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State Coal Mine Friends, Sheila Ormerod, John Duscher and Steve Harrop are looking for community support to get action at the heritage Wonthaggi site.

'Friends' RAISE ALARM

THE Friends of the State Coal Mine have called a public meeting this Wednesday night, March 29 at 7pm at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club.

They'd like to see a show of community support.

They feel it's their last resort.

Frustrated about the lack of action on reopening the popular State Mine Café, after it was closed in January this year, and resuming underground mine tours, since they were discontinued during COVID, the Friends want answers, and they want action.

They are particularly concerned that the 120 volunteers, who support the operation of the attraction - the only historic coal mine experience in the Southern Hemisphere - are becoming disenchanted with the lack of action, even information from the mine site managers, Parks Victoria, and are starting to drift away.

"There's been a complete lack of action by Parks Victoria. It makes you wonder if they are the right organisation to be running the mine," said long-

serving volunteer Sheila Ormerod.

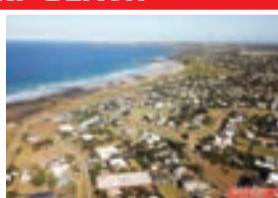
"When are they going to reopen the café and resume the underground mine tours? There needs to be a sense of urgency injected into this now," she said.

"We want to preserve the volunteer base. There is a lot of knowledge, skills and energy within the group to support the operation of the mine site but we just want to be able to tell them what Parks Victoria and the State Government are planning to do."

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State Coal Mine Friends, all of them long-term volunteers, John Duscher, Steve Harrop and Sheila Ormerod, are concerned skilled and knowledgeable volunteers will be lost to the historic attraction unless Parks Victoria moves now to reopen the cafe and restart underground mine tours.

'Friends' raise alarm

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On that score at least, there's already been some movement since the meeting was called.

Bass MP Jordan Crugnale, who has been making representations to Government Ministers on behalf of the Friends and the mine, will be there.

She's not a representative of Parks Victoria but Ms Crugnale is expecting to receive a detailed briefing from the department with which to address some of the concerns.

"Our Friends of the State Coal Mine are passionate, committed volunteers who want to see the site be at its best and of course have the tours reopen," said Ms Crugnale this week.

"I have met with representatives of the group, listened to their concerns and sought answers to their questions.

"We importantly discussed big picture future opportunities of the site as a whole and I see the need for some proper community visioning and master-planning so it can become a signature tourism, eco and educational destination with a myriad of offerings.

activities and learnings.

"I have spoken with Ministers in the portfolio areas of Regional Development, Tourism and Environment to ascertain funding avenues to explore to do this visioning work with the Friends, local and visitor community members and Parks.

"This aspect is very early days.

"I have also asked for a briefing from Parks Victoria representatives so as to get a comprehensive understanding of where they are at with their investigations to reintroduce underground tours and options around the café lease process."

They're encouraging words. But, again, no promise of action.

Friends President Steve Harrop has acknowledged the complex issues around getting the mine tours going again but he says there's no excuse for not appointing a new lessee and reopening the café.

"The café closed in January this year and there's been no sign of that reopening which makes it pretty dead up here."

Mr Harrop said the mine tours had operated safely for 37 years before they were discontinued during the pandemic, and notwithstanding the new compliance issues, they remained a crucial part of the whole attraction.

"The visitors absolutely loved it. They could sit back and look around the tunnel as they were being winched back to the surface."

But Mr Harrop has acknowledged that there may be a need to design and build a new vehicle to take visitors underground with the former 'Drift Car' in pieces and unlikely to pass compliance testing.

He said he doubted Parks Victoria had the money to do the work.

Parks Victoria have, however, reissued a statement they made in January, that they are considering the future of the café and the mine tours:

- Parks Victoria is currently considering future options for the café area.
- The Visitor Centre and souvenir shop will remain open.
- Parks Victoria is currently

investigating the feasibility of recommencing underground tours.

But the Friends say there has still been no commitment to action.

"Wonthaggi is a big regional centre and it's only going to get bigger, we know that. It needs a major tourist attraction to complement what we have naturally and for the local economy," said Frank Angarane, a Friends member and former local events manager.

"It's a unique attraction, an opportunity to show future generations how people used to work. We want to see it realise its full potential," he said.

"We welcome the department's master plan for the site, to increase usage and visitation, but that's further down the track. We want to know when they intend to reopen the café and restart the mine tours," said Mr Harrop.

The Friends group is also hoping to boost its members' base at the meeting and will be seek a \$5 pro rata membership fee from those willing to join the group.

A dog ate my ballot papers

OUTGOING Victorian Electoral Commissioner Warwick Gately has raised the issue of the lack of ballot papers at some polling booths on election day Saturday, November 26, 2022 at an Electoral Matters Committee election review in State Parliament this week.

Mr Gately believes the fact that Victoria has one of the shortest lead-ups to an election might have been a reason why some polling places ran out of voting slips.

But such claims have been dismissed by local party faithful who say the VEC had four years to prepare for a fixed election date, more than enough time to have sufficient ballot papers printed.

The issue was a huge problem in the ultra-marginal Victorian seat of Bass, where the VEC turned dozens, possibly 100s of voters away on election day when upwards of six booths ran out of voting slips, potentially impacting the result of the election, won by the ALP's Jordan Crugnale by a mere 202 votes.

Mr Gately, who presided over the equal lowest voter turnout since mandatory voting was introduced nearly 100 years ago, retires from the top job in April and will in fact go on leave until then from the end of this week.

POLICE BRIEFS

Hoon driving not tolerated

HOON activities are on the increase in Bass Coast and South Gippsland and with traditional messaging not taken seriously by offenders, Police have warned they will be out and about targeting offenders with specialised operations.

Whilst specialised operations and activities will target hoon drivers, Police are still urging the public to report any activities they witness.

Individuals should call 000 immediately with as much information as possible, including, but not limited to, registration, time, make and description of car, driver and passengers.

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A BLACK Holden VY SS was stolen in the early hours of Friday morning (March 24) from Toyota Mitsubishi Wonthaggi.

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WED | Mar 29

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THUR | Mar 30

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Wind PM: W 15-25km/h

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FRI | Mar 31

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Wind PM: SW 20-25km/h

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SAT | Apr 1

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Wind PM: SW 15-20km/h

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SUN | Apr 2

Possible shower.

Wind AM: SW 15-20km/h
Wind PM: SW 15-20km/h

10° 20°

IN BRIEF

Huge day for Leongatha Men's Shed

THE newly completed Leongatha Men's Shed will be open for all the community to visit this Friday.

Men of South Gippsland are invited to experience firsthand all that Men's Sheds offer. The 'opening up' project encourages local men to participate socially over a couple of hours each month in a broad range of programs, in a happy, healthy and convivial environment.

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

On show will be exhibits of work made by local members and video presentations of the Shed being built. These members will be on hand to chat about their future plans and activities.

Special entertainment on the day will be provided by the newly formed 'Treble F's singers' and the South Gippsland Brass Band ensemble. Guests can stay and enjoy lunch provided by the Men's Sheddars. Come along to 9 Wild Dog Valley Road, Leongatha and find out for yourself.

Daring rescue off Wilsons Prom

POLICE Air Wing and Water Police assisted in the rescue of two people off Wilsons Promontory early last week. It was understood a man and woman were onboard a boat that got into difficulty around 10pm last Monday, just off Skull Rock.

The two abandoned the vessel and got into a dinghy that was attached to their boat and deployed an emergency beacon (EPIRB), allowing the Police Air Wing to locate the pair in rough seas.

The Joint Rescue Coordination

Centre (JRCC) contacted a nearby cruise ship that was in the area.

The cruise ship deployed their rescue craft to save the pair and return them to shore.

Thankfully, no one was injured during the incident. Preparation when operating a vessel is the key to ensuring that your voyage runs smoothly. This includes carrying the right safety equipment and knowing how to use it.

Learn more about how to stay safe around water and report marine accidents <https://www.police.vic.gov.au/water-safety>

Changes to the device laws from March 31

NEW road rules are being introduced regulating the use of a range of portable, wearable and inbuilt devices while driving a vehicle or riding a motorbike.

The rules are expanded from mobile phones and visual display units to cover:

- Portable devices (unmounted mobile phones, tablets);
- Wearable devices (smartwatches, wearable heads-up display);
- Inbuilt devices (Information, navigation, and entertainment systems, heads-up display that is an inbuilt part of the vehicle);
- Mounted devices (Heads-up display, tablet, mobile phone, media player etc if securely mounted in or on a vehicle); and
- Motor bike helmet devices.

For more information, in particular regarding bicycles and electric scooters laws, visit vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/new-vic-road-rules-2023

Milpara move to Community Hub nears

EXCITEMENT is building at Milpara Community House as preparations take place for the shift to the Korumburra Community Hub.

While a date for the move isn't yet locked in, Milpara staff will

be ready.

New training computers are being set up for the shift, ensuring larger classes can be held when the move takes place.

With 10 years of planning to move to a more suitable venue, Milpara Community House has saved money for the transition, ensuring it can finance the move.

Milpara manager Jenni Keerie looks forward not only to the new facilities but to the challenge of extra responsibilities. "It's exciting for us to be preparing for taking on the role of Facility Manager for the new Hub and we are currently working towards how the booking systems will operate and negotiating the contract for what the role will encompass for community, council, and the House," Jenni said.

She noted that while the new responsibility will be on a larger scale, the experience of Milpara staff in handling room bookings and managing different spaces will have them well prepared.

Countdown to cheaper regional fares

HUNDREDS of thousands of passengers will benefit when the regional fare cap is implemented from March 31. The Government is capping the cost of a daily ticket on the entire regional Victorian network at the same price as a metro daily fare.

Passengers wishing to purchase a ticket for long-distance trains and coaches are now able to book for travel from March 31. At Southern Cross Station, tickets can be purchased from the ticketing office.

Current metro fares mean regional trips will initially be capped at \$9.20 for a full fare or \$4.60 for a concession – and at \$6.70 and \$3.35 for concession on a weekend or public holiday.

For those who take long-distance V/Line journeys, the regional fare cap can save people more than \$40 for each and every journey on the regional

public transport network.

The cap will also apply to interstate travel within 60 kilometres of the Victorian border, to ensure those living in border communities in New South Wales and South Australia benefit as well. The fare cap applies to all PTV regional buses, town buses and V/Line trains and coaches.

For more information or to purchase tickets, visit vline.com.au or ptv.vic.gov.au.

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Due on April 10, the cost of registering a de-sexed dog or cat in Bass Coast is \$42 for one year or \$21 concession. If you live over the border in South Gippsland, it will cost you \$56.85 or half that for concession.

Which proves it's simply a money making exercise with no relevance to the cost of providing pet services.

Lifetime registration for a desexed dog in the ACT, for example, is only \$57.55. You have to renew each year, so they know if you still have a dog or not, but it doesn't cost anything.

Rail trail opening

THE official Great Southern Rail Trail opening (Nyora to Leongatha extension) will be held on Saturday, April 1.

The official location will be at Loch but there will be activities (food/refreshments) hosted by local community groups along the trail between Nyora and Korumburra.

Two shuttle buses will run along the route throughout the day.

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We should look after our own cemetery in Wonthaggi

LET'S be honest, Wonthaggi has not looked after its deceased citizens very well in the past.

And according to Wonthaggi historian and passionate cemetery archivist, Noelene Lyons, despite five and a half years of painstaking work, the final resting place of 683 of the 6908 people buried in the cemetery will never be known.

Few cemeteries in the state would have that many black marks on its register.

But despite that, Ms Lyons believes the cemetery records are potentially in the best shape they've ever been in, and the maintenance of the cemetery grounds has also turned the corner.

It's no time, she says, for the shire to be abrogating its responsibility for the operation of the cemetery and handing it over to a metro-based cemetery manager.

"The reality is that we are never going to know the exact resting place of those 683, which is disappointing, but at least we know they are buried at the Wonthaggi Cemetery," Ms Lyons said.

Among them, for example, are the 43 people who were buried in the original mine cemetery, from 1909 to 1911, before the Wonthaggi Cemetery was gazetted.

"There are two gravestones in that area (lawn at the front right of the cemetery), including a coal miner's daughter's grave which is still visited by family members, but no records have come to light of where people were buried there," Ms Lyons said.

As for the others, some 640, their final resting place will likely never be known, a result of poor recordkeeping, something that has dogged the history of the Wonthaggi Cemetery, right up to the present.

"Sometimes it's a simple administrative error. We had one recently with the two Binns brothers, William Binns (1899-1920) and Matthew Binns (1869-1917), where signs were erected on grave sites that proved not to be theirs.

"They had the section right and the grave number right, but not the row. The Binns brothers were actually buried 100 metres away. There have been a lot of incidents like that."

More distressing, however,



Wonthaggi's Noelene Lyons has completed a five-and-a-half year labour of love to correct the records of burial at the Wonthaggi Cemetery, but says we'll never know where 683 local people are buried.

have been cases where plots have been sold to families but subsequently found to be occupied by others, without the records to show for it.

In fact, after researching the records of 18 cemeteries, most of them in Gippsland, including Kilcunda, San Remo, Outtrim, Meenyan, Foster, Woodside and Greenmount near Yarram; Ms Lyons is of the opinion that the Wonthaggi Cemetery records are among the worst she has seen.

"Most of the community trust-run cemeteries have kept meticulous records and are an absolute credit to their trustees and managers but there have been a number of periods of time when the records at Wonthaggi have been poorly kept.

"At one stage, the names of the people being buried at Wonthaggi were kept, but incredibly, not the location of their graves."

Ms Lyons said this was a particular problem when trying to identify the graves of ex-service people for the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Another former 'Friend' of the cemetery, Renee Loeckenhoff, has put in many volunteer hours researching this aspect.

"Together with Renee, we have been able to identify the resting place of most of our ex-service personnel and working with the RSL, Renee has been able to pass those records on to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission and we have been

able to have a number of those war graves rededicated."

However, while Ms Lyons was given the voluntary responsibility, by the cemetery trust, of trying to put the records in order, there has been a falling out between the former Friends group and the Bass Coast Shire Council, to the point now that they won't deal with Ms Lyons or accept her corrections to the official record.

This impasse, and a general inability to work with cemetery volunteers, had its ultimate expression recently when the shire council, the official trustees of the Wonthaggi Cemetery, threw up their hands and declared they couldn't manage either the Wonthaggi or the San Remo cemetery to the satisfaction of the community.

They voted at their March 15, 2023 meeting that the only solution was to hand over management to a Melbourne-based cemetery group, Southern Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust (SMCT).

Ms Lyons says that's nonsense.

"There are dozens of community cemeteries with similar burial numbers to Wonthaggi that are well looked after and operate successfully in the black locally including Inverloch, Korumburra and Leongatha.

She said the shire needs to explore the options for keeping the management of the

cemetery local.

If not, she says extensive community consultation is mandated by the Victorian Health Department (see Manual for Victorian Class B cemetery trusts Revised April 2022 page 33) before a Class B Cemetery Trust can be either abolished or amalgamated.

Additional plots for cemetery

BASS Coast Shire has appointed Wiltrack Earthmoving Pty Ltd to construct new burial plots at the Cameron Street Wonthaggi Cemetery.

This will be the first stage of a proposed three stage construction project at the cemetery.

This project is being funded by Council in the amount of \$130,000 as part of the Capital Works program 2022/2023.

The works are expected to commence late March 2023 and will take approximately 4-5 weeks to complete.

The aim of this project is to provide additional plots at the cemetery. The works will include, but are not limited to, ground preparation, lawn beam construction and creating a temporary access road that will be upgraded at the completion of further stages.

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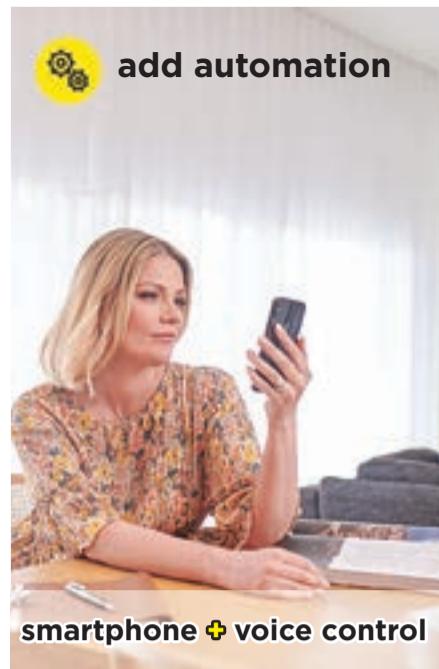
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Submissions

If discontinued, Council proposes to retain the land from the Road for affordable housing purposes. Any person affected by the Road discontinuance may make a written submission quoting the relevant reference number addressed to Bass Coast Shire Council and sent by email to basscoast@basscoast.vic.gov.au or by post to PO Box 118 Wonthaggi 3995 or delivered to the Council office at 76 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi. Council will consider submissions received by 12 noon on 26 April 2023.

Any person who has made a written submission to the Council and requested that they be heard in support of the written submission, is entitled to appear in person or by a person acting on their behalf before a Committee of the Council. All submissions will be considered in accordance with section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989. Enquiries to: Vicki Tuchtan, Coordinator Property on the numbers below or by email at property@basscoast.vic.gov.au.

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Wonthaggi sculpture celebrates history

A NEW public art installation, that honours Wonthaggi's coal mining heritage while embracing climate action and renewable energy sources, has been 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 art was installed on Tuesday, March 21, 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 who was mentored by renowned artist-architect Chris Fox, has taken out multiple top awards at Sydney's iconic Sculpture by the Sea events. An exciting national talent, Adler 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



New public art installed on the corner of Heron Drive and Graham Street, pays tribute to Wonthaggi's past to capture the town's character and transition over the years. Z05_1323

community-specific to start conversations," he said.

"As you move around the work, in my mind, it's like a visual story. You go from these large tunnels emerging from the ground, then you pass the 'present plane' which is the mirror surface. Finally, 'looking into the future' is this reflective loop representing this endless energy, a sustainable source of energy that cannot run out."

Since 2014 Bass Coast Shire Council has commissioned one artist a year to create a themed, site-specific artwork that represents the local area. Previous winners include *Love and Precious Things* by Joe Donohue in Cape Paterson, and *Alpha* by Geoffrey Bartlett in Newhaven.

Mayor's message



Big step closer to saving Western Port Woodlands

LAST year Council was shocked and disappointed when the State Government decided to green light the extension of a controversial sand mine in Grantville into the much-loved Western Port Woodlands.

This decision ignored serious community and environmental concerns. It permitted Dandy Premix Quarries to clear 13 hectares of native woodland, expand their already large sand quarry, remove 30 million tonnes of sand over 40 years, and dig below the water table. Irreparable, the woodlands would be gone forever.

Southern brown bandicoots, powerful owls, swift parrots, koalas, plus countless endangered plant and fungus species call Western Port Woodlands home. It's a crucial 'bi-link', or wildlife corridor, connecting fragments of rare coastal forest. The serenity is also treasured by our human community. Mining this habitat directly contradicts the state's own mission to safeguard areas of outstanding environmental and cultural significance: Bass Coast was declared a Distinctive Area and Landscape in 2019, one of just four, garnering some of the highest planning protections.

Council passionately opposes this project, so joined the Save Western Port Woodlands campaign alongside the South Gippsland Conservation Society, Victorian National Parks Association and more.

We have now reached a critical point, with significant progress.

From March 6, the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Standing Advisory Committee began public hearings at Wonthaggi Town Hall, to confirm how Bass Coast can develop while still conserving our environmental and cultural importance. Hearings continue across Melbourne, Wonthaggi and San Remo to the end of April.

The future of Western Port Woodlands has been central.

Lawyers and scientists presented expert evidence, which at the heart questioned why most of this native forest is designated an 'extractive industry interest area'. Eight

destructive sand mines already operate there, including five in conservation reserves. Another 11 work permits have been approved for sand mining, seven more are under application.

26 sand mines in an area of outstanding significance is disastrous: they are permanent, deep scars on our landscape.

The Minister's own ecology expert, James Garden, agrees. At the committee, he publicly stated that the Western Port Woodlands are of irreplaceable, national significance, and that sand mining is incompatible with biodiversity objectives. Conservation means protecting vegetation – not clearing it.

Critically James also agreed that post-mining rehabilitation will never heal the land. Once cleared, vegetation is lost permanently. Sand mining is not appropriate within our vitally important, unspoilt areas nor within proximity to residents. Resource extraction is a threat to our economy, which directly relies on our environment, especially tourism and agriculture.

Council urgently seeks Extractive Industry Interest Areas be removed from Bass Coast and that sand mining ends here.

We ask the Minister to accept the recommendations from the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes public hearing. Our environment is our economy in Bass Coast, yet the state's incongruous decision proves it does not value both equally, which is incredibly concerning.

I want to personally thank everyone involved for their passion and hard work. I invite you to join the next hearing on 12 April at Wonthaggi Town Hall, in person or online, where Save Western Port Woodland will be presenting.

This is critical for Bass Coast and future generations, so let's keep fighting!



Pictured is a significant land slip repair being undertaken at Grand Ridge Road.

Almost \$10M for emergency repairs following severe weather

SINCE 2021, South Gippsland Shire has been heavily impacted by adverse weather with a total of six declared disaster events in that time.

The result is more than 100 slips have been recorded, with 50 of those fixed to date.

More than \$13 million worth of works have been approved by Emergency Management Victoria and to date, in excess of \$9.8 million worth of works have been completed.

At the moment, seven slips are of the greatest concern to

Council. These slips are located on:

- Popes Road, Wonga;
- Nippards Track, Foster;
- Clarkes Road, Hallston;
- Grand Ridge Road, Hallston (Site 1);
- Grand Ridge Road, Trida (Site 2);
- Sanders Road, Korumburra (two slip sites); and
- Main South Road, Poowong.

Council is in the process of finalising the contracts for the Design and Construction of the major slips and encourages

local contractors to make a submission once the contracts are released.

Until these works are completed, Council will endeavour to keep the roads open for as long as they remain safe.

For the more complicated slips, works are likely to progress well into 2023.

This means that the load restrictions on these roads will need to stay in place.

Applications to receive essential services where the load limit will need to be temporarily

lifted will be considered.

Please contact Council if this is required at any point.

The remaining slips are smaller and have not affected traffic on these roads, however they will also need to be addressed as resources permit.

As further information and updates come to hand regarding the landslips, Council will let residents and the community know. For more detailed information on each slip, please visit www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/roadhazards



Lyn Skillern is pictured with The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien at the launch of her new book.

Preserving the memory of those who served

LYN Skillern (OAM) has added another incredible feat to her long list of achievements when she launched her new book 'Forgotten For Too Long' on Sunday.

Well known for her involvement with the Leongatha Historical Society, the book launch was well attended with guest speaker Peter Dennison, son of Lark Force survivor Cliff Dennison.

The book chronicles the stories of the 79 Gippslanders who served with Lark Force at Rabaul in New Britain during the early days of the Japanese advance in the South Pacific.

The historical society thanked families and descendants who attended on the day and shared their stories.

Lyn's ongoing service to the community of Leongatha was acknowledged earlier this year when she was chosen to receive the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM).

Her love for local history ensures most of her spare time is spent working on research and writing projects through the Leongatha Historical Society, which she joined in 1981.

Please contact the Historical Society to purchase a copy of the book.

More information can be found at www.facebook.com/LeongathaHistoricalSociety



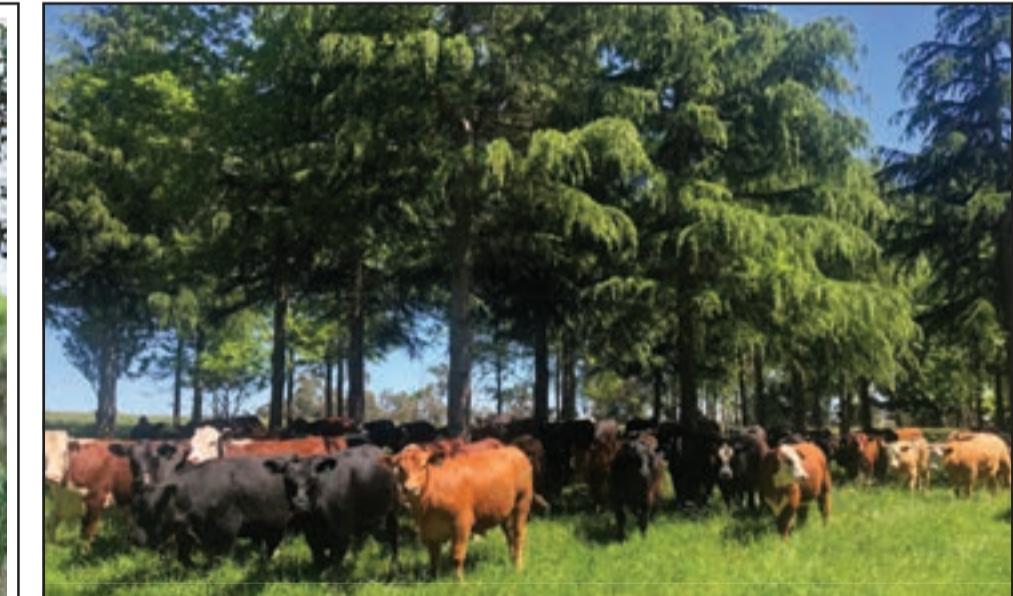
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GOOD NEWS FOR LANDHOLDERS... FARM FORESTRY GRANTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Would a program that integrates timber trees into your whole farm plan be of interest to you? Or are you a landowner looking to establish plantations to diversify income streams?

CALL FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS

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

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

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

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



More Bass Coast kids get onboard Kids as Catalysts

MORE Bass Coast kids are set to increase their social, emotional and leadership skills and create positive change in their communities, as a record four local schools commence the Kids as Catalysts program in Term 2 this year.

Teachers and educators from Bass Valley, Wonthaggi North, Powlett River and Newhaven Primary Schools got together on Tuesday, March 21, in Kilcunda to learn how to deliver the program in their schools.

Bass Coast Community Foundation chair Phil Friedlos said the growth of the program is a credit to the local teachers and schools' commitment delivering it, and the growing support of local community organisations.

"The 78 grade five and six students involved in last year's program have clearly demonstrated improvements in positive social and emotional skills, connections and engagement with the community, and greater understanding and practice of leadership skills," he said.

"These are exactly the reasons the Foundation is funding the program - to help grow aspirations and community connections for local kids."

"We are very proud to continue to support Kids Thrive, such a forward-looking local organisation, to have such a positive impact on the lives of children's mental health and wellbeing."

"A huge thank you also to the 17 local community organisations and volunteer groups who have supported the program and provide such a positive experience for the kids," Phil said.

Bass Coast Kids as Catalysts is an evidence-based program that uses creativity to engage and educate children, supporting young people to be positive change makers and leaders by partnering with local organisations to deliver community action projects.

Follow the Bass Coast Community Foundation on Facebook or go to bccf.org.au.



Board members, life members and special guests joined in the afternoon celebrations. C30_1323

Dispensary's history on show for all to enjoy



Rod Beech took out the honours of cutting the ribbon at the official unveiling of the Miners Dispensary Centenary mural. C29_1323

THERE was much jubilation and celebration last Wednesday as Wonthaggi Miners' Dispensary officially unveiled their long-awaited laneway mural.

Dispensary Chair, Danny Luna opened proceedings inside thanking artists Dennis Leversha and James "Jim" Barratt for their 'labour of love', and General Manager Sally and her team at the Dispensary for their assistance throughout.

Mobility issues may have prevented Dennis from seeing out the majority of artistic works, but it did result in signwriter Jim coming on board and together the pair

created magic in the laneway through Wonthaggi's wind and rain.

Depicting 100 years of the Dispensary and the final feather in the cap to mark the centenary, Board Member, Rod Beech took the honours in the cutting the ribbon in front of fellow board members, life members and guests.

"A life member of the dispensary, (Rod) spent 14 years on the board, 10 of those consecutively as the Chair," Danny said.

"Looking into Sam's (Gatto) book, your grandfather George Beech was also elected chairman of the dispensary back in 1926."

Dedicated to the pioneers of 1922 (and later dental clinic integration in 1927) the dispensary was an integral part of the miner's welfare system.

Highlighting brands present in yesteryear (and some still available today), the mural also depicts a pharmacy manager and customers.

A favourite of many at the unveiling was the inclusion of the Miner's Black Jack, said to be a cure for everything and present in every home, no-one quite knows everything contained within the bottle, but it did note on the bottle chloroform, ether and morphine.

"I remember having it as a kid," Rod Beech explained.



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Wonthaggi Business & Tourism Association needs five new committee members to remain as a viable entity.

If you're involved in the local Tourism or Business Sectors, and are passionate about making a difference, then you're just the type of person we're looking for.

Please express your interest, by contacting the Secretary Steve on **0407 116 616** secretary@wonthaggibusinesses.com.au

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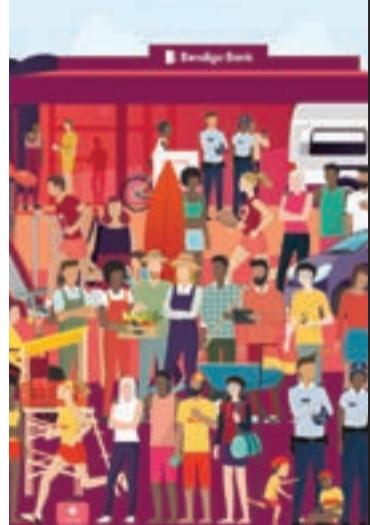
If a committee can't be formed by early April 2023, the Association will need to take a recess or fold.

You're invited to Inverloch community connects

Community Bank Inverloch & District is bringing local businesses, community groups and leaders together to engage and connect.

When Thursday 20 April 2023, 5.00 – 6.00pm
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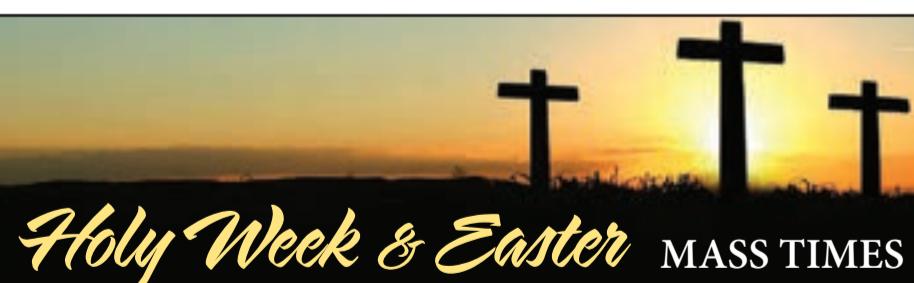
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Tuesday, April 4 2nd Rite of Reconciliation St. Joseph's Wonthaggi ... 7.00pm
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Holy Saturday, April 8 Easter Vigil St. Joseph's Wonthaggi 6.30pm
Easter Sunday, April 9 St. Joseph's Wonthaggi 10.30am

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH | Inverloch

Holy Thursday, April 6 Our Lady Star of the Sea, Inverloch 6.30pm
Good Friday, April 7 Our Lady Star of the Sea, Inverloch 3.00pm
Easter Sunday, April 9 Our Lady Star of the Sea, Inverloch 9.00am

St. Joseph's Parish wishes everyone an Easter Time of Peace and Joy.

Community concern impacts final rural tourism strategy

WHILE councillors were largely in favour of adopting the final Bass Coast Unlocking Rural Tourism (BURT) strategy, a number of significant issues were raised during consultation.

The project's purpose is to undertake a land use study for Bass Coast Shire's rural tourism precincts, with a scope to investigate the reasons for what has been considered limited tourism investment in the rural areas of the shire.

Council and the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) engaged Urban Enterprise to undertake a tourism land use study.

The strategy was prepared in early 2022, and involved assessing the current policy environment, reviewing existing gaps in appropriately considering tourism activity in the shire and proposing a future vision for rural tourism.

Some key recommendations in the draft strategy included reverting all land in the Rural Activity Zone to Farming Zone and replacing the 'Rural Tourism Precincts' currently applied across the Bass Coast Planning Scheme (Scheme), with the following sub-regions:

- Phillip Island and San Remo
- Bass Hinterland
- Waterline and Bass River Precinct
- Bunurong Coastline

There were 46 submissions



Councillors voted in favour to adopt the final Bass Coast Unlocking Rural Tourism (BURT) strategy however, there were a number of concerns raised about rezoning all land within the Rural Activity Zone to Farming Zone.

received with feedback including:

- Keep the Rural Activity Zones as they are recognised appropriate locations for tourism
- Ensure that key tourism assets on Phillip Island receive ongoing support and capacity to continue operating effectively
- Ensure aboriginal heritage and indigenous values are recognised, protected and enhanced
- Concern over economic focus of the strategy
- Tourist operators desiring better signage opportunities
- Concern about rates and property rises

In regards to rates and property rises due to increased tourist activity, the strategy's key findings stated that, 'Although BURT can not categorically say that changes in tourism activity will not increase rates, fees and

property prices, the assessment of cost changes, is an economic decision based on an assessment of factors that goes well beyond that which can be considered by BURT. The shire's revenue department are able to provide wider advice with regard to rates assessments and fee changes.'

There was also a number of submissions concerned about the recommendation to re-zone all land within the Rural Activity Zone (RAZ) to Farming Zone (FZ).

'Concern was based around the notion that removing the entire zoning, simply to facilitate potential future tourism outcomes, is not appropriate nor an orderly and proper way to plan for development in regional areas,' the strategy states.

The final strategy proposes to remove the recommendation to replace the RAZ in favour of the

FZ, and replace the recommendations with:

* Investigate the potential to rezone land in the RAZ to FZ in situations where tourism and other activities directly related to the intended use of the RAZ have not been, nor appear likely to occur. Further, to investigate areas in the FZ where there is potential to rezone the land to RAZ. These investigations can occur as part of preparing a future comprehensive Rural Strategy.

* Undertake discussions with DELWP to determine an appropriate mechanism to establish permissible accommodation land uses when associated with an appropriately located and scaled tourism use

* Undertake discussions with DELWP to determine if it is appropriate for the 'minimum subdivision area' to be retained between 40 and 260 hectares.

Mahers Landing set for upgrade

BASS Coast Shire Councillors gave their support to issue a planning permit for the redevelopment of Mahers Landing boating facilities in Inverloch.

The proposal was recommended for reasons including it 'provides a functional design in fitting with the area's coastal / estuarine environment and Anderson Inlet's landscape character'.

Key features of the proposal include:

- Retention of the existing boat ramp to provide a launching place for non-powered craft.
- A new all-tide dual-lane boat ramp extending approximately 80m from the carpark into Anderson Inlet, elevated above the beach on concrete piles.
- A 2m wide dual level jetty/holding structure adjacent to the ramp.
- Formalised and extended paved car park accommodating a total of 66 spaces: --- Fifty-seven car-trailer spaces. Five standard car spaces. Two car-trailer spaces and two standard car spaces for people living with disabilities.
- Widening the entry to the car park.
- Upgraded rock revetment around the water side of the Mahers Landing precinct.
- Construction of a new public toilet/amenities block and park benches.
- Retention of the fish clearing facilities.
- Removal of terrestrial native vegetation and provision of new landscaping.
- Removal of aquatic native vegetation (sea grass).

During 2022, Minister for Fishing and Boating Sonya Kilkenny and Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale had announced \$4M in funding for the upgrades at Mahers Landing.

According to Better Boating Victoria, once permits and approvals were obtained construction was expected to commence this year.

Once construction begins, the ramp will be likely be closed for periods of time.

Grade 6 Activity Days

Friday 28th April 2023

Grade 6 Students from Government Schools

Visit our website for registration form

Wednesday 3rd May 2023

Grade 6 Students from St Joseph's Wonthaggi and Star of the Sea Cowes

Information will be provided directly to schools

Wednesday 10th May 2023

Grade 6 Students from St Joseph's Korumburra and St Laurence Leongatha

Information will be provided directly to schools

For further information or to register please visit our website or contact the College:

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GREAT SOUTHERN RAIL TRAIL

OFFICIAL OPENING NYORA to LEONGATHA SECTION

WHEN: SATURDAY 1 APRIL

WHERE: Great Southern Rail Trail
Nyora to Leongatha Extension

Official opening 11.00am at the Loch Station
Supporting activities in Nyora, Loch, Jeetho, Bena, Korumburra, Ruby and Leongatha

South Gippsland Shire Council News

Great Southern Rail Trail Opening

Nyora to Leongatha section - Saturday 1 April

On Saturday 1 April, the Great Southern Rail Trail (Nyora to Leongatha section) will be officially opened... and no that's not an April Fools joke. To celebrate, Council and local community groups are coming together to provide a fun-filled day of activities.

The official opening will be held at the Loch Station at 11.00am but events will also be held in Nyora, Loch, Jeetho, Bena, Korumburra, Ruby and Leongatha. Each of these town events are hosted by local groups and associations and will include activities such as bbqs, refreshments, clue finding, historical displays, music and more!

Two 24-seat shuttle buses will be running between Leongatha and Nyora throughout the day with additional stops in Korumburra, Bena and Loch. Shuttle buses are free with bookings available for stops in Leongatha and Nyora only, the rest will first come, first served.

Those cycling the whole way can pick-up a Great Southern Rail Trail 'passport' that can be stamped at each stop. Complete the passport and redeem it in Leongatha for a small prize.

To find out more, please visit:
visitsouthgippsland.com.au/gsrtopening/

Meet the Mayor and Deputy Mayor



Short, face-to-face chats are available on Thursday 27 April with our Mayor and Deputy Mayor. The chats will be held at Council (main office) in Leongatha between 9.00am and 1.00pm. Bookings are required to secure a 20-minute slot.

To book, please contact:
OfficeoftheCEO@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 19 April 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:
www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates

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

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Please contact the Governance Team for questions about Council Meetings.

GOOD GOVERNANCE FOR COMMITTEES

Want to learn about the basics of good governance in your committee role? Run by Michelle Harris from GippSport, this session will go through the basics of good governance.

It is designed for anyone involved with an Incorporated Association Committee or anyone thinking that they may like to volunteer in a committee role.

This session is free and will be held online. Book at: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/governance-101-training-tickets-579559396757>

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.

CONTACT US

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Nationwide shortage of Occupational Therapists

GIPPSLAND Southern Health Service (GSHS) is hoping to boost its occupational therapy service as a nation-wide shortage leads to long waiting lists.

GSHS has two full-time and two part-time occupational therapists but has had up to eight staff members in the past and currently has a number of positions vacant.

Occupational therapy team leader Beth Shields said there was a shortage of OTs across Australia, particularly in rural areas.

"There is an overall shortage and that is reflected in our wait lists to provide services to public health clients, including people aged over 65, people under 65 who are eligible for Home and Community Care programs and paediatric clients," Ms Shields said.

"I don't think any public health service has a full complement of occupational therapists at this stage," she added.

Ms Shields said the introduction of NDIS had impacted by creating a new market for allied health services, particularly for occupational therapists.

"It has always been difficult to attract people to rural areas but now there is more scope for people to work privately. We have seen a lot of new private O.T services established, but there hasn't been an increase in the labour market."

