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There was a good turnout of surfers for Surfing Victoria's water safety program: Surfers Rescue 24/7, put on by GippsSports in conjunction with Surfing Victoria and local clubs Bass Coast Boardriders, Phillip Island Boardriders and Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club.

HOUSE PLANS REJECTED

- Climate change 1, housing nil

HOW would you feel? You've bought a 675m2 block of 'Residential' land in the exclusive enclave of Silverleaves on Phillip Island, for \$710,000 in June 2022, and had all the plans drawn up to build your two-storey, four-bedroom dream home.

But the local council, which declared a 'Climate Change Emergency' in September 2019, won't let you.

All the referral agencies including, Melbourne Water and the Country Fire Authority, have signed off on it and even the council's own planning and technical teams have given it the green light, finding no fault with the project despite receiving 29 community objections.

In fact, the council's own team of experts went so far as to prepare an approval recommendation for councillors to vote on at its meeting last Wednesday,

with five pages of conditions addressing most if not all of the objections raised, including that:

- The applicant must have a qualified arborist on site at the time of excavation to protect the trees being retained,
- The dwelling must be constructed with finished floor levels set no lower than 3.42 metres to Australian Height Datum (AHD), which is 600 millimetres above the applicable flood level of 2.82 metres to AHD,
- The entry/exit driveway to the carport/garage/workshop must incorporate a flood proof apex to no lower than 2.82 metres to AHD, and
- Any new fencing must be open style (50 per cent) of construction or timber paling to allow for the conveyance of overland flow.

It should have been an open and shut case. But, at the last possible moment, without previously discussing his objections with fellow councillors, it has been reported, the former mayor Cr Michael Whelan came up with an alternate motion, completely scuttling the local ratepayer's plans.

Cr Whelan formally listed his objections as follows:

- Excessive removal of vegetation.
- The project fails to respond to council's rules on sites affected by Land Subject to Inundation Overlays (LSIO) claiming it would increase the potential flood risk to life, health and safety.
- Unspecified issues under Clause 65.01 of the Bass Coast Planning Scheme, likely to simply be a repeat of the above two objections.

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House plans rejected - Climate change 1, housing nil

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But he only addressed the impact of climate change on the project when speaking to the motion.

Claiming he was reluctant to recommend rejection of the application to build a house in Bruce Road, Silverleaves, he said the lack of leadership on the issue of coastal inundation by the State Government was to blame.

"I have read the report by the officers and I understand the position they find themselves in. I also understand there's a juxtaposition with the previous issue where we talk about the inevitability of going through to VCAT. The issue here is, and I quote the Insurance Council of Australia, the modern planning schemes do not protect people from flood risk. And if you've read through the recommendations of the officers working within the planning scheme, it drives them towards recommending approval," Cr Whelan claimed.

"The problem is our planning scheme, I believe, and I've railed against it for probably seven and a half years, because it does not deal with these issues properly.

"I cannot understand Melbourne Water. They've been causing havoc around the place by knocking back development proposals in Pioneer Bay and Inverloch and different other places and suddenly this one just sails through with them. I don't get it.

"It has been put to me that it is because the other applications have been very close to



The owner of this residential-zoned block in Bruce Road Silverleaves has been refused a permit to build by the Bass Coast Shire Council despite the fact that all other referral agencies gave the project their seal of approval.

the coast, in the sense of being erosion risks perhaps. This one is right on the Rhyll Inlet. It's where the inundation will come from, is through the Rhyll Inlet. It's more exposed than if it was on Woodland (Avenue), although Woodland has other problems as we know. So that gets me. I just don't get it.

"I cannot be in a position of putting people in harm's way which is how I would see an approval. Now, I've heard the arguments earlier, and I understand them, and I do appreciate them that those other blocks have been allowed to be developed. Yes, they have but putting more people in harm's way isn't a justification.

"It is unfair, because the state and the federal government

haven't come together to develop the policy that allows us to deal with these legacy issues of developments in areas that are subject to hazards," he continued on in a similar vein.

Most of the other councillors accepted his views, voting 7:2 to reject the application, with Cr Ron Bauer and Cr Les Larke against, although some have since reassessed their opposition - too late.

Cr Larke said it wasn't council's role to be second-guessing the shire's own technical experts and other referral agencies and should simply be approving the application.

Public affairs advocate, and a member of the executive of the Bass Coast Ratepayers Association, Graham Jolly, said council had made the wrong

decision to refuse the permit without producing supportive data.

"The mean sea level (MSL) trend at Stony Point (Australia) is +2.62 mm/year with a 95 per cent confidence interval of ± 1.05 mm/year, based on monthly mean sea level data from January 1993 to December 2019.

"That would amount to a maximum sea level rise of 278mm by 2100, or less than a foot in the old measure, although I believe DEECA is working on not less than 0.8 metres by 2100 (Port Phillip Bay Coastal Hazard Assessment)."

According to the planning application report prepared for the owner of 42 Bruce Road, Silverleaves, the floor levels of the proposed dwelling have been set at 600mm above the Melbourne Water flood level "to create a suitable freeboard level and reduce potential flooding to the dwelling".

Mr Jolly said council's decision would likely send the application to VCAT, where it would probably be approved, costing the applicant time and money, and also the council thousands of dollars to defend a position that the shire's own officers don't support.

Local real estate agents told the Sentinel-Times this week that council's decision would be of great concern to other Silverleaves' property owners, noting if sea levels did rise significantly in the future, those properties backing on to the Rhyll wetlands would get decades of warning.

Huge outpouring at Dennis Vague's sudden passing

TRAGEDY hit the Wonthaggi education community last Friday following news that a highly-regarded, long-serving member of the Bass Coast Secondary College, Dennis Vague, was killed in a collision on Thursday afternoon, March 21.

Staff of the college came together to share their memories and their grief on Friday morning before issuing the following statement later in the day.

"Our College community is devastated by the tragic passing of Dennis Vague whose dedication to our students has extended for over forty years.

"Dennis was not only synonymous with our College, but he was also a most significant community member who was valued for his outstanding ability to connect with all, combined with his exceptional humour.

"Dennis was a true and genuine character; we are devastated, and our thoughts are with his family."

The news has also gripped the Wonthaggi and district sporting community.

And it prompted a spontaneous outpouring on social media as decades of former students, in particular, paid tribute to Dennis and to offer support to the family.

• Marcus Ryan: One of the great characters at school, left a great impression, always having a laugh and a fun teacher.

• Jay Cole: My teacher, work colleague but most importantly my friend... a true champion, the boss of banter, The Sherbet bomb king, the Monday morning footy debriefer.

• Ashlee Kate: I was devastated to hear this news today. Such an amazing man. One who had such an incredible impact for me whilst navigating the tricky years of high school. I'll always remember fish and chip days for the best-behaved home groups and all the sherbet lollies for the good kids.

And tributes from the local sporting community where he made a similar impact, at Wonthaggi and later at Bass in particular, have also been numerous.

• Wonthaggi Club Cricket Club: Devastating loss, we are all saddened by this tragic news.

The social media post on the Sentinel-Times' Facebook page alone was seen by more than 30,000 people, with 845 people offering support, 125 shares and 261 comments and condolences.

Mr Vague died following a collision in Pearcedale on Thursday afternoon. Police were told a car travelling on Tyabb-Tooradin Road collided with a truck approaching in the opposite direction about 4.50pm. The sole occupant of the car, Mr Vague, died at the scene. The truck driver was not injured and stopped at the scene.

The circumstances surrounding the incident are yet to be established and an investigation is ongoing. Anyone who witnessed the collision, with dashcam footage or information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or crimestoppersvic.com.au

Denis Vague, 70, leaves behind his wife Gayle, daughter Kara and son Ben.

Witness appeal following Inverloch assault

THE Bass Coast Crime Investigation Unit is appealing for assistance from the public as they investigate an assault that occurred in Inverloch in January.

It is believed the victim, a 20-year-old man from Inverloch, was outside a licensed premises on A'Beckett Street when he was approached by an unknown man about 12.25am on Friday, January 26.

It is understood the two

men had a verbal argument before the male offender struck the victim to the head, causing him to fall unconscious.

The victim sustained minor injuries and was taken to hospital for observation.

The man is perceived to be Caucasian in appearance, about 30 years old, and was wearing a t-shirt, shorts and a tattoo covering his left forearm.

Investigators have released

CCTV footage of a man who may be able to assist with enquiries.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or with CCTV footage is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or crimestoppersvic.com.au

RIGHT: Police have released these images of a man they wish to speak to in relation to an assault in Inverloch's A'Beckett Street on Australia Day weekend.



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IN BRIEF

Services Australia
visiting South Gippsland

SERVICES Australia's Mo-
bile Service Centre Blue Gum
is visiting towns across South
Gippsland in the coming
weeks, offering locals easy ac-
cess to Centrelink, Medicare,
National Disability Insurance
Scheme and Department of
Veterans' Affairs services.

