding in the winter and dusty roads in the summer are just two of the issues to be addressed if the Bass Coast Shire Council goes ahead with the controversial Sunderland Bay Surf Beach Special Charge Scheme.

COUNCIL BRIEFS

Shire set to hand over cemeteries

IT’S not a done deal yet, the Bass Coast Shire Council’s administration still have to bring a report to council, but there appears to be a willingness to handover management of the Wonthaggi Cemetery Trust and San Remo Cemetery Trust (SMCT) to a metro-based cemetery manager.

In moving the motion to get the ball rolling Cr David Rooks said there was likely to be a hefty “in perpetuity” payment, likely to be in the millions of dollars, to provide for developments at the two facilities in the years to come.

The shire will now commence negotiations with SMCT and bring the terms of any proposed agreement for the transfer of management back to council in due course.

No details on CEO salary

AVID council watcher, Kevin Griffin, received a firm rebuff from Bass Coast Council when he asked if councillors were allowed to know how much their CEO Ali Wastie got paid.

Short answer no.

The three councillors appointed to the CEO Employment and Remuneration Committee are aware of the details of the CEO’s pay arrangements.

According to a survey conducted in May 2022, the average local government CEO remuneration was \$295,000, in a range across the state of between \$200,000 and \$400,000.

Pause or sorts on Rhyll pathway

THERE has been a commitment to more consultation about the Cowes to Rhyll Shared Pathway but the Bass Coast Shire Council didn’t directly address local resident Andrew Marston’s query about a pause while the route and possible savings of up to \$250,000 are considered.

“Council will be undertaking further community engagement on this project before proceeding further,” council responded.

Geese shooting fears

A CORONET Bay resident Joy Button has written to council expressing fears that someone has a permit to shoot Cape Barren Geese in the area, near houses.

“I am unaware there are other means of reducing the wildlife, such as harvesting of eggs, that haven’t been implemented,” said Ms Button.

But according to the council, it’s not a shire issue and inquiries should be directed to DEECA.

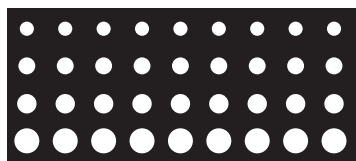
10 questions, no answers

TEN people took the time to write to the Bass Coast Shire Council in the past month with a broad range of questions about the Surf Beach Sunderland Bay roads and drainage scheme.

The questions were published last week but none of the subjects were addressed directly by council.

Can we simply answer ‘yes’ or ‘no’? How will the protected Shearwater colony be managed? When will Council finally move to remove silica dust, mud, flooding, potholes and mosquitoes for future generations?

The letter writers were referred agenda item 8.1.



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IN BRIEF

Tongue-twister
name for lake

YOU are doing pretty well if you can pronounce the new name for a previously unnamed lake at Coronet Bay. Lake ‘Wang Toolome Parnung’, located at the end of Norsemans Road, got its new moniker at a naming ceremony on Sunday, March 12 attended by 200 people including former Deputy Premier, Professor the Honorable John Thwaites now CEO of Melbourne Water and local MP Jordan Crugnale.

Fire concern
sparked outage

POWER was off over a wide area of Bass Coast on Saturday, March 18, from about 4.15pm to as late as 8.30pm, likely due to concerns about the risk of bushfire on days of high fire danger. Hardest hit areas locally included Dalyston where 267 customers were without power, Bass 217, Corinella 749, Woolamai 103, Anderson 33, Coronet Bay 1051 and Kilcunda 418. Also without power were Glen Forbes 10, Wonthaggi 3, North Wonthaggi 54, and San Remo 4. A spokesperson for Ausnet said it was likely that the “extra sensitive settings” placed on parts of the system on days of Total Fire Ban were the reason for the outage in the Bass Coast area. “Essentially if something falls across the line or an animal causes a power fluctuation, the system is set to shutdown the affected area out of an abundance of caution to reduce the risk of fire on days of extreme fire danger.”

Your say on
Fred Gration reserve

BASS Coast Shire is calling on the community to have their say on the Draft Open Space Master Plan for the Fred Gration (Coronet Bay)

Reserve.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan said that the aim of the Draft Master Plan is to guide future development of the Reserve over the next 10 years.

“The Draft Master Plan proposes to enhance the open space components of the reserve through the creation of a new activity zone which includes a multi-purpose court space, new playspace and a centralised picnic shelter. Other considerations include the installation of accessible pathways, landscaping enhancements and parking arrangements” Cr Whelan concluded.

To view the Draft Master Plan, visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/cbreserve.

Council Officers will be running a drop-in session for the community and stakeholders to share their thoughts in person:

Tuesday, March 21, from 4:00pm to 5:00pm at Coronet Bay Reserve

Feedback can be provided at these sessions, or in writing at recreation@basscoast.vic.gov.au or PO Box 118, Wonthaggi 3995.

Submissions will be accepted up until Monday, April 3.

Leongatha residents
urged to donate blood

LEONGATHA residents can help to save lives by donating blood when the Australian Red Cross Lifeblood van is in town during April.

It will be the first opportunity this year for local people to donate.

The van will be based at Gippsland Southern Health Service’s Leongatha campus from April 4-14 and CEO Louise Sparkes urged local residents to make a donation if they can.

“Giving blood can change and save lives,” Ms Sparkes said.

“Over our lifetimes, it is

estimated one-in-three local people with need blood and that’s why we need to give it when we’re able.”

People can pre-book a spot at lifeblood.com.au on the Lifeblood app or by contacting 13 14 95.

‘Gatha student
Canberra bound

FROM Tuesday, March 21, to Thursday, March 23, 2023, Montana Kranen from Leongatha Secondary College will be among 116 Year 11 and 12 students from around Australia attending the 28th National Schools Constitutional Convention (NSCC), being held at the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House, Canberra.

The program is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education (DOE), coordinated by National Curriculum Services (NCS) and supported by the Australian Curriculum Studies Association (ACSA) and department of education from all states and territories.

The topic for the 2023 Convention is, ‘Constitutional Reform - Is section 128 still a necessary requirement to change such an important document as the Australian Constitution?’.

This topic will provide students with the opportunity to examine Section 128 of the Australian Constitution and discuss if the requirements for alteration are still appropriate.

A range of stimulus speakers will discuss the issues with students for them to debate with all delegates.

Outcomes from the Convention will be incorporated into a Communiqué that will be forwarded to the President of the Senate, Senator Sue Lines, for tabling in Parliament and recorded in Hansard.

As a national delegate, Montana Kranen will travel with 24 other students from their state or territory.

Emeritus Professor John Warhurst AO from the Australian National University will facilitate the Convention being held from March 21-23, 2023.

Other elements of the program will include the Prime Minister’s Welcome Reception at Parliament House, a meeting with the Governor-General, The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd) at Government House, and a dinner at the High Court of Australia.

Five to survive

THIS April, Wonthaggi Business and Tourism Association are hosting their annual AGM and they need community support.

“We currently have 72 members within the association and growing, however, we need to fill five committee roles to continue at the next AGM,” Wonthaggi Business Association Secretary, Steve explained.

“We are looking for people to fill the roles of treasurer, president, secretary and event manager with meetings bi-monthly at a time and day suitable to committee members.”

With virtual options available and no age restrictions, the association are looking for enthusiastic individuals with a flare for advocacy and administration skills.

The association are in charge of leasing the Board Room in the Centennial Building and are behind the Wonthaggi Laneway Festival and Shop Local program.

“We also host a number of business networking and professional development events.”

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Following concerns about the number of security guards on shift at Bass Coast Health, the health service has stated security was only expanded to two guards during November 2022. Pictured is the Wonthaggi Hospital expansion in late 2022.

Two guards needed for patient safety, says resident

A CONCERNED Wonthaggi resident has raised questions about a reduction in security guards at Bass Coast Health (BCH). According to a letter, sent anonymously to the Sentinel-Times by the resident, it stated BCH is operating with one security guard each shift instead of two. The letter highlighted that the many responsibilities of security guards were difficult to fulfill with just one guard per shift.

“For example, if you only

have one guard on and you have a very challenging patient/visitor at the entrance and the one guard that is on for that shift is trying to defuse the situation, and then the ambulance brings in a patient to ED that is in a drug infused state or has mental illness and needs forceful restraining to protect themselves and everyone else in the ED and the nursing staff and ambulance officers need extra help, how is one security guard going to help both situations,” the letter states.

However, according to Shaun Brooks, BCH Acting CEO, they temporarily expanded the security presence at Wonthaggi Hospital to two guards only in November 2022, after previously operating with just one guard for four years. “The temporary increase in security to two guards was to help with the transition to the new Wonthaggi Hospital, provide extra support through the busy summer period and to assist members of the public with wayfinding within the new hospital,” he said.

“We have reverted to one security guard to return to business as usual as the new hospital has now been open for more than three months, and we have improved signage and social media coverage informing members of the public where to go around the new hospital. “However, we still value the support of a security guard onsite 24/7 to help with our response to escorts, patrols, some wayfinding for visitors, incident response and securing the hospital site after hours.”

Family violence down but crime up locally

FAMILY violence has seen a welcomed decrease in Bass Coast and South Gippsland according to the latest Crime Statistics Agency data. The statistics, released for the year ending December 2022, showed family violence incidents decreased by 8.7% in Bass Coast and 2.6% in South Gippsland. Females continued to be the most affected family member, with 599 in Bass Coast and 395 in South Gippsland. The most affected age group was between 25-54 and over. In Bass Coast, criminal incidents decreased by 3.8% from 2142 to 2060. Of the criminal incidents, 39% resulted in charges laid, 24.8% no charges and 36.3% unsolved.



Bass Coast has seen a reduction in family violence incidents according to the recent Crime Statistics Agency data. The top suburbs for incidents were Wonthaggi, Cowes and Inverloch with the top offence subgroups including criminal damage, breach family violence order and other theft. The criminal incident rate per 100,000 population was 4912.7, compared to the state-wide rate of 5306.6. The number of ‘offences recorded’ also decreased by 10.1% in Bass Coast. While in South Gippsland, criminal incidents were up 12.3% from 1184 to 1330. Of the incidents, 43.8% saw charges laid, 20.3% no charges and 35.9% unsolved. The top suburbs for incidents

were Leongatha, Korumburra and Mirboo North. Total ‘offences recorded’ were also up by 14.3%. State-wide there were 483,441 criminal offences recorded in 2022, representing an increase of 5,652 offences or 1.2% from 2021. Victoria Police noted that pleasingly, overall crime in 2022 still remained well below pre-pandemic levels – there were 52,418 less criminal offences committed last year than in 2019 (9.8% decrease). Last year, there were 202,452 individual victims of crime – an increase of 1.1%, however still the second lowest victimisation rate in the past decade. Overall crimes against the person increased by 1.4% from 2021.



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Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan



Marking Wonthaggi's 20 Shaft Disaster

Bass Coast boasts a rich, varied and significant history. Wonthaggi, in particular, has an iconic past, tinged with sadness.

Recently Bass Coast Shire Council commemorated a particularly tragic moment: the 2 accidents at the Number 20 coal mine shaft in Dalyston, in 1931 and 1937, which killed 17 workers.

The first disaster occurred during the first year of operation, on 20 February 1931 when 4 men died underground. The second struck on 15 February 1937, a dark day in the history of Wonthaggi, when an explosion took the lives of another 13.

At 10 that morning, a cloud of coal dust and gas roared up the mouth of the shaft, blowing a three ton cage 15 metres above the surface and taking the roof off the adjoining house. It was so powerful that it dropped the shutters on Daylston Post Office, 4 kilometres away from the blast site.

The tragedy was a further blow to the community, which had been working through tensions and an industrial dispute about the future of coal mining in Wonthaggi. The 13 deputies who died that day were not a part of the strike, and were inside the mine to make repairs in preparation for its re-opening. This was the worst mining disaster in Australia's history, which led to a national campaign that improved conditions for all Australian miners.

Today we remember the miners that died, as

well as the many who begged to enter the toxic and dangerous mine after the explosion to help with the rescue, which was to become only a recovery mission. We remember the families who loved them, while keeping close to our hearts and our collective memory the tragic loss suffered in the pursuit of prosperity.

Number 20 shaft is a landmark of powerful importance. Council cemented this with striking new signage to the area to share this history. We are also maintaining 13 flowering gum trees planted at the site to remember those lost.

This poignant place is vital for our community: it represents the worker's foundations on which Wonthaggi was built, the brave lives lost and a stark lesson for today. The tragedies of 1931 and 1937 are weaved into our history, tighten our bonds and continue our respect for previous generations.

Almost 100 years on, Wonthaggi's pioneering industrial roots continue to inspire while we look to forge a renewable vision.

The Number 20 Shaft is managed by Bass Coast Shire Council. Conservation works were recently completed by Council on the former pit entrance to ensure this significant site is maintained for all those who wish to remember, grieve and learn here.

Learn more about the Number 20 Shaft, plus lots more rich local stories, with Wonthaggi: Discover Our Secrets and our Storytowns Town History Tour >> visitbasscoast.com.au/wonthaggi

Longest decision for shortest path

- Councillors push back Inverloch's Surf Parade pathway alignment

UNANIMOUSLY deferred for consideration at a future Council meeting.

That was the consensus of the Surf Parade Inverloch Shared Path Stage 3b Alignment on Wednesday, March 15.

Councillor Leticia Laing moved to defer the pathway which was seconded by Cr Brett Tessari after community consultation.

Highlighting that the deferment was not indefinite, Cr Laing noted that "we want to make sure we have exhausted all our options and preserved the coastal vegetation in that space."

An initial plan for the shared pathway was endorsed by Council back in August 2019, however, the plan involved the removal of significant native coastal vegetation. The Marine and Coastal Act consent for this stage of the pathway was not supported by DEECA (Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Change) and as such new plans were proposed.

In her opening comments, Cr Laing stated that "after the longest consideration for probably the shortest path", she is committed to providing a pathway for Inverloch, but that the 'significant' community objection to the new plans means Council alongside key stakeholders, including the Inverloch Traders Association and community, must continue to work collaboratively to, "find a better outcome and ensure that all options have been exhausted to find an alternative design that hopefully provides parking..."

"A wider shared pathway is vital," Cr Laing continued.

"At the moment, I have the two



An artist impression the Surf Parade shared path stage 3b.

options presented to me within the original motion and I don't think that those two options are the best for what the community wants."

Cr Laing was supported by Cr Tessari who noted his frustration was at least double that of Cr Laing having sat on Council for six and a half years, and still trying to get this pathway over the finish line.

"I do feel for the community," Cr Tessari stated.

"It's not as simple as going back to what was originally passed in 2019 because we have in writing that it will not be permitted by DECCA..."

"We need to get the community together again; we need to come up with a better option to this last bit of pathway. We need the pathway done. I would love to see it done in my time..."

"We need parking sorted out and transport studies done. The Inverloch community feel they've been done over by this and I don't disagree with them.

But to continue on this path with what we have now, it's not right."

Deputy Mayor, Cr Rochelle Halstead also supported the motion to defer noting that "it's terrific that the councillors have listened to the community and they want a bit more time to consider the options after listening to the concerns of the community."

A major consideration in DECCA rejecting the original plan ties to the challenges within the findings of the Cape-to-Cape Resilience Project, which highlighted amongst other things the significant erosion and forecasted sea level rising, making the 'provision of parking ill-advised' in such an environmentally sensitive area.

A majority of the Inverloch community have supported the deferment highlighting the sheer importance of parking both during peak periods and throughout the year, and simply pushing cars to neighbouring streets not being a favoured option.

Taking the focus off childcare claims

CR LETICIA Laing's campaign to take the public pressure, if it exists, off councillors who claim childcare expenses went up a notch or two at last Wednesday's Bass Coast Shire Council meeting.

Cr Laing received the full support of council for a motion, to go forward to the Municipal Association of Victoria's annual meeting, that reporting of childcare reimbursement should not continue to be compulsory.

Cr Ron Bauer seconded the motion, saying that younger people in the community needed to be encouraged to run for council, and that childcare was not a luxury, but a necessity for many.

But he also said claiming childcare expenses in this day and age was nothing to be ashamed of.

Cr Laing successfully moved the following motion, taking time out to explain that it wasn't the Sentinel-Times which had been critical of her childcare reimbursement:

"That the MAV advocate to the Minister for Local Government to amend the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations 2020 to not require

reimbursements of childcare costs or expenses incurred by a Councillor who is a carer in a carer relationship as a reported expense item in the Annual Report or elsewhere published."

Speaking to the motion, Cr Laing said that while it was a requirement of the Local Government Act that all councillor expenses be made public, reporting on childcare reimbursements unfairly singled out women.

"Some media have unfairly targeted councillors who have claimed reimbursements for these costs, including myself," Cr Laing explained.

"This motion is being moved in solidarity with other councils who have approved the same motions to go to the Municipal Association of Victoria including the City of Kingston, the city of Knox and it is also going before the Shire of Cardinia.

"It is predominantly women councillors who bear the brunt of being criticised for claiming legitimate childcare expenses, despite such reimbursements enabling councillors to perform their legislative role."



Cr Leticia Laing is taking criticism of child-care claims all the way to the top.



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Shetland Heights Road stage one near completion

THE Shetland Heights Road project is on schedule with stage one nearing completion at the end of March and stage two to commence next month.

A new concrete footpath, installation of kerb and associate drainage is underway from Potters Hills Road making for a safer commute for Bass Coast College students and residents travelling on foot to the San Remo township.

In early April residents will see a full road closure between Shetland Heights Road from Penniwells Drive (East) to Small Court. The project will include the installation of new pavement and sealing of the road.

These works will also include road pavement widening, driveway crossover works, asphalt sealing, underground stormwater drainage, speed humps, line marking and signage, kerb, and footpath construction.

There will be resident access only for the duration of the project which is scheduled to be delivered by June 2023.

Speed review for Shetland Heights

BASS Coast Shire is aiming to reduce the speed limit on Shetland Heights Road to 50km/h, following the road's redevelopment and opening of the new junior secondary campus of Bass Coast College on Potters Hill Road, San Remo in 2022.

The review is in response to an independent traffic impact assessment, commissioned by Council, which clarified the demands on Shetland Heights Road and other streets in the school's catchment area.

A 50km/h speed limit also meets government guidelines for built-up areas, under the Department of Transport and Planning's Speed Zoning Guidelines.

With primary access to the new school being on Potters Hill Road, most traffic increases occurred here.

Shetland Heights Road also saw a moderate increase, averaging 560 vehicles per day.

However, more than 80 percent of children arrive by bus.

Paths have also been provided to encourage local pupils from Newhaven and San Remo to travel by foot or bike.

Therefore, in addition to monitoring traffic changes over the last year, the recommendation to reduce speeds to 50km/h is an essential safety measure.

Council has requested the Department of Transport (DoT), to approve the new speed limit. Council worked with VicRoads (and the VSBA) previously to lower the speed on Potters Hill Road to 50km/h, plus a 40km/h school speed zone.

Speed limit reviews can take up to two years.

Until then, Council has installed frequently repeated 'slow down, speed means dust' signage on Shetland Heights Road plus a 40kph temporary speed limit.

Council urges all drivers to observe the speed limit recommendation urgently, plus exercise caution when travelling on Shetland Heights Road.

For the latest updates and to learn more visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/shetland

Cricketers left pitchless

IT CAME as a shock for residents of Wonthaggi, in particular, one life member of the town's longest established cricket club.

One day the pitch was sitting nestled in Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve football oval as it had for decades, and the next it had disappeared, and all this ahead of the summer season.

"The pitch has been on the oval since the 80s... there was no consultation," Wonthaggi Club life member and cricketer Rob Geyer stated.

"Pretty much happened for clubs that are not even in our shire. Box Hill Hawks are not ratepayers and the cricket club that has been there forever and, in a day, got booted off..."

Rob isn't upset about the introduction of outside sporting opportunities, but he is upset that grassroots have had zero say in what is happening in their own backyard, and the greater impact this has on the local clubs.

"They may have changed their tune, but our higher-grade cricket was told not to play at McMahon's Reserve because of the houses that are close by. Only lower grade or juniors were permitted - that has obviously had to change because our A2 and B grade sides don't have anywhere else to play."

Club home junior and lower division games started popping up in Newhaven (26km) and Dalyston (8km) over the season.

"We are a ground short to be honest, which really doesn't make a lot of sense because a lot of ovals around the country have pitches in the middle of them, I don't know why Wonthaggi cannot be joint use.



The cricket pitch on the main oval at Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve was removed in late 2022, to create a dedicated Australian Rules Football oval. C06_1223

"Plus, it's disappointing when ratepayers are paying and trying to get local kids involved in junior sports and they are kicked off for a couple of games of football..."

The school oval has been tabled as a backup location, but with it wet underfoot early in the season, no facilities and Little Athletics utilising the venue on a Saturday morning it's not a reliable solution.

"I really don't understand why it had to happen, especially as it didn't get used the whole summer. I'm upset as a life member and someone who has been playing cricket there since I was 13 years old, am a former president of the club and suddenly there isn't a pitch anymore - especially without community consultation first."

The Sentinel Times contacted the Bass Coast Shire to understand why the pitch was removed and what community consultation

was undertaken.

"The cricket pitch on the main oval at Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve was removed in late 2022, creating a dedicated Australian Rules Football oval which is capable of hosting higher level football," the shire stated.

"The turf wicket located on the second oval at Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve has been maintained and continues to be used by the Leongatha District Cricket Association on a weekly basis.

"The removal of the pitch coincided with Council entering into a partnership with Hawthorn Football Club and created an opportunity for Bass Coast Shire to host Hawthorn affiliated teams in a range of community events and training camps. On Sunday, April 30, a VFL Men's and VFL Women's match played between Box Hill Hawks and Casey Demons will be played for

premiership points at Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve. It will be the highest level of Australian Rules Football played within the Shire and is already generating a large amount of interest from the community in attending and supporting the matches.

"From the removal of the cricket pitch on the main oval at Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve, Council invested in the installation of a new synthetic turf wicket at Dalyston Recreation Reserve. The new pitch accommodates local cricket teams who had previously used the main oval at Wonthaggi as an alternate playing venue to their home ground. Council officers have worked closely with the Dalyston Recreation Reserve Community Asset Committee to maintain a great playing surface at Dalyston and to ensure the local cricket competition has adequate playing surfaces to utilise."

Wetland worries sink Cowes' subdivision

CR RON Bauer has raised doubts about a 16-lot subdivision going ahead on 1.39 hectares of land (3.4 acres) within the township boundary of Cowes until concerns about the loss of a so-called "wetland" can be sorted out.

Cr Bauer was at a loss to say why council was considering allowing the application, detailing the removal of 78 trees, when it previously scrutinised "every twig of

every tree" proposed to be removed by other developers.

"We pride ourselves on our natural beauty. We've been developing policies to make living in the Shire a nature-based experience. We scrutinise every twig of every tree that is removed for development.

"In this proposal, there is a beautiful wetland supporting flora and fauna, including sawns, purple hens,

frogs, have been reliably told trout within the waters.

"Everybody who has visited this proposal is impressed by this wetland and its significance for the Cowes' area. This wetland is a rarity.

"The Shearwater Estate in Cowes created wetland features to complement the development. Here the job is already done with the surrounding houses enjoying

the amenity of this peaceful, significant wetland.

"And I'm sure the architects can rework the proposal to exploit the maximum return for the development while incorporating the wetland."

What happens now is anyone's guess after council issued a notice of refusal based on the existence of the spring-fed dam or "wetland" and the extent of vegetation lost.



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Austral Hotel supports RCH fundraising effort

THE ROYAL Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal will receive a boost from the annual Uncle Bobs Club fundraising auction hosted by Korumburra's Austral Hotel on Friday March 31.

Publican Trudy Cairns is looking forward to the evening, saying that as well as supporting a worthy cause the auction brings everybody together.

"There's a lot of support from around the town and everybody is happy to help," Trudy said of the generosity of local business operators and others who donate items for sale.

That generosity isn't confined to Korumburra, with Leongatha businesses also helping.

The Austral Hotel is now accepting goods and services to be auctioned on the night.

Those keen to donate auction items can bring goods or vouchers to the bar or arrange for Trudy to collect them.

Stuart Jenkins will be the auctioneer and is sure to keep bidders entertained, with Eddy Hams assisting.

Action kicks off at 6.30pm in the Austral Hotel's main bar.

As well as the auction, an Uncle Bobs Club raffle will be drawn on the night.

Long-term volunteer for the South Gippsland Group of Uncle Bobs Club, Melissa Whelan, is helping by generating business support for the auction, and will be busy when the items go under the hammer.

"I'm usually running around



Austral Hotel publican Trudy Cairns displays an Uncle Bobs Club raffle prize to be drawn on the night of the goods and services auction to raise money for the Good Friday Appeal. A47_1223

finding auction items," she said of her role in keeping the event flowing.

A couple of other members of the local Uncle Bobs group will be on hand to record details of the winning bidders and collect money for the cause.

Melissa became involved in Uncle Bobs as a 21-year-old working for local identity Bill O'Neill and has continued her involvement ever since.

"Everyone who worked for Bill ended up involved," she said of the passionate Uncle Bobs Club

volunteer and president.

Uncle Bobs Club has been supporting children's health since the early 1940s and sprang from a 1941 raffle at the Riverside Hotel in Hawthorn benefiting the Royal Children's Hospital orthopaedic section in Mt Eliza.

Four men present decided to form a fundraising organisation, with its membership fee initially being a shilling (a Bob), hence the club's name.

Uncle Bobs Club began its association with the Good Friday Appeal in 1948.



The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien with Meeniyah Community Garden Inc members Lyn Berends, Sally Gorman and Tammy Ball.

Meeniyah Community Garden gets a JumpStart!

THE Meeniyah Community Garden will receive \$10,000 to deliver a community-led initiative to help promote healthy eating and build strong community connections.

The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien says the funding is being provided after Meeniyah Community Garden Inc made a successful application to VicHealth's recent JumpStart! funding round.

The Meeniyah Community Garden will use the grant to facilitate its Friends of the Garden program which offers skills-based workshops where participants will learn about using social media and other media to share garden updates and connect about growing strategies.

"The community garden in Meeniyah is a thriving community hub and I am excited to see how this funding will help

improve their already successful program offerings," Mr O'Brien said.

"I had the pleasure of visiting the garden recently and was impressed by all the obvious hard work that has been put in by the volunteers there and to hear about the programs already on offer.

"Local initiatives like these are a great way of building and improving social connections within our local communities."

Mr O'Brien said VicHealth's JumpStart! grants are currently closed to new applications, but new funding rounds and streams are expected to open later in the year.

For further information or to register for the VicHealth e-bulletin to hear about VicHealth grant rounds as soon as they are announced visit vichealth.vic.gov.au/funding.



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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

Native Vegetation Removal

Did you know that in most instances, you might need a planning permit when removing native trees and vegetation?

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of native vegetation. These resources include a fact sheet that answers commonly asked questions and a clear flow chart outlining bushfire protection regulations.

Please keep in mind that removing vegetation without a permit, when one is necessary is against the law and can result in penalties.

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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/356 – Venus Bay Tourism Precinct

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Split decision favours Korumburra development

WHILE mayor Nathan Hersey is concerned a proposed service station development in Korumburra may be “a trojan horse” to create a major development for eateries and a convenience store outside the township’s economic zone, South Gippsland Shire councillors voted narrowly in favour of the project.

The development is to include three food and drink premises with seating for up to 90 customers, one with a potential drive-through, a truck stop, carpark and a convenience store to be located on the western side of the South Gippsland Highway, Korumburra at number 8418, on currently vacant land.

The need for proper facilities in the area for passing truck drivers was an important consideration that won support from councillors in favour of the proposal.

For some, such as Korumburra local Cr Jenni Keerie, it was a difficult decision to endorse the development, while Cr Scott Rae expressed confidence it will be beneficial.

Councillors Mohya Davies and Mick Felton joined with Cr Hersey in voting against the project.

Cr Davies said she was somewhat swayed by conditions imposed on the proposed development but remained largely on the fence, while Cr Felton said the service station would be at the wrong end of town, preferring the old cattle yards site.

That location was previously approved for another service station development that has not occurred.

Councillors Adrian Darakai and Clare Williams both argued the proposed truck stop outlined in the new service station plan is needed and the conditions imposed on the overall project will address community objections.

The intended development came before councillors for resolution due to the receipt of 13 objections.

Those objections concerned matters including access, increased noise from sources such as patrons’ vehicles and waste collection services, the close proximity of the building to residential land, smells and light spill, potential for large crowds and traffic congestion, and concerns 24-hour trading will be permitted.

The look and character of the building and its suitability for an entrance to the township of Korumburra also created anxiety.

Cr Hersey addressed the requirement for a specialist truck facility in the region.

“Yes, there’s a need for a truck stop and it’s probably something that needs to happen in the near future, but I don’t believe this is an appropriate location,” he said at Wednesday’s council meeting.

Cr Hersey fears the acknowledged need for a truck stop is being used as the aforementioned trojan horse for other development.

He expressed concern that a long list of conditions attached to the



Cr Jenni Keerie gave extensive consideration to the Korumburra service station proposal before voting in favour of the project at Wednesday’s council meeting. A01_1223

development may not prevent issues such as excessive noise, potential crime, and the possibility of overly obtrusive future signage.

“There’s a significant lack of detail in the planning application around what type and extent of food options will be on offer to the community,” he said, noting food options and convenience form the vast majority of the planning application.

The mayor doesn’t consider the proposal entirely consistent with the land use in the mixed use zone on which it would be located, arguing that is largely industrial.

“The proposal is not appropriate, in my mind, for the urban design outcomes for the entrance to Korumburra and nor is it in keeping with the neighbourhood character, which is light industrial in that area,” Cr Hersey said.

By contrast, Cr Rae spoke out positively on the planned project.

“The transport industry has nowhere like this in the shire,” Cr Rae declared.

“Our employment is based on livestock and agriculture, and there are guys driving trucks in and out of this shire from eight to 12 hours away, with livestock.

“What’s the risk if they don’t have somewhere to park, have a shower and a feed?”

While acknowledging the objections received, Cr Rae stressed that 35 conditions have been imposed on the development to address community concerns.

“At the end of the day, it’s planning, and if it complies it flies,” he said.

Cr Keerie outlined the challenge she faced in deciding to support the service station project.

“It’s not been an easy decision to come to and it’s a serious thing for me, being in the Korumburra community; however, I’ve read through

the objections and I believe most of the concerns have been addressed in the conditions, and effort has also gone into providing a buffer between the facility and the residential properties,” she said.

Cr Keerie added that supporting such an initiative is important in positioning Korumburra to meet future demand and act as a regional centre.

She considers a mixed use zone is suitable for such a commercial enterprise and that, “This application meets the objectives of the council plan, through the provision of a new commercial facility within an appropriately zoned area.”

The locally-based councillor highlighted economic benefits and a boost in employment opportunities for Korumburra and surrounds as further reasons to support the development.

Cr Keerie also expressed apprehension that should councillors vote against the service station development it may prompt an appeal to VCAT, potentially resulting in the removal of some of the conditions imposed on the project to alleviate community concerns.

Explaining her decision to vote in favour of the development, Cr Sarah Gilligan also acknowledged having reservations.

“I do believe it affects neighbourhood character, but I consider as many of the objectors’ concerns as possible have been addressed in the conditions,” she said, adding she would expect the project would likely be approved by VCAT should council reject it.

Cr Gilligan stressed the need to ensure the planning conditions are adhered to.

Cr John Schelling did not vote on the service station development, declaring a conflict of interest because his employer is a competitor of the applicant.

RCH to benefit from Tommy’s generosity

TOMMY Brown’s fundraising efforts are legendary in Korumburra, with the passionate supporter of local causes and those further afield currently devoting his efforts to The Royal Children’s Hospital Appeal.

Tommy is famous for organising wheelbarrow raffles, whether for the local bowls or footy club or other social causes.

He summed up his motivation to support The Royal Children’s Hospital.

“If we didn’t have a children’s hospital, where would a lot of families be?”

Tommy estimated on Wednesday that his wheelbarrow and prizes are now nudging \$700 of value.

His renowned salesmanship will be on show at Korumburra IGA on Sunday March 19, Saturday the 25th, Saturday April 1 and Thursday the 6th.

After just three days of selling, he’d already raised more than \$2,000 for

the cause.

Raffle tickets are \$5 each or three for \$10.