Ms Shields said the GSHS service helps people who don't have access to funded services and who can't afford to pay privately.

All services are feeling the pinch in the region. "For the past three or four years due to the issue in attracting staff, wait times have consistently been a problem," Ms Shields said.

Private O.T services in the region have 6-8 month wait lists while GSHS clients are waiting 3-4 months. "Sometimes we have to give priority to the most urgent cases," Ms Shields added.

GSHS has funding for hand therapy services two days per week but has been unable to fill the position.

Ms Shields said being an occupational therapist in a public health service was a rewarding career.

"We're able to help people who can't access the services privately or can't afford to use those services," she said. "It is a really supportive environment at Gippsland Southern Health Service and there are many opportunities to learn and develop specialist areas, such as hand therapy or paediatrics, as well as build up general skills."

People interested in joining the GSHS occupational therapy team can contact the Allied Health Manager on 5654 2701.

All aboard at Milpara

MILPARA Community House is moving towards becoming a ticketing agency for V/Line, having been approached by that organisation to apply for accreditation to do so.

The Community House's Committee of Governance approved the application for submission and it has been lodged.

"We will now wait for consent, and if this is successful, we will have this service available at Milpara at our current location and then it will move with us to the new Hub," Milpara manager Jenni Keerie said.

Should Milpara become a V/Line ticketing agency, Jenni said it is not yet certain whether it would continue the role long term, explaining there may be more suitable options in the community.

"However, the income from this service may not be sustainable for a business, though it is something that can be absorbed into the operations of Milpara quite readily," Jenni said.

Sentinel-Times will provide an update when the outcome of Milpara's application to become a V/Line ticketing agency is known.

Calls for council not to hand foreshore land management to Government

Members of the Yanakie Progress Association are keen to see a balance struck between conservation and community enjoyment of the Yanakie foreshore.



THE YANAKIE Progress Association (YPA) expressed its concerns over the potential transfer of land management responsibility for the Yanakie foreshore from the South Gippsland Shire Council to the State Government.

Council's recent 'Coastal Strategy Discussion Paper' noted that council is the Committee of Management for 18 kilometres of Yanakie foreshore but lacks resources required to achieve its responsibilities in terms of monitoring, enforcement and asset management.

The document states the Victorian Government has expressed willingness to take responsibility for the Yanakie foreshore area, subject to reaching an agreement with Parks Victoria to become the land manager.

Members of the YPA and other concerned residents met at Yanakie Hall to discuss that prospect and outline their views.

A couple of key concerns raised are the lack of direct consultation with affected communities, and the impact the land management transfer to the

State Government may have on access, maintenance of, and improvements to the Yanakie foreshore.

YPA president Damian Paull said those in the organisation are keen for alternative land management options to be explored, stressing that relevant examples exist elsewhere.

"We believe that it is too early in the process to offer solutions, but other foreshore areas are managed by volunteer committees of management, and a similar approach could be suitable for the Yanakie foreshore," he said.

Damian also suggested there may be other innovative solutions available.

Prior to the community meeting, he attended a Coastal Strategy Consultation Day at Foster's Manna Gum Community House, with the prospect of Parks Victoria taking over management of the Yanakie foreshore area discussed there.

That prompted an online call for local views on the possibility of State Government management of the land and led

to the community meeting.

"People who have been through this in other areas felt that Parks Victoria would focus more on the conservation of the area rather than improvements and shared access for the community," Damian said.

He noted that currently locals visit Duck Point to walk dogs or ride horses on the beach, arguing that under Parks Victoria management of the land such activities are unlikely to be permitted.

In a formal submission made to the South Gippsland Shire Council, YPA expressed its objection to the potential transfer of land management responsibility for the coastal Yanakie Crown land currently managed by council.

While the progress association is supportive of the need to protect the natural ecosystems of the area, it doesn't want that to be at the expense of access to and enjoyment of existing facilities.

For more information, contact the Yanakie Progress Association at yanakieprogress@gmail.com

Early learning centre almost there

THE Leongatha Early Learning Centre is expected to be finalised this month and be operation in April.

The centre is a new Early Years Facility incorporating kindergarten, long day care, supported playgroup and space for related family services.

The new building is approx. 1095m² in size consisting of four main day-care/pre-school rooms with shared amenities, allied health, and associated staff/admin rooms, including



kitchen, laundry and outdoor staff area.

This is combined with a large outdoor play-space of approximately 1500 square metres consisting of a mix of nature-based elements and natural play structures de-

signed to cater for the varying age groups.

According to the shire, the building is nearing completion. Final finishes and painting are currently taking place while landscaping and civil works are well advanced.

Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey



Advocacy Goes to Canberra

PRODUCTIVE and positive engagement with State and Federal governments can often assist in seeing successful outcomes at a Council level. Due to the very nature of our government system that we must work within, Councils across Australia rely on both the State and Federal governments for funding and assistance.

Last week along with Deputy Mayor Williams and Chief Executive Officer Kerryn Ellis, I travelled to Canberra to advocate for South Gippsland and to share our key priorities.

We wasted no time, meeting with the offices of 11 key Ministers, Members and heads of departments, as well as attending Question Time. Key advocacy points were around infrastructure, roads and transport, agriculture, renewable energy, our local environment, mental health and education.

This visit is just the beginning of taking South Gippsland's advocacy priorities, more generally, to both State and Federal governments. I will continue to demonstrate our local need and opportunities at future meetings and events, aimed at getting the attention of decision makers at both levels of government. South Gippsland also has a strong voice that can be used through my recent appointments to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) board and as Deputy Chair of One Gippsland.

I truly believe that South Gippsland has a bright future and I'm confident that our clear and coordinated advocacy plan, together with proactive engagement, will assist in ensuring our continued future success.

Business Associations Presidents Lunch

Economic growth in the Shire is naturally a priority for Council, and we recognise that our dispersed communities have unique offerings and needs. At the same time, many of our towns are often faced with similar challenges. Our towns are well represented by their various business associations, and was great to spend an afternoon networking and sharing between key members of the business associations from across South Gippsland, with the first Business Associations Presidents Lunch held since Covid.

In further business news, The Small Business Bus will be in Leongatha on Wednesday 29 March and Korumburra on Thursday, March 30 between 10am and 4pm.

The Bus is a great opportunity to get helpful tips on how to start or grow your business, or access financial counselling.

To book, visit <https://business.vic.gov.au/learning-and-advice/workshops-and-small-business-bus>. Alternatively, you can walk up on the day (subject to availability).

Great Southern Rail Trail Official Opening

The opening of the Great Southern Rail Trail is Saturday, April 1. All are welcome. Join at Nyora with BBQ breakfast at 9am and have your trail 'passport' stamped to begin your adventure. The official opening will begin at 11am at the Loch Railway Station. As you pass through towns on the way to Leongatha, stop a moment and enjoy the refreshments on offer and get your next stamp. There will also be two free shuttle buses running throughout the day. A more detailed itinerary can be found online at <https://visit-southgippsland.com.au/gsrtopening/>

2023 Budget

The draft Council Budget will be available for engagement in the next month. Community feedback will be sought via Your Say South Gippsland.

Council Meetings

A reminder that our Council meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2pm and can be watched online or attended in person at the Council Chambers in Leongatha.

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Winds of concern continue for offshore energy

FOLLOWING the Federal Government's announcement to formally declare sections of coastal waters between Port Albert and Lakes Entrance as the nation's first offshore wind zone, concerns have still been swirling throughout South Gippsland.

During late 2022, Minister for Climate Change and Energy, Chris Bowen, made the declaration, as well as that Wilsons Prom and areas west would not be included.

However, South Gippsland Shire Council has continued to remain concerned that zones near the Prom and down towards Bass Coast could still be included in the future.

Community concern has also continued with some believing the council was 'actively' advocating for offshore wind developments.

Mayor, Cr Nathan Hersey, spoke with the Sentinel-Times recently to address some of the misconceptions and clarify the shire's view.

"There's a lot of confusion at the moment and it has to do with how many organisations are out there trying to spruik what they want to do in the area," he said.

"The government, both state and federal, really didn't engage enough (with community) at the beginning and we've been pretty clear about our disappointment.

"Particularly the Federal Government following the declaration of the offshore wind zones without extensive engagement."

Mayor Hersey said the shire is supportive of renewable energies, but they were deeply concerned that two proposed zones were close to the coast of Wilsons



South Gippsland Shire Mayor, Cr Nathan Hersey has expressed ongoing disappointment regarding a lack of engagement from state and federal governments for offshore wind energy.

Prom at the time.

"Council agreed it was not appropriate for either amenity or visual impacts, and the lack of environmental investigations," he said.

"And we stand by that.

"The Minister has ruled it out, but it's only an 18-month hiatus if you will from that (area) being investigated.

"We've asked for a clear commitment from the government that the area is off the table completely."

Cr Hersey said it was council's responsibility to advocate for favourable outcomes following the declared areas.

"This includes employment, operations and maintenance, long term legacy investment in the region, not just once off, but serious thoughtful investment.

"We clearly want, and this is One Gippsland's position too, proper consideration for the route of the infrastructure.

"We don't want one that goes through farms and reduces their capacity."

Cr Hersey, as well as the deputy mayor and CEO travelled to Canberra recently and requested a meeting with Minister Bowen.

Slap for Gippsland, says O'Brien

The State Government also released the Victorian Offshore Wind Energy Implementation Statement 2, which sets out how Victoria will leverage investment in offshore wind for the first tranche of projects that will deliver at least 2 gigawatts (GW) by 2032.

The strategy confirms the loca-

tion of the Victorian Renewable Energy Terminal at the Port of Hastings.

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

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

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

According to The Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien, the government's decision to select the Port of Hastings as the construction port for offshore windfarms is a

setback for Gippsland.

Mr O'Brien said the Government's decision to choose a major port facility outside Gippsland will significantly diminish the potential benefits of the proposed offshore wind industry to the region.

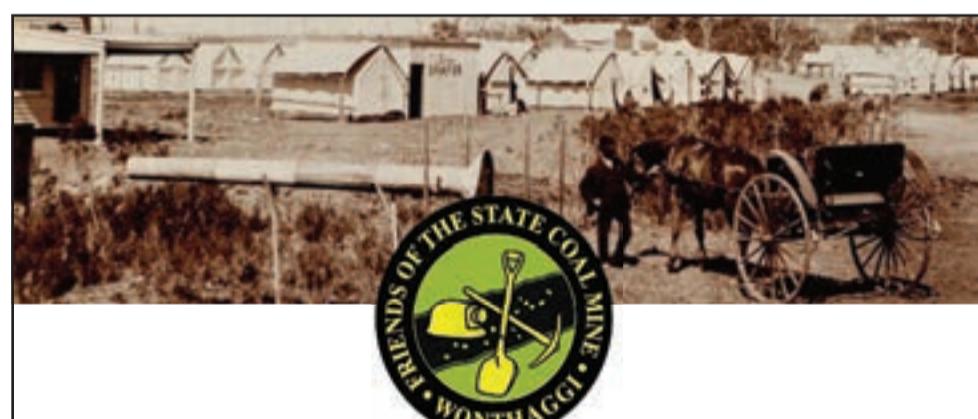
"The Government has now confirmed it will establish a Victorian Renewable Energy Terminal at the Port of Hastings, effectively turning its back on Gippsland ports such as Barry Beach which are closer to most of the proposed offshore wind farms.

"We need jobs to be created locally to help the energy transition in the Latrobe Valley and Wellington Shire. Using Barry Beach in South Gippsland for at least some of the construction, as well as ongoing operations, will help our region transition and further diversify the South Gippsland economy."

Mr O'Brien said the latest Offshore Wind Implementation Statement from the Government also highlights that additional transmission lines will be needed through Gippsland on top of that currently proposed by Ausnet Services.

"I am bemused that the Government says its VicGrid organisation is coordinating transmission for the offshore wind industry when the reality is that it is at least a year behind the private sector.

"If we are going to have to put up with overhead transmission lines through Gippsland then we want to see the benefits of the offshore windfarms and they will largely bypass us if the government persists in using the Port of Hastings."



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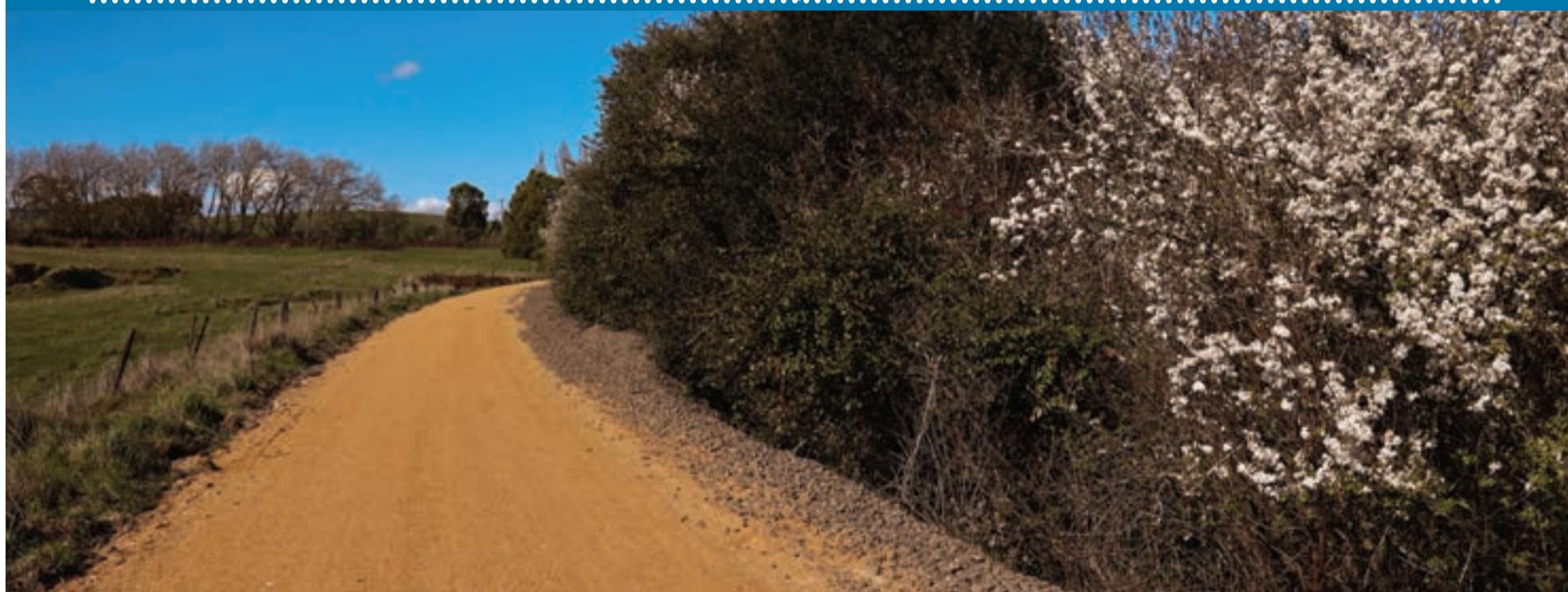
OFFICIAL OPENING

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WHEN: SATURDAY 1 APRIL

WHERE: Great Southern Rail Trail - Nyora to Leongatha Extension.

Official opening at 11.00am at the Loch Railway Station.



Come and walk or ride the Great Southern Rail Trail at our official opening event for the extension between Nyora to Leongatha.

EVENT PROGRAM:

Town	Time (between)	Details
Nyora	9.00am to 10.30am	Bbq breakfast near the station ~ Nyora Men's Shed Adult Bike Ed session
Loch	11.00am to 12.30pm	Official opening at 11.00am (Loch Railway Station) Follow the clues in Loch ~ Loch Community Development Association
Jeetho:	12.00pm to 1.30pm	Scones and refreshments from the rail trail ~ Jeetho Hall Committee
Bena:	12.30pm to 2.00pm	Historical display ~ Bena Hall
Korumburra:	1.00pm to 2.30pm	Sausage sizzle and icy poles - Korumburra Lions Club
Ruby:	2.00pm to 3.30pm	Slices and cuppa - Ruby Hall and Kardella Country Women's Association
Leongatha:	2.30pm to 4.00pm	Finish line festivities and music ~ Leongatha Business Association

Don't want to go the whole way or need a lift back? No worries.

We will have two shuttle buses running throughout the day between Nyora and Leongatha, with many stops in between.

For more information, please visit:

visitsouthgippsland.com.au/gsrtopening





Newhaven College's Alumni reunion from years 1993, 2003, 2013 and 2018.

Newhaven College showcases outstanding facilities and students for open day

ON SATURDAY, March 25, Newhaven College hosted the annual College Open Day and Alumni reunions for graduates from years 1993, 2003, 2013 and 2018.

The College's stunning 82-acre campus was looking its best as visitors teemed from the Gym to the Year 9 Environmental Centre, taking in everything in between.

Open Day

Hundreds of prospective students and their families visited the College on the day. College student leaders took guided tours around the school, sharing their knowledge and passion for their school with visitors. It was impressive to see so many students and staff helping out on the day in various ways.

Highlights included the Equestrian display located near the Year 9 Environmental Centre, where families watched some of Victoria's best junior riders show off their skills. The gym was home to fun sporting activities, as well as displays on the school's surf and tennis academies. Displays

and presentations were on offer throughout the school's main locations. Visitors were treated at every location around the campus.

For those unable to attend, Newhaven College tours can be arranged through the College's Registrar Belinda Manning at belinda.manning@newhaven.col.vic.edu.au, 5956 7505 or book online through the Newhaven College website.

Alumni Reunion

Newhaven College is in the process of growing its alumni connections, so the annual reunion is the perfect place to get things moving. The school welcomed back students who graduated in 1993 (30 years), 2003 (20 years), 2013 (10 years) and 2018 (5 years). They were met by Principal Tony Corr who guided the group on a tour of the school. For many of these students, even the most recently departed, there were plenty of new and exciting facilities to share with the returning graduates.



Product design technician Ben Stein assisting some children making wooden cars in the Trade Centre.

Concerns over seal health continue after census

THOUSANDS of fur seals around Phillip Island have been counted as part of a five yearly census to determine the health of the population. The pups are used as an index of the population because they are easy to count, being all ashore at one time compared to adults that leave to find food.

The census is performed using a combination of drone surveys and counts on the ground. Phillip Island Nature Parks researchers visited sites from Seal Rocks at Phillip Island, west to Cape Bridgewater and east to The Skerries and Gabo Island near Mallacoota.

While the last censuses in 2013 and 2017 have shown that seal pup numbers had declined by 22 per cent, researchers are yet to complete the counting of the most recent drone images and collate the results with collaborators from Deakin University and Natural Resources and Environment, Tasmania.

Phillip Island Nature Parks researchers say the adult population is currently stable with an estimated 20,000 fur seals using Seal Rocks as their base.

"We have a very strong connection to the seal population at Phillip Island. Seal Rocks is an iconic seal habitat it is the

largest colony of Australian fur seals and it is wonderful to share this region with them," Nature Parks Marine Scientist Rebecca McIntosh said.

Research suggests that toxins in the ocean and disease are contributing to reduced pup survival. The females are having a pup every year, but they do not all survive.

Last Wednesday was International Seal Day, and Dr McIntosh says one good thing people can do to protect our seal population is to put their rubbish in the bin, especially when out boating and fishing.

"Unfortunately, the most com-

mon entanglement for the seals is recreational fishing line," she said.

"There could be up to 300 seals a year who are trapped and injured by marine waste across the population. At Seal Rocks, we can see up to 11 individuals per field trip and we release about half of those we see. As you can imagine, it is not easy to catch injured wild seals that are nervous of people. But every release helps that individual have a second chance at life."

The results of census take several years to analyse and review before they are made public.



Say love in your language campaign display at the Leongatha library, 2 Smith Street.

Say love in your language

MYLI – My Community Library is supporting love your library in your language this March. This campaign aims to encourage library patrons from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds (CALD) to participate by writing a message of love to their library in their preferred language in during Cultural Diversity Week March 11-21, and Harmony Week March 20-26, 2023.

Postcards have been created by CAVAL, campaign sponsor. The postcards provide a space for a handwritten message.

During the campaign, participating libraries are encouraging patrons to write a message to be displayed in libraries during the campaign. Throughout the campaign, postcard messages will be shared on social media channels with hashtag #loveyourlibrary.

At the end of the campaign, the completed postcards be collected and shared with the Victorian Minister for Multicultural Affairs, The Hon Colin Brooks, as part of Public Libraries Victoria's ongoing campaign to build a coalition of support for libraries among Victorian politicians. The postcards will help raise awareness of the importance of libraries for Victoria's multicultural communities.

The campaign will be promoted through March and April to advocate and promote library services and how libraries work with partners like CAVAL to support learning and literacy needs of CALD communities.

CAVAL is a trusted partner inspiring and driving innovation in the library community and focusses on collaboration, capability building and collection management. CAVAL's highly skilled, multilingual team from the Language Resources department sources and catalogues community language and ESL resources from all over the world. Carefully curated collections are customised to local specifications and delivered shelf-ready to libraries across Australia and New Zealand.

Drop into your local Myli library in Bass Coast, Baw Baw, Cardinia or South Gippsland Shire and ask for a postcard to show the love to your library in your language this March. For more information visit myli.org.au or call 1800 44 6954.



Rose Lodge Fete

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Saturday, April 1 • 9am-1pm

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\$1.4M to restore Kernot Krowera Road

COUNCILLORS showed no hesitation in adopting a recommendation to approve up to \$1.4M to repair 250 Kernot Krowera Road, Kernot following a landslide last year.

The recommendation also proposed giving the shire's CEO authority to award the contract for design and construction, and allow officers to continue progressing the Emergency Recovery funding application with the Victorian Disaster Recovery Funding Agency.

Following heavy rains in August 2022, a landslip occurred causing considerable damage to a 70-metre section of the road.

The landslip extended over approximately 70,000 square metres on private property uphill and downhill from the road.

Due to the extent of the damage and ground movement, the road has been closed since.

A report had identified the Landslide Risk Rating as extremely high, and details the extensive repairs needed to anchor the road pavement into the bedrock using piles and rock anchors to 'bridge' across the landslip to restore the road safely.

To inform the grant application, an independent engineering consultancy was engaged to review the Landslide Risk Assessment Road repair options and provide a certified engineers estimate of repair costs.

According to shire documents revealed at last week's council meeting, the estimate is \$1.4 million, noting this is subject to further assessment of sub-surface ground conditions.

The impact of the road closure is that road users and residents have an 18-kilometre detour around the landslip.

The road also serves almost 25 farming properties, as well as providing an important link between Kernot and Krowera.

The shire recommended that the road is restored to reduce the risk that property access is cut-off in the event of a future landslip.

'Repairs are required to be made as soon as practical before the wetter winter months. The disaster recovery funding application process is complex and requires considerable evidence and documentation to be successful,' shire documents highlighted.

Whilst the Council's application is assessed and considering the possibility that whole or part funding is not secured, Council's own funding is required to be used to progress the repairs in a timely manner.

In the event this project does not receive government support, Council will need to manage the funding gap through future capital budget cycles.'

TOP LEFT: Up to \$1.4M has been approved by councillors to fix 250 Kernot Krowera Road following a significant landslip during 2022 which has seen the road closed since. Ns021223


The Energy Innovation Co-operative Ltd supports community groups in Gippsland to install renewable energy and undertake energy efficiency measures, helping them cut power bills and put the savings into their primary activities. Community groups can apply for interest-free loans to fund solar panels, solar hot water or energy efficiency measures. As these interest-free loans are repaid from energy savings the funds are lent out again to fund the next project.

Foster Pool Association received a 3 year interest-free loan of \$20,000 from our Southern CORE fund to install solar thermal heating at the Foster Swimming Pool. Fully Repaid




Grantville Recreation Reserve Committee is a volunteer run community group that supports many local groups such as the CFA and SES. The EI Co-op obtained a \$5,000 Bass Coast Council Community Grant to help pay for installation. A donation from the Southern CORE fund paid for online system monitoring. Grant Obtained

Phillip Island Early Learning Centre was given in-kind support to install a 30kW solar system to reduce running costs of the building and to display information about the solar energy production as part of the children's environment and sustainability early learning. Funding was provided by Pick My Project. Grant Obtained



Bass Recreation Reserve received an interest-free loan of \$15,000 from our Southern Core Fund to repair the roof and install solar panels. A donation from the Andrews Foundation helped make this project possible. Being Repaid



Yinnar Artists Resource Collective received an interest-free loan of \$11,000 from our Southern Core Fund in March 2020 for the installation of solar panels. We are very grateful to the Andrews Foundation for their donation which helped make this project possible. Being Repaid



Dalyston Football Netball Club asked for help to fund the installation of solar panels to reduce their energy costs. Energy and utility bills have a massive impact on the sustainability of community sporting clubs. The New Energy Jobs Fund grant has helped the club move towards a clean energy future.

Traralgon Neighbourhood Learning House: A New Energy Jobs grant application for \$52,900 to install 32kW of solar panels and 22 kW/hr of batteries was successful. The "energy literacy" classes have helped reduce costs for users of one of the busiest neighbourhood houses in Victoria.



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Kerb renewal to commence

Kongwak works

BASS Coast Shire is set to commence kerb renewal and associated works on Bruce Street Inverloch in March 2023.

The project is expected to cost approximately \$160,000 and will be funded through the Council's adopted Capital Works Kerb Renewal Program 2022/23.

Super Paving Vic Pty Ltd has been appointed as the contractor through the annual supply contract process.

The works will involve the removal and installation of about 300 metres of barrier kerb and drainage lines on the south and northeast side of the road, including some laybacks into driveways.

The reconstruction of road pavement one metre in front of the new sections of kerb and channel will also be carried out, including asphalt surfacing.

As part of these works, new concrete may be placed through landowner's driveways. Access to properties will be restricted for a four-day period following the pouring of the concrete kerb to allow it to set properly before any vehicles can use their driveway. Appropriate traffic and pedestrian control measures will be implemented onsite during these works.

The project is expected to be completed in late April 2023, subject to favourable weather, contractor availability and material supply.

What to expect:

- Roadside Drainage works
- Over 800m of road pavement renewal by stabilising the existing road pavement
- Road sealing works
- Line Marking

Changes in traffic movements will include a road closure, a lane closure controlled by traffic controllers/traffic lights, and a 40 km/hr worksite speed restriction. Outside of normal working hours, the road will be open to traffic with reasonable speed limits. Please follow all traffic control measures onsite.

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Happiness was key Ruth's life

RUTH MILKINS 4.09.1923 ~ 24.03.2023

RIGHT: The late Ruth Milkins pictured with her unit when she served in the Australian Women's Army.



Alisha is pictured with her supportive family at Federation University Australia's recent graduation ceremony.

Future is bright for Cape Paterson graduate

MORE than 500 Federation University Australia students celebrated their graduation at ceremonies in Gippsland and Berwick last week, including a Cape Paterson local.

The students were among more than 1400 across the University's campuses to mark the education milestone in front of family, friends and their classmates in March.

Among them was Master of Business Administration student and Cape Paterson resident, Alisha Gilliland, who delivered the graduate speech at the Gippsland ceremony, encouraging her classmates to make space for others who may not have a seat at the table.

Her MBA research project looking at diversity on not-for-profit boards supports Alisha's contribution to the not-for-profit sector in Gippsland, as both an employee and as a Board Director.

"I didn't anticipate the level of generosity of spirit and sharing of time and knowledge among the MBA cohort," she said of the MBA program.

"That continues now. We have a group of people across Gippsland who will be our network and I have really benefited from that personally and professionally."

\$3.2 million for Nerrena bridge

MORE than \$38 million will flow out to the regions under the Australian Government's Bridges Renewal Program (BRP) to support 31 projects upgrade and replace damaged or deteriorating bridges.

One of the most significant grants, \$3.232 million towards a \$4.04 million project, will go to strengthening the two-lane bridge on Nerrena Road, Leongatha over the Tarwin River West Branch.

A feature of the strengthened structure will be a reinforced concrete composite deck overlay.

Senator Raff Ciccone, Deputy Government Whip in the Senate said bridges were vital infrastructure across Victoria providing critical access to markets and for locals to family, friends and services.

RUTH Milkins, whose incredible life spanned almost a century, saw her survive a shocking attack from the 'Brownout Strangler' during her time in the army.

The late Ruth Milkins was a resident of Rose Lodge and during 2021, was celebrated by the state government's 'Recognising senior Victorians' initiative.

This is her story when she spoke with the *Sentinel-Times* during 2021.

Born in 1923 and raised in Numurka by a farming couple, Ruth and most of her family gave their service during World War Two.

"You felt like you were doing something for your country," she said at the time.

"I had a brother in the Air Force, another in the Army, and my sister was in the Army.

"She was a Lieutenant because she was a nurse.

"People don't understand today but when the War started, Australia had nothing and I mean really nothing."

Ruth served in the Australian Women's Army for four years and was initially "shocked" at how basic the conditions were.

"We joined up in Shepparton and I got my name on an honour role, and we were taken by train to Spencer Street and gathered up as a group and from then on, belonged to the Army," she said.

"There was no division in the toilet facilities and showers were the same."

During her time, Ruth reached the rank of Lance Corporal but was traumatised after her experience with American GI Edward Joseph Leonski, known as the Brownout Strangler.

While going on duty, Ruth was attacked after getting off a tram at Fawkner Park and was being strangled.

Fortunately, a male officer was nearby and turned around when she screamed and the attacker fled.

After the War, Ruth went back to Shepparton and married.

"In those days, of course, it's nothing like it is today, and I'm glad it's improved but we just came out of the services and my brothers too, and you were just expected to pick up life as if you hadn't been away," she said.

Years later however, Ruth would eventually meet

her dream husband, Allan Milkins and they both moved to Wonthaggi.

"When Allan passed away, I managed but I had a couple of heart attacks and strokes, but I'm as healthy as a fish," she said.

"I always say this, if you can be happy, your body is happy, your mind has got a lot to do with that."

"Of course, we were brought up very basic and our main thing in life was always integrity."

"I'm just so happy I have a Christian faith; it does carry you through."

Ruth's family noted she loved getting involved with activities at Rose Lodge including knitting baby clothes and rugs to singing in the choir Church services.



Laughs all the way with Offshore's Aussie play



Simon Furniss as the Mayor of the Coriole Shire and his deputy Brian played by Chris White set about organising a debacle of an Australia Day celebration.

old, local Greens' councillor, and a relative new arrival to the shire from the state capital.

"Sorry I'm late," said Helen as she breezed in after keeping everyone waiting for the committee meeting to start in a cold, old scout hall.

"Pity you didn't have an engine in that car or you mightn't have been," said Wally.

"It's got two, actually, it's a hybrid," said Helen.

Everyone established their characters quickly, Simon Furniss as the Mayor of Coriole Shire and pre-selection candidate for the Liberal Party, Chris White as his deputy, Julie Thomas as Maree, president of the local Country Women's Association branch and Rui Mei Jian as the Australian-born Vietnamese primary school teacher.

They were all members of the Australia Day Organising

Committee and they brought their prejudices and problems with them.

Predictably, their Australia Day event was an absolute debacle, as described by the mayor at the end of the play, with plenty of the dialogue and situations all too reminiscent of local government politics locally.

If you want some irreverent fun, and a damn good laugh, don't miss Offshore Theatre's play in the new Blackbox Theatre in the performing arts building at Newhaven College.

With its excellent audio and production facilities, together with a star turn in its own right, the electronically operated, retractable seating for 140 people, it was the ideal venue for this delightful production.

It's a pity the shire's decision makers didn't see these seats and a facility like this in action before spending \$30 million on the Cowes Community Cultural Centre – we could have saved \$25 million or more for other much-needed facilities.

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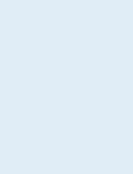
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Sentinel-Times

COMMENT

Carn the umpires!

IT'S a staggered start to the local football season with the Gippsland League and the Ellinbank League having a full round of matches, only one West Gippsland League game and Mid Gippsland not kicking off until Saturday, April 22.

It's probably because schools don't go back for Term 2 until Monday, April 24, so good on them for looking after their kids and their families.

But it's an exciting time of the year for country communities with everyone back around their clubs enjoying the fun and fitness, and the rest of the great benefits of belonging to a club and chasing shared goals.

Good luck to everyone for a great season and good on all those business that support the local football and netball clubs, they deserve your support.

But we're giving our biggest shout out to the men and women who put their hands up to umpire our football and netball games, many of them paid but still a significant number volunteering to help their clubs and their teams.

The complexity added to the rules, especially the football, some of it in response to protecting the head and other rules trying to make it a fairer contest, have made it much more challenging for the umpires and we need to be backing off on our criticism of the men and women in white across the board.

Fortunately in South Gippsland, we enjoy the services of one of the best football umpiring panels around, certainly the best in Gippsland anyway, and we love the way they go about it.

Some leagues are trialling a 'white card' initiative to try to stop, especially club officials, from criticising the umpires but that seems to be adding another level of complexity to what the umpires have to do. We don't need that here.

But what we do need is a positive attitude to the role umpires play in our great games. If you must add in an "oh, come on umpire" every now and then, be prepared to give equal measure to "good decision ump"!

Now on with season 2023 and good luck to everyone.

Disappointment over cartoon

I found the cartoon in last week's (March 21) publication extremely disappointing.

The Sentinel Times is a major public information source in the local community.

It has a responsibility to provide as objective an analysis and perspective on key social issues as is possible.

And there are very few, if any more important issues than that of climate change and the impact it is already having on millions of people and potentially all people.

While we still have people, for various reasons, deliberately misinforming the public about this issue, the scientific findings on this issue are as conclusive as they can be in any scientific undertaking.

The cartoon would have been more accurate if the caption read "They told us that burning fossil fuels would have no impact on our lives".

I find it difficult to understand just who the Sentinel Times are appealing to in promoting the views represented by this cartoon and just whose interests they are focussed on representing in the local community.

Peter Allitt, Cape Paterson



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

Get on with the job

Last week our community successfully demonstrated that when the silent majority find their voice and take action, they can change outcomes at council.

The decision by councillors to accept the community's rejection of option 1 is certainly a welcome first step.

However, more steps are needed to get this council to extend the very successful option 2 on to Goroke St.

Step 1 requires sincere, genuine, and total transparency and honesty about communications between Bass Coast Shire Council and DEECA.

Council must publish all communications regarding past and future applications for stage 3b. Unfortunately it is most unlikely that council will allow this transparency to the community.

Step 2 requires councillors to act in accordance with the overwhelming majority who support the continuation of option 2 to Goroke St.

Unfortunately those councillors who are aligned with the conservation society will be resistant to the will of the community, and I believe that they will be doing their utmost to kill off option 2.

Hopefully five councillors understand the need for the final stage of the path to be properly constructed as per stage 3a, and that these councillors accept that it is will of the majority for that to happen.

Having delayed construction for years, some at council are now attempting to convince the community that is all DEECA's fault. If it is true that DEECA says no, then those councillors who are sensible and pragmatic about balancing essential community infrastructure with environmental sensitivity will go into bat against DEECA.

Step 3 requires ongoing community effort to ensure that all nine councillors understand that option 2 is what the community expects council to construct for the final stage of the path.

The evidence delivered by the experts is that the path does not pose a risk to

the environment. Council accepted the evidence in 2019 and presented it to the community.

Then as now, the community gave its clear overwhelming verdict in favour of option 2.

This council should stop wasting more ratepayer money, and just get on with the job that was agreed in 2019.

Kevin Griffin

Lighting upgrade program closed

The State Government's Victorian Energy Upgrades (VEU) lighting upgrade program has now closed.

I am aware that over the past few years scammers have taken advantage of this legitimate program to gain personal details by posing as representatives of the state government and door knocking or pestering households with frequent calls resulting in much confusion.

With the program now closed, you can be assured that any calls or offers you receive offering to upgrade the lighting in your home are not legitimate and should be reported to Scamwatch at www.scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam.

Other energy saving programs are still available under the VEU including upgrading your shower head to a water-saving one. If you receive calls about this offer, you can be assured that any legitimate accredited provider would not claim to be from the state government and will happily provide you with the name of the business they are calling from. They will also not call you if your number is on the Do Not Call Register.

For more information on the programs available or to find a local accredited provider visit <https://www.energy.vic.gov.au/for-households/victorian-energy-upgrades-for-households>.

Danny O'Brien MP, The Nationals Member for Gippsland South

Vox Pop

What's the best thing to happen to farming in the last decade?



Danny O'Brien

Member for Gippsland South

"Better prices, which have been closer to universal prices. Input prices are still high with tight margins though."



Deb O'Connor

Beef Farmer

"The wider recognition of the importance of caring for soils and waterways."



Matt Gleeson

Dairy Farmer

"The opportunity for progression and the support in the industry. Plus, the advances in sustainability. There are still great opportunities."



Rodney Gundrill

Chapman Machinery

"Technology advancements – taking out the labour and making tasks easier for farmers."

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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.



School Vice Captains Miller Bardwell and Stephanie Jaskula, School Captains Kayden Webber and Paige O'Brien.



House Captains Dakota Baker, Matilda Bennett, Cliff Schellekens and Sean Trebly.

Proud leaders for Bass Valley Primary

THE 2023 student leaders at Bass Valley Primary School were presented with their badges recently by member for Bass, Jordan Crugnale, at a recent assembly held in front of students, staff, parents and friends.

The positions were advertised early in the school year, and

students wrote written applications and sat an interview to replicate real life scenarios and develop their life skills.

Successful applicants will fill a huge range of leadership roles at Bass Valley Primary School including School Captain and Vice Captains, House Captains,

Bus Leaders, Sustainability Captains, STEAM Captains and Sports Captains.

School principal Sharon King said she was, "excited by all the opportunities that the school leaders at our school get to experience, from sporting and STEAM programs, to assisting

with our school's sustainability centre, wetlands, and day to day school tasks for students to showcase their leadership skills for our entire community to benefit from."

Congratulations to all students and we wish you all the best for the remainder of the school year.



Sports Captains Ned Schellekens and Chelsea Stephens.



STEAM Captains Hannah Telford and Lizzie Francis.



Sustainability Captains Ava Lee Young and Chelsea Shepherd.

Harmony Day celebrated at San Remo Primary School

HARMONY Day was celebrated at San Remo Primary School last Tuesday, March 21.

Students and staff dressed in a splash of orange and participated in activities that focused on inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

The school's Student Support Leaders ran inclusive games and activities in the yard at recess and lunchtime, with music playing and students working together.

Activities included dodge ball, parachute games and a scavenger hunt. Teachers planned Harmony Day activities in their

classroom where there was collaboration, togetherness and understanding of the multiculturalism of our local community and beyond.

Lauren Hamer, Disability Inclusion and Wellbeing Leader at San Remo Primary School said, "Harmony Day is a great opportunity for us to celebrate who we are and what we stand for, ensuring everyone feels a sense of belonging, within our school and community."

RIGHT: The whole school came together to celebrate 'Everyone Belongs'.



Proudly marking Harmony Week

LAST week at St Joseph's school in Korumburra, the students celebrated Harmony Week with a big splash of orange around the school.

Harmony Week, which ran from March 20-26, is a special time to celebrate multiculturalism in our country and to reflect on successful integration of people from everywhere in our world into our communities.

Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and the students took time to celebrate this and to work out how we can live in harmony.

This year's theme for Harmony Week was "Everybody Belongs".

The students participated in a range of activities within their classrooms to build their understanding of harmony as well as contributing to the amazing display at the front of the school which read "St Joseph's - Flying Together In Harmony".

This slogan also reflected the schoolwide values of being respectful, responsible and caring at all time.

RIGHT: Foundation and Grade 1 students Levi, Massimo, Deni, Ava, Rupert, Arianne, Alexander, Kye, Oliver and Mason along with staff member Belinda Whiteside wear a touch of orange in support of an inclusive Australia.



Every dollar really does help

THERE is no such thing as a free education.

In 2022 Victoria marked 150 years of public education. An educational system that in 1872 became free, secular and compulsory under the Education Act 1872 in Victoria.

Contrary to popular belief public school education is far from free for parents/carers or schools.

Research by Futurity Investment Group in January found a child starting Government primary school in 2023 would cost \$368 in school fees and \$6725 in ancillary costs such as uniforms, outside tuition and electronic devices.

Fortunately, ancillary costs appear to be less in regional areas but there is no denying it is far from free.

Locally, a majority of schools have fresh new supplies ready for students as they step inside the classroom, however, this comes at a cost and with limited funds is part of what forms the voluntary contribution that is sent out to families at the beginning of the year.

And whilst all contributions are voluntary, the ongoing support from families helps ease the burden on the school and directly impacts the students.

"The Department has a clear policy on parent payments, which states that all contributions must be voluntary," a spokesperson for Department of Education stated.

"Voluntary parent payments support the enrichment of a student's educational experience and allow schools to offer a range of programs and opportunities to their students beyond the requirements of the curriculum.

"Schools can invite parents to make a voluntary financial contribution to support the delivery of the curriculum, purchase extracurricular items and activities, and purchase educational items to own."

"Requests for parent payments must be approved by the school council, uploaded onto the school website and communicated to parents for transparency."

Figures are also not just plucked from the air with numbers directly broken down by administration staff as to the expenses occurred. In short, recouping costs.

And whilst voluntary contributions are directly covering costs spent on a child including stationery, sports/music/science/art equipment amongst other things, it can mean schools can allocate other monies to other streams, for example, playground equipment improvements.

"Under the Department's Parent Payments Policy, all Victorian government schools are required to clearly explain how financial contributions will be spent when making a request," the spokesperson added.

And for those who may not be in a position to make a voluntary contribution but want to speak with your schools administration team. It may be a hard topic to bring up, but the school may have some alternative suggestions.

"All contributions are voluntary, and no child can be disadvantaged or refused instruction in the standard Victorian curriculum if voluntary financial contributions are not made."

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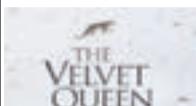
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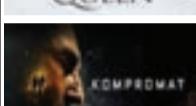
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[Jérôme Salle]



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[Ted Geoghegan]

Shackleton: The Greatest Story of Survival [CTC]
[Bobbi Hansel and Caspar Mazzotti]



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LIVE SHOWS COMING IN 2023!

The Poems, Prayers & Promises of John Denver
starring Darren Coggan
Sat 15 April 7.30pm
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\$60 / \$65



Multi award winning performer, Darren Coggan, returns to his country roots with "The Poems, Prayers & Promises of John Denver", delivering the vocal authenticity of one of the most passionate performers of all time.



Wallflowering
by Peta Murray
Tue 18 April 2.00pm
trybooking.com/BEAV
Tickets from \$15.00

A delightfully amusing and poignant play about the nature of marriage, the pursuit of happiness and the perfect foxtrot! Acclaimed Director Denny Lawrence known for Blue Heelers and A Country Practice, takes us on a theatrical journey looking back over the life and love of Peg and Cliff, once prize-winning ballroom dancers.

Melbourne International Comedy Festival
Sat 22 Jul 7.30pm
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Australia's biggest and best comedy festival is hitting the road for a huge 25th year! Featuring the best and brightest of the 2023 Melbourne International Comedy Festival, we're bringing the funny to you!



The Sunshine Club
Thur 29 June 7.00pm
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Tickets from \$18.00

Written and Directed by Wesley Enoch Set in 1946, acclaimed musical The Sunshine Club, tells the story of Frank Doyle, a returning Aboriginal soldier, filled with the desire to create a better world where black and white can dance together.

Find the full calendar of events and sessions on our website



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Art for food's sake!



Artist Ken Griffiths is donating his magnificent painting "Hippeastrums" to be raffled to raise money for the Inverloch Art Show being held over Easter this year.

Inverloch Art Show Auxiliary.

The auxiliary raises these essential funds to buy food boxes for local families and individuals experiencing short term difficulties. The food boxes are distributed by Bass Coast Health.

The Inverloch Art Show includes the exhibition and sale of artworks by local, regional and metropolitan artists.

The art covers contemporary and traditional styles in a variety of mediums and prizes are awarded in different categories.

There is also an overall prize for the best in show, the winner of which will receive \$2000 and be awarded The Blair Art Prize. This year is the inaugural awarding of this prize which has been created to acknowledge the contribution of two significant, regular

sponsors of the event, Lyne and the late Blair Hodges.

The opening night for the Art Show, at which prize winners will be announced, is Friday, April 7, 7pm to 9pm and everyone is welcome to attend.

The show is held in the Stadium at the back of The Inverloch Hub on the corner of ABeckett and Reilly Streets, Inverloch.

Bring your friends along and help us raise money to help others through tough times.

Opening dates and times:

- Good Friday April 7, to Easter Monday, April 10, 10am to 4pm.
- Tuesday, April 11, 10am to 12noon when raffles are drawn and the People's Choice Prize will be drawn.

More information on our website www.inverlochartshow.org.au or on Facebook

Wonthaggi International Film Festival 2023 presents...

OPENING at 7pm on Friday, March 31, the Wonthaggi International Film Festival kicks off with the highly acclaimed film, Tár, starring Cate Blanchett as a world-renowned composer and conductor.

This multi-award winning film focuses on Lydia Tár, appointed the first female conductor of a major German orchestra, her private life, and her struggles to perfect her latest symphony.

Over the Saturday and Sunday, April 1-2, seven feature films and documentaries are being screened, with award winners and crowd-pleasers alike. The program features:

- 10.30am Saturday 1st April – Whina biopic from New Zealand
- 1pm Saturday 1st April – Shackleton: The Greatest Story of Survival (doc.) (Shackleton will be followed by a post screening Q&A with Antarctic explorer, Peter Bland.)
- 4pm Saturday 1st April – Kompromat thriller from France
- 7pm Saturday 1st April – Triangle Of Sadness black comedy in English
- 10am Sunday 2nd April – We Are Still Here drama from Australia
- 12noon Sunday 2nd April – The Velvet Queen (doc.) French
- 2pm Sunday 2nd April – Linoleum comedy from USA Screening at the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, 96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

Details and trailers for the films are available through the BCFFG website:

<https://basscoastfinefilmgroup.weebly.com/wonthaggi-international-film-festival-2023.html> and via the venue website: [https://www.wonthagiartscentre.com.au/cinema](http://www.wonthagiartscentre.com.au/cinema)

BCFFG members entry is free for opening night (bookings essential in advance through Trybooking), and \$10 tickets for subsequent films; general public tickets at usual box office prices.

The Bass Coast Fine Film Group is proudly sponsored and supported by the Bass Coast Shire.

A second life for your treasures

THE next Fixit Café Wonthaggi on April 16, promises to be super busy with the return of Graeme, our clock fixer, at least two fabric fixers, two electrical specialists, and the support of the Wonthaggi Men's Shed. Registering your repair at 5672 3731, Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre, will ensure a 30 minute spot with a fixer between 11 and 1pm. This month some of the items fixed or examined included a radio, a Moulinex handle, a spade, clothes, and a pair of loppers. All these things are given a second life reducing the load going to landfill.

There is no charge for this service but a donation, if possible, helps with running costs. Clock repairs may incur a fee if a lot of work is needed.

If you have a fixing skill or can help out as a volunteer welcoming people and helping with paperwork why not leave your details with the staff at Mitchell House (number above).

This is a joint activity between the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre and the Wonthaggi Men's Shed and can be found at the Harvest Centre, off the Big W car park, at the back of the Goods Shed.



Sue with her restored top thanks to the Fixit Café.

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31st March to 2nd April 2023
WONTHAGGI INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Opening 7pm on Friday 31st March with Tár starring Cate Blanchett, the Wonthaggi International Film Festival is on again. Screening 8 features and documentaries, there's something for everyone. BCFFG members entry free on opening night, and \$10 tickets for each session.

General public tickets at usual box office prices.

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Check the website for more info:

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'Hilderthorpe farm' on offer

ELDERS Real Estate is pleased to offer 'Hilderthorpe Farm' located in Lang Lang East to the market.

This breathtaking 176-acre property consists of beautifully undulating farmland dispersed between tracts of native bush, offering unparalleled luxury, privacy and seclusion.

'Hilderthorpe Farm' boasts a commanding limestone residence that is sure to impress with its exceptional views, quality and design.

The property is perfectly suited to a wide variety of interests which includes cattle fattening and breeding, equine pursuits, horticulture and more.

The location offers privacy and a rural lifestyle, all within 1.5 hours of Melbourne's CBD.

This magnificent custom-built limestone residence is truly impressive. Constructed in 2011, it boasts an extensive open plan living area with floor-to-ceiling windows that capture breathtaking 180-degree panoramic views all the way to the Dandenong ranges. With 4 generous sized bedrooms, plus a fifth bedroom/study, there is ample space for a growing family.

The master bedroom includes a walk-through robe and a large ensuite, ensuring your privacy and comfort.

The stunning and spacious modern kitchen is a chef's dream, featuring gorgeous white 'Corian' benchtops, high-quality appliances, ample drawers and cupboards, and a massive walk-in pantry.

A separate formal lounge area encompasses the same stunning views and is perfect for entertaining guests with a marble gas fireplace to enjoy during the winter months.

The centrally positioned main bathroom is complete with a built-in bath, double vanity, separate shower, and separate toilet.

Other notable features include the due north positioning, double glazing throughout, large solar system, climate-controlled heating and cooling, and a solid fuel wood heater.

Step outside and you'll find

a private and protected garden courtyard with limestone paving, lawn, a gorgeous water feature, and alfresco dining area, ideal for entertaining guests.

The meandering cottage garden, designed by Jodie Goy, is an added bonus.

With gently undulating topography boasting a combination of sandy loam and grey loam soil types, the property's 100 acres (approx.) of pasture is subdivided into eight main paddocks and has primarily been used to fatten Angus cattle.

The remaining 70 acres of pristine native bush provides shelter for stock, a haven for bird and wildlife, aesthetic appeal, and includes a natural tree fern gully and seasonal waterway.

'Hilderthorpe Farm' boasts an outstanding water supply via a very large catchment dam, with additional dams supplying water to troughs, all supported by a reliable 40-inch (approx.) annual rainfall.

The property also includes a 21x9m lock-up machinery shed with a concrete floor and power, a 10x7m machinery/hay shed, and an additional portable building ideal for conversion to a studio, guest accommodation, office, or retreat (STCA). Heavy-duty stockyards are also included.

Located just 10 minutes from Lang Lang, 20 minutes from Drouin, 25 minutes from Korumburra, and 1.5 hours from Melbourne CBD, this property offers both privacy and convenience.

'Hilderthorpe Farm' is a rare find, offering a luxurious and peaceful country lifestyle with excellent grazing potential. With an exceptional limestone house, excellent shedding, heavy duty cattle yards, and abundant water supply, this property is the perfect choice for those seeking a high-end rural farming retreat with all the modern conveniences.

Inspection is highly recommended and strictly via appointment with selling agents. For further information, contact Don Olden 0417 805 312 or Katrina Griggs 0428 571 083.



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- Kitchen features breakfast bar, gas stove & dishwasher
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- Solar system feeds back into the grid
- Fully enclosed backyard, with water tank
- Carport, lock-up workshop and garden shed

Price \$445,000 Elders Web ID: 300P108559

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4 2 3 2.5 acres

4 Ditchley Court, **Leongatha**
For Sale \$1,300,000
Agent Ray White Leongatha
 Dave Trotman 0418 589 805

Idyllic lifestyle on 2.5 acres

SET right on the edge of town in one of Leongatha's most tightly held and sought-after low-density estates, this immaculate property on approximately 2.5 acres offers enough space for the kids to play & pets to run around.

Surrounded by quality acreage properties with a mix of young families and retirees and only a short bike ride or stroll from the Great Southern Rail Trail, there is no better place to call home.

The quality-built brick-veneer residence is set back from the road and shaded by a range of beautiful established hedges.

The kitchen offers plenty of storage space, Caesar stone benchtops, 900mm gas cooktop, electric oven with an open plan dining and living, plus a separate study to the left.

Enjoy quality family time in the central lounge which is flooded with natural light via a bay window and has direct access into the 'bar' room with a projector and bi-fold doors onto the covered alfresco area.

Keep comfortable all-year round with a gorgeous fireplace plus

newly installed zoned (8) ducted heating and cooling.

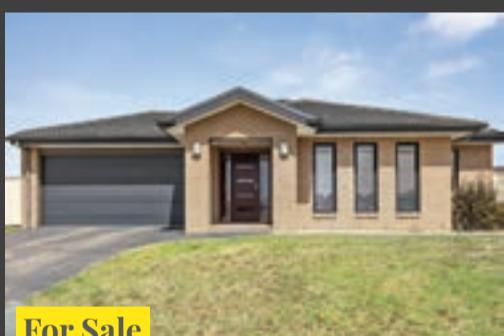
Three spacious bedrooms all have built-in robes, with an expansive master bedroom complete with private ensuite and walk-in robe.

The family bathroom is generous in size with a shower, bath, large vanity and separate toilet.

The laundry is enormous with an abundance of storage space and sliding doors leading to the covered entertaining area complete with built-in sink, electric shutters and a stunning view over the self cleaning Compass pool.

There is a 12 X 7m shed with concrete floors and power, endless parking space for boats, trailers and caravans, a chook pen, garden shed, veggie gardens, secure paddock for the sheep or horse, not to mention the 8kw solar system with a 36kw battery system - watch your energy bills disappear!

If you've been craving the country air and want your children to grow up with some room to move, this is an opportunity you won't want to miss.



For Sale

13 Louisa Court, **Leongatha**

COMPLETE FAMILY HOME

- Quiet street location & functional floor plan
- Ensuite & WIR to master bedroom
- Open plan living onto covered alfresco
- Solar panels, dbl garage & side access to yard

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\$699,000



For Sale

105 Stewarts Road, **Fish Creek**

YOUR PERFECT LIFESTYLE AWAITS

- 5.03 acres with gorgeous rural views
- Landscaped gardens, orchid & vegie patch
- 4 bedroom cedar home with large deck
- "Bunk House", 6x7m shed, 3 bay mach. shed

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\$1,275,000



For Sale

37 Koonwarra Road, **Leongatha**

IDEAL ENTRY PROPERTY

- 600m to CBD, hospital & rail trail
- Well maintained & cared for home
- Large lounge with solid fuel heater & rev cycle
- Single garage, carport & established gardens

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\$499,000



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Kasey Bowman



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For Sale

66 Turner Street, **Leongatha**

NEAT AND COMPLETE

- Easy to maintain 477m² block
- Master bedroom with WIR & ensuite
- Open plan living/dining/kitchen, formal living
- 6x4m shed w/roller door, established gardens

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\$610,000



For Sale

22 Baker Street, **Korumburra**

3 BEDROOM BV HOME IN QUIET STREET

- Close to CBD, Cricket ground & Rail trail
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- Master bedroom with BIR's & semi ensuite
- 15m x 6m shed, 3kw solar, fenced yard

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\$585,000



For Sale

83 Old Waratah Road, **Fish Creek**

WELCOME TO YOUR NEW HOME

- 3960sqm block in the heart of Fish Creek
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- 9m x 15m workshop & 3 water tanks
- Established gardens with fruit & nut trees

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\$890,000-\$940,000





Great opportunity with this solid home

NESTLED in the quiet Murray Street with excellent neighbours and farmland surrounds, a short stroll to the shops, and all that our picturesque community of Mirboo North has to offer is this solid three-bedroom home, set on a generous 851m² (approx.) allotment.

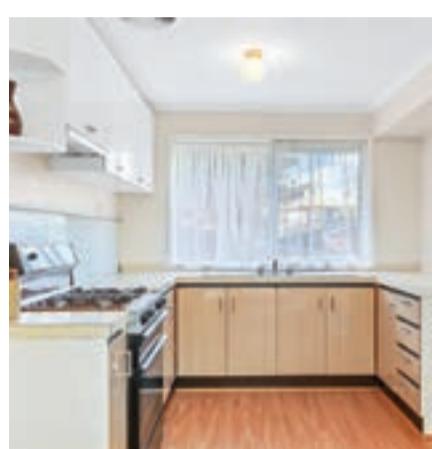
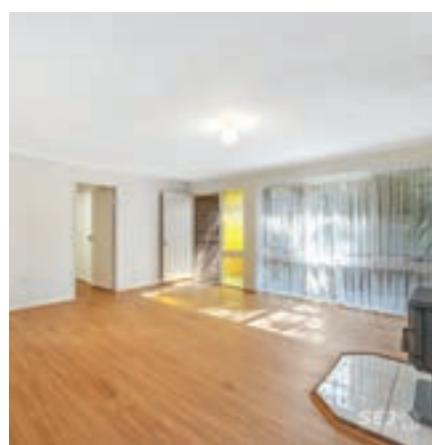
This brick veneer home is slightly elevated, allowing you to enjoy the rear side deck that's both private and peaceful with views across the yard and neighbouring tree-tops. Ideally positioned to capture both winter sunshine and summer shade, a perfect place to enjoy a cuppa or wine on the deck.

Features include:

- Spacious front of house living room with wood heater
- Kitchen with gas cooking and dining that opens out to the rear deck
- Three good sized bedrooms, all with built in robes
- Central bathroom with shower, bath, and vanity
- Good sized two car shed or ideal for one with room for workshop/storage
- The established garden is neat with minimal maintenance

This family home has been well kept and is ready to move on in and enjoy as is, whilst also offering scope for you to put your special touch on it to make it your home.

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3 | 1 | 2 851m²

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For Sale \$12,500 per acre

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EXCELLENT grazing/turnout property of approx. 152 acres located at Kongwak centrally situated between Wonthaggi, Korumburra and Inverloch in beautiful South Gippsland.

Ideal turnout block for cattle fattening or breeding, this excellent property will also suit any other agriculture or horticulture interests. There is a balanced mix of undulating to hill country with easy access off Wolonga Estate Road.

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- Treed plantations and fully fenced along the creek bed
- Four dams plus troughs, 40 inch annual rainfall
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- Secure 24m x 13m lock up Machinery complex with concrete floor, power and lean-to suitable for large vehicles.
- Solid laneway entry to all paddocks
- Comfortably carrying 100 plus head

This is a perfect turnout block or smaller grazing property. Not being sold with a permit to build but could be obtained subject to council approval.

If you are looking to build, there is an option to purchase the adjoining, ready to build on, two acre parcel of land with the majority of the hard work completed including, footings, initial electrical and plumbing works plus sewerage and inground water tank already in place. (See link <https://www.realestate.com.au/property-lifestyle-vic-kongwak-700225371>)

Inspection is strictly via the selling agents. To arrange an inspection or for further information, please contact Scott McKenzie 0427 552 898.

Affordable 3-bedroom home on the bay

17 BOWLINE Court in Coronet Bay is where you will discover this near new three bedroom, two bathroom brick veneer home located in the Coronet Bay Estate just 300 metres from the sandy beach of Western Port Bay.

On arrival at this address you will notice the appeal of this two year old home, with its landscaped gardens, exposed aggregate driveway, leading into a rendered double car garage and footpath up to the front portico of the house. Upon entry you walk through the wide hallway leading to the master bedroom, complete with ceiling fan, walk thru robe and ensuite. Next is the first of the living areas leading to the other two bedrooms, both fitted with ceiling fans and built in robes.

Centrally is where you will find the family bathroom fitted out with stone top vanity, shower and bathtub, a separate toilet and a spacious laundry complete with a dual linen closet.

At the rear of the home is the open living design of the kitchen, fitted out with stone bench tops, 900mm gas cooktop and electric oven.

The dining and second living space then lead out into the alfresco area and lawned backyard.

The property comes fully fenced with double gate access from the driveway into the backyard for the boat, caravan or trailer. It is a safe haven for children and pets. Comfort is by the way of a reverse cycle A/C split system.

The property is a short stroll to the recreation reserve, BMX track, sports oval, community hall and the general store.

There are walking tracks along the beach and coastline all the way to nearby Corinella.

Coronet Bay is only a 45 minute drive to the south eastern suburbs and 20 minutes to the golden beaches of San Remo and Phillip Island.



3 | 2 | 2 | 454m²

17 Bowline Court, **Coronet Bay**

For Sale \$630,000-\$650,000

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6A Warralong Court

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- Quiet court location
- Access from two courts

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57 Main Road

- Delightful 3 bedroom home in elevated pos
- Updated kitchen, open plan dining/living
- Rear lane access to shed

\$635,000

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CORINELLA



33a Balcombe Street

- 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 5 car
- 1/3 of an acre
- 2 kitchens

\$990,000-\$1,080,000

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WONTHAGGI



5a Lyndhurst Street

- Beautifully built luxury townhouse
- 3 BR, 2 bathroom, quality fittings
- Rear position, excellent privacy

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LEONGATHA



27 Brown Street

- 2 Bedroom (option for 3 - STCA)
- 2 living areas, central kitchen
- Great size block – low maintenance

\$515,000

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NYORA



75 Berry's Road

- 3-4 bedroom house, 4.1 acres
- Outdoor ent. area, heated pool
- Excellent shedding, close to Rail Trail

\$1,425,000

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CORINELLA



19 Barker Street

- 4 bedroom, 1 bathroom
- The perfect first home
- Endless opportunities

\$500,000-\$550,000

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WONTHAGGI



18a Sussex Court

- Modern living at its best
- Premier location, kid safe court
- Sunny living zones, manageable block

Under Contract

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

LEONGATHA



19 Macdonald Street

- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car
- Near new modern home
- Close to schools

\$645,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

NYORA



1270 McDonalds Track

- 3 bedroom house on 10 acres
- 2 living areas, covered outdoor area
- Shedding & views to Westernport Bay

\$995,000

Contact: Korumburra Office

CORONET BAY



17 Bowline Court

- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car
- As new brick home
- Movie in ready

\$630,000-\$650,000

Contact: Grantville Office

WONTHAGGI



6 Fuller Road

- Privacy plus location
- Excellent living zones, 3 bedrooms
- Top spot near Hicksborough store

Under Contract

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

MIRBOO NORTH



151 Boolarra St-Mirboo Nth Rd

- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 4 car
- Opportunity Awaits - 20.78 acres
- Close to the town boundary

\$1,495,000

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KORUMBURRA



2/11 Lower Gordon Street

- 2 bedroom unit, great condition, R/C air con
- Walk through bathroom to master
- Single LU garage, deck with awning

\$395,000

Contact: Korumburra Office

CORONET BAY



Coronet Bay Estate - Stage 6

- Only 5 blocks remaining!
- 80m from the beach

\$400,000-\$425,000

Contact: Grantville Office

WONTHAGGI



42 Miners Drive

- Perfect corner allotment, near new school
- 3 Living areas, 3 bedrooms plus study
- Easy care, sunny garden setting

Under Contract

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Jesse from Baw Baw Old Engine Auto Club displays historical machinery at Farm World in Larder Park. ob1_1323



Remy, Cheryl and Bill, all the way from Toongabbi, NSW stop for a snack. ob3_1323



Senior Constable Johannes Debruin, Leading Senior Constable Michael Ritchie and Senior Constable Allison Triggs were on deck at Farm World. ob4_1323



Megan Coster, Zach Coster from Ripplebrook and Libby Stephens from Drouin took in all that Farm World had to offer. ob5_1323



Newhaven College 2013 alumni Jacqueline Wheeler, Emi McRae and Carly Heislers attend their 10-year school reunion. Z10_1323



Grade 4 students Liliana Fenwick and Josie Rhodes held guided tours of Newhaven College at the annual open day. Z11_1323



Sophia Hardy and Abigail Greenhalgh attended the Newhaven College open day to perform in the middle school choir. Z12_1323



Newhaven College Year 7 student Charlee Hevern with horse Ronnie showcasing the equestrian program at the annual open day. Z17_1323



Newhaven College Grade 6 students Georgia Perry and Charlee Pedersen performed in the Intermediate Concert Band z18_1323.

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Farm World, Lardner Park, Newhaven College Open Day and Alumni Reunion and Offshore Theatre's new play Australians All.



Newhaven College 1993 alumni Dave Manning, Douglas Reith, Dave Hoskin, Karina Kennedy, Kylie Rule, and Jules Elliott attended the new campus for their 30-year reunion. Z20_1323.



Grade 4 students Flynn Wright, Ethan Lynch and Sierra Phillips were tour guides for the Newhaven College annual open day. Z15_1323



Newhaven College 2013 alumni Madison Taylor, Amber Formosa and Rebecca Gysberk attended their 10-year school reunion. Z16_1323



Newhaven College senior students perform in a string ensemble in the foyer of the performing arts wing during the annual open day. Z19_1323



Wendy Reed chats with two of the actors in Offshore Theatre's new play, Ashley Reed and Julie Thomas after opening night for Australians All.



At the opening night of Offshore Theatre's new play were Justine Peacock, Amy Wallace with Moss and Lachlan Gale.

PREVIEW

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SOUTH GIPPSLAND UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

Umpire numbers never looked better

THE South Gippsland Umpires Association are back in business with a huge boost in recruits this season.

Director of umpiring Gary Scholz said they were thrilled with the number of members they have.

He highlighted in previous years there would be roughly 20 members show up for training, but now they were seeing almost 60.

"We picked up two new goalies, which is probably our weakest link at the moment so we're trying to pick up a few more," he said at the association's launch last week.

"We've had more boundary and field (umpires) come in, so overall it's been really positive."

They've also got a healthy range of members from all age groups and genders.

"We had a lot of kids a

couple of years ago that were around 12 years old, and we struggled with that because they were almost too small to get out there.

"But now they've stuck around and they're bigger and it makes a big difference and has a huge benefit."

"They're next year's development kids and they become our really good, solid umpires."

The association covers all of the West Gippsland League as well as Wonthaggi and Leongatha in the Gippsland League.

"There's not many leagues that cover this size," he said.

"Since we've taken on West Gippsland I think it's been a real leg up for our panel but we're enjoying the difference."

Anyone interested in umpiring can visit www.facebook.com/southgippslandumpires/



South Gippsland Umpires Association director of umpiring Gary Scholz (left) and assistant coach Tim Kemp can't wait for the season to get underway.

AUSKICK

NAB Auskick program is for everyone!



Mackenzie Findlay (left), Mae Trease, Emma Murphy, Eddie Turner, Margot Elliott and Lisa Guastella had a ball at the recent Auskick event.

GIRLS came to Leongatha recently from all over South Gippsland to develop their skills and their love for footy at the AFL All Girls Footy4Fun event.

Girls have worked on a range of skills in a fun and supportive environment with the expertise of coaches Mackenzie Findlay and Lisa Guastella.

They've practiced their handballing, got "stuck in the mud", and finessed their drop punts. There's even been the odd torpedo.

For Auskickers of all genders, Leongatha's NAB AFL Auskick season is open for registrations.

Sessions run on Friday nights 5pm-6pm from April 28, throughout term 2.

Leongatha's Friday night Auskick is a community event and a great way to have some fun with other families.

Tea for the kids is sorted as Leongatha Auskickers

get a free sausage in bread, and there's a canteen open with a range of food on offer.

Families get on the field together, celebrating those footy firsts with their Auskickers.

It's super easy to help out, even if you're not

familiar with footy. Parents can come and have a kick or help out in the canteen or with the barbie.

NAB AFL Auskick is the best way to introduce kids to the great game of Aussie Rules football. It's all about fun, getting hands on the

ball and being constantly involved in exciting activities.

To register for the All Girls Auskick Program or for the Leongatha NAB AFL Auskick season, visit playhq.com and search Leongatha, or contact Gen Anderson 0424 964 335.

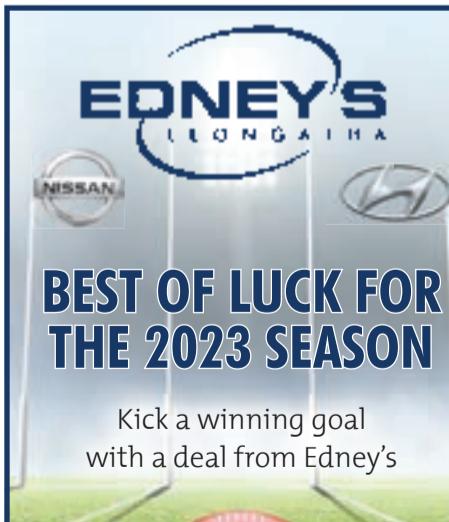
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GIPPSLAND LEAGUE

2023 FIXTURE



ROUND 1

Saturday, April 1
Traralgon v Leongatha
Moe v Morwell
Wonthaggi v Sale
Bairnsdale v Maffra

ROUND 10

Saturday, June 17
Traralgon v Drouin
Warragul v Morwell
Wonthaggi v Maffra
Bairnsdale v Moe
Sale v Leongatha

EASTER - April 8

ROUND 2

Saturday, April 15
Leongatha v Wonthaggi
Maffra v Traralgon
Warragul v Moe
Morwell v Drouin

ROUND 11

Saturday, June 24
Maffra v Sale
Morwell v Traralgon
Drouin v Bairnsdale
Moe v Wonthaggi
Leongatha v Warragul

BYE WEEKEND - July 1

ROUND 12

Saturday, July 8
Wonthaggi v Leongatha
Traralgon v Maffra
Morwell v Moe

ROUND 3

Saturday, April 22
Wonthaggi v Moe
Warragul v Leongatha
Bairnsdale v Drouin
Sale v Maffra

ROUND 13

Saturday, July 15
Leongatha v Traralgon
Sale v Wonthaggi
Moe v Warragul
Drouin v Morwell
Maffra v Bairnsdale

ROUND 14

Saturday, July 22
Warragul v Traralgon
Drouin v Wonthaggi
Morwell v Maffra
Bairnsdale v Leongatha
Moe v Sale

ROUND 5

Saturday, May 6
Traralgon v Warragul
Wonthaggi v Drouin
Maffra v Morwell
Leongatha v Bairnsdale
Sale v Moe

ROUND 15

Saturday, July 29
Leongatha v Morwell
Maffra v Warragul
Traralgon v Moe
Sale v Drouin
Wonthaggi v Bairnsdale

ROUND 16 - Split Round

Saturday, August 5
Warragul v Wonthaggi
Morwell v Sale

Saturday, August 12

Moe v Leongatha
Drouin v Maffra
Traralgon v Bairnsdale

ROUND 17

Saturday, August 19
Sale v Warragul
Bairnsdale v Morwell
Wonthaggi v Traralgon
Drouin v Leongatha
Maffra v Moe

ROUND 18

Saturday, August 26
Warragul v Bairnsdale
Morwell v Wonthaggi
Traralgon v Sale
Leongatha v Maffra
Moe v Drouin

FINALS

Qualifying Final - Sat Sept 2
Elimination Final - Sun Sept 3
2nd Semi Final - Sat Sept 9
1st Semi Final - Sun Sept 10
Preliminary Final - Sat Sept 16
Grand Final - Sat Sept 23



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Parrots ready for the challenge

LEONGATHA is prepared for the challenges ahead, with every club determined to topple last season's unbeaten premier.

The Parrots have recruited strongly and expect to further boost their stocks with the addition of up-and-coming players emerging from the club's Under 18 ranks.

Jenson Garnham arrives from Inverloch Kongwak, with the 19-year-old medium-sized forward also capable of playing in a key position.

Classy young mid-sized forward Darcy Berryman joins the Parrots from Fish Creek, with coach Trent McMicking confident he can also contribute through the midfield.

The trio of Jesse Burns, Ty Hall and Luke Marshman are all expected to see senior action after coming up through the clubs Under 18s, with McMicking describing them as "outside running machines".

Key position player Guy Dickson is at home at either end of the ground and brings his VFL experience representing Port Melbourne to his role as a playing assistant coach for the senior side.

Brad Hutchinson, Stuart Wigney, Matt Davies and Aaron Heppell are the other members of McMicking's senior coaching group.

Jack Ginnane will enhance the Parrots' premiership line up when he returns in round 3 from suspension, adding to the side's forward potency.

An extraordinary seven of Leongatha's talented young brigade are in line for Gippsland Power action this season.

Star and committed team man Tom Marriott is certain to retain the captaincy.

Key position player Matt Willcocks is the key departure, heading back to Vermont, while a few other players have left for more senior opportunities elsewhere.

Rhett Kelly will again coach

Leongatha's Reserves, which like the Parrots' seniors hoisted a premiership cup in 2022.

While there's plenty of excitement in senior ranks, McMicking said the club's youngsters have grabbed his attention during the off-season, with between 50 and 60 kids training across the under 16s and under 18s groups.

On the netball front, Leongatha is focused on continued improvement, with little change to the A Grade squad that made last year's grand final.

However, attacking player Lara Stefani arrives from Fish Creek, with experienced Parrot Kate Browne returning from injury.

Kathy Reid assumes the A Grade coaching position and will also coach the B Grade side along with assistant Shelley Fixter.

Georgia Higgins is coaching C Grade, Kate Sperling Under 17s, Stacey Giliam Under 15s and Alicia Marshman Under 13s.

Head of netball operations Melinda McLennan expects continued improvement from a fit, competitive senior squad.

The Parrots participated in the preseason Voyage Cup, meeting some high-quality opposition.



Wil Dawson trains with the Under 18 Parrots but is likely to experience more action in the seniors after impressing when given opportunities last year. A05_1223



Leongatha players got in some handy preparation for this year's competition during the Voyage Netball Preseason Cup.



PARROTS *Facts:*

- **2022 Football Finish:** Premiers
- **Senior Football Coach:** Trent McMicking
- **Key Recruits:** Darcy Berryman, Guy Dickson, Jenson Garnham
- **Key Departures:** Matt Willcocks
- **2022 Netball Finish:** Runner-up
- **Senior Netball Coach:** Kathy Reid
- **Key Recruit:** Lara Stefani

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Power sharpens up for the season against Devon Meadows. A12_1223



Wonthaggi and Devon Meadows battle for the Sherrin. A13_1223

Unity set to drive Wonthaggi forward

WONTHAGGI pushed eventual undefeated premier Leongatha to the brink in last year's finals and should feature prominently again in season 2023.

Power's backline coach and football director Stuart Gilmour said that match proved to the club its game style can achieve the desired success, believing that the closeness of the group and how well it has bonded over preseason can make the difference.

Players are enjoying mixing socially and on the track with training regularly attracting around 40 people.

A couple of high-class additions have arrived at Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve.

Former Collingwood player Isaac Chugg comes straight from the AFL system.

The elite runner brings good decision making and is earmarked for an outside midfield or back flank role, but is able to win a contested footy and can apply tackling pressure when the opposition has the ball.

In addition to his running and ability to constructively drive Wonthaggi into attack, Chugg is a standout overhead mark.

The athletic Cooper McInnes is another addition for Power, arriving from Tarwin, for which he booted 71 goals in 18 games last season.

Young talent Dean McRae was expected to fill a key defensive post, being 6'3 and a strong overhead mark, but has headed to Kilcunda Bass. He'll be joined at the Panthers by other departing Wonthaggi players Lachie Burns and Steven Scott.

Gilmour said Burns' move was motivated by the desire for more senior opportunities, with the midfielder having a taste of senior action in Power's final home and away game last season after being a consistently strong contributor at Reserves level.

The football director reflected on the departure of lockdown backman Scott, who played 21 senior games for Power in 2022, but is confident Wonthaggi has the depth and emerging talent to cover his absence.

"We're going to miss him but it's opened up an opportunity for a younger kid," Gilmour said, with Brodie Mabilia well qualified to take on the responsibility.

The 6'2 (188cm) player returns from the NAB program to Wonthaggi where he played his junior footy, having missed out on being drafted to the AFL after suffering an ACL injury.

All up, eight top aged under 18 Wonthaggi players have come into the senior group and are expected to push for selection this year.

Gilmour praised the senior players at the club, saying they are making the up-and-coming young group feel welcome.

He noted players in their early twenties have taken the reins this preseason, driving an enthusiastic outlook across the squad.

Unsurprisingly, star player and dedicated team man Aiden Lindsay continues as Wonthaggi's captain.

Former Collingwood pair and good mates Jarryd Blair and Tristan Francis are still running

the show, with Blair remaining as senior coach and Francis his assistant.

Gilmour feels that after a full season last year under Blair and Francis, Power players have a strong grip on what is required.

"People get the way we want to play the game and it's really shown out preseason," he said.

Reserves coach Darren Brown is new to that responsibility but has long coached juniors at the club.

Power's A Grade netball squad has undergone substantial change since last season with players leaving or unavailable for a variety of reasons.

Jess Blair takes charge as playing coach, with Kealey Lindsay assisting from the sidelines.

Netball operations manager Abby Tranter said the departures have created opportunities for B Graders to step up to the competition's top level.

Midcourter Bella Anderson and defender Cassidy Bowman are a couple of players likely to seize that chance.

Tall athletic defender Mia Plenkovich, who won the club's 2022 Under 17 Best & Fairest and placed third in the league for that age group is expected to step up to A Grade.

Bec Farrell has arrived from Traralgon and will coach B Grade, with Whitney Anderson and Olivia Gilmour in charge of C Grade, Chelsea Bowman coaching Under 17s, Aimee Tessari and Courtney Brann Under 15s and Ange Jobe Under 13s.



Chelsea Bowman looks for an option during Wonthaggi training; she will combine playing with coaching Power's Under 17 side.

POWER Facts:

- 2022 Football Finish: 2nd (12W-4L-2D)
- Senior Football Coach: Jarryd Blair
- Key Recruits: Isaac Chugg, Cooper McInnes
- Key Departures: Dean McRae, Lachie Burns, Steven Scott
- 2022 Netball Finish: Semi Final
- Senior Netball Coach: Jess Blair

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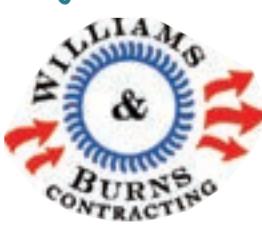


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DALYSTON FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



Good vibes at Daly as Pies eye 2023

DALYSTON are extremely enthused to sink their teeth into another season as they continue to climb the ranks of competitiveness on the footy field.

Hoping to lead the Magpies to new heights in 2023 will be incoming head coach Dean Wylie, a man who is very well familiar with the black and white, according to club president Andy Thomas.

"Dean has played over 200 games with us and another 100 with Wonthaggi so he's very experienced in terms of playing, but it'll be his first year as a senior coach," he said.

"Dean will be supported by Leigh Clifford, a three-time premiership coach at Beaconsfield."