Blue Gum will visit:
Korumburra on Monday,
March 25 at the rear of Kel-
ly's Bakery Café, Commercial
Street (9am to 4pm)
Poowong on Tuesday, March
26 opposite the swimming pool,
Ranceby Road (9am to 4pm)
Neerim South on Wednes-
day, March 27 opposite the
hardware store, Main Neerim
Road (9am to 2pm)

Historical cars
take to Apex Park

BASS Coast Historical Auto-
mobile Club Inc will be show-
casing the spectacular and
superbly restored beauties
within their club on March 30
as part of the Easter Display
Day at Apex Park.

Formed in 2005, the Club
provides a venue for people
who have a passion for histori-
cal and classic cars including
motorbikes, tractors, trucks
and stationary engines.

Sponsored by AutoPro and
Typrepower the cars will be on
display from 8am to 2pm, so
pop on down, view the incred-
ible lineup and grab a sausage
from the Lions Club whilst
you are at it. New members
are always welcome.

Where is the tapestry

THEY lost the mayor's chains,
they lost the harmony bells and
there were also fears that the
Bass Coast Shire Council had
lost the Phillip Island commu-
nity's hand-made tapestry.

But not so. In answer to a
question tabled at council last
week, Mario Boffa wanted to
know the reason why the tapes-
try made by the Phillip Island
community is not on display at

Berninnet for visitors to enjoy.

Response: "A final decision on
the future location for this tap-
estry has not been made. Dis-
cussions are underway with the
relevant community stakehold-
ers including the Artists Society
of Phillip Island."

Four arrested over
stolen vehicles

MID-AFTERNOON on Sat-
urday (March 23) two ve-
hicles were stolen from the
public swimming pool area in
Cranbourne East.

Intelligence led police to an
address in Korumburra.

Local Korumburra police
attended later that evening
whereby four persons were
arrested, including a 26-year-
old female from Rowville, a
30-year-old male from Cran-
bourne East, a 39-year-old
male from the Leongatha area
and a 42-year-old male from
Korumburra; and both vehi-
cles were recovered.

All persons arrested assist-
ed police with their enquiries.
Two were bailed to appear at
Dandenong Magistrates Court
at a later date and the other
two were released pending
further enquiries.

Compactor lights up

WONTHAGGI Fire Brigade
responded on Sunday morn-
ing to reports of a column of
smoke issuing from a premise
on Skip Lane, Wonthaggi.

On arrival firefighters ascer-
tained a compactor was on fire
on site and the immediate threat
was to piles of nearby mulch.

Local police attended along-
side Dalyston, Kilcunda, Inver-
loch and Kongwak fire brigades.

Device retrieved
from Guide Park

WONTHAGGI Fire Brigade
were called to a paddock fire at
the Guide Park on Sunday at
12.30am. On arrival local fire-
fighters found an area on fire
around an unknown device. Po-
lice were notified and the area was
made safe, and item removed. In-
vestigations are ongoing.

Entries open for the
17th Bass Coast
Business Awards

BASS Coast Shire Council is
excited to announce that entries
are now open for the highly an-
ticipated 2024 Bass Coast Busi-
ness Awards. Finalists will be
announced in July and the gala
dinner will be held in August.
For more information visit bass-
coast.vic.gov.au/businessawards

Chester MP raises
local funding fears

GIPPSLAND MP Darren
Chester, as the former Minister
for Infrastructure and Trans-
port, knows a thing of two
about road funding and the
troubles local councils have
trying to make ends meet.

He fears the Albanese Gov-
ernment is attempting to stall
an election promise to deliver
'fair increases' in local govern-
ment funding.

"The Prime Minister is kick-
ing the can down a pot-holed
road to avoid making any new
commitments to Australia's
local Councils in this year's
budget," Mr Chester said.

"Just a month ago, the Aus-
tralian Local Government As-
sociation publicly warned that
time was 'running out for the
Federal Government to deliver
on its pre-election promise of
fair increases to Financial As-
sistance Grants to Australia's
537 local governments'.

"Instead of keeping its prom-
ise, we have yet another review
from a government which has
failed to deliver a single proj-
ect under its regional grants
program after almost two
years in office," he said.

Speed limit reduced on
South Gippy Highway

THE Department of Trans-
port and Planning (DTP) has
confirmed the South Gippsland
Highway intersection with
Loch - Poowong Road and Vic-
toria Road will be permanently
reduced to an 80km/h speed
limit. This change is expected
to be implemented by the end

of March 2024, pending stan-
dard approval processes.

Other safety measures com-
pleted on February 12, 2024,
include improving visibility
with new road markings and
reflectors.

Further safety enhancements
are under consideration pend-
ing assessment of the speed
limit reduction's effectiveness.

Over the past five years, the
intersection has seen four
crashes, resulting in two fa-
talities and two non-serious
injuries.

Post It Note planning
at Bass Coast

Generally, the feedback to
the Bass Coast Shire Coun-
cil's trio of housing strate-
gies, including the Housing
Strategy, the Neighbourhood
Character Study and canopy
cover improvement plan, has
been positive.

Here's a few suggestions on
the shire's feedback board.

- Happy with the level of
change in Cape Woolamai
- Corinella needs large
blocks, relaxed lifestyle
- Wonthaggi used to feel like a
country town, losing that now
- Buildings of cultural &
heritage importance in Mc-
Bride and Edgar streets
- Are planning densities ap-
propriate? What about a
subdivision limit?
- Need blend of canopy cover
and density in town centre
- Keep Coronet Bay the way it
is, agree with change areas
- Infrastructure in Coronet Bay
not keeping up with growth
- Cape Paterson - koalas
visit my trees, I hope they
continue to do so. Cape Pa-
tersen is not the place for
development
- Cape Paterson - Infrastruc-
ture not good enough for
larger development
- Good to see the council sub-
mission is to bring the town
boundary back to Seaward
Drive
- Don't want massive devel-
opment behind us in Grant-
ville

EASTER
DEADLINES

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Can't build there, says Council: Permit refusal risks \$710,000 investment

GOING against the expert opinion of its own shire officers, the Bass Coast Shire Council has made a decision that local real estate agents say will send shockwaves through the Silverleaves settlement on Phillip Island.

Despite Melbourne Water opposing the development of other new homes at Pioneer Bay and also at Silverleaves in recent times, because of the risk of inundation from sea level rise, due to the impact of climate change, the authority has offered no objection to the proposal for a two-storey, four-bedroom home to be built at 42 Bruce Road, Silverleaves.

The land is also subject to the conditions of a Bushfire Management Overlay (BMO) and yet the Country Fire Authority offered no objection to the application, subject to suitable conditions.

Other referral agencies including the Department of Energy Environment and Climate Action, and the council's own Environmental Health department and arborist also offered no objection.

It was tick, tick, tick right down the application form and despite 30 objections being received, over such things as size and bulk of the house, overlooking and shadowing, and removal of vegetation; council officers dismissed these issues.

"The construction of a single dwelling which occupies just over 50 per cent of the site area is not considered to be overdeveloped. The site can accommodate the proposal," said officers.

They also said the height and scale of the house was "not excessive", and the

location of a fire hydrant "less than 120 metres from the subject site" plus a 5000-litre capacity water tank "exclusively for firefighting purposes" would ameliorate the bush-fire risk.

The shire's officers also noted that the project design had addressed the possible impacts of climate change:

"Consideration has been given to the building's response to climate change impacts which exacerbate height through raised finished floor levels, absence of fill padding and location of wicking beds at the furthest point from the abutting wetlands," said council officers in their report when recommending that council issue a permit subject to the conditions outlined in the report.

But that wasn't good enough for the Bass Coast Shire Council.

Despite the shire's Manager Strategy and Growth Donna Taylor reminding the council, prior to discussion of the application, that it had sought an assessment from Melbourne Water as part of its investigations, and received no objection, no one even moved the motion to issue a planning permit.

Cr Michael Whelan put up an alternate motion to refuse the permit and council ultimately voted that way.

Among his reasons for recommending refusal of the application were that the proposal failed to respond to the shire's inundation overlay cause for a 1:100 year flood, excessive vegetation removal and issues relating to environmental and other impacts as a result of the project, but he only addressed the impact of

climate change when speaking to the motion.

Claiming he was reluctant to recommend rejection of the application to build a house in Bruce Road, he said the lack of leadership on the issue of coastal inundation by the State Government was the problem.

"... Until such time as we have policy direction and those sorts of things on retreat and stopping further densification of development in hazardous areas, then we're going to continue to have these problems and they're going to rattle around through VCAT and all these other places probably come out with very bad outcomes I expect.

"I heard an esteemed colleague say the other day that we're dealing with the inundation and coastal erosion issue one planning application at a time. And that is right, and it shouldn't be the case.

"We are here because of a lack of policy direction from the state government and the federal government, more so from a different perspective but we need leadership here. Local Government cannot handle it, so that's why I'm recommending to knock this back but in the event there isn't support the substantive motion, I move this and believe it's the way we should go."

Cr David Rooks, who seconded Cr Whelan's motion, said he also felt frustrated about the lack of consistency from Melbourne Water.

"We should not be approving applications," he said, "that will be dealing with rising water levels in the future."

Cr Brett Tessari, who said he had always been one to support housing and

development also supported the refusal motion.

"It frustrates me that we are being put in this position, but this is obviously in a flood zone that is going to go under very, very early as sea levels rise."

He said Melbourne Water had "completely dropped the ball on this one".