The raffle will be drawn on Good Friday, April 7 at the Korumburra Middle Hotel.

It’s part of a fun family day, with ‘Bluey’ the dog on site to entertain the kids, while there’ll be an auction for the adults.

Festivities start about 2pm, with music from Brendan and Sabrina running from 8pm until 11pm.

Mayor’s Message



South Gippsland Shire Council



Cr Nathan Hersey

March Council Meeting

While much on the agenda was relatively procedural, some points of business generated some worthy discussion.

A revised **Asset Management Strategy** was unanimously adopted. This is a balanced Strategy that recognises the need for responsible management of Council and the community’s assets, while recognising our tightening financial environment under rate capping.

Council unanimously endorsed two **Motions** to go to the **Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) and the Australian Local Government Association National General Assembly.**

The first is in relation to road betterment and disaster funding, which calls for funding arrangements to be changed to allow for road improvements after natural disasters – not simply returning the road to what was there previously. The risk of only returning a road to what it once was, is that Council may have to return and do the same work over again due to another natural disaster. We should be using our scarce resources to improve our infrastructure over time.

The second is a call for minimum consultation requirements for projects that achieve Major Project Status. Council has been clear that our community has not been given the opportunity to have meaningful discussion on the offshore wind project, which falls into this category of ‘Major Project Status’. Council is proud of the high standard of community engagement we deliver, and we believe the Commonwealth and State Governments should commit to doing the same. We believe that a community engagement framework, which includes Local Government Authorities, should be developed and required for projects that receive this status.

Council responded to a **petition** that was received at the previous Council Meeting regarding **reusable nappies and other sanitary items.** While at this time we decided not to implement a rebate program to encourage our community to make this change, it has started an extremely important conversation about making conscious decisions to reduce our waste. Thank you to the

lead petitioner and those who signed the petition for bringing this important conversation to our table.

The final thing I would like to mention is a **planning application** for a **new service station, truck stop and convenience restaurants in Korumburra.** This came before Council due to the number of objections received to the proposal. There were different views in our chamber which prompted robust discussion on the potential benefits and risks of the application. The application was approved with 35 conditions.

If you would like to watch the meeting back, please visit: www.south-gippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Community Leadership Program Launch

The launch of the 2023 Community Leadership Program was held on Thursday 16 March. Council is encouraged to see people from all different backgrounds, communities and ages coming together to become better leaders through this program.

Thank you to Deputy Mayor Clare Williams, all other Councillors and our Chief Executive Officer who attended. I look forward to watching this year’s intake grow and develop into stronger leaders in South Gippsland throughout this process.

South Gippsland Jobs Expo

The South Gippsland Jobs Expo was a tremendous success with 26 local employers coming along to find their next employees. Over 250 jobs were available on the day and hundreds of people streamed through the doors of Memorial Hall to see what was on offer.

Thank you to everyone who came along and participated.

Planning Scheme Review

Thank you to those who provided feedback on the South Gippsland Planning Scheme Review. It is fantastic to see people taking opportunities to voice their thoughts on important matters. Please continue to look out for new engagement opportunities or sign up to Your Say South Gippsland to get them delivered to your inbox, simply visit <https://your-say.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/register>



Chatting at the education and careers breakfast in Leongatha last week, ahead of the Jobs Expo, were Angelo Sardis South Gippsland and Bass Coast LLEN Executive Officer, South Gippsland Mayor Cr Nathan Hersey and Leongatha Secondary College Assistant Principal Tanya Chalmers.

How COVID fallout is still hurting our kids

BY THE time Melbourne's COVID lockdowns ended in October 2021, the city had been under six total lockdowns, spanning 262 days from March 2020.

Although regional areas weren't as badly impacted, country schools followed their city counterparts for much of the time.

Teachers, parents and students moved quickly to get online learning in place, but it wasn't the same, nowhere near.

And as we heard at a careers' breakfast in Leongatha last Thursday, on the morning of the South Gippsland Jobs Expo, such fundamental opportunities as the annual work experience program for Year 10s simply didn't go ahead.

Our kids missed out on a lot and its ultimate impact is unknown.

Assistant Principal at Leongatha Secondary College, Tanya Chalmers, said schools are still dealing with the fallout, although it must be said, most agree, education has well-and-truly turned the corner after COVID.

"We've got a big cohort in our senior school with 300-plus students but we would be working with a local family everyday as a result of the impact of COVID," Ms Chalmers said in answer to a question from South Gippsland Councillor Mohya Davies.

"We would still have 15 students who haven't re-engaged with us after COVID," she said.

Ms Chalmers said some students had felt disconnected from school, from their peers and from their hobbies and social activities.

"Some will re-connect for a few days but will stop coming again.

"There are a lot of disconnected youth," she said, not due to either poor economic circumstances, family situations or drugs.

Ms Chalmers said a higher number of students were looking to take on apprenticeships or otherwise enter the workforce early, rather than go on to further education, but the school was encouraging them to take their schooling as far as possible.

"Research shows that the longer students stay in school, the more likely they are to achieve their career goals and ultimately be more financially secure."

Ms Chalmers also said the introduction of the new VCE Vocational Major, as a 2-year program within the VCE, had also been challenging but that the school's "great teachers" had been coping well with the changes, and with COVID.

She went on to praise other organisations such as TAFE and Head Start but also local business and employers for supporting the school's important career transition programs, something that had become more important not less.

Attendees at the breakfast, at Space 47 in Leongatha, spanned all colleges in the sub-region, business and many of the school-career interface groups all of whom agreed "the buzz" was back in education and transition to employment for students.



Staff from the Royal Flying Doctors Service, Margaret (Director of Community Care) and some of SGH's wonderful volunteers, alongside John who came down from Heathcote to outline his experience volunteering within the RFDS Community Transport program.

It's free and it's coming to Gippsland

IN AN exciting step forward the Royal Flying Doctor Service Community Transport service will be launching in the coming months in Gippsland with the all-important base, South Gippsland Hospital.

"In a really exciting development for our community, the South Gippsland Hospital are partnering with the Royal Flying Doctors," South Gippsland Hospital CEO Paul Greenhalgh smiled.

"The Royal Flying Doctors have an enormous reputation of delivering high quality transport in other jurisdictions around the state and to have them expanding their service into Gippsland is fantastic.

"We're the first site in Gippsland to formalise an arrangement and work to implement the free transport service for our community

and surrounding communities to access health care."

The service, whilst falling under a slightly different structure, will see the current voluntary transport taken to the next level.

"They are bringing a coordinator and vehicle and we're providing the space.

"Our current volunteers will transfer across, and we will work to recruit new volunteers to really strengthen the service.

"What it means for people in our area is that if they're unable to access health care we can provide that support – for someone to drive, pick them up and bring them to their appointment.

"It will also relieve the burden on the health care system in the acute response division by actively managing health."

The Royal Flying Doctor

Service Community Transport Team Leader, Erin Foster echoed Paul's comments and excitement at the announcement.

"We are absolutely delighted to be partnering with South Gippsland Hospital and we've been blown away by the enthusiasm and care that the team have taken in engaging with us and also the existing volunteers. We are really thrilled by the partnership," Erin said.

"We're really lucky to have a space within the hospital to run the service out of but the partnership also means more than that. The local connections and having the backing of the local health service is really important for trust from the community, especially as it is vulnerable people who we are transporting."

The Royal Flying Doctor

Service and South Gippsland Hospital will be hosting drop-in sessions for those who are interested in volunteering and those who may be in need of the service at the Banksia Centre – South Gippsland Hospital.

- Wednesday March 22 (2-4pm)
- Tuesday March 28 (9-11am)
- Monday April 3 (1-3pm)

And whilst the service will be based in Foster at South Gippsland Hospital, transport will operate throughout Gippsland, for example, enabling those in need to be collected from Venus Bay for appointments at Wonthaggi Hospital.

It's an exciting step forward for the community and greater region.

To register your interest to be a volunteer or client call 7046 4664.

Jobs, jobs and more jobs in South Gippsland

DOZENS of employers and job advertisements were showcased at the South Gippsland Jobs Expo last week.

Employers from across a range of industries such as farming, health, disability support and council crammed into Memorial Hall in search of jobseekers.

The Sentinel-Times spoke with Michelle Marriott, who was representing Capeview Building Products and Coldon Homes, about the challenges they're facing finding staff.

"At the moment, we're looking for building supervisors and maintenance positions, pretty much all qualified trades," she said.

"While we employ people directly, we also have a great local subcontractor base.

"For our factory we're looking for frame and truss fabricators and experienced cabinet makers."

Michelle highlighted that they were somewhat still feeling the effects of the pandemic to a degree.

She said they're trying to ramp up employment to clear a backlog of projects and prepare for a significant amount of new and upcoming works around the region, which is very exciting.

"We cover right across Bass Coast and South Gippsland to Port Albert," she said.

Fortunately, she noted work-



Disability Connect Victoria personnel coordinator Aaron Pendlington and recruitment/HR Brooke Spinks were hoping to attract jobseekers who may be interested in support work. Ns041223

ers were increasingly relocating to the region for job opportunities.

While for Disability Connect Victoria, they are urgently seeking support workers in Phillip Island and Warragul.

"Those areas are our two most urgent positions, but we also cover Leongatha and Wellington Shire," personnel coordinator Aaron Pendlington said.

"Last week we were fine and we didn't need any staff, but now we have almost 10 positions to fill... it's very volatile."

Aaron highlighted this was due to having a highly casual workforce with many workers

not wanting to switch to part-time.

"Support workers assist with clients everyday living needs and achieving goals," he said.

"The biggest thing for them is to achieve a goal, it might be very simple, a client has to learn how to make a cup of tea, all the way to clients with disabilities that need to be fed, bathed or showered."

He also noted that qualification requirements varied, depending on the clients need.

Expo success

The South Gippsland Jobs Expo attracted more than 200

job seekers, generating many connections with prospective employers.

South Gippsland Council hosted the event in conjunction with Workforce Australia, and the jobs expo was a chance for job seekers to meet with employers to speak about current job opportunities, apprenticeships and career options in South Gippsland and the surrounding region.

Thirty-six local employers attended the expo, each with multiple job vacancies. In addition, there were over 250 vacancies listed on a jobs board displayed on site.

The expo aligns to one of the key actions Council's Economic Development Strategy, to support industry to access a skilled and ready workforce.

"The South Gippsland Jobs Expo was a terrific event that brought job seekers and employees together. Already we have heard some positive outcomes from the event, including job interviews being scheduled and people considering relocating to our region, based on job availability. I would like to thank all of the employers who participated at the expo, and the job seekers who attended," said Cr Nathan Hersey, Mayor South Gippsland Shire Council.

Mayor Hersey calls for fair share for Gippsland

MAYOR Nathan Hersey believes his recent appointments as the Gippsland council representative at Municipal Association of Victoria Board meetings, and as the deputy chair of One Gippsland, is positive news for South Gippsland Shire.

“Both of these roles send a clear message that South Gippsland as a council is here to contribute and that we’re not considered to be a small and insignificant player,” Cr Hersey said.

He will represent the six Gippsland Shire Councils, having been elected by delegates from those councils.

Cr Hersey outlined how he will carry out his MAV responsibilities.

“I will work together with both the delegates from the councils, but also with the councils more broadly to make sure that we’re getting our united regional message through to the MAV, and that what’s important to us in our region is reflected at MAV meetings and Board meetings,” he said.

He stressed he is representing the whole of Gippsland, which is divided into South Gippsland, Bass Coast, Baw Baw, East Gippsland, Latrobe City, and Wellington Shire councils.

Cr Hersey attended his first MAV Board meeting on Thursday, followed by a meeting of its State Council the following day.

The latter provided an opportunity to put motions forward from the various Gippsland councils.

South Gippsland Shire councillors voted at Wednesday’s council meeting to submit two such motions, one calling for improvements to roads damaged by disasters, and the other asking for minimum consultation requirements to be established for projects that achieve Major Events status.

One Gippsland also



South Gippsland Shire Council mayor Nathan Hersey is pleased to have the chance to represent the interests of the shire, and Gippsland as a whole, through his roles with the Municipal Association of Victoria and One Gippsland. A06_1223

represents the six Gippsland councils, along with other members, including Food and Fibre Gippsland, Federation University and TAFE Gippsland.

As the organisation’s deputy chair, Cr Hersey will be called on to fill the role of chair when its occupant, East Gippsland mayor Cr Mark Reeves is unavailable.

“It’s about championing the overall cause for Gippsland as a region, making sure we can get good regional outcomes,” Cr Hersey said of being a part of the One Gippsland Board.

He gave wind energy projects as a current issue on which One Gippsland is advocating on behalf of its members, striving to ensure they get a fair deal.

Cr Hersey raised the topic of wind energy during Wednesday’s council meeting, saying he’d received recent feedback suggesting South Gippsland Shire Council’s position in relation to offshore wind energy

generation is unclear, a view he doesn’t share.

He stressed that council is advocating for its communities on the issue, with Gippsland having been chosen for the first offshore wind project in Australia.

“Along with other councillors in the room I will be fighting for Gippsland’s fair share in this project,” Cr Hersey said.

“We’re expecting to have meaningful engagement from the State and Federal Governments, and see economic input, value and long-term legacy investment in our region, and improved infrastructure and jobs.

“So far, the conversation seems to be quite one sided and the feeling that this is just happening to us is continuing.”

Cr Hersey stated he will use his MAV and One Gippsland positions to help ensure the region benefits, and it’s not just a case of jobs for Melbourne or in the wind energy project’s Hastings base.

Property Market Update

- Regional Australia

By David Caporale,
Investment Manager of Gippsreal Limited

The regional property market has experienced a surge in prices over the past few years. Notably this was due to the COVID-19 pandemic which resulted in a lifestyle change for many urbanites who wanted to escape the city grind and soak up the work from home leisures with a backdrop of seascape or treescape surroundings plus the added bonus that most regional areas didn’t go into lockdown.

Based on the most recent data provided by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS), during the March 2021 quarter 16,400 more people moved interstate than compared to the previous quarter of March 2020. The ABS also reported a net internal migration to regional Australia hit a record high of 44,674 people in the year to March 2021. These statistic illustrate the significant amount of internal migration in recent times which drove demand in the regional property market, and resulted in pushing the prices up.

However, while regional house prices remain below the median price of their city counterparts, the regional property price boom and rising cost of living are now weighing on affordability in the regions.

According to CoreLogic, of Australia’s 25 largest non-capital city regions just over half (13) of these areas recorded an increase in house values over the year to January 2023 as opposed to 21 over the year to October 2022 showing a sharp decline in the past 3 months.

The two best performing regional markets over 2022 were the South East region in South Australia which includes areas such as Kangaroo Island, the Fleurieu Peninsula and the Limestone Coast which posted growth of 15.7 per cent, and the New England region in NSW which experienced growth of 11.5 per cent.

On the other hand, the hardest hit region was the Richmond-Tweed region in NSW, which includes areas such as

Byron Bay and Ballina, which saw a drop of 18.6 per cent. They have also experienced the largest drop in sales volumes, the longest days on market and higher vendor discounts. Although this is substantial it is somewhat unsurprising given that this region increased by a whopping 50 per cent during the pandemic.

Across the country, Domain reported that regional Western Australia saw growth of 7.5 per cent with regional Queensland not far behind at 6.3 per cent. The lowest regional price growth was Victoria and New South Wales, with 1.7 per cent and 1.4 per cent, respectively. Despite this downward shift, houses in regional areas across Australia are still up 30.7 per cent compared to pre-COVID-19 levels, which is nearly triple in comparison to the capital cities with values sitting at 10.4 per cent higher.

Three years on from the pandemic it appears that the heat has gone out of the property market. CoreLogic’s data show national dwelling values rose 28.6 per cent from September 2020 to April 2022, however from May 2022 when interest rates started to rise through to February 2023, a 9.1 per cent fall in national dwelling prices has occurred.

Of course these are just median statistics across the board, with each state and regional markets performing differently, however it provides some broad insight into the market generally.

The ABS also publishes data on lending which found new loan commitments fell by 6.5 per cent from October to December 2022. This further illustrates the weakened demand in the property market with less active buyers. Tighter lending requirements, coupled with consecutive interest rate rises and inflation impacting affordability, it’s likely that demand will drop even further.

CoreLogic’s Tim Lawless commented that regional areas that are much more connected with their local economic factors, such as agricultural and resource sectors, tend to be less impacted by interest rate hikes and property price falls. If this statement is true then given the agricultural prominence of our own backyard here in South Gippsland, we might expect to see more resilience in prices within our local property market compared to others.

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HELP OUR NEW FAMILY

Korumburra will soon become HOME to a young Syrian family who came here via a Lebanese refugee camp, where they lived for 9 years.

A dedicated group of local women banded together to bring the family here under the Community Refugee Integration and Settlement Pilot (CRISP) program. This is a joint immigration initiative of partnership between CRISP and the Federal Government.

The local women have found a house and school together with all the necessities for a life in a new country, here in Korumburra.

An offshoot of the official Welcome Group has been formed to further assist the refugees. This group of people from Korumburra and Jumbunna are holding a

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New Gippsland volunteer award

NOMINATIONS are open through Gippsland's Rotary clubs for recognition as an outstanding community volunteer.

Titled "Exemplary Volunteer" the award, partnered by Rotary and Order of Australia, Gippsland committee, seeks to recognise volunteering citizens, aged 40 or under, in any field of community service or charitable organisation.

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

Nominations should be made through a local Rotary club, application forms available from Rotary's regional assistant district governors: East Gippsland, Peter Sindrey (pp.sindrey@bigpond.com), West Gippsland, Tim Wills (agwestgippsland@gmail.com), South Gippsland, Graeme Sprague (spraguegm@bigpond.com) and Central Gippsland, Helen Lanigan (helenlanigan@bigpond.com), or from a local Rotary club.

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

Gardening for good

THE Harvest Centre Community Garden are the very proud recipients of new gardening equipment from Cyclone as part of Plantfulness.

"In the 18 years The Harvest Centre has been in operation we have never had new tools," Jessica Harrison explained.

"We are very grateful."

A non-for-profit, Plantfulness' charitable purpose is 'to improve the mental and physical health of the members of our community by promoting mindfulness and health through participation in gardening and nature. We support charities and community programs by contributing equipment and human resources.'

And whilst Plantfulness may be supported by a number of sponsors and partnerships, The Harvest Centre could not be prouder of the local community connection to Cyclone with two members, Tony and Chris both having worked for Cyclone for over 40 years each, up until their retirement.

"These are products we use and are very happy to endorse," Caylie added.

"They will come in very handy – it's like Christmas!"

Greenhouses, kneelers, insect blankets, gloves, spray guns, pruning saws, pitch forks, shovels, pruners, hand trowels, kneeling pads, wheelbarrows and even a lighter weight mattock are all part of the tools received.

"We also had about a dozen volunteers from Cyclone volunteer on Sunday to help create new garden beds and undertake planting."

Council marks riders' passing

THE death of 20-year-old Queensland motocross rider, Brayden Erbacher, has not passed unnoticed with the Bass Coast Shire Council recording a message of condolence to family and friends at its meeting last week.

Erbacher lost his life in an accident at the Wonthaggi motocross track on Sunday, March 5.

Cr Rochelle Halstead, who as shire deputy mayor, attended the event on the day spoke passionately about the "unthinkable" incident and the loss of "a talented competitor with a bright future ahead of him".

"My heart goes out to Brayden's family and friends. Whilst I did not know Brayden personally, what I have come to learn about him is that he lived his all-too-short life to the fullest and was loved by everyone who knew him."



The Wonthaggi Men's Shed started as a program of Mitchell House in 2010 and incorporated as a separate entity in February 2016.

Reflecting on the vital contribution of Men's Sheds

FOR many Australian men the local Men's Shed offers somewhere to go, and that's especially true for Wonthaggi.

Since the first community shed for men opened its doors in 1993, the Men's Shed community has grown to encompass more than 2500 Sheds in 12 countries.

Today 1297 men's, women's and community sheds benefit from membership of the Australian Men's Shed Association.

The Wonthaggi Men's Shed started as a program of Mitchell House in 2010 and incorporated as a separate entity in February 2016.

President Robert said they currently have 35 members, and their membership has consistently grown each year from 12 keen men.

Known by many as a place where older blokes can go to tinker and have a cuppa, to the wider Australian public there is still some mystery around what goes on at the local shed. And truth be told, the detailed picture varies from shed to shed, depending on the members within its walls.

Despite any standing mystery, what is well known is the value Men's Sheds add to local communities: connecting men, improving health and wellbeing outcomes, and positively contributing to almost 1300 vibrant and thriving communities around Australia.

"We work with various community groups to do projects for them – including bird boxes, bollards for the Amazon Shipwreck and Fix it Café," said Robert.

To coincide with this 30-year milestone, the Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA) launched a year-long celebration of 30 Years of Sheds.

Recognised as one answer to national health issues emanating from social isolation, local Sheds have evolved into community hubs and contribute to fostering community spirit.

30 Years of Sheds highlights significant 'shedding' milestones whilst acknowledging that the true success and impact of the Men's Shed movement is owed to a community of people (mostly volunteers) that built and continue to drive the movement forward.

To mark the anniversary of the first shed, AMSA has released the first episode of season five of The Shed Wireless podcast featuring shed stories from the early days to today.

Launched to connect Shedders at the height of the covid pandemic, The Shed Wireless offers a dose of entertainment and education to anyone with an interest in 'shedding'.

Find your local shed at www.mensshed.org



The Lisa Pellin Dancers shrugged off the hot day to put on an energetic performance. A28_1223



Entertainment coordinator Mark Blackburn and Fete coordinator Mel Carlisle were thrilled to see a terrific turnout for the Great Fete. A29_1223

A great fete for Inverloch

THE Inverloch-Kongwak Primary School (IKPS) had one goal - to rebuild connections between the school and community through The Great Fete.

The event made its debut this past Saturday, March 18, 2023, at the Inverloch Primary School grounds.

The school's mission was certainly accomplished as thousands gathered for a day local entertainment, food trucks and a fun-filled array of games and stalls running in partnership with several local community groups, businesses and volunteers.

The new event was different and a bit smaller from the school's well-known Easter Fair of years past. The event was not focussed on fundraising and instead featured a myriad of free and low cost family friendly activities.

The IKPS Great Fete Committee received an overwhelming amount of positive feedback from parents, friends and kids that attended on the day.

Some of the highlights included the Great Dino Dig and Discover activity where they searched the school's sandpit to uncover and chisel to find their very own dino fossil keepsake, alongside local paleontologist Lesley Kool, Patricia Vickers-Rich and Tom Rich.

Another highlight of the day was the Flash Mob that interrupted the band on stage as a mob of IKPS school kids and parents flooded the stage in a Flash Mob to 'Saturday Night Fever'.

For event photos or information and updates on next year's event, go to Facebook @inverlochkpsfete.

Newest community awards for Bass Coast

BASS Coast Shire has announced the 2023 Bass Coast Community Awards, a brand-new program recognising incredible residents.

The Community Awards program is now open for nominations, closing on April 11.

Council's brilliant 2023 Bass Coast Community Awards winners will be celebrated on May 15.

New categories include:

- **Community Leader Award (all ages)**
For an individual who - in their profession or as a volunteer - leads by example, inspires others and demonstrates excellence and commitment in their field.
- **Next Generation Leader Award (aged 12 to 25)**
Celebrates an exceptional young person(s) who demonstrate leadership and courage, to make an outstanding contribution to the Bass Coast Community that inspires others.
- **Community Group Award**
Recognises a Bass Coast community group, sports club, or not-for-profit, which provides support, events, fundraising or services for the benefit of residents and visitors.

A rotating award will also be chosen each year, including one category from the following:

- **Environment and Sustainability Award (2023)**
Recognises outstanding contributions towards the protection or enhancement of Bass Coast's natural environment.
- **Contribution to Arts and Culture Award (2024)**
For those who have made an exceptional contribution to the arts and cultural life of the community.
- **Sports Leadership Award (2025)**
Recognises outstanding contribution in sport and recreation community (group or individual).

Learn more and apply at www.bass-coast.vic.gov.au/communityawards

Nominate at <https://bass-coast.smarty-grants.com.au/CommunityAwards2023>



Peter Reith with Principal Frank Moor and students Cameron Ashe and Sally Moore in 1985.

New Scholarship in Peter Reith's name

THE newly established Peter Reith Scholarship is open to all students entering Year 10 or 11 in 2024 at Newhaven College.

Peter Reith AM is best known for his career in politics where, amongst other roles, he was deputy leader of the Liberal party under Prime Minister John Howard. In the mid-1970s, before he entered politics, Peter was working as a solicitor on Phillip Island.

It was in the living room of Peter's home in Cowes in 1976 that interested parties gathered with the idea of establishing a Christian community

school on Phillip Island.

Peter's vision was for a school that co-operated between all Christian denominations, committed to academic excellence, a global view on education and a strong commitment to the community.

Due to Peter's determined efforts, along with a small number of committed volunteers, the school was opened in 1980. Peter is truly the founding father of Newhaven College.

This scholarship is in recognition of Peter's extraordinary contribution.

The Peter Reith scholarship will be awarded to a

student who, like Peter, strives to make a positive difference to the world through their actions.

Whilst exceptional academic performance is not necessarily required, an above-average academic performance is expected.

Applications are now open and close on Friday, April 28.

For information and to apply visit www.newhaven.vic.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships

All enquiries should be directed to our registrar Belinda Manning on 03 5956 7505 or email Belinda.manning@newhavencol.vic.edu.au

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Partnership policy shake up

BASS Coast Shire councillors have given in-principal support for a new Partnership Policy and Framework to guide existing and future community partnerships.

The draft policy extends to all partnerships, including grants and financial resources, sponsorship, in-kind support and the subsidised use of Council facilities and assets.

Each year, council allocates around \$2.6 million in cash and in-kind support through 174 partnerships with community groups, industry bodies and events.

Of this, \$1.2 million is distributed through financial partnerships and \$1.4 million via subsidised rental of Council-owned facilities.

Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, said the policy would help ensure the consistent management of partnerships between Council and the greater community, including best value outcomes and good governance.

A copy of the council report and proposed Partnerships Framework will be sent to all current partners, who will be invited to provide feedback before council considers the policy at its May meeting.

Council does not enter partnerships with external parties who might have a perceived or real conflict with council's responsibilities to the community.

This includes but is not limited to entities which:

- Operate in the tobacco, gambling, or sex industries
- Produce or sell alcohol as core business
- Produce or sell products that portray negative images or descriptions related to race, gender, sexual preference, religious belief, marital status, or disability
- Are publicly known to have significant past partnerships with the types or organisations and circumstances (listed above)

Here's a whiff of Wonthaggi films

IF YOU want to get a good whiff of the Wonthaggi International Film Festival (WIFF), from Friday, March 31 to Sunday, April 2, get online and book your tickets now.

Talks and workshops will be included with one of the features being a special presentation by Wattle Bank's Antarctic explorer Peter Bland prior to the film 'Shackleton: The Greatest Story of Survival'.

Other films include Tár (English) [M], Whina (English) [PG], Kompromat (French) [M], Triangle of Sadness (English) [M], We Are Still Here (English) [M], The Velvet Queen (French) [M] and Linoleum (English) [M].

Sponsor program at PICAL

PICAL is delighted to announce its 'Proud Supporters' program as their way of acknowledging the contribution of local businesses and organisations to their work in the community.

"If you can help by a donation, an in-kind gift of goods or services that we can raffle or provide to our clients, or in some other way please give us a call! And join our program," said Jeff Floyd PICAL president.

"Our volunteers do an outstanding job. We also rely heavily on local organisations and businesses for their support.

"I particularly want to thank and acknowledge the following 'Proud Supporters' for their past and present support for PICAL. Your contributions are much appreciated."



Chairman of the Show 'N Shine committee, Jim McNiven, with Steve McDonald of Colac whose 1931 Ford A Type coupe won 'Entry of the Show'.

Gleaming metallic glory in Leongatha



David Willis of Traralgon has long been a passionate collector, attending many swap meets, and brought along a few of his enamel signs to sell in Leongatha. A48_1223

CARS and motorbikes rumbled into the Leongatha Velodrome from 7.30am Sunday, with many enthusiasts refusing to let a bit of rain discourage them, while bric-a-brac stores began selling even earlier.

As for the automobiles, Steve McDonald of Colac claimed the biggest prize, with his 1931 Ford A Type coupe named 'Entry of the Show'.

Steve bought the vehicle, originally built for the Philadelphia Fire Department, as a shell, starting work on it in 2015, with the project taking about five years.

The restoration includes new headers built by Paul Henning in Wonthaggi.

Melburnian John Abbot's shiny red 1969 series 2 E Type Jaguar was declared the 'Best of British' winner.

Over 300 entrants displayed their vehicles on the velodrome oval, with the swap meet also well supported.

Traralgon's David Willis had an intriguing stall, selling a mixture

of items, the largest and most attention grabbing being enamel signs he described as "very collectable".

Collecting is something he's been passionate about for years, having visited many swap meets, particularly in Victoria and South Australia and getting to know many people in the process.

He expressed particular fondness for the Buick Sign he decided he was willing to part with, describing himself as "a big Buick man".

While David enjoys shows such as American Pickers, he said enamel signs generally fetch more in Australia than in the United States where many more such signs are available.

Those who attended the Show 'N Shine & Swap Meet were rewarded with the weather improving so they could enjoy all that was on offer.

The event is an important fundraiser for The Leongatha Lions Club contributing to the projects it supports.

South Gippsland calls for long-term road outlook

SOUTH Gippsland Shire councillors are adamant a better response is needed to road repairs following disasters, with a focus on improvements that reduce the risk of the situation being repeated in future storms.

Council argues that the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFA) program should allow for roads and related infrastructure damaged in disasters to be improved to a more resilient standard, rather than just returned to their previous state.

Councillors voted to advocate to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) at its State Council meeting on May 19, and to the National General Assembly of the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) in June for that to occur.

Considerable damage to roads and related infrastructure across South Gippsland due to natural disasters and severe weather prompted the call to build future infrastructure resilience.

Current DRFA funding arrangements only allow for repairs to bring a road back to its state prior to being impacted by a weather event.

Council argues investment in increased road resilience



Cr Sarah Gilligan believes a proactive approach to roads management is all the more important due to climate change. A15_1223

would ultimately save money for the Victorian and Federal Governments, resulting in a reduced impact for taxpayers.

South Gippsland Shire is currently having to actively manage eight road slips.

Cr Mick Felton spoke in favour of a more proactive approach to disaster-prompted road repairs.

"By being able to change the roads to better deal with flooding means there's less chance of them being

damaged second time round," he said.

Cr Adrian Darakai is equally supportive of that approach.

"It's a preventative proposal that has the long term in mind," he declared, adding a lack of improvement will result in a return to square one when another disaster hits.

Cr Jenni Keerie said advocating to the MAV and the ALGA presents the opportunity to "put our voice out

there about what would make a significant difference to our shire, especially if funding was provided to improve what we put in place".

She added that there are likely similar views held by councils in Northern Victoria on the need for increased road resilience, given last year's severe flooding in that part of the State.

Cr Sarah Gilligan highlighted the risks posed by climate change and the need for a new approach to minimise its impacts.

"I think we're going to have to start looking at what adaptations need to be made to our infrastructure to allow for more storms and floods," she said.

Further support was expressed by Cr Mohya Davies.

"It might cost you \$1 million, or \$1.5 million to fix a land slip to the standard that it was previously but if you don't improve the standard then you're going to be back doing that again, which is an absolute waste of government funds," she said.

Cr Davies believes there will be support at both State and Federal level for increased funding given the fact many councils are experiencing the same concerns in relation to road management.

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Sentinel-Times COMMENT

Hard to hear COVID cost on kids

THERE is little doubt that the impact of the hotel quarantine debacle in Victoria, involving unqualified private security firms, and the disaster in the state's aged care facilities, for whatever reason, scared the hell out of the Premier Daniel Andrews and state authorities in the early days of the pandemic.

They dialled up the 'abundance of caution' meter to '10' as a result and Melbourne, plus the rest of Victoria to a slightly lesser extent, had one of the most draconian responses to COVID anywhere in the world.

As we look back now, it was crazy stuff.

The discovery of four new cases on August 5, 2021, for example, produced the sixth state-wide shutdown with only five reasons why Victorians could leave their homes – shopping for essential goods and services, work or study if it can't be done at home, caregiving, exercise for up to two hours-a-day and to get vaccinated.