Daly' won just two games last season, although not from a lack of trying, they just failed to remain competitive for four quarters.

However, this breadth of experience in the coaches box, along with some handy recruiting has the 'Pies set to take a strong step up this season.

"We've picked up Jake Barry, Tyson Andrigutto, Mitch Davey, Zak Storry and Brayden Duve from Wonthaggi, Hayden McLean from Mitcham, Will Clarke from Barooga, Cooper Smith and Brayden Bowes," said Thomas.

"We think that the guys we've brought in this year will strengthen our list and we'll be a little bit more competitive."

Unfortunately, the Magpies' senior list has suffered a few departures with Adam and Musa Amin (Koo Wee Rup), Jack Paravicini, Jack Murray (Scoresby), Clay Tait (coaching St Marys), Kyle Wright (St Marys) and Luke Gheller (Wonthaggi) all leaving the club.

Thomas remained bullish about his 'Pies though.

"There's an enthusiasm through the club, a good vibe, hopefully we can maintain that and with the fitness regime they've been put through, be more competitive this year," he said.

"The game style will be hard tackling, fast running, we'll



be fitter, we're not setting any huge goals for ourselves we just want to be stronger than we were last year."

On the courts, Dalyston is hoping to make a charge and reclaim their status as a formidable contender, under the reins of senior coach Alana McRae.

"They're going pretty well, they've got a couple of players returning, they should be a bit stronger together with the young girls, we had three or four from the under 17s play A grade last year," said Thomas.

"We're hoping they can step up and we'll be competitive again, we made finals in all but one grade of netball last season, so we're looking for the same thing this year."

Daly' will regain Hannah McRae, Britt Thomas and Jarney Thomas back and look to improve on last season when they finished fourth and fell short in the finals.

"All we want to do throughout the club is to be competitive," said Thomas.

Dalyston will open their season against Koo Wee Rup under their new lights at the Dalyston Recreation Reserve on April 15.



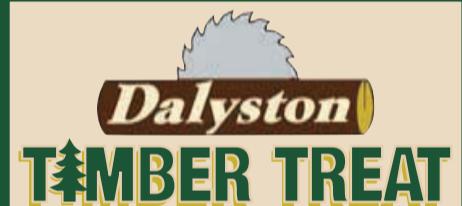
Dalyston's juniors were keen to get some experience on the field recently.



Alana McRae (senior netball coach) and Dean Wylie (senior football coach) are looking forward to the 2023 season.

MAGPIE Facts:

- 2022 Football Finish: 10th 2-16
- Senior Football Coach: Dean Wylie
- Senior Captain: Brayden Duve
- Key Recruits: Jake Barry, Tyson Andrigutto, Mitch Davey, Zak Storry and Brayden Duve (Wonthaggi), Hayden McLean (Mitcham), Will Clarke (Barooga), Cooper Smith and Brayden Bowes.
- Key Departures: Adam and Musa Amin (Koo Wee Rup), Jack Paravicini, Jack Murray (Scoresby), Clay Tait (coaching St Marys Salesian), Kyle Wright (St Marys Salesian) and Luke Gheller (Wonthaggi)
- 2022 Netball Finish: 4th
- Senior Netball Coach: Alana McRae



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INVERLOCH - KONGWAK FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



Inverloch Auskickers had an absolute blast in 2022, it's now back for 2023.

Inverloch Auskick - "come join the game"

INVERLOCH Auskick is kicking off its 2023 season Friday 28 April 2023, 5:30pm under the lights at the Inverloch Kongwak Football Netball Club.

Auskick coordinator Steve 'Big K' Stainsby is once again preparing an absolutely terrific program and encourages all to get involved.

Their 10-week program will ensure all Auskickers are fully engaged and having fun with AFL football.

Their schedule consists of theme nights such as 'mums against kids,' 'dads against kids,' tug of war challenges, half time games with the Inverloch Kongwak Football Club and much more.

Inverloch Auskick encourages families to register their child or children as soon as possible to ensure they receive their AFL packs before kick-off.

Auskick is for boys and girls turning five this year and children up to 12 years of age are eligible.

They have six groups, starting from kinder and going right through to grade three and beyond.

They have an all-girls group, but girls can participate in any group as they choose.

If there are any questions, please contact Inverloch Auskick coordinator 'Big K' on 0408 281953 or check out and 'like' the Inverloch Auskick Facebook Page.

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Inverloch Under 18 Coach Chris Terlich addresses the players during a practice match against Pakenham on the weekend.

Hams takes the reins as IK look to contend again

INVERLOCH KONGWAK will be looking to contend once again in 2023, this time without their beloved long-time coach Ben Soumilas.

The Sea Eagles' 2022 finals campaign was shockingly cut short by the Warraul Industrials in the Elimination Final and proved to be the 2017 premiership coach's final game at the helm.

Soumilas gives up the role after close to ten seasons, leaving some extremely large shoes to fill, but incoming coach Tom Hams is confident he, and the new breed of Sea Eagles have what it takes.

"We're lucky we've got a foundation that Soum has set over the years, but they're big shoes to fill so we'll be doing it as a collective which'll help fill the large void he's left behind," he said.

"We've put a coaching group together with Leigh Cole, Lewis Rankin and myself."

Cole comes with a wealth of football experience both in the city, and in the West Gippsland FNC, having

come over from Korumburra Bena where he was the senior coach in 2022.

Rankin will double as co-captain alongside experienced forward Toby Mahoney, as well as assistant coach, helping Hams call the shots from field.

The coaching committee will take control of what is a relatively similar list, as IK retain much of their talented core of senior players.

"We've picked up Tate Short, Lachie Crook and Nick Baltas, we've also picked up some local boys in Bailey Patterson (Korumburra) and Kairon Dorling (Fish Creek)," Hams said.

"They'll compliment our list but we're really looking for the development to come from within, we had our under 18s win the premiership last year so we're putting a real focus in our crop of 18-20 year olds and getting growth out of them to help compliment all the older fellas."

Gun defender Campbell McKenzie returns to the club alongside Jimmy Scott, while livewire young forward Jenson Garnham departs for Leongatha.

"There may be some

tweaks, but we'll play that IK brand of footy," said Hams.

On the courts, the Sea Eagles claimed the top prize in 2022, and head coach Jaz Walker is keen to keep the improvement going.

"We've lost Taylah Smith and Rahni Mann and Asha Boyd is out after doing her knee in the Grand Final last year," Walker said.

"So, a bit of a change up to our A grade side, but we'll just be filling spots from within the club, no new recruits, our junior numbers are off the charts."

With their club in a great place off the field, both coaches are just pumped for the season to begin and to achieve more success in the gold, white and blue.

"We'll be looking to bring through some new players and aim number one is to establish a finals berth," Walker said.

"There's an amazing feel at the club at the moment and we're all just excited to start playing," said Hams.

IK will open their season when they host Nar Nar Goon in a huge Easter Saturday blockbuster at the Inverloch Recreation Reserve.



The Sea Eagles being put through their paces by head coach Jaz Walker, they'll look to defend their A grade premiership in 2023.



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SEA EAGLE Facts:

- **2022 Football Finish:** 3rd, 14-4, Lost Elimination Final
- **Senior Football Coach:** Tom Hams
- **Senior Football Captains:** Lewis Rankin and Toby Mahoney
- **Key Recruits:** Tate Short, Nick Baltas (Caulfield Grammarians), Bailey Patterson (Korumburra Bena), Kairon Dorling (Fish Creek), Liam O'Neill (Leongatha), Lachie Crook (Melbourne), Campbell McKenzie (returning).
- **Key Departures:** Jenson Garnham (Leongatha)
- **2022 Netball Finish:** Premiers
- **Senior Netball Coach:** Jaz Walker



WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



Panthers ready to pounce in 2023

KILCUNDA-BASS are rested, recruited, recharged and ready to return to the top end of the ladder in 2023, after showing some promising signs last year.

Lee Rowe will go into his second year at the helm, after directing the Panthers to seven wins in his debut year with the club.

The Panthers were able to play some exciting footy in 2022, stringing a four win streak together in the middle section of the season to give Rowe and his men reward for hard work.

Although, they still found themselves in the bottom four, finishing ninth, Rowe is confident this season will be different though and he sees his side taking that leap back into finals contention.

"Preseason has been super, chalk and cheese compared to last year as far as numbers go, we've had 30 minimum each night, we started a bit earlier since we felt we've got to make up a bit on our competition," he said.

"We're definitely going to be a bit faster with our movement, I think there's going to be more belief this time around, we didn't know what was going to



Kilcunda-Bass drives forward against Poowong as the sides sharpen their skills for the 2023 season. A08_1323

transpire last year, coming from a long way back."

"But the seven wins and losing a few by a small margin added a bit of belief and then you get some new blokes into the club, coming from winning cultures, we hope we can hit the ground running and improve more."

As Rowe mentioned, the Panthers have made a strong splash in the recruiting department, adding Jayden Gee from The Basin along with Steve and

Lochie Scott, Lachie Burns and Dean McRae from Wonthaggi.

They've also kept their list relatively similar too, only losing Ethan Watts who's taken an opportunity at Somerville.

"We've bolstered our list but a lot of them have played together, I think we're in a real tough spot, there's a real back log in the middle order, there's about five or six sides that only need to improve a little bit," said Rowe.

"You can't afford to drop the games you should win this year, so as much as we think we've improved a large amount, doesn't mean you're going straight into that top tier, we're up for the fight, we've just got to believe in what we're doing."

Killy-Bass' greatest improvement in 2023 will definitely be on the courts, with the return of their A grade side, thanks to incoming head coach Caity Stephens.

"It's really healthy, we've recruited well, including Caity, the A grade squad is looking very strong," said Rowe.

"I think they will be pretty competitive by all reports, they've been flat out at training, they're up and about, it's good to see, there's a bit of hype around."

Stephens has brought across a few friends, coming from the Narre Warren area and will look to get some wins on the board in the Panthers resurrected A grade side.

"It'd be nice for the netballers and footballers to be competitive, and I think, all in all, the club's in a really good position on and off the field, so we'll be there fighting," Rowe said.



Kilcunda-Bass and Poowong refused to allow the hot windy conditions at Bass to prevent them having a competitive preseason hit out. A06_1323

PANTHER Facts:

- 2022 Football Finish: 9th
- Senior Football Coach: Lee Rowe
- Senior Football Captain: Jake Weightman
- Key Recruits: Jayden Gee (The Basin), Steve and Lochie Scott, Lachie Burns and Dean McRae (Wonthaggi).
- Key Departures: Ethan Watts (Somerville)
- 2022 Netball Finish: 7th (B grade, no A grade)
- Senior Netball Coach: Caity Stephens



A Grade assistant coach Emily Milne and coach Caity Stephens during Kilcunda Bass' preseason clash with Poowong. A13_1323



Kilcunda-Bass drives forward during its A Grade hit out with Poowong. A36_1223

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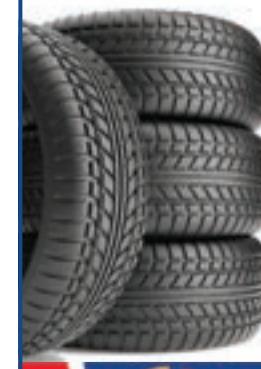
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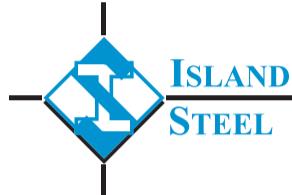


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PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



Competitiveness is on show as the Bulldogs look to impress during the pre-season. A03_1323

Pedersen to lead new breed of Bulldogs

PHILLIP ISLAND is set to begin their quest for revenge under new leadership in 2023, after they fell short on the season's final day last year and farewelled their legendary coach.

The Bulldogs charged into the 2022 Grand Final full of momentum after an overtime, after the siren win in the Preliminary Final, but the decider proved to be a much tougher outing, going down by 46 points in what was Beau Vernon's final game at the helm.

A two-time premiership coach, Vernon has been monumental for the red, white and blue, leaving a massive role to play, although the Doggies have a pretty good replacement option in former AFL gun Cameron Pedersen.

Pedersen will take on the roles of player-coach and captain as the Bulldogs begin life after Vernon and look to continue with the legacy and success-filled foundation he has left in their own new way.

Operations Manager Phil Bourke believes Pederson and the Dogs can do just that.

"The quality of pre-season so far has been good, we're looking pretty strong all the way through, there'll be some changes in the game style, I think it'll be a bit freer in its form, there's certainly been an emphasis on more run and target game play," he said.

"We'll know where we're at after round four, we've got each of the other top five finishers from last year in the first four rounds, so if we're four-nil after round four we'll be happy."

"We're still aiming clearly for the top four or five, preferably in the top two if possible but we'll just have to wait and see."

Helping the Bulldogs tackle what is a brutal first four games will be returning stars Hayden Bruce, Daniel Pearce, Daniel Bourke and Noah Bee-Hickman, as well as recruits Trav Woodfield from Overton and Bryce Hindhaugh from Mount Evelyn.

Unfortunately, though, the Dogs have been hit with a couple of huge departures, with Zak Vernon jetting off to Queensland alongside

Beau and former captain Jaymie Youle heading overseas.

On the courts, the Islanders will be building off their strong foundations laid throughout the club in 2022, when their A grade side finished sixth in a tough competition, bowing out in the finals.

Christie Edwards will lead the club as coach for her second year, and will be focused on balancing out the first grade squad with young stars as well as new recruit Jaclyn Clarke from Nilma Darnum.

Edwards has run a strong pre-season program and this has Netball Operations manager Nazza O'Brien bullish about their chances in 2023.

"A clean sweep of the juniors would be nice, but even better would be to see our senior teams go one step further this year, we're excited for the season," said O'Brien.

Phillip Island will open their season with an Easter Saturday blockbuster at the Kennel, as they host Warragul in a rematch of last season's Preliminary Final epic.



Phillip Island coach Cam Pedersen (19) shows the way in the ruck during the Bulldogs' intra-club practice match. A01_1323



Bulldogs co-captain Daniel Pearce enjoys the intraclub action as the season approaches. A05_1323

BULLDOG Facts:

- **2022 Football Finish:** 2nd, Runners up
- **Senior Football Coach:** Cameron Pedersen
- **Key Recruits:** Trav Woodfield (Overton), Bryce Hindhaugh (Mount Evelyn), Noah Bee-Hickman (returns from Tarwin).
- **Key Departures:** Zak Vernon (Queensland), Jaymie Youle.
- **2022 Netball Finish:** 6th
- **Senior Netball Coach:** Christie Edwards



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KORUMBURA-BENA FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



The Korumbura-Bena leadership group is looking forward to season 2023, with James Dunn, Jasper Macri, captain Matt Kennewell, vice captain Joel Cuman, and Jay and Zach Walker. A07_0823

Giants won't go down without a fight

UNDER new leadership both on and off the field, the Korumbura-Bena Football Netball Club is looking to embark on a storied revival in 2023.

The club has a new committee, led by incoming president Ken Myors, as well as a new coaching team led by player coach Paul Fermanis who is looking forward to the challenge of his unexpected role.

Since arriving at the club last year as a recruit, Fermanis has already made himself into a club favourite and has made waves in improving the Giants culture.

His commitment to playing and coaching this year comes as a huge relief for the Giants, who have failed to maintain big recruits in the past.

The new coach has chosen a new look leadership group and has set strong goals to improve on their disappointing 2022 campaign.

In 2022, the Giants had just the single victory, and Fermanis is hopeful that tally can be boosted to at least four wins this year.

However, the main aim is to be more competitive for larger parts of games and to build a foundation for the future, around their local talent, according to Myors.

"Our numbers on the track have been good, we'll field a young, competitive side this year, and it'll be full of our local kids which is my aim moving forward," he said.

Fermanis said the young players at the club motivated him to seize the opportunity.

"It's an exciting group and that's

why I was happy to take it on, and if they stick together for five or six years, that's a 100 or so senior games each and they'll all still be about mid-20s, that'll be dangerous," Fermanis said.

"They probably just needed someone who can relate to them onfield as a playing coach."

Despite losing defender Matt Lello and brothers Darcy and Jack Hargreaves to Murrumbeena, along with Bailey Patterson to IK, Korumbura-Bena has managed to keep morale high with some healthy numbers on the training track and at preseason club events.

Rhys Dixon is one of those lifting numbers and experience, with the talented goal kicker returning from Stony Creek, TJ Loughridge has also signed on, coming over from Poowong, while the talented Tyson Findlay makes his way over from MDU.

Tyson Findlay will boost the senior playing ranks and assume an assistant coaching role, arriving from Meenyan.

"He's got a fair bit of knowledge and talent about him and he's a great addition to Paul," said Myors.

Myors was also bullish about the progress his young Giants side will achieve in 2023.

"They hit all their small goals Paul set for them so far, so there's been some really positive signs, teams can expect a good hard-fought battle, our kids and our team won't back down at all, we're not going to lay down," he said.

On the netball side, Korumbura-Bena will be hoping they can make some progress themselves after finishing their 2022 A grade campaign outside the top six, missing the finals.

They'll welcome the knowledge of head coaching duo Ash Cuff and Gemma Dixon as well as new players Beth Derrick, Caitlin and Stace Fermanis and returning players Amy White, Jess Cook, Kerryn Gow and Louise McMeekin.

The Giants have a great mix of youth and experience to assist with their development.

Paul Fermanis and the new look Giants will make their 2023 debut on Saturday April 15 in Bunyip.

GIANT Facts:

■ 2022 Football Finish:

12th 1-17

■ Senior Football Coach:

Paul Fermanis

■ Senior Football Captain:

Matt Kennewell

■ Key Recruits:

Rhys Dixon (Stony Creek), TJ Loughridge (Poowong), Tyson Findlay (MDU)

■ Key Departures:

Matt Lello, Darcy Hargreaves, Jack Hargreaves (Murrumbeena), Bailey Patterson (IK)

■ 2022 Netball Finish:

7th

■ Senior Netball Coach:

Ash Cuff and Gemma Dixon



WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

2023 FIXTURE

SEASON OPENER

Saturday, April 1

Tooradin-D v Cora Lynn

ROUND 1

Saturday, April 8 - Easter

Inverloch-K v Nar Nar Goon

Phillip Island v Warragul Ind

Bunyip v Kor-Bena

Cora Lynn v Garfield

Tooradin-D v Kilcunda-Bass

Dalyston v Koo Wee Rup

ROUND 2

Saturday, April 22

Garfield v Bunyip

Kilcunda-Bass v Dalyston

Kor-Bena v Cora Lynn

Phillip Island v Inverloch-K

Koo Wee Rup v Nar Nar Goon (N)

Sunday, April 23, 2022

Warragul Ind v Tooradin-D

ROUND 3

Saturday, April 29

Bunyip v Warragul Ind

Cora Lynn v Koo Wee Rup

Dalyston v Kor-Bena

Inverloch-K v Kilcunda-Bass

Nar Nar Goon v Garfield

Tooradin-D v Phillip Island

ROUND 4

Saturday, May 6

Dalyston v Bunyip

Garfield v Inverloch-K

Koo Wee Rup v Kilcunda-Bass

Phillip Island v Nar Nar Goon

Warragul Ind v Kor-Bena

ROUND 5

Saturday, May 13

Cora Lynn v Dalyston

Inverloch-K v Warragul Ind

Kilcunda-Bass v Bunyip

Koo Wee Rup v Phillip Island

Kor-Bena v Garfield

Nar Nar Goon v Tooradin-D

ROUND 6

Saturday, May 20

Bunyip v Phillip Island

Dalyston v Inverloch-K

Kilcunda-Bass v Garfield

Kor-Bena v Tooradin-D

Nar Nar Goon v Cora Lynn

Warragul Ind v Koo Wee Rup

ROUND 7

Saturday, May 27

Cora Lynn v Bunyip

Garfield v Dalyston

Inverloch-K v Kor-Bena

Phillip Island v Kilcunda-Bass

Tooradin-D v Koo Wee Rup

Warragul Ind v Nar Nar Goon

ROUND 9

Saturday, June 3

Bunyip v Nar Nar Goon

Cora Lynn v Warragul Ind

Dalyston v Phillip Island

Garfield v Tooradin-D

Kilcunda-Bass v Kor-Bena

Koo Wee Rup v Inverloch-K

ROUND 9

Saturday, June 10

Dalyston v Tooradin-D

Inverloch-K v Bunyip

Kor-Bena v Koo Wee Rup

Nar Nar Goon v Kilcunda-Bass

Phillip Island v Cora Lynn

Warragul Ind v Garfield

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Big season ahead for Bass Coast Breakers

2023 SEWF DIVISION 2 FIXTURE (BREAKERS)

ROUND 1 ANZAC Round

Sunday, April 23 - 11.00am
Bass Coast v Devon Meadows

ROUND 2

Saturday, April 29 - 4.40pm
Edithvale-Aspendale v Bass Coast

ROUND 3

Saturday, May 6 - 4.40pm
Bass Coast v Seaford

ROUND 4

Friday, May 12 - 7.00pm
Bass Coast v Pearcedale

ROUND 5

Saturday, May 20 - 4.40pm
Bass Coast v Mornington

ROUND 6

Saturday, May 27 - 2.30pm
Devon Meadows v Bass Coast

ROUND 7

Saturday, June 3 - 4.40pm
Bass Coast v Edithvale-Aspendale

ROUND 8

Saturday, June 17
12.00 noon
Seaford v Bass Coast

ROUND 9

Saturday, June 24
11.00am
Pearcedale v Bass Coast

ROUND 10

Saturday, July 1
12.00 noon
Mornington v Bass Coast

ROUND 11

Sunday, July 16 - 11.00am
Bass Coast v Devon Meadows

ROUND 12

Saturday, July 22 - 11.00am
Edithvale-Aspendale v Bass Coast

ROUND 13

Friday, July 28 - 4.40pm
Bass Coast v Seaford

ROUND 14

Saturday, August 5
4.40pm
Pearcedale v Bass Coast

FINALS

Week 1 - August 19 & 20
Week 2 - Sunday August 27
Grand Final - Sunday, Sept. 3

THE Breakers had a great finish to season 2022, which saw the team come from 4th to make the grand final on the back of two upset finals wins.

Coming so close to their second premiership the players have hit the ground running with a great pre-season well underway.

Training numbers have been strong with the majority of players returning from last season, bolstered by a mix of new, experienced and youth girls players joining the team this year.

However, the Breakers look to be without some key youngsters for the majority of the season. Tess Wingfield and Ahlee Penry along with new recruit Sienna Lane will play key roles for Gippsland Power, while Sunday Brisbane joins Grace Matser at Box Hill VFLW.

Having been instrumental in the Breakers midfield last year they are all set for big seasons.

The club welcomes

back past players Tayla Stahl (Richmond AFLW) and Sophie Bolding (Box Hill VFLW), who have added a wealth of knowledge and experience to the group.

However, the team is still on the hunt for an experienced mentor to guide the leadership group and lead the team on match days. If you are interested contact President Ella Angarane 0438 722 639.

If you haven't seen the Breakers play yet, there will be plenty of great opportunities this year with a number of twilight home games scheduled following the Dalyston senior matches.

Another key date on the fixture is the clubs annual Pride Round match, which highlights and celebrates the diversity within the club and the broader community.

The season kicks off on Sunday, April 23, at home versus Devon Meadows.

It's not too late to join - no experience necessary. The team trains Wednesday's 6pm at Dalyston.



MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE

2023 FIXTURE

ROUND 1

Saturday, April 22
Morwell East v Hill End
Tarwin v MDU
Toora v Mirboo North
Boolarra v Thorpdale
Stony Creek v Fish Creek
Yinnar v Newborough
Foster - BYE

ROUND 2

Saturday, April 29
Foster v Tarwin
Hill End v Toora
MDU v Boolarra
Mirboo North v Stony Creek
Thorpdale v Yinnar
Fish Creek v Newborough
Morwell East - BYE

ROUND 3

Saturday, May 6
Toora v Morwell East
Boolarra v Foster
Stony Creek v Hill End
Yinnar v MDU
Newborough v Mirboo North
Fish Creek v Thorpdale
Tarwin - BYE

ROUND 4

Saturday, May 13
Tarwin v Boolarra
Morwell East v Stony Creek
Foster v Yinnar
Hill End v Newborough
MDU v Fish Creek
Mirboo North v Thorpdale
Toora - BYE

ROUND 5

Saturday, May 20
Stony Creek v Toora
Yinnar v Tarwin
Newborough v Morwell East
Fish Creek v Foster
Thorpdale v Hill End
Mirboo North v MDU
Boolarra - BYE

ROUND 6

Saturday, May 27
Boolarra v Yinnar
Toora v Newborough
Tarwin v Fish Creek
Morwell East v Thorpdale
Foster v Mirboo North
Hill End v MDU
Stony Creek - BYE

ROUND 7

Saturday, June 3
Newborough v Stony Creek
Fish Creek v Boolarra
Thorpdale v Toora
Mirboo North v Tarwin
MDU v Morwell East
Hill End v Foster
Yinnar - BYE

ROUND 8

Saturday, June 10
Yinnar v Fish Creek
Stony Creek v Thorpdale
Boolarra v Mirboo North
Toora v MDU

Tarwin v Hill End
Morwell East v Foster
Newborough - BYE

ROUND 9

Saturday, June 17
Thorpdale v Newborough
Mirboo North v Yinnar
MDU v Stony Creek
Hill End v Boolarra
Foster v Toora
Morwell East v Tarwin
Fish Creek - BYE

FINALS

ROUND 10

Saturday, June 24
Fish Creek v Mirboo North
Newborough v MDU
Yinnar v Hill End
Stony Creek v Foster
Boolarra v Morwell East
Toora v Tarwin
Thorpdale - BYE

ROUND 11

Saturday, July 1
MDU v Thorpdale
Hill End v Fish Creek
Foster v Newborough
Morwell East v Yinnar
Tarwin v Stony Creek
Toora v Boolarra
Mirboo North - BYE

ROUND 12

Saturday, July 8
Mirboo North v Hill End
Thorpdale v Foster
Fish Creek v Morwell East
Newborough v Tarwin
Yinnar v Toora
Stony Creek v Boolarra
MDU - BYE

ROUND 13

Saturday, July 15
Foster v MDU
Morwell East v Mirboo North
Tarwin v Thorpdale
Toora v Fish Creek
Boolarra v Newborough
Stony Creek v Yinnar
Hill End - BYE

ROUND 14

Saturday, July 22
Hill End v Morwell East
MDU v Tarwin
Mirboo North v Toora
Thorpdale v Boolarra
Newborough v Yinnar
Fish Creek, Foster & Stony Creek - BYES

ROUND 15

Saturday, July 29
Tarwin v Foster
Toora v Hill End
Boolarra v MDU
Fish Creek v Stony Creek
Yinnar v Thorpdale
M-Nth, Mor-E & N'borough - BYES

ROUND 16

Saturday, August 5
Morwell East v Toora
Foster v Fish Creek
MDU v Mirboo North
Newborough v Boolarra
Thorpdale v Stony Creek
Hill End, Tarwin & Yinnar - BYES

ROUND 17

Saturday, August 12
Stony Creek v Morwell East
Boolarra v Tarwin
Yinnar v Foster
Newborough v Hill End
Mirboo North v Fish Creek
MDU, Thorpdale & Toora - BYES

ROUND 18

Saturday, August 19
Tarwin v Newborough
Fish Creek v Yinnar
Foster v Stony Creek
MDU v Toora

Thorpdale v Morwell East
Hill End v Mirboo North
Boolarra - BYE

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MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE

STONY CREEK FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



Whole club approach guides Stony

STONY Creek is taking a whole-of-club approach, ensuring a welcoming environment for footballers and netballers, along with families and supporters.

In addition to training, a variety of social events have been held fostering camaraderie between everyone at the club.

"Football and netball coaches collaborated to run a successful boot camp in Sandy Point," ongoing playing senior coach Chris Verboon said.

"It's not just about a premiership in the ones, and you want to build something special from the ground up," he stressed.

It is hoped that achieving the desired club culture will pave the way for Stony Creek to field junior sides again in future.

While that hasn't been the case recently, Verboon is enthusiastic about talented young players who came through the club's juniors previously and have stuck with the Lions in senior ranks.

A couple of that young brigade,

Hayden Funnell and Anthony Dyke both showed promise through the midfield and up forward last season and are expected to continue developing in those roles.

Another, Sam Bright, is building his fitness along with his experience in the ruck at senior level and can be expected to advance in 2023 and beyond.

Tylah O'Connor also came through Stony Creek's juniors, playing most of his senior footy in the backline last season, with Verboon keen to try him in other positions this campaign.

Senior recruits are ball-winning midfielder and backman Mitch Rowe, experienced utility player Aidan Simmons and hard-nosed midfielder with great finishing skills Cody Loughridge.

Troy Shepherdson has joined the Lions as Verboon's assistant coach, a job he has performed at Poowong where he was Reserves coach and a senior assistant coach.

Bryce Rawson continues as Stony Creek's Reserves coach.

On the netball side of the club, Jeanette Brown has arrived from Foster and takes on A Grade coaching responsibilities.

She is likely to call on the services of a trio of exciting recruits.

One of them, Holly Monaghan, returns to the club where she played junior netball, after a few seasons of footy in Queensland.

"She's a strong defender and can play through midcourt and is quite tall," Brown said.

Shooter Melissa Blackshaw joins the Lions from Thorpdale.

"She's accurate, and a strong holder under the ring," Brown said.

Nilushika Nadee De Silva comes via Sri Lanka's Navy where she gained netball experience and her trademark fitness.

"She runs all day," Brown said of the versatile midcourter.

Kelsie Schelling will coach B Grade, Steph Magro C Grade, Kelly Johnson D Grade, Sophie Clarke Under 17s, and Sam Dyke Under 15s.



New Stony Creek assistant coach Troy Shepherdson and ongoing senior coach Chris Verboon are ready for the season.

MDU FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

New senior coach and influx of players for MDU



NATHAN Allen has arrived from Bunyip to take on the senior coaching role at MDU, doing so in a playing capacity, and will oversee proceedings from the midfield.

He has an influx of new players including brother Ash, who will be one of MDU's onfield assistant coaches, along with long-term MDU player Joel Sinclair.

Ash was also playing at Bunyip last season and can fill a key position, go through the midfield or occupy a flank.

Springvale Districts key forward Darren Sheen will be pulling on a different Demons jumper this year, being a new focal point as MDU heads forward.

Nathan Allen said little separates the club's nine new recruits, with all showing promise.

"I'm keen to see Sheen up forward, but all the other guys have shown good skills and running ability and we're keen to see them all out there," he said, indicating most of the new arrivals



MDU recruits Grant Hough, Billy Evers, Shaye Walsh, Jayden Deas, Ben Schroen, Ben Perry and Jye Celebrine prepare for the season. A11_1123

have the versatility to play where they are needed.

Along with the Allen brothers and Sheen, other arrivals are Ben Perry (Leongatha), Jye Celebrine (Korumburra-Bena) Jayden Deas (Crib Point), Ben Schroen (Hastings), and Billy Evers and Shaye Walsh from Labrador.

MDU has been getting healthy

numbers on the track for its main training sessions, with between 30 and 40 attending.

The Demons new senior coach brings the experience of assistant coaching positions with Bunyip and Hampton Park.

Dale Furphy and Mark Lafferty will assist him from the bench.

Brenton Arnup will be this year's Reserves coach, with Gene Allen said.

VanderZalm again in charge of the Under 18s.

MDU is striving to improve on an eleventh-placed finish and 5-11 record in 2022.

"The Senior team hasn't played finals for some years, so with new recruits we hope that our Senior and Reserve teams can do that in season 2023," coach Allen said.

On the departure side, Tyson Findlay has headed to Korumburra-Bena, with Stephen Hawkins going to Devon Meadows.

MDU A Grade netballer Jasmin Friend continues her on court contribution, with the defender now also coaching the side.

The squad's composition has changed with players moving and one pregnant.

However, youngster Kirra Jones, third in last year's league B&F for A Grade is expected to continue her improvement.

15 & Under player Shari Harris should experience A Grade this year, with sisters Tahlia and Alahna Arnason to slot into MDU's top side, bringing their experience from basketball.

Jacq Turner will coach B Grade, Tarryn Boden and Rachel Cameron C Grade, Brooke Jones D Grade, Nat Rayson 17 & Under, Jodie Arnup 15 & Under, and Pete and Tillani Harris 13 & Under.

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MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE

FISH CREEK FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



Premiership contention in Fish Creek's sights

FISH Creek backman Jarrod Walker steps into the senior coaching role, with support from onfield assistant Matt McGannon and non-playing assistant Kevin Barnes, while Anthony Wilson continues as Reserves coach.

"My 2023 expectation is to get back into finals and premiership contention," Walker said.

He is hopeful the senior side will have improved fortunes on the injury front, after over 40 players were used during last season.

While developing player Kaitza Dorling has departed, Fish Creek has a few new arrivals to boost its senior ranks.

Experienced player Harry Smith (Mt Eliza) brings leg speed and is expected to feature on a wing or across half forward.

Jarrod Livingstone has a good build and agility suited to a key position role at either end, but will also act as a development coach, having coached the St Mary's Under 18s in recent seasons, with the side reaching grand finals.

He'll work closely with the Under 18s, Reserves and senior players aged up to about 25.

Big bodied inside midfielder Roland De Biase is another

handy acquisition, as is his former Yarram teammate David Coulthard, a tall fullback.

Improvement is also expected from the existing list, with Lachie Gale set to progress after spending most of last season shouldering senior duties in the ruck despite still being an Under 18s player at the time.

Already a strong contributor, half forward flanker and midfielder Sam McGannon appears destined for a big season.

Fish Creek's A Grade netballers look to build on last season's achievement of reaching the finals, with Jayde McGlead continuing as coach and hopeful of returning to court after missing most of last season due to a knee injury.

Past A Grade player Ange Mazzotta returns after a year off to resume a defensive post, while midcourter Elysia Shaw is unavailable and goal attack Lara Stefani has departed for Leonagha.

Maddi Carew continues as B Grade coach, with Amy Van't Hof arriving to coach C Grade and the club expecting to have a D Grade side this year to be coached by Rachel Roberts.

TOP RIGHT: Fish Creek's Matt McGannon is pictured with the ball during the 2022 season. Photo: Jason Harding



Ruby Lane (Under 17s co-coach), Maddi Carew (B Grade coach), Jayde McGlead (A Grade coach) and Ella Schauble (Under 17s co-coach) prepare for the season.

MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



Peter Mongta back in charge at Mirboo North

MIRBOO North premiership player and coach Peter Mongta is back at the club, again as senior coach.

He featured in the Tigers' 2006 and 2007 flag winning sides, coaching the latter.

Four-time premiership player for the club, Damien Turner, is continuing his onfield career, drawing on his vast experience in his new role as Mongta's assistant.

Another Mirboo North premiership player, Dom Pinneri will coach the Reserves, with the theme of success continuing at under 18s level.

Young Nick Cummaudo takes on coaching the Thirds after co-captaining the side's grand final triumph last year.

Mongta is confident the senior squad will return to finals in 2023, after missing them last season for the first time since 2003.

"The club has a good mix of players ranging from 18 to 22 years old, and some quality mature age players who will play key positions," he said.

Max Woodall is an example of the club's young talent, named in Gippsland Power's Under 16s final squad.

He's already tasted senior action at Mirboo North and is expected to play as a high half forward or on a wing when

available for the Tigers this season.

Halfback and outside runner Jesse Chila is another young player likely to make an impact at senior level, as is halfback and winger Ethan Woodall.

In the slightly older age bracket, Taj Wilkins has had a fantastic preseason and is expected to mind opposition sides' tall forwards.

Local boy Jake Nash will pull on the Mirboo North jumper this season after a transfer from Trafalgar, playing through the midfield and up forward.

Darcy and Hayden Brock are other arrivals, with Darcy a versatile midfielder and forward.

Mongta is confident the strong finish to last season demonstrates the Tigers have a capable list.

Miki Hilliar steps into the A Grade netball coaching job after leading Mirboo North's B Grade side to last season's premiership.

The A Grade side fell just a goal short of Toora in the 2022 grand final.

Other netball coaches are Maddi Knowles 17 & Under, Jakobi Eden and Rachael Vansittart 15 & Under, Emma Evans and Christina Stoertebecker 13 & Under.



Recruit Darcy Brock is welcomed to Mirboo North by senior coach Peter Mongta.



The club is thrilled to welcome Hayden Brock to the Tiger family. He is pictured with senior coach Peter Mongta.



Mirboo North's Senior Netball Leadership Team Emma Evans, Dani Blair, Rach Vansittart, Emily Loh and Belinda Snell (absent for photo) are ready for season 2023.



MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE

TARWIN FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



Daniel Houston, Ben Ellen and recruit Morti Snooks are striving to better last year's preliminary final finish for Tarwin. A06_1123

Sharks have even more bite this year

TARWIN went from a 3-8 record in the incomplete 2021 campaign to a preliminary final last year, winning all but two home and away games to finish on top of the ladder.

Coach Troy Hemming expects his players to reap the benefits of last year's finals experience, noting about 13 of them hadn't previously tasted senior finals action.

While the Sharks lost to Yinnar in their 2022 preliminary final, their largely young list should be in good stead to deal with finals intensity this year.

Tarwin also gained finals experience at Reserves level, with the Sharks reaching the grand final.

A couple of familiar faces are among Tarwin's recruits this season, with Ricky O'Loughlin returning to the club and set to hold down a key position.

Tarwin boy Jordan Hill has played at Korumburra Bena and is returning to footy with the Sharks after time off due to injury, impressing Hemming at training.

"He hasn't missed a beat and his ball skills and fitness are building," Hemming said.

Tom Crocker arrives from Leongatha, keen for more opportunity at Senior level.

"He's electric and knows where the goals are," the coach said.

Skilled midfielder Morti Snooks has

previously played for Korumburra-Bena but his friendship with some of the boys at Tarwin has brought him there.

Hemming is delighted with his awareness around contests and stoppages, and while Snooks is renowned for his good nature, his boxing background suggests he can look after himself.

Cooper McInnes is a big loss for the Sharks, having kicked 71 goals for Tarwin last season but is keen to play a higher level of footy at Wonthaggi.

Wingman Nick Anderson has followed mates to Nyora, with midfielder Noah Bee-Hickman returning to Phillip Island.

On the coaching front, Jake Cochrane takes over the Reserves coaching position from Tom Giroud who has family responsibilities.

On the netball front, Amy Robertson remains A Grade coach, this time sharing the role with Marni Purvis.

Both will play, with Amy filling the centre or WD role and Marni GD or GK.

The Sharks took huge strides last year, winning six games after a few years without an A Grade win and have added further talent.

Ellie Bates (WA/GA) arrives from Wonthaggi, while Kate McCracken, formerly of Leongatha, will occupy a scoring role.

Laura Robins (Mirboo North) is expected to play WD or Centre.

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TOORA FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



Recruits Chotnyang and Majok Puok with coach Jack Weston.

Toora strives to build on netball and Reserves premierships

TOORA player Jack Weston has stepped back into the senior coaching role he occupied for three seasons from 2015 and will continue to hold down a spot in the midfield.