"I feel so sorry for the owners of the land because they must be sitting there shaking their heads when they look around them and there are houses everywhere but we're refusing to allow them to build... but it just doesn't make sense to be approving a house, not that may be under water, it is going to be under water."

Cr Halstead also agreed it was the only option in the absence of any direction from government.

But Cr Les Larke disagreed, saying all of the agencies had passed the proposal through and that the property owners were well aware of what they were getting into.

In closing, however, Cr Whelan said a certain amount of sea level rise was already locked in as a result of climate change, which we aren't doing very well at addressing, and it was time government faced up to it.

The motion to refuse the planning permit passed on a vote of 7:2 with Cr Ron Bauer and Cr Les Larke against.

According to the shire's planning manager Donna Taylor, the applicant has 60 days to appeal to VCAT.

It's worth noting that the owners of 42 Bruce Road, Silverleaves purchased the 675m2 residentially zoned site in June 2022 for \$710,000.

Councillor Whelan still chained to the chair?

TWO-TERM former mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, seems to be having trouble handing over the reins to his colleague, Cr Clare Le Serve.

On several occasions at last Wednesday's council meeting, Cr Whelan tried to lay down the law to his fellow councillors, particularly Cr Rochelle Halstead, even though he wasn't in the chair.

It was a situation, according to avid council watcher, Graham Jolly, who attended the meeting in the expanded public gallery, that not only undermined the authority of Cr Le Serve but also impacted the orderly conduct of the meeting.

"Cr Halstead was clearly entitled to seek clarification during question time and the governance officer should have supported the mayor when Cr Whelan made his incorrect point of order," said Mr Jolly.

He was speaking about a question from the Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association Secretary, Kevin Griffin, about a letter Cr Halstead said last month she didn't receive from former Bass Coast councillor John Duscher about the mayor's chains.

"Because of Cr Whelan's

incorrect point of order, I didn't get the additional information Cr Halstead was seeking and I'll be following that up," said Kevin Griffin this week.

Mr Griffin's question to council was as follows: "Last month, Cr Halstead advised that email correspondence addressed to the mayor and councillors was withheld from councillors and queried how many other emails have been withheld from councillors. Will council advise the community how many emails addressed to the mayor and councillors have been withheld from councillors since 2020?"

Response: "All emails sent to the mayor and councillors' email addresses are received directly by those councillors (Cr Halstead raised her hand and asked to comment but the Mayor Cr Le Serve asked her to hold on until the response was given). Emails that are sent to the general email address for councillors are allocated to the responsible staff members to address and shared with councillors if they have been included in the correspondence. No emails are withheld."

Cr Halstead took issue with the response, and while she said her interjection was

more in the nature of a "correction" than a clarification, that's essentially what it was. The Mayor gave her the call.

"Thank you, Madam Mayor. I think what Mr Griffin is referring to is the letter that was sent by John Duscher to council in relation to the mayoral chains and that there was a letter that was sent to the mayor and councillors..."

But the former mayor, Cr Michael Whelan raised a point of order:

"Question time isn't a matter for open discussion among councillors it is to hear questions from the public, and have them answered. It's not for a councillor to clarify what a questioner is trying to achieve."

Turns out though, that under Division 8 'Public Question Time' in the Governance Rules of Bass Coast Shire Council 2022, made in accordance with section 60 of the Local Government Act 2020, Cr Halstead is allowed to seek clarification and the mayor should have ruled Cr Whelan out of order and allowed Cr Halstead to continue.

The shire's governance officer confirmed that after question time but by then the opportunity to find out

exactly how Mr Duscher's letter was dealt with at the time, whether it wasn't passed on to councillors as requested, was lost.

It's interesting to note that Cr Whelan was the mayor at the time Mr Duscher wrote his letter in March 2022, addressed to the Mayor and Councillors, querying what had happened to the mayoral chains, but that letter was never passed on to councillors according to Cr Halstead.

Under 54.9 of the governance rules: "All questions and answers must be as brief as possible, and no discussion may be allowed other than by Councillors for the purposes of clarification."

Mr Griffin asked a follow up question about when the loss of the mayoral chains, allegedly worth up to \$100,000, was first reported to police.

The new CEO Greg Box said the loss of the valuable item was reported to police on October 10, 2018.

Cr Halstead again tried to clarify what had happened to Mr Duscher's letter and to generally unlock the secrecy surrounding the mayoral chains saga but she was shut down by Cr Le Serve and instead offered the opportunity to send her request by email.



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Mayor's Message



Cr Clare Le Serve

HELLO Bass Coast.
Move over Hollywood, It's awards season right here in Bass Coast!
I am always so proud of our community and the individuals and businesses that make Bass Coast a thriving and vibrant place to live and work. It is really exciting to announce that our Community and Business Awards are both now open for nominations.

Community Awards

The Community Awards are a highlight of the year for me. They are a fantastic way to acknowledge the hard work and passion that many people give back to our community through volunteering.
Volunteering is critical to keeping our community running and shows we care for each other. Our community groups and clubs contribute so much to the wellbeing of all of us in Bass Coast. Volunteers often provide and create social links and reduce loneliness and isolation in our community.
This year we have a Community Leader Award, Next Generation Leader Award, Community Group Award and a brand-new category, Contribution to Arts and Culture Award.
The Arts and Culture Award is for those who have made an exceptional contribution to the arts and cultural life of the community or a remarkable achievement in an arts and cultural activity. This could be an individual, an organisation, an event or an exhibition.
We are so proud of our 2023 award recipients and look forward to seeing the nominations for 2024.

Business Awards

The Bass Coast Business Awards are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our local business community. We encourage all businesses in Bass Coast to participate and showcase their achievements.
A panel of judges will evaluate the entries and select winners for categories recognising businesses that excel in various aspects, including innovation, customer service, sustainability, and community involvement.
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THE pay is ridiculously low. The hours of work and research responsibilities incredibly onerous. You get unmercifully criticised at times on social media and in the press. And you often find yourself in a no-win situation when making tough decisions.
But, according to the four councillors who turned out at a Councillor Information Session at Cowes recently, ahead of the next local government elections in October 2024, they wouldn't have it any other way.
At the end of the hour-long briefing, Crs Le Serve, Bauer, Ellis and Rooks all agreed, being a councillor is a fulfilling endeavour.
"Apart from everything else, it's a very enjoyable process, you learn a lot and it's something very worthwhile to do," said the Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve.
Cr David Rooks said that while he thinks it's important to protect yourself from the keyboard warriors on social media and by not reading 'Letters to the Editor' in local newspapers, being a councillor is an opportunity to make a difference.
"I love the briefings in particular, because I like to know what's going on in my community and helping to make decisions at a high level that affect my community."
Cr Ron Bauer said he likes to try to help his community and he finds being a councillor very rewarding.
Cr Geoff Ellis said he feels like he has done some good things as a councillor, while



Members of the Bass Coast Shire Council including Cr Geoff Ellis, Cr Ron Bauer, Cr David Rooks and Cr Clare Le Serve offered the benefit of their experience to the handful of people, who may be interested in running for council in October at a Councillor Information Session at the Cowes cultural centre, Berninnet, on Wednesday.

thanking his partner for backing him up.
But the night was all about encouraging people to consider standing for council at the next election and new CEO Greg Box said the council was particularly keen to encourage diversity among candidates, including a variety of ages, genders, cultural backgrounds and experience.
"The broader the diversity, and this isn't having a shot at the present council, the better the decision making."
Staff member, Sharyn Tilley, the shire's Manager Governance and Property provided details about the role of a councillor and the state and local rules under which they operate.
A question and answer session followed including the following:
• **Can you get leave?** Yes.
• **Do you have to attend every meeting and briefing?** No, but the introduction of video conferencing had made it easier for councillors and staff to attend remotely.
• **How do you handle the negative and even aggressive responses councillors receive sometimes on social media?** "It's not the best place to have a conversation," said the mayor Cr Le Serve. "I try to understand why people are getting upset but prefer a face-to-face conversation."
• **How much did you spend on your campaign, and did you have a campaign manager?** Anywhere between \$3000 and \$10,000. One of the most important costs is writing to absentee property owners who are also entitled to a vote.
• **How do councillors ensure transparency?** "It's a priority of council to keep the community informed. If you ask us a question we're happy to find out the details," said Cr Le Serve.
• **Once you've gone backwards and forwards doing consultation with the community, do you vote for what the majority of people want,**

or do you make up your own mind? "Community feedback is only one of the things to consider when making a decision," said Cr David Rooks. "You are getting expert advice and stakeholder advice from organisations like Melbourne Water which affect your decision making."
However, as good as the information was, there was less than a handful of prospective council candidates, when you take out the number of councillors and shire staff who were present, and other members of the community just taking an interest.
Allowances for a councillor are \$32,877, for the mayor \$105,424 (rising to \$108,200 by December 2025) and deputy mayor \$53,713.
Other Councillor Information Sessions are as follows:
• Coronet Bay Hall & Fred Gration Reserve, Monday, March 18 (last week) 6pm - 7pm
• Wonthaggi Town Hall Tuesday, March 26 6pm - 7pm