The 5km travel limit was back in force and face masks continued to be mandatory. You know the drill.

Most of us have put it behind us now but the reality is the Victorian Government's sledgehammer approach, way in excess of what was happening in other jurisdictions, has cost us big time.

And it was hard to hear last week, at a careers' breakfast in Leongatha, that students in their senior years of school have been among those to miss out most; on work experience; on training, further education and careers events, on celebration occasions, and other formative and rite-of-passage school and social interaction.

Young kids may also have missed out on some of the important building blocks of education, when, as it turns out, they needn't have.

The fallout, especially where something might still be done to improve outcomes for our kids, has to be properly researched, acknowledged and funded as a matter of urgency.

The way forward for our cemeteries

So BCSC wants 'out' with the two cemeteries presently under its control! Well that has been so obvious over many years.

Throughout his terms in office, Cr Les Larke has done his best to emphasise Council's failure to seriously address cemetery neglect.

Things seemed promising when Friends Groups were created and with Department of Health and Human Services funding for a Master Plan Wonthaggi, and then later San Remo.

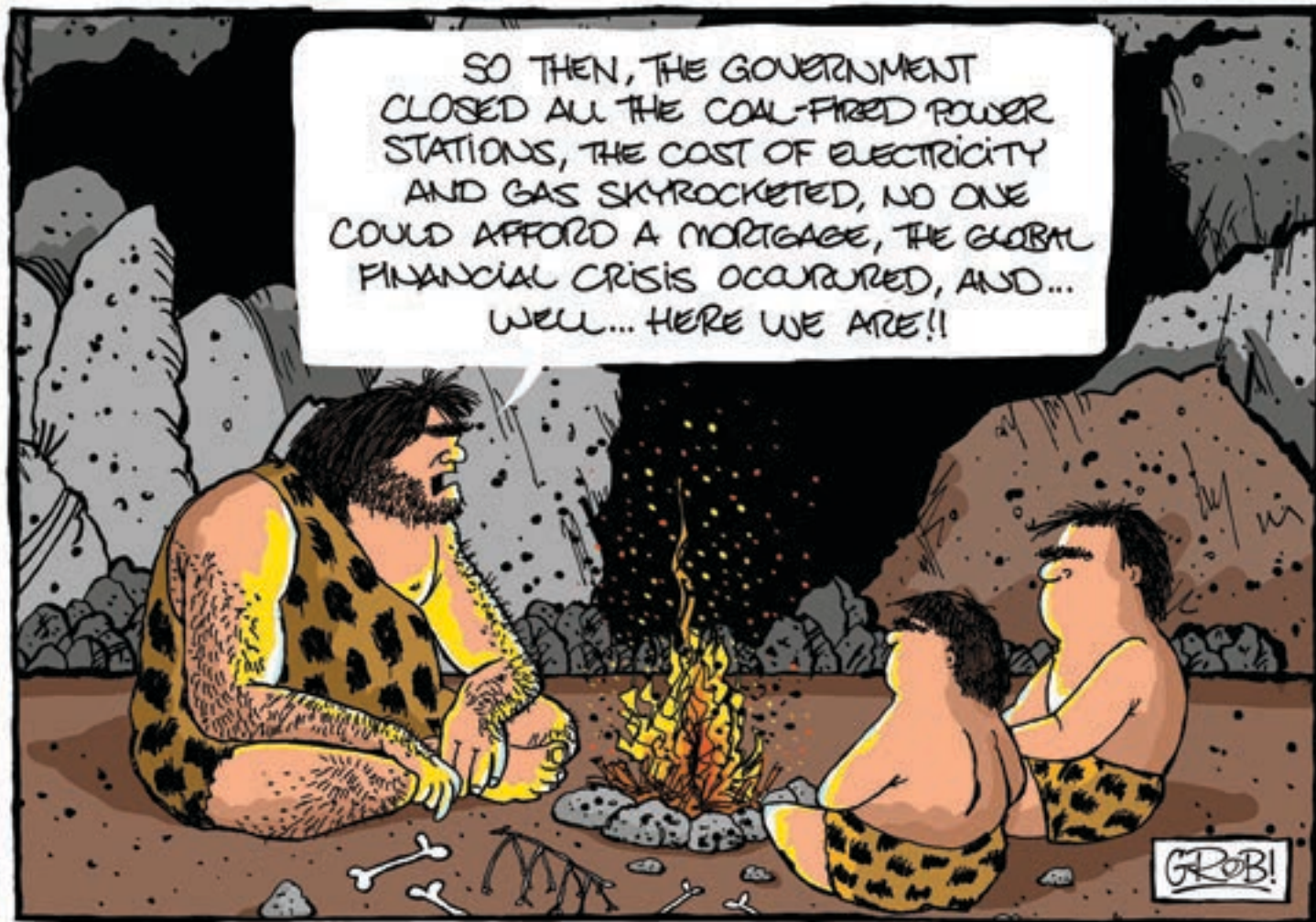
It is the \$18,000 San Remo document that I am more familiar with and Council accepted this in December 2019.

The consultants made 34 recommendations - some of which to me made sense but the recommendation to combine the two trusts yet still controlled by BCSC did not.

End of story, as nothing seems to have been actioned! What a waste of funds!

A recommendation I could readily agree with involved the further development of the Friends Group. The researchers could see some of the achievements of volunteers.

In 15 or so years a few committed locals had really improved the San Remo cemetery.



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

People could see that the Anderson Street boundary was now vegetated, that there was now attractive signage, that there was a memorial garden which was being well maintained, that tree litter and rubbish across the whole site were regularly cleared and ultimately that the long-time huge pile of soil and rubble had 'disappeared' (incidentally at no cost to Council).

The BCSC website still espouses the value of cemetery volunteers, but to be this is a far cry from reality.

No attempt was made to satisfy or recruit helpers. So many volunteers have now quit, prompted by feelings there were intolerable barriers created by bureaucracy and that the administration per se seem to show condescension towards them (doubting their levels of expertise and thwarting their initiatives – even when they were saving the trust much money).

With this indifference of BCSC, it comes as no surprise they want to off-load the two cemeteries – possibly to a large metropolitan Class A entity.

One can hope that a new controlling body for both cemeteries will solve the many problems – financial, maintenance, continued improvement, public relations etc.

Presumably, such a body will recognise the contributions volunteers can make.

Maybe they could even welcome back those disenchanted former 'Friends.'

The sequel to the Sentinel Times heading "Council to drop Wonthaggi dead" (p16, 15 March) may well be "Cemeteries to come to life." We certainly live in hope.

Russell Riseley, Newhaven

How effective is the process

We have seen recently that the Council is spruiking its substantial investment in time for Councillors to meet with residents.

The real question is how effective is that work and does it produce measurable and accountable outcomes?

How satisfied are you with the excessive rates impost?

The Council seem to think that if they talk aimlessly with residents about no specified agenda, we are being well served.

The problem is no one knows what they really do as the decisions are supposedly made behind closed doors – and that is a

practice that is not recommended by our senior watchdogs.

They refer to Councils that do that as 'rubber stamps'.

If you are one of many who have asked Council a question, you are most likely disappointed with the response – mostly the question does not get answered and the response usually does not have much to do with the issue.

This is especially true if it is a financial question or on a topic that is not being well managed.

The Council have a plan which says they will be transparent in their dealings with us residents.

With the Budget due out shortly, with a promise of a 3.5% rate increase, see how you go getting answers.

The Council financial reports are supposed to be in a form that all residents can read and understand.

Good luck with trying to make sense from the Council efforts – they have made it an art form to not tell us the real facts.

Like the fact they have \$45 million in cash and financial instruments hidden away.

Which has accumulated over the past 10 years because they cannot do the capital works they put into the Budget.

That is a slush fund they can use to hide poor management.

Lindsay Love, Secretary, South Gippsland Action Group ('SGAG')

Parking ticket pain

Could not believe my eyes on Saturday 18th, when I saw a person dressed in a hi vis vest with the Bass Coast council name and logo on the front.

And then the oxymoron title of "Community Safety" on the back wandering the main streets of Inverloch booking people's vehicles for over staying parking times etc.

Does council not appreciate that businesses in Inverloch suffered considerably during lockdowns and COVID.

And now that people are out enjoying the market having lunch at the pubs and restaurants and shopping for fashions or specialty lollies, council decides to have an officious representation in town to book people for irrelevant minor misdemeanours.

Is Bass Coast Council intentionally trying to drive businesses, residents and visitors in Inverloch into further pain.

Dale Wise, Inverloch

Vox Pop

What is the main challenge in finding staff?



Veronica McLeod

Dairy Australia

There's a lot of misconceptions about the industry, it's not just milking cows. There's a huge career choice.



Jess Patman

Wildlife Coast Cruises

It's a niche industry, and it's hard to find suitable applicants such as tour operators and guides.



Rachel Perham

Carinya Aged Care

It's a combination of factors, we have flexible hours but it's hard to retain staff.



Shianne Murray

South Gippsland Hospital

We need qualified staff such as allied health practitioners, they're hard to find.

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.



Brian and Gary Aitken and Rachael Lawry of Neerim South travelled in style on Gary's 1907 Foden traction engine. A40_1223

Great weekend at Korumburra Working Horse and Tractor Rally

IT was mixed weather for the Korumburra Working Horse and Tractor Rally, with Saturday's hot blustery conditions giving way to Sunday's mild and overcast climate, but those who came appeared too involved in the mechanical and equine splendour to mind.

Brian and Gary Aitken and Rachael Lawry stood out, travelling around the rally grounds in style aboard Gary's 1907 Foden traction engine, manufactured in the English town Sandbach.

Its main task during its working life was pumping water out of the Murray River, being stationed downstream from Swan Hill.

"I bought it as a lump of rust, restoring it in the mid 1990s," Gary said.

Tractors were tested, battling a stubborn sled in the tractor-pull display.

Eddie Hicks' 1969 Australian

made Howard tractor once served on his father's 10-acre farm but looked right at home in the tractor pull, albeit with an array of modifications.

"They were actually a vineyard tractor but so far I'm up to 43 different implements made for it," Eddie said, describing it as a proper mini tractor.

He admitted some of the modifications the tractor has undergone wouldn't strictly meet tractor pulling rules, but doesn't mind.

"If I don't take a trophy home, I don't care and it's just for the fun of it," Eddie said.

While the traditional rural pastime of woodchopping is under threat through a shortage of suitable logs, the sport was on show at the vintage rally, with Cobram lad William Hoyle one of those in action.

He took up the sport as a small

child and looks a picture of fitness, something that doesn't necessarily always apply to woodchopping competitors.

Historic Caterpillar machinery was doing just as it should, getting dirty, with members of the Antique Caterpillar Machinery Owners Club (ACMOC) showing what their yellow workhorses can do.

Lance Creek's Daryl Robins brought along his 1956 machine, with Steve Jackel of Yellingbo showing off a sprightly looking 1952 Steelweld splendour made in Australia under licence from Caterpillar.

Horse and carriage rides were an unsurprisingly popular attraction.

There could be little complaint about the Korumburra Working Horse and Tractor Rally, other than it only happens once a year.



William Hoyle from Cobram displayed his woodchopping technique. A42_1223



Warwick Bryce displayed his WWII torpedo engine which was powered by kerosene and used compressed air to enable it to run under water. A41_1223



Bev and Don Ferguson of Nyora with their 1949 International Harvester KB-6 truck. A39_1223

Trucking splendour

A GLORIOUS International Harvester KB-6 truck dating from 1949 was on show at the Korumburra Working Horse and Tractor Rally, with Nyora owners Don and Bev Ferguson delighted to chat about its history.

Don explained it has a Dodge cabin, with International Harvester and Dodge having long shared componentry.

It was assembled in Australia, so has always been right-hand drive.

Don bought it at a 1991 Quandialla clearing sale.

During its working life, the 1949 truck had a semi-trailer and originally served Tooth's

Brewery in Sydney.

The eye-catching green machine was lovingly restored after a strenuous working life that left it knocked about.

Restoration included work on its grille and bumper, with the latter needing straightening.

New engine rings were fitted, along with a replacement clutch and brake linings.

Its hub caps were repaired and chromed and its battered looking exterior revitalised with a much-needed paint job.

The truck is still powered by its original 'super blue diamond' engine.



Andrew Holman feeds hay into his 1909 two-horse hay press, with sons Sterling and Cooper close by the machine. A37_1223

Horse powered press impresses

IT was an entertaining and informative journey back in time at the weekend's Korumburra Vintage Horse and Tractor Rally, with Andrew Holman's 1909 two-horse hay press one of the highlights.

Majestic six-year-old Clydesdales Baby Rayen and Nick provided the literal horsepower, under the guidance of Ash Swan.

Bena's Andrew fed hay into the magnificent machine he discovered in Cooma, New South Wales.

He extensively restored the machine, using cypress logs from his farm.

"Every time the horses go around it creates two

strokes of the baler," Andrew said.

While hay pressing occurred at a leisurely pace during the rally, the machine is capable of handling 14 tonnes of hay per day.

Andrew explained that such machines would once have been used in country Victoria to bale hay needed to feed working horses in Melbourne.

Sons Sterling and Cooper Holman were also on hand, with Sterling demonstrating the use of baling wire.

The horses continued their leisurely but productive endeavours, proving it is possible to accomplish plenty by going around in circles.

LIFE Moments



Leia Raynes was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on February 12, 2023, weighing 3.54kg. Leia is the first child for Savannah Marmion and Liam Raynes of Corinella.

Send your birthday, anniversary or baby photos to news@sgst.com.au



Fish Florentine

By Meg Viney

A GOOD recipe for cooler weather - Fish Florentine. Florentine means cooked with spinach.

This can be done with salmon - simply delicious, but any fish is good.

I suppose even prawns and scallops or a marinara mix would also work.

A note on 'liquid' in the recipe. I like to mix some milk, some white wine, some yoghurt and some cream.

Play with it, but even ¼ of each is good, because you get a real piquancy in the flavour.

Salmon Florentine (serves four)

- 1 quantity of white sauce
- 4 portions of salmon (1 per person)
- 250 gm frozen spinach thawed (if you do your own fresh spinach, you will know what to do).

White Sauce

- 2 tablespoon butter
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 ½ cups liquid (see note above)
- A pinch of salt
- A pinch of white pepper (black pepper greys the sauce)
- A few twists of fresh nutmeg

Method:

Melt the butter, stir in the flour off the heat and add ¼ of the liquid stirring to mix well.

Place back on a low heat and gradually add the liquids and the seasonings. Cook well on a low heat until the sauce is fairly thick. Add a few twists of fresh nutmeg for added flavour.

Add the well drained spinach and blend well.

In a gratin dish place 1/3 of the spinach mixture, then top with the salmon (or whatever you are using) and top with the remaining sauce.

Cook on 180 until heated and bubbling.

Some steamed green beans and a salad to accompany.

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE

LEONGATHA Community house is hosting the Voices of Victoria Listening Tour that has been conducted by The Victorian Council of Social Services (VCSS)

The Listening Tour aims to understand how Victorians are recovering from the pandemic, and what they need to live happy, healthy lives.

We invite you to participate in a face to face, two hour group consultation. The consultation will be run by an experienced facilitator, and will ask questions like:

- What challenges are you facing?
- What supports do you need to live a good life?
- What are your hopes for the future?
- What does wellbeing mean to you, your family, your community?

Lunch will be provided, and participants will receive a voucher to thank them for their time.

Event will be held April 11, at 11am.

Address is 16 Bruce Street, Leongatha, Leongatha Community House. Booking is essential. In order to book the place, please call to our office or send an e-mail.

Our contact details are:

Phone 5662-3962

Email is: office@leongathacommunityhouse.org.au

Committee position

Leongatha Community House (LCH) is seeking new people to join our Committee of Management.

We are looking for fresh approaches, new ideas, and support from community members of Leongatha.

Do you have a passion for community? Have you ever wanted to give back to your community but unsure how? Joining a Committee of Management is a great way to do this and help your fellow residents of Leongatha and surrounds! LCH Committee of Management is made up of individuals with diverse skills, knowledge, and a passion to help their community. It is a flexible way to give back to your community at a time that is convenient to you.

We are currently looking for:

- The Committee Secretary
 - Ordinary members of the Committee of Management
- The requirement of Committee Members includes but not limited to:
- Attend monthly meetings that go for 2 hours and can be attended in person or via Zoom. The time of these meetings will be discussed with the Committee and held at an agreed upon time that suits all members.
 - Fill in the roles and responsibilities outlined in the position descriptions.

However, we are looking for somebody who wishes to be more involved and volunteer more time for the benefit of Leongatha Community.

For further information about joining our committee and organisation and receiving Position descriptions of the roles available within the Committee of Management and Organisation Constitution (Rules of Incorporation), please call us or send an email.

We would love to have you join us in supporting the community of Leongatha. Please let me know if this is something that is of interest to you or if you have any further questions.



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WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

RECENTLY our Free Community Lunches have gone from fortnightly to weekly. Our next one is this Wednesday, March 22, (tomorrow) and is particularly special because it falls during Harmony Week.

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone - from the Traditional Owners of this beautiful land to our most recent arrivals. Book in today, Tuesday, to get a place on our list by ringing us or popping into Mitchell House. We'd love you to be part of our Harmony celebration. Hope to see you there.

Looking for a body and mind meld in the form of a holistic yoga experience on Tuesday mornings from 10.30 - 11.45am? Well we have Linda, a yoga teacher who has extensive training in yoga, meditation, philosophy and yoga therapy. Call us to obtain forms and enrol and bring a yoga mat and light blanket/ shawl.

For those of you who may have difficulty in accessing yoga in all its ups and downs on the mats, seated yoga may be the way for you. It can be done seated or standing using the chair for support. Improve your flexibility, movement, concentration and strength. It's a good work out and is on Thursdays 2 - 3.15pm. Call us to enrol and obtain forms. Maree will be looking forward to working with you.

With all the stresses and strains that seem to keep piling on us, our resilience has been tested. Help maintain serenity and good mental health by attending our Meditation group with Marion on Tuesdays 2 to 3.30pm. This lovely weekly practice incorporates guided meditation and visualisation to relax and quieten the mind.

We also have our Weight Management Group. They hold a friendly informal weekly meeting and discuss how their week has been and provide support to one another. Accountability is probably the best tool on this quest and doing it with a friendly group of people is a good way to start. They meet Thursday evenings from 7 to 8pm.

Become a member of the WNC and get discounts to many of our activities and receive a monthly newsletter plus The Grapevine program which lists groups, their dates, days and times for the term. It can be delivered online or by post, your choice. Call Mitchell House or visit us on Facebook Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House.



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MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

COMING up this week in the House... Join us for the last session of Sewing for Charity for this term - 1.00-2.30pm on Monday March 27.

Lorraine is happy to share her sewing skills with you, and everyone is welcome. Milpara Singers continue to sing, learn and create joy together.

Join them on Wednesdays from 1.30-3.30pm.

If you prefer quiet but active, Jess's yoga class is on Mondays 10.00-11.15am in the Korumburra Meeting Rooms. Call 5655 2524 to register. All levels welcome.

Or perhaps you have a project or idea you're working on and would like some company? Sunshine Spreaders also meet on Mondays at 10.00am to enjoy a cuppa and work together or individually on small projects that offer a 'ray of sunshine'.

We are down to the last few days of the current round of the Power Saver Bonus \$250 (from July 1 2022 until March 23, 2023).

A new round starts on March 24. If you pay a Victorian electricity bill, you can claim \$250 even if you have claimed previous rounds. Bring in your full power bill and bank details and we'll assist you.



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The Chrysler Restorers Club visited South Gippsland over the Labour Day weekend. Photo: Gerard Bruning

Chryslers roar into South Gippsland

OVER the Labour Day weekend, approximately 100 members of the Chrysler Restorers Club, which is based in Melbourne, visited South Gippsland on their annual tour.

This was their 43rd such tour to a Victorian destination.

Although Melbourne based, the club has members state wide with some entrants on this tour coming from

Maryborough, Stawell, Wodonga and Bairnsdale.

The cars, of which there were 50, ranged from 1928 to modern and included Chrysler, Dodge, Plymouth, DeSoto and Valiant.

This year's tour included a visit to the clubrooms of the Gippsland Historic Automobile Club, South Gippsland Branch in Leongatha, for morning tea on the Sunday morning.

Coordinated by Mari Slee and supported by the local club committee and members, they put on a magnificent morning tea for the Chrysler members inside the clubrooms, whilst outside, an impressive display of cars from both clubs were parked on the lawn.

Members from both clubs had the opportunity to mingle and chat about their common interest.

This visit was one of four daytime activities the Chrysler members participated in, with all of them appreciating the efforts of the local club.

The only disappointing aspect of the visit, as noted by tour organiser Kevin Cook, was that the visit was not long enough as the tour itinerary scheduled them to be in Korumburra by midday to visit Coal Creek.

Lights on for a safer drive

RESEARCH published by the Monash University Accident Research Centre (MUARC) found Daytime Running Lights (DRLs) reduce the likelihood of being involved in a non-night-time multi-vehicle crash.

DRLs are fitted on the front of a motor vehicle and are designed to automatically switch on when a vehicle is driven to increase the visibility of a vehicle to other road users during the day.

The study found that Daytime Running Lights can reduce non-night-time multi-vehicle crash involvement by 8.8 per cent.

The study assessed the relationship between crash risk and the fitment of DRLs using data on crashes that were reported to police in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, and Western Australia between 2010 and 2017. There were 119,606 casualty crashes in the database, of which 11,013 crashes were found to involve at least one vehicle fitted with DRLs.

There have been few studies examining the real-world crash-based effectiveness of DRLs in recent years.

"This is the first study to broadly capture the newer type of LED DRLs now commonly fitted on new vehicles by various vehicle manufacturers," lead author Dr Angelo D'Elia said.

"Given that only around 62 per cent of new vehicles entering the fleet have DRLs fitted as standard across all of their model variants, mandating DRLs is still relevant and would accelerate the process of fitment through the fleet," Dr D'Elia continued.

DRLs have been mandatory in Europe for all new cars and small delivery vans since 2011 and for trucks and buses since 2012. Dr D'Elia said that an examination of NSW data indicated that, as at, 2020, at least half of the existing vehicle fleet does not have DRLs fitted.

Staying safe when the road is a workplace

WORKSAFE is pleading with Victorian employers, workers and the self-employed not to ignore the health and safety risks involved in work-related driving.

Road incidents tragically claimed the lives of 17 workers in Victoria last year, more than a quarter of the state's total workplace fatality toll for 2022.

Most of those killed were workers who spent a majority of their time on the road, such as truck and delivery drivers, but several workers also died in incidents while driving between workplaces or appointments.

WorkSafe is taking a targeted, prevention-led approach that focuses on the highest risk sectors and hazards that are causing road transport fatalities and serious injuries.

Activities include strategic workplace visits and joint enforcement activity with WorkSafe's regulatory partners, and working closely with other road safety stakeholders to enable and motivate employers across all industries to improve safety outcomes.

Duty holders who fail to meet their obligations under the Occupational Health and Safety Act face potential prosecution and significant penalties, including fines and possible jail terms.

To manage work-related vehicle risks employers should:

- Ensure regular vehicle inspections, servicing and maintenance are undertaken by suitably competent persons in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

For further information visit work-safe.vic.gov.au/work-related-driving

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National Eucalypt Day coming up

THIS is when our great gum trees are celebrated annually on (or near) March 23.

Here in South Gippsland, the day was initiated by KHS and local gum guru, Richard Lester, five years ago.

It has since grown substantially and is now auspiced by the very active Friends of Korumburra Botanic Park (FOKBP).

One of FOKBP's members recently gave the Park a young Strzelecki gum, a local type that needs re-propagating to save it from possible extinction.

We decided to make it our first 'Feature Gum' to try to encourage people with farms and big gardens to preserve what they may have, and plant new ones.

We'll have more on this local tree (and hopefully some sources of tube stock) at two National Eucalypt Day events on the weekend of March 25 and 26:

- Open days at Dick Lester's Mardan garden, both days
- Guided tour of Korumburra Botanic Park, Saturday afternoon.

Korumburra Horticultural Society

Although we are not holding regular meetings at present, our remaining members still individually and actively support neighbouring clubs, and events.

Phillip Island Nature Parks Community Open Day

PHILLIP Island Nature Parks are pleased to confirm the Community Open Day will be held on Sunday, September 10, 2023 - an annual special day to say thank you to all local supporters.

Bass Coast residents will be able to apply for complimentary tickets to the Penguin Parade on Sunday and Monday, and the Koala Conservation Reserve, Churchill Island and Antarctic Journey at the Nobbies Centre will open to all residents on Sunday.

More details will be shared closer to the event date.

Hive of activity at Coal Creek



Elizabeth Alger and John Grenville are keen to share their knowledge of Coal Creek with visitors, again running informative and fun tours.

THINGS are busy at Coal Creek Community Park and Museum, with free tours resuming, the 'Threads' exhibition continuing, and improvement works taking place in the grounds.

Tours run on Saturdays and Sundays, hosted by one of Coal Creek's expert guides, John Grenville or Elizabeth Alger, who will share the rich history and stories of the park, entertaining you as you stroll through it.

Each tour goes for an hour, with start times of 11am, 12.30pm and 2pm.

Coal Creek's lake and lower watercourse were recently drained, with excavators then used to remove invasive species of vegetation.

It is part of a project to regenerate native vegetation of the lake and lower watercourse and surrounds.

The works included water channel remediation, and the creation of a silt pond, followed by the planting of aquatic native plants in the lake and up the watercourse.

As previously reported, improvements to Coal Creek's waterways are part of an overall revamp of the park, highlighted by plans to get trains rolling again at Coal Creek, with structural assessment of buildings and planning for their future another important focus.

The current 'Threads' exhibition, which concludes on May 1, drew a large turnout to its recent opening, with the suitability of Coal Creek's improved auditorium and foyer as exhibition spaces successfully demonstrated.

Workshop to give confidence to women with cancer

A WORKSHOP in Leongatha on March 24 will help women undergoing cancer treatment to feel better about themselves.

The Look Good, Feel Better team of volunteers will lead the workshop which is designed to give women skin and hair care options as they battle their condition.

The workshop will be on Friday, March 24 from 10am until noon at the Gippsland Southern Health Services (GSHS) Leongatha Hospital.

GSHS chemotherapy admin

support person Suzanne Tucker described the workshop as a wonderful opportunity for women.

"It's amazing to see the differences in the women from before to after the workshop," she said.

"It's wonderful because they learn so much and they benefit from being with women going through a similar journey and being able to discuss their symptoms and their treatment."

The workshop is run by volunteers from the Look Good,

Feel Better team and has been run annually at Leongatha for more than a decade.

The group workshop is for women undergoing any type of cancer treatment.

The Look Good, Feel Better volunteers discuss make-up options with the women who receive a confidence kit full of skincare and make-up products donated by the cosmetic industry to use as tools for application throughout the workshop, and for continued use at home.

The workshop covers skincare

techniques to address common side-effects like dryness and sun sensitivity; makeup tips to help correct and conceal redness, sallowness, pigmentation, and dark circles as well as techniques for drawing on eyebrows.

A specialist from Wigsisters will provide advice on headwear including scarf styling, hats, and wig selection.

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Newhaven College student exhibitors

IN response to research that highlights children start shaping their career aspirations from a young age, and in support of good practice in career education, Independent Schools Victoria (ISV) invited primary schools to participate in its inaugural Career Allsorts program.

Career Allsorts is designed to help students to think more broadly about careers, introduce them to a range of career models and challenge any stereotypes they may have. Importantly, it aims to spark their curiosity and inspire career aspirations.

Through the use of art, Career Allsorts has provided students with an opportunity to think about and express how they perceive their future of work.

Newhaven College offers a comprehensive visual arts program, where students are encouraged to discover and develop their curiosity, creativity, and imagination through a variety of mediums and techniques.

Ten students from Newhaven College were selected to have their artwork exhibited at The District Docklands exhibition that opened on March 8, and

will be available to the public until April 29.

Grade five students McKenzie Cleland and Chantai May attended the opening night of the exhibition to see their artwork on display.

"I felt happy seeing my artwork on display for everyone to see. I felt really proud of myself, and I loved seeing everyone's ideas on display," said McKenzie.

"It was cool travelling to the city to see our artwork at an exhibition. I loved seeing everyone's designs, especially all my friend's art on display," Chantai said.

Congratulations to Newhaven College student exhibitors:

- Jordy Medlar – Tennis Player
- Archie Smyth – Photographer and Olympic Swimmer
- Tijian Coldora – AFL Football Player
- Maggie Mackenzie – Artist
- Ella Sibson – Hairdresser
- Abigail Greenhalgh – Dancer, singer, gymnast, actor, interior designer, or baker.
- Mardi Strachan – Vet
- Ella Herbert – Designer
- Chantai May – Art Teacher
- McKenzie Cleland – Town Planner



Student Exhibitors McKenzie Cleland and Chantai May of Newhaven College attended the Career Allsorts Exhibition hosted by Independent Schools Victoria at The District Docklands. Z02_1223

Wonthaggi sculpture celebrates coal mining history

A NEW public art installation, that honours Wonthaggi's coal mining heritage while embracing climate action and renewable energy sources, will be erected in the town as part of Bass Coast Shire Council's Public Art Program.

Australian artist Joel Adler, who specialises in environmentally inspired artworks, has created a 4-metre sculpture from a range of materials, including Corten steel, stainless steel, concrete and

toughened glass mirror. The sculpture pays tribute to Wonthaggi's past to capture the town's character and transition over the years.

The \$40,000 artwork, Emergence, features a dramatic steel structure emerging through a mirror surface on a Corten steel plinth.

Coal tunnels ascend from the work and converge at two points, transformed through the mirror with a loop of endless energy.

The artwork installation

began on Monday, March 20, at the corner of Heron Drive and Graham Street.

The site holds relevance as a meeting point for walkers, runners and cyclists using the Nyora Wonthaggi Rail Trail. But it was once a freight link used to transport coal from the Wonthaggi mines to Melbourne and beyond, as well as the site of the original Wonthaggi 'tent town'.

Adler, an award-winning artist, and industrial designer plans to sprinkle coal

from the Wonthaggi mine in the plinth of the sculpture as a symbolic gesture.

"I care a lot about sustainability and the environment, so it's important for me to make the work site-specific as well as community-specific to start conversations," he said.

"For me, I was focused on the transition from coal power to renewable energy, particularly in Wonthaggi and in those windy southern areas of Victoria."

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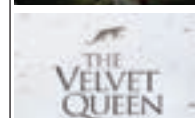
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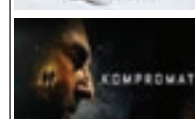
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Girl Guides clean up!

LEONGATHA Girl Guides got into the spirit of 'Clean Up Australia' this week when they cleaned up some of the parks around the Guide hall area.

Before we started, our Guide leader talked to the girls about how to avoid creating rubbish in the first place.

The lesson of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle was taken on board by the girls and it was then off to do some clean up.

It was pleasing to find that there was not a lot of rubbish in McIndoe Park, nor around the Guide hall.

Service, respect for the environment and being part of the community are all parts of the Guiding program and the girls learn lots of useful lessons while having lots of fun.

We are looking for volunteers to join our team, if interested contact Chris Oliver on chris.oliver@guidesvic.org.au





Attending the SGBCLLEN Jobs Breakfast last Thursday were Cr Mohya Davies, Christian Stefani Manager Economy Community and Investment and Coordinator Economic Development Ken Fraser.



Chatting at the SGBCLLEN Jobs Breakfast last Thursday were Ray Boulter Korumburra SC VET Coordinator, Tan-ya Nelson Head Start, Karen Sorrell Korumburra SC Careers and Nicole Hobson Mirboo North SC Careers.



Sharing career ideas at the SGBCLLEN business breakfast were Elise Watson (Skills & Jobs Centre), Amanda McMahon Head Start District Director, An-drea McNamara (Skills & Jobs Centre) and Cr Adrian Darakai.



At the SGBCLLEN Jobs Breakfast were careers support officer Mary Mackillop College Casandra Raschle, Foster SC careers officer Lousia Vale, Melina Bath MLC and workforce officer for GippsDairy Veronica McLeod.



Among those who attended the SGBCLLEN Jobs Breakfast in Leongatha last week were project officers at the SGBCLLEN Nicole Milner and Leah Underwood chatting with small business operator at Loch Craig Fathers.