He'll be supported by non-playing coaches Brett Mitchell and Nino Ditta, with Lukas Jenkins and Luke Anedda combining to coach the Reserves.

The Magpies appear likely to fly up the ladder after last season's bottom-placed finish, with strong recruiting.

Josh Toner returns to the club where he played his junior footy, having been part of a senior premiership and earning a club best and fairest during his time with Foster.

"He can play everywhere, and has helped raise training standards," Weston said.

The lack of a ruckman for much of last season presented a major challenge for Toora, with the recruitment of last year's Newborough grand final player Chris Gardiner set to address that need.

Majok and Chotnyang Puok bring excitement.

Majok has the size to play in the ruck but the athleticism to contribute strongly in the midfield, while Chotnyang is a goal kicker with pace and skill.

Another arrival, Jean Bezzene will create opportunity for Toora's outside runners with his ferocious attack on the Sherrin.

"He's an in-and-under midfielder and as tough as nails," Weston said of a player he expects will inspire his teammates to greater heights.

The senior coach also hopes to play alongside brother Brendan who won't always be available due to work commitments.

On the negative side, young developing midfielder Jake McFarland, who was third in last year's best and fairest, has returned to Yarram, while fellow midfielder Ryan Archer is off to Chelsea.

"As a coach, my minimum expectations



Kelsey Angwin and Hannah Weston are looking forward to overseeing Toora's A Grade netball side as it strives to match last season's premiership success.

are that our senior side becomes more competitive consistently in 2023," Weston said.

His wife Hannah Weston, and last year's league best & fairest Kelsey Angwin continue to oversee Toora's A Grade netball side as it seeks to add to last year's premiership success.

The A grade squad appears likely to stick together, but Hannah outlined a possible challenge and how it might be overcome.

"Some departures in the lower grades have the potential to test the depth, but our juniors stepping into senior ranks will continue to develop," she said.

Lily McDonald, Tayah Jenkins and Charlotte Crawford are in that improving junior group.

Nicole Stone and Tara Hollier will jointly coach C grade, Alana Manders D grade, Jade Latham 17 & Under, Sarah Stone 15 & Under and Tara Hollier 13 & Under.



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MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE

FOSTER FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



Foster's Under 18s ready for a training session. A07_1223

Tigers confident of improvement

WHILE Foster has done some recruiting during the offseason, coach Sam Davies is confident of improvement as the club's young players gain experience, with the Tigers looking to build on last year's narrow final loss to eventual premier Yinnar.

Oliver Callcott is expected to get more time in the midfield after playing on a wing last season, with another of the young brigade Jake Thornell set to feature as a key back after missing games with injury last campaign.

Younger players will also continue to get opportunities at senior level.

"We continue to incorporate our juniors into our senior training to keep developing them in the hope there are some ready to play regular senior footy again this year," Davies said.

Willem Duursma and Jack Rathjen are in that group, with both likely to exhibit their skill and pace at senior level, perhaps on a wing.

While Foster premiership player Josh Toner has returned to his junior club Toora and forward and midfielder Billy Flavelle is another big loss, returning to Edithvale-Aspendale, a couple of arrivals are expected to become fixtures in the senior side.

Josh Dickerson will fill a key back position and can be swung forward, after a move from Stanhope.

James Morris will join him in the backline after transferring from



Senior Tigers Eddie Smith and Mitch Green with a couple of Under 18s who tasted senior action last season, Jack Rathjen and Caleb Garlick look forward to Foster's season. A08_1223

Mordialloc.

On the coaching front, Davies will be assisted by Richard Johnston, with club veteran Nick Hume taking charge of the Reserves.

The latter is striving to establish a solid group that will play every week and form the core for success in the twos after a lack of such stability led to the side going winless last year.

Mitch Green continues to coach an Under 18s side that has changed little in composition since last season and should build on its 2022 finals experience.

The Tigers kick off their 2023 campaign in a standalone away clash against Morwell East.

Foster's director of netball Deb Allott is hopeful the Tigers can improve on last season's 11th placed A Grade finish.

"We'll keep building and bring some of our juniors through," Deb said.

Allrounder Meg McGlead is one young player likely to experience A Grade action after a couple of years off due to injury.

Another teenager, Meg Rathjen is an attacking player, likely to play more at the competition's top level this year.

Amanda Broidy continues as playing coach, bringing versatility to the side.

Renee Bauer will coach B Grade.



Foster Under 18s players hone their skills as the season approaches. A09_1223



ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE

2023 FIXTURE

ROUND 1

Saturday, April 1

Trafalgar v Yarragon
Longwarry v Nilma Darnum
Ellinbank v Catani
Neerim South v Buln Buln
Poowong v Nyora
Lang Lang - BYE

ROUND 11

Saturday, June 17

Lang Lang v Trafalgar
Yarragon v Longwarry
Nilma Darnum v Ellinbank
Catani v Neerim South
Buln Buln v Poowong
Nyora - BYE

EASTER - April 8

ROUND 2

Saturday, April 15

Yarragon v Lang Lang
Nilma Darnum v Trafalgar
Catani v Longwarry
Buln Buln v Ellinbank
Nyora v Neerim South
Poowong - BYE

ROUND 12

Saturday, June 24

Yarragon v Trafalgar
Nilma Darnum v Longwarry
Catani v Ellinbank
Buln Buln v Neerim South
Nyora v Poowong
Lang Lang - BYE

ROUND 13

Saturday, July 1

Lang Lang v Yarragon
Trafalgar v Nilma Darnum
Longwarry v Catani
Ellinbank v Buln Buln
Neerim South v Nyora
Poowong - BYE

ROUND 14

Saturday, July 8

Nilma Darnum v Lang Lang
Catani v Trafalgar
Buln Buln v Longwarry
Nyora v Ellinbank
Poowong v Neerim South
Yarragon - BYE

ROUND 15

Saturday, July 15

Lang Lang v Catani
Trafalgar v Buln Buln
Longwarry v Nyora
Ellinbank v Poowong
Yarragon v Nilma Darnum
Neerim South - BYE

ROUND 16

Saturday, July 22

Lang Lang v Nyora
Trafalgar v Poowong
Longwarry v Neerim South
Yarragon v Buln Buln
Nilma Darnum v Catani
Ellinbank - BYE

ROUND 17

Saturday, July 29

Buln Buln v Lang Lang
Poowong v Longwarry
Neerim South v Ellinbank
Catani v Yarragon
Nyora, Trafalgar and
Nilma Darnum - BYES

ROUND 18

Saturday, August 5

Poowong v Lang Lang
Neerim South v Trafalgar
Ellinbank v Longwarry
Nyora v Yarragon
Buln Buln v Nilma Darnum
Catani - BYE

ROUND 19

Saturday, August 12

Lang Lang v Neerim South
Trafalgar v Ellinbank
Yarragon v Poowong
Nilma Darnum v Nyora
Catani v Buln Buln
Longwarry - BYE

ROUND 20

Saturday, August 19

Ellinbank v Lang Lang
Longwarry v Trafalgar
Neerim South v Yarragon
Poowong v Nilma Darnum
Nyora v Catani
Buln Buln - BYE

FINALS

Qualifying Final - Sat Aug 26 Elimination Final - Sun Aug 27
2nd Semi Final - Sat Sept 2 1st Semi Final - Sun Sept 3
Preliminary Final - Sat Sept 9 Grand Final - Sat Sept 16



ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE

NYORA FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



POOWONG FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



Nyora senior football coach Dylan Heylen and senior netball coach Jess Ayres.

Saints on the up in 2023

NYORA will be hungry to get right into the new season after finishing in the bottom end of the table a season ago.

The Saints have recruited well again and been hitting the track hard, again taking orders from head coach Dylan Heylen, with Jake Prosser and Matt Layton by his side.

Nyora won just the six games in 2022, seeing them finish ninth and miss out on the finals race, but Heylen is confident he'll see some improvement this season, and has his sights set on jumping up the ladder.

"We've done a harder preseason than normal; we had the guy that did our fitness component back in 2018 when we won the flag, do it again for us, we've done fitness stuff every night," he said.

"Hopefully we'll be a bit fitter than last year, and the rest of the competition which will give us a bit of a head start, we're hoping to play finals and to be in that mid-range, knocking on the door of finals."

"If we can get to playing finals footy that'd be a big win for us, we'll play a simplified game style, fast paced, run and gun sort of footy which will be complimented by our fitness, we won't be huge so it's going to be hit up and run and carry."

The Saints list will be boosted by

the arrival of Nick Anderson (Tarwin), Connor Thompson, Josh Ryan, Finlay Cousins (Phillip Island) and Rhys Lylak and will again be led by Sam Gibson.

On the netball side, the Saints will be looking to improve on their 2022 campaign which saw them finish 10th on the table in the A grade division.

The Nyora squad will be recharged and revitalised and hope for a more positive season on the courts that will see them crack into the top five.

The Saints will open their season on the road when they travel to Poowong to take on the Magpies in Round 1 on Saturday April 1.

SAINTS Facts:

- **2022 Football Finish:** 9th (6-12)
- **Senior Football Coach:** Dylan Heylen
- **Senior Football Captain:** Sam Gibson
- **Key Recruits:** Nick Anderson (Tarwin), Connor Thompson, Josh Ryan, Finlay Cousins (Phillip Island), Rhys Lylak.
- **Key Departures:** Nil.
- **2022 Netball Finish:** 10th



Dylan Heylen has returned as Nyora's senior coach for the 2023 season. He is pictured in action during last season.



Kilcunda-Bass and Poowong compete as the season approaches. A07_1323

Magpies keen to fly higher

POOWONG are looking to put out another competitive season and knock on the door of serious contention in 2023, after they fell short a season ago.

The Magpies finished in fourth spot after an impressive home and away season in 2022, winning 12 games, but unfortunately brought their worst when it mattered, going down big in their Elimination Final with Ellinbank.

The 'Pies will be fiercely determined to get back to the postseason, this time under new head coach Rod Gundrill who comes to the club with a wealth of experience being involved in similar roles in the area, including at Wonthaggi.

Club president Ted Attenborough is positive about the direction his side is heading for the future.

"We've got a fairly young group, it'll be a lot younger than what we've had in the past, it gives some of our local young blokes and opportunity to step up and the blokes we've recruited are in the bottom age bracket, 25 and younger," he said.

"It'll be a new dynamic to the side with a new coach and everything, I'd expect us to be somewhere around the top of the middle order, in the top five or six, if we can advance on that I reckon we've done pretty well, and hopefully we can set a platform for the following year."

Attenborough also expects the Magpies to play with a bit more pace in 2023.

"I think Rod is looking to tweak our game style a little bit, move the ball a bit quicker, we've built our defence pretty well over the last couple of years, but the goal is to move the ball into the forward line a bit quicker, to give our forwards more of an opportunity one out."

The Poowong line up will look rather different than years gone by, with a class of recruits, including Joel Norton (Stony Creek) Damien Hansen, Levi Robinson

and Hayden Smith (Phillip Island).

They will also be without a number of names including Jayden Sullivan and Pat Harmes (Deavon Meadows).

"We've had probably the most turnover of players we've had," said Attenborough.

On the courts, the Magpies will again be led by head coach Abbey Kelson, who's loving the positive feel around the club, as they look to build on their 2022 campaign that saw their A grade finish in 10th.

"It's great to see the whole football and netball club getting together in a combined pre-season and this year, we hope that the girls enjoy every aspect of netball; they get to socialise, have fun and get some wins on the table," she said.

Poowong welcome back players such as Shelbie De Kleuver, Tamara Loughridge, Moira Allen, Belle Grabham Andrews, Emily Jolly and welcome new recruits Heidi Burgess, Maddi Wilcox, Hollie Smith and Cayli Lomas.

The Magpies will open their season on Saturday April 1 at home against Nyora.

MAGPIE Facts:

- **2022 Football Finish:** 4th (12-6)
- **Senior Football Coach:** Rod Gundrill
- **Senior Football Captain:** Jack Hazendonk
- **Key Recruits:** Joel Norton (Stony Creek) Damien Hansen, Levi Robinson and Hayden Smith (Phillip Island)
- **Key Departures:** Jayden Sullivan and Pat Harmes (Deavon Meadows).
- **2021 Netball Finish:** 10th
- **Senior Netball Coach:** Abbey Kelson

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LICENSED OPERATOR



Assistant coach Simon McRae battles with Daniel Houston at Tarwin training. A08_1123



Wonthaggi coach Jarryd Blair looks for an option during the match against Devon Meadows. A14_1223



MDU playing coach Nathan Allen has the footy in his hands. A10_1123



Phillip Island players sharpen their skills during an intraclub match at Newhaven College. A02_1323



Leongatha players gear up for their season-opening April Fools' Day clash with Traralgon. A03_1223



Poowong charges away during its practice match against Kilcunda Bass. A11_1323



New MDU A Grade Netball coach Jasmin Friend defends the Demons.



New Giants coach Paul Fermanis kicks during a recent night training. A08_0823



Poowong and Kilcunda Bass battle it out in a preseason clash played in scorching and windy conditions. A30_1223

*Best of luck to all teams
in the 2023 season!*

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LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE

WHO said, "Life is movement, movement is life"?

In any case it is very true!

Our Tuesdays and Thursdays become more and more busy as we are offering more activities!

Leongatha Community House invites active people to join to our sporty and fun programs that we are running already and we are also going to start from term 2 at the Dakers Centre.

Tuesday

- 9 AM – Zumba Gold, slower-paced, lower intensity version of regular Zumba class. This new class starts Tuesday May 2 on a regular basis. Have fun with Halla!
- 10 AM – Over 60s Medium Exercise Group. Stay active with Milli!
- 11 AM – Over 60s Low Intensity Exercise Group (chair based). Keep moving with Milli!
- 12 NOON – New class Chair based Zumba! The program is called "ageless grace" ...a fun chair based Zumba class designed to improve your cognitive skills and recruit more neural pathways. Get incredible experience with Glenys!

Thursday

- 8 AM -- Over 60s Low Intensity Exercise Group (chair based) – Second group with Milli. Priority to get a place – for those who were registered on the waiting list.

However, it will be possible to get a spot for all others later.

- 9:45 -- Tai Chi for Beginners,
- 10:45 --Tai Chi - Experienced
- 11:45 --Circle Dancing

These three classes are taught by amazing and inspiring instructor Tania.

The classes are open to all ages, and participants can learn valuable movement skills and improve their physical wellbeing.

If you have not joined us yet – call and book your place!

For more information and to register, please contact the Leongatha Community House at (03) 5662-3962 or email office@leongathacommunityhouse.org.au

Chronic Pain Support Group

Do you know how many people suffer from chronic pain?

According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (2023), one in five Australians aged 45 and older suffer from chronic pain, which affects not only people physically but also mentally.

If you are looking for support and understanding, and if you want to learn more about coping with chronic pain from guest speakers and peers, come to our group meetings on Fridays from 1 pm to 2 pm at the Leongatha Community House.

Communicating with others who are experiencing similar difficulties in their life is a method to practice self-care.

Don't ignore your needs; instead, prioritise them and join our group. This kind and friendly space welcomes anybody suffering from chronic pain and invites visitors to bring any aids that may make them feel more comfortable.

Please do not hesitate to contact Leongatha Community House for more details on 5662 3962.

Looking forward to seeing you all on our classes and groups!



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WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

OUR Free Supported Play Groups on Mondays and Fridays are made available through the Bass Coast Health for families with a Health Care Card or equivalent. Our Monday group is well attended and there are places available for the Friday group and Janine, the facilitator, is keen for some more little bubs to boost the vibrancy of her group. It's a great place for you and yours to take part in fun activities and to partake of the 'Small Talk' program which also includes information on children's development and learning stages. Call Janine on 0457 834 960 or come and visit, have a chat and see what's going on. She would welcome any queries you may have.

For Monday's group call Cath on 0427 729 695. Both groups operate at 10 to 11.30am during school terms.

The Chatty Café was well attended this month and we look forward to a good attendance next month. The day for a chat is the first Tuesday of the Month from 10.30am. Tuesday, April 4 is the next one. The session is welcome to everyone, anyone can join in, all are welcome to enjoy the company of others and a friendly chat over a cuppa.

There may be cake! Actually, not too sure about that.

The Writer's Café is commencing on Saturday, April 1, 1.30 to 4pm, at Mitchell House. This a monthly meet and welcome to all who have an interest, or indeed passion to write. It provides a venue for writers of all styles and genres to meet and mix, share writing and work on their own projects. Just remember that they meet on the first Saturday of the month.

Are you that young 'un rearing to go get your driver's licence but don't have anyone to help you get the 120 hours needed on your learner's permit? Then you need a helping hand. The Bass Coast TAC L2P Driver Education Program assists young people (16-20yrs) by matching them with a trained volunteer mentor to supervise their driving as they work their way to undertake their probationary licence. Call Melanie, the L2P coordinator on 0467 590 679 (Monday - Wednesday.) The program is always keen to get new mentors on the books.

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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INVERLOCH COMMUNITY HOUSE

IT'S BEEN a jammed packed month of March with a number of exciting activities still on the go before the end of term.

The Last of our Summer Sizzle barbecue is coming up on Friday, March 31.

As always, our barbecues come in a street food style with meat and vegetarian options. A pay as you feel event. Bass coast Shire Council Waste Services team will be there to say a hi and explain Councils bin system, give out our kerbside collection calendars and answer any questions.

Put a lid on it - gather those mismatched plastic storage containers/lids and bring them along to our barbecue. Place them in the buckets provided or find its match. From Systema, Décor, Snaplock and good old Tupperware, any plastic food storage items welcome. \$1 per matched item 3:30 – 5:30pm

Also, at the barbecue we are excited to announce our Swap Your Best Dress. Here's how it will work:

Around 3pm come by the House with six of your best preloved garments (they don't have to be dresses they can be any garment in great pre loved condition), drop them off (preferably pressed and on hangers) to our friendly SYBD team. Receive tokens for your lovely items. Nip off to have something delicious at the BBQ while we make it all look pretty and organised.

Come back around 5pm and use your tokens to shop for your new preloved outfit. So much fun, so sustainable, so easy. It runs from 3pm-6pm. Gold Coin Donation. It all takes place on the Hub Ground in Inverloch.

Pickleball was such a huge success we have stepped it up a level. Now on offer every Friday evening casual sessions 7-8pm in the Hub Stadium. Pickleball has been described as a combination of tennis, badminton, and ping pong. Played indoors (or outdoors) it is a racket/paddle sport where two or four players hit a perforated hollow plastic ball over a 36inch high net. It's a whole lot of fun and taking off, not only all over the world, but in Inverloch as well. Intrigued? Come down on Friday night and give it a go. There will be plenty of friendly enthusiasts on hand to help you learn. It's a great activity for all abilities from 12 years old and up. Please note all children under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult.

Term 1 program of activities will finish up on Friday, April 6. Our new program will be available in the coming weeks so keep an eye out on our website. Bookings for Term 2 will commence Monday, April 17. Until then, take care and hopefully we will see you around.



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Noise from music venues and events

IF YOU run an entertainment venue, festival or outdoor music event, EPA has a new guide to help separate reasonable noise from sounds that annoy.

EPA's new Entertainment Venue and Outdoor Event Music Noise Guidelines explain the laws, the limits and just how late you can keep the tunes blasting.

The improved system supports promoters and the ticket buying public, while continuing to work alongside local councils who deal with parking and the police who respond to complaints.

EPA's guidelines are handy tools for business, individuals, communities and councils who hold outdoor music events and festivals: shorturl.at/nvEU6

The permit guidelines are available at shorturl.at/fkqMO

General Environmental Duty information can be found at: shorturl.at/qACKV

• FAITH FACTOR

"A Person in White Fed Me"

Boy stuck under rubble miraculously survives earthquake in Turkey

By Rev. Charles Lazaro, Wonthaggi Baptist Church

THESE were the words that captured my attention. This was reported on February 16, 2023, by ChurchPOP and a few others.

The report said:

"One incredible testimony moving across social media discusses the miraculous survival story of a five-year-old boy rescued 192 hours (8 days) after the earthquake. Upon questioning, authorities asked how he survived for so long. According to the French organization SOS Christians of the East, the boy said a man dressed in white provided him food and water and disappeared."

The more I thought about this report, I remembered that people all over the world were praying to God to save people trapped under the rubble. I believe God answered those prayers and performed several miracles. This is one of them, a five-year-old alive after being buried under rubble for 8 days? How can a five-year-old survive for eight days without food and water? But the little boy's clear testimony revealed that a man dressed in white provided him with food and water. Now, that's a miracle!

Another great miracle will be celebrated shortly - on Sunday, April 9, of this year. Christians all over the world will be celebrating the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus from the grave. The gospel writers in the New Testament recorded this most important miracle of the Christian faith. The death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, still proves to the world that He was who He claimed He was.

If it wasn't for the resurrection of Jesus. His ministry on earth would have ended in defeat and disappointment.

Instead, more than 500 people saw Jesus over a period of 40 days after His resurrection. These people actually saw Him, touched Him, spoke to him, heard Him speak, and some even ate food with Him after His death and resurrection.

Jesus was victorious over sin, satan, hell, death and the grave, all because of His death, burial and physical resurrection to life.

This is truly the greatest miracle ever. This is why Jesus is the Saviour of the world. Let me encourage you to read for yourself the record of the wonderful and miraculous death, burial and resurrection of Jesus in all the four gospels in the Bible?



QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX QUIZ

- [\$100] Which driver won last year's world drivers' championship?
A. Charles Leclerc. B. Max Verstappen. C. Lewis Hamilton. D. Sergio Pérez.
- [\$200] In the post-war era, when was the Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix first held at Albert Park (Melbourne).?
A. 1994. B. 1995. C. 1996. D. 1997.
- [\$300] How many times did Jack Brabham win the Formula 1 World Drivers Championship?
A. 1. B. 2. C. 3. D. 4.
- [\$500] Apart from three years between 2020 and 2022, which company has been the title sponsor of the Australian Grand Prix since 2013?
A. Qantas. B. Rolex. C. ING. D. Fosters.
- [\$1000] When was the Australian Formula Grand Prix held in Adelaide?
A. 1975-1985. B. 1980-1990. C. 1985-1995. D. 1995-2005.
- [\$2000] Which company was the major sponsor for the Australian Grand Prix last year (2022)?
A. Asahi. B. Heineken. C. Qantas. D. Visit Melbourne.
- [\$4000] Which driver has the most race wins in F1 at Albert Park?
A. Michael Schumacher. B. Lewis Hamilton. C. Jenson Button. D. Sebastian Vettel.
- [\$8000] The 2012 running of the Australian Formula 1 Grand Prix included six former world champions. Which of these was not one of them?
A. Sebastian Vettel. B. Lewis Hamilton. C. Michael Schumacher. D. Nico Rosberg.
- [\$16,000] Which car company won the 2022 Australian Grand Prix?
A. Ferrari. B. Red Bull Racing. C. Mercedes. D. McLaren-Mercedes.
- [\$32,000] Which of the following drivers does NOT have a grandstand named after them at the Melbourne Grand Prix circuit?
A. Juan Manuel Fangio. B. Mark Webber. C. Niki Lauda. D. Michael Schumacher.
- [\$64,000] In what year did Alan Jones win the Formula 1 World Drivers Championship?
A. 1970. B. 1975. C. 1980. D. 1985.
- [\$125,000] What is special about the 1994 Australian Grand Prix?
A. The race was shortened due to darkness. B. It was the last time the Grand Prix was held in Adelaide. C. It was Nigel Mansell's last win. D. Michael Schumacher won the race and the world title.
- [\$250,000] In one of the most spectacular accidents in an Australian Grand Prix, which driver was thrown into the air on the first corner of the 2002 race after hitting Rubens Barrichello's Ferrari?
A. Ralf Schumacher. B. Michael Schumacher. C. David Coulthard. D. Juan Pablo Montoya.
- [\$500,000] In which year were tobacco companies banned from overt advertising of Formula 1 Grand Prix and teams?
A. 2000. B. 2002. C. 2004. D. 2006.
- [\$1,000,000] The Australian Grand Prix has been staged at 23 venues since it was first run in 1928. Where was it held in 1928?
A. Sandown. B. Phillip Island. C. Bathurst. D. Victor Harbour.

Quiz answers: 1. B. Max Verstappen. 2. C. 1996. 3. C. 3. 4. B. Rolex. 5. C. 1985-1995. 6. B. Heineken. 7. A. 1994. 8. D. Michael Schumacher. 9. A. 1995. 10. A. Phillip Island. 11. C. 1980. 12. C. It was Nigel Mansell's last win. 13. A. Ralf Schumacher. 14. D. 2006. 15. B. Phillip Island.

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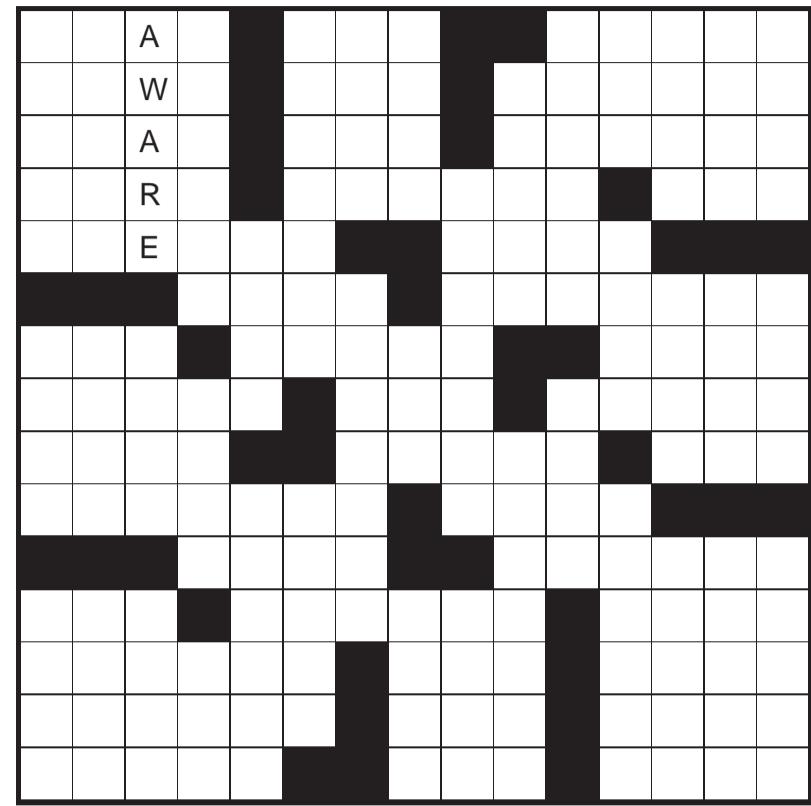
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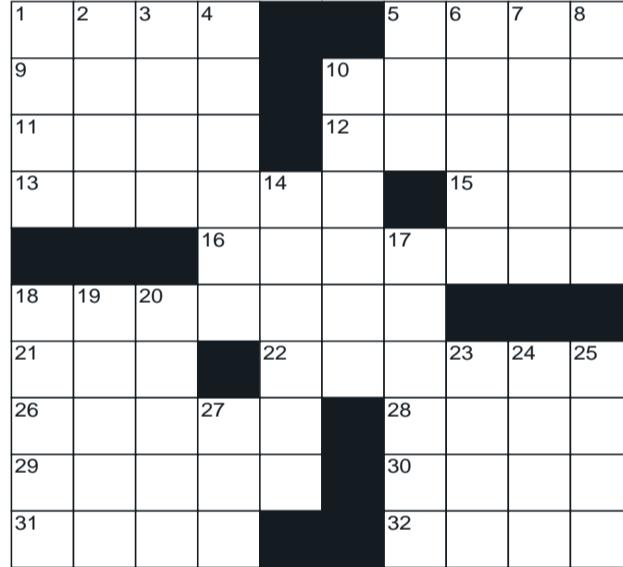
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WORD FILL



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QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- Torah table
- Too
- Voiced
- Give essential information
- Put on __
- Pay up
- Gas company
- Vane direction
- Make crude
- Math & __
- Western Athletic Conference
- Got smaller
- Bye
- Black
- Hair care product brand
- Healing plant
- Slave
- Dick Van __ Show

DOWN

- Ark
- Canal
- Philosopher Carl
- NE French region
- Is
- Green citrus fruits
- Weighted fishnet
- Many times
- Bring up
- Roman magistrate
- Look over the book, again
- Trades
- Highly trained group
- Colder
- Aptly
- Recession
- Joint
- Pixy

3 LETTERS

- ARM DOZE SLIP
ELM EACH SOON
ERA EARL SORA
ILL EBEN THEE
LAG EGAN TRAM
LED EZRA TURN
LOY GLEE OBOIST
MOP IBID ORDEAL
PDP ITEM RIPLEY
RAY KELP SEETHE
RUE LOVE SERENE
SIC MANE SIEGEL
TOE MYEL TATTLE
TOR NEAT TEEING
4 LETTERS

4 LETTERS

- ALLY NOEL ROACH
BRAD NOLO ROGUE
CAIN OMIT SHELL
CHAO PARR SLICK
COOL PREP SOLAR
COPE RAUL THROB
COPE ROWE NITRATE
COPE YEMEN PERILLA

6 LETTERS

- ALLELE APATHY TATTLE
DENNIS LESSEE TEEING
OBOIST ORDEAL AMALGAM
RIPPLE SEETHE ARRAGON
SERENE SIEGEL BREANNA
SIEGEL TATTLE EMBARGO
TATTLE TEEING NITRATE
TEEING PERILLA PERILLA

MATH SQUARES

Instructions:

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

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'Life's better with Burra': Peter Fort, Kelvin Trotman, Stewart Carson and Rebecca Cooper were deep in conversation at the Burra Foods exhibition stand on Friday as the Burra Foods team took time to catch up with suppliers.



The Evans Petroleum team were excited to be back on board for another year at Farm World catching up with their farming customers whilst providing information and promoting the different products available. Pictured: General Manager, Warren and Financial Officer, Dave. C13_1323

Huge crowds for Farm World

'HAPPY' the Holstein calf melted hearts at Farm World over the new-format three day event as the official mascot of Victoria's premier agricultural event.

Spread inside and out over 100 acres, exhibitors, farmers and visitors alike were treated to an array of activities and sights from new machinery including demonstrations to drone spraying, Freestyle Kings Motocross excitement, the Saturday night rodeo, not to mention equestrian

events, kids fishing competition, cooking demonstrations, annual Telstra Women's in Ag lunch, cattle dog display and pony rides, the reptile shows, presentations, live music and plenty more.

Food of all sorts was available including the delicious Cheeky Goose fried chicken and must-have CWA scones with jam and cream. For the kids big and little, Gippsland Jersey had their milkshake van serving up

a treat alongside some frozen drinks and coffee further along the promenade.

With live music at every turn, there was laughter and much catching up to be had amongst exhibitors and their customers/suppliers.

With many businesses continuing to offer Farm World specials into this week, do not miss your opportunity to upgrade the tractor, wood splitter or motorbike.



JP was on hand at Marriots Leongatha's site as the team showcased their power equipment, motorcycles, quad bikes and ride-on mowers including the Can-Am Outlander Max 6x6. With a 450 and 650 option the 6x6 offers more pay load with additional traction from the three diffs. The 650 also comes with a tip tray. Visit the store for extended Farm World pricing. C14_1323



Jill of Hallston Valley Farm was excited to catch up with the regular folk and new faces at Farm World whilst listening and answering questions about raising sheep in South Gippsland conditions. The ability to devour weeds and topography challenges means sheep can be the perfect solution. C12_1323



Brian, Lewis, Ryan, Tom and Josh in front of the Tool Armour (K1790) were on hand over the weekend as part of ACE Industrial's mega Farm World display. C27_1323

An ACE in the bag

IT WAS all systems go over the three day event as ACE Industrial showcased the biggest display of Kincrome ever seen at Farm World.

Building on last year's Kincrome display the team had a larger variety with more options particularly the toolkit and armour options.

"We are certainly well stocked post pandemic," ACE Industrial said.

From rachets to tool kits, headlamps to welders there was

something for everyone – whether you needed it or wanted it.

Good old fashioned polite service, visitors were not disappointed over the weekend, as ACE carried their everyday work into the Baw Baw Pavilion.

"Thank you to our customers and suppliers for their continued support at Farm World."

And if commitments on the farm had you missing the event, pop in store for special post Farm World deals.

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Supply correction continues at Leongatha store sale

TEYS Australia, the nation's second-largest meat processor and exporter, wasn't even there.

O'Connors of Pakenham were there but not operating.

And a throwaway line from one of their representatives explained, at least in part, why prices were \$600, \$800 or even \$1000 lower for store cattle at Leongatha on Friday, March 24 than they had been this time last year.

"The feedlots are chockers," he said.

Where last year, feedlots up and down the eastern seaboard of Australia, and in South Australia, were desperate for young cattle to fatten and fill export orders, that's not the case now.

Previously parched properties in Queensland and NSW have well and truly restocked, and after a couple of good years, they are finally turning off well-advanced young cattle in their droves.

Where this small pocket of South Gippsland has continually survived the worst ravages of drought, to keep on churning out well-bred, forward young cattle and finished bullocks, to be the saving grace of the beef industry, the forces of supply and demand are back in town, with a vengeance.

And local producers selling their annual drafts of autumn store cattle, after the season has turned dry and ahead of the winter, had to take what they could get.

But it was no surprise to see prices continuing to settle back after what happened at the annual high country sales last week, which witnessed drops of \$800 to \$1000-a-head, across the five sales at



Shane Harris of Dumbalk was philosophical about the fall in prices for store cattle at Leongatha on Friday.

Hinnomunjie, Omeo, Benambra and Ensay from the "crazy prices" of last year.

Those dizzy heights are a distant memory now.

A pen of 21 crossbred dairy steers from Maffra, weighing an average of 378kg, which would have made up to \$1400-a-head last year, struggled to attract a bid even under the expert urging of Brian McCormack of Nutrien Ag.

Hopefully calling for bids above \$700, he got a start at \$500 and painstakingly moved the offers to a knockdown price of \$590.

A pen of 11 Angus steers (Mardan Lodge) that might have sold for as much as \$3000 12 months ago, and \$2300 in 2021, sold for an average of \$1700.

A run of 72 vendor-bred Angus steers (Harris Farms partnership Dumbalk), sold for an average of \$1600 where they might have sold for \$1900 in 2021 and \$600-\$800 more 12 months ago.

A run of bigger Angus steers averaging 563kg (N Belcher Woodside), sold for \$2200 and \$2300-a-head.

13 x Speckle Park steers (L Henderson Newry) averaging \$484kg sold for \$1100. "It's been a good season at Woodside, the rainfall was average, but we got it at the right time so the stock are looking good but it's March, so the cattle have to go," said Peter Boddy.

"Of course, it's disappointing," he said, noting how the price had come back \$800-a-head from last year.

"But that's the way it is. We can't keep them."

Shane Harris, representing the Harris Farms family partnership was equally philosophical.

His 72 vendor-bred Angus steers sold for an average of \$1600-a-head, also well down on last year.

"Under the circumstances, we're happy with that. You have to be. That's the way it is," said Shane.

"We don't always put cattle in here, usually selling them direct, but they're gone now."

Nutrien Ag Leongatha director Terry Ginnane acknowledged the fall in prices but said the industry remained buoyant.

Better bred cattle holding firm

Report by SGSA

AGENTS yarded 3100 cattle last Friday's VLE Leongatha store sale in another very good quality offering.

The better bred pens of the heavy and mid weighted and weaners steers generally held firm, but there was some improvement on a few lines of offer.

Plainer bred, Xbred and Friesian types sold to a cheaper trend with not a lot of interest shown with buyers opting to buy better quality.

Cows and calves were also cheaper.

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Leongatha Store Sale on Friday, March 24, 2023

Grown Steers

S & E Moriarty, 15 Angus	640kg	\$3.59	\$2300
Barooma, 14 Angus	617kg	\$3.56	\$2200
P & D Fowles 10 AA/BB	617kg	\$3.56	\$2200
N Belcher 15 Angus	563kg	\$4.08	\$2300
N Belcher 15 Angus	534kg	\$4.00	\$2140
Tnp P/L 11 Angus	513kg	\$3.60	\$1840
N Belcher 13 Angus	491kg	\$4.07	\$2000
I Ripper 16 Angus BB	491kg	\$3.66	\$1800
Ross Lawson 13 Angus BB	489kg	\$3.57	\$1750
Mardan Lodge 10 Hereford	486kg	\$3.49	\$1700
M & S Hunt 10 BB	477kg	\$3.75	\$1790
Williamsdale 10 Hereford	464kg	\$3.55	\$1650
Stonewarra 14 Angus	464kg	\$3.77	\$1750
S Fahey 17 Angus	462kg	\$4.13	\$1910
Stonewarra 10 Angus	462kg	\$3.70	\$1710
D & K Clark 19 Angus	456kg	\$3.92	\$1790
Stonewarra 25 Angus	454kg	\$3.87	\$1760
M & S Hunt 16 Angus	450kg	\$4.26	\$1920
Von Pace 21 Angus	448kg	\$4.08	\$1830
Von Pace 12 BB	448kg	\$3.93	\$1760
P & J Boddy 13 Angus	446kg	\$3.69	\$1650
M & S Hunt 19 BB	435kg	\$3.95	\$1720
D & K Clark 10 Angus	434kg	\$3.71	\$1610
Von Pace 23 Angus	420kg	\$4.16	\$1750
Keenage Past 19 Angus BB	416kg	\$3.99	\$1660

Weaner Steers

M & M Cattle Co 23 AA/BB	446kg	\$3.67	\$1640
M & M Cattle Co 20 AA/BB	424kg	\$3.53	\$1500
M & M Cattle Co 16 AA/BB	380kg	\$3.18	\$1590
G Moon 17 BB	365kg	\$4.00	\$1460
W Missen 12 Angus	347kg	\$4.58	\$1590
Spring Valley 24 Angus	337kg	\$3.88	\$1310
P & J Boddy 27 Angus	322kg	\$4.68	\$1510
Spring Valley 22 Angus	322kg	\$3.94	\$1270
AW & CM O'Mara 11 Angus	321kg	\$4.73	\$1520
P & J Boddy 22 Angus	316kg	\$4.43	\$1400
P & J Boddy 28 Angus	300kg	\$4.50	\$1350
Spring Valley 26 Angus	298kg	\$3.72	\$1110
P & J Boddy 21 Angus	283kg	\$4.59	\$1300
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G Moon 15 Hereford	382kg	\$3.97	\$1520
Keenage Past 20 Hereford	373kg	\$3.94	\$1470
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H Bland 17 Charo	334kg	\$3.79	\$1260

Heifers

Tnp P/L 12 Angus	439kg	\$3.50	\$1540
M & S Hunt 17 BB	437kg	\$3.66	\$1540
M & S Hunt 10 Angus	412kg	\$3.61	\$1490
A & B Wilkin 12 MG	407kg	\$3.57	\$1460
Keenage Past 10 Hereford	390kg	\$3.33	\$1300
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P & J Body 12 Angus	358kg	\$3.63	\$1300
G Moon 10 Hereford	354kg	\$3.44	\$1220
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Organising Committee L-R back: Danielle Park, Connor Steel, Rick Butler, Joy Pedersen, Dale Creed; front: Bonnie Dawson, Stuart Grigg, are looking forward to the Victorian Vegetable Field Days.