Bass Coast drainage plan seeking community feedback

BASS Coast Shire Council has released its reviewed Drainage Services Asset Management Plan and is seeking community feedback about the plan until April 12. Community submissions will be considered, before a report is presented to Council in May.
As part of its four yearly audits into drainage services infrastructure, Council will investigate how legacy issues, new development and climate change is impacting its extensive network of drains, pipes, pits and outfalls.
This includes a whole of catchment flood study to consider the changing rainfall patterns,

prompted by to climate change, and how this may impact Council's drainage network and services in the future.
Bass Coast Mayor Clare Le Serve said Bass Coast had an extensive network of drains, spanning 570km of pipes and 23,000 pits and outfalls, with 40 water quality treatment systems.
Since the last plan review in 2020, the number of drainage assets in Bass Coast has increased significantly, largely due to new developments and the Pioneer Bay drainage improvements.
"Council is responsible for managing the existing built urban drainage system, which involves maintaining the current drainage infrastructure, taking on more infrastructure every year, capacity planning and flood mitigation works," Cr Le Serve said.
"We are adding to our drainage network each year and these assets need to be maintained to ensure the network continues to function well. That means we need to propose increases to the maintenance budget of around two per cent a year.
"Overall, our pits and pipes are in good to fair condition, and only a low number of assets will require attention in the short to medium term. But we need to be prepared, and we need to understand shifting

climate risks and the changing urban environment."
Cr Le Serve said Council also wanted to gain greater understanding of future flood risk areas through in-depth flood modelling and climate change factors.
"Considering the impacts of changing rainfall patterns from climate change and how this will impact the network in the future, we're proposing to conduct a whole of catchment flood study to help shape our new plan," she said.
To view the Drainage Services Asset Management Plan visit engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/drainage

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Bass Coast Specialist School dips into \$25M pool fund

BRAND-new hydrotherapy pools will be built at seven schools across Victoria as part of the \$25 million Hydrotherapy Pools at Specialist Schools fund, and the Bass Coast Specialist School at Wonthaggi will be one of them.

The program is delivering on a commitment by the State Government made at the 2022 election.

The pools will be built at Bass Coast Specialist School, East Gippsland Specialist School, Ballarat Specialist School, Yarrawille Special Developmental School, Lake Colac School, Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School, and Springvale Park Special Developmental School.

The Victorian School Building Authority will oversee the construction of the hydrotherapy pools in consultation with schools, with all projects to be completed by September 2026.

The \$25 million fund is part of a wider \$235 million Labor Government investment in the Victorian Budget 2023/24 to support students with disability or additional needs in schools.

In the support letter written by the local MP, Jordan Crugnale, she spoke of Bass Coast Specialist School as being a wonderful, highly regarded, community minded school with 70 students from prep to year 12.

Whilst many students and their families live near a beach,



Bass MP Jordan Crugnale visited the Bass Coast Specialist School last week to celebrate the announcement of funding for a new hydrotherapy pool. C01_1324

she said, and in a region where water safety is paramount, the need to provide essential water safety skills is critical.

A dedicated hydrotherapy pool will provide this and other tailored programs and learning environments ensuring students with additional needs and mobility challenges can learn in a dedicated space, optimising engagement and skill development.

"I am beyond thrilled with this announcement. This school's commitment in providing a safe and inclusive environment for all their students is remarkable and I want to thank Principal Rob Sands and the entire team for wanting the best for their students and families," Ms Crugnale said this week.

"The addition of a hydrotherapy pool to the school precinct means that students have greater access to tailored therapeutic interventions to enhance their overall wellbeing, physical mobility, and mental health."

"We are so thrilled to have been successful in our grant application for in a hydrotherapy pool at Bass Coast Specialist School," acting principal Caroline Sibly said.

"The improved accessibility to this fantastic facility will give our students the opportunity to improve their health as well as personal and social capability outcomes."

"We would like to acknowledge the support of our local MP, Jordan Crugnale, in this project as her endorsement

has been instrumental in our success!"

The hydrotherapy pool will offer opportunities for students who are unable to participate in the current swimming program to join in, while also providing nearby VET students with convenient training experience within walking distance.

"As the coordinator of the swimming program for our students, I am overjoyed for our school to have this pool approved," special education swimming instructor Rachel Cullen stated.

"It will give so many of our students the opportunity to access the pool not only for our swimming lessons on water safety, but also access for therapy and self-regulation."

Agencies help with San Remo Bridge pipe renewal

REGIONAL Roads Victoria has been working with Westernport Water on the San Remo Bridge Pipeline Bracket Renewal project.

You may have noticed the scaffolding on the underside of the bridge which is set to be a feature of the bridge for much of the year.

"The partnership will ensure planned maintenance minimises the impact to the broader community, including the heavy vehicle industry," said a spokesperson for Regional Roads Vic this week.

The works on the San Remo Bridge will take place between February 2023 and November 2024.

Project overview:

- Westernport Water has three pipelines connected to the underside of the San Remo Bridge. The brackets connecting these pipelines to the bridge now require proactive maintenance work to extend the life of the pipelines for another 30 years.
- Westernport Water has been working with the Department of Transport & Planning (DTP) (the owner of the bridge) since November 2021 to ensure the works are planned in a way that minimises the impact to the broader community.
- To minimise impacts to traffic and the community, suspended scaffolding will be attached under the bridge so that workers can safely access the pipelines without the need for lane closures.
- On rare occasions, traffic management or pilot vehicles may be required to enable bridge inspections, access for specialised heavy vehicles, and while navigational markers for marine users are relocated. This will mostly occur at night or early morning to minimise disruptions to traffic, occasionally lane closures of the bridge will occur during the day.

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We’ve identified a broad study area that starts approximately 6km from the coast near Giffard and travels northwest past Stradbroke West to Willung, across to Flynns Creek and then to the Loy Yang Power Station.

A high voltage, overhead line will deliver renewable energy from the Gippsland coast to Victorian households, businesses and essential services.

Want to know more?

Drop in to an information session

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Wednesday 17 April 4.00pm - 7.00pm	Flynn Community Hall Widdis Way, Flynn
Tuesday 23 April 4.00pm - 7.00pm	Giffard West Public Hall 3877 South Gippsland Highway, Giffard West
Wednesday 24 April 4.00pm - 7.00pm	Gormandale Mechanics Institute Main Road, Gormandale
Tuesday 30 April 4.00pm - 7.00pm	Rosedale RSL Hall 23 Hood St, Rosedale
Wednesday 1 May 4.00pm to 7.00pm	Seaspray Public Hall Futcher Road, Seaspray
Thursday 2 May 4.00pm - 7.00pm	Port of Sale – Wellington room 70 Foster St, Sale
Wednesday 8 May 4.00pm to 7.00pm	Traralgon Arts Centre 32 Kay St, Traralgon



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Old flag poles for Berninneit

SEEMS there were some cost-saving initiatives with the construction of the \$32 million Berninneit cultural centre after all.

In response to a question to the Bass Coast Council last week, about the cost of flag poles and flags at the centre, the council told Melissa Dagg the shire reinstalled the refurbished flag poles at a cost of \$2139.25 plus GST.

Grantville park plan or not?

THE Bass Coast Shire Council has been challenged to confirm that the Grantville Memorial Park is listed as a “high priority” for upgrade in Council’s Long Term Financial Plan but has fallen short of confirming it during question time at last week’s council meeting.

Deb Leonard of Cape Woolamai noted in a question to council last week that the project is not listed in the plan.

“Has this park been overlooked for upgrade?”

The council responded, without confirming the project is in the long-term plan, saying it would be considered in a routine independent PlaySpace audit.

Council progress queried

THOSE waiting for projects to be completed by the Bass Coast Shire Council may not be able to take target dates seriously, according to an answer given at question time last week.

The council was questioned by Island resident Deb Leonard who wanted a list of the other strategies, besides the Playspace Strategy 2017 and Bass Coast Skate



The flags fly high on refurbished flagpoles at Berninneit in Cowes.

Strategy 2018-2028, which were behind schedule.

Response: Once adopted, actions within Council strategies are subject to funding through the annual budget process. Progress on individual actions is reported through Council’s quarterly and annual reporting processes.

In other words, don’t hold your breath.

Rubbish really is recycled

EVER wondered where the waste in your recycled bin goes. Louise Lyell put the question about where the contents of her yellow bin goes after pickup to the Bass Coast Council last week.

Response: The contents of yellow lid recycle bins are taken to Visy’s Recycling Material Recovery Facility in Springvale. The

sorted recyclables are either used by Visy in its packaging business or sold to third parties for further processing.

Missing bells to ring again

THE Harmony Bells, created by renowned sculptor Dr Anton Hassel, for the Cowes Town Square were reported stolen in 2021.

But, miraculously, the heavy bronze bells, have been found, although no details were available about what has happened to them in the meantime when their whereabouts were the subject of a question to council last week.

Terry Parkin asked: “Would council inform happenings to the bell previously sited at the old Cowes Cultural and

Community Centre.

Response: “Following their theft and subsequent recovery, the artist who created the bells has been re-engaged to restore and reinstate it.”

But there was more than one bell, right? What happened to the others?