Leanne and Craig Oldis of Gorman-dale enjoy the Korumburra Working Horse and Tractor Rally, with Leanne saying she likes looking at both vintage machinery and the horses. A45_1223



Locals Harry and Charlee Crew and Harvey Hance boost their energy levels so they can take in all the action of the Korumburra Working Horse and Tractor Rally. A46_1223



Lily, Jason and Issy Kelly are ready to enjoy the Great Fete at Inverloch Primary School. A18_1223



Rowan, Juliet and Jo Justin having fun at the Great Fete, with Juliet fond of her teachers at Inverloch Primary School, but still keen to dunk them. A20_1223

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the South Gippsland Bass Coast Local Learning and Employment Network (SGBCLLEN) Jobs Breakfast, Korumburra Working Horse and Tractor Rally, Leongatha Show 'N Shine and Great Fete, Inverloch Primary School.



Rob Treen of Meeniyana with his 1955 FJ Holden that he bought as a shell from a Korumburra swap meet in 1997 and restored. A50_1223



David Brook of Foster displays his 1964 EH Holden which is identical to the first car he owned as an 18-year-old other than the addition of disc brakes. A51_1223



Paul Mogensen of Warragul with his 1950s Milano featuring MG running gear and made in Sydney, styled on a 750 Monza Ferrari with a fibre glass body. A52_1223



Inverloch RSL media officer Kellie and president Ross Gabb prepare people for Anzac Day, selling badges and traditionally made Anzac biscuits at the Great Fete. A23_1223

Zoe, Stella, Georgia and Finn are delighted to attend the Great Fete, with the three girls still students at Inverloch Primary School and Finn having recently started high school. A19_1223

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Cassius and Anamaya Ballard hold rods that helped hold the Amazon ship together, learning about the wreck from Karyn Bugeja. A21_1223



Pippa and Hollie Shill get into the spirit of the Great Fete at the school their mum attended. A22_1223



Phoebe and Brad Lester display Phoebe's craft items for sale at the Great Fete. A24_1223



Residential forecasts predict a bumpy road ahead with a record number of homes under construction but new home starts dropping. Photo by Tierra Mallorca | Unsplash

Building activity shows bumpy road ahead

NEW building activity data released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics confirms a bumpy road ahead in meeting housing targets without government focus says Master Builders Australia CEO Denita Wawn.

According to the ABS, new housing starts fell 5.2 per cent over the September quarter; a fall of 21.2 per cent compared to September 2021. This included a 5.2 per cent reduction in the number of new medium/high-density home commencements, a fall of 25 per cent from September 2021, and detached house starts fell by 4.9 per cent over the quarter.

While the volume of new home starts is dropping, the total number of dwellings under construction are at record highs with over 244,000 home (0.6 per cent increase) in September.

"We are starting to see an easing in demand for new homes as cost of living and interest rates increase. However, the industry is facing immense

pressure to deliver projects currently in the pipeline.

"There is still a record number of homes under construction, but due to supply bottlenecks such as labour and material shortages, the pace at which new homes can be built has slowed down," Ms Wawn said.

"Despite strong intention from governments and industry to reach a target of one million homes under the Housing Accord, the data highlights that more needs to be done to tackle labour shortages and other supply constraints to speed up the delivery of new homes.

"Labour shortages can best be addressed over the short and medium term by making it easier for migrants to work in Australia. The bottlenecks in our migration system need to be addressed as a matter of priority," said Ms Wawn.

Master Builders forecasts that new home building starts will fall significantly short of

200,000 per year, the volume of output that will be needed to meet demand. Forecasts indicate this threshold will not be exceeded until 2026.

"Our 2022-26 residential forecasts predict a bumpy road with a downturn over the next few years. Forecasts will trend upwards as inward migration and interest rates stabilise, and pent-up demand shifts the dial.

"Builders continue to face regulatory burdens and prolonged delays in approvals for building applications, occupation certificates and land titles. Additionally, land shortages in the right places, high developer charges and inflexible planning laws are restricting opportunities to meet demand, speed up project timelines, and minimise costs to both builders and their clients.

"The industry remains committed to delivering the housing needs for today and the future and urges local, state, territory and federal governments to tackle these challenges head on," said Ms Wawn.

Regional demand holds the reins

ALONGSIDE the usual peaks and troughs, in 2022 the Victorian property market experienced eight interest rate rises and a confluence of pressures from the rental market. Despite this, property in regional Victoria continues its strong performance.

The REIV's December Quarterly Median Report revealed that regional Victorian house prices grew eight per cent over the year to \$610,000 while the annual median for Units and Apartments rose 6.5 per cent to \$425,000.

Although the house prices in Metropolitan Melbourne saw a 3.3 per cent drop in the annual median (to \$1,040,000), there are plenty of areas that continue to show value, with

pockets of growth across the outer ring of the city.

Metropolitan Melbourne's annual house price still sits above the million-dollar mark, but the quarterly price data shows opportunity for buyers as the median dipped to \$974,500 (down 1.6 per cent) alongside Units and Apartments which saw a 2.6 per cent drop (\$627,500).

The standout regional suburbs for quarterly growth were Kyneton – which added an impressive \$100,000 to its median house price (topping out at \$1,040,000) and the historic town of Stawell, growing 8.7 per cent this quarter and 21 per cent annually (to \$375,000).

The most affordable

areas for hopeful house-hunters looking to lock down a Unit this quarter, resided in areas such as Carlton, down 30.7 per cent to \$297,250, Dandenong (17.0 per cent drop to \$357,000) and St Kilda East which saw a 12.2 per cent decrease, yet remained above the half a million mark (\$511,600).

REIV President Andrew Meehan said the December data demonstrates good buying opportunities for Victorians and a resilient real estate market across the state.

"The drop we've seen in the median prices in Metro Melbourne must be seen in the context of the rapid price growth Victoria has recorded over the past two years", said Mr Meehan.

Dire waitlists for social housing

THE Productivity Commission's Report on Government Services 2022 report released recently shows an average wait time of 17 months for 50 per cent of the greatest need households in Victoria.

The national average is six months.

The report also shows an increasing proportion of people accessing homelessness services are employed. This coincides with inflation rapidly outpacing wage growth and housing becoming increasingly unaffordable, even for people with jobs.

In 2021/22, there was an almost four percentage-point increase in people aged 15 and above who have a job accessing specialist homelessness services compared to 2017/18 (18.3% in 2021/22 compared to 14.5% in 2017/18).

There was a 5.5 percentage point increase for Indigenous people who had a job accessing specialist homelessness services in 2021/22 (14.6% had a job when accessing homeless services in 2021/22 up from 9.1% in 2017/18).

Victorian homelessness services delivered 1.2 million more support days in 2021/22 than in 2017/18.

One in three (30.1 per cent) specialist

homelessness services clients in Victoria experience persistent homelessness (homeless for 7 months or more in a 24 month period), higher than the national average of 26.6 per cent.

The figure rises to 36.9 per cent for Aboriginal people.

More than a third (37 per cent) of all specialist homelessness services clients who needed mental health services were not provided with or referred to support. The figure was 45 per cent for Indigenous clients.

"Victoria's housing crisis is completely out of control with the people in greatest need of social dwellings waiting almost three times longer than the national average in some cases," Council to Homeless Persons chief executive officer Jenny Smith said.

"The massive blowout in wait times shows the incredible human cost of the state's massive social housing shortfall.

"It's absolutely critical the government continues its social housing investment past next year, to guarantee 6000 new homes are built each year for at least the next decade."

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“Wirrega” - rustic coastal ambience

LOCATED in the popular Walkerville, South Gippsland region, ‘Wirrega’ is a wonderfully crafted coastal retreat overlooking Bass Strait southeast to Wilson’s Promontory.

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The ‘Barn Style’ home

In keeping with the coastal surrounds, the spacious barn-style ‘Wirrega’ lodge was fashioned from recycled materials constructed using hand-adzed timber beams and weathered poles that date back a century or more. Walls are constructed of mud brick using a slurry of ochre and applied using a variation of the wattle-and-daub technique used in pioneering times that, as a result, has imparted a wonderful rustic warm finish.

The floor is a joy to walk on, it looks like dressed and polished stone but is an amalgam of rammed earth, clay and sand stabilised with bitumen.

Orientated to the southeast, extensive use of floor to ceiling glass across the front of ‘Wirrega’ creates a beautiful dining room, kitchen and living room vista across the front of the property to Bass Coast and Wilson’s Promontory beyond.

Rustic charm with a touch of luxury

‘Wirrega’s’ interior fixtures and fittings combine rustic charm with luxury appeal, the central statement piece being the wrought iron spiral staircase that winds its way to the loft and 2 double bedrooms on the first floor.

With 7 bedrooms in total, accommodation consists of a further 5 bedrooms on the ground level, each with a double bed, plus a single bed on an upper level and each with their own private doorway access to grounds. All bedrooms lead to the substantial living area, dining room and chef style kitchen, all heated by way

of a French imported wrought iron fire-place.

Two bathrooms, a separate toilet and mudroom / beach changeroom, completes the main accommodation.

Make money, move in or both

Currently marketed as a short stay retreat, ‘Wirrega’ is a popular destination for families, couples, social groups and tourists seeking comfortable accommodation along South Gippsland’s coastline.

Easy to book and pay via the ‘Wirrega’ website, the property generates consistent income from short and medium term stays. Booked most weekends and extremely popular across school holiday periods, weekend tariffs start from \$2650, full week bookings from \$3600.

‘Wirrega’s’ booking system provides the current owners with the ability to block out periods for personal use.

To view the ‘Wirrega’ booking portal please visit www.wirrega.com.au

The grounds

Surrounded by natural coastal flora and fauna, there’s plenty to explore across the property and beyond into Cape Liptrap Coastal Park and Maitland Beach (Waratah Bay).

The property features several secluded short-stay sites suitable for camping or caravan sites.

A semi-completed beach bungalow at the front of the property has potential for secondary accommodation (STCA) and is currently utilised as a convenient beach shack for storage. The southeasterly view from the beach bungalows newly restored observation deck, across Waratah Bay to Wilson’s Promontory is something special to behold.

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Leongatha Newsagency freehold for auction

OFFERED for the first time in 50 years, the Leongatha Newsagency freehold will be auctioned at Crown Casino, Melbourne on Wednesday, March 29 at 10.30am.

The sale of the property at 30 Bair Street will end a long association the Watchorn family has had in both the building and formerly the newsagency business.

One of the building's owners, Terry Watchorn, remembers the building was constructed by Stan Stubbs in the early 1960s for W Burrows and Son.

"We bought the building in 1973 and I remember back then it had ducted heating throughout which was a bit of a new thing," Terry says.

"My late wife Gwenda and the three boys moved to Leongatha and I would say this was the happiest time of our lives."

"We made lifelong friends with so many people. It was the fulfilment of our business lives".

"We employed a lot of paperboys back then giving them their first job. I would say to them if you had 45 deliveries you have 45 customers to look after."

The busy business is home to the Nexta Leongatha Newsagency which also incorporates other national chains Officechoice and Tattsлото.

The business owners renewed a five-year lease to October 2027 plus there's an option through to October 2030.

The current newsagency owners struck it lucky for one of their customers when on March 6 they sold the winning \$1,000,000 Tatts ticket.

The building of approximately 325

square metres enjoys one of the most prime positions in Leongatha being next to the ANZ arcade and has front access to Bair Street and rear access to the large council carpark near the IGA supermarket.

The owners of the business have an extensive range of office furniture and supplies, books, papers, magazines, gift lines and the busy Tattsлото to agency.

Bair Street has in recent years undergone a total reconstruction following the diversion of the highway away from this street including a new road surface, street furniture, wider pedestrian footpaths and more pedestrian crossings.

Shop owners have in turn refurbished their own buildings and have since attracted a range of new tenants.

Vacancies in the street have reduced substantially since the South Gippsland Shire undertook the reconstruction works.

Current rent for 30 Bair Street, Leongatha is \$55,712 plus GST.

Enquiries can be directed to either Andrew Newton at Alex Scott and Staff 0402 940 320 or Raoul Holderhead at Burgess Rawson on 0413 860 304.

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QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

AFL FOOTY QUIZ

- [\$100]** How many of the 2021 finals matches were played in Melbourne?
A. 1. B. 2. C. 3. D. None.
- [\$200]** How many premierships have the West Coast Eagles won?
A. 2. B. 3. C. 4. D. 5.
- [\$300]** Who won the 1999 AFL Grand Final? A. North Melbourne. B. Carlton. C. Hawthorn. D. Sydney Swans.
- [\$500]** Which team was runners-up for the 2023 AFLW premiership? A. Geelong Cats. B. Brisbane Lions. C. Adelaide Crows. D. Melbourne Demons.
- [\$1000]** Who won the most recent AFLW Best and Fairest award in November 2022?
A. Monique Conti (Richmond). B. Ebony Marinoff (Adelaide). C. Ally Anderson (Brisbane). D. Madison Prespakis (Essendon).
- [\$2000]** In what round of the 2022 season did Lance Franklin kick his 1000th goal? A. Round 2. B. Round 1. C. Round 4. D. Round 3.
- [\$4000]** Who finished second in the 2022 Brownlow Medal count behind Patrick Cripps. A. Touk Miller. B. Clayton Oliver. C. Lachie Neale. D. Tom Mitchell.
- [\$8000]** Who was the official sponsor of the AFL from 1995-2001?
A. Elders IXL. B. Coca-Cola. C. Toyota. D. Holden.
- [\$16,000]** Reduced to just 17 rounds by COVID, only one match was cancelled in the 2020 season, between which teams?
A. Richmond v Geelong. B. Brisbane v West Coast. C. Essendon v Melbourne. D. Geelong v Carlton.
- [\$32,000]** In what year did North Melbourne and Western Bulldogs play the first-ever Good Friday match?
A. 2013. B. 2015. C. 2017. D. 2019.
- [\$64,000]** Which of these players has not won the 'Ron Evans Medal'?
A. Dyson Heppell. B. Chris Judd. C. Joel Selwood. D. Jaeger O'Meara.
- [\$125,000]** What was the Western Bulldogs' winning margin over Sydney in the 2016 Grand Final?
A. 14 points. B. 18 points. C. 22 points. D. 26 points.
- [\$250,000]** In which year did the Friday before the AFL Grand Final become a public holiday in Victoria?
A. 2014. B. 2015. C. 2016. D. 2017.
- [\$500,000]** Which team won the pre-season AFLX modified competition played at Marvel Stadium in February 2019? A. The Bolts. B. The Deadlys. C. The Flyers. D. The Rampage.
- [\$1,000,000]** In which year was the 'third man up' option banned by a new nominated ruckman rule?
A. 2015. B. 2016. C. 2017. D. 2018.

Quiz answers: 1. D. None. 2. C. 4. 3. A. North Melbourne. 4. B. Brisbane Lions. 5. C. Ally Anderson (Brisbane). 6. A. 4. B. Brisbane Lions. 7. C. Essendon v Melbourne. 8. B. Coca-Cola. 9. C. Essendon v Melbourne. 10. C. 2017. 11. B. Chris Judd. 12. C. 22 points. 13. B. 2015. 14. D. The Rampage. 15. C. 2017.

SUDOKU

Level: DIFFICULT

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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

CALCUDOKU

Level: EASY

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

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

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WORD LADDER

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Instructions:
You have to transform the word on the top of the ladder into the word at the bottom of the ladder.

On each step of the ladder you must replace 1 letter of the word and you can change to order of the letters.

CROSSWORD

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12
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ACROSS
1 Not many (2 wds.)
5 Giant
9 Garden tools
13 Mere
14 Around
15 European monetary unit
16 Cheese
17 Small Mediterranean boat
18 Land mass
19 Lichen (2 wds.)
21 Horse's head piece
23 Challenge
24 Fuzz
25 Revolve
28 Beanie (2 wds.)
31 Out
32 Catapult
34 365 days
36 Pinch
37 Drag
38 South by east
39 Had known
41 Moses' brother
43 Hour
44 Granny
46 Crustacean
48 Prima donna

DOWN
49 Dirty area
50 Interfere
53 Peptide like
57 Opaque gem
58 Put a rope through a hole
60 Musical repeat
61 Ecological communities
62 Uncovered
63 Always
64 Incline
65 Take by surprise
66 Deceased

20 Entrance rug
22 Whichever
24 Jargon
25 Stink
26 Due
27 Point
28 Jeweled headdress
29 Fable writer
30 No-no
33 South American animal
35 Rive
40 Walked like a duck
41 Modifiers
42 Took a small bite
43 Discovered
45 Nada
47 Drunk
49 A small number
50 Greatest amount
51 Fencing sword
52 Exclamation
53 South American country
54 Noah's bird
55 Belief
56 Roster
59 Feed

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MAGIC SQUARES

Instructions:
1. You have to fill in the numbers 1 ~ 16 in the puzzle.
2. You can only use the numbers once.
3. The sum of the numbers in the rows, columns and the diagonal must be the same as the numbers that are printed around the puzzle

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Quick Crossword:

Sudoku:

Code Cracker:

Word wheel:
4 letter words: EONS, KENO, LONE, LOOK, LOON, LOOS, LORE, LOSE, NOOK, NOSE, ONES, ORES, ROKE, ROLE, ROOK, ROSE, SLOE, SOLE, SOLO, SOON, SORE
5 letter words: ENROL, KRONE, LONER, LOOKS, LOOSE, LOSER, NOOKS, NOOSE, ROLES, ROOKS, SENOR, SNORE
6 letter words: ENROLS, LONERS, LOOKER, LOOSEN, LOOSER, SOONER
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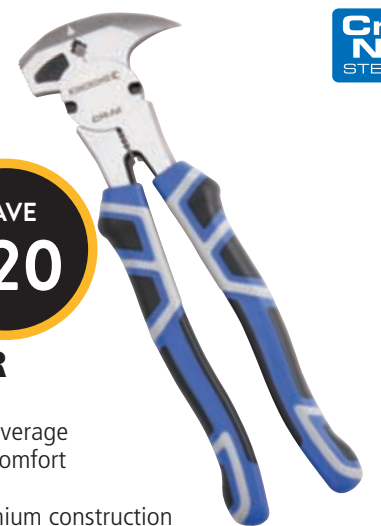
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Field days CEO welcomes ‘full house’ of exhibitors

THE biggest in a decade – that’s the proud boast of Farm World organisers as they put the finishing touches to their 59th annual event at Lardner Park, near Warragul.

The largest field days event in Victoria, Farm World focuses on innovations and products in farming and farm machinery, agro-forestry, technology, aquaculture, livestock and lifestyle.

CEO Craig Debnam said the event had missed just one year over its 60-year history.

“That was 2020, when the Prime Minister shut the country down just 10 days before we were due to open,” Mr Debnam said.

“However, we did return in 2021 with approved safety restrictions, and ran a full event last year.

“This year is bigger and better again, up 30 per cent on 2022 with a full house of more than 700 exhibitors and brands and easily our biggest showing in a decade.

“There’s not a single external site available across the whole 100 acres of the property, with displays organised into zones to make it easier for visitors to see

everything in that category.

“I believe the event could well be a stimulus for \$50-60 million worth of sales and sales lead generation, but well north of that in terms of its benefit to the local business community.

“New this year is a kids’ fishing competition, now that we’ve stocked the lake with 2500 rainbow trout, run in conjunction with the Noojee Alpine Trout Farm and Fisheries Victoria.

“Our rodeo was new last year, selling out 3000 tickets, but we’re back this time with capacity for 5000 patrons.

“Also launched last year was a tractor driving competition across three different categories, where dealers nominate their most skilled operators to represent them.”

Farm World runs from Friday, March 24 to Sunday, March 26, three days instead of four in response to a survey of exhibitors, with gates opening at 9am daily and entry free for under 16s.

For more information, phone (03) 5626 1373 or head to their website lardnerpark.com.au for online tickets. Tickets also available at the gate.





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Chapman Machinery is ready

CHAPMAN Machinery Service will be heading for Farm World this week displaying all their top machinery while looking forward to meeting new customers.

As the autumn months settle in, now is the time to start thinking about what machinery you will need for the cooler seasons, and Farm World presents the best opportunity for that.

Chapman Machinery will be promoting their brands which include Fendt, Valtra, Iseki, Massey Ferguson, Krone and Kubota among others.

“Last year was a great event, we had a huge turnout and it was good to have our own site,” manager Elyse Chapman highlighted.

“We are next door to Kubota as well, so our staff work between Kubota and our own site which will feature Massey Ferguson, Fendt and Valtra.

“And there will be various representatives on site from Kubota and AGCO.”

Staff will also be able to assist with any specific equipment inquiries that customers may have.

“There’s always a couple of new products to show off with the latest generation Fendt,



Rod Gundrill couldn't be more excited to be working at Chapman Machinery as their latest sales rep. Ns061223

Valtra and Massey Ferguson tractors,” Cameron Chapman added.

“We also had a successful Krone evening recently, which had all the Krone experts down and it was a great night to show off some of the equipment which we’re taking over to Farm World, including the Krone Vari-Pack baler.”

In more exciting news, the team will be travelling to the Fendt factory in Germany later this year as the company’s unique transmission system continues to see huge demand and expansion into the new Valtra

Q model.

The team is also proud to welcome onboard their new sales rep, Rod Gundrill, who has a background in farming. A great addition to the sales team.

“I’ve been here for about three weeks and I can assist with new and used equipment whether its tractors or any other machinery,” he said.

So be sure to keep an eye out for the team at Farm World which runs from March 24-26.

For more information on Chapmans, visit www.chapmanmachinery.com.au/



Raising awareness of Farmers for Climate Action

IN A world where carbon capture, methane emissions and fossil fuels have become everyday words, the reality of mitigating greenhouse gas emissions and helping transition your farm into a sustainable destination can be overwhelming.

Last Wednesday, Agriculture Minister Murray Watt helped launch Farmers for Climate Action's latest report – Farming Forever. It was a hugely recognisable step forwards that couldn't have come at a better time.

But what does this mean for farmers?

"Farmers want to do the right thing, but a lot don't know how to," Berrys Creek farmer, Fergus O'Connor stated.

"Hopefully with a bit of help from both state and federal governments we're going to get more help in the future to reduce emissions and boost production."

In the meantime, farmers have the opportunity to chat one-on-one with peers who are already taking those steps forwards.

"Our membership has increased to 7700 people; we've become stronger and far more important to be able to implement and demand change; having a severe influence on policy-making. For example, the beef industry is on track to becoming carbon neutral by 2030 and



Don't miss the Farmers for Climate Action stall in the Baw Baw Pavilion for the latest information and guidance on how you can make your farm sustainable for the future. Photo: AAP Jeremy Bannister.

the pork industry by 2025.

"Farmers are doing great things as demonstrated in the methane pledge pre-Christmas; that in itself is fantastic."

Farmers Fergus, Deb, Emma and Jill are all looking forwards to helping other agricultural farmers to understand how they can help shape their own future – decreasing emissions, sequestering carbon – in sustainable and realistic ways because they have done it.

"In the very recent past, Australian canola crops have been knocked back (overseas) because of glyphosate, they could easily do the same with other agricultural products.

"It's a very important time

in agriculture to reassess ourselves on a world scene and meet these targets.

"It's crazy to think that the biggest single contributor to greenhouse gases in Australian farming is synthetic fertiliser. If you switch to a local based compost, you get a carbon credit and you're doing a good thing for the environment."

As the Sentinel Times recently covered, the cost between local compost and synthetic fertiliser was negligible, making it a viable option in today's climate.

"We are all working for the same outcome, particularly in the cattle and sheep industries.

"Not only will we be at Farm World raising awareness of

Farmers for Climate Action, but we will be able to put farmers in touch with resources and share our own experiences.

"Have a chat with us, grab some information or giveaways, and share in the enormous strides forwards that we are making to secure the future of the industry."

And whether it is guidance or information you need, or you'd like to sign up alongside the other 7700 farmers, Farmers for Climate Action will be in the Baw Baw Pavilion from Friday.

"Don't be the farmer who doesn't want to change until it's too late. There are better (potentially cheaper) options available now. Be brave."

It's all happening at Farm World

WHILE dealers are offering the chance to demo the latest tractor releases and farm equipment across the Farm World paddocks, there will also be a presentation of how a farm dam can generate solar power and eliminate evaporation in the process.

And while the family can get up close and pat alpacas and learn how to cut their toenails, there will be latest release drones buzzing the sky above showing how they are placed to spray herbicides and fertilisers into locations inaccessible to ground vehicles.

It will be all happening at Farm World 2023 from this Friday, March 24 at 9am.

Why not take a break from the kids by entering them into the rainbow trout kid's fishing competition hosted by the team from Noojee Trout Farm and get over and see the tractor and trailer driving competition where there was just a four second split to decide the winner in the 2022 competition.

When the kids have finished fishing, get them along to the Moto-X spectacular where the Freestyle Kings show what professional riders can do with a Moto-X, including death defying leaps into thin air.

And be sure to get down to the main event centre as it comes alive with multiple cooking demos from a selection of local chefs and home-style cooking experts – with the chance to sample some of their wares for everybody in the family to enjoy.

But whatever you do at Farm World 2023, keep some energy up for the highly anticipated rodeo with the gates open at 5.30pm on Saturday, March 25 to see bucking bronx and bulls for an action-filled three hours-plus event for the whole family to enjoy.

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1 Harrison MG Dumbalk	375.0	455.2	1,707
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1 Monk RJ Poowong East	375.0	441.6	1,656

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1 Parry MJ Welshpool	705.0	303.6	2,140
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1 Quion Hill Partnership			
Phillip Island	820.0	300.0	2,460
1 Stollery N & G 1 Hallston	755.0	299.6	2,261
1 Fiddelaers JW & LG Koorooman	705.0	295.6	2,083
4 Lane G & V Willung Sth	677.5	295.6	2,002

Bulls

1 Missen S & V Rosedale	950.0	293.6	2,789
1 Lane G & V Willung Sth	1,015.0	288.0	2,923
1 Fiddelaers JW & LG Koorooman	965.0	280.0	2,702
1 Hengstberger I & R Stony Crk	740.0	275.6	2,039
1 Ryan D Woodleigh	675.0	266.0	1,795
1 Sampson Agriculture Pty Ltd			
Wonthaggi	720.0	265.0	1,908

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Jersey & Jersey x	\$20 to \$108
Friesian Bulls	\$37 to \$67
Friesian Heifers	\$48 to \$260
Beef Bulls	\$180 to \$360
Beef Heifers	\$75 to \$350

Number of Calves: **160**

Number purchased to rear: **60**

Attention Farmers

There will be no calf market on March 27, due to Farm World. Calf Markets recommence as normal Monday April 3.

You'll have a bucking good time at Farm World 2023

FARM WORLD 2023 at Lardner Park near Warragul has made a well-researched decision to concentrate the activity on three days this year instead of four, from Friday, March 24 to Sunday, March 26.

And while it's still the biggest mixed-farm event in Victoria, and one of the largest in Australia, showcasing everything new in the world of harvest equipment and more for the dairy, beef, sheep, vegie and intensive farming sectors, they've thrown open the gates in a big way to all comers; farmers, families, everyone.

As well as the farm-focused agenda across the three days, there'll be plenty of entertainment including the three Freestyle Motocross Spectacular shows at Lakeside Arena every day at 10am, 12 noon and 2pm and the separately-ticketed rodeo on Saturday night, March 25.

Other highlights include:

- Long-range weather forecast presentation by Channel 7 meteorologist Jane Bunn at 10.30am on Saturday, March 25
- CWA scones with jam and cream every day
- Scooter hire
- Telstra Women's Lunch (sold out) on Friday, March 24 (11.30am-2.45pm) featuring Pip Courtney (Landline) and Katy Brown (farmer and Highland Pony breeder)
- Free kids' tickets
- Sawmills and agroforestry demonstrations
- Renewable technologies zone



A feature of the event will be the traditional Telstra Women's lunch on Friday, March 24 with guest speakers including Landline presenter Pip Courtney.

- Kid's fishing competition
- Live drone demonstrations
- Multiple cooking and butchering demos

It's big, it's better and Farm World 2023 is a must for all Gippslanders.

Farm World offers the ideal opportunity for orders to be placed and delivered in time for the next harvest season, and with farm equipment in particular in short supply, many growers and producers take the opportunity to do just that over the three days.

Every main distributor and manufacturer will be on exhibition at Farm World 2023 as the industry realises orders need to be taken earlier than previous seasons to keep up with the demand and be on time for next season deliveries.

After a survey last year revealed strong support for the three-day format, the

exhibitors responded in a rush to book their spaces for the revitalised event and they'll be there from Friday, March 24 with their new product releases and services ready to get the year off to the best possible start for themselves and local producers.

The gates open early on Friday morning for exhibitors and those attending the Commonwealth Bank breakfast, but for the general public, Farm World is open daily from 9am to 4pm.

Tickets can be purchased on the following link: <https://lardnerpark.com.au/patrons/>

Please note: Entry to Farm World for children under 16 years is FREE in an initiative supported by the Victorian State Government.

You can also follow Farm World 2023 on Facebook.

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Aussies still love dairy and farmers see high farmgate milk prices



Farmgate milk prices continue to grow.

FARMGATE milk prices continue to strengthen as local milk production contracts and dairy remains a staple product for consumers.

Despite higher retail prices and financial pressures facing consumers, dairy remains a staple product and trust in the dairy industry is at an all-time high.

The majority of Australian households continue to purchase dairy (97%) and more households (33.8%) are shopping between four or more retailers, as they look for cheaper options.

Opting for private label products continues as a key cost saving strategy.

While the volume of milk sold has dropped slightly by 1.5%, the volume of private label products sold rose 1.1% in the 52 weeks to 29 January 2023, further increasing the portion sold compared to branded milk. Volumes of cheese and butter are also falling, but yoghurt continues to buck the trend, growing 1.7%.

In the March 2023 Situation and Outlook Report, Dairy Australia forecasts a contraction of between 4% to 6% in the Australian milk pool this season, due to worker shortages, competition for land and resources, and wet weather conditions.

With local milk production contracting, Australian dairy's commodity prices are strong compared with other exporting countries, helping insulate the industry from some of the pressures emerging overseas according to the report.

Global commodity values have dropped, along with international demand for dairy.

"The level of dairy product available for export globally is growing, as production in other countries outweighs local demand," said Dairy Australia's industry analyst, Eliza Redfern.

"Global commodity prices have reduced, with wholesale buyers more price sensitive as challenging economic conditions continue and many countries on the brink of recession."

"Australian dairy exports are extracting a larger-than-usual premium on the global stage, held firm by limited product availability," said Ms Redfern.