A vegetable industry spectacle

THURSDAY, April 27 to Friday, April 28, will see the return of specialist vegetable industry field days to Victoria, with the Victorian Vegetable Field Days to be held over the two days in Catani, south-east of Melbourne.

AUSVEG Vic have partnered with Stuart Grigg Ag-Hort Consulting and the two Victorian VegNET projects to run the event at Butler Market Gardens' Catani farm.

The organising committee of Stuart Grigg, Rick Butler, Joy Pedersen, Dale Creed, Bonnie Dawson (Food & Fibre Gippsland) and Danielle Park (AUSVEG) have been working together since July 2022, supported by Major Sponsor Elders Limited and industry RDC Hort Innovation, to deliver an event that showcases the entire supply chain to industry.

Field trials

The field days are an opportunity for growers to see upcoming vegetable genetics across a hectare of display crops.

Ten major seed companies demonstrating their lines are Terranova Seeds, Fairbanks Seeds, HM.Clause, Rijk Zwaan, BASF Vegetable Seeds (Nunhem's), Enza Zaden, Bayer/Seminis, Lefroy Valley Seeds, South Pacific Seeds

and Bejo Australia.

In addition to seed demonstration sites, the field days are also an opportunity to see examples of innovative crop protection and nutrition in action from Platinum Sponsors Syngenta and Corteva, as well as six other trials from Incitec Pivot Fertilisers, Stoller, Nufarm, Bio-Start, Omnia and EE Muir & Sons.

Gold sponsors

In a sign of enthusiasm for the event, VicVID has been well supported by over ten Gold Sponsors, including seed companies Australis Seed Company, Enza Zaden and major seedling supplier to the industry, Boomaroo Nurseries.

There will be further displays of crop protection and nutrition products from Gold sponsors Haifa Australia, Groomchem, Sumitomo and ADAMA.

Local machinery agents Vin Rowe, Gendore Tractors & Machinery and Brandt | Agriculture John Deere will have their most exciting machines on display, and AgPick will be showing off their system which promises to make the current piece-rate system easier to utilise and better for both grower and worker.

Attendees will be welcomed onsite by national industry

representative body, AUSVEG, who will be ensuring growers follow correct biosecurity procedures, including a digital check-in process. Butler Market Gardens has been trialling digital check-in platform Onsite in the lead-up to the event, which alerts to site visitors, steps them through their biosecurity protocols and alerts them to any risks.

Learning opportunities in the Event Hub

The committee has invited a number of special guests to present from the Events Hub marquee throughout the two days, including international Spinach Superstars Distinguished Professor Jim Correll and Dr Lindsey du Toit, who will preview the International Spinach Conference scheduled for the following Monday.

Levy-funded extension project VegNET will provide an overview of activities available to growers across the state and other R&D investments across the country, including an overview of Gatton's Smart Farm.

Aerial Solutions will be demonstrating their drone spraying services, which can be utilised over open fields and glasshouses.

The benefits of cover cropping will again be on display, following their success-

ful presentation at 2020's East Gippsland Vegetable Innovation Days, and a Future Drought Hub & VegNET Gippsland project which has been trialling soil moisture monitoring technology on-site will provide an opportunity for further learning.

Elders Vegetable Industry Networking Event

One of the greatest benefits expected to come from the event will be the fantastic opportunity it provides for growers and other industry members to catch up. For many it will be the first time to see each other after three long and challenging years. All are invited to attend the Elders Vegetable Industry Networking Event on the Thursday night, which will be held in the nearby town of Bunyip. Guests will be entertained by well-known comedian Dave O'Neil and local musician Emily Murdica. Places are being snapped up quickly so register now at <https://www.trybooking.com/CFTKK>

The Field Days will be officially opened at 10am on Thursday, April 27, and run through until 2pm on Friday at Butler Market Gardens, 200 McDonald Road, Catani.

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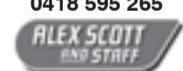
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Cam Sinclair talks to the Motocross host about career highlights.

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Three riders delivered a breath-taking performance and displayed raw talent and skill while performing death defying tricks, flips and twists that had the crowd mesmerised. Talented riders included Zac Cuthbert, Tommy Richards and 38-year-old Cam Sinclair, from Cranbourne.

Cam was one of the first motocross riders to perform the difficult triple back stunt a few years ago. Cam mentioned during the show that while pulling off the triple back is a career highlight, the potential of injury together with being married and a father of two children, means his wife will not allow him to perform the dangerous trick again.



Cam Sinclair performs the Superman seat grab.

Local businesses make the most of Farm World



"We're here and we're local, with stores in Leongatha, Warragul and Maffra," Glyn O'Gorman of Gendore and Adam Unthangs in front of the popular Taege 4.8 triple box air seeder. Glyn commented that the Taege 4.8 has been selling well because of its 4.8m working width, which folds to 3.1m making road transportation easier, and it can be towed by a vehicle with 130 horsepower.



"We've been coming to these field days for years and years now and it's a really great opportunity to showcase our different machinery, our different brands; we're not just a John Deere dealer, we've got Goldacres, Grizzly and Bogballe. It's just a great opportunity to get some of the gear up here, showcase it and let people see it face to face," Leongatha Brandt Manager, Derek Holt, said at Farm World over the weekend.



"It's good to catch up with everyone initially and it's a good chance to show off some of our shiny products and new machines," Cameron Chapman of Chapman Machinery said while in front of the Massey Ferguson 8S.265, award-winning Tractor of the Year 2021, with a new separate and silent cab, innovative transmission and a new package of systems and technology.



Women in focus at Farm World

MORE than 200 friends and colleagues gathered on Friday, March 24, and attended the much-loved Telstra Women in Ag Luncheon at Farm World, Lardner Park.

The event is held each year in celebration for the women who live and work in agriculture and who are making huge impacts and transformations within their business and communities across rural and regional Australia.

This year attendees heard from two of Australia's top-class speakers. The inspiring and highly successful Pip Courtney, journalist and

television presenter, known for her work as a reporter and host for the ABC series Landline, and from Katie Brown, the multi-talented news reporter, presenter, TV and sports show host.

The lunch has become a popular, signature event on the Farm World calendar and has been held since 2012 to recognise and celebrate the contribution that women make in rural and regional Australia.

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Young farmer in the making

GLEN Alvie local, Sarah Matthews, is the proud recipient of the Gardiner Foundation Shirley Harlock Scholarship for young dairy farmers.

Named in recognition of the services contributed to the industry by Shirley Harlock, a strong advocate for the Victorian dairy industry and a dairy woman herself of over 42 years, Sarah is looking forwards to commencing a Bachelor of Environmental Science and Management this week at Charles Sturt University, Albury.

"Growing up on a dairy farm you have so much freedom," Sarah said.

"I'm not an indoor person, so it was cool to be outside in the environment doing things I love like getting the cows in and milking. I have always had a passion for the outdoor environment."

"The scholarship came up at school (Bass Coast College) through my careers advisor, who said I should definitely sign up because it's something that will enable me to study without the financial stresses."

Passionate about where the degree may take her, Sarah is looking forwards to the hands-on experience that comes with her degree.

"The degree I'm doing is really cool because it includes a lot of workplace learning. We



Shirley Harlock, who the scholarship is named after, and Len Stephens, Gardiner Foundation Chair present the scholarship award to Sarah Mathews.

undertake a lot of placements in real world industries that we're passionate about, and they let us pick our areas. We can apply the skills we're learning as early as the second semester – that's what I'm most excited about."

It is no surprise Sarah has picked this field having been exposed from a young age to conservation work on the family's 400-acre farm, including tree planting.

"I see the importance of it, and I enjoy land management. I got the scholarship because

I'm passionate about making sure that the environment is preserved and sustainable for the future. I'm looking into my first placement in the Landcare industry, where they work closely with farmers and people in the environmental field.

"(Into the future) I would like to work in lots of different organisations because it is such a big field with so many different potential options coming out of this degree."

Sarah recommends young people apply for the

scholarship, if not to help ease the financial burden and potentially open more doors, but for the experience in the least.

"It was such a good experience – they were really friendly. My careers advisor emailed me an application with a few questions about my degree and how it would benefit the dairy industry, etc. I submitted it and got shortlisted. Had an interview in Melbourne, which I went up for and then got an email a few days later saying that I'd got it. I would encourage people to apply."

Rural communities get strong new voice

REGIONAL Councils Victoria has joined with 30 peak bodies from across Australia to create a new body to advocate for rural, regional and remote communities.

Rural Councils Victoria Deputy Chair Cr Laura Binks said, "RCV is a founding member of the National Alliance for Regionalisation which will bring issues facing Victoria's rural communities to national attention, particularly in the halls of power in Canberra."

"The Alliance provides rural Victorians with another strong voice and valuable avenue to advocate for what our communities need, including housing, skills, health care, aged care, digital connectivity, roads and much more."

Rural Councils Victoria is the only rural Victoria representative and the only Victoria-based local government representative group among the Alliance's founding members.

The Alliance, which was launched in Canberra on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, is an initiative of the Regional Australia Institute (RAI).

Are caterpillars destroying your grapevine?

JESSICA Harrison of Harvest Centre Community Gardens has found a solution. Protecting the new leaves to date the bee friendly solution is an experimental mix between chilli, garlic, oil and dash of washing liquid.

For tips, tricks and a good social gardening morning pop down to the Harvest Centre behind Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House Wednesdays from 9.30am to noon.



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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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Duffy & Simon Lawyers will be running free seminars for impacted parties in regard to the Marinus Link project.

Marinus Link project: know your rights

ACCORDING to the website of the Marinus Link project they have initiated their Design and Approvals Phase of the proposed 1500 megawatt capacity undersea and underground electricity connection.

This stage requires the issuing of Access Licence agreements to landowners, enabling them to access land and easements.

They require this to conduct a range of surveys and assessments to develop the necessary planning and environmental approvals needed to determine the suitability of land within the

proposed route.

Elements of this agreement should include the location of where access is granted, conditions of that access, compensation, if applicable and the process of dispute resolution.

It is imperative for landowners to seek advice before completing the agreement to ensure you are mitigating any ongoing risks, costs or damages.

Duffy & Simon Lawyers have represented and worked with landowners and occupiers for many years to explore their rights and negotiate a better outcome.

They work proactively to ensure any legal costs are paid in full by the authority, so landowners can decide without the added pressure of any costs being payable.

Over the coming weeks Duffy & Simon Lawyers will be running free seminars for impacted parties. Hosted by Partner of the firm, Damien McKenna, he will inform those present of what is proposed and occurring, as well as what they can do. For any further information on any of the seminars or how Duffy & Simon can assist you please contact info@duffysimon.com.au

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DEATHS

COOPER, Tanya Leigh:
16.08.1970 - 16.03.2023.

Passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with M.N.D.
Loved and loving partner of Mark.
Loving daughter of John and Margaret.
Loving sister to Robert and sister-in-law to Barno.
Loved auntie to Tamano and Harry.
A loved and loving friend to many.

"At Peace At Last, Forever In Our Hearts"

COOPER, Tanya Leigh:
Aged 52.
Passed away after a long illness.
My beautiful friend and work colleague.
Such strength and courage.
I will miss our chats and your presence in my life.
But will always hold great memories.
To your wonderful Mark, who showed such love, care, and kindness - thank you.
Now rest in peace.
Carla.



CROSS, Eric Raymond:

11.01.1945 - 26.03.2023.

Navy Musician.
The President, Committee and Members of the Inverloch RSL mourn the passing of Eric.
Over the years, Eric was a constant participant in our ANZAC Day, Dawn and Remembrance Day services, proudly sounding the Last Post on his bugle.

Our condolences to Eric's brother Ted, and family.

Lest We Forget

GRANT (nee Murphy), Beverley Ann:

26.02.1953 - 22.03.2023.

Beloved wife of Robert for 48 years.

Thank you for being a wonderful mother and grandmother.

You taught us all about human kindness.

You will be very sadly missed.

-- Robert, Annette, Adam, Brian, Maddie, Kirk, Sarah, Adam, Shawn, Sherlyn, and Shantel.

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GRANT (nee Murphy), Beverley Ann:

1953 - 2023.

Passed away peacefully at the Alfred Hospital on March 22, 2023.

Beloved sister of Helen and sister-in-law of Barry (dec.), friend of George, aunty of Glenn, Rob (dec.), Roma, Natasha, and Jaylene.

Sadly missed.

Rest in Peace.

GRANT (nee Murphy), Bev:

26.02.1953 - 22.03.2023.

Loved sister-in-law of Judith.

Little did I know that morning, what heartache the day would bring, to lose a sister so dear who will be so sadly missed.

Rest in Peace Bev.

GRANT, Beverley:

Passed away suddenly on 22nd of March 2023.

Loved sister-in-law of Bill and Marianne and aunty of

Aaron, Daniel, and Davin and their families.

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HANKINSON, John:

Passed away peacefully at Calvary Strzelecki House Mirboo North, aged 93 years.

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DEATHS

HEDLEY, John Alan 'Johnpa':

26.08.1934 - 21.03.2023.

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Loving dad and father-in-law to Alan, Julie and Mark, Dave, Lee-Anne and Pete, Tim and Jodie, Laurette and Chris.

Adored Johnpa to all his grandchildren, great grandchildren, and Charlie Dog.

Loved very dearly by all.

To my Sweetheart, *I thought of you today and all the things we used to do, those very special memories that only we both knew.*

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HEDLEY, John:

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MILKINS, Ruth:

04.09.1923 - 24.03.2023.

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Loved wife of Allan (dec.).

Beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother to the families of Jennifer Kennedy, Elizabeth Semmens, together with Phil and Elaine, Geoff and Anthea, Sandra and Ron (dec.), and Glenda Milkins.

We were honoured and privileged to have been loved by this special woman. A living treasure, now at rest in her 100th year.

Private Cremation. Celebration of her life to be held at Wonthaggi Baptist Church in the near future.

SCAPIN, Gino:

05.03.1950 - 21.03.2023.

Passed away suddenly.

Loved and loving husband of Margaret.

Adored father of Maree, Lino, and Sonia.

Father-in-law of Danni and Josh.

Loved Nonno of Charlie, Gina, Jaye, Nicholas, Myar, and Oscar.

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SEXTON, Michael Frederick Halcomb:

Dr Michael Frederick Halcomb Sexton Inverloch, Victoria

10.01.1936 - 15.03.2023.

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04.01.1935 - 19.03.2023.

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All my love, Dianne.

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The love and support shown to the family by the community have been a source of strength and solace to all of us at this time of sadness.

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These roles will incl days, nights & w/ends.
Applications to jeff@thewesternport.com.au or in person.

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Registered Nursing (RN) - Night Shift

Banfields Aged Care is seeking a motivated and dedicated Registered Nurse specifically for night shifts to be a part of our team.
Your responsibilities will be to provide nursing care guided by the Director of Care including medication management, clinical practice and supervision, documentation, wound management, and palliative care.

The successful candidates will have:
• Registered Nurse qualifications and current AHPRA registration (RN only).
• Previous experience in residential aged care essential.
• Ability to lead, motivate & educate staff.
• Strong communication skills.
• Team player qualities.

Additionally, you will need:
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• Current Police Check
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Leongatha Motors is a multi-franchise dealer servicing Isuzu Ute, Subaru and Holden vehicles. We are seeking an experienced and customer-focused Service/Warranty Administrator to join our service department team. As a Service/Warranty Administrator, you will be responsible for managing and overseeing the warranty claims process for our products and services.

Responsibilities:

- Greet customers, listen to their concerns, and provide them with information about the services available.
- Schedule service appointments for customers, ensuring that they are booked efficiently and that customers are informed of any delays or changes to their appointment times.
- Review, and process warranty claims submitted by customers.
- Ensure all required documentation is completed accurately and in a timely manner.
- Ensure all warranty claims are processed in compliance with company policies, industry regulations, and government laws.

Requirements:

- Excellent organisational and communication skills
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment and manage multiple tasks simultaneously.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite, particularly Excel
- Experience with automotive software preferred.
- Knowledge of automotive industry and warranty regulations a plus

At Leongatha Motors, we are committed to providing high-quality products and services to our customers. We offer competitive compensation and benefits packages, as well as opportunities for career growth and development. If you are a motivated and detail-oriented individual with a passion for customer service, we encourage you to apply for this exciting opportunity.

Email resume to
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Bena.

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Our Positions Vacant / Situations Vacant columns are reserved for advertisements which carry a specific and genuine offer of employment.

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Part time

Our Inverloch office is looking for an experienced Property Manager to become a part time member of our progressive rental department.

You should possess excellent customer service and communication skills. Experience and qualification in Property Management preferred. Proficient computer skills, the ability to multitask and a passion to grow the business are essential.

Excellent package and above award remuneration.

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HR HELPERS

CLEANING POSITION

available at HR helpers.

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Part time/casual, driver's licence and own vehicle, two references, current police check, must be double vaccinated.

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Cook Position

We are currently seeking an experienced cook to join our expanding centre. We have a newly renovated kitchen including commercial appliances, your job role would include but not be limited to preparing and cooking all meals fresh daily. Support the development and maintain the food safety plan and program. Meet the individual food requirements of children and be organised and manage time effectively.

For the right candidate full time or part time positions are available

To apply for this position or for more information and a position description please contact Aleesha on 5674 6694 or email info@inverlochchildcare.com



WANTED CLEANERS

Holiday property cleaners needed for summer and ongoing periods including weekends. Must have ABN, own equipment and transport.

Please email expressions of interest to:
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Senior Property Manager
c-invrentals@alexscott.com.au
Phone 5674 1602

Administration Assistant

Wheel-A-Waste is a locally owned and operated company specialising in waste collection in the Bass Coast and South Gippsland area.

We are currently seeking an Administration Assistant to work 23 hours with extra hours required to cover annual leave.

Administration experience and good computer skills are essential.

Please send a cover letter and your resume to: The Manager, Wheel-A-Waste Pty Ltd PO Box 878 Wonthaggi, 3995 or email to: accounts@wheelawaste.com

Applications close Friday, April 14, 2023

JA1392

HM1068

Network Maintenance Technician

South Gippsland Water (SGW) are currently seeking a qualified and enthusiastic person to join us as a Network Maintenance Technician. The key requirements of the role are:

- Demonstrated qualification or equivalent experience gained in an operations, maintenance, or equivalent industry.
- Demonstrated ability to work and participate as part of a team and autonomously.
- Demonstrated knowledge and understanding of water/sewer/network and other systems.
- Strong verbal and written communication skills along with well-developed computer skills including knowledge and understanding of Monitoring systems (SCADA).
- Permanent Full Time
- Starting Location Leongatha/Toora, Victoria
- Flexible Work Arrangements Available
- SGW Enterprise Agreement Band O3

At SGW diversity is celebrated and respected as important for our wellbeing and success. We strive for a workplace that is equitable and inclusive. We welcome diversity in applicants.

Please go to <https://www.sewater.com.au/careers/> for more details about SGW, the role and how to apply.

All SGW employees and workplace participants must have received, at minimum, their first and second doses of a COVID-19 vaccine in accordance with SGW COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements Policy. Evidence requirements will be collected or viewed and may be stored strictly in accordance with SGW's Privacy Policy.

Applications Close Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 5pm



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We are looking for an ICT superstar to join our team.

ICT Manager

(Full time, Ongoing)

The successful applicant will enable and assist the Corporation to meet its regulatory obligations and strategic corporate objectives through the delivery of the ICT strategy and operations, improvement initiatives and the provision of high-level customer service.

Applications close 17 April 23

For application details go to www.westernportwater.com.au



What you can expect from us:

- A friendly, social & collaborative team
- A workplace that supports and values their staff
- Support from management and ongoing development and education opportunities

Desirable:

- Previous experience in Residential Aged Care.

We are a non-smoking facility.

If you believe you have the qualities and skills we are looking for please call: the Acting Director of Care, on (03) 5951 2500 or forward your resume to reception@banfields.com.au

JA1263

Employment

Complete jobs listing online | www.sgst.com.au



Registered Nursing (RN) Staff and Endorsed Enrolled Nursing (EEN) staff required

Positions for permanent part time and casual shifts at Banfields Aged Care

Banfields Aged Care is part of a family-owned Australian Aged Care Group Pty Ltd (AACG), which prides itself on imagination and innovation in caring for the aged.

We are located at 192 Thompson Avenue, Cowes, a short stroll into town for the local beach and shops.

Set amongst beautiful landscaped grounds. Banfields Aged care is a 90 bed residential care facility which provides an extensive range of services.

We are seeking motivated and dedicated Registered Nurses and Endorsed Enrolled Nurses to be part of our team.

Your responsibilities will be to provide nursing care guided by the Director of Care including medication management, clinical practice and supervision, documentation, wound management, and palliative care;

The successful candidate will have:

- Registered Nurse qualifications and current AHPRA registration (RN only)
- Current registration with AHPRA as an Enrolled Nurse with medication endorsement (EEN only)
- Previous experience in residential aged care essential
- Ability to lead, motivate & educate staff.
- Strong communication skills.
- Current Police Check.
- Team player qualities.
- Current influenza vaccination.
- Three COVID-19 vaccinations.
- Current Victorian Drivers Licence.

We are a non-smoking facility.

If you believe you have the qualities and skills we are looking for please call reception on (03) 5951 2500 or forward your resume to reception@banfields.com.au



There is a wonderful opportunity for volunteers to become a part of Banfields Aged Care

Banfields Aged Care is part of the Australian Aged Care Group which prides itself on imagination and innovation in caring for the aged, with a mission to excel in providing quality care services and accommodation. We are located at 192 Thompson Avenue, Cowes and the 90-bed facility is set amongst beautiful landscaped grounds.

Banfields Aged Care is inviting volunteers to become a part of the 'Lifestyle Teams Innovated Program' which is planned to enhance the residents' lifestyle.

Some of the ways you may wish to assist and support the program are by being involved in the: bus outings that occur one to two times a week (this varies week to week so flexibility is required); supporting residents with garden walks; wheelchair walks; bingo; hoy; happy hour; men's group activities; craft; art therapy; quizzes; BBQs; group discussion; etc.

This is a great opportunity to become involved with your local community and for further information please do not hesitate to contact reception on (03) 5951 2500.

It is a requirement that all volunteers have a current adult aged/disabled care police check, evidence of current influenza vaccination and 3 COVID-19 vaccinations.

Male volunteers are encouraged to apply!

Is your employment opportunity listed online?

Advertise your job vacancy in the Sentinel-Times and get a FREE listing in our online and searchable directory at

www.sgst.com.au

Email your job adverts to: ads@sgst.com.au

DEADLINE: Fridays 4.30pm

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC MEETING

at Wonthaggi Workmen's Club

**Wednesday,
March 29 at 7pm**

To discuss the future of
THE STATE COAL MINE
Friends of the State Coal Mine

LB0851



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL, KORUMBURRA

Administration Officer

We are seeking an experienced and suitably qualified Administration Officer for an almost full time (FTE .93) and ongoing position, commencing at the beginning of Term 2 (Wednesday, April 26).

The hours are from 8:30am to 4pm, Monday to Friday. For the right applicant/s, part time positions may be considered.

This is a category B, Level 2 position under the Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Limited Schools and Secretariat Agreement 2022.

Please email your application to the Principal, Mrs Sharon Anderson at principal@sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au including a CV and a completed application form which is located on our school website www.sjkorumburra.catholic.edu.au

Applications close
Wednesday, April 5 at 5pm

LB0856

Rose Lodge

ROSE LODGE OPPORTUNITY SHOP

AGM

Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of the Rose Lodge Opportunity Shop to be held at the Wonthaggi Workmen's Club on

Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 3pm

Dianne Willshire
Rose Opportunity Shop Committee President

LB0862



BAIRS HOTEL EST. 1890

Chef/Cook

Bairs Hotel Leongatha are on the hunt for a dedicated Chef/Cook to join our busy bistro

Full time position.

Must be able and willing to work weekdays and Saturdays, NO SUNDAYS OR PUBLIC HOLIDAYS REQUIRED.

The successful applicant must have experience as a chef/cook in a fast paced, high volume environment.

Be reliable and punctual.

Able to follow recipes, as well as produce new ideas.

Have a good eye for detail and presentation.

Above award wages & super.

\$1000 sign on bonus.

Please forward your resume to bairshotel@hotmail.com or phone 5662 2017 for more information.

LB0858

RACV

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST RACV Emergency Roadside Assistance and Towing

Leongatha and surrounding areas

RACV is seeking "Expressions of Interest" from suitably qualified and enthusiastic businesses to provide 24 hour/7 days a week, Emergency Roadside Assistance and towing to our members.

This will involve the utilisation of appropriate mechanically skilled staff, equipment, service vehicles and towing capability within this unique area. Businesses do not have to be located in Leongatha; however the operation of a workshop which practices a high level of customer service and workmanship in the area will be an advantage.

For an Expression of Interest

document please email

mark_beveridge@raccv.com.au

by midday Friday, April 14, 2023

LB0853



PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION LOCATED AT KORUMBURRA

Telstra plans to upgrade an existing telecommunications facility located at 2 Bridge Street, Korumburra, VIC 3950

(12B~4PP5434 & 13~4PP5434)

www.rfnsa.com.au/3950003

1. Telstra Limited (A.C.N 051 775 556) are currently upgrading existing mobile network facilities to allow for the introduction of 5G to Telstra's network. As part of this network upgrade, Telstra proposes the installation of LTE2100 (4G), NR/LTE2600 (5/4G), NR850 (5G) and NR3500 (5G) technologies at Korumburra locality and surrounds.

2. The proposed works at the above site include the removal of three (3) panel antennas, the reconfiguration of three (3) panel antennas and the installation of three (3) panel antennas (each no more than 2.8m long). Works also include the removal of three (3) remote radio units (RRUs) with the installation of three (3) RRUs and the installation of associated ancillary equipment. All internal equipment will be housed within the existing equipment shelter located at the base of the facility.

3. Telstra regards the proposed installation as a Low-Impact Facility under the *Telecommunications (Low-Impact Facilities) Determination 2018* ("The Determination") based on the above description.

4. In accordance with Section 7 of C564:2020 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code, we invite you to provide feedback about the proposal. Further information and/or written submissions should be directed to Teah Hammet, Aurecon Australasia Pty Ltd (A.B.N 54 005 139 873) via email to: eah.Hammet@aurecongroup.com or via post to: Teah Hammet, Aurecon Australasia Locked Bag 331, Brisbane, QLD 4001 by 5pm on 13/04/2023.

PUBLIC NOTICES



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HM7077



Special Meeting

Currently the Poowong Loch Cricket Club is in recess due to lack of players. The club has a full working committee and is in a sound financial position. But they lack the required number of players to take the field.

An open meeting will be held on **Monday April 3 at 7.30pm** at the Loch memorial reserve

to openly discuss the current position of the club and what that future may be.

Everyone is welcome to come along and have your say, keeping in mind, 'words can only do so much, but action is what is important.'

It is proposed to discuss senior cricket and the possible formation of a junior team. So please keep the conversation going and come to the meeting, ready to join with others to keep the club going with senior and/or junior grades.

At the end of the meeting a date will be set for an AGM.

For enquiries, please contact club president Peter Miller 0409 592 211.

J421465



PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION LOCATED AT FOSTER

Telstra plans to upgrade an existing telecommunications facility located at 27 Station Rd Foster VIC 3960

(Lot 2 on Plan 445724)

www.rfnsa.com.au/3960003

1. Telstra Limited (A.C.N 051 775 556) are currently upgrading existing mobile network facilities to allow for the introduction of 5G to Telstra's network. As part of this network upgrade, Telstra proposes the installation of LTE2100 (4G), LTE2600 (4G), NR2600 (5G), NR850 (5G) and NR3500 (5G) technologies at Foster. Proposed works at the above site will involve the removal of two (2) omni antennas, removal of three (3) panel antennas, installation of six (6) panel antennas (each no more than 2.8m long), removal of six (6) remote radio units (RRUs), installation of three (3) RRUs and associated ancillary equipment. All internal equipment will be housed within the existing equipment shelter located to the south of the facility.

2. Telstra regards the proposed installation as a Low-Impact Facility under the *Telecommunications (Low-Impact Facilities) Determination 2018* ("The Determination") based on the above description.

3. In accordance with Section 7 of C564:2020 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code, we invite you to provide feedback about the proposal. Further information and/or written submissions should be directed to Michael Cheung, Aurecon Australasia Pty Ltd (A.B.N 54 005 139 873) via email to: Michael.Cheung@aurecongroup.com or via post to: Michael Cheung, Aurecon Pty Ltd, Level 3, 25 Grenfell St Adelaide SA 5000 by 5pm on 13 April 2023.

J421465

Jackie Goodman has joined the Executive Team this month as the Quality and Risk Manager at South Gippsland Hospital.



South Gippsland Hospital rates highest in the state

CONTINUOUSLY improving safety in Victorian health services relies on staff sharing a positive commitment toward harm prevention and incident management.

Every year, staff in Victorian health services are surveyed about the safety culture of their workplace through participation in the People Matter Survey (PMS). The most recent survey results have been released, and whilst they were conducted last year, they reveal that South Gippsland Hospital (SGH) has rated the highest in the State, alongside Boort District Health, with 85 percent of staff having a positive response to safety culture questions.

SGH CEO, Paul Greenhalgh, said that the SGH team are a highly caring, dedicated, and engaged workforce.

"We were thrilled that 82 per cent of our staff participated in last year's survey. This is up from 55 per cent the year before. To have a team not only care about a patient's health, but also the health of our organisation, signifies that we have a good culture."

The PMS asks health service staff how strongly they agree or disagree with the following eight statements:

- suggestions about patient safety concerns are acted upon when expressed to their manager
- patient care errors are handled appropriately in the area
- management is driving the organisation to be safety-centred
- they are encouraged by their colleagues to report safety concerns
- their organisation adequately supervises trainees
- that their organisation does a good job of training new and existing staff
- they would recommend their friend or relative to be treated as a patient at their organisation.

"To recently learn that 85 per cent of our staff had an overall positive response to the safety culture questions, is just so pleasing. Even more pleasing is that specifically 96 per cent of staff would recommend a friend or relative to be treated as a patient here. That speaks volumes to me" Mr Greenhalgh added.

The SGH Board have recently updated the strategic plan, with quality care and safety being a key pillar.

At the recommendation of the Executive Team, the Board have also been fully supportive of resourcing the Quality team even more in 2023 with Jackie Goodman joining the executive as the Quality and Risk Manager this month.

Through Jackie's leadership, knowledge, and skills, SGH will endeavour to continue to strengthen their safety culture through all services in our Hospital, Community Centres and in people's homes.

Additionally, Jackie will be attending a Safer Care Victoria Quality and Safety Leaders forum on March 29 to collaborate, explore and understand more about staff perceptions of safety culture.

"We hope to identify potential levers for positive change that will support safety culture improvement in the Victorian healthcare system. It will be great to meet others in the industry and share ideas, and bring some fresh ideas back to Foster." Jackie concluded.

From the living the dream to living a nightmare!

MARCUS Ryan went from living the dream, travelling the world performing comedy, to a living nightmare – single, at home with his parents, unemployed and then the dog died.

It was rock bottom. And not a good Tinder bio! Not shy of a challenge, while many turned to alcohol in the pandemic, Marcus drove them to it!

He enrolled in TAFE and began his own business servicing Bass Coast and beyond.

Balancing bus life and performing, the Wonthaggi born comedian has been busy gigging around Gippsland, culminating with the filming of two big hometown shows in 2022.

"The local support was amazing to sell out the Arts Centre and add a night at Archies Creek, now I can't wait to get back on stage in Melbourne with this brand new show," he said.

'Chauffeur So Good' is a stand-up comedy show about

how a silly pivot idea became a legit business, with true and tall tales from behind the wheel, some valuable but mostly unhelpful tips on being a bus driver tour guide chauffeur but definitely not a taxi driver, encounters with celebrity footballers, reality stars and puking passengers on board and the ups and downs of trying to stay sober while everyone else is having a good time!

"It's taxi cab confession meets Contiki tour! And if you happened to be on my bus in the last 2 years and did something silly, sorry but you might find yourself part of the show!"

Matinee shows have been added this year on weekends so people can catch it early.

"It's definitely not a kids show but I don't want people missing out, so if you have kids in tow bring them along, they might just learn a few new words!" And what about the bus?

"I'll be taking a little break

from behind the wheel, heading overseas on my first comedy tour in a few years, but happy to say I'll be back later in the year to mine some more material from my passengers!"

Catch Marcus performing as part of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2023.

April 10-23 at the Elephant & Wheelbarrow, Bourke and Exhibition Street, 7.15pm Mon-Sun (no Wed) 1pm matinee Saturday and Sunday (kids free).

Tickets <https://www.comedyfestival.com.au/2023/shows/marcus-ryan-chauffeur-so-good>

Or visit <https://itsmarcusryan.com/> for more information.

Follow [@itsmarcusryan](https://itsmarcusryan) for giveaways, group discounts and to follow his tour.

RIGHT: Marcus Ryan will be performing as part of the Melbourne International Comedy Festival 2023.



Walk a little in their shoes this Palm Sunday

By SGRAR

COME and join our meeting and walk for justice for refugees on Palm Sunday, April 2 at 2pm under the Wonthaggi Mine Whistle.

Imagine being separated from your family for 10 years like our Afghan friend, A.

The family pines to be together but because 'A' had to run for his life from the Taliban and arrived in Australia without valid papers, the family was denied reunion in Australia.

'A' ran from the Taliban and has been recognised as a genuine refugee. Though he works, pays taxes, is a Tai Quan Do practitioner and referee, and a valued member of his community, he has been in limbo for 10 years.

If 'A' were to come to Australia tomorrow without a valid visa, to seek a safe place to live, he would be sent to the island of Nauru even though he ran for his life with no means of applying for an Australian visa.

The South Gippsland Rural Australians for Refugees, SGRAR, is working towards bringing more justice and compassion to Australia's refugee and asylum seeker laws.

Can we welcome the women,



Walk for justice this Sunday alongside local church ministers and SGRAR.

men and children who run from the atrocities of the Afghan Taliban, the Syrian bombs, Iranian torture as Jesus was welcomed into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday?

Can we welcome more refugees in dire need to our lucky country to share in our good fortune?

SGRAR invites you, your family and friends to meet and walk with us on Palm Sunday to ask for a kinder Australia, for an Australia that is willing to share its bounty with refugees and asylum seekers.

Though there has been some softening of punishing laws gov-

erning refugees in Australia with the change of government, much of the harshness to refugees criticised by the UNHCR remains. We still have boat pushbacks, offshore arbitrary indefinite detention of people who run for their lives to reach safety in the only way available to them.

Many of the people who have been recognised as genuine refugees and thus by international law owed protection, have lingered here for ten and more years desperate for family reunion.

Come and join our quest for justice for refugees on Palm

Sunday to ask for more just, compassionate laws alongside local church ministers. We will meet under the Wonthaggi Mine Whistle on Sunday to speak about welcoming the stranger and then walk around Wonthaggi in support of justice for refugees.

If you would like to join us, please email Felicia on sgrar07@gmail.com

If you would like to contribute to our fundraising for the Afghan family donations to Bendigo Bank Acc name: SGRAR BSB: 633000 Acc no: 155749153

Capital works \$29.5 million higher than budgeted

BASS Coast Shire Council's Quarterly Performance Report ending December 2022 was recently released revealing a capital works program \$29.5 million higher than budgeted.

Totaling \$58.5 million for the 2022/23 period, the capital works program is greater due to completion of \$28.2 million for works originally budgeted in previous financial years.

These figures are unsurprising given the Council's Quarterly Performance Report for January 1 to March 31, 2022, which revealed an expected \$26.9 million in capital works

that would be carried over to the current financial year, mostly due to delays as a result of the pandemic.

Kerb-side waste collections costs have also had a detrimental effect on the Council's budget with higher costs as a result of increase in population and bin lift rates, furthermore a higher landfill levy has been a direct result of increased volume of waste.

The third adverse impact on Council's year to date was an understated forecast planning revenue due to 'reduced planning applications.'

The report, however, does highlight a \$38.1 million surplus in the Council's year to date operating results with project foci including the opening of the Wonthaggi Guide Park Redevelopment, stage one of Rhyll Play Space, Cowes East Foreshore coastal works, Newhaven Soccer Pavilion and Cowes Boat Ramp Eastern Carpark upgrade.

The Council's progress report is reasonably positive with most actions underway.

However, some actions have been noted as at risk having been adversely impacted and

unlikely to be delivered.

This includes the completion of installation of public electric vehicle charging stations, and finalisation of the Neighbourhood Character and Housing Strategy (this is due to finalisation of the Victorian Government statement of Planning Policy).

There are also multiple actions that require Council's attention that have been noted as behind schedule – these include a Review of the Waste Management Strategy, Bass Coast Reconciliation Action Plan and development of Township Plan for San Remo.

Revamped Port Welshpool & District Maritime Museum official reopening

PORT Welshpool & District Maritime Museum's official reopening takes place on Saturday April 1.

The museum was closed for 12 months for major renovations, including reblocking, internal repainting and the installation of appropriate floor coverings that provide a look suited to the building's heritage.

The museum's collection has been bolstered through an event held offsite during renovations to encourage people to donate items of interest.

Everyone is welcome from 11am, with special guest Max Wood joining the celebration at 1pm, being both the current 'South Gippsland Shire Citizen of the Year' and a former president of the museum.

Port Welshpool & District Maritime Museum proved a popular attraction during this year's Sea Days Festival, but its reopening is yet to be officially commemorated.

"Come along and help us celebrate," museum secretary Janet Taylor said.

The museum building was once her home, donated by her father Arnie Smith, and displays the family's old fishing boat, the Janet Isles, built in Williamstown in 1914.

Janet said the Port Welshpool & District Maritime Museum always welcomes new items, stories and information on local history, as well as additional volunteers.

Janet encourages people interested in getting involved at the museum to call her on 0413 199 776.

Small Business Bus is coming!

WHETHER you are starting, building or transforming your business, the Small Business Bus can help you to develop your business ideas and capabilities.

- Leongatha - Financial Counselling Business Support, Wednesday, March 29, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Cinema Car Park

The qualified and professional team from Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) can provide a range of planning, welling and skills training to support services to help businesses plan for a better future.

- Korumburra - Wellbeing and Mental Health Advice, Thursday, March 30, 10.00am - 4.00pm, Kelly's Bakery Car Park

Health and wellbeing coaches from Eastern Allied Community Health (EACH) offer free tailored sessions. The friendly mental health consultants work with you to explore how our service can best support your business.

Visit <https://business.vic.gov.au/learning-and-advice> to register for either event.