Latest Berninneit cost is \$32 million

WHEN the previous Bass Coast Council voted to go ahead with a new cultural and civic centre in Cowes they bucked and moaned about it costing \$19 million.

It went up to \$27.2 million under the present council but ultimately, at its official opening in November last year, the then Mayor Cr Michael Whelan revealed the cost had blown out to \$31.3 million.

Now, in answer to a question from the public at last week’s council meeting it has reached \$32 million, and counting.

Mario Boffa put the following question to council on the cost of construction variations: “Berninneit is a new design that includes Passivhaus certification of which all residents are interested in to understand design details. Please provide in detail all construction “variations” agreed to by the contractor or designer once construction commenced?”

Response: “Berninneit was built under a lump sum design and construction contract at a total cost of \$32m. This cost included all design and construction works associated with Berninneit including Passivhaus certification.”

Neighbourhood battery questions

QUESTIONS have been raised about the likely availability of back-up power from the \$2.86 million ‘100 Neighbourhood Batteries Program’ announced for Phillip Island recently.

In a question to council last week, Louise Lyell asked if the new community batteries would provide reliable power in times of blackout to “all of the island or a select few”?

It appears it will be the latter, with the battery to be located at Berninneit, for example, fully subscribed by solar power in and power out to the Cowes cultural centre. Details about the impact of the other six, small-scale batteries has not been fully revealed.

“The project to install and manage neighbourhood batteries across Phillip Island is being led by Mondo, a subsidiary of AusNet Services. The batteries’ primary role is to make the network more reliable by reducing the likelihood of power outages caused by periods of high electricity demand. Council understands the batteries will not necessarily operate during power outages caused by damage to the network.”

It’s interesting to note that the battery network will raise money and provide “a financial benefit for locals through a community dividend payment to Totally Renewable Phillip Island (TRPI)”.

It’s interesting to note that the chair of TRPI, Mary Whelan, is the partner of former Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan.

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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Storm Recovery Update

Council has established a Recovery Centre at the Mirboo North and District Community Foundation at 96 Ridgway, Mirboo North. It is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week between 10.00am and 3.00pm.

Council staff can help you with registrations for the Emergency Recovery Victoria Clean-up Support Program for Storm Damaged Homes, and link you in to the Recovery Support Program which will help with tailored support, including access to mental health and wellbeing services, legal support, business advice and other services to support your recovery.

Clean-up Information
If you are without insurance (or under-insured) and your home is either damaged beyond repair or at risk of a hazardous tree falling within 30 metres of your home, you may be eligible for clean-up support.

To see if support is available to you, please visit: www.vic.gov.au/clean-support-storm-damaged-homes


Storm Related Green Waste
The end date for the storm-related Green Waste Amnesty is now **2 April** for all towns aside from Mirboo North, which will continue until 30 April.

The date has been bought forward in other areas as demand for storm-related green waste services has subsided. Most Transfer Stations are open according to regular operating hours which can be found on Council's website.

Mirboo North & District Community Recovery Working Group
A Mirboo North & District Community Recovery Working Group - comprising local community leaders and organisations - is being established to support and build on community led recovery efforts. The Working Group will be asked to consider recovery actions and activities, and provide recommendations to the recovery process. To ensure the Group has broad range of information and views to help with decision making, we are seeking feedback from Mirboo North and District residents. Initial feedback can be provided in-person at the Recovery Centre or via email to: recovery@southgippsland.vic.gov.au

For storm updates, please visit:
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Recovery Support - Emergency Recovery Hotline on 1800 560 760



Recovery support is available for people impacted by the 13 February Victorian storms. Understanding the support available can be challenging, particularly for people who might not be used to asking for help. Depending on what you need, recovery support can be as simple as telephone advice on what services are available, or connecting you with programs that can help you. If you were severely impacted by the storm, you may be eligible for a recovery support worker. They can work with you over time to find and access the support you need.

To find out more, call the Emergency Recovery Hotline on 1800 560 760 or visit www.vic.gov.au/recovery-support

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 17 April 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

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Want to volunteer for BlazeAid? You do not need any fencing experience, just a willingness to give it a go and learn on the job. You can volunteer for a day or two, or a week or more. Simply contact the Camp Coordinator before you are ready to come to the basecamp to discuss your travel plans.

REQUEST FOR TENDER

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

RFT/393 – Great Southern Rail Trail; Manufacture, Supply and Installation of Signage between Nyora & Yarram

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One became two over forty long minutes

A SINGLE word amendment for a new Arts policy took up forty minutes of the South Gippsland Shire's council meeting last week.

A simple word change from 'one' to 'two' caused much confusion among the councillors and Cr Clare Williams needed to call upon the council's brain trust numerous times to gain guidance around correct voting and debating procedure on the amendment.

This came about because it was an amendment to an already amended policy – the Arts and Culture Policy was being newly adopted as the Arts and Civic Memorabilia Collection Policy.

Within the policy it states there are ten essential selection criteria for the acquisition of artwork and in addition, all items must meet at least one of six assessment criteria.

It was one of these six criteria that Cr Adrian Darakai took issue with and wanted it to be changed to two.

Cr Darakai was of the view that as one of the assessment criteria stated a preference for Gunaikurnai and Bunurong artworks, there may be potential for a lack of inclusivity across races when choosing pieces.

Cr Jenni Keerie stated that she thought the change was quite unnecessary as there were already ten essential selection criteria in place which would manage these aspects of acquisition.

Cr Nathan Hersey, who was responsible for the original amendment saw no issue with the change and was quite



Cr Darakai threw a spanner in the works during last week's council meeting over a one word policy amendment, which stretched proceedings out to forty minutes. ob01_1324

happy for one to become two.

A vote ensued and the one word amendment was passed, or so everyone thought.

Cr Darakai decided to throw a spanner in the works and declare that he had foreshadowed another amendment in the event that his original one didn't pass and wanted to pursue this matter further.

So ensued another round of confusion, discussion with the brains trust and silent groans of disbelief.

Cr Darakia made a statement in anticipation of this foreshadowed amendment which wouldn't see the light of day.

A third vote was made, possibly to actually adopt the policy, as by this time Councillors were so confused they were putting their hands up for anything, proven by Cr John Schelling asking afterwards if the original amendment was now void.

Cr Mohya Davies stood to declare her annoyance and disappointment at Cr Darakai; then as an afterthought, slammed her papers down on the desk, but because her microphone was already off, the impact of her delayed and wordless statement became somewhat diluted.

And a member of the public gallery said in a loud and provocative whisper, "Why don't we change it to three?"

South Gippsland General Local Laws unanimously passed

FOLLOWING community uproar and extensive media coverage, the South Gippsland Shire Councils General Local Law 2024 have finally been adopted and will become effective from April.

The General Local Law 2024 is required to be revised every ten years or we risk becoming a lawless shire.

The initial draft that was released to the community for consultation over a 25-day period from October to November last year.

The document caused dismay, concern and downright fury of locals who called a number of meetings to discuss many of the proposed laws and the perceived

inadequate time frame given by council to respond to the proposal.

Laws that caused the most consternation revolved around agricultural activities and the impossibility presented to farmers; such as eliminating rodents from animal feed such as hay, preventing farm odours from reaching neighbouring properties, needing to obtain a permit to move livestock, keeping vegetation below 300mm and not having "unsightly" structures on private property such as a disused dairy or sheds.

From this consultation period Council received 366 submissions from community members who wanted to have

their say.

Subsequent amendments to the language and structure of the document were made to simplify, modernise, and consolidate the laws.

Changes were also made to clarify where laws do not apply to farming practices.

Due to the public outrage, attention and interest of this consultation period, council decided to roll out another consultation round from December to January.

Another 33 individual written submissions were made, but no additional changes were made to the document.

In last week's council meeting Cr Scott Rae made a motion different to the

recommendation, which included a number of points.

The most notable of these were for "fodder" to be amended to be defined to mean "grass or other crops for the production of food grazing for animals or livestock, either by grazing animals directly on the land or the production of hay or silage."

Cr Rae also made a motion to provide a 24 month exception for the presence of noxious weeds being the only reason why a property is deemed unsightly and to undertake education on what constitutes unsightly in the shire.

The motion was passed and the General Local Law 2024 unanimously adopted.

Council to co-contribute \$240K for sports centre upgrades

A \$1.2 MILLION funding application that would see the Korumburra Indoor Recreation Centre undergo a refurbishment of their toilet and female friendly facilities has been approved by Council.

The application was made to the 2023/24 Regional Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (RCSIF) as part of a \$60M State Government program being rolled out.

The program provides grant opportunities across four funding streams with the application coming under 'Community Facilities,' and individual Councils being able to apply for up to \$1M.

A grant request of \$960,000 has been made for the project and the South Gippsland Shire Council has approved a co-contribution of \$240,000 from the 2024/25 Capital Works Program Budget.

Council initially tendered the project in September 2022 however the procurement process was cancelled due to all submissions received being over budget.

In ascertaining the \$1.2M project estimate, previous tender prices, cost escalation, contingency and project management costs have all been considered this time around.

Detailed designs have been prepared to completely

refurbish the existing dated changeroom and toilet spaces into modern amenities that comply with Basketball Victoria and Female Friendly Facility Guidelines.