For more information and to view the latest Situation and Outlook Report visit dairyaustralia.com.au/sando

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GROWN STEERS

A/c Von Pace Pastoral, Giffard (NUTRIEN)
80 Angus & Angus Hereford X steers, 18 mths

A/c Norma Belcher, Woodside (ELDERS)
83 Angus steers, 17 mths, Banquet blood, had all the treatments, VB, GF & ABF

A/c B & E Pastoral, Sale (NUTRIEN)
74 Hereford steers, 18 mths

A/c Harris Farms, Dumbalk (SEJ)
55 Angus steers, 18-19 mths, Harris Farms blood, VB, GF & AB Free

A/c Ponderosa Herefords, Meeniyen (NUTRIEN)
50 Hereford steers, 14-15 mths, VB, GF & AF, JBS & NE Accred, By Mountain Valley & Glen Park Bulls, 2x5in1, Drenched Eprinex

A/c Strathbrae Equity, Inverloch (ALEX SCOTT)
40 Angus steers 16-18 mths, Drenched vaccinated had B12, copper and selenium, noted doing steers, EU Accred

A/c D & K Clark, Nerrena (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus & Red Angus steers, 16-17 mths

A/c Jasmel Nom, Tarwin Lower (SEJ)
40 Angus steers, 14-15 mths

A/c C Slade, Woolamai (ALEX SCOTT)
35 Angus steers, 18-20 mths, By Banquet and Fernleigh bulls

A/c Hopfields P/L, Dutson (NUTRIEN)
30 Shorthorn steers, 18 mths

A/c B Kuch, Darriman (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus steers, 16-17 mths, East Gippsland bred

A/c Est M Wight, Meeniyen (NUTRIEN)
25 Hereford steers, 18 mths

A/c S & E Moriarty, Strzelecki (SEJ)
18 Angus steers, 2 yo

A/c P & J Boddy, Woodside (SEJ)
18 Angus steers, 18 mths, By Pure Dunoon Bulls

A/c M.G Harrison, Dumbalk (SEJ)
18 Angus steers, 16 mths, Hardhat Bloodline, VB, GF & ABF

A/c Keenage Pastoral, Alberton (NUTRIEN)
16 Hereford & BB steers, 18 mths, fed on hay & silage for last 5 weeks

A/c IC & RA Ripper, Stratford (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus steers, 22 mths, NE accredited, GF, AF & VB

A/c M + N Bracecamp, Mardan (SEJ)
15 Angus steers, 16-17 mths, VB, GF, AB free & NE Accredited, Drenched 16/02/23 with Biomectin F injectable, Arrest, Multimin, B12 & 3 X 7in1s, By Pinora Stud Bulls

A/c K.M & S.M Hamblyn, Woodside (SEJ)
14 Angus & Angus Hereford X steers, 18 mths, By Pure Dunoon Bulls, very quiet

A/c D Lewis & M Bastian (NUTRIEN)
13 Angus & Ang/Hereford X steers, 15-16 mths

A/c C & N Sage, Whitelaw (NUTRIEN)
12 Angus steers, 15-16 mths, by Merlewood Bulls

A/c S & C Jones (ALEX SCOTT)
5 British White steers, 2 yo

GROWN HEIFERS

A/c P & J Boddy, Woodside (SEJ)
36 Angus heifers, 18 mths, By Pure Dunoon Bulls

A/c Jasmel Nom, Tarwin Lower (SEJ)
15 Angus heifrs 14-15 mths, VB, GF & AB Free

A/c Keenage Pastoral, Alberton (NUTRIEN)
14 Hereford & BB heifers, 18 mths, fed on hay & silage for last 5 weeks

A/c Vuiller Poll Shorthorn, Yanakie (ALEX SCOTT)
10 Pure Poll Shorthorn heifers, rising 2 yrs

A/c J Cantwell, Valencia Creek (NUTRIEN)
10 Angus heifers, 14-15 mths

A/c D Lewis & M Bastian (NUTRIEN)
4 Angus & Angus/Hereford X heifers, 15-16 mths

WEANER STEERS

A/c P & J Boddy, Woodside (SEJ) - Annual Draft
300 Angus steers, 7-8 mths, By Pure Dunoon Bulls, yard weaned 3 weeks, 5in1, Piliguard, Vetmec Drenched

A/c Strathbrae Equity, Inverloch (ALEX SCOTT) - Annual Draft
140 Angus steers, 12-14 mths, by stud Banquet bulls, out of Banquet blood cows, Drenched vaccinated had B12, copper and selenium, noted doing steers, EU Accred

A/c Keenage Pastoral, Alberton (NUTRIEN)
50 Hereford & BB steers, 11-13 mths, yard weaned, 2x5in1 & Multimin 28/12, all fed on hay & silage for last 5 weeks

A/c M & M Cattle Co, Bass (SEJ)
60 Angus steers, 12-13 mths, Battersby blood, VB, GF & AB Free

A/c NP & JA Chandler, Hedley (PHC)
50 Angus steers, 9-10 mths, Yancowinna & Langi Kal blood, weaned

A/c H & J Bland, Yarram (NUTRIEN)
34 Charo steers, 10-12 mths, yard weaned, vacc

A/c G & C Moon, Airly (NUTRIEN)
15 Hereford steers, 10-12 mths, Newcomen & Tarwin Hereford blood, yard weaned, GF & AF & VB

15 BB steers, 10-12 mths, Sired By Pinora Bull, yard weaned, GF & AF & VB

A/c M&I Parry (ELDERS)
30 Angus Steer weaners, 9-10 mths, VB, GF & ABF

A/c W & D Missen, Nambrok (NUTRIEN)
12 Angus steers, 12 mths, Landfall bloodlines

12 BB steers, 12 mths, Injemira bloodlines

A/c M + M Standfield, Fish Creek (SEJ)
20 Angus steers, 12 mths, weaned, VB, GF & AB free, By Dunoon stud Bulls

A/c K.M & S.M Hamblyn, Woodside (SEJ)
13 Angus steers, 7-8 mths, By Pure Dunoon Bulls, VQ

A/c AW & CM O'Mara, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)
12 Angus steers, 12 mths, Leawood & Te Mania blood

A/c Miao Brothers P/L, Toora (SEJ)
9 Angus Hereford X steers, 12 mths, weaned

A/c R Pollock, Heyfield (NUTRIEN)
8 Red Angus steers, 12-15 mths

A/c Index Farming, Yarram (NUTRIEN)
7 Hereford steers, 12 mths

A/c A Cramb, Turtons Creek (SEJ)
6 Hereford steers, 12 mths, By Meikle stud bulls, VQ

MIX SEX WEANERS

A/c Spring Valley Pastoral P/L, Dawson (NUTRIEN)
80 Angus mixed sex, 12 mths, weaned, By Pinora & Merlewood Bulls

A/c T&P P/L, Narracan (NUTRIEN)
28 Angus mixed sex calves, 12-13 mths, VQ, weaned

A/c Dw Bourke, Winindoo (NUTRIEN)
24 Angus mixed sex, 12 mths

WEANER HEIFERS

A/c DM Phelan, "Billy Creek Station", Stacey's Bridge (PHC)
90 Hereford heifers, 8-11 mths, Weaned Jan, By Karoonda, Mawarra, & Lotus bulls

A/c NP & JA Chandler, Hedley (PHC)
35 Angus heifers, 9-10 mths, Yancowinna & Langi Kal blood, weaned

A/c Keenage Pastoral, Alberton (NUTRIEN)
30 Hereford & BB heifers, 11-13 mths, yard weaned, 2x5in1 & Multimin 28/12, all fed on hay & silage for last 5 weeks

A/c Stuart Investments, Stacey's Bridge (PHC)
35 Hereford heifers, 8-11 mths, weaned Jan, By Mawarra Bulls

A/c M&I Parry (ELDERS)
30 Angus Heifer weaners, 9-10 mths, VB, GF & ABF

A/c G & C Moon, Airly (NUTRIEN)
14 Hereford heifers, 10-12 mths, Newcomen & Tarwin Hereford blood, yard weaned, GF & ABF & VB

14 BB heifers, 10-12 mths, Sired By Pinora Bull, yard weaned, 10-12 mths, GF & AF & VB

A/c AW & CM O'Mara, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)
25 Angus heifers, 12 mths, Leawood & Te Mania blood, ideal future breeders

A/c RJ & EF Foat, Woodside (PHC)
19 Poll Hereford heifers, 10-11 mths, weaned Jan, By Meikle Bulls

A/c G & L Simmons, Woodside (PHC)
16 Hereford heifers, weaned Jan, By Karoonda Bulls

A/c H & J Bland, Yarram (NUTRIEN)
13 Charo heifers, 10-12 mths, yard weaned, vacc

XBRED & DAIRY TYPES

A/c Aurora Dairies P/L, Peneplain (NUTRIEN)
50 Speckled Park mixed sex, 10-12 mths

A/c M Jackson & J Hooper, Cowwarr
11 X/Bred steers, 15 mths

20 X/Bred heifers, 15 mths

A/c M & N Primiano, Boolarra Sth (NUTRIEN)
15 X/Bred steers, 18 mths

A/c L Henderson, Newry (NUTRIEN)
8 Speckled Park X steers, 16-18 mths

A/c D & H Jackson, Seaton (NUTRIEN)
5 X/Bred steers, 20mths

A/c B & G Hooper, Seaton (NUTRIEN)
5 X/Bred Steers, 15 mths

A/c R & C Kelly, Meeniyen (NUTRIEN)
4 X/Bred steers, 18-20 mths

A/c H Gray, Maffra (NUTRIEN)
4 Angus X steers, 18-20 mths

A/c F+N Stefani, Fish Creek (SEJ)
4 Angus/Friesian steers, 18 mths

A/c LH & LA Mckenzie, Calrossie (PHC)
30 Friesian steers, 16-18 mths

A/c LT Jorgensen, Maffra (NUTRIEN)
20 Friesian steers, 12-16 mths

A/c L Crack, Yallourn Nth (NUTRIEN)
12 Friesian steers, 18 mths

A/c K & K Jorgnsen, Maffra (NUTRIEN)
10 FF steers, 12-16 mths

A/c L&L Chown, Trida (SEJ)
15 Angus/Friesian x heifers, unjoined 16-18 mths

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Don't zone out at Farm World

YOU'VE got to get organised if you want to get around Farm World without wasting time. And that means getting the official program on entry and zoning in on the locations you want to visit. Here's a check list you might like to consider:

- Ag Machinery. Avenue A, B, J, K and in association with Ag Implements Avenue C, D and E
- Dairy Factory and Suppliers. See these great exhibitions on Avenue E, F and Lakeside
- Beef Producers and Support Industries. An all-time favourite at Cattle Corner and Stock Yards
- Stock Yards, Silos and Farm Supplies. A big showing at the Lakeside Arena
- Drone Zone. Take in these fabulous flying beasts just above the 4WD track and East West Street
- Freestyle Kings and Rodeo. This all-action precinct is at the North end of Lakeside Arena
- Motorbikes, Side by Sides, Garden and Home Equipment. Action packed from dawn till dusk on Fourth Street
- Motor Vehicles. See entries from all Major Manufacturers lined-up on Third Street
- Garden Nurseries and General Interest Zone. On display at First Street and Farm World Bazaar
- General Interest Zone. Things you never expect to see at the General Interest Pavilion – North Pavilion
- Strategic Partners and Government Dept Zone. Take a look down Second and Third Street at the Hollywood Blvd and Baw Baw Pavilion – North End
- ACE Industrial Tools Zone This wonderland of gadgets is in the Baw Baw Pavilion – South End.

Farmers warn regional roads need maintenance cash

THE Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) says regional roads won't be able to cope with future severe weather events if they are not maintained to a basic standard.

In a recent submission to the federal parliament, the VFF argues that a lack of road maintenance funding exacerbated damage caused by recent flooding.

VFF President Emma Germano said farmers were frustrated that governments continue to neglect road maintenance.

"Enhancing the resilience of the road network to deal with extreme weather events is important, but it can only be achieved by ensuring there is regular maintenance to keep them at an acceptable standard."

"Maintenance funding keeps going backwards and worryingly Victorians keep risking their lives on dodgy and dangerous roads."

VFF Transport and Infrastructure Committee Chair Ryan Milgate said that in planning for resilience, the government needs to take into account changes in network usage and the increasing demands placed on the roads by high-productivity freight vehicles.



VFF President Emma Germano says farmers are frustrated that governments continue to neglect road maintenance.

"Resilience is not only about the gravel and bitumen, but the planning processes around it too."

"The standard and condition of roads must be up to the task of carrying the freight vehicles we use to get food and fibre to market. That's why the VFF is advocating for the Victorian Government to undertake a state-wide agricultural freight strategy, to better understand where investments need to be targeted."

Mr Milgate also said that local government must be better resourced to get on

with the job of fixing their road networks.

"We are seeing shires in the north of the state facing repair bills of over \$50 million in the aftermath of the floods. The Victorian Government has cut its Fixing Country Roads Program, which is badly needed to help local government plan and get on top of road rehabilitation."

The VFF also supported calls by the newly formed Rural Roads Alliance for a \$5.5 billion emergency funding package in the upcoming federal budget.

LARDNER PARK BI-MONTHLY DAIRY SALE

An established regular market for all classes of dairy cattle held on the 1st & 3rd Friday of every month.
NEXT DAIRY SALE:

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A/c – Vendor

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A/c – Various Vendors

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A properly focused transition cow program is vital for setting up the dairy cow for the whole lactation. It ensures she calves easily, comes onto her milk quickly, returns to energy balance as quickly as possible avoiding metabolic disease problems and gets into calf for her next lactation.

Dr. Ken Zanzalari, Dairy Nutritionist and Product Director with Phibro Animal Health Corporation, will review the importance of optimizing calcium metabolism in the transition dairy cow for optimal performance. Ken's 32 year career has focused on the research and the practical application of feeding and management technologies for the transition dairy cow so she can perform to her best, leading to better farm profitability. In times of labour shortages, correct management of the transition herd not only means less time spent in crisis management, but a more relaxed calving and early lactation period and higher in calf rates.

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Autumn fire outlook

VICTORIA'S drier than average conditions are expected to continue into autumn. This follows below average rainfall across much of the west and central areas of Victoria, and in parts of south and west Gippsland, according to the Australian Seasonal Bush-fire Outlook for Autumn.

Central and southern parts of Victoria are recording the most significant grass growth, with the potential risk of fast running grassfires continuing into autumn.

The outlook forecasts below average rainfall in the north and west, along with average to warmer than average maximum temperatures.

A lack of rainfall coupled with warm and dry conditions could see the potential for bushfires in some forests.

Victoria remains well prepared for the potential of fires, with a mix of water bombing aircraft, air supervision and air intelligence gathering aircraft positioned across the state to support our dedicated volunteer and career firefighters on the ground.

Emergency services are keeping an eye on any changes in conditions, however the outlook of normal fire potential across most of Victoria is what we can expect in the autumn season.

It's important for communities to understand their local risks. Local fire guides for your area can be found on the VicEmergency website.

You can also keep up to date with the Fire Danger Ratings on the VicEmergency app and VicEmergency website.

Risk of salinity in the MID following three wet years

FARMERS in the Macalister Irrigation District (MID) are being urged to look out for signs of salinity on their land following three years of consistently high rainfall.

Agriculture Victoria South-East Irrigation Regional Manager, Sarah Killury said high rainfall over the past three years, including flood and storm activity, has caused the groundwater table to rise to its highest recorded level since records started in 1996.

"The 2021 calendar year was our wettest year in the MID since 1978 based on East Sale Bureau of Meteorology data, with 2020 and 2022 also recording higher than average rainfall.

"These high rainfall years have resulted in areas of waterlogged soils across the region. Removing excess water from paddocks is critical to managing the ongoing salinity risk," she said.

Ms Killury said Southern Rural Water's salinity interception bores are currently operating continuously to manage groundwater levels as much as possible in target areas across the catchment.



Saline affected land.

"When the soil profile dries out and groundwater levels fall, salt may be left behind and if left unmanaged, it can impact future production capacity within low-lying areas.

"We're encouraging farmers to be on the lookout for the tell-tale signs of salinity as the soil dries out.

"Signs include a change in pasture species along check banks, indications of poor pasture or crop growth and tip burning of leaves, and the formation of a white crust over

bare ground," she said.

Ms Killury said salinity management strategies include leaching or flushing salts from the root zone of plants, using drainage options for flood irrigation to ensure water flows on and off paddocks as quickly as possible (appropriate to crop and soil type), and using fresh water to irrigate.

"In the long-term, the increased salinity risk highlights the importance of programs that improve water-use efficiency of on-farm irrigation,

both now and into the future.

"Irrigation efficiency reduces recharge to shallow groundwater systems, reducing the risk of soil and groundwater salinisation."

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AgriFutures Australia has released plans to expand the emerging seaweed industry.

Jobs for \$100m seaweed industry

AGRIFUTURES Australia has released plans to expand the emerging seaweed industry into a \$100 million sector supporting 1200 full-time jobs in regional Australia.

AgriFutures has released the Australian Seaweed Blueprint Implementation Plan, which prioritises research, development and extension (RD&E) activities for the next four years.

The Implementation Plan builds on the landmark Australian Seaweed Industry Blueprint report published by AgriFutures in 2020, and incorporates new insights from stakeholder feedback on the industry's most pressing challenges.

AgriFutures program manager, Dr Brenda Kranz said the Implementation Plan prioritised three key areas:

- Leadership and Collaboration, including governance, policy and communications.
- Production Capability and Scale, including the National Hatchery Network and Biosecurity.
- Investment Innovation, including new products and technologies.

The plan was produced as part of AgriFutures Australia's Emerging Industries Program, which focuses on new industries with high growth potential, including seaweed, and will be key to meeting changing global demands for agricultural products.

The plan has been released in time for this week's International Seaweed Symposium (ISS) in Hobart, where report author Jo Kelly is speaking alongside Federal

Member for Lyons, the Hon. Brian Mitchell MP, who is representing Minister for Agriculture Senator Murray Watt in promoting the Australian industry.

"With the eyes of the world's leading seaweed experts and commercial producers on Australia this week, we have presented a clear plan for sustainable growth and the creation of a high-tech, high-value industry," said Ms Kelly.

The plan outlines the major flagship initiative for the NHN to accelerate industry development.

"Industry has identified that a major impediment to production is capability and technology for production of large quantities of clean, native seedstock," said Ms Kelly.

"A national hatchery network will facilitate knowledge development and skill transfer to get seaweed growers focussed on expanding cultivation."

The plan also recommends a review of pests, diseases and biosecurity challenges, as well as the need for a licencing toolkit to assist businesses in obtaining ocean leases and aquaculture permits and navigate state-specific legislation governing the industry.

"The Plan outlines a pathway to achieving a national policy framework and facilitating states to create a progressive and risk appropriate regulatory environment that recognises the benefits of seaweed aquaculture to marine environments."

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Wonthaggi RSL Sub-branch new committee from left to right - Malcolm Broadie - General Committee, Kymme Kenna - Vice President, Melissa Lucas - Veteran Support, Dan Lucas - President, Bert Orr - Secretary, Graeme Eva - General Committee, Wayne Fuller - General Committee. Front - Alan Miller - General Committee, Absent - Dennis Pope - General Committee and Graeme Liersch - Chaplain.

New representation for Wonthaggi RSL

FOLLOWING the annual general meeting on Sunday, March 5, the Wonthaggi RSL Sub-branch have a new committee and strive to move forward supporting the local Veterans and community.

The team are motivated to continue their support via RSL active events and connection during their upcoming Appeals.

The Wonthaggi RSL Sub-brand welcome the following new committee members:

- Dan Lucas (President)
- Kymme Kenna (Vice President)
- Bert Orr (Secretary)
- Graeme Liersch (Chaplain)
- Melissa Lucas (Veteran Support)
- Malcolm Broadie (General Committee)
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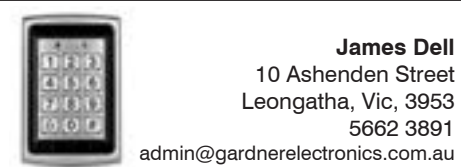
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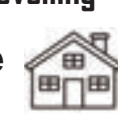
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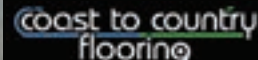
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DEATHS

CROSS, Kevin John:

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DEATHS

MURDOCH, Arthur:

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DEATHS

VAN DER ARK (nee EMMS), Kerrie Louise:

12.11.1959 - 13.03.2023.

Passed away peacefully on March 13, 2023.

Much loved wife of Jack and mother to Rebecca and Ryan, Sherri, and Jo.

Devoted Grandma to Abigail, Connor, Isabelle, and Owen.

She will be dearly missed by her family, friends, colleagues, and wider community.

A private funeral was held in her memory on Sunday, March 19, 2023.

DEATHS

VAN DER ARK, Kerrie:

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CROSS:

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FUNERALS

REALE:

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At the conclusion of mass, the Funeral will leave for the Korumburra Cemetery.

Rosary will be recited in the above church on Friday morning, March 24, 2023 at 11.30 am.

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THE South Gippsland Citizens Advice Bureau is delighted to announce that, with the help of Community Information and Support Victoria, it will be facilitating claims for the state government's Power Saving Bonus scheme (PSB4).

All energy customers can claim a \$250 rebate simply by logging on to the Victorian Energy Compare website, and submitting their bills.

The SG CAB, based in Leongatha, offers a service to energy consumers struggling with power and gas bills to that help demystify what they are paying and to then find a better deal for them.

The service, known as The Energy Mentor, has been operating for almost four years and has assisted dozens of locals in claiming rebates and bonuses and getting a better energy deal by using the VEC website.

Leon Burgher, the current Energy Mentor at the CAB, understands there are many residents across the Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shires who are increasingly frustrated by the headlong rush to push all services into cyberspace.

The South Gippsland Citizens Advice Bureau is here to help.

"There's no need to tear your hair out with frustration if you think you're paying too much for energy and can't seem to get any response from your energy retailer", Mr Burgher says. "Despite assurances from



The South Gippsland Citizens Advice Bureau is there to help locals with their energy bills and access the government's \$250 energy rebate.

retailers that 'going online' is simple and efficient, many of our clients have not found this to be the case. And, as for calling them up, forget it, they say."

But even if customers are not after a better energy deal, they can still claim the new Power Saving Bonus.

Not only that, the new PSB can be claimed by all Victorians, even those who received the most recent PSB, operating since January 2022.

Mr Burgher would like to remind visitors to the Michael Place bureau that the CAB is not a government run service, and isn't affiliated with any commercial entities.

"We are a not-for-profit, community based organisation, staffed by volunteers from the surrounding area. Your data is safe with us and will only be used by the government's

Victorian Energy Compare website to allow your PSB claim to be processed." Mr Burgher points out.

"Two hundred and fifty dollars represents a substantial saving on most customers' annual energy bill, as much as 20% or even more for some households. Why not claim it if it's being offered?"

With a recent announcement by the state government that it will be lifting the cap on the Victorian Default Offer (VDO), energy bills are set to rise again later this year.

The CAB is ready to take appointments for the Energy Mentor or simply process walk-in customers' PSB claims on the spot. All they will need is a recent energy bill to get started. Rebates can be posted to customers by cheque if needs be, and for those

without email, the CAB can process claims in-house using the PSB Outreach Portal.

In his tenure as Energy Mentor, Mr Burgher says two things have become apparent.

Firstly, the state government has mandated that all energy retailers operating in Victoria are required to submit their plans to the Victorian Energy Compare service.

This means retailers' plans can be compared like-for-like, and copies are provided to customers using the same layouts and terminology.

Secondly, when he calls a retailer to get a better deal, they usually respond favourably, unlike how they may do when a customer tries to call themselves.

He has even managed to continue energy plans that retailers no longer provide.

Harvest Centre are sustainability champions



Members of the Harvest Centre are incredibly proud of their recent Sustainability award win from Community Gardens Australia. C05_1223

THE Harvest Centre Community Gardens were the recipients of the inaugural Community Gardens Australia's Sustainability Champion of the Year Award.

An Australia wide award, Wonthaggi joined the likes of Doyalson Community Gardens, Care for Hedland Community Gardens and Ediblescapes Community Gardens who took out the Community Champion, Biodiversity Champion and Permaculture Champion awards respectively.

David Stephen and Kiki Gomero were awarded the Community Gardener of the Year and Young Community Gardener of the Year awards

respectively.

Alongside a certificate the win also entailed some fantastic and useful prizes including gift vouchers for wicking beds and mini greenhouse structures to place over the existing garden beds.

"We are really happy to have won the award and to also be members of community Gardens Australia," Harvest Centre volunteers Caylie and Jessica noted.

Community Gardens Australia connects city farms and community gardens around Australia enabling people to come together to grow fresh food, learn, relax and make new friends.

Planning for Meeniyan's future continues to progress

PROGRESS is continuing towards the development of a new Meeniyan Community Plan, with a meeting scheduled for tonight Tuesday, March 21 to discuss ideas raised at a recent community gathering.

That barbecue evening attracted 70 people, with a broad range of issues raised that Meeniyan residents would like to see featured in the new plan.

Suggestions included a call for a pedestrian crossing in town, additional parking, sealing of the road around the sports oval, the need to deal with numerous road and traffic

issues, and a desire for an off-leash dog walking area.

The need for affordable housing and potential opportunities for town expansion were also discussed, with calls for a toilet at the bus stop another prevalent issue raised.

Meeniyan Progress Association (MPA) is developing the new Community Plan to replace one created in 2010.

MPA secretary Fay Sinclair spoke about the need for a further meeting before the new plan is assembled.

She said proposed ideas from the recent community gathering have been collated

into categories for discussion.

"We're hoping we get people who want to run with an idea and help progress that along the way," Fay said.

She added that those attending Tuesday's meeting will have a say on what they believe is achievable.

The new Meeniyan Community Plan will include improvements MPA can advocate for, with many initiatives requiring support from various organisations.

An example is the request for a pedestrian crossing in Meeniyan.

"We can talk with Vic Roads but can't physically do that

sort of thing," Fay said.

She previously reflected on the value of the 2010 Meeniyan Community Plan.

"We didn't have a community garden, a Men's Shed, camping at the recreation reserve, or the playground," Fay said of some of the implemented initiatives that flowed from that plan.

She said the new Meeniyan Community Plan will reflect what people from the district want to see for the next 10 years.

The next meeting will take place at 7.30pm at Meeniyan Hall tonight, with everyone welcome.

Full details, including the position descriptions are available on our website - www.gshs.com.au/careers or scan:





Mrs Charlton was recently recognised with a 40-year service award at GSHS's annual meeting.

Mum's choice proves right for GSHS nurse

LEANNE Charlton wanted to be a secretary – but her mother knew better.

As Mrs Charlton celebrates 40 years of nursing at Gippsland Southern Health Service, she can thank her mother for pointing her down the right career path.

"I wanted to be a secretary, but my mother put my name down at the hospital," she recalls.

"I said 'oh no, I don't want to be a nurse'. I couldn't think of anything worse, but she knew better than me."

After 40 years, Mrs Charlton is pleased she followed her mother's advice and she continues to relish her work at Koorooman House.

"I love the personal care, being able to give care to other people," she said.

"I've always loved it, although the last three years have been the hardest through the pandemic."

Mrs Charlton grew up at Al-lambee and went to school at Mirboo North. She started with the health service before GSHS became a merged entity and trained at Leongatha in 1978 before spending three months at Korumburra and then returning to Leongatha.

Initially she worked across the hospital, in midwifery, theatre, general nursing and medical nursing.

"They stopped shifting us around, so we had to pick where we wanted to go; I chose Koorooman House because I love the family atmosphere and caring for older people," she said.

Mrs Charlton only took breaks from work to have her four children and has been at Koorooman House for the past 28 years.

"I have worked with many wonderful nurses and forged lifelong friendships along the way. There is always something new to learn as well as being very rewarding".

Now 63, Mrs Charlton is working half-time and says she still enjoys the work, although retirement plans are on the horizon.



Cowes Primary, Newhaven Primary, San Remo Primary and Bass Coast College leaders attended the San Remo Library to hear from Myli programmes officer Sarah Jury with guest speakers Deb Leonard and Hannah Eisen. Z10_1123

Women raising each other up

MYLI – My Community Library in San Remo held their inaugural International Women's Day event last week hosted by programmes officer Sarah Jury, featuring guest speakers Deb Leonard and Hannah Eisen, who spoke to student leaders from local schools on equality and equity.

Student leaders from Bass Coast College – San Remo campus, San Remo Primary, Newhaven Primary and Cowes Primary were invited to the event to openly discuss ways to eliminate the unconscious bias that men are more successful than women in today's society.

Sarah Jury hosted the discussion asking Deb and Hannah to speak of their successful careers in a male dominated space, asking them 'how they found their voice to stand and become leaders.'

"I am a Lawyer, and I decided to move to Phillip Island and start up my own business at the age of 28. Being a Lawyer in regional Victoria – it is a very male dominated industry but there are so many benefits of being a female lawyer in family law – an understanding of how parenting dynamics work, a bit more sensitive and empathetic during trouble-



Myli Programmes Officer Sarah Jury with guest speakers Deb Leonard and Hannah Eisen and Myli Branch Manager Jessica Berry at the International Women's Day event in San Remo. Z09_1123

some periods," said Deb.

"I'd like you all to consider the benefits a female can bring to any industry. I have always been interested in politics, so last year I made the decision to stand up and run a campaign to represent Monash in the federal election – in all the years of federal government, Monash has never had a female politician and I saw that the community was missing out a bit for it."

Deb explained to the students that females can bring so much to each job, "we have different focuses, we can be more in tune to certain issues – I didn't win

the campaign but that doesn't mean I failed, I stood to show the community that women can be leaders too."

The panel spoke of how the next generation of women should find the confidence within themselves to stand up, speak out and remove any self-doubt, because the possibilities are endless.

"People still today, innocently make assumptions that men are the leaders and the business owners, but I would make it my priority to speak out and say 'no, women can lead too,'" said Deb.

Hannah spoke of her role as a

Project Manager of the Cowes Cultural Centre and president of the Phillip Island Boardriders Club – two male dominated industries with a woman as their leader.

"I was told I shouldn't even apply for architecture because I was a girl, but my determination to be an architect led me to ignore these remarks and follow my passion," said Hannah.

"If you're truly passionate about something, then you can do it – keep trying, face your fears despite feeling vulnerable because you'll learn from criticism and grow from every experience."

"I really love the idea of raising each other up, because when one woman achieves, everyone achieves," said Sarah.

The panel encouraged the students to understand that 'you don't have to be the best at something to achieve success, you just have to give it a go.'

"Having self-authority to step forward into your own power is the first step to achieving your goals."

The inaugural event will continue each year on International Women's Day to show young women the importance of being courageous, because overtime society will see things changing.

Women out in force for key event

MORE than 80 South Gippsland locals came out to support International Women's Day on Wednesday, March 8.

The Southern Women's Business Network (SWBN) teamed up with South Gippsland Shire Council and South Gippsland Water to host an event in Meeniyan to celebrate and champion the role women play in the local community and businesses.

Featuring a panel of guest speakers discussing this year's theme of 'embracing equity', were:

- Patrice Renee 'Muthaymiles' Mahoney - a proud mother of five children and one granddaughter and local to Bass Coast for over 20 years, Patrice is a powerful advocate for Aboriginal people and their cultures, and a talented, prolific artist who believes art and education are the basis of identity, self-determination and leadership.

- Chelsea Caple - Founder and Director at Summersalt Gymnastics in Wonthaggi. Chelsea has brought to life her philosophy and passion for childhood development – that the active, fun movement Summersalt provides, really



Nina Barry-Macaulay (Chair of Women for change and Panel convener), Louise Sparkes, Patrice Mahoney, and Chelsea Caple.

is the launchpad for all sports – and life.

- Louise Sparkes - The current CEO at Gippsland Southern Health Service, with over 30 years' experience in public health care, Louise has demonstrated success in leadership, service development, clinical governance, team development and the delivery of health care that is of high quality, safe, sustainable, consumer focussed and responsive to the needs of the community it serves.

The event raised funds for the Women for Change initiative, which aims to improve the lives and wellbeing of women and girls and the community they live in by

helping women access work, education, and community life.

In previous years, funds raised as part of International Women's Day fundraising have benefited projects including:

- Inverloch Swell Mamas – funding a beginner surfing program to provide a safe and supportive environment for women to learn a new skill, gain self-confidence and build their social network;

- Phillip Island Kinship Carers Group - supporting women who are caring for their grandchildren, when parents for reasons ranging from death to illness, addiction and child protection orders, cannot care for their children;

- Wellness Warriors - funding an art therapy based wellbeing program focused on helping women improve their creative, self-care and mindfulness strategies; and

- Wonthaggi Neighbourhood House Women's Driving Program - enabling five local women facing barriers preventing them from gaining a drivers licence, to participate in the program where they otherwise would have been ineligible due to their age.

All funds raised on the night went towards the Women for Change Grants program for 2023.

Donations can be received through the Bass Coast Community Foundation by credit or debit card at <https://www.givenow.com.au/womenforchange>

For more information about upcoming grant opportunities contact Sarah Bourke, Executive Officer 0493 110802.

The SBWN is a membership-based network, run by women for women.

For further information about the network Southern Business Women's Network - Home (sbwn.com.au)

Demand for speech pathology at all-time high

DEMAND for speech pathology services in the Gippsland region is at an all-time high.

To meet this demand, Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) is seeking qualified speech pathologists to join its team as it aims to increase local services.

Speech pathologists diagnose and treat communication disorders including difficulties with speech, language, voice, and fluency as well as swallowing disorders.

GSHS speech pathologists Claire McDonald and Chelsey Alexander say that demand for services has never been higher, both locally and across all rural locations.

"It's an Australia-wide situation," Ms McDonald said. "Our wait list has increased, and we hope to recruit to provide more timely services to people in need."

Ms McDonald says the work of speech pathologists is required across many areas. "The biggest demand is in paediatrics and since the introduction of the NDIS, a lot of people with life-long disabilities are now accessing services," she said.