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 28
▲ 5.10am	1.53m
▼ 11.16am	0.21m
▲ 6.13pm	1.64m
▼ 11.33pm	0.62m

WEDNESDAY	March 29
▲ 5.44am	1.48m
▼ 11.53am	0.27m
▲ 6.51pm	1.56m

THURSDAY	March 30
▼ 12.09am	0.67m
▲ 6.19am	1.41m
▼ 12.29pm	0.34m
▲ 7.31pm	1.47m

FRIDAY	March 31
▼ 12.46am	0.72m
▲ 6.57am	1.34m
▼ 1.06pm	0.41m
▲ 8.15pm	1.38m

SATURDAY	April 1
▼ 1.27am	0.78m
▲ 7.39am	1.27m
▼ 1.46pm	0.49m
▲ 9.09pm	1.31m

MONDAY	April 3
▼ 2.14am	0.84m
▲ 7.33am	1.20m
▼ 1.35pm	0.57m
▲ 9.10pm	1.27m
▼ 10.14pm	1.27m



Sisters Kerry Fitzgerald, Leesa Willmott and Sharon Oates are ready to tackle the 'Lions Ride for Sight' challenge, helping prevent blindness.

Lions Ride creates better future vision

KORUMBURRA will be the base for this year's 'Lions Ride for Sight', the 29th edition of an event raising funds to help eradicate preventable blindness and find cures or improved treatments for eye diseases, with this year's journey beginning in Wonthaggi on Friday April 14.

The annual ride travels a variety of routes throughout Gippsland.

This year's event starts in Wonthaggi, with riders tackling the hills of Woolamai, Nyora, Loch, Poowong, Drouin South, Jumbunna, Koonwarra and finishing the adventure in Korumburra on April 16.

A trio of sisters are participating, inspired by a family history of macular degeneration.

"It's a big thing if we can raise money for research to find a cure or slow the disease," Sharon Oates of Inverloch, one of the sisters said.

Her parents Colin and Pam, long-term Lions Club members, both have age-related macular degeneration, with Pam requiring eye injections every six weeks and Colin at an advanced stage of the condition and legally blind.

Sharon and her three sisters are in the early stages of macular degeneration.

The two siblings joining her on the ride are Kerry Fitzgerald and Leesa Willmott, with the other sister being Denise Bristow.

Of those riding, Sharon faces the biggest challenge over the approximately 240-kilometre course, only hopping on her bike in early February, while Leesa and Kerry were already social riders.

Sharon said she has generally been riding every two days, recently completing a 107-kilometre pedalling effort with Kerry and Leesa, passing through Archies Creek before lunch at the Grantville Corner Store and a return journey to Inverloch.

Parents Colin and Pam have been busy securing sponsorship for the cause, visiting various businesses.

Lions Clubs long ago joined the fight against blindness, motivated by famous blind writer and activist Helen Keller who issued 'Lions Clubs International' a challenge in 1925.

"Will you not help me hasten the day when there shall be no preventable blindness, no deaf, blind child untaught, no blind man or woman unaided?"

"I appeal to you Lions; you who have your sight, your hearing, you who are strong and brave and

kind. Will you not constitute yourselves 'Knights of the Blind' in this crusade against darkness?"

Lions rose to the challenge and made research into and treatment of vision loss a fundamental aspect of Lions service.

'Ride for Sight' was an initiative of the V3 District of Lions Clubs that is based in Gippsland and the Mornington Peninsula, with the inaugural ride going from Mallacoota to Melbourne.

Over the years the event has raised a staggering total in excess of \$1 million for research into and treatment of vision loss, mostly conducted by the Centre for Eye Research and Vision Australia.

"Team Sisters' would be very grateful if you could come on their journey and donate some much-needed funds for the 'Lions Ride for Sight' to help find cures for all the debilitating eye diseases," Sharon said.

Donations to sponsor the sisters can be made online at 29th-lions-ride-for-sight.raisely.com/t/teamsisters and are tax deductible.

The trio of sisters have set goals of completing the ride and raising \$10,000, with the latter an objective they are on course to smash, having already reached a total of over \$9,000 by March 22.

Tightlines

Around the Bay

With Jim's Bait and Tackle

THE days are getting shorter, the leaves falling off the trees, the water is cooling down and this weekend daylight savings is ending all signs that we are heading towards winter. The only thing that isn't showing signs of winter is the fishing. There are less people fishing but the quality of the reports is as good as we have seen all season both in the bay and offshore. We had a customer offshore during the week on the tuna, who has done several trips this season with mates, telling us that the tuna were everywhere.

They kept 2 but released about a dozen more and just left them biting but found them in close and all the way out to Cody banks.

If you are going to be catching to release change out your trebles to single hooks as they make it much easier to release the fish without injury.

The fish reported in the bay are not quite jumping in the boats, the sizes are very mixed up and a little more driving around and patience is needed but a feed of quality fish is easily possible. A couple of weeks ago it looked like we were going to see another run of snapper, but it didn't last and we are back to smaller pinkies with the occasional bigger one.

Whiting fishing at the moment is one of expect a whiting of every possible size to show up. Everywhere you fish for whiting lately has produced good numbers, but the sizes are all over the place. The fish are still very healthy, and you will get a good feed off 1/2 a dozen or so which is around the average number of size one's people are finding. There are always exceptions of course and some have been lucky enough to land on a good patch and catch their bag. What I am finding from the reports though is those catching a bag of fish don't have any or many over the 40cm mark whereas those only finding smaller numbers are getting much better fish. Where? It's the million-dollar question and it really has just been fish your favourite whiting spot where the conditions will allow you to. Our reports have come from everywhere lately and even a few showing up from the land-based customers as well.

Calamari, gummies and flathead are all being reported but whiting and tuna seem to be the targeted species and the rest just a bonus. There is quality, quantity, under-size, and none at all in the other species. It's just that time of the year where you head out fishing and really unsure what you might come home with because all is possible. Those actually targeting these other species are probably not doing much better than those just heading out fishing. There is another handful of species that I could add to the list as is the nature of this time of the year but more importantly it just shows how healthy the bay is at the moment.

Fishermen are their own worst enemy is a phrase I hear in the shop often and it's becoming more frequently, not just from fishermen but plenty of concerned members of the public as well.

You don't even have to spend five minutes on the computer to find a dozen groups trying to stop fishing, as an example just google the PEW group, this group is funded better than many small countries that start spot fires all round the world with one agenda.

Don't forget the Easter Good Friday Fishing Comp if you haven't entered as yet.

We will also have extended hours over the Easter weekend opening at 6am every day.

Email us your fishing photos
news@sgst.com.au



Thursday Burra Brewery day winners Winton Knop, Michael Westaway, Malcolm Legge, Philip Edwards, Phil from Burra Brewery Co, Bruce Cathie.



Woorayl lady's Anne Grist and Irene Holm.

FOSTER

Ladies

IT WAS pleasing to see a good turnout for the 1st round of the 4BBB knockout.

Thank you to Jenny Mountford for sponsoring the day.

Winners were Barbara Warren (12) and Rachael Brown (22) with 44 points.

Runners up Geraldine Sinclair (26) and Frances McGlead (22) 42 points. C/B

BDTL Robyn Galloway and Michelle Sait-Bennett 42 points.

NTP 6th Barb Warren and 17th Frances McGlead.

The raffle was won by Helen Fulton.

Wednesday, April 5, Medal Day, stall and second round of the Silver Spoon.

Merle Barham Trophy.

Pennant details on hand, section 2 won 3/2 and section 3, unfortunately had to forfeit.

Next round of the 4BBB needs to be played by the 23rd of May

KORUMBURRA

WEEKLY men's winners.

Tuesday, March 21

Stableford 27 Players

A Grade: Peter Van Agtmaal (16) 37 C/B

B Grade: Les White (24) 34 Points

NTPs: 1st Doc Dixon, 10th Kevin Dixon and 13th Brian Clasby

Thursday, March 23

Stableford: 13 Players

Winner: Steve Duffield (10) 38 Points

NTPs: 1st Roland Rees, 7th Steve McNamara, 10th Mick Belvedere and 13th Chris Clements

Saturday, March 25

Chris Clements Cup Rd 2: 31 Players

Gross Stroke: Mat Wrigley and Greg Jones 70

Nett Stroke: Nick Moore and Jai Van Dyk 60 Nett

Overall winners of the Chris Clements Cup (2 Rounds):

Stroke: Mat Wrigley and Greg Jones 73 and 70: 143

Nett: Jai Van Dyk and Nick Moore 62 and 60: 122

NTPs: 1st Peter Wallace, 7th Mat Wrigley, 10th Ian Gibson and 13th Roland Rees.

Ladies

LAST Wednesday, it was fantastic to have our new members playing in the comp and we extend a big welcome back to Gail Beer.

Heather Grist (21) won A Grade, 37 pts and Judy Webb

(20) was runner-up on a c/b, 31 pts.

B Grade was won by Jenny Blackmore (28), 40 pts and Gail Beer (30) was runner-up, 39 pts.

Betty Thomson (40) was the winner in C Grade, 34 pts on a c/b with Maree Wittingslow (46).

BDTL went to Karen Sorell (39), 33 pts and Beryl Brown (25) and Dianne Maskell (29), both with 32 pts.

NTPs were Lynette McIvor, 1st and Gail, 13th.

Four women played in the semi-finals for the Match-play event and we wish all the finalists the best of luck.

Tim O'Neill and Colette Pearl won the Twilight comp with 28 pts with a novelty double-points on one joker hole. NTP went to Terry Maskell and Viv Enbom on the 10th.

Two teams enjoyed the day on Friday, playing in the Wont-haggi Bowl.

Merrissa Cosson (12) won Saturday's comp with 39 pts and runner-up was Jenny Blackmore (27), 36 pts. BDTL went to Dianne Maskell (29) and Chris Rickard (24), both with 35 pts. Aliesha Wrigley, was NTP on the 1st, winning the Kelly's Bakery voucher and Jenny was closest on the 10th green.

Section 1 pennant had a loss to Leongatha at Phillip Island and Section 2 drew with Woorayl at Meeniyian.

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TUESDAY Stableford Comp. Division 1 winner by count-back was Stefan Bock with 35 points. Runner up Ralph Hendrich

Division 2 winner Brian Tollkuhn with 38 points, Runner up Noel Boyd with 37 points

Ball rundown to 34 points Wednesday Ladies Par Comp Winner Carolyn Cripps with +2, Runner Up Sue O'Connor with 0

Ball rundown to -1 Nearest the pins: 5th Kerrie Davey, 12th Anne Schellekens Thursday Stableford Comp

Division 1: Winner Roger Parker with 42 points, Runner up Ben Hall with 38 points

Division 2: Winner Peter Colgan with 38 points, Runner up Jason Herbert with 36 points Ball rundown to 35 points Saturday Stableford Competition

Division 1: Winner Darren Cooke with 40 points, Runner Up Dick Cousins with 39 points

A-Grade Winner: Rebecca

points by countback to Third placegetter Paul Christensen

Division 2: Winner Jacob Kirkwood with 38 by countback to Runner up Brendan Boyd, and Third place Paul Hamilton with 36 points

Division 3: Winner Dylan Bradshaw with 43 points, Runner up Kevin Curtis with 37 points, and Third placegetter Terry Davis with 36 points

Ball rundown to 34 points

This week we have our usual comps on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and Saturday will be our April Monthly Medal.

Be sure to book in ASAP if you haven't already as it always a popular day.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY Stableford March 21.

On Tuesday 62 golfers played in this Stableford Round.

A-Grade Winner: Ian Murchie with 37 points on a countback

A-Grade R/U: Ron Findlay with 37 points

B-Grade Winner: Leo De Bondt with 37 points

B-Grade R/U: Ken Lay with 36 points on a countback

C-Grade Winner: Sean Munley with 38 points

C Grade R/U: Peter Waters with 37 points

NTP 14th: Michael Westaway at 3.5m

NTP 16th: Trevor Steer at 0.8m

Congratulations to Garry Rotteveel for his eagle on hole 3.

Thursday Burra Brewery Stableford Event March 23.

On Thursday 77 members/guests hitting off on a shotgun start at 9am, enjoyed an excellent day out, with thanks to Burra Brewery for their valued sponsorship of this Stableford Round.

A Grade Winner: Winton Knop with 37 points

A Grade R/up: Michael Westaway with 36 points

B Grade Winner: Malcolm Legge with 41 points

B Grade R/up: Philip Edwards with 39 points

C Grade Winner: Peter Riddle with 37 points

C Grade R/up: Bruce Cathie with 36 points on a countback

NTP: 14th Michael Westaway at 1.31m

NTP: 16th Peter Dodgson at 2.04m

Saturday Par Event March 25

On Saturday we had 71 golfers take to the course this week's Par Event.

A-Grade Winner: Rebecca

Wilson with a score of 2 up

A-Grade R/U: Glenn Marshall with a score of 1 up on a countback

B-Grade Winner: Alan Starkey with a score of 2 up

B-Grade R/U: Peter Hartigan with a score of square on a countback

C-Grade Winner: Ben Chapman with a score of 6 up

C-Grade R/U: Ken McKenzie with a score of 2 up

NTP 14th: David Forbes at 1.89m

NTP 16th: Trevor Moss at 1.95m.

Ladies

FORTY women enjoyed a Par event last week.

Colleen Touzel took out the A Grade honours finishing square on the day on a count back from Marianne Leaver.

The B Grade winner was Bronwyn Debenham finishing plus 2 on a count back from Karen de Groot.

Winners of balls down the line were: Diana Holmberg +1, Bev Reinhard square and Sue Bowler, Vicki Milner, Karen Murchie, Helen Mackenzie and Anna de Bondt all finished on -1.

Marie Sands was the 9 hole winner with 18 points. Glenys Day and Loris Clark each won a ball.

Players are reminded that next week is the Ann Debenham Anti Cancer Shield and the Anti Cancer Stall.

MEENIYAN

Ladies

THE Meeniyian ladies enjoyed a friendly game of 4BBB stableford with the Woorayl ladies in their annual get together.

With eleven visitors and locals, we had a shotgun start.

The winners were Faye LePage and Sharyn Rayson with 41 points, the runners up were Irene Holm and Anne Grist 40 points.

Down the line balls, Andrea Thorson and Kath Davis 39, Heather Poletti and Jo Fennell 38, Irene Holm and Tricia Berryman 38 points Andrea Thorson won the NTP on the 2nd and Tricia Berryman won the NTP on the 14th which was second shot for handicaps 34 and over.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, March 23, Stableford.

A Grade: J Smeriglio (15) 38pts

B Grade: M Richter (23) 40pts

DTL: P Woodall 37, N Whichello, 36, M Payne 35, S Mc Kenzie, 33 c/b.

NTP: 6th, J Smeriglio.

Birdies: 4th S Mc Kenzie, 6th, J Smeriglio, M Snell.

Eagles: T Bradshaw 5th.

Saturday, March 25, Stableford, (Ray Bickerton Memorial Day)

Day winner: (C) Ben Mathews (18) 38pts

B Grade Winner: S Beitz (17) 37pts

A Grade Winner: B Bradshaw (11) 36pts.

DTL: R Jenkins 37, J Smeriglio, D Jerram, A Woodall 36, P Draper, R Matthews, R Pentland 35

NTP: 4th D Taylor, 6th A Woodall, 13th, B Bradshaw, 16th, J Kidd.

Birdies: 4th M Woodall, 6th, A Woodall, P Draper, R Matthews, 16th, J Smeriglio, E Woodall, J Kidd, P Woodall.

PHILLIP ISLAND

SUNDAY, March 19, Stableford.

18 Hole - The winner was Tony Valena (9) with 35 points from Jake Wright and Heath Kolac

9 Hole - Winner was Cheryl White (20) with 21 points from Russell Wright 15 points.

Tuesday, March 21, Mens 18-hole Stableford

A Grade winner: David Nicoll (27) with 39 points from Peter Cartwright (6) with 35 points c/b

B Grade winner: Bez Moustafa (21) with 39 points from William Lang (18) 38 points

C Grade John Maglica (27) with 44 points from Victor Petropoulos (24) with 39 points c/b

NTP: 5th Alan Schache 7th Steve Mack 10th Steve Mack 14th Paul Adams 17th John Leheny

BDL to 36 points Mens 9 hole Stableford

Peter Matthews (33) was the winner with 21 points from Mal Macarthur (28) with 20 points

BDL to 17 points c/b Wednesday, March 22- Ladies 18 Hole Stableford

A Grade Winner Cheryl White (19) with 38 points

B Grade winner was Vicki Amato (29) with 4 points

C Grade Winner was Christine Riley (43) with 36 points c/b

BDL to 35 points c/b

NTP: 5th Zoe Frost 7th Debra Orr 10th Vicki Amato 17th Miyuki Yamaguchi

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Ladies 9 Hole Stableford
Ros Wells (39) was the winner with 20 points countback from Pauline Scoble (45) 18 points c/b

Thursday, March 23, Open Stableford

A grade: Alan Schache (5) 38 points from Christian Lloyd (12) 37 points

B Grade: Steve Sloss (15) with 35 points c/b from Dan Hall (16)

C Grade Winner was Paul Hewitt (29) with 40 points c/b from Lloyd Daire (31)

NTP: 5TH Wayne Morris 7th Geoff Owen 10th Paul Wagner 14th Steve Mack 17th Steve Mack

Open 9 hole Stableford Winner was Basil Moloney (15) with 21 points from Len Fenton (16) 19 points c/b BDL to 17 points.

Saturday, March 25, Stableford

Mens Results

A Grade winner was Mark Haringsma (8) with 38 points from Ian Smith (8) 37 points.

B Grade Winner was Greg Williams (15) with 41 points from Rick Banfield (14) 38 points.

C Grade Winner was John Fitzpatrick (21) with 42 points from Phil Foster (21) 36 points.

BDL to 34 points c/b.

NTP: 5th Jeff Sellenger 7th Phil Ellard 10th Rob Purcell 14th Craig O'Neill 17th Greg Stewart

Ladies Stableford results Ladies winners was Marlene Gibson (27) with 41 points from Pam Williams (41) with 40 points

NTP 5th Sheryl Smith 7th Megan Elbaz 10th Helen Coghlan 17th Helen Coghlan

BDL to 34 points c/b 9-hole Open Stableford winner was David Hensbridge (20) with 22 points

BDL to 16

The 9 holers play the Laurie Cook memorial honour board event each year over 4 rounds. The winner was our 9-hole Captain Ron Hately with a great score of 56 points, runner up with 54 points was Malcolm MacArthur, third place went to Alan Tindale with 51 points. This event was once again sponsored by the Phillip Island RSL. On hand to present the prizes to the winners was President Greg Mead, a huge thank you to the RSL and congratulations to the winners and all that participated.

WONTHAGGI

MEN'S results March 25, S.R 72.

Competition type: Par

Winners: A Grade Allan McLean +2, B Grade Phillip Studham +2, C Grade Glenn Moresco +1.

NTP: Ian Baker 2nd, Craig Harvey 4th, Bill Howard (propin) 8th, Kevin Loughran 13th, Ross Yann (money) 17th, Steve Brann 2nd shot 5th.

Men's results March 23. Competition type: Stableford 18 Hole, SR. 71

Winner: Mick Bourke 38 Runner up: Bruce Betts

Men's results March 23. Competition type: Stableford Front 9-hole, SR. 34.5 Winner: Alan Anstey 20

Ladies

ON FRIDAY, Wonthaggi hosted 22 local teams to our Bowl.

This was sponsored by the Wonthaggi Miners Dispensary with fabulous prizes. The Miners Dispensary have been ongoing supporters of our Bowl for many years and the players are thrilled with the trophies provided.

Phillip Island Golf Club successfully defended their title and scooped the pool in the Bowl and Grade winners. Great effort ladies

The Bowl was a narrow win by one shot with a total of 99 from two other teams on 98.

The winning team was Cathy Jones (29) 38, Pauline Scoble (45) 37 and Jackie Langsford (22) 24.

Grade winners all from Phillip Island were A Grade Lorraine Hammon (21) 36 points, B Grade Cathy Jones (29) 38 points and C Grade Pauline Scoble (45) 37 points.

NTP 2nd Mary Taylor (PI), 4th Wendy Cross (Won), 8th Lisa Brusamarello (Won), 13th Lynda De'Laney (Woorayl), 17th Janice Baker (PI).

Last week saw the semi-finals of the Board event 4BBB.

The winning pairs of Mar Ryan and Anne Poulton and Chris Yann and Donna Brosnan will play the final on Wednesday.

The remaining smaller field played stableford and Merryn Dear had a lovely (14) 37 points including a chip in birdie on the 13th. She was closely followed by Geraldine Prentice (24) 36 points.

NTP 2nd Catherine Bolding, 8th Marg Johnson, 17th Merryn Dear.

BDL Robyn Wilkinson, Irene Walsh, Lisa Brusamarello all 34 points.

WOORAYL**Ladies**

Twenty-Two players enjoyed a 4bbb at the Meeniyian-Woorayl Invitational day at Meeniyian Golf Club.

With one player from each club in the pairings it was a great day of fun and laughter.

The winners were Sharyn Rayson and Faye LePage with 41 points.

Runners-up were Anne Grist and Irene Holm with 40 points.

NTP 2nd Andrea Thorson and 14th for players with a handicap of 34 and over, 2nd shot NTP was Tricia Berryman.

DLB Kath Davis and Andrea Thorson with 39 points, Jo Fennell and Heather Poletti 38 points and Tricia Berryman with Irene Holm had 38 points.

Our thanks to Meeniyian Golf ladies who made us very welcome with friendship, delicious lunch and a birthday cake for the birthday girls.



Wonthaggi indoor bowlers Marg Hender, John Bird and Dot Harland.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club Saturday winners Dawn Jenson, Denise Silver and Frank Seaton.



Inverloch social bowls winners Ted Breasley, Terry Orford, Mal Marshall (skip) and Peter Gentsch.

INVERLOCH

THURSDAY'S Social Bowls saw 32 bowlers front up to contest their skills against quality opposition. Players were split into 8 teams of Fours playing 2 games of 10 ends.

At the end of play the third-place getters were the team of Terry Seaward, Peter Slingo, Karen Orford and John Cook.

Runners up for the day were led by Carol Waters with John Hallis, Fred Martin and Liz Jacobs.

The only team to win two games for the day consisted of Mal Marshall (skip), Terry Orford, Ted Breasley and Peter Gentsch.

MIDWEEK

ANOTHER great day as 25 of our family of bowlers turned up at San Remo to continue our weekly challenge.

Once again lots of laughter and friendly banter from all ranks.

There doesn't appear to be too many wrong bias bowls these days but, the RCH tin is still heading in the right direction.

A big shout out to Bob, Rob and John for helping out in the kitchen as well as Peter T in the bar.

Once again thank you to Peter and Pauline Mac for all the behind the scenes work as well as to John for his master of ceremonies duties each week.

Winners on 35 points were:

Craig Brown (S), Chris Brooks (3), Peter Thorley (L)

Runners Up on 3 points were:

Rob Jeffries (S), Gillian Harper

(3), Bob Arnold (L)

Best One Game on 21 points were:

Mark Andreatta (S), David Talbot (3), Shirley Corcoran (L)

Next Thursday we are looking forward to playing our final summer match at Koo Wee Rup and hope that all our group members can make it.

So be there at 10:00AM for a 10:30AM start.

WONTHAGGI

ON TUESDAY we received the sad news of the passing of John Hedley.

John was a long time member of the club, having played Pennant for many years, and was a very good club member.

We pass on our condolences to Dot and the family. Johns' funeral will be on March, Thursday 30, at 2.00pm.

Wednesday saw a good number of bowlers take to the greens, even with a number of bowlers away at Bendigo. Twenty-four bowlers played two games of triples on a fine day with a gentle breeze over two games of ten ends. There were two 2 game winners, with the winners being the team of Allan Gilmore, Frank Cimino and Aldo Sartori with a score of 2 wins and 34 points.

The runners up were Ken Webb, Lyn Tagell and Jan Jeeves with 2 wins and 30 points. It was also good to see John Paterno back on the greens after a long lay off.

The autumn weather is making Thursday morning very pleasant

with good numbers enjoying a game of social bowls and a catch up over lunch.

Saturday saw a smaller number of bowlers grace the greens, with a number of bowlers having a rest after Bendigo, plus there was an event at another local club, which a number of Wonthaggi bowlers attended as they support Wonthaggi as well.

On a perfect day for bowls we had two games of triples over ten ends with eighteen bowlers. The winners were the team of Dawn Jensen, Denise Silver and Frank Seaton with a score of 2 wins and 33 points.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 1.00 pm, Thursday social bowls at 10.00 am and Saturday social bowls at 1.00pm.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

THE week commencing March, Tuesday 21, saw an interesting finish with 2 teams on a win and a draw and both teams with a plus three.

They were team 1 Pat Smith, Judy Sweetnam, Jan Milkins and Pam Russell.

Team 2 were Brian Newman, Alan Ireland and Philip Fowler.

Friday's winners with a plus 22 winning both their games were Dot Harland, Marg Hender, and John Bird.

Runners up on plus 10 also winning both games were Sylvia Mattock, Thelma Kavanagh and Lance.



Trevor Scott Fours Perpetual Cup

THE Trevor Scott Fours is an annual event through the Inverloch RSL. Trevor Scott at 97yo played lead in his team. The eventual winners were M. Hannaford, G. Scott and P. Sheedy.

WONTHAGGI TABLE TENNIS

THE Autumn comps are off to a flying start at Wonthaggi Table Tennis.

The return of top A Grade players has been a great boost for the club and there have been a few surprises to deal with.

The clash between Jack Duff and Braden Andrigutto last week was, as expected, a great match.

The first game was a 12/10 win to Jack, the second 11/9 to Braden. Braden ramped up the pressure in the third for an 11/5 win and a very close 14/12 in the fourth. Well done to both.

Another A Grade top match was between Justin Lisis and Michael Chang. It went to five with each game very competitive.

Justin finally hit the winner in the fifth at 11/7. Justin's team (with Sean Michael) came home with a 3-2 win after a good doubles victory.

Mark Donohue and Sean Michael (Thunderbox) had a close battle against Andrew and Charley Donohue (Miners) for a 3-2 win.

Undefeated players in A Grade are Justin Lisis, Braden Andrigutto and Bruce Harmar.

Miners are on top of the ladder with a percentage lead over Underground Police (Braden, and Andrew Fremantle).

A Reserve was equally exciting.

Purple Wombats (Andy Chetcuti and Ryan) are on top of the ladder with a very slight percentage lead over Lazy Lambs (Leanne Costello, Poppy Duff).

Blue Dinosaur (Jason Meyer and Jay) are just behind in third place. Every point counts in this comp.

The only undefeated player in AR is David Kimmens.

Social table tennis continues on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 12.00 mid-day.

Juniors coaching is on Thursdays from 6.00 pm with David, Trish and Sam. All welcome.

For more information, please phone Trish on 0407 502 441 or Brad on 0432 311 047.

PHILLIP ISLAND TENPIN BOWLING RESULTS

2S COMPANY: 1st on 10pts King Pins, 2nd on 9pts Alley Cats and 3rd on 9pts Palms.

ABL: 1st on 71pts Knackers, 2nd on 60.5pts Pinpals and 3rd on 55pts Fairlanes.

Business Early: 1st on 11pts Balls Deep, 2nd on 10pts Sassy Gronks, 3rd on 8pts Happy Hour and 4th on 8pts Old Timers.

Business Late: 1st on 11pts Dynamic Painting, 2nd on 9pts Team Rich, 3rd on 7.5pts 3 Stooges and 4th on 6.5pts City Lights.

Phantom: 1st on 3pts AlleyGator, 2nd on 3pts Lucky13 and 3rd on 3pts Dish.

Top scorers:

Men: Jack Aitken 196, Matt Edwards 193 and Raff Merante 192

Woman: Chloe Else 181, Karen Klym 179 and Barbara Burns 140

PHILLIP ISLAND BRIDGE

ON MONDAY 20, line honours for North/South went to Matti Shub and John Quayle with 59.22%. Jill Short and Wendy McKergow had a good day netting 55%.

Albert Thomas who is visiting from Hong Kong played with Greg Nicholson and finished with 50.71%.

Ann Hodgson and partner Caroline Shaw set the benchmark for east/west with an impressive 73.33%.

Hannah Martin and Maureen Stiles followed with 59.58%. Shirley Stewart and John Farr weren't far behind on 58.75%.

Wednesday 22, winners were Leng Haggith and Caroline Shaw on 63.89%. In second place were Greg Nicholson and Diane Coleman on 60.42%. Shirley Stewart and Albert Thomas came third with 56.25%.

Two exciting red points events are happening in April. First our mid-week pairs on Wednesday, April 5, and then April 12. Round up your partner and let's try and get at least 6 tables for this event (normal start time).

The second is the postponed Life Members pairs on April 24. (Start time to be advised)

Caroline Shaw and Graham McKergow have been refreshing the home page of our web site. Check it out on www.bridgewebs.com, Phillip Island.

Wonthaggi pair triumph at Drouin



Sue Cartwright and Gerry Kool at Drouin.

SUE Cartwright and Gerry Kool travelled to Drouin on the weekend March 4-5, to participate in their level play doubles tournament.

Nine pairs contested each of the two sections making it two very long (and hot) days.

They managed 4 out of 4 wins on day one and 3 out of 4 wins on day two.

Their only hiccup being a 5/4 loss with the game timed out. A great effort to finish on top with the husband and wife team of Heather and Roger Bradbury from Bairnsdale, finishing runners-up with 6 wins and 2 losses.

The weekend before, Wonthaggi Club hosted a level play singles tournament with players from Benalla, Leongatha, Mornington, Drouin, Morwell, Sale, Phillip Island, Ringwood, Queenscliff and Drysdale. A great turnout.

Winner of section 1 was Garry Daley (Drysdale) from John Mitchell (Lakes Entrance) and the winner of section 2 was Claire Earl (Phillip Island) from Bob

Quale (Drouin).

The internal annual President v Secretary challenge was held on March 7.

A couple of cancellations meant that the President and Secretary (much to their chagrin) actually had to play to make up the numbers.

This year the secretary's team prevailed by winning 5 games to 4. Congratulations to them and all those who participated to create a fun day.

The new clubrooms are going ahead in leaps and bounds and the excitement is building as each day goes by.

With these much improved facilities, scheduled to be finished sometime in August, it will give the club better opportunities to attract new members.

Don't forget, club days are Monday (4.00pm to whenever during daylight savings), Wednesday and Saturday from 10.00am. We welcome anyone to come and have a try. See our web site for contact details.

Claire Earl wins Korumburra Croquet tournament

ON March 18-19, the Korumburra Croquet Club held a Tournament sponsored by Elders.

We had participating club members from Leongatha, Mornington, Sale, Phillip Island, Morwell, Drouin, Yarrawonga and Howlong. Sixteen players in all played well in a friendly and happy environment and a great day was had by all, in fairly good weather conditions.

The results were as follows:

In Section 1 Division Claire Earl of Phillip Island won with Michael Barber coming second.

In Section 2 Division Wilma Freeman from Sale won, with Nathan Reynold from Yarrawonga coming second.

We would like to thank all the people who played and the supporters who came to watch along with our members who helped on the day.

We would also like to say that our club is always happy to welcome new members, you can contact our president Helen Checkley on 56552247 or 0408 971 870.



First Division winners from left to right Elders sponsor Damien Minogue, Helen Checkley president of Korumburra Croquet Club, Claire Earl and Michael Barber.

Mixed results as Gippsland juniors takes on Mornington



Jared Goodwin (keeper, U18) in action against Mornington recently.

U16s Gippsland United

GIPPSLAND United vs Mornington has always been a heated competition and today was no exception. Welcoming back GFCU's striker Trent Frost #27, the boys banded together and played an exceptionally strong game against the winners of the NPL 3 league. GFCU having the majority of the ball in the first half and headers by Spencer Boughton #25, Lochlan Pillay #6 and Lucas Halden #32 kept the ball in our possession resulting in the first goal of the game scored by Leeton Hilli #22 assisted by Dylan Rosato #30.

The boys kept the pressure up in the second half surprising their opponents, who thought it was going to be an easy win. Working together they kept Mornington goalless for the majority of the second half but unfortunately, they got one through our defences and sadly followed it

by a second goal in the final moments. Our boys fought hard from beginning to end showing that they are getting stronger with each game and again the score did not reflect the how hard they played.

Score 1-2 to Mornington.

U18s Gippsland United

The Gippsland boys headed out to the park, 0 wins from 7 games with a rough start to their qualifying campaign. They faced bottom of the table Mornington, who had also struggled, going 0 wins from 8 games coming into the contest.

It was Gippsland who came out from the get-go, with Cho Cho Mohammed bagging his first goal of the season before pulling off an acrobatic celebration in the corner of the pitch. Soon after, Ronald Kong scored a 1v1 with the goalkeeper and doubled Gippsland's advantage.

In the last 20 minutes of the first half, Brody Dem-

agistris was able to find the net via a header from a corner, and a 1v1 finish after a delightful ball over the top by goalkeeper Jared Goodwin. Heading into the second half 4 goals up, it was the Gippsland boys who remained well in control. Abraham Konyi, a consistent defender, found himself in the midfield to start the second half, and within 3 minutes of his new role, found the back of the net in beautiful style to make it 5.

Mornington evened out the contest as the game got increasingly competitive towards the final 15 minutes, before Harry Humphries smashed the ball in from close range to hit Mornington for 6. A first clean sheet and a first win for the Gippsland U18 boys, as they look to continue their form against Dandenong Thunder on Sunday.

Gippsland 6, Mornington 0.



Second overall and a first in round three for Under 16 boys, Rye Cicero didn't hold back over the weekend.

Arch Rayner takes home U14 State Title

MAKING for an exciting but nerve-racking start for day two, the swell had filled in even more overnight with a pulse of 4-6 foot waves rolling onto the bank at Gunnamatta for the final day of Round Three of the Woolworths Victorian Junior Surfing Titles.

In the Under 16 Girls semi-finals Ava Holland (Dromana) and Sara Hickson (Rye) started out firing, using their home break knowledge to pick out the best wave in each of their semi-final heats. Holland scored the highest wave of the day, a 9.67-point ride, with a series of vertical backhand snaps.

On the other side of the draw in the Under 16 Boys, Rye Cicero (Sandy Point) was able to take the win and in doing so stop the winning streak of Jerry Kelly who had already secured the State Championship by claiming the first two rounds of the series.

Cicero, who showed that he wasn't going to hold back on any section, started off strong out the back by hammering a range

of turns all the way to shore.

This put him in rhythm as he went back out to pick up another wave that winded back and forth on the bank with Cicero putting together a strong carve and solid backhand snap to finish the wave off. He went straight back out again and picked off another wave allowing for another series of solid manoeuvres to earn a combined heat total of 15.33 points (out of a possible 20 points).

"It was a good final, I managed to find a few waves which were enjoyable to surf on," Rye Cicero said.

"I picked up a bit of a rhythm in this round which made the final really fun to surf," he concluded.

In an incredible overall result, Arch Rayner of Inverloch took home first place in the U14 boys, whilst Eva Based (Sandy Point), Rye Cicero (Sandy Point) and Scarlett Rennie (Cape Woolamai) took home second place in their respective age groups for the Woolworths Victorian

Junior Surfing Titles.

Round 3 Finals Results:

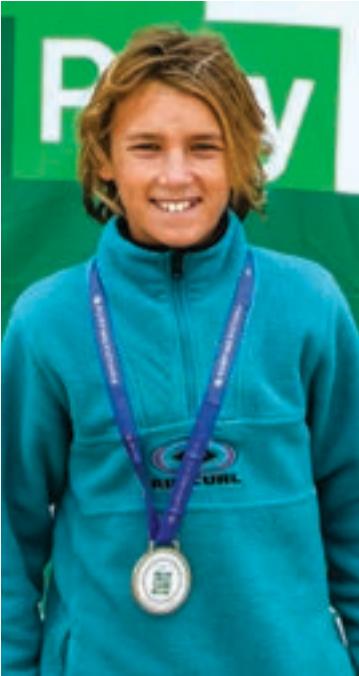
U18 Girls: 1st - Sarsha Pancic (Blairgowrie), 14.73; 2nd - Mia Holland (Dromana), 9.54; 3rd - Sarah Seuren (Inverloch), 8.24; and 4th - Juliet Muscroft (Jan Juc), 1.90.

U18 Boys: 1st - Lucas Hickson (Rye), 17.93; 2nd - Isaiah Norling (Barwon Heads), 13.70; 3rd - Willem Watson (McCrae), 13.50 and 4th - Willis Droomer (Jan Juc), 12.97.

U16 Girls: 1st - Sara Hickson (Rye), 13.10; 2nd - Ava Holland (Dromana), 10.37; 3rd - Dune Pruvot (Torquay), 6.57 and 4th - Billie Cook (Ocean Grove), 5.36.

U16 Boys: 1st - Rye Cicero (Sandy Point), 15.33; 2nd - Remy Filer (Jan Juc), 10.16; 3rd - Oscar Kerr (Ocean Grove), 8.37 and 4th - Jerry Kelly (Barwon Heads), 7.73.

U14 Girls: 1st - Rose Holland (Dromana), 14.87; 2nd - Scarlett Rennie (Cape Woolamai), 7.53; 3rd - Evie Lutz (Cowes),



Under 14 Boys Woolworths Junior Surfing Title winner Arch Rayner.

6.67 and 4th - Chloe Muscroft (Jan Juc), 6.07.

U14 Boys: 1st - Dusty Rayner (Inverloch), 14.84; 2nd - Harlem Pec (Jan Juc), 14.40; 3rd - Arch Rayner (Inverloch), 8.83 and 4th - Sunny Wouters (Victoria), 7.13.

Woolworths Victorian Junior Surfing Titles Overall Results:

U18 Girls: 1st - Sarsha Pancic (Blairgowrie), 2nd - Eva Based (Sandy Point).

U18 Boys: 1st - Willem Watson (McCrae), 2nd - Lucas Hickson (Rye).

U16 Girls: 1st - Sara Hickson (Rye), 2nd - Ava Holland (Dromana).

U16 Boys: 1st - Jerry Kelly (Barwon Heads), 2nd - Rye Cicero (Sandy Point).

U14 Girls: 1st - Rose Holland (Dromana), 2nd - Scarlett Rennie (Cape Woolamai).

U14 Boys: 1st - Arch Rayner (Inverloch), 2nd - Kai Coleman (Mount Duneed).

Help shape future of BMX and mountain bikes

BASS Coast Shire is seeking expressions of interest to join a newly formed BMX, Pump Track and Mountain Bike Reference Group.

Council receives many requests from the community for new BMX and pump tracks, as well as mountain bike trails, so is looking to create a strategy to determine the best locations for these much-requested amenities.

Interest in these popular sports continues to rise.

Council is now looking to establish a community led reference group to help develop a strategy to meet the needs of our BMX, pump track and mountain bike riders.

Under this strategy, the reference group will aid Council with determining suitable locations for new tracks across the Shire plus best-practise designs and masterplans. A consultant will closely collaborate with the reference group and Council officers, to deliver this strategy in 2023.

Members are asked to commit to a minimum 12-month term, with a maximum of three years, and four meetings a year at least.

Council invites everyone interested to apply, as they are seeking 12 diverse members across locations, ages, demographics and interests. Deadline for applications is Thursday, April 6.

For more information visit: engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/bmxpumpmountain.

Locals named in Gippstar awards

THE January Junior Gippstar Award Winner is Kira Waldron of Korumburra for her achievements in her sport of Clay Target Shooting. Kira competed in the Victorian State Skeet Championships at the Melbourne Gun Club and came away with the Gold in the women's division.