Demand on the amenities is significant and can vary greatly depending on the activities that occur at the centre which include sporting activities, deb balls, weddings, funerals and other major community gatherings.

Mayor's Message



Cr Clare Williams



HELLO South Gippsland.

Providing constructive feedback to Council is something we as a Councillor group and organisation have encouraged since the beginning of our term. We want to hear from our community and we have shown that time and time again with multiple projects and even with Councillor Catch Up opportunities. However, this feedback needs to be provided through the appropriate channels. Flyers to other residents, comments or posts on a closed Facebook group and other methods are not constructive, especially when they are disrespectful towards either my Councillor colleagues or Council employees. Please consider the way in which you are trying to share your point of view and whether that is how you would like someone to share their feedback on you.

Advocacy Success

In happier news, Council's work in the advocacy space continued last week with a visit from the Honourable Gayle Tierney MP, Minister for Regional Development in Mirboo North. This was followed by meetings in Canberra with the Honourable Kristy McBain MP, Minister for Regional Development and Local Government, Member for Monash Russell Broadbent as well as senior advisors to the Honourable Murray Watt (Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Emergency Management) and the Honourable Michelle Rowland (Minister for Communications). The purpose of the visits was to advocate on behalf of the South Gippsland for increased telecommunication and disaster recovery support.

Last Wednesday, we were pleased to see our advocacy efforts supported with a \$200,000 grant announced by Minister Gayle Tierney on behalf of the Victorian Government. The funding is for the establishment of a Mirboo North Community and Business Resilience Hub and to support the popular Winterfest event.

Council Meeting

There was lots of discussion at last week's Council Meeting, but we got there in the end. We were pleased to adopt a new Arts and Civic Memorabilia Collection Policy, a new Children and Families Plan and – after significant consultation over many months – an updated General Local Law. Each of these documents received extensive consideration by the Councillor group and we are pleased that they have now been endorsed.

Reappointment of Chief Executive Officer

Finally, and excitedly, at last week's Meeting we also endorsed the reappointment of Kerryn Ellis as Chief Executive Officer for South Gippsland Shire Council under a new five-year contract. This is terrific news for the organisation and for South Gippsland. We are very fortunate to have a CEO of Kerryn's calibre and we have achieved so much under her strong, considered leadership. It was a great finish to the Council Meeting and provides Council, and South Gippsland, with a solid foundation for the years ahead.

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Better protection for cats and wildlife

EARLIER this month a \$300,000 trial program to increase cat desexing rates in targeted areas across Victoria was launched.

The program is a bid to promote responsible cat ownership by providing free and low-cost desexing programs, funded by the State Government.

The announcement emerged off the back of figures released from 2023 reports on the total number of cats and kittens euthanized across Victoria's animal pounds and shelters.

Of 25,193 felines that went through the doors of an animal pound or shelter, 6,535 of these were euthanised – almost a quarter.

These reports are being used to inform government policy planning and programs such as the current trial, to see improvements in welfare outcomes for felines in shelters and pounds.

Local councils can apply for grants of up to \$25,000 to deliver free and low-cost desexing to areas with problem cat populations or support Victorians who may be experiencing financial hardship.

The program aims to increase cat desexing rates, reduce impoundment and euthanasia rates, and improve cat welfare and council registration rates.

The South Gippsland Shire Council has commented that they are very interested in the program and are keen to apply, pending further investigation of the guidelines etc, while the



Grants of up to \$25,000 to deliver free and low-cost desexing to areas with problem cat populations are available to local councils with South Gippsland Council keen to apply.

Bass Coast Shire Council did not respond to requests for information regarding the grants.

A draft long term cat management strategy has also been released by the State Government for consultation and Victorian cat owners and the wider community are invited to comment.

The strategy looks at ways to improve cat welfare and provide support to expand cat containment programs and education programs.

The strategy also addresses the challenges of unowned and semi owned cats, which make up the majority of the cat intake at pounds and shelters.

It will look at ways to

promote full and responsible ownership of these cats and target programs to capture, desex and adopt them out.

The strategy will also explore ways to improve feral cat management and facilitate increased information sharing between local councils of successful cat management practices.

It will also seeks deliver more flexible council registration options, that will incentivise cat owners to register, desex and better contain their cats.

Cat management is a significant and complex issue – with more than 227,000 registered cats and a significant number of unregistered, unowned, or feral cats in Victoria.

Unowned and feral cat populations often overlap with biodiverse environments, increasing animal welfare and environmental issues, as well as challenges for local communities.

The strategy has been developed following extensive research, expert insights, and engagement with councils, animal welfare organisations, land managers, conservation groups and veterinary professionals.

The Labor Government invested \$1.3 million from the Victorian Budget 2022/23 to develop three cat management initiatives including a cat management strategy.

Nominations now open for Y Victorian Mother of the Year

NOMINATIONS are now open for the inaugural Y Victorian Mother of the Year award.

The Y Victoria CEO Carolyn Morris said the award aimed to spotlight those who broke norms and redefined parenting, and through the award hoped to encourage a new appreciation of motherhood.

“Our aim is to reflect and celebrate the rich tapestry of families that make up our communities, welcoming all traditional and non-traditional mother figures who live in Victoria. In a world where the definition of family is ever evolving, we stand proud in launching an award that mirrors the diversity and inclusivity of our society today,” she said.

“What this is not about is comparing or judging mums. It is about asking our whole community to notice the effort and energy – and let’s face it, the sheer hard work that it takes to raise children.

“One mother will be selected to represent the other mums nominated. They will be an everyday mum, they will be relatable, inspirational figures who make a profound impact in our communities and on young people.”

The award recognises mother figures who have had a profound and positive effect on the lives of young people and their community. The award is open to traditional and non-traditional mother figures who currently live in the state of Victoria (Australia).

The term mother figure is inclusive of relatives, role models, community leaders and all people who identify as female.

The Victorian Mother of the Year will be judged on their contribution to the community, be an everyday person, a positive role model, and align with the Y’s core values of honesty, caring, inclusion, respect, and responsibility. Nominations are now open and will close at 5pm on April 26, 2024.

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Community Recovery Meetings

THE community recovery meetings held by Bass Coast Shire Council throughout the shire, were an opportunity for council and emergency services, including electricity and gas supplier AusNet, to get an understanding of how the devastating storm affected the community, in order to improve and implement strategies to better deal with natural disasters in the future.

The meeting at the Grantville Hall was well attended by both residents and emergency service representatives. These included AusNet, SES, the CFA, Police, Ambulance Victoria and allied emergency service personnel.

It was discussed that it has become increasingly obvious that natural disasters including fires, storms and floods will continue to become more frequent as global warming continues to affect climate change throughout the world.

Cr Geoff Ellis introduced the agenda and praised the community and emergency response teams on the way everyone had worked together to find ways of community support and give help to those in need.

During these natural disasters there was devastation, suffering and inconvenience within the shire, and the scheduled meeting was facilitated to help individuals become better prepared and resilient to minimise the effects of these events.

Emergency services do their best to clear debris, offer medical assistance and community support. AusNet has taken on the feedback regarding a warning system and back up support to minimise the telecommunications fallout in future freak events.

The community congratulated the council staff, officers, and councillors for taking the time and care to organise the meeting and thank the emergency service personnel who dedicated their time in clearing the devastation and providing support.

From thought bubbles to progress

SOME of the projects and services envisaged when the first 'Helping Hands' forum organised by the Korumburra Staying Strong (KSS) group was held have already come to fruition.

And last Sunday, March 24, at the third of these events, more progress was made as more than 60 people participated in fine-tuning the town's priorities and setting a new course for achieving aims around improving services and infrastructure in the town and simply making Korumburra a better place to be.

Helping Hands started after a group of Korumburra community members answered a call out from the Foundation of Rural & Regional Renewal (FRRR) who were willing to assist in building a resilient community through funding from their Disaster Resilience Future Ready program.

This group is now the Korumburra Staying Strong (KSS) group and their main activity is running the Helping Hands project.

Among the ideas being developed by the group include the following:

- The Importance of Feeling Connected including: Facilities for Youth, Amphitheatre for outside concerts, Networking hubs linking groups together.
- Sustainability of the community: Public and Social housing, Emergency event preparedness, Renewable energy projects, Improved public transport.
- Pride in our community –



There was an excellent turnout and plenty of good ideas for growth and improvement in Korumburra at a Helping Hands' forum in the town on Sunday this week.

Past, present and future: Rail Museum, Lookout at Cooks Hill, Promote Railway Station and Coal Creek, Coal Creek holiday camp, A footpath from the industrial area to town.

- Creativity, beauty and well-being: Improve BBQ facilities for Coleman Park, Botanical Park signage, Exercise equipment in railway precinct.
- Inclusion and Diversity: High quality aged care, More town seating, Education around violence against women.
- Local projects: Skate park/pump track, Landscaping around the railway

station, Town Square between Kelly's Bakery and subway, Parkrun in Korumburra, and more.

A report will now be produced to detail the project ideas and how to make progress on the various opportunities.

Local shire councillor Jenni Keerie, who attended with ward colleague Nathan Hersey, was full of praise for the turnout and the enthusiasm on display.

"There were more than 60 people in attendance, so it was a terrific response on a Sunday, plenty of discussion and lots of great ideas," Cr Keerie said.