For Ms McDonald, the best part of the job is working in a well-supported environment alongside a multi-disciplinary team of peers to provide services that really help people. "We have a lot of fun at work!" she said.

Speech pathologists work with individuals across the lifespan who have difficulty communicating due to a variety of reasons including

developmental delay, stroke, brain injuries, neurological disorders, intellectual disability, cerebral palsy, dementia, and hearing loss, as well as other problems that can impact speech and language. They also support people who experience difficulties swallowing food and fluids safely.

Ms Alexander says that working in a rural health service has wonderful benefits such as being able to work with individuals across their lives. "We get to work with both paediatric and adult clients in inpatient and outpatient settings, as well as residents within aged care facilities," she said.

"We love actively engaging with and supporting our tight-knit community. For example, every year we team up with and visit the local kindergartens to provide screening services for a child's development."

Ms Alexander adds that every day looks different for a speech pathologist. "We provide appointments in our clinic to paediatric and adult outpatients, we visit the wards to see inpatients, we visit the local kindergartens and schools, we can provide home visits and we visit residents within our residential aged care facilities," she said.

Referrals for GSHS speech pathology services can be made via the intake team, Gateway, on 5654 2737. People interested in joining the GSHS speech pathology team can contact the Allied Health Manager on 5654 2701.



Speech Pathologists work with adult clients in inpatient and outpatient settings. Pictured is Joy Hoy with Claire.



The work of speech pathologists is required across many areas, with the biggest demand in paediatrics. Pictured are Chelsey and Theodore (Teddy) Blencowe.



Kongwak's Emily Carrick was first across the line for the women at Inverloch's Parkrun on Saturday.

Parkrunners pace themselves to 'Run The Coast'

IT WAS noticeable that dozens of keen Inverloch runners were either pacing themselves or standing out as volunteers and observers when the Saturday morning Parkrun stepped off on a balmy March 18 day at the weekend.

Quite a few of them were already entered in the The Run Bass Coast event on Sunday, March 19 featuring distances of 2km, 5, 10, 21.1 and the big kahuna, the marathon distance of 42.2kmm around the coast between Inverloch and Cape Paterson.

But if regular first-male finisher Bill Barry was keeping something in reserve for a shot at the \$1000 prize money on offer in Sunday's 10km event, he wasn't giving anything away as he strode confidently to the line in Saturday's Parkrun.

First woman to finish and fifth overall was Kongwak's Emily Carrick, enjoying the delightful, autumn conditions around the controversial Inverloch shared pathway.

Celebrating with the group of 100 plus runners was 100th event runner, Una Curtin, who with COVID intervening, actually completed her 50th Parkrun, back on October 20, 2019, with 178 Saturdays rushing by in the meantime.

Inverloch Parkrun is open to all comers, starting at 8am sharp each Saturday. Simply download your Parkrun barcode at <https://www.parkrun.com.au/> and you're away.

If you still want to enter The Bass Coast Run go to <https://therunbasscoast.com.au/>



Bass Coast Adult Learning centre had 14.7kw of solar panels installed by Advance Solar and Batteries contributing to the Bass Coast council's Climate Action Plan target.

BCAL contributes to net zero emission target

A NEW solar system, launched recently by a partnership between Bass Coast Adult Learning (BCAL) and the Energy Innovation Co-op, has proved to be a win-win-win.

BCAL now has 14.7Kw of solar panels installed on its roof, resulting in reduced carbon emissions and annual savings of around \$1300 on the organisation's

power bills.

The resulting reduction in carbon emissions contributes to Bass Coast council's Climate Action Plan target of net zero emissions across the Shire by 2030, which is, of course, a win for the environment!

The Energy Innovation Co-op is pleased to have facilitated yet another successful renewable

energy project, largely funded by its Southern CORE Fund. The Fund provides loans to community groups for installation of renewable energy systems. As loans are repaid, funds become available for the next project.

Co-operative Power (CoPower) is a major donor to the Southern CORE Fund. In the

past the number of projects completed each year has been limited while loan funds are replenished, before approving the next project. The donations from CoPower will enable more projects to be completed each year.

The system was supplied and installed by local business: Advance Solar and Batteries.

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woolamai (Same), Tooradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

TUESDAY March 21	WEDNESDAY March 22	THURSDAY March 23	FRIDAY March 24	SATURDAY March 25	SUNDAY March 26	MONDAY March 27
5.18am 0.76m	12.58am 1.44m	1.51am 1.51m	2.38am 1.57m	3.20am 1.60m	3.59am 1.60m	4.34am 1.57m
11.55am 1.32m	6.40am 0.61m	7.41am 0.46m	8.31am 0.32m	9.17am 0.23m	9.59am 0.18m	10.38am 0.18m
5.53pm 0.46m	1.12pm 1.43m	2.17pm 1.56m	3.15pm 1.67m	4.05pm 1.73m	4.50pm 1.74m	5.32pm 1.71m
	7.08pm 0.46m	8.07pm 0.45m	8.57pm 0.47m	9.40pm 0.50m	10.19pm 0.53m	10.57pm 0.57m

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Thursday's Community Bank Inverloch day winners at Leongatha Golf Club with Bendigo Bank staff (left to right) Cameron Harwood, John Ryan, Alan Starkey, Evans Jenkins, Community Bank team: Penny - Branch Manager; Jacqui -Chair; Scott - Rural Bank Expert; Caitlin -Business Banker.

KORUMBURRA

Weekly Men's winners.
Tuesday, March 14
Stableford 30 players
A Grade: Ian Cash (13) 40 points
B Grade: Brian Brown (34) 33 C/B points
NTPs: 1st Pete Wallace, 7th Peter Hislop, 10th Chris Clements & 13th Craig Kerr
Thursday, March 16
Stableford: 13 players
Winner: Roland Ree (8) 39 points
NTPs: 1st Steve Duffield, 10th Roland Rees & 13th Steve Duffield
Saturday, March 18
Chris Clements Cup Rd 1: 49 players
Gross Stroke: Mat Wrigley & Greg Jones 73
Nett Stroke: Iain Riddell & Ian Gibson 62 C/B
NTPs: 1st Rob Gallagher, 10th Chris Clements & 13th Jake Fowles

Ladies

WEDNESDAY Women played a Stableford game with the course in great shape, we had some great scores!
A Grade winner with 41pts was Barb Twite (23).
R/up with 39pts, Heather Grist (22).
B Grade winner with 40pts was Kath Welsh (33).
R/Up Marg Harper on a c/b with 39pts. BDTL went to Joan Wardle 39pts, Kerri Besley 37pts, Beryl Brown 36pts.
NTPs 1st Kellie Walker, 10th Barb Twite, 13th Kath Welsh.
Thursday twilight comp played 7 holes with a novelty free throw. Winning with 21pts was Tim O'Neill and Colette Pearl.
Saturday 21 Women paired up for a 4BBB Event.
Winning pair with 45pts, Merrissa Cosson (12) and Judy Webb (20).
R/Up with 43pts, Shelley Snooks (16) and Karen Sorrell (39). NTPs 1st Jennie Loughnan and 13th Lee Clements.
Our Matchplay Championships are underway, and we wish all players good hitting!

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY Stableford March 14.
On Tuesday 58 golfers played in this Stableford Round.
A-Grade Winner: Andrew Smith with 36 points
A-Grade R/up: Michael West-

away with 35 points on a count-back
B-Grade Winner: Greg Ellt with 41 points
B-Grade R/up: Gary McGrath with 38 points on a countback
C-Grade Winner: Michael Oliver with 41 points on a count-back
C-Grade R/up: Geoff Maher with 40 points on a countback
Thursday Community Bank Inverloch Par Event March 16.
On Thursday 91 members/guests hitting off on a shotgun start at 9am, enjoyed an excellent day out, with thanks to the Community Bank Inverloch for their valued sponsorship of this Par Round.
A Grade Winner: John Ryan with a score of Square
A Grade R/up: Craig Hutchinson with a score of 1 down
B Grade Winner: Peter Stivic with a score of 3 up on a count-back
B Grade R/up: Cameron Harwood with a score of 3 up
C Grade Winner: Evan Jenkins with a score of 4 up
C Grade R/up: Alan Starkey with a score of 1 up on a count-back
D Grade Winner: Gerald Free-stone with a score of 1 up
D Grade R/up: Fred Debono with a score of Square on a countback
NTP: 14th Paul Richardson
NTP: 16th Gordon Allan
Saturday John Westaway Memorial Ambrose Event March 18
On Saturday we had 102 golfers take to the course for the John Westaway Memorial Ambrose Event. Thank you to the Westaway family for their kind sponsorship for the day.
Net Winners: Jon Smith & Stuart Smith with a score of 60
Net Runners-Up: Michael Westaway & Eldon Westaway with a score of 62.75
Gross Winners: Craig Hutchinson & Peter Read with a score of 70 on a countback
Gross Runners-Up: Richard Comerford & Patrick McDonald with a score of 70
NTP: 14th Barry Wright at 1.8m
NTP: 16th Susan Bowler at 1.65m

Ladies

IN RECOGNITION of St Patrick's Day, all players were decked out in a variety of shades of green and fittingly, played an Irish 3BBB. To continue the Irish theme, Captain Rebecca

Thomas organised a very difficult Irish quiz.
The winning team were Fay Quilford, Wendy Brown and Karen de Groot with 86 points. Karen was also presented with her first ever Monthly Medal. Runners up were Nan Meagher, Sue Bowler and Lianne Adamson. The top individual stableford score for the day was Vicki Milner with 42 points.
Winners of balls down the line were the following teams: Louise Schache, Vicki Milner and Glenyce McRobert 83, Jan Brownlie, Pat Pease and Joc Howson 83, Dot Stubbs, Chris Lay and Robin Smith 83 and Neryle Hopcraft, Alison Strong and Marg Griffiths 81.
Jenny Fraser was the closest to the pin on the 14th and Karen Bear on the 16th.
Jill Steer had a very respectable 20 points in the 9 hole competition and balls down the line were awarded to Lyn Shaw 19 and Karen Murchie 16 points.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, March 16, Stableford.
A Grade: P Woodall, (7) 40pts
B Grade: S Hill-Smith (17) 39pts.
DTL: P Draper 39, M Richter, 37, J Hughes, T Bradshaw 36.
NTP: 4th G Walsh. 6th D Taylor.
Birdies: 4th C Hobson. 6th M Payne, D Taylor. 16th J Hughes.
Saturday, March 18, 4BBB Championship R1.
Leader board: M Snell/R Thompson 47, P Cummaudo/ J Smeriglio 43, P Draper/J Hughes 41, T & B Bradshaw 40.
NTP: 4th D Taylor, 6th J Smeriglio, 13th M Payne, 16th M Snell.
Birdies: 4th S Mc Innes, D Taylor, 6th T Bradshaw, J Smeriglio. 16th M Snell, S Evison, S Hill-Smith.

PHILLIP ISLAND

TUESDAY, March 14, Mens 18 hole Stroke Midweek Monthly Medal
A Grade winner: Ian Smith (8) with Nett 65 countback from Peter Cartwright (61)
B Grade winner: Dave Miers (16) with Nett 68 from Steven Sloss (16) nett 69 c/b
C Grade Brian Gloury (28) with nett 65 from Ian Huther (31) with nett 70
Brian Gloury was the winner of the Monthly Medal
NTP: 5TH Dan McConnon 7th Mark Jamieson 10th Rob



Woorayl ladies' Ann Poole, Kath Davis and Lyn De'laney took out the honours in the Tony McLeod Memorial Stableford event.

Haydon 14th Peter Wilson 17th Peter Wilson
BDL to 72 nett c/b
Mens 9 hole Stableford
Alan Tindale (30) was the winner with 20 points from Ron Hateley (34) with 19 points
BDL to 16 points c/b
Wednesday, March 15- Ladies 18 Hole Stableford
A Grade Winner Rhonda Boyd (18) with 38 points
B Grade winner was Cathy Jones (31) with 41 points
BDL to 37 points c/b
NTP: 5th Joanne Disher 7th Robyn Cornell 10th Liz Gleeson 12th Cathy Jones 17th Zoe Frost
Ladies 9 Hole Stableford
Lyn Ward (32) was the winner with 18 points countback from Wendy Hamilton (28)
Thursday, March 16, Open Par
A grade: Paul Ledwith (13) +4 from Mike Fitzmaurice (14) +2
B Grade: Peter Wilson (17) with +2 c/b from Jeff Sellenger (21)
C Grade Winner was Tracy Cooksey (33) with +3 from Steve Kelly (34) +2
BDL to square c/b
NTP: 5TH Paul Ledwith 7th Mark Haringsma 10th Trevor Bowler 14th Carl Russo 17th Ron Magill
Open 9 hole Stableford
Winner was Steve Rieger (24) with 19 points countback from Ron Hateley (33)
BDL to 17 points
Mens results Saturday, March 18, Irish Team Stableford
Winners were Craig Morris, Wayne Morris, Steve Morris and Tim Duff with 100 points on countback from John Fitzpatrick, Paul Dickson, Max Brown and Rick Jenkins
BDL to 93 points points c/b
NTP: 5th John Fitzpatrick 7th Rick Jenkins 10th Chris Lawrence 14th Steve Mack 17th Ben Walsh
Ladies Irish Team Stableford Results
Lady's winners were Vicki Amato, Megan Elbaz, Debra Orr and Patricia Jamieson with 99 points from Rhonda Boyd, Marlene Gibson, Ros Reid and Maria Kirwin with 98 points c/b
NTP 5th Tracey Cooksey 7th Cheryl White 10th Megan Elbaz 14th Ada Anglin 17th Tracey Cooksey
BDL to 98 points
9-hole Open Stableford winner was Bob Pascoe (14) with 19 points
BDL to 15

WONTHAGGI

MEN'S results March 18, S.R 71.
Competition type: Stroke
A Grade: Brad Pinel 67
B Grade: Rod Walker 68
C Grade: John Geyer 67
NTPs: Doug Putt 2nd, Doug Putt 4th, Willy Williams propin 8th, Frank Loughran 13th, Jay Foon money hole 17th, Eric VanAgtmaal longest Drive 9th.
Men's results March 16.
Competition type: Stableford 18 Hole, SR. 71.
Winner: Graeme Campbell 41
Runner Up: Ian McNish 40
Men's results March 16.
Competition type: Stableford 9 hole 10 to 18, SR. 36
Winner: Blake Cornelis 24
Runner Up: Ian Murrells 21

Ladies

WEDNESDAY was the qualifying round of 4BBB Par Board event.
There were 28 players and the winners and runner up teams had to be split via countback.
Wendy Cross (34) and Carol Sartori (45) were declared the winners with a great 7 up from Marion Walker (35) and Pam Hanley (30).
BDL Anne Poulton and Mary Ryan 6up, Donna Brosnan and Chris Yann 6up, Heather Wintle and Donna Van Veenendaal 6up.
NTP 8 Lisa Brusamarello.
9 Holes winner Maureen Masterman.

WOORAYL

Ladies

SIXTEEN enthusiastic golfers arrived today to enjoy a beautiful day at golf.
It was the final day of the Tony McLeod Memorial Stableford Aggregate Trophy combined with a single stableford event.
Congratulations to Kath Davis who had rounds of 37 and 38 to give a winning score of 75 points, 5 shots clear of the next score.
The daily stableford event was won by A grade Ann Poole (25) 46 points and B grade Lyn De'laney (38) 41 points.
BDL Kath Davis (32) 38 points and Jenny Riseley (28) 37 points.
Best 9 Elly Berryman 21 points.
NTPs 8th Inge, 11th Sharyn and 17th Bev.



Inverloch March Monthly Triples winners (left to right) Frankie Cimino, Tony McKiernan and Jon Justin.



Leongatha team Jeannette Chalmers, Janice Sing and Sue Crouch. Runners up of Korumburra Bowling Club's Tournament sponsored by O'Donnell Optical.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club Saturday winners Allan Ireland, Rob Shaw and Frank Seaton.

INVERLOCH

OUR monthly triples event attracted 20 teams of 3 players each. The first 2 games consisted of 12 ends each and the second 2 games consisted of 10 ends each.

The competition in the end was very close. The hard luck story of the day was the team skipped by Geoff Coleman that finished on 4 wins and 65 points.

Runners Up were the team skipped by Jeff Gilbert, ably supported by Gary Scott and Laurie Gabelle with 4 wins, 66 points and 25 shots up. The eventual winners of the day were Frankie Cimino (skip), Tony McKiernan and Jon Justin with 4 wins 66 points and 42 shots up. Our next Wednesday Triples will be on April 19.

Praise needs to go to Paul Davis who does a magnificent job organising our triples and those who support him in the background.

Thursday saw 16 bowlers roll up for our Thursday Social Bowls. 4 teams of Fours competed over 2 games of 10 ends. In fourth place was the team of Terry Orford (skip), John Duthie, John Cook and Jenny Slater. Third Place went to Bryan Hensley (skip), Laurel Lee, Harry Dunn and Alan Johnstone. Runners Up were Karen Orford (skip), Judith Moule, Nancy Stevens and Nell Van Grunsven. Winners on the day with 2 wins and 31 points was the team consisting of Veronica Muir, David Turnbull, Liz Jacobs and Peter Gentsch.

Members are working behind the scenes to upgrade some kitchen appliances and the installation of lights for the greens.

KORUMBURRA

THINGS have quietened down a bit now although the ladies match committee ran their tournament day triples sponsored by O'Donnell Optical.

Winners on the day were the Leongatha team of Jenny Miller, Dot Jarvis and Sue Symmons.

Runners up were Leongatha team of Jeanette Chalmers, Janice Sing and Sue Crouch.

Club members are reminded presentation night will be held on April 21.

Names on sheet in the clubrooms please.

MIDWEEK

TWENTY-THREE bowlers turned up at Corinella to compete in our weekly challenge.

Winners on 28 points were: Tony Heppleston (S), Luke Monckton (3), Enid Johnson (2), Shirley Corcoran (L)

Runners up on 23 points were: Mark Andreatta (S), Robyn Coulson (3), Chris Coulson (2), Frank d'Unienville (L)

Best One Game on 18 points were: Michael Dady (S), David Talbot (3), Pauline McWilliams (2), Chris Brooks (L)

Many thanks to Terry for all his hard work both behind the bar as well as in the kitchen.

As always, thank you to Peter and Pauline for all their hard work behind the scenes and also on site each week.

Next week we will be at San Remo and we look forward to another great day with all our friends.

So please be on site by 10:00AM for registration.

TOORA

DON'T forget our dinner night this Friday, March 24, give us a ring to let us know numbers.

The club needs your support so bring along your family and friends.

Only one four game winner being Meeniyans Dale and Robyn Scott with John Ryan from Toora. Runners up Leongatha side of Jeff Prendergast, Alan Easterbrook and Ollie Crouch.

Third place were Meeniyans side of Dudley Harrison, Doug Kunhne and Keith Pockington.

And the wine trio were Trevor, and birthday girl Robyn Henn with our own Dino Vignocchi.

See you next month for triples on April 20.

WONTHAGGI

ANOTHER week at the club with settled weather and not a lot of wind. Wednesday saw a smaller number of bowlers with the Turkey Triples being held at

Phillip Island. We had 18 bowlers grace the green, with two games of triples over 10 ends. There were two teams who were 2 game winners. The happy team was Heather Blanch, Ken Webb and Scott Morison with 2 wins and 35 points. The runners up were Jill Gilmore, Wendy Donohue and Frank Seaton with 2 wins and 34 points. Thursday was once again a winner, with good numbers, and a lot of happy bowlers enjoying the autumn weather.

Saturday saw a hot windy day with only a small field of bowlers taking to the greens. Teams of three and four were the order of the day, to play two games, one of 10 ends and the other 8 ends, because of the heat and the wind. There was only one 2 game winner being Allan Ireland, Rob Shaw and Frank Seaton with a score of 2 wins and 31 points. A hard day on the greens with a few people not wanting to play in the heat, as well as others saving up for Bendigo Country Week next week. We also welcomed Julian Wildenburg, a visitor from the Croydon Bowls Club.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 1.00 pm, Thursday social bowls at 10.00 am, Friday Coaching at 10.00 am and Saturday social bowls at 1.00 pm.

Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

THIS week the club celebrated the "90th" birthday of Life Member Jean Appleton with an afternoon tea.

The results of our bowling this week on Tuesday with 21 players; the winners with a plus 28 were Jeannie Slocombe, Jim Rodhi and Brian Newman.

Runners up on plus 9 were Rhonda Rattenbury, Thelma Kavanagh, Jan Milkins and Pam Russell. Friday we had 23 players the winners on plus 16 were Dot Harland, Murray Wilson and Wilma Marshall.

Coming second on plus 10 were Jan Milkins, Marg Hender and Jan Clark.

All teams won 2 games each.

PHILLIP ISLAND TENPIN BOWLING

2Sw COMPANY: 1st on 8pts Palms, 2nd on 7pts King Pins and 3rd on 6pts Ally Cats.

ABL: 1st on 54.5pts Pinpals, 2nd on 54pts Knackers and 3rd on 47pts Storm.

Business Early: 1st on 10pts Balls Deep, 2nd on 8pts Sassy Gronks, 3rd on 6pts Woolly Rollers and 4th on 6pts Happy Hour.

Business Late: 1st on 9pts Dynamic Painting, 2nd on 7.5 pts 3 Stooges, 3rd on 6pts Team Rich and 4th on 5pts S&R Clarke Auto

Top Scores:

Men: Jason Bence 217, Raff Merante 213 and Bob Jolly 205.

Woman: Chloe Else 190, Mary Dardha 147 and Jacque Kent 143.

PHILLIP ISLAND BRIDGE RESULTS

MONDAY, March 13, was a great day at the club with seven tables at play. Winners for North/South were Lorrie Read and Neville Chapman on 57.74%. Greg Nicholson and Deb Anglim came second this week on 55.65%. Jill Short returned from travels in South America and partnered Marion Wellwood to finish third on 52.68%.

Ann Hodgson and Caroline Shaw topped the East/West players with 59.52% followed by Hannah Martin and Maureen Stiles on 56.25%.

Just a whisker behind were Paul Waylen and Leng Haggith on 55.95%.

On Wednesday March 15 Paul Waylen and Lorrie Read were winners on 59.17%. Diane Coleman and Moya Crowley were next in line on a neat 55.00%. Jill short and Cathie Beenie finished third on 53.33%. The group enjoyed drinks and nibbles after play to celebrate Paul Waylen's birthday.

The new committee is undertaking a recruitment drive. If you know anyone who would like to join a friendly club and play bridge, please contact Wendy Mckergow on 0459 200 265.

Free lessons are available for new players. It is a great way to exercise the grey matter and make new friends.

WONTHAGGI DISTRICT EIGHT BALL ASSOC.

WELCOME back to all the players for the WDEBA 2023 Season.

Round 1. Purple Helmets def. Kraken 15/0, Pool Dogs def. Hitmen 9/6, Gypsies l/t Workers 7/8, Cally Devils def. Young Guns 13/2, Austral Warriors l/t Monsters 7/8, APL Aces def. Skippers 12/3.

Round 2. Young Guns l/t Gypsies 6/9, Workers l/t Austral Warriors 5/10, Skippers l/t Cally Devils 3/12, Monsters def. Purple Helmets 10/5, Kraken l/t Pool Dogs 6/9, Hitmen l/t APL Aces 6/9.

Round 3. Purple Helmets def. Workers 11/4, Monsters def. Kraken 11/4, Gypsies def. Skippers 8/7, Cally Devils def. Hitmen 9/6, Austral Warriors def. Young Guns 15/0, APL Aces l/t Pool Dogs 6/9.

Wonthaggi District Eight Ball Assoc. pool league is always welcoming new players that are keen to start a new sporting activity.

Contact: President 0407 323 449 or on our Facebook page.

ALMOST \$20K FOR CORINELLA FISHING OPPORTUNITIES

MINISTER for Outdoor Recreation Sonya Kilkenny joined Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale in Corinella to announce four volunteer-run regional angling clubs and community organisations from around the state have received around \$175,000 between them to improve fishing opportunities.

The clubs and community groups each applied for the funding which is available to fishing clubs and associations to improve facilities, provide more fish habitat or boost access to a favourite hotspot.

At Corinella, fishing will be easier and safer courtesy of a grant worth almost \$19,800 to complete stairs to a popular rock platform at Settlement Point.

The Corinella Foreshore Committee of Management applied for the grant having received \$71,400 in 2018 to get construction started.

The program enables fishing clubs and community groups to apply for grants between \$5,000 and \$50,000. For more information go to vfa.vic.gov.au/fishing-grants.

SPORT RESEARCH GRANTS UP FOR GRABS

MINISTER for Community Sport Ros Spence announced the 2022-23 Change Our Game Research Grants Program, which provides grants of up to \$25,000 to Victorian university researchers.

Since 2018, almost \$300,000 has been invested through the program to fund 14 research projects that address issues affecting women and girls in sport and active recreation.

The program backs the career development of researchers with an interest in gender equality and sport and advocates for an investigation to prevent barriers for women and girls to participate, lead and succeed in all areas of sport.

The Change Our Game Research Grants Program is offered through the Office for Women in Sport and Recreation.

Through the Program, grant proposals can be submitted for two streams:

- Sport leadership: women in sports media; gender equity in the sport job market; and men as allies in gender equity
 - Community sport and active recreation: fair access to community facilities; taking an intersectional approach; women in leadership roles in community sport; and adolescent girls' participation in organised sport.
- For more information, or to apply online, visit changeourgame.vic.gov.au. Applications for grants close on April 17, 2023.

NEW BOCCE COURT AT U3A

FRIDAY evening was the launch of the U3A Wonthaggi new Bocce Court.

About 60 members came and enjoyed a barbecue and salads organised by volunteer members.

The biggest surprise was for Glenn Cant, who organised the building of the site as it was named after him.

Glenn is an ex-vice president of the U3A and has continued to maintain the garden surrounds of the classrooms, including making some of the outdoor furniture enjoyed by all.

Bream Classic Series to inject much-needed funds into East Gippsland

IN 2023, Vic Bream Classics will be going into its 18th year of running the Vic Bream Classic Series in the East Gippsland destinations of Mallacoota, Marlo and Metung.

The Vic Bream Classic Series brings anglers from all over Victoria and interstate to the region and many new anglers each year get a taste of just what these picturesque towns have to offer.

On March 25-26, the series kicks off in Marlo and will see an influx of passionate bream anglers hit the town for Round 1 of the series - the 2023 Bayer Big Fish Challenge Bream Classic. Round 2 will see the series head to Mallacoota for the Atomic East Gippsland Bream Classic on May 6-7 and Round 4 of the series will head to Metung for the Club Marine East Gippsland Bream Classic on August 26-27.

At each of the five qualifying rounds, each team of two anglers will be competing to not only take out the title at each venue, but also will be fighting it out for over \$10,000 in cash and prizes along with qualification towards the 2023 NS Rods Sunline Vic Bream Classic Grand Final in November 2023 at Mallacoota.

The event is supported by East Gippsland Shire Council and Destination Gippsland - Events Gippsland.

The entry fee is \$250 per team, which covers both days competition angling. Teams must have a boat of a minimum length of 3.7 metres with a minimum 15hp motor with boat insurance. A sixty litre live-well must be carried to keep the fish in, which can be as simple as an esky with an aerator attached. Anglers must have the necessary safety equipment on board and fishing license to compete.

Entry forms, detailed rules and official accommodation venues can be obtained on the www.vicbreamclassics.com.au website or for all the news follow us on Facebook by searching Vic Bream Classics or by calling Bill Hartshorne (Tournament Director) on Mobile: 0409 823 070.

If you are not fishing but want to still watch the tournament unfold, then be sure to come along to each events weigh in at 2pm each day, where you will see the quality East Gippsland bream.



Koonwarra's Alicia Marshman teamed with Nicole Cornelis during an entertaining match against Angie and Bronwyn Williams.



Inverloch's Connor Krohn gets ready to serve one up in a dominating performance by his team over Koonwarra in Saturday's AMDTA semi finals.

Tennis grand finalists decided

THE semi-finals for all sections were played at the Leongatha Tennis Courts.

Conditions were definitely not ideal, with wind causing issues for all players.

As the day went on, the wind did not ease so all players were pleased to finish their games.

Section 1

Inverloch were winners over Koonwarra. Nicki Cornelis would be pleased winning with Alicia Marshman and then first mixed with her partner Glen Bainbridge. Well done to all players.

Westernport won well against Korumburra. Coach Pocko and Paul Ramsbottom won the only set for Korumburra. Word is Pocko needs to see the coach to help with serving. Double faults do not help.

This week's grand final in Section 1 will be Inverloch v Westernport.

Section 2

Outtrim were winners over Korumburra. Korumburra won one lady's set and lost a tiebreaker, unfortunately this was as close as

they got to getting another set.

Baromi also walked away winners against Leongatha Gold. Baromi won the men's sets and Gold won two ladies sets. Scores went Baromi's way, but it was a close match right up until the mixed.

This week's Grand final in Section 2 will be Outtrim v Baromi.

After next week's final, the presentation night will follow. Tickets must be booked by today, March 21. If you have any questions, please call Damien Minogue on 0427 507 369.

Players: Please make sure you are at the Leongatha Tennis Courts by 11.45am for photos and team details.

Those who didn't win this week, please make sure you send some players along to umpire. The more who are there, the easier it will be for everyone.

Please all bring along some cash to pay for raffle tickets, with prizes to be drawn at the Presentation Night. Those clubs who have not yet given their raffle prizes, please bring them along.



Baromi's Rod Porter played a consistent game for his team against Leongatha in the local tennis semi-finals on Saturday.

Mirboo North & District Junior Tennis Association results



Baromi - C grade: Congratulations to (L-R) Max, Charlotte, Jack and Charlie, playing their tennis finals debut. All smiles, despite being eliminated in the semi-final on Saturday.

RESULTS from the Semi-Final (elimination).

A Grade results:

Baromi, 4 sets and 29 games defeated Fish Creek, 2 sets and 21 games.

Leongatha Nadal, 5 sets and 35 games defeated Leongatha Federer, 1 set and 18 games.

B Grade Results:

Baromi, 4 sets and 31 games defeated Leongatha, 2 sets and 23 games.

Fish Creek, 6 sets and 37 games defeated Mardan, 0 sets and 13 games.

C Grade:

Leongatha Saville, 6 sets and 26 games defeated Baromi, 2

sets and 19 games.

Leongatha Swaitek, 6 sets and 30 games defeated Fish Creek, 2 sets and 15 games.

Grand finalists:

The following teams have progressed to the grand final next week:

A Grade - Baromi V Leongatha Nadal

B Grade - Baromi V Fish Creek

C Grade - Leongatha Swaitek V Leongatha Saville

Congratulations to all players on a terrific season. Grand Finals are to be held on March 25, at the Mirboo North tennis courts.



Newhaven College MTB Flynn Wright was super competitive in the Years 3/4 division placing 14th overall.

Massive week of Gravity Racing for Newhaven College MTB

THE Newhaven College MTB Team competed at the Australian Mountain Biking Inter-schools in Thredbo last week, with 1500 of the country's best junior mountain bikers descending on Australia's premium mountain bike park to test themselves on Australia's best gravity trails and to represent their respective schools.

As the team's first experience racing the big leagues, it was a huge week for parents and students alike. Although the week was hampered by the wind halting lift operations which affected the scheduling and cancellation of some races, there was still plenty of riding across the week.

While the 'All Mountain Assault' race was scrapped for Years 3/4, 5/6 and 7/8 due to roster congestion, the main event 'Fox Flow Motion Cup' still went ahead.

With hundreds of riders in each category, Flynn Wright was super competitive in the Years 3/4 division placing 14th overall.

Rufus Hollole claimed bragging rights over his mates with a clean and fast ride in the Years 5/6 division placing 35th overall.

Year 6 student Hugo Wright was tracking for a top 20 but crashed in the final stages of the race trying to pass the competitor in front, whom he had caught.

Miller Micallef enjoyed the experience in his first ever MTB competitive race while his mate Jude Rigby showed resilience and adaptability after experiencing mechanical issues in practice and having to compete on a borrowed bike.

Newhaven College MTB team co-ordinators Eve Hollole and Michael Wright said unfortunately, the highs of the days racing were somewhat soured with Year 8 student Harvey Strachan breaking his collarbone in practice, which was a quick end to his week. "Kudos to Harvey who still managed a thumbs up for his mates from the Thredbo Medical Centre."