The February Open Gippstar Award Winner is Ian Southall of Mirboo North for his achievements in the sport of Veterans Cricket. Ian has been selected to represent Australia in the Over 70s series of three One-Day Internationals against England. The matches will be played in Brisbane, Sydney and finally in Melbourne at the Caulfield Cricket Club. Ian plays for the Gippsland Goannas locally. Ian previously toured England in 2015 as a member of the Veterans Cricket Association Over 60s team.

Nominations for March/April will close on May 6, 2023.

Please note that you can also nominate for the following annual categories:

- Team of the Year
- Club of the Year
- Special Achiever Award
- Gippsland Sporting Champion

These Annual awards can be nominated at any time during the current Gippstar year.

If you would like to recognize the sporting achievements of a Gippsland athlete or any of the above categories, nominations can be made online at the Gippsland Sports Academy website

<https://www.sportgippsland.org.au/gippstar-award-nomination-forms/>

Staggered start for local football netball leagues



The busy round of practice matches concluded at the weekend ahead of the start to the 2023 football season, including the Dalyston and MDU under 18s who had a spirited encounter in superb playing conditions at Dalyston.

MDU travelled to Dalyston, Inverloch-Kongwak played Traralgon, a team expected to make strides in the Gippsland League in 2023 and Leongatha travelled down to Berwick; as some of the local clubs putting their finishing touches on their preparations ahead of the start of the new season.

Locally, Wonthaggi hosts Sale in the opening round of the season on Saturday, April 1 after the two teams shared some very close contests last year with Sale ultimately ending the Power's run in the Preliminary Final at Morwell.

Leongatha cross the hills to Traralgon which is being touted as a likely improver in 2023.

Moe hosts Morwell on Saturday, Bairnsdale hosts Maffra in a twilight contest and Drouin and Warragul play a local derby at Drouin on Sunday.

The Ellinbank and District FNL starts with a bang on Saturday, April 1 with Poowong hosting Nyora at Poowong, a great way to get the season going locally. The comp then takes a break for Easter.

West Gippsland makes a staggered start to its season with the premiers Tooradin-Dalmore hosting Cora-Lynn on Saturday, April 1 and two of the local seaside clubs, Inverloch-Kongwak and Phillip Island staging games for the holiday crowds on Easter Saturday, April 8; IK versus Nar Nar Goon and the Island against Warragul Industrials.

The other West Gipps clubs including Korumburra-Bena, Kilcunda-Bass and Dalyston have to wait until after the Easter break to get their seasons underway.

Mid Gippsland doesn't start until Saturday, April 22.

Korrine and District Junior Association Tennis Grand Final

IT HAS been a fabulous season for Korrine and District Junior Tennis Association with tennis continuing to grow in the region with a number of Section 5 teams coming on board this year.

The Grand Final was held on a perfect tennis playing day on Saturday, March 25, at Wonthaggi and Inverloch with great sportsmanship and tennis skills on display.

We endeavour to keep these skills developing through the year with our winter competition to begin in May.

Congratulations to all of those teams who made it through to the grand final.

Pennant: Westernport Alcott 2-3-22 Ed Wines, Flynn Peters def Wonthaggi Graham 1-2-21 Macy Peterson, Zac Mabilia.

Section 2: Korumburra Victoria 6-39 Geoffrey Bye, Mila Cocks, Eamon O'Neill-Archibald, Toby Nicholas def Korumburra Radovick 2-24 Liam Thomas, Niamh O'Neill-Archibald, Ashlin Anthony, Edwards Hams.

Section 3: Phillip Island - 5-37 Henry Kelly, Eli Bowker, Oliver Raso, Archer Cameron def Korumburra 3-33 Zena Tanaka-Morrison, Mila Walker, Aslan Bye, Amarli Muranty.

Section 4: Inverloch 7-28 James Jacobs, Chelsea McNamara, Ines De Bellis, Mitchell Oliver def Phillip Island 1-17 Charles Cameron, Elijah Tuyau, Jordy Medlar, Leroy Cassles.

Section 5: Inverloch Cashin 3-12 Cole Hawkins, Ted Mcnee, Zeke Boyd def Phillip Island 0-5 Rex Fraser, Oli Hellmuth, Julian Leiber.



Pavilion looking good!

THE new pavilion for Wonthaggi Tennis Club is still expected to be completed in May this year.

The pavilion is expected to be a huge addition for the club and greatly expand their facility and events.

Pictured are recent photos of its progress.



AM&DTA Section 1 tennis premiers for 2023 are the Inverloch team of, from left, Ange Williams, Connor Krohn, Michelle Krohn, Justin Krohn, Bronwyn Williams and Richard Muranty.



AM&DTA Section 2 tennis premiers for 2023 are the Outtrim team of Marty Nicholas, Sarah Beale, Gavin Furness, Brooke Elford, Nick Beale and Noelene Cosson.

Inverloch reign supreme in Alambee, Mirboo and District grand final

A GREAT atmosphere was the highlight of the 2022/2023 season grand finals in both sections and for all supporters.

Section 1: Inverloch v Westernport

Inverloch ladies have played together for a number of years and used this experience to help their team toward a win over Westernport.

The Westernport men played well and won two of their sets. With just a two game advantage to Inverloch going into the mixed, it was still anyone's match.

All three mixed sets were played at once so no one had the pressure of how many games they needed to

secure a win for their team. Inverloch came away six game winners.

Section 2: Outtrim v Baromi

With all scores level going into the mixed, Outtrim or Baromi could have walked away with the winner's trophy. Like in Section 1, all the mixed sets were played at the same time. Outtrim won all three mixed sets and the match by seven games. All sets throughout the day were competitive, especially first mixed who had to play a tiebreaker - Baromi fighting back from 6/2 down. Well done to Matt Fraser who played in his first senior tennis grand final after playing

(and winning) the Junior final that same morning.

The Presentation Night followed the Grand Final at Brent Sinclair's Space47 in Leongatha which proved to be a well set up venue for the night. The food was enjoyed by all who came along. All teams were represented, which was great to see.

Part of every Presentation Night is the awarding of the coveted Most Games Won for each section. It was a particularly special moment for Score Secretary Mary Jepson. Mary won the award back when it was for most sets won. Susan Clark, Mary's daughter, has won a few of these over the years, and this time it was Mary's granddaughter Nicole de

Longville who won Section 2 Ladies.

All the winners were:

Section 1 Ladies: Bronwyn Williams

Section 1 Men: Connor Krohn

Section 2 Ladies: Nicole de Longville

Section 2 Men: Martin Nicholas

What a way to cap off a season that has been well enjoyed by all players. We have seen some juniors coming through in both sections - let's hope that we can continue recruiting some during the off season to help the future of our Association.

The Koonwarra Tennis Club have done a fabulous job to ensure a successful year, so thank-you to them.



C Grade Premiers: Leongatha Swaitek (L-R) Nathan Tresize, Declan Russel, Archer Commauder, Hudson Clasby, Ryan Perry.



B Grade Premiers: Fish Creek (L-R) Archie Henning, Leticia Prosser, Isla Sands-Morris.

Premiers decided for Mirboo North and District Juniors

RESULTS from the grand final - March 25.

A Grade: Baromi 3 sets, 29 games defeated Leongatha Nadal 3 sets, 28 games.

B Grade: Fish Creek 4 sets, 30 games defeated Baromi 2 sets, 23 games.

C Grade: Leongatha Swaitek 5 sets, 26 games defeated Leongatha Saville 3 sets, 20 games.

Congratulations to all players on a terrific season.

RIGHT: A Grade winner: Baromi (L-R) Eliana Carrigy, Zak Jones, Matthew Fraser, Flynn Carrigy.





Digger Brad Hayes is bowled by Ethan Smith in the B2 grand final. A22_1323



Craig Walker defends for OMK in the C2 Grand Final. B09_1323



With 2/13 with the ball and a match winning 59* with the bat, Leon Holderhead was awarded the man of the match shirt as player of the C2 Grand Final. B08_1323



The accomplishment of Leongatha Town wicket keeper Davern Goss in reaching 200 games in the side's premiership match is celebrated. A26_1323



2022/23 LDCA Grand Finals



Koonwarra's Josh Thomas looks to blast one out during the B Grade Division 1 final. Ns031323



Tharidu Asurumui takes out man of the match in the Sharks C1 premiership win against Korumburra - not out with 33 runs and two 6's. z23_1323



Captain of the winning team in A Grade Division 2, Korumburra, Rumesh Rangana, raises the premiership cup for his team mates.



Winning skipper Mark Hardy receives congratulations and Leongatha Town's B2 premiership cup from the LDCA's Gary Sauvarin. A27_1323



Leongatha's Michael Warren provided a shining light in what was a relatively dark innings for his side on Saturday. B10_1323



Lachie Cleeland helped set up Phillip Island's huge total in the A1 grand final, having a century in his sights when he lifted an easy catch to Ron Abeysinghe off Madura Madusanka on 92.

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Deane Mani takes 22 runs against Korumburra in Outtrim for the 2023 premiership win. Z25_1323

C GRADE

DIVISION 1

Phillip Island 2/104

d Korumburra 100

Korumburra - 1st INNINGS

PD Beadel lbw b MA Cleary	0
J Wrigley b MA Cleary	8
C Smith c LC Marshall b P Francis	3
J Rockall c MA Cleary b D Mani	41
D Scott not out	32
M Olden c J Parry b D Mani	3
T Morrison c MA Cleary b T Asurumui	3
GA Barrett c W Paterson b T Asurumui	2
J Petrie c W Paterson b T Asurumui	0
J Dunn c W Paterson b T Asurumui	1
D Whelan c GR Excell b D Mani	0
Extras (nb 2, w 3, b 1, lb 1)	7
Total 100 (38.3 overs)	

Bowling: MA Cleary 4-0-2-15 (1nb),
sT Sirirathnage 8-2-0-27 (1w), P Francis 8-4-1-
6, C Fall 8-0-0-15, D Mani 7.3-1-3-28 (1w),
T Asurumui 3-0-4-7 (1nb, 1w)

Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS

J Manning lbw b J Rockall	16
GR Excell b S McKinnon	26
D Mani not out	22
T Asurumui not out	33
Extras (nb 0, w 1, b 4, lb 2)	7
Total 2/104 (26.4 overs)	

Bowling: J Rockall 8-1-1-25 (1w), D Scott 8-2-
0-16, M Olden 5-0-0-22, S McKinnon 4-1-1-19,
GA Barrett 1-0-0-6, D Whelan 0.4-0-0-10

C GRADE

DIVISION 2

OMK 4/128 d Town 120

Town - 1st INNINGS

N Hodges c J Myors b G Lomagno	2
R Edwards b G Lomagno	8
R Hume lbw b G Lomagno	16
T Strybosch lbw b M Whiteside	0
Y Ratnaike c T Walker b B Maguire	1
A Fixter b D Wylie	13
M Warren not out	42
P Carter c C Walker b D Wylie	1
M Carter lbw b D Wylie	1
C Dowling c A Sorensen b L Holderhead	19
R Shields c A Sorensen b L Holderhead	2
C Smith not out	0
Extras (nb 0, w 1, b 0, lb 3)	15
Total 120 (39.3 overs)	

Bowling: M Whiteside 8-1-1-14 (1w),
G Lomagno 8-1-3-20 (1w), B Maguire 6-1-1-11,
H Sorensen 3-0-0-18 (7w), D Wylie 6-0-3-23
(1w), J Myors 4-0-0-18 (2w), L Holderhead
4.3-0-2-13

OMK - 1st INNINGS

A Sorensen b A Fixter	19
L Holderhead not out	59
G Lomagno b C Dowling	10
J Myors lbw b C Dowling	12
C Walker lbw b R Hume	7
B Maguire not out	15
Extras (nb 3, w 2, b 1, lb 0)	6
Total 4/128 (32 overs)	

Bowling: R Hume 7-1-1-33 (2w), T Strybosch
7-1-0-21, C Dowling 8-1-2-25, A Fixter 6-0-1-
36 (3nb), Y Ratnaike 4-0-0-12



Island Sharks take away the C1 premiership win. Tharidu Asurumui, John Manning, Chris Fall, Jon Parry, Captain Mick Cleary, Luke Marshall, Peter Francis, Wade Paterson, David Ivey, Sachin Sirirathnage, Gavin Excell, and Deane Mani. Z21_1323

Sharks take the crown

• C Grade, Division 1

FOLLOWING their convincing win over last season's runners up, Phillip Island travelled to the Outtrim Recreation Oval to face off with the giant killers Korumburra for the C grade Division one flag.

The Cobras knocked off minor premiers Inverloch in Inverloch in the Semi Final and won the toss and the big dance and elected to bat first.

However, unfortunately for them, that's about where their luck ran out as they lost both openers Patrick Beadel (0)

and Jacob Wrigley (8) early to be 2/10.

Things didn't improve soon after as they lost Semi Final man of the match Cameron Smith for just three.

Fortunately though for 'Burra, the duo of Jake Rockall (41 from 86) and Darren Scott (32* from 60) were able to steer them out of real trouble with a 46-run partnership.

Although, just as Rockall neared the half century mark, he was dismissed, sparking a complete collapse as the Sharks again took over, this time ending the Cobras innings.

Starting with the fall of Rockall's wicket, the Islanders claimed 7/27, led by Tharidu Asurumui (4/7 from 3) who claimed four of the seven in just three overs!

Deane Mani (3/28 from 7.3) took the other three as Korumburra finished 10/100, setting a Phillip Island a target of 101-runs for the premiership.

In the chase, the Island top order was superb, getting a great early start through John Manning (16) and Gavin Excell (26 from 52) and then recovering beautifully after losing Manning at 1/32, and then Excell at 2/52.

The dynamic duo in Asurumui (33* from 26) and Mani (22* from 40) who did so much damage with the ball, came in to finish the job with the bat, seeing the Sharks over the line with six wickets to spare.

Rockall (1/25 from 8) tried hard with the ball but it wasn't to be, as his side's brave finals campaign came to an end after a great season.

Congratulations to Phillip Island, after claiming the C grade Division two premiership last season and earning promotion to the first division, they are the 2022/23 LDCA C grade Division one premiers!

Holderhead keeps his head in OMK win

• C Grade, Division 2

WHILE a stoic rearguard effort from Michael Warren gave Leongatha Town a somewhat defendable target, a largely dominant display from OMK's bowlers set up a Diggers' C2 premiership.

Warren was the only Scorpion OMK couldn't dislodge, making 42 not out, but Leongatha Town was skittled for just 120, with medium pacer George Lomagno the pick of the bowlers for the victorious Diggers.

He wreaked havoc with the ball, knocking over Town's top three by the time the score had reached 29 and Leongatha never recovered.

Lomagno finished with 3/20 from eight overs.

"He's a stalwart of the club, about to notch up 500 games, so he's a big game player and he got handed the ball to open the bowling and got the job done," OMK skipper Jordan Myors said.

Fast-medium bowler Daniel Wylie also collected three wickets for OMK, damaging Leongatha Town's middle and lower order.

Mick Whiteside was another destructive force with the ball, claiming the scalp of Leongatha Town dangerman Travis Strybosch for a duck and allowing a miserly 14 runs from eight disciplined overs.

The off spin of Leon 'Lenny' Holderhead helped wrap up Leongatha Town's tail, ending the innings of Scorpion president



The 2022/23 LDCA C grade division two premiers OMK (standing L-R) Leon Holderhead, Daniel Wylie, George Lomagno, Michael Whiteside, Craig Walker, Noah Furness, Ben Maguire, Jordan Myors, Matthew Whiteside, Thomas Walker (sitting L-R) Andrew Sorensen and Harvey Sorensen. Umpires Noel Grayden and Ian Salmon. B06_1323

Cam Dowling (19), and taking 2/13 from four and a half overs.

"He tied the game down and made sure the tail didn't wag," Myors said of Holderhead's important role with the ball.

Holderhead's confidence carried over to his turn with the willow, opening the batting and making an unbeaten 59 and setting up a six-wicket win for OMK, helping him earn man of the match status.

"He dug deep and batted smart," Myors said of Holderhead's composed innings and ability to identify the balls to let pass and those to profit from.

Andrew Sorensen (19) played

an important role as Holderhead's opening partner, enabling the side to reach 42 before losing a wicket, a sizeable foundation for achieving the small target required.

Leongatha Town's bowlers stuck at their task, with Dowling claiming the top order wickets of Lomagno (10) and opposition skipper Myors (12), to finish with 2/25 off eight overs.

Strybosch fought back from the disappointment of his short innings with a strong performance with the ball and although wicketless, allowed just 21 runs from his seven overs.

He said that OMK and Leongatha Town have competed well against each other throughout the season, with each having success against the other.

took a wicket each for the outclassed Scorpions.

"It was a well steered ship by the captain that got us over the line," Myors said with a touch of humour as celebrations continued on Sunday, noting he tweaked the usual order of OMK's batting and bowling.

Myors expressed pride in OMK's achievements as a club, pointing out that three of its four senior sides made finals and two played in grand finals.

He said that OMK and Leongatha Town have competed well against each other throughout the season, with each having success against the other.



Koonwarra Leongatha RSL B Grade Division 1 premiers captain Jimmy Rushton (left), Paris Buckley, Matt Cooke, Nathan Trotto, Nick Arnup, Josh Thomas, Adam Drury, Nigel Grimes, Anthony Hunt, Mick Thomas, Brad Anderson (WK) and Matt Boswell. Ns011323



Josh Thomas looks to take his shot carefully. Ns081323

Cougars go one better in 22/23

• B Grade, Division 1

AFTER roaring into the big dance with a big win in the semis, Nerrena arrived at Scorpion Park looking to add a premiership to their perfect minor premiership season as they faced last season's runners up Koonwarra L/RSL.

The Red Caps won the toss and chose to bat first but the Cougars recent form with the ball shone through once again, after they knocked off a strong Inverloch side in the semi finals.

Koony had the fancied Nerrena in plenty of trouble early, removing Lachlan Roberts and James Kelly without scoring to have the minor premiers 2/7 early.

Both players scored half centuries in the semi final, so this start from the Cougars gave them a crucial boost in momentum no doubt and saw them push on to dismiss the dangerous David Baldi (20 from 59).

This ultimately changed the game completely as things began to all fall in Koony's favour.

The wicket of Baldi had the Red Caps on the back foot at 3/30 and then a flurry of wickets soon had them 8/54.

Although, the minor premiers were not going to give in that easy and Damien Symmons (43 from 69) gave it his all trying to wrestle back control of the innings putting together a 65-run stand with Tyson Harris (13* from 71).

Although Symmons' brave

knock ended prior to the half century mark and soon after, the Red Caps innings was over at 10/122, Matt Cooke's (4/13 from 10) spell was a crucial one in setting a 123-run target for the premiership.

In reply, the Cougars lost Cooke (10) early but unlike Nerrena, were able to recover from the early loss and continue on, behind the sensational innings of Michael Thomas (50* from 152).

The opener batted on brilliantly after losing partners in Cooke, at 1/12, then Josh Thomas (18) at 2/53 and Nigel Grimes (0) at 3/55 to steer the Cougars into an unlosable position alongside his captain James Rushton (33* from 48).

The pair's 68-run partner-

ship was enough to guide Koony home for the seven-wicket win despite Mitch Croatto's (1/10 from 4) efforts with the ball.

Nerrena's amazing season comes to an end, just one win short from making it a full sweep.

The Cougars skipper James Rushton spoke to the Sentinel Times post game.

"We've been building nicely throughout the year especially after Christmas; we've really dominated with the ball," he said.

"Nerrena have been the team of the year, they've gone undefeated apart from today and we've always had great battles with them throughout the past three years."

B GRADE

Koonwarra L/RSL 3/123

d Nerrena 122

Nerrena – 1st INNINGS

D Baldi c M Thomas b N Arnup	20
L Roberts c J Rushton b M Cooke	0
J Kelly st B Anderson b PA Buckley	0
MB Croatto c M Boswell b N Arnup	9
D Trotman c PA Buckley b N Trotto	7
D Symmons c J Thomas b N Arnup	43
Z Trease c J Rushton b M Cooke	0
WB Croatto c & b M Cooke	11
JA Checkley b M Cooke	0
T Harris not out	13
BD Trotman b J Rushton	0
Extras (nb 3, w 7, b 8, lb 1)	19

Total 122 (49.1 overs)

Bowling: J Thomas 10-2-0-17 (1w), M Cooke 10-4-4-13, PA Buckley 4-3-1-2, M Thomas 2-0-0-12, N Arnup 10-1-3-20 (1w), N Trotto 9-2-1-23 (1nb, 3w), M Boswell 2-0-0-21 (2nb, 1w), J Rushton 2.1-1-1-5 (1w)

Koonwarra L/RSL – 1st INNINGS

M Thomas not out	50
M Cooke b MB Croatto	10
J Thomas run out (JA Checkley)	18
N Grimes lbw b T Harris	0
J Rushton not out	33
Extras (nb 0, w 5, b 2, lb 5)	12

Total 3/123 (45 overs)

Bowling: JA Checkley 7-1-0-21, MB Croatto 4-1-1-10 (1w), WB Croatto 4-0-0-16 (1w), Z Trease 7-1-0-15, B Salmon 5-0-0-9 (1w), D Symmons 8-3-0-7, T Harris 10-1-1-38 (2w)

B GRADE

Town 4/128 d OMK 127

OMK – 1st INNINGS

R Quaife b L Hickey	11
S Handley c L May b N Fixter	34
R White c M Davies b N Fixter	4
J Greenwood c M Hardy b E Smith	8
B Hayes b E Smith	19
O Fitzpatrick c J Schelling b M Davies	3
L Jones not out	17
D Elford c D Goss b M Davies	6
P Jobling lbw b M Davies	0
D Jeffries c D Goss b L Gill	9
P Harper c L Gill b L Hickey	7
Extras (nb 1, w 6, b 1, lb 1)	

Total 127 (49.6 overs)

Bowling: L Gill 10-1-1-21 (3w), L Hickey 10-1-2-23, N Fixter 10-1-2-29 (1nb, 1w), L Ashton 2-0-0-17 (1w), E Smith 8-2-2-18 (1w), M Davies 10-4-3-17

Town – 1st INNINGS

M Davies not out	94
M Hardy c B Hayes b O Fitzpatrick	5
L Bowman c D Jeffries b J Greenwood	10
L Ashton b S Handley	0
C Bruce lbw b J Greenwood	0
J Schelling not out	10
Extras (nb 3, w 5, b 0, lb 1)	9

Total 4/128 (32.2 overs)

Bowling: O Fitzpatrick 6-2-1-22 (1w), P Jobling 3-1-0-10 (1nb), S Handley 10-1-1-34 (1w), R White 3-1-0-10, J Greenwood 5-0-2-28 (1nb), D Elford 3-0-0-8 (1w, 2w), D Jeffries 2-0-0-13 (1w)

Davies talk of 'Town' after epic final's battle

• B Grade, Division 2

MATT Davies' scorching 94 not out, despite Leongatha Town needing just 128 to defeat Outtrim Moyarra Kongwak, left no doubt who was man of the match as the Scorpions celebrated a six-wicket win.

Davies earlier performed strongly with the ball, capturing 3/17 from his 10 overs of medium pace.

However, other Leongatha Town bowlers inflicted early damage on OMK before Davies helped dispatch the lower order.

Noah Fixter accounted for the dangerous Scott Handley who had threatened to carry the Diggers to a defendable total, mixing respectful defence with aggressive batting.

Luke Handley (34) ultimately succumbed to an outfield catch, not getting enough on an aggressive shot to the leg side to reach safety.

He was OMK's top scorer.

Levi Hickey helped set the early positive tone for Leongatha Town, bowling OMK opener Robert Quaife for 11 on the way to 2/23 off his maximum over allotment.

Despite the excellent performance of Town's medium pace brigade, it was compact young leg spinner Ethan Smith who was the most enthralling to watch.

He had the Diggers transfixed, with Brad Hayes the only one prepared to take it up to the



Leongatha Town's B2 premiership team enjoy their accomplishment. Back row: Luke Ashton, Colin Bruce, Josh Schelling, Matt Davies, Levi Hickey, Lachlan Gill and Wil Dawson. Front Row: Lachie May, Ethan Smith, Mark Hardy (captain), Davern Goss, and Noah Fixter. Luke Bowman was absent for photo. A28_1323

youngster.

While that approach worked briefly, including turning a floating Smith delivery into a full toss and crunching a boundary, Smith soon triumphed, bowling Hayes for 19.

Being a junior prohibited Smith from bowling 10 consecutive overs and he finished with a compelling 2/18 from eight overs.

Lachie Gill took one wicket but played a significant part in the Town attack, conceding a meagre 21 runs from his 10 overs.

OMK's lower order, along with number seven batsman Luke Jones, showed tenacity to

bat out its 50 overs, only being bowled out on the final delivery after it earlier appeared the Diggers may fall well short of achieving that.

Jones' determined unbeaten 17 off 59 balls helped give the OMK bowlers a glimmer of hope.

With Leongatha Town still having work to do at the fall of its fourth wicket, OMK no doubt clung to the belief it could cause a match-winning collapse, but Davies ensured that wasn't on the cards.

He bludgeoned 10 boundaries and a six in a near run-a-ball knock, appearing a late chance to make a century.

However, Town sensibly made grand final victory the priority and ran out of runs for Davies to reach what would have been a thoroughly deserved ton.

Justin Greenwood (2/28) was the multiple wicket taker for runner-up OMK.

Handley backed up his solid batting display with disciplined bowling, taking 1/34 off 10 overs, with Owen Fitzpatrick the other wicket taker for the Diggers.

For Leongatha Town keeper Davern Goss, the Scorpions' commanding grand final victory was the ideal way to celebrate his 200th game.

B GRADE

Town 4/128 d OMK 127

OMK – 1st INNINGS

R Quaife b L Hickey	11
S Handley c L May b N Fixter	34
R White c M Davies b N Fixter	4
J Greenwood c M Hardy b E Smith	8
B Hayes b E Smith	19
O Fitzpatrick c J Schelling b M Davies	3
L Jones not out	17
D Elford c D Goss b M Davies	6
P Jobling lbw b M Davies	0
D Jeffries c D Goss b L Gill	9
P Harper c L Gill b L Hickey	7
Extras (nb 1, w 6, b 1, lb 1)	

Total 127 (49.6 overs)

Bowling: L Gill 10-1-1-21 (3w), L Hickey 10-1-2-23, N Fixter 10-1-2-29 (1nb, 1w), L Ashton 2-0-0-17 (1w), E Smith 8-2-2-18 (1w), M Davies 10-4-3-17

Town – 1st INNINGS

M Davies not out	94
M Hardy c B Hayes b O Fitzpatrick	5
L Bowman c D Jeffries b J Greenwood	10
L Ashton b S Handley	0
C Bruce lbw b J Greenwood	0
J Schelling not out	10
Extras (nb 3, w 5, b 0, lb 1)	9

Total 4/128 (32.2 overs)

Bowling: O Fitzpatrick 6-2-1-22 (1w), P Jobling 3-1-0-10 (1nb), S Handley 10-1-1-34 (1w), R White 3-1-0-10, J Greenwood 5-0-2-28 (1nb), D Elford 3-0-0-8 (1w, 2w), D Jeffries 2-0-0-13 (1w)

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- A1:** Shiran Rathnayake (Phillip Island) 112 ; Max Royal (Phillip Island) 5/44
- A2:** Ishanka Siriwardena (K'burra) 58* ; Ishanka Siriwardena (K'burra) 5/26
- B1:** Michael Thomas (Koon L/RSL) 50* ; Matt Cooke (Koon L/RSL) 4/13
- B2:** Matt Davies (Town) 94* ; Matt Davies (Town) 3/17
- C1:** Jake Rockall (Korumburra) 41 ; Tharidu Asurumui (Phillip Island) 4/7
- C2:** Leon Holderhead (OMK) 59* ; George Lomagno (OMK) 3/20

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Back-to-back victories for Phillip Island



As he has all season long, Amila Ratnaike gave it everything for Leongatha, but his side came up short. B03_1323



With an outstanding 112 in the first innings and two catches in the second, Shiran Rathnayake was awarded the man of the match shirt in the A grade Grand Final. B02_1323



Mudassar Riaz defends strongly on day two of the A grade decider on Sunday. B05_1323



Talented Sharks spinner Charith Keerthisinghe sends one down the Korumburra Recreation Reserve pitch. B04_1323

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Although, just as they had the first time, the Islanders recovered superbly and Thomas Keily (84* from 92) joined Rathnayake at the crease and the pair put 'Gatha to the sword, to the tune of a massive 106-run partnership to send their score north of 300.

Rathnayake eventually fell to Ratnaike after a scintillating century, but a late flurry from Brodie Johnston (22* from 20) saw the Island finish on a mammoth total of 6/385, setting Leongatha a target of 386 for the premiership.

On Sunday, Town began the chase and unfortunately, they didn't quite show the same ability to fight back after the loss of wickets as the Island showed a day earlier.

The Scorpions lost Hume (2) early and just as Ben Hanrahan (8) and their skipper Jesse Giardina (21 from 27) looked to reconsolidate the innings, they lost Giardina to fall 2/24.

Keily then struck again after sending the Town skipper packing, to remove Ron Abeysinghe (8) who was also starting to look strong behind the ball, the opening duo of Keily and Simon Kirton (2/8 from 8.3) proving once again to be a formidable one for the Sharks.

Hanrahan continued on and was digging in courageously with his side 3/38, looking to wrestle back the momentum however, the call from Mock to bring on Max Royal (5/44 from 15) was a game changer.

Royal bowled tremendously claiming five wickets, the first of which many would say to be the most pivotal, removing the form man of the competition and ever-dangerous Madura Madasunka (14) clean bowled.

This ignited the Islanders and Royal himself, he had Hanrahan soon after, trapped LBW after a brave knock at number three, then Dulaj Polwattha Gallage (8) after he combined with Ratnaike (31 from 34) for a brief counterattack.

With the wicket of Mudassar Riaz (5), Royal had four and had turned the Grand Final on its head, with Town 7/90, still 296 runs adrift.

However, Ratnaike was not going to see his Scorpions go down without a fight and launched a six out of the ground to change momentum, losing the ball in the process, an almighty strike.

Ratnaike gave it everything with bat and ball and he's done so often for Town, but in the end it just wasn't their weekend.

Royal claimed the wicket of the star all rounder for his fifth of the match and the Island were well on their way.

In a move that copped some negative feedback from the Sharks faithful over the fence, Mock took Royal off with one wicket to go, bringing on Kirton who finished the job, capping off the 276-run win.

The win shows that the Island are truly never out of it and just took 'the long way' in their pursuit of perfection, as Mock reiterated in his victory speech post game.

"We played our best cricket of the year in the last four days (two games) and as I've kept telling the boys, the cream rises," he said.

It certainly did, and once again the Sharks are the cream of the crop.

Congratulations to Phillip Island, the back to back LDCA A grade Division 1 premiers!



The premiers in A Grade Division 2, and promoted to A1 next season are Korumburra, from the left, back, Harshika Fernando, Steve Hamill, Jason Richards, Josh Whiteside, Tom Crocker, Peter Edwards, Tim Morrison (president), front, Zach Barrett, Cory Arnold, Daniel Salmon, Harry McNeil, Rumesh Rangana (captain), Mitchell Young, Inshaka Siriwardena and Noah Christensen.

Two moments that mattered in the A2 final

• A Grade, Division 2

CRICKET matches often swing on single events and there were two such incidents in the LDCA - A Grade Division 2 Grand Final on the weekend which propelled the undefeated Korumburra side to victory over Meeniyandumbalk United.

The first was a rearing, snorting delivery from Korumburra opening bowler Steve Hamill, only the second delivery of the whole match, which MDU opener Steve Arnup just managed to feather through to Peter Edwards in slips to give the Cobras the perfect start.

From that point onwards, throughout the MDU innings, they were on top, and notwithstanding the stoic knock by Mitch McGrath of 44 off 156 balls faced, the wickets continued to tumble at regular intervals.

Hamill finished with 3/42 off 22 overs, Harry McNeill and Harshika Fernando chipped in with one each and the team's Sri Lankan star, Inshaka Siriwardena, cleaned up the tail, taking 5/26.

In the end, MDU had made 112 off 60.4 of their allotted 90 overs.

Everything had to go right from that stage onwards, simply to make a game of it, and hopes lifted when MDU made an excellent start with the ball.

Korumburra had 29 overs to face on Saturday afternoon however any idea they'd be able to polish off the target in short order went out the window.

After facing 17 balls, Korumburra opener Harshika Fernando hit out aggressively at a delivery from Mark Cantwell and was caught by Ben Cantwell at midwicket and not long after, Cory Arnold was caught behind off Cantwell again, this time by the MDU captain Joel Sinclair



Inshaka Siriwardena dives to make his ground on the way to a match-winning performance in the A2 grand final.



MDU's Mitch McGrath was praised for his stoic innings of 44 off 156 balls in the grand final.

in slips.

Korumburra was forced to rethink its strategy with Cantwell really bending his back and MDU up and about in the field.

Siriwardena joined Jacob Whiteside out in the centre, with 2/12 on the board, and MDU tightening the screws at both ends.

The pressure boiled over, confusion over a call for a quick run left Siriwardena stranded in the middle of the pitch for what looked certain to be an easy runout but the

return from the field went wide and high, and the moment was lost.

Siriwardena made his ground, and the rest is history.

Whiteside and Siriwardena were more circumspect from that point onwards and returned safely on Sunday to clean up the remaining 67 runs for victory.

Despite offering another chance, Siriwardena finished with 58 not out, and Whiteside a chanceless 39 not out.

Predictably Siriwardena

was named man of the match but the umpires Steve McNamara and Ian Thorn nominated several other very good performances including Mitch McGrath's standout innings of 44, Steve Hamill's strong opening bowling and Mark Cantwell's bowling for MDU, taking 2/8 off 10 overs to have Korumburra on the back foot in the opening stages of their innings, a fair effort in the circumstances.

Speaking at the presentations afterwards, Korumburra captain Jimmy Rangana said "discipline" was the hallmark for Korumburra's unbeaten season, for everything from being on time for training and doing what was asked at training, to the approach on gameday.

He said the club was now looking forward to being competitive in A Grade Division 1 and the return of Inshaka Siriwardena, after a first-class season back in Sri Lanka, starting next week, will be crucial to the performance of what is otherwise a good, young side.

Siriwardena said he fully intends to return next summer to Korumburra but at 23 years of age, he still has ambitions of playing at the highest level in Sri Lanka and maybe beyond.

The umpires were praised for their management of the game and the grounds volunteers for the wicket and surrounds at Leongatha.

A GRADE

DIVISION 1

Phillip Island 6/385 d Town 109

Phillip Island - 1st INNINGS

EM Richards c A Ratnaike	17
b DL Polwattha Gallage
L Cleeland c R Abeysinghe b M Madusanka	92
DP Mock c B Hanrahan b A Ratnaike
D Bourke c & b D Hume	3
SL Rathnayake c R Abeysinghe	
b A Ratnaike	112
J Black lbw b M Riaz	0
T Keily not out	84
BD Johnston not out	22
Extras (nb 4, w 0, b 1, lb 10)	15
Total 6/385 (90 overs)	

Bowling: M Riaz 24-4-1-88, DL Polwattha

Gallage 9-0-1-35, M Madusanka 20-3-1-72 (1nb), A Ratnaike 18-2-2-84, D Hume 16-3-1-74 (3nb), R Abeysinghe 3-0-0-21

Town - 1st INNINGS

D Hume b S Kirton	2
J Giardina b T Keily	21
B Hanrahan lbw b M Royal	8
R Abeysinghe c SL Rathnayake b T Keily	8
M Madusanka b M Royal	14
A Ratnaike c DP Mock b M Royal	31
DL Polwattha Gallage lbw b M Royal	8
M Riaz c C Keerthisinghe b M Royal	5
P Jayasinghe lbw b C Keerthisinghe	5
S Clark b S Kirton	6
Extras (nb 0, w 0, b 1, lb 0)	1
Total 109 (44.3 overs)	

Bowling: S Kirton 8.3-3-2-8, T Keily 11-4-2-37, M Royal 15-5-5-44, C Keerthisinghe 11-6-1-19

A GRADE

DIVISION 2

Korumburra d MDU 112

MDU - 1st INNINGS

S Arnup c P Edwards b S Hamill	0
C Knox b H Fernando	15
MJ McGrath lbw b S Hamill	44
J Sinclair c R Rangana b H McNeill	8
T Nuwan b S Hamill	1
M Hooper b I Siriwardena	8
S Browne c S Hamill b I Siriwardena	8
T Sinclair c P Edwards b I Siriwardena	10
S Bright not out	3
M Cantwell c P Edwards b I Siriwardena	0
B Cantwell c J Whiteside b I Siriwardena	5
Total 112 (60.4 overs)	

Bowling: S Hamill 22-8-3-42 (2nb), J Whiteside 4-0-0-12 (1nb), H Fernando 12-5-1-13, I Siriwardena 13.3-4-5-26, M Young 0.1-0-0, H McNeill 9-4-1-12

Korumburra - 1st INNINGS

H Fernando c B Cantwell b M Cantwell	5
C Arnold c J Sinclair b M Cantwell	6
J Whiteside not out	39
I Siriwardena not out	58
Total 2/116	

Bowling: No results supplied



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The 2022/23 LDCA A grade Division One premiers Phillip Island (back L-R) Lachlan Cleeland, Simon Kirton, Max Royal, Jarrod Black, Daniel Bourke, Thomas Keily (front L-R) Brodie Johnston, Daniel Mock (C), Shiran Rathnayake, Eli Richards and Charith Keerthisinghe.

Back-to-back victories for Phillip Island

• A Grade, Division 1

THEY were shaky throughout the regular season, but when it came finals time, Phillip Island simply would not be denied, producing their best two performances of the year on their way to a second consecutive A1 premiership.

After just scraping into the finals race, the Sharks reached the decider where they faced

Leongatha for the second season running, a team who also just made the finals with a final round win.

The two sides faced off at the beautifully prepared Korumburra Recreation Reserve and the Scorpions won the toss and sent the Islanders in to bat first.

Having been bowled out for under 100 in their final two home and away games, the Island XI had the odds stacked against

them against the in form Town attack, but this didn't bother the reigning premiers.

They lost the talented Eli Richards (17) early with the score 1/19 but were not going to let this be the start of another dark day with the bat, and led by their champion captain Daniel Mock (40 from 96) began to surge.

Mock combined brilliantly with Lachlan Cleeland (92 from 175)

who looked as though he was in for a day, especially after passing the half century mark and getting a second chance after being dropped in slip.

Following the pair's 93-run stand, Mock was dismissed as the ever-reliable Amila Ratnayake (2/84 from 18) struck for Town, this sparked a brief fightback as Darcy Hume (1/74 from 16) had Daniel Bourke (3) caught and bowled.

However, the Scorpions just couldn't get a roll on, as Shiran Rathnayake (112 from 123) joined Cleeland at the crease and helped the Sharks take back firm control of the innings.

The pair put on 80, before Cleeland fell, just eight runs short of a century, and Jarrod Black (0) soon followed as the Town boys again began to fightback.

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