The forum considered such diverse ideas as auditing the district's readiness for emergencies, especially in response to the impact of climate change, and 'taking pride in the past, present and future' of Korumburra by looking at a such ideas as a railway museum, a lookout at Cook's Hill and a footpath extensions into the industrial estate.

Those attending the forum had an opportunity to contribute further to the ideas in a range of subject areas as a precursor to developing strategies and plans to support the growth of the town, including jobs, services and infrastructure.



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Over at Inverloch Library, unleash your inner artist with our interactive Dinosaur Drawing Workshop with Zev Landes, as he guides you through drawing some dinosaurs local to the Bass Coast area! And for music lovers, don't miss the sing-along sessions at Wonthaggi, Foster, and Leongatha libraries, where you can belt out your favourite tunes with friends and family.

But that's not all! Join Waterline Library at Grantville Hall for an Easter Egg Hunt, where sweet treats and fun surprises await. Get creative at Poowong Library with Kaleidoscope making, and Foster Library for a Tea Cosy Maker Session, where you can create your own warm and stylish tea cosies using felt, material, or papier-mâché.

For movie buffs, enjoy family-friendly movies at selected branches, perfect for a relaxing day out with loved ones. For those seeking a challenge, head to Mirboo North Library or Korumburra Library for Planks, a fun and engaging activity that will put your balancing skills to the test.

Beyond the exciting events, Myli provides an array of free resources to keep kids entertained throughout the holidays, including e-books, e-audiobooks, digital movies, and online platforms like Story Box Library, BorrowBox, and Busy Code. The library also offers air-conditioning and heating, free Wi-Fi, and comfortable seating. With so much to see and do, Myli is your ultimate destination for a holiday filled with fun and laughter.

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Retirement scam raises warnings

GEOFFREY de Jonge is taking action after a fraudulent bank transfer of \$500,000 in September last year resulted in financial loss, stress and trauma.

Geoffrey contacted the Sentinel-Times to reiterate the importance of protecting retirement money from scammers and highlighted the lack of action taken by the bank to recover the assets.

It was after the sale of their property that Geoffrey and his wife began looking into ways to better invest in their retirement; after thoroughly researching bonds – hearing that they made a larger return than their recent 3.2 per cent – they made the decision to make the transfer.

In September 2023, Geoffrey signed a transfer document with his bank to have \$500,000 transferred over to HSBC; however, once the transfer was cleared from the account, he immediately detected a red flag – the account name was different to his instructions.

On September 7, Geoffrey made contact with the bank by phone to cancel the debit, but due diligence was not exercised.

"The bank explained that they would put a stop on the account, but the transfer had already been processed into the incorrect clearing



Geoffrey de Jonge is raising awareness on scams, after losing \$500,000. Z05_1324

account." A different name to what Geoffrey had written on his transfer document.

Despite communication from Geoffrey, his bank did not act until December 30, 2023. During this lengthy period, Geoffrey and his wife suffered great stress.

"We are self-funded retirees, which the bank was aware of."

"Losing those funds, directly caused the stress and conse-

quential heart turn in myself and a major heart attack and minor stroke in my wife, requiring hospitalisation for more than a week. There is doubt that she will fully recover.

"It is understood that when I began looking into bonds in August of 2023, that scammers were imitating HSBC and somebody added numbers and a different account name to the direct debit form – therefore

it was the bank who was defrauded or deceived – not us," explained Geoffrey.

In an investigation into the matter, the funds were transferred back to Geoffrey in February 2024; however, due to the fraudulent exchange, the scams department or complaints management have not addressed the consequent issues, including the loss of interest on the funds during the period of September 2023 to February 2024 – of which Geoffrey has calculated to be over \$13,000 – subject to variations.

"The fraudulent account was deregistered six years ago and had a questionable reputation, I can't understand how this got through without red flags," said Geoffrey.

Geoffrey is also questioning the bank's response time on the issue, let alone the compensation for the stress and trauma caused by the error and delay in rectifying the issue, as well as the absence of an apology from the bank and absence of communication.

Geoffrey and his wife are taking further action with the Australian Financial Complaints Authority (AFCA) and are prepared to consider compensation for stress and medical episodes, and the interest lost.

Crime up in South Gippsland by 14.5% in 2023

THE total number of criminal incidents in South Gippsland, for the year ending December 2023 went up 14.5 per cent from 1328 incidents in 2022 to 1521 incidents in 2023.

Criminal damage and thefts were two areas of crime which showed increases while breaches of family violence orders, the biggest offence subgroup, were down marginally from 176 incidents the previous year to 168 in 2023.

Overall though, there was a slight rise in the number of family incidents, up by 1.9 per cent in South Gippsland or 528 incidents to 538 incidents.

By comparison crime was up in Bass Coast by 5.9 per cent, from 2054 incidents to 2175 incidents with the number of breaches of family violence orders the highest offence subgroup, up from 214 the previous year to 258 in 2023.

Overall, the total number of family incidents was down by 3.3 per cent from 840 in 2022 to 812 in 2023.

The crime rate, that is the number of incidents per

100,000 people was 5092.9 in Bass Coast as compared to 4914.9 in South Gippsland.

Police under the pump

Raising the issue in state parliament last week, the Nationals' Melina Bath called for more frontline police officers in eastern Victoria.

Ms Bath said "crime is continuing to rise across the LGAs of Cardinia, Bass and South Gippsland and Labor's current Victoria Police Staff Allocation Model is not working."

"Any additional police officers over recent years have been allocated to task forces in the CBD, not placed on patrol in our rural and regional communities," she claimed.

"Police officers on the beat are under the pump, so much so that the thin blue line is getting thinner. Crime is up and criminal offences are going unsolved."

"Our communities need a stronger policing presence to deter criminal activity and antisocial behaviour and that means allocating more uniformed officers to the

frontline in the regions."

She said over the past 12 months in Bass Coast Shire only 34 per cent of criminal incidents had charges laid against an alleged offender while 39 per cent of reported incidents have gone unsolved.

Total offences, she said, were up by 4.5 per cent in Bass Coast and 14.5 per cent in South Gippsland Shire.

Ms Bath said when you drill down and look at individual towns the picture becomes even more concerning with communities like Wonthaggi, Cowes and Lang Lang experiencing elevated levels of crime.

"Theft in Cowes is up by 31 per cent in the past year."

"In Wonthaggi crimes against the person is up 31 per cent and tragically for victims – family violence assaults rose by 61 per cent."

"Our hardworking police officers are doing the best they can, but the government is not interested in fighting crime."

"The Nationals want a genuine commitment that our rural and regional communities will not

continue to be short-changed by Labor – too many crimes are being committed, too many are going unsolved and there are too many victims."

Some of the 2023 crime statistics (released March 21):

Bass Coast:

- Criminal incidents 2715, and crime rate 5092.9 (per 100,000).
- Offences recorded 2957, and rate 6924.1 (per 100,000).
- Alleged offender incidents 1158, rate 2711.6 (per 100,000).
- Person victim reports 1284, rate 3006.6 (per 100,000).
- Family incidents 812, rate 1901.4 (per 100,000).

South Gippsland:

- Criminal incidents 1521, and crime rate 4914.9 (per 100,000).
- Offences recorded 2264, and rate 7315.8 (per 100,000).
- Alleged offender incidents 778, rate 2514 (per 100,000).
- Person victim reports 803, rate 2594.8 (per 100,000).
- Family incidents 538, rate 1738.5 (per 100,000).

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Liaison officer promotes harmony to the next generation

GIPPSLAND Southern Health Service's (GSHS) Aboriginal liaison officer Sonia Weston wants to create harmony with the next generation.

In the lead up to Harmony Week, Ms Weston spoke to students from Sale and Inverloch and says that sharing history with young people can be a bridge to a harmonious future.

"The children embraced the opportunity and were keen to learn more," she said. "They wanted to learn about traditional times and how we practice culture today."

"There was a lot of interest; however, I had to explain that it's hard to continue cultural practices because we've got boundaries, government regulations and there is less of everything, such as food sources, but we still do it to our best capacity," Ms Weston said.

Students were also interested in Ms Weston's stories about paleology and megafauna.

"My ancestors would have experienced megafauna such as big emus and wombats," she said.

"Back then the country was looked after; since colonisation we lost a lot of species."

Her talks also touch on dark parts of history.

"We talked about massacres of Aboriginal people, and they were very open," Ms Weston said.

"You don't want to pressure the kids to take too much on their shoulders, but it's important to explain to them that if someone gets hurt in our families, we want to know what happened and who did it and why."

It's healing for everyone to have those conversations. Being able to talk about this with the kids is like a happy ending to a tragedy.

"When you teach kids this stuff, they understand better why Aboriginal people are still upset and have to deal with so much trauma. If we're not strong and have community connections, it can be a pretty hard road."

Ms Weston said she enjoyed speaking with children.

"It's really good talking to young kids because I have a lot of faith in them. Sharing this history is part of coming together in harmony. You've got to keep your community together. We're in this world together and we need to share what we know and learn from that history," she said.

"The kids are our future. Part of our promise is to look after country and look after the kids."

Harmony Week from March 18-24 is the celebration that recognises diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone.

At GSHS, Ms Weston aims to make the health services more culturally safe for Aboriginal people to access, and to support GSHS staff to understand why it's important to have a welcoming environment for Aboriginal people.

The role is shared with South Gippsland Hospital at Foster.

Ms Weston is GSHS's first Aboriginal Liaison Officer.

Celebrating Harmony Day with friends, family and career prospects

Bass Coast Specialist School's Harmony Day Family BBQ and Careers Expo is an eagerly anticipated annual event that celebrates diversity, fosters community spirit, and provides invaluable insights into future career paths for students. This vibrant occasion brings together students, families, educators, and local professionals in a joyous atmosphere filled with fun activities, delicious food, and enlightening conversations.

At the heart of the event lies the celebration of Harmony Day, a day dedicated to promoting inclusivity, respect, and a sense of belonging for all Australians regardless of cultural background.

Fresh fruit and sausages filled stomachs, as students took turns to jump on the karaoke machine outside in the glorious sunshine on Thursday. Jaydee showed off his skills on the yidaki.

In tandem with the festivities, the Careers Expo component of the event offered students a glimpse into the vast array of career opportunities awaiting them beyond their school years. Local organisations and industry professionals set up informative stalls and interactive displays, providing students with firsthand knowledge about different career paths, required qualifications, and essential skills. From trades and healthcare to creative arts and technology, the Careers Expo ensured that students are well-informed and inspired to pursue their passions.

Student advisors, Tamara Kennedy and Mandy Holmes of TAFE Gippsland were on hand promoting their future pathways through long and short courses for students including school based apprenticeships, noting the connection with the current horticultural VET program.

"The reception has been amazing," Mandy said.

"The kids are keen and interested. Some have been looking for new opportunities and often we have questions from parents about courses for themselves too."



Connecting2Australia's Claire, Kim, recent Bass Coast Specialist School graduate and community program participant Daniel, Sally (front) and Jenn participated in Thursday's careers expo at Bass Coast Specialist School. C07_1324

Also on hand were Wise, Connecting2Australia, At Work, Interchange, Scope, Maxima and Yooralla.

"The lollies have been popular," Connecting2Australia's Claire Walmsley smiled.

"We also had students from Leongatha Specialist School here earlier which was fantastic."

"We provide supported employment opportunities and have contracts that include larger organisations such as Bass Coast Health, Grantville Hall and Homes Victoria for example, it's not just smaller contracts with individuals."

"We are always on the looking for more supported employees, as long as you have a NDIS plan, pop in and have a chat."

Connecting2Australia also provide relief events for careers with an incredibly successful sip n' sketch day taking place at Old Dalyston Church recently.

With delicious cakes and slices on offer from Bass Coast Specialist School students in the kitchen and coffee, the day was an overwhelming success for students and local organisations and a celebration of inclusivity.



Jaydee showed off his skills on the yidaki on Thursday. C06_1324

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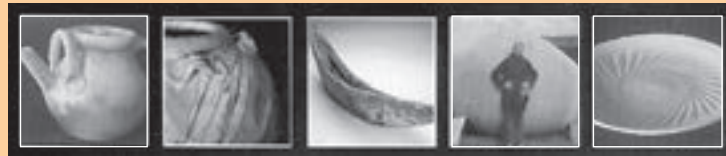


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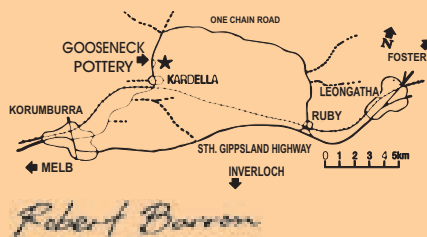
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As part of the Harmony week celebrations students were encouraged on Thursday to wear national dress from their culture, from left, Aditi – Nepalese, Grace and Angel – Karen, and Lucas – Dutch. C27_1324

Celebrating the cultures of Wonthaggi North

Wominjeka, marhaban, malo e lelei, bonjour, ciao, hallo, hola, konnichiwa

HARMONY Day was an incredible success last Thursday at Wonthaggi North Primary School as students dressed in orange or wore national costume or dress from their cultural background.

Amongst the mix to dress from their cultural background were Aditi, Grace, Angel and Lucas, who wore Nepalese, Karen and Dutch clothing, with Lucas even sporting a pair of wooden clogs.

Vice-school captain Linita opened the days proceedings, followed by cultural leader Lakhisha who noted that this Harmony Day we are celebrating “everyone belongs.”

“Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It’s about inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone.”

This year’s Harmony Day, the first of four WOW (whole school activities) Days planned for 2024, was a vibrant and enriching experience for students, families, and staff alike.

Hannah, a proud student at WNPS, kicked off with a series of eye-opening facts about Australia’s multicultural landscape. Did you know that Australia boasts over 300 ancestries? Since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to this beautiful land,



Students Hannah, Willow, Nesi, Alisha, Aria, Chloe and Will during the whole school parade at Wonthaggi North Primary School. C28_1324

enriching it with their diverse languages, cultures, and traditions. These statistics highlight the mosaic of cultures that form the Australian identity – a testament to the success of multiculturalism, which 85 per cent of Australians agree has been beneficial.

After the parade families and carers were invited back to the classrooms where they joined Harmony Day activities. Teachers curated a range of activities from resources provided by the events team, ensuring engagement and learning opportunities for all.

One of the highlights of the

day was the Harmony Day writing activity, where students shared stories about their costumes and family cultures. Prompted by questions about their choice of attire and its cultural significance, students engaged in meaningful conversations about diversity, harmony, and the beauty of multiculturalism. Additionally, a word challenge and discussions about diversity further deepened students’ understanding of these concepts.

Incorporating mathematics into the celebration, students participated in a flag bar graph

activity, championing WNPS’s diversity. By identifying their family origins and coloring flags representing their heritage, students created a visual representation of the school’s multicultural fabric.

The Harmony reading activity centered around Mem Fox’s poignant book, “I am Australian Too,” which explores themes of migration, identity, and belonging.

“Students talked about the different countries spoken about in the story,” art and drama teacher and events team, Kerry McGennissen explained.

“What were some of the problems that the characters faced in their country and the reasons why they came to Australia.”

Harmony sports activities, led by house captains, added an element of fun and excitement to the day. From Daruma in Japan to red light, green light from the USA, students engaged in games from various cultures, promoting teamwork and cultural exchange.

“It was such a great day and I’m really excited by the discussions and inclusivity that was evident in the week leading up to Harmony Day and particularly on the day,” Kerry added.

“I look forward to continuing these discussions and embracing the diversity at WNPS in future activities and learning.”



Charlotte and Ashley participated in the whole school parade on Thursday at Wonthaggi North. C25_1324



School vice-captain Linita and cultural leaders Lakhisha and Hannah hosted the Harmony Day Parade. C26_1324



Amelia and Lily wear orange proudly on Thursday.



Nesi, Taylah and Willow watch on as the parade takes place.

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Travel Guide Zoe Farrell holds up the Screw Creek Bridge.

Ten (or 13) reasons to discover Inverloch

IN Paris, the iconic photo is trying to hold the Eiffel Tower in your hands.

Here in Inverloch, trying to hold up the Screw Creek Bridge is way more fun.

The Inverloch Tourism Association (ITA) knows that everyone would love to be a part of the Great Race and travel the world but visitors and residents to Inverloch will love taking part in its scavenger hunts; exploring the beaches, camp grounds and surrounds, looking for birds and naturally hidden treasures.

The ITA has asked two young locals to be the travel guides and figure out what the top fun things for children to do in Inverloch these school holidays will be.

A top 10 was the aim, but the ITA has ended up with 13 and still counting.

From scrambling over sand dunes and splashing in rock pools, exploring all the different beaches to throwing in a fishing line at Screw Creek, getting wet paddle boarding in Anderson Inlet or visiting the Shell Museum it seems there is much to do around Inverloch.

That's even before you explore all the parks, hunt for dinosaurs or drop in for a bag of your favourite lollies at Treat Time.

Just for fun, the ITA has also created some fabulous treasure hunt sheets which can be downloaded from the website, or used easily on your phone.

"The treasure hunt is a fabulous, no cost way for the family to get outside and explore together. There are five fun hunts to complete. We hope in completing them families can all have fun, laugh a lot and create memories of their time together in Inverloch these school holidays. We will leave it up to the families to decide what the real treasure are at the end of the hunt," said ITA vice president Nicole Griffiths.

To read more about Inverloch's Top 10 (or 13) Fun Things for Kids and to download the Treasure Hunt PDF's please head to visitinverloch.co or follow the Visit Inverloch on Instagram and/or Facebook.

You can contact the Inverloch Tourism Association via messaging these account or email admin@inverloch.org.au.

Record numbers at Fixit Café Wonthaggi

By Hilary Stuchbery

FOURTEEN customers were helped at the recent Fixit Café and 20 kilograms saved from going to landfill. The current renovations at the Wonthaggi Men's Shed seemed to spark a great atmosphere of co-operation and volunteers Wendy, Rob, Dianne, Matt, Ross, Jillian, Graham and Sabah worked wonders keeping everything ticking