The weather improved later in the week and after his successes in various cross-country series last year, Year 12 student Kade Rigby tested his downhill skills in both the Fox Flow and All Mountain Assault against Australia's best juniors, finishing a respectable mid field and most importantly, enjoying the challenge of racing on Australia's premier gravity trails.



Newhaven College MTB Team Kody Lewis, Hugo Wright, Flynn Wright, and Miller Micallef - with dads Dayne Lewis and Paul Micallef



Newhaven College MTB Team Rufus Hollole, Jude Rigby, Miller Micallef, and Hugo Wright.

A little closer to home and back across the border, Ethan Tilley also did the college proud, placing 20th in a field of 70 in the Year 7/8 division at the Rocky Trail Academy series at Mount Buller.

Ethan was competing in a category which comprised many well represented high country schools and half the whole field.

Last month, Council resolved to appoint a BMX, Mountain Bike and Pump Track reference group to advise Council on suitable locations for pump tracks across the shire. Although progress has been slow to date, this is certainly a step in the right direction.

Thredbo 2023 MTB Inter School Results:

- Fox Flow Motion Cup
Div 5 - Yr 3/4
Flynn Wright - 14th (6:32)
Div 4 - Yr 5/6
Rufus Hollole - 35th (6:12)
Hugo Wright - 60th (6:23)
Miller Micallef - 116th (6:58)
Jude Rigby - 139th (7:40)
Div 1 - Yr11/12
Kade Rigby - 80th (10:13)
- long course
All Mountain Assault
Div 1 - Yr11/12
Kade Rigby - 86th (8:58)
Rockshox Pump Track
Div 4 - Yr 5/6
Rufus Hollole - 26th (26:56)
Mount Buller Rocky Trail Academy Results
Ethan Tilley - Yr 7/8 20th (11:13)

Gippsland United results

U16s JBNPL - Gippsland Vs Bentleigh Greens, March 11:

The Labour Day long weekend double header was always going to be a tough one for GFUC playing NPL 1 team Bentleigh Greens up first on the Saturday.

Even so, our boys went out onto the field with a new and improved team attitude after the unfortunate resignation of their coach during the week and played a hard defensive game.

GFUCs goalie Jedd Foster #20 was already put to work in the opening minutes of the game, and he had to put his body on the line throughout the entire match making some fantastic saves.

Ryder Colantuono #28 worked overtime in defence and newcomer Leeton Hilli #22 kicked GFCUs only goal for the game.

Lochlan Pillay #6 tried hard in the forward line but unfortunately couldn't covert his efforts into a goal. The defence line Spencer Boughton #25, Dylan Rosato #30, Lucas Halden #32 and Luca Di Corleto #31 really held their own and the score of 1-8 to Bentleigh Greens didn't reflect how well the boys played.

U16s JBNPL - Gippsland Vs Oakleigh Cannons, March 13:

Day 2 had GFCU up against Oakleigh Cannons and although the team is still plagued with some niggling injuries the boys played hard to keep the score a very respectful 0-2 until an unfortunate 3rd goal generated from a penalty. Thanks again to the under 15s that have been stepping up, your efforts don't go unnoticed.

U16s JBNPL - Gippsland V's Kingston City, March 19:

This week's game against Kingston City was a nail bitter of a match with a well-deserved draw between these two rivals. Once again, our backline worked very hard to keep the score even with Jedd Foster #20 making an incredible game saving save in the second half. Tanna Leicester #34, Noah Jackson #24 and Ryder Colantuono #28 gave it their all and Spencer Boughton #25 assisted Lochlan Pillay #6 to kick a beautifully played goal. The boys should be incredibly proud as they played an awesome match with no fresh legs on the field and were still able to hold off their opponent.

U18s JBNPL - Gippsland v's Kingston City, March 19:

The Under 18 Boys took to the park against mid table side, Kingston City FC, who came into the bout off the back of some convincing results.



Leeton Hilli (U16) in action.

In the perfect conditions, Gippsland looked likely from the get go, with Bayden Heusmann hitting the post, shortly followed by Brody Demagistris hitting the bar on a tight angle. Not too soon after, Abraham Konyi was able to make a fast break out the right-hand side, before crossing a perfect ball into the feet of Heusmann to put the home side ahead. Kingston began to turn the contest in their favour, with countless chances to equalise, shut out by the defensive end of the home side.

Close to half time, Kingston was able to find their equaliser via a back post tap in, which led the game into the break at one goal a piece. In the second half, Kingston remained on top, with plenty momentum coming forward with more chances to put themselves ahead, eventually finding the net with a near post flick on from a free kick. With Ronald Kong dominating the midfield, and some wonderful forward balls by Ben McCartney and Nic Nardone, Gippsland applied the pressure until the final stages of the game, even seeing goalkeeper Jared Goodwin register a shot on goal in the final two minutes. However, the persistent effort from the Gippsland boys was not enough, falling just short of the mark in Round 8. Gippsland United 1, Kingston City 2.

Other scores:

U14s JBNPL - Gippsland (1) drew with Kingston City (1)

U15s JBNPL - Gippsland (2) lost to Kingston City (3)

Coaching vacancy: JB-NPL U16s.

We are seeking a Coach for the newly vacated position of Junior Boys National Premier League U16's Coach. Please call Technical Director, Mark Cassar, on 0437 496 757 to express an interest.

Player vacancies: JBNPL U15s, U16s and U18s.

Gippsland United currently have limited places available within their U15, U16 and U18 squads for this season. If you are interested in taking the next step in your career, please contact Technical Director, Mark Cassar, on 0437 496 757 for further information.

Gippsland gears up for Festival of Rugby

GIPPSLAND will play host to its own Festival of Rugby this April, in an event hosted by Rugby Victoria, in partnership with the Melbourne Rebels, Regional Development Victoria, Latrobe City Council and community partners. Gippsland Regional Indoor Sports Stadium (GRISS) in Traralgon will be buzzing with activity as the centre welcomes Come and try Rugby activities, partner activations, Melbourne Rebels players, cultural Pasifika performances, and lots of activities for families.

With the action locked in for Saturday, April 1, the free community event will run from 11am – 5pm.

“We are excited to announce the Gippsland Festival of Rugby. The festival is the first step of a broader strategy to grow rugby in the region in the lead up to and post the 2026 Commonwealth Games,” stated Rugby Victoria Vice President and Gippsland local, Liz Radcliffe.

Through the support of Optus, the Melbourne Rebels v Fijian Drua SuperW match and the Melbourne Rebels v Fijian Drua Super Rugby Pacific match will be played on the big screen for the community to enjoy.

The significance of the date is not lost on rugby fans - the event will mark exactly three years until Rugby 7s headlines the 2026 Commonwealth Games, hosted at Gippsland Sports and Entertainment Park, Morwell.

Key timings:

- 11.00am - Event starts
- 12.05pm - Melbourne Rebels v Fijian Drua SuperW match streamed on the Big Screen
- 12.45pm - Come and Try Rugby Clinic
- 1.50pm - Official welcome
- 2.30pm - Melbourne Rebels v Fijian Drua Super Rugby match streamed on the Big Screen
- 3.10pm - Come and Try Rugby Clinic
- 5.00pm - Event ends

Support Inverloch RSL to save lives

THIS March, Inverloch RSL is taking the Marching On challenge to support Soldier On's life-saving mental health services that help our brave veterans and their families.

We are walking 96km (average 3km daily), the length of the Kokoda Track, to honor the courage and sacrifice of our veterans, both past and present.

Suicide, self-harm, suicidality and PTSD have a profound effect on veterans, family, loved ones, friends and colleagues.

Together, we can make a real difference. Together, we can help our heroes march on. It is hoped that the general community will get behind this wonderful cause

Please support our challenge to prevent veteran suicide and help save lives.

To help the challenge, visit www.marchonchallenge.org.au/fund-raisers/inverlochrs/virtual23

You can also choose to:

Register as a participant and walk/run the 96km (or less) over the month of March as a member of Inverloch RSL team and seek sponsors for your efforts, or donate to the Inverloch RSL Team or individual member.



The afternoon swimmers put in a tremendous amount of effort at the All Juniors Countries Championship.

Juniors make a splash outdoors

THE excitement of swimming at MSAC outdoor pool for the first time was evident amongst the youngest of the 57 SGB swimmers, who swam at the All Juniors Countries Championship on the weekend.

South Gippsland Bass (SGB) continued their great form in the final summer meet, with some fantastic results.

The swimmers aged 8-16, enjoyed racing against the rest of the country clubs.

The qualifying meet, held a month ago at Warragul had the top eight swimmers in each stroke eligible to compete and with Gippsland being such a strong region, the large numbers of SGB swimmers in the finals was noticeable.

Some events had nearly 50 swimmers and had six SGB swimmers in the top 10, such is the strength of the club in some age groups.

For many of the youngsters, racing at MSAC is a huge learning experience, with time instantly appearing on the large screen and the special blocks.

There was also the excitement of swimming infant of a large crowd in the full stands.

The 40 who finished in the top 10, returned on Sunday for the finals with a number leaving with medals hanging around their necks.

“The kids swam so well on Saturday, in that heat, with so many PBs. It can be quite daunting for some of our under 8s and 9s here for the first time, but they took it in their stride and



Claudia, Miah and Jazz were all smiles after their heats.

came out with plenty of smiles,” said coach Lori.

“I’m so proud of all our juniors.”

Finalists (E – Emergency):

Rebecca Barclay 12 years 50 Fly E, 2nd 50 Back, 2nd 50 Free

Freya Berry 15 years 50 Fly E Billy Boyd 15 years 6th 50 Fly, 3rd 50 Back, 6th 50 B’sroke, 2nd 50 Free

Maximilian Brocklesby 13 years 7th 50 Fly, 8th 50 Free

Nyah Chapman 11 years 6th 50 Fly

Tully Chapman 9years 6th 50 Back E, 50 B’sroke E, 50 Free E

Gemma Cook MC 1st 50 Fly, 1st 50 Back, 1st 50 B’sroke, 1st 50 Free

Claudia Croatto 13 years 4th 50 Fly, 9th 50 Back, 3rd 50 Free

Emily Croatto 10 years 4th 50 Fly, 5th 50 Back, 5th 50 B’sroke, 4th 50 Free

Isabel Croatto 12 years 9th 50 Free

Andi Fisher 9 years 10th 50 Back

Billy Fisher 13 years 1st 50 B’sroke, 10th 50 Free

Maggie Fisher 11years 1st 50 Back, 3rd 50 Free

Cormac Flynn 13 years 3rd 50 B’sroke

Annie-Jean Giliam-Rodda 11 years 50 B’sroke E

Daisy Giliam-Rodda 9 years 10th 50 Fly, 50 B’sroke E

Lachie Grimes 11 years 4th 50 Fly, 6th 50 Back, 50 Free E

Callum Hackett 10 years 6th 50 B’sroke,

Joshua Hunt 14 years 50 Fly, 50 Back E, 50 B’sroke E

Sienna Hunt 12 years 5th 50 Fly, 3rd 50 Back, 3rd 50 Free

Holly Hurst 12 years 4th 50 Back, 50 Free

Kiarnah Kranen 12 years 50 Back E

Makenzi Kranen 9years 6th 50 Fly, 7th 50 Back, 9th 50 Free

Ava Lucas 9 years 9th 50 Fly, 7th 50 Back

Austin Lynch 8 years 7th 50 B’sroke, 10th 50 Free

Ethan Lynch 10 years 2nd 50 B’sroke,

Isabella Lynch 12 years 3rd 50 B’sroke

Harper Mcrae 12 years 6th 50 Fly, 6th 50 Back, 8th 50 Free

Mitchell Packer 9 years 6th 50 Free

Lachlan Paterson 15 years 50 Fly E, 8th 50 Back, 50 B’sroke E

Josie Richer, 9years 50 Fly E, 1st 50 Back, 2nd 50 Free

Miah Roberts 13 years 2nd 50 Back,

Jasmine Ruffin 14 years 9th 50 B’sroke,

Jemma Rump 11 years 9th 50 Free

William Simmons 13 years 2nd 50 Back.

Archie Smyth 11 years 1st 50 Fly, 5th 50 Free,

Darby Smyth 9 years 4th 50 Fly

Lara Smyth 15 years 10th 50 B’sroke

Jarrah Tagell 13 years 50 Fly E, 50 back E

Mason Wiggins 11 years 6th 50 Back E, 9th 50 Free

Emma Barclay, Lachlan Carew, Lachlann Christensen, Lucas Jungwirth, Amalia Lofgren, Hannah Lucas, Addie Manne, Tayah Matheson, Heidi McMillan, Noah McMillan, Brooklyn Packer, Mya Richer, Eden Roberts, Harper Perry, Maddison Pocklington, Aidan Smyth and Matilda Swann also swam.

Always wear a helmet, it might save your life



Without a helmet your loved one may not come home. Photo: Kelly Sikkema, Unsplash

THE MESSAGE from Tiny Hearts Education comes this week, as one mum bravely shared her story to raise awareness about the importance of wearing a helmet.

Her son, Jack, was struck by a car, not once but twice when the driver drove forwards, instead of backwards to get off the trapped child.

“I always made Jack wear a helmet,” she started.

“It was just one of the non-negotiable things we did...”

“We came around a corner towards the café we were going to, as he (approached) the driveway, I shouted ‘remember we stop here and walk our bike in the carpark.’

“I feel like it was at that exact split second he didn’t stop and

before I knew it, I watched a red car hit my baby boy... and he disappeared under it. His head was in front of the wheel and his body behind...”

The elderly driver unaware of what was taking place, drove forwards when onlookers and Jack’s mum screamed to go back.

“He drove forward and ran straight over Jack’s head.

“I literally watched the tyre drive over my baby’s head. I heard the loudest crack as his helmet caved under the car, and at that exact moment, I thought my boy was going to die...”

No brain damage or threat to his life, the helmet literally saved Jack’s life.

With too many children

presenting at emergency rooms across Australia with injuries sustained from not wearing a helmet the message is simple – always wear a helmet, every single time.

In Jack’s case the helmet had cost \$25 from Kmart – it did its job.

Tiny Hearts are reminding parents and guardians that a helmet should:

- Comply with the Australian and New Zealand Standard AS/NZS 2063
- Fits your child’s head correctly; it shouldn’t tilt forward, backwards or sideways
- If the helmet gets damaged, replace it!
- Be a good role model - wear your helmet always!



Collingwood premierships player and Wonthaggi Power coach Jarryd Blair presents a new Collingwood guernsey to former GWS player Bobby Hill ahead of his first game last Friday night.



Wonthaggi's Jarryd Blair had the honour last week of passing on the Number 11 guernsey to former Brisbane player Daniel McStay ahead of his Round 1 debut in the black and white.

Blair's team-first message plays well at Collingwood

HEROIC Wonthaggi Power leader Jarryd Blair was invited back to the great Collingwood Football Club during the week to present two jumpers to two new players at the Magpies, experienced Brisbane recruit Daniel McStay, who was taking over his Number 11 guernsey, and the pacy former GWS forward Bobby Hill who received the Number 23.

Blair was welcomed back into the fold by Collingwood coach Craig McRae and initially made light of his own career at the Pies before bringing it home with a strong message about coming to the club with the mindset of being a great team player as the ideal foundation for a successful career.

"You asked 'Dutchy' to describe himself as a player and I got to thinking what I was as a player and I think the best way to describe myself was probably as a decoy forward. Just about everyone was pretty keen for me to get the hell out of the way, work up, make some space and let these boys do their thing."

It brought a warm laugh from the assembled players, but they couldn't have helped notice that Blair made the self-effacing remarks against the projected backdrop of his career stats at Collingwood; 143 games and 110 goals between 2010 and 2018, crucially including a premierships in 2010 and life membership of the club.

"Ex-Wonthaggi and Gippsland Under 18s player, the tiny Jarryd Blair confounded perennial critics that he was too small to make it. He won the Morrish Medal in the TAC Cup competition in 2008. Blessed with a good step that could get him out of the traffic, Blair constantly impressed in the VFL without getting a senior chance," said the club tribute to Blair.

"His ability to win his own ball earned him a senior spot in 2010 and he was part of the premierships team. He admitted six months later that he had thought he would miss out again and hoped to do enough in the VFL for the Magpies to keep him on the books. He developed

a defensive mindset that meant he could also take on other roles."

Jarryd Blair then held the floor with some well-chosen remarks about the "first class" experience the new players would get before huge crowds in the Collingwood guernsey and the historical perspective of being the next to fill the time-honoured jumpers.

"But, you know, I think that it was something that I took great pride in, to be able to play a role for the side. Like 'Dutchy' you take great interest in the footy club and the jumper that you wore and the role that you played and I think it's a great foundation to come in with the mindset that you just want to be a great team player and a team contributor."

"And that's just a good foundation to build your career off and then take the opportunity to enhance the legacy of this jumper. For me, it was a club great in Shane O'Bree who wore this for over 200 games. And for me, it was a massive honour to be able to spend some time in this."

"And I think as you get older you realise that this (jumper) is still going to be here in 150 years' time and someone else is going to be getting the opportunity to represent this great footy club."

He acknowledged that McStay had already played 150 games for Brisbane, but noted he was likely to get a completely different experience when he ran out in the black and white.

"But I reckon the experience you're gonna get (tomorrow night) is a first class AFL experience and I think you'll obviously acknowledge and appreciate how lucky you are for that opportunity."

Blair also had the opportunity to present the Number 23 guernsey to a player more of his own stature, Bobby Hill, coming across from GWS after 41 games and 34 goals as a pacy, small forward.

He encouraged Hill to grab the fresh start with both hands and make his mark at Collingwood after being selected on a half forward flank against Geelong in Round 1.



Alfie Webb, Venus Bay under 13 competitor.

Venus Bay SLSC's bright future displayed in state championships

VENUS Bay Surf Life Saving Club's (SLSC's) Joe Kneebone has come away from Life Saving Victoria's (LSV's) biggest event on the summer sporting calendar, the Victorian Junior Championships with a second place in the overall beach event rankings.

Kneebone was victorious in the under 13 boys' beach sprint and backed up his win with a silver medal in the under 13 boys' beach run and a fifth in the beach flags, behind teammate Alfie Webb who claimed bronze.

Venus Bay was the sole Bass Coast representative that travelled to Warrnambool for the championships, which saw 24 clubs from across Victoria competing for the title of state champions.

LSV senior manager sport Chris Schleusener congratulated Venus Bay on its efforts in the competition.

"Our nippers are the future of our volunteer lifesaving force and to see such an incredible display of skill and teamwork shows that the future of lifesaving at Venus Bay is bright,"

Mr Schleusener said.

"From the traditional march past and belt and reel disciplines showing lifesaving's proud history, to the rescue ready board paddling and surf swimming, lifesaving sport is full of exciting disciplines, all combined with the community mindset of camaraderie between teams and clubs."

"It was fantastic to head west to Warrnambool SLSC, which provided our juniors with an idyllic backdrop and challenging but fun conditions."

While the Victorian Junior Championships marks the end of Victoria's summer lifesaving season, the juniors will remain active over winter when the pool lifesaving season commences in July.

Results:

Under 13 boys' beach sprint 1st: Joe Kneebone, Venus Bay SLSC

Under 13 boys' beach relay 2nd: Venus Bay SLSC

Under 13 boys' beach run 2nd: Joe Kneebone, Venus Bay SLSC

Under 13 boys' beach flags 3rd: Alfie Webb, Venus Bay SLSC

Stay sun smart in Autumn

SUNSMART is encouraging Victorians to slip, slop, slap, seek shade and slide on sunglasses, when enjoying the outdoors in these Autumn months, as ultraviolet (UV) radiation is expected reach high levels across the state.

This reminder comes in response to new data from Cancer Council Victoria's Centre for Behavioural Research in Cancer Sun Observation Study, which observed more than 2200 people in streets and at cafés in selected locations across Victoria during summer 2020.

The study found that only 4% wore a sun protective hat and just 32% were wearing sunglasses. In this instance, protective hats refer to broad-brimmed and legionnaire styles that cover the face, ears and neck.

Similarly, the study found of the more than 1900 people observed

in public parks and gardens, 6% were wearing a protective hat and 42% were wearing sunglasses.

Australia has one of the highest UV levels and rates of skin cancer cases in the world, with two in three Aussies expected to be diagnosed in their lifetime.

However, up to 95% of melanoma and 99% of non-melanoma skin cancer are a result of over exposure to UV radiation, making skin cancer almost entirely preventable through sun protection habits.

To get advice, download the SunSmart Global UV App to access daily sun protection times and live UV forecasts based on your location.

SunSmart Global UV app is free for download through the Apple and Google Play Stores at sunsmart.com.au/resources/sunsmart-app.

Spectacular weekend for sporting event

AIMING to bring a significant sporting event to the area and drive tourism and community engagement, Bass Coast Shire Council, Phillip Island 101 and Tourism Gippsland have funded the Bass Coast Swim, Bike, or Run event for the next three years.

The Swim Bass Coast was held Saturday morning along the gorgeous beaches of Cowes. Strong winds and choppy seas led to tough yet fast conditions. Robbe Dilissen and Dominique Hart took out the male and female Open 4K ocean swim in blistering times of 40:18 and 48:02. Each winner pocketed a very tidy \$500!

Sadly, The Bike Bass Coast was cancelled for this year.

Check out the full results and many photos and videos at facebook.com/SBRbasscoast and be sure to like and follow for updates.



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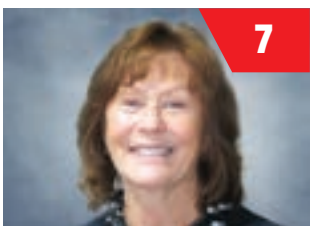
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C GRADE DIVISION 1

Korumburra 6/157 d Inverloch 7/147	
Korumburra – 1st INNINGS	
PD Beadel b T Debono	3
J Wrigley c IJ Seuren b C Newman	17
C Smith c IJ Seuren b W Chapman	80
J Rockall run out (IJ Seuren, C O'Flynn)	6
D Scott b W Chapman	4
M Olden c & b C O'Flynn	4
T Morrison not out	21
GA Barrett not out	5
Extras (nb 3, w 11, b 3, lb 0)	17
Total 6/157 (40 overs)	
Bowling: C Butler 8-2-0-28 (1w), T Debono 8-2-1-13, C Newman 6-0-1-37 (3nb, 1w), M Marston 3-0-0-12 (1w), C O'Flynn 7-0-1-24 (8w), W Chapman 8-0-2-40	
Inverloch – 1st INNINGS	
D Harris run out (PD Beadel)	16
W Stewart b M Olden	50
IJ Seuren c PD Beadel b M Olden	29
JJ Dennerley b S McKinnon	0
J Rowe run out (S McKinnon, T Morrison)	25
W Chapman c & b J Rockall	1
T Debono run out (PD Beadel, M Olden)	3
C Newman not out	3
M Woods b M Olden	2
M Marston not out	2
Extras (nb 2, w 7, b 6, lb 1)	16
Total 7/147 (40 overs)	
Bowling: J Rockall 8-2-1-36 (1w), D Scott 8-1-0-21 (5w), S McKinnon 8-0-1-24, GA Barrett 5-0-0-20, D Whelan 4-0-0-19, M Olden 7-1-3-20	

Phillip Island 0/112 d Koon L/RSL 109	
Koonwarra L/RSL – 1st INNINGS	
A Stanley lbw b P Francis	4
S Paterson c W Paterson b sT Sirirathnage	18
AJ Thorne b sT Sirirathnage	4
H Scrimshaw b sT Sirirathnage	0
C Harwood c M Arceo b P Francis	5
B Cary b C Fall	44
K Thorne b sT Sirirathnage	1
T Collins c W Paterson b P Francis	5
R Collins run out (D Ivey, W Paterson)	4
B Smith lbw b D Mani	8
S Chadwick not out	4
Extras (nb 0, w 7, b 4, lb 1)	12
Total 109 (29.2 overs)	
Bowling: MA Cleary 4-1-0-14 (2w), sT Sirirathnage 8-2-4-19 (1w), P Francis 8-1-3-22 (2w), C Fall 6-2-0-1-32, D Mani 3-0-1-17 (2w)	
Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS	
J Manning not out	66
GR Excell not out	32
Extras (nb 4, w 7, b 2, lb 1)	14
Total 0/112 (32 overs)	
Bowling: S Chadwick 7-1-0-22 (1nb), B Cary 3-0-0-9 (2w), B Smith 5-3-0-3, T Collins 5-0-0-24 (2w), S Paterson 5-0-0-14, K Thorne 2-0-0-13 (3nb, 2w), C Harwood 3-0-0-15 (1w), R Collins 2-0-0-9	

C GRADE DIVISION 2

OMK 5/222 d Kilcunda-Bass 117	
OMK – 1st INNINGS	
G Lomagno c DB Bettles b P DeRubeis	15
A Sorensen b h Bettles	101
J Myers c S Oates b P DeRubeis	15
C Walker st S Oates b K Anand	39
B Maguire not out	21
M Whiteside run out (h Bettles)	2
T Walker not out	4
Extras (nb 5, w 8, b 9, lb 3)	25
Total 5/222 (40 overs)	
Bowling: DB Bettles 8-0-0-29 (1w), h Bettles 7-0-1-47 (1nb, 1w), A Joseph 6-0-0-17 (1nb), P DeRubeis 8-0-2-45 (2w), C Bettles 3-0-0-30 (2nb), K Anand 8-0-1-42 (1nb, 4w)	
Kilcunda-Bass – 1st INNINGS	
A Joseph b G Lomagno	54
S Oates c & b J Myers	42
K Anand b G Lomagno	9
DB Bettles c A Sorensen b G Lomagno	6
J Reilly c N Furness b J Myers	0
C Bettles b G Lomagno	0
P DeRubeis b D Wylie	0
O Shumack b D Wylie	0
H Bettles c C Walker b D Wylie	0
D Bettles not out	1
C Reilly c B Maguire b D Wylie	0
Extras (nb 0, w 16, b 4, lb 0)	20
Total 10/117 (31 overs)	
Bowling: M Whiteside 6-0-0-33 (1w), B Maguire 7-0-0-40 (10w), G Lomagno 8-1-4-18, J Myers 8-1-2-19 (4w), D Wylie 2-0-4-2 (1w)	

Town 9/257 d Glen Alvie 151	
Town – 1st INNINGS	
N Hodges c W Bridle b E Spiteri-Stevens	43
R Edwards c W Bridle b J Brown	0
R Hume c G Hynes b A Luke	10
T Strybosch b R Luke	95
Y Ratnaike c HC Smith b J Brown	34
M Warren c W Bridle b J Brown	0
P Carter lbw b H Driscoll	10
C Dowling c G Hynes b J Brown	1
M Carter not out	25
C Smith b R Luke	0
R Shields not out	1
Extras (nb 9, w 10, b 12, lb 6)	37
Total 9/257 (40 overs)	
Bowling: J Brown 8-0-4-31 (2nb, 1w), R Spiteri-Stevens 6-0-0-43, W Bridle 4-0-0-32 (4w), A Luke 4-0-1-23 (3nb, 2w), E Spiteri-Stevens 7-0-1-35 (1nb), N Thatcher 3-0-0-24 (24nb), H Driscoll 4-0-1-23 (1w), AT Donohue 3-0-0-20 (3nb), R Luke 1-0-2-8 (2nb)	
Glen Alvie – 1st INNINGS	
R Luke c M Carter b T Strybosch	79
J Brown c N Hodges b R Hume	0
R Spiteri-Stevens c P Carter b C Dowling	13
W Bridle b C Dowling	20
HC Smith c N Hodges b Y Ratnaike	0
E Spiteri-Stevens b Y Ratnaike	8
N Thatcher b Y Ratnaike	4
A Luke st N Hodges b M Carter	2
H Driscoll c Y Ratnaike b M Carter	2
AT Donohue b M Carter	1
G Hynes not out	1
Extras (nb 12, w 6, b 3, lb 1)	22
Total 151 (39.5 overs)	
Bowling: R Hume 8-1-1-32, T Strybosch 6-1-1-13, C Dowling 8-1-2-33 (1nb, 2w), P Carter 5-0-0-29 (3nb, 1w), Y Ratnaike 8-0-3-27 (3nb, 1w), M Carter 2-5-0-3-10 (3nb, 1w), C Smith 2-0-0-3 (2nb, 1w)	



Korumburra's Cameron Smith defends during his match-defining half century. B02_1223

Cobras take down the minor premiers

C Grade, Division 1

INVERLOCH finished atop the C Grade Division 1 ladder and earned themselves a home Semi Final, in which they welcomed the fourth placed Korumburra to battle it out for a chance to make the big one.

The Cobras won the toss and chose to bat first and were under early pressure, losing Patrick Beadel for a measly three as young gun Ty Debono (1/13 from 8) put together a brilliant opening spell.

Luckily though for the ‘Bura side, their number two and three in Jacob Wrigley (17) and Cameron Smith (80) were able to see them out of early trouble.

Even when Wrigley fell, Smith continued on, and his sensational half century proved to be a match defining one.

He lost partners along the way, before putting together a healthy 64-run stand with his skipper Tim Morrison (21*) who remained unbeaten until the end, seeing his side to 6/157 after their 40 overs.

In reply, the powerful Stingrays batting line up got off to a solid start, reaching 36 before David Harris (16) was run out.

Isaac Seuren (29) then joined his captain Warren Stewart (50) at the crease as they went about completing the run chase in blustery and hot conditions.

As they were in the midst of doing so though, Stewart was struck down by injury and requested to retire hurt, bringing great controversy to all-important Semi.

The Cobras called back the Invy’ skipper, telling him he is allowed a runner, although just as one was sent out in full gear, they demanded it be the dismissed batter instead.

After a nearly 20-minute ordeal the game continued, and Stewart, now batting with Harris as his runner, fought on with Seuren and the pair put on a courageous 66-run stand before Seuren was caught.

This brought the ever-dangerous Jason Dennerley to the crease, but he stunningly fell straight away, edging onto his stumps as the Cobras celebrated ecstatically.

Soon after, things got worse



Travis Strybosch 95 and Yuthil Ratnaike 34 shared a 90-run partnership for Leongatha Town in C Grade Division 2.

for the minor premiers as Mathew Olden (3/20 from 7) clean bowled Stewart, after the Stingrays captain made an extremely courageous and tough half century, the dismissal ended what was a remarkable season for him, finishing with an average of 151.

With his side now 4/114, Inverloch batter Jack Rowe pulled out some cracking shots to give the Invy’ boys a red hot chance but in the end, Korumburra were good enough with the ball and in the field to hold on for a famous victory.

The Cobras will now face Phillip Island in the Grand Final, to be played at the Outtrim Recreation Oval this Saturday from 11am.

Sirirathnage causes Cougar carnage in Island win

THE second placed Phillip Island welcomed Koonwarra L/RSL over the bridge to Reece Plumbing Park and it was the visitors who won the toss and chose to bat first.

Sachin Sirirathnage (4/19) and Peter Francis (3/22 from 8) caused carnage to the Koony’ top order, stopping them in their tracks taking a combined 7/17.

This incredible bowling patch had the visitors reeling at 7/41, and the run out of Rhett Collins made it 8/58 soon after.

Through all of this though, Brodie Cary (44 from 43) stood tall at number six, and his 45-run stand with Blake Smith (8) proved vital to finishing with a score over the century mark

(10/109).

In reply, the Island took to completing what was a relatively easy chase on their home deck, and showed it to be just that, knocking off the 110-run target without losing a single wicket.

John Manning (66* from 108) was superb in the 112-run partnership with Gavin Excell (32* from 88).

Blake Smith (0/3 from 5) was great with the ball in the loss.

Phillip Island now head to Outtrim to take on Korumburra in the C Grade Division 1 Grand Final.

C Grade, Division 2

Strybosch knock sets up Town win over Glen Alvie

TRAVIS Strybosch played a key part in taking Leongatha Town into the C2 decider, scoring 95, then dismissing top-scoring Glen Alvie opener Ryan Luke for 79.

“Travis played an exceptional game he couldn’t get his maiden century,” Leongatha president Cam Dowling said, noting Strybosch was the difference in the match.

Leongatha Town chose to bat first in the familiar setting of Scorpion Park, with a number of contributors supporting Strybosch.

Keeper and opener Nigel Hodges was the best of those, with 43, while Yuthil Ratnaike made 34 and Max Carter finished unbeaten on 25.

The Scorpions set Glen Alvie an imposing 258 for a grand fi-

nal spot, with Leongatha Town’s bowlers then comfortably accounting for most of the Glen Alvie batting line up.

Wayne Bridle (20) was the beaten side’s next highest scorer behind Luke.

Ratnaike backed up his solid effort with the willow to capture 3/27 off his eight overs of medium pace, weaving a spell on the Glen Alvie middle order.

President Dowling importantly removed Glen Alvie top order players Raphael Spiteri-Stevens (13) and Bridle (20) just as they appeared set.

Medium pacer Dowling finished with 2/33 from his eight overs.

Carter helped polish off the Glen Alvie tail, with his off spin claiming 3/10 from just under three overs.

Leongatha Town now meets OMK in the final at Nerrena Recreation Reserve.

OMK bowlers make Sorensen innings count

ANDREW Sorensen was the chief architect of Outtrim Moyarra Kongwak’s strong response after being sent in by visitor Kilcunda-Bass, making a fast-paced 101.

That helped OMK set the Sharks a tough 223 for a spot in the final, something the Kilcunda-Bass openers gave them every chance of accomplishing.

Sharks skipper Ashley Joseph (54) and opening partner Steven Oates (42) scored at a healthy pace, with Joseph striking 10 boundaries.

However, when Jordan Myers caught and bowled Oates a transformation came over the game, with OMK’s bowlers falling for ducks as the side was skittled for 117.

Cagey swing bowler George Lomagno was a damaging force with ball in hand for OMK, wreaking havoc on the Kilcunda-Bass top and middle orders and taking 4/18 off eight overs.

OMK faces an intriguing challenge against Leongatha Town in Saturday’s final.



Koonwarra skipper James Rushton blasts one to the boundary. B05_1223

Koony edge out Invy to advance to Final

• B Grade, Division 1

KOONWARRA L/RSL hosted Inverloch at the Koonwarra Recreation Reserve and the hosts won the toss and chose to bat first in the 50 over a side contest.

Several of the Cougars top order got off to starts but fell prior to going on any further as they slumped to 3/45 to start out.

Things improved though as their skipper James Rushton (43 from 67) was able to put together a 43-run partnership with Michael Thomas (11) and then a 33-run stand with Matthew Boswell (0), before the pair were dismissed and Koony fell to 7/122, thanks to some excellent bowling from Josh Williams (3/27 from 6).

A great fightback from the Stingrays after they lost their captain Warren Williams to a shoulder injury.

In the end, the Cougars battled to the end of their 50 overs and finished 9/162.

In the second innings, the Stingrays didn't get off to the greatest of starts, losing Brad Phillips early without scoring, then Chris Terlich (8) to be 2/32.

With Riley Harris (15) joining Brett Debono (31 from 92) at the crease, the visitors were still every chance, but after they'd advanced the score by 36, Harris fell and Debono soon followed.

The dismissal ultimately marked the end of what has been a superb season for the Invy left hander who amassed over 550 runs at an average of 71.

John Richardson (18) and Rhys Newman (4) then battled hard but also fell in relatively quick succession, before the wicket of Josh Williams (4)

made it 5/33 since the loss of Harris.

Amad Mujtaba (40* from 30) tried fearlessly to keep his team's season alive with an exciting late foray but it just wasn't enough, Inverloch falling 12-runs shy finishing 8/150 at the 50 over mark.

Nathan Trotto (3/29 from 10) was exceptional with the ball, he'll look to do the same for his team next week when they face Nerrena in the Grand Final at the Meeniyau Recreation Reserve.

Nerrena set for final's showdown

MINOR premiers Nerrena earned the right to host a Semi Final and they did so last Saturday when they welcomed MDU to the Nerrena Recreation Reserve.

The hosts won the toss and chose to bat first and they sure made good work of that, posting a huge total, at 3/281 after 50 overs.

They got contributions from all five batters who took the pitch, including half centuries to Lachlan Roberts (50 from 91) and James Kelly (71* from 98).

Kurt Sinclair (1/22 from 10) was the pick of the bowlers for MDU.

In reply, the Demons found it much tougher, losing both openers early with the score on just three.

This didn't spell the end for them though, as Wayne Prosser (38 from 71) and Matt Martin (76 from 50) put on an outstanding 122-run stand to get their side back in it.

Although they both fell with the score on 125, making it hard once again for the Dees', who stumbled at 6/133, losing 4/8 after Martin and Prosser's partnership.

The visiting captain Craig Hooper (43* from 61) tried his best to keep the Dees' season alive but the damage was ultimately done, as the Red Caps cleaned up the MDU tail to cap off the 80-run win.

Jaxon Checkley (3/16 from 10) was the best with the ball in the win, his side will now advance to the B grade division one Grand Final, where they'll take on Koonwarra L/RSL and look to complete the minor premiership/premier-ship double.

• B Grade, Division 2

OMK bowlers wreck Shark's choice to bat

SCOTT Handley helped Outtrim Moyarra Kongwak ensure Phillip Island's batsmen couldn't prosper after the Sharks chose to set a target.

Handley's medium pace proved a destructive force despite bowling just five overs, snaring five wickets including that of Phillip Island captain Connor Epifano and conceding just 16 runs.

Justin Greenwood took 3/37 off 10 overs, with the Sharks batsmen unable to get on top of any of the OMK attack.

While OMK was set a meagre 105 for victory, a couple of early wickets gave Phillip Island hope.

However, club president Russell White (54 not out) and Greenwood (31 not out) ensured there was no collapse as the Diggers charged to an eight-wicket win.

"We just ticked along, me and Greenwood, and waited for the bad ball," White said.

Tarryn Allan was the best of the Sharks' attack, managing a tidy 1/31 from 10 overs, giving his side hope when he knocked over OMK opener

Robert Quaife for just 10.

Top-placed OMK marched into the B2 final, taking on Leongatha Town at Leongatha Secondary College.

Nerrena has no answers against hot Leongatha Town bowlers

NERRENA chose to bat at Meeniyau Recreation Reserve, but none of its batsmen got a foothold against the devastating Leongatha Town bowlers.

Eventual man of the match Levi Hickey led the way for the Scorpions, with the right arm medium pacer's unerring line and length paying dividends as he reaped figures of 5/10 off just over nine overs.

Lachie Gill, who played some A Grade cricket last season, also impressed with his medium pace, snavelling 3/24 off his 10 overs.

While Leongatha Town opener Matt Davies fell early in the small chase and opening partner and captain Mark Hardy was also dismissed, aggressive batting from Luke Bowman carried the Scorpions to victory in just 14 overs.

He remained unbeaten on 28, with 20 of those runs coming from boundaries.

Will Croatto's medium fast deliveries weren't rewarded with a breakthrough but he was the tidiest of the Nerrena bowlers, conceding just 16 runs off his five overs.

Poly Joseph claimed the early wicket of Davies but bowled just three overs, taking 1/10.

While Leongatha Town finished third and will battle it out with top-placed OMK for the B2 title, Scorpions president Cam Dowling doesn't consider there is any real favourite in what should be a cracker of a game.

B GRADE	DIVISION 1
Koon L/RSL 9/162 d Inverloch 8/150	
Koonwarra L/RSL – 1st INNINGS	
A Hunt c & b A Mujtaba	24
M Cooke c & b J Richardson	10
M Thomas c D Cashin b J Williams	11
N Grimes c & b D Cashin	7
J Rushton c CJ Terlich b J Williams	43
B Anderson c D Cashin b J Williams	18
M Boswell lbw b N Dobbie	0
N Trotto b J Richardson	15
PA Buckley b J Dugard	18
N Arnup not out	1
J Thomas not out	1
Extras (nb 0, w 9, b 2, lb 3)	14
Total 9/162 (50 overs)	
Bowling: J Richardson 8-0-2-23, J Dugard 8-1-1-35 (5w), D Cashin 7-3-115 (1w), A Mujtaba 10-3-1-21, R Newman 6-1-0-24 (3w), J Williams 6-1-3-27, N Dobbie 5-0-1-12	
Inverloch – 1st INNINGS	
B Debono c N Grimes b N Trotto	31
B Phillips b J Thomas	0
CJ Terlich lbw b M Cooke	8
R Harris c N Grimes b PA Buckley	15
R Newman c M Boswell b N Trotto	4
J Richardson c M Cooke b M Thomas	18
J Williams c B Anderson b N Trotto	4
A Mujtaba not out	40
D Cashin run out (J Rushton)	4
J Dugard not out	5
Extras (nb 3, w 7, b 5, lb 6)	21
Total 8/150 (50 overs)	
Bowling: J Thomas 8-2-1-21, M Boswell 3-1-0-13, M Cooke 10-3-1-27, N Arnup 5-3-0-13 (5w), PA Buckley 4-1-1-9 (1w), J Rushton 4-1-0-13, N Trotto 10-1-3-29 (3nb, 1w), M Thomas 6-1-1-14	

Nerrena 3/281 d MDU 201	
Nerrena – 1st INNINGS	
D Baldi c MJ Olden b T Zukovskis	37
L Roberts c J Bright b K Sinclair	50
J Kelly not out	71
S Vagg c M Martin b MJ Olden	45
D Trotman not out	31
Extras (nb 9, w 33, b 3, lb 2)	47
Total 3/281 (50 overs)	
Bowling: J Palmer 8-0-0-40 (1nb, 10w), P Vine 10-0-0-68 (8w), T Zukovskis 10-0-1-59 (2nb, 7w), K Sinclair 10-4-1-22, C Hooper 7-0-0-53 (3nb, 3w), T Dyke 4-0-0-24 (1nb, 1w), MJ Olden 1-0-1-10 (2nb, 4w)	
MDU – 1st INNINGS	
G Webster lbw b JA Checkley	0
T Zukovskis b JA Checkley	0
W Prosser c T Harris b B Salmon	38
M Martin c J Kelly b T Harris	76
MJ Olden c BD Trotman b B Salmon	1
C Hooper not out	43
DA Mathews b T Harris	1
J Bright b JA Checkley	14
K Sinclair c J Kelly b Z Trease	14
P Vine b Z Trease	0
T Dyke c & b D Symmons	1
Extras (nb 3, w 4, b 3, lb 3)	13
Total 10/201 (43.6 overs)	
Bowling: JA Checkley 10-4-3-16, D Symmons 8.6-2-1-41, MB Croatto 4-0-0-34 (3nb), Z Trease 6-0-2-36 (3w), T Harris 10-1-2-52, B Salmon 5-1-2-16 (1w)	

B GRADE	DIVISION 2
OMK 2/106 d Phillip Island 104	
Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS	
C Epifano lbw b S Handley	19
S Angelo c D Jeffries b R White	1
H Peppard lbw b S Handley	12
A Finlayson c P Harper b S Handley	0
BJ Ross c O Fitzpatrick b S Handley	0
M Parsons lbw b J Greenwood	1
A Tolley lbw b S Handley	5
D McCausland c R White b J Greenwood	20
A Brayley not out	25
O Duggan c R Quaife b O Fitzpatrick	1
T Allan c L Jones b J Greenwood	15
Extras (nb 1, w 2, b 2, lb 0)	5
Total 104 (29.6 overs)	
Bowling: P Jobling 1-0-0-5 (1w), O Fitzpatrick 7-3-1-18, R White 7-2-1-26, J Greenwood 9.6-2-3-37 (1nb), S Handley 5-1-5-16 (1w)	
OMK – 1st INNINGS	
R Quaife c H Arceo b T Allan	10
S Handley lbw b M Parsons	5
R White not out	54
J Greenwood not out	31
Total 2/106 (dec) (26.5 Overs)	
Bowling: M Parsons 6-0-1-40 (3w), T Allan 10-2-1-31, H Arceo 6-1-0-13, A Tolley 3-2-0-5, C Epifano 1-0-0-12, BJ Ross 0.5-0-0-2	
Town 2/58 d Nerrena 52	
Nerrena – 1st INNINGS	
A Harrison c D Goss b L Gill	2
B Gannon c L Bowman b L Hickey	0
G Murphy c C Bruce b L Hickey	0
P Matheson c M Davies b L Gill	0
RL Gilliam c D Goss b L Hickey	1
C Baudinette c C Bruce b N Fixter	7
MJ Croatto b L Hickey	0
R Elava c N Fixter b L Ashton	10
C Dougherty lbw b L Gill	14
WB Croatto c L Bowman b L Hickey	9
P Joseph not out	0
Extras (nb 2, w 7, b 0, lb 0)	9
Total 52 (27.2 overs)	
Bowling: L Gill 10-3-3-24 (1nb, 4w), L Hickey 9.2-5-5-10 (3w), N Fixter 4-1-1-10 (1nb), L Ashton 4-1-1-8	
Town – 1st INNINGS	
M Davies lbw b P Joseph	3
M Hardy c RL Gilliam b C Dougherty	10
L Bowman not out	28
L Ashton not out	11
Extras (nb 2, w 1, b 3, lb 0)	6
Total 2/58 (14 overs)	
Bowling: WB Croatto 5-0-0-16 (1w), P Joseph 3-1-1-10, C Dougherty 4-0-1-29 (2nb), P Johnston 2-2-0-0	



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Phillip Island Captain, Daniel Mock led his side to victory with a fine 86.
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Phillip Island steamrolls OMK

By Peter Cleeland

AFTER limping into this year's LDCA finals series with two embarrassing losses in the home and away rounds, reigning premier Phillip Island booked a berth in the 2022/23 LDCA A1 Cricket Grand Final.

Winning the toss and batting on a good pitch at Scorpion Park, the OMK lads were soon in trouble with Island opening bowlers Tom Keily and Simon Kirton picking up two early wickets.

With the introduction of Island spinner Charith Keerthisinghe, OMK lost opener Cuman to a stumping from Black and Outtrim plummeted to 3/12.

Noel Creed and Tommy Wyatt patiently set about rebuilding the innings and put on 19 before, Creed (14) fell to an outstanding catch from Rathnayake.

Simon Kirton returned to the bowling creased to pick up the valuable wicket of Wyatt (28) and Lachie Cleeland caught Lamers giving Keerthisinghe his second wicket.

Rose (44) and Williams (37) took the score to 125 before the latter was bowled by the Island spinner. 7/125 became all out 155 as Charith Keerthisinghe claimed the outstanding figures of 26.1/10/7/48 in a match winning display.

With 15 overs to bat and having made 80 odd in their last two hits, the Island batsmen were very nervous.

Eli Richards (8) move up to open began well with Lachie Cleeland but was adjudged LBW with the score on 16. Daniel Mock and Cleeland saw the team through to stumps well positioned on 1/47 overnight.

The first hour of play on Sunday told the story as OMK needed early breakthroughs, but the two Island batsmen survived a searching spell of bowling from OMK veteran Peter Dell. Cleeland (25) ran out of patience and departed to Dell with the score on 84.

But Island Captain Daniel Mock was well into gear crunching a number of cover drives to the fence.

With three runs required to win Mock (86) "chopped on" to leave Shiran Rathnayake (23 not out) to score the winning runs.

The Islanders were jubilant in victory and for OMK there was no consolation despite being runaway end of season ladder leaders.

In a replay of last season's grand final, Phillip Island will play Leongatha Town for the heavyweight title.



The crucial wicket of the match was the dismissal of Jarrod Hoy 27, not stumped but caught behind by Ben Hanrahan.

Town through after appealing contest at Leongatha

• A Grade, Division 1

AGONY and ecstasy, criticism and condemnation... a sometimes controversial, always exciting A Grade Division 1 semi-final, between Leongatha Town and Nerrena, on the time-honoured Leongatha turf, had it all at the weekend.

In the end, it was Leongatha Town which squeaked through to the final in unconvincing style, by just nine runs, as the balance in the match seemed to swing on every run scored and every wicket taken.

Town, it must be said, batting first, didn't make enough runs, finishing in the 76th of 90 overs with 175 runs on the board, featuring a half century by Madura Madusanka (51) but not much else.

The decision by Nerrena to put them in appeared a master stroke.

Play had been marred by an unrelenting north-westerly gale, sweeping across the ground, and it was to the credit of the Nerrena bowlers, especially Tim Wightman 5/57 off 21, that they were able to maintain an excellent line and length.

Nerrena were in the box-seat, especially after negotiating the remaining overs on Saturday, and going to stumps at a breezy 0/33 with openers Mitchell Clark and Luke Gilliam untroubled.

They added a few more runs to their overnight score in the much cooler conditions on Sunday morning and the



Madura Madusanka was man of the match in the A Grade Division 1 semi final between Leongatha Town and Nerrena for 51 runs and 5/40.

side still looked to be coasting at 1/71 before the menacing Town duo of Madura Madusanka and Mudassar Riaz struck in decisive fashion.

Madura produced errors from Luke Gilliam and Hayden Funnell, caught behind in quick succession by Ben Hanrahan and Jesse Giardina but it was Riaz who really put the Nerrena bats on their heels with a fiery spell of bouncers and sharp deliveries, at one stage on a hat-trick after Tim Wightman and Tadgh Gannon were fired out LBW in successive balls.

It was well and truly 'game on' at 5/75 and the tension overflowed into some vociferous appealing by the Town bowlers and fielders, which

on two occasions had to be reined in by umpire Glenn Plymin, calling on Town captain Jesse Giardina to discipline his troops.

The umpires themselves didn't get off scott-free criticised afterwards for some questionable decisions.

However, while the Nerrena opener, one of the comp's best batsmen Mitchell Clark was still holding the fort, hopes were high of a Nerrena victory.

He continued to play the bowling with ease, and the Town tactics of allowing Clark the easy single to expose his lower-order partners didn't appear to be paying off for the Scorpions as first Joel Renden and then Jarrod Hoy looked to steady the ship.

Jarrod in particular had a solid defence plus an ability to hit out at the bad balls, to first support his cousin Mitchell Clark, and then take on a leadership role when Clark played his only errant shot of the innings, a poorly-timed, uppish drive to Madusanka at cover, out for 66.

Especially with his captain Caine Salmon 20, who happily punished any wayward deliveries, Hoy continued to look untroubled until he was controversially given caught behind by the wicket-keeper Ben Hanrahan off Madusanka – neither the batsman nor the wicketkeeper appearing to know Hoy had snicked the ball.

Hanrahan had whipped off balls in a slick piece of work, and Hoy was professing his innocence by showing where his back foot was anchored but unbeknown to pair, Hoy had been given out caught behind.

Reduced to 9/160, still 15 runs adrift, it looked to be the crucial wicket and soon after Madusanka delivered the coup de grace when Salmon was caught on the boundary by Pandura Jayasinghe just nine runs away from a berth in the final against Phillip Island, who had a much easier passage into the big dance.

For his 51 runs and 5/40, Madura Madusanka was awarded the man of the match shirt, although Mudassar Riaz was equally impressive with the ball, taking 4/68 in spirited style.



David Womersley attempts to pull one to the onside on Saturday. B09_1223

Korumburra comfortably handles potentially tricky chase against Nyora

• A Grade, Division 2

NYORA showed the confidence to bat first on away turf as their two-day semi final clash with Korumburra commenced on Saturday, setting a decent first innings target of 213, one which the Cobras achieved with six wickets in hand. While Korumburra started its chase strongly due to the efforts of openers Harshika Fernando (39) and Tom Crocker (53), Nyora's bowlers kept working diligently. At one point they had the Cobras looking slightly shaky at 4/135 at the fall of Jason Richards' wicket. However, skipper and keeper Rumesh Rangana (47 not out) and Inshaka Siriwardena (46 not out) ensured there would be no further cause for alarm in the Korumburra dressing room. Earlier, Siriwardena was just as productive when Korumburra bowled, claiming three Nyora wickets and allowing just 51 runs off 26 overs, taking the wicket of Nyora skipper Henry Dolphin (35). Steven Hamill also impressed with the ball for eventual winner Korumburra capturing 3/53 from 21 overs, while Fernando excelled

on his way to 2/37, also off 21 overs. Fernando removed dangerous Nyora opener and keeper Kade Anderson who had impressed with a knock of 56 featuring seven boundaries and a maximum. Jake Hackett (46) was another Demon batsman who helped give Nyora's bowlers a target they could potentially defend. He later took Crocker's wicket, with Gavin Hackett, Dolphin and Jake Henry also managing one each, but the accomplished Korumburra batting line up proved too steady. Unbeaten and top-of-the-ladder Korumburra faces its final hurdle in the form of MDU, which finished a distant third on the table. While Korumburra starts as favourite, you never know what a deciding final might bring. **First Innings win does it for MDU against Phillip Island** WHILE runs proved tough to come by at Thompson Reserve, Meeniyan Dumbalk United found enough of them in its first innings to claim a spot in the final at Phillip Island's expense. The Sharks couldn't capitalise on their decision to bat, making

just 85 all out in their first dig, with Clint Wilson (21) Phillip Island's top scorer. MDU bowlers Mark and Ben Cantwell and Sam Bright combined to ruin the Phillip Island top order, with Scott Browne then chiming in with three wickets. After MDU took a 21-run first innings lead, David Womersley scored 34 in the Sharks' second innings, helping Phillip Island to an improved 7/125 (dec). While that set MDU 105 runs for the outright win, with first innings success in the bag the Demons were never going to take a risk. They ambled along to 2/48 off 37 overs before stumps were drawn. While skittling MDU in its second innings was a tall ask, Phillip Island's Kurt Lane gave his all with the ball, finishing with an excellent 1/6 from 12 overs. Earlier, MDU's Bright backed up his first innings exploits with 4/37 off 11 overs in Phillip Island's second innings. MDU will be going all out to upset top-of-the-table Korumburra in what should be an entertaining two days of cricket packed into the season's final weekend.



MDU quick Ben Cantwell sends one down the Thompson Reserve pitch. B08_1223

A GRADE	DIVISION 1	A GRADE	DIVISION 2
Phillip Island 4/157 d OMK 155 OMK – 1st INNINGS J Cuman st J Black b C Keerthisinghe 4 E Lamers c J Black b T Keily 0 K Brann c T Keily b S Kirton 0 N Creed c SL Rathnayake b C Keerthisinghe 14 T Wyatt c J Black b S Kirton 28 J Lamers c L Cleeland b C Keerthisinghe 11 A Rose c BD Johnston b C Keerthisinghe 44 RL Williams b C Keerthisinghe 37 N Auddino b C Keerthisinghe 4 PJ Dell b C Keerthisinghe 9 AL Trotto not out 0 Extras (nb 0, w 1, b 0, lb 3) 4 Total 155 (76.1 overs) Bowling: S Kirton 17-7-2-26, T Keily 15-7-1-37, M Royal 10-4-0-15 (1w), C Keerthisinghe 26.1-10-7-48, SL Rathnayake 8-3-0-26 Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS EM Richards lbw b J Lamers 8 L Cleeland c AL Trotto b PJ Dell 25 DP Mock b T Wyatt 86 SL Rathnayake not out 23 J Black not out 0 D Bourke c J Cuman b E Lamers 2 Extras (nb 0, w 5, b 4, lb 4) 13 Total 4/157 (51 overs) Bowling: RL Williams 2-0-0-12 (4w), PJ Dell 5-1-0-16, J Lamers 3-1-1-11 (1w), N Auddino 1-0-0-8, T Wyatt 1-1-0-0		Korumburra 4/218 d Nyora 212 Nyora – 1st INNINGS H Dolphin c C Arnold b I Siriwardena 35 KW Anderson b H Fernando 56 D Esler b H McNeill 20 G Hackett c T Crocker b I Siriwardena 2 J Hackett c P Edwards b S Hamill 46 J Henry c D Salmon b I Siriwardena 4 MJ Lynch c I Siriwardena b H Fernando ... 5 A Simmons c H Fernando b S Hamill 18 L Row lbw b S Hamill 1 MJ Rowe b J Whiteside 11 L Brock not out 3 Extras (nb 6, w 3, b 2, lb 0) 11 Total 212 (87.2 overs) Bowling: S Hamill 21-8-3-53 (3nb), J Whiteside 13-0-1-52 (1nb, 3w), H Fernando 21-7-2-37, I Siriwardena 26-10-3-51, H McNeill 7-2-1-17 (2nb) Korumburra – 1st INNINGS H Fernando lbw b H Dolphin 39 T Crocker c J Henry b J Hackett 53 J Whiteside c MJ Lynch b G Hackett 17 I Siriwardena not out 46 J Richards c KW Anderson b J Henry 5 R Rangana not out 47 Extras (nb 6, w 1, b 4, lb 0) 11 Total 4/218 (51 overs) No bowling results supplied	
Town 175 d Nerrena 166 Town – 1st INNINGS J Giardina c T Wightman b J Trease 12 D Hume c R Clark b J Trease 24 B Hanrahan c C Salmon b T Wightman ... 14 M Madusanka c J Renden b J Hoy 51 R Abeysinghe c C Salmon b T Wightman 17 A Ratnaik lbw b T Wightman 1 DL Polwaththa Gallage b M Clark 22 M Riaz b M Clark 19 P Jayasinghe c C Salmon b T Wightman ... 4 S Clark c J Trease b M Clark 1 F McLennan not out 0 Extras (nb 3, w 1, b 3, lb 3) 10 Total 175 (76.1 overs) Bowling: J Trease 18-3-2-50 (1w), J Hoy 13-2-1-29, R Clark 8-4-0-7, M Clark 16.1-5-3-26, T Wightman 21-4-4-57 (3nb) Nerrena – 1st INNINGS M Clark c M Madusanka b A Ratnaik 66 LJ Gilliam c B Hanrahan b M Madusanka .. 7 H Funnell c J Giardina b M Madusanka 4 T Wightman lbw b M Riaz 3 T Gannon lbw b M Riaz 0 D Berryman b M Madusanka 0 J Renden b M Riaz 9 J Hoy c B Hanrahan b M Madusanka 27 R Clark c B Hanrahan b M Riaz 4 C Salmon c P Jayasinghe b M Madusanka 20 J Trease not out 1 Extras (nb 8, w 0, b 7, lb 10) 25 Total 166 (75.4 overs) Bowling: M Riaz 27-7-4-68 (3w), DL Polwaththa Gallage 13-3-0-29 (5w), A Ratnaik 8-1-1-12, M Madusanka 26.5-7-5-40		MDU 106 and 2/48 d Phillip Island 85 and 7/125 Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS S McIntyre c T Sinclair b S Bright 13 K Lane c & b M Cantwell 0 T Blackwell c & b S Bright 2 D Womersley c & b B Cantwell 3 HW Womersley c & b S Browne 7 K Beaumont c & b S Browne 0 C Wilson lbw b M Cantwell 21 G Odgers c & b S Browne 12 TS Niven not out 3 T Niven c & b M Hooper 2 GD McCausland b M Hooper 2 Extras (nb 2, w 8, b 4, lb 6) 20 Total 85 (61.3 overs) Bowling: S Bright 17-8-2-12, M Cantwell 15-7-2-19, B Cantwell 4-2-1-14 (2nb, 3w), S Browne 19-7-3-21, M Hooper 3.3-2-3, T Nuwan 3-0-0-6 (5w) MDU – 1st INNINGS S Arnp c K Beaumont b T Niven 11 C Knox b G Odgers 4 MJ McGrath b TS Niven 13 J Sinclair c S McIntyre b GD McCausland 21 T Nuwan b TS Niven 0 M Hooper c C Wilson b HW Womersley .. 14 S Browne lbw b GD McCausland 2 T Sinclair c K Beaumont b C Wilson 9 S Bright c D Womersley b GD McCausland 7 M Cantwell c S McIntyre b G Odgers 2 B Cantwell not out 5 Extras (nb 5, w 2, b 5, lb 5) 17 Total 106 (44.5 overs) Bowling: G Odgers 7-1-2-12, T Niven 11-3-1-25, C Wilson 13-4-1-18, TS Niven 5-1-2-22, GD McCausland 3.5-1-3-14, HW Womersley 3-2-1-5 2ND INNINGS - PHILLIP ISLAND S McIntyre c MJ McGrath b Z Bright 20 K Lane b Z Bright 0 T Blackwell run out (B Cantwell, Z Bright) 17 D Womersley c & b M Cantwell 34 K Beaumont c T Sinclair b Z Bright 8 G Odgers c & b MJ McGrath 6 C Wilson c & b Z Bright 17 TS Niven not out 16 HW Womersley not out 3 Extras (nb 0, w 2, b 1, lb 1) 4 Total 7/125 (dec) (34 overs) Bowling: Z Bright 11-0-4-37, M Cantwell 8-0-1-32 (2w), S Browne 11-0-0-39, MJ McGrath 4-0-1-15 MDU – 2nd INNINGS S Arnp not out 15 C Knox run out (T Niven) 0 J Sinclair not out 16 MJ McGrath c & b K Lane 6 Extras (nb 2, w 2, b 3, lb 4) 11 Total 2/48 (37 overs) Bowling: TS Niven 6-2-0-10 (1nb, 1w), GD McCausland 6-5-0-3, G Odgers 3-1-0-4 (1nb), K Lane 12-8-1-6 (1w), C Wilson 4-2-0-5, HW Womersley 4-1-0-9, T Niven 2-0-0-4	

NEXT WEEKEND'S GAMES & UMPIRE APPOINTMENTS		GRAND FINALS MARCH 25 / 26
A GRADE, Division 1 (Sat & Sun – 90 overs each)	A Grade, Division 2 (Sat & Sun – 90 overs each)	
Town v Phillip Island KORUMBURRA REC. Shane Moore / Ashley Stride	Korumburra v MDU LEONGATHA REC. Ian Thorn / Steve McNamara	
B GRADE, Division 1 (Saturday - 50 overs each)	B GRADE, Division 2 (Saturday - 50 overs each)	
Nerrena v Koonwarra L/RSL MEENIYAN Terry Rogers / John Schelling	OMK v Town EAST CAMPUS Graham Wightman / Geoff Parkinson	
C GRADE, Division 1 (Saturday - 40 overs each)	C GRADE, Division 2 (Saturday - 40 overs each)	
Phillip Island v Korumburra OUTTRIM Geoff Wyatt / Jason O'Reilly	Town v OMK NERRENA Noel Grayden / Ian Salmon	



LDCA Grand Finals this weekend

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Tom Gibson of Inverloch completed his second-ever marathon in the Bass Coast 'Run the Coast' event at the weekend as part of his build up to competing overseas in August this year.



First woman across the line in the Inverloch marathon on Sunday was Holly Lutz of Langwarrin in a time of 4.11.55.

Run, swim, bike the coast a big hit

ELITE Energy and their CEO Mark (Emo) Emerton brought their swim, run, bike event to Bass Coast last weekend, and both organisers and competitors alike loved what they saw at the staging point in Inverloch.

While most of the competitors were visitors to the area, there was a liberal sprinkling of local triathletes and runners, as well as local kids, who took part in one or all of the disciplines.

And the locals performed strongly with Inverloch's Adam Bellairs winning the marathon in a time of 3:13:02 from Jacob Sims 03:14:50 and Sean McGrath 03:15:56. First across the line in the women's marathon was Hollie Lutz of Langwarrin in the time of 04:11:54 from

Christine Hill 04:37:47 and Carmel Parry 04:45:25.

Half marathon winner was Will Gordon 01:18:44 from Andrew Moldrich 01:19:06 and Richard O'Donoghue 01:19:50. Female placegetters were Sarah Howe 01:26:51, Jo Stavers 01:42:10, and Jayde O'Brien 01:43:05.

In other running events; 10km winners were Jess Dunsmore 00:32:01 and Emilie Cutler 00:38:56, the 5km winners were Ollie Dean 00:20:54 and Tiarnie Ellingworth 00:21:08, while the 2km races were won by Lawson Hawking 00:07:21 and Vivienne Hawkesford 00:11:44.

All runners praised the course and its route along the coast, towards Cape Paterson and back again.

One of those placed highly in their age groups was Tom Gibson of Inverloch who completed the swim on Saturday and marathon run on Sunday, his second marathon, since his first 38 years ago.

"I set a more realistic pace this time around and got through it pretty well," said Tom after the race.

"The hardest part was coming in here (to The Glade) the first time around and having to go out for another lap," he said.

Tom Gibson has been invited to compete in his age group at the Ironman 70.3 World Championships in Finland later this year, over a 1.9km swim, 90km bike ride and 214km run course.



Adam Bellairs of Inverloch is congratulated on crossing the line first in the Bass Coast 'Run the Coast' marathon on Sunday by SES member Neil Warren, Adam completing the run in a time of 3.13.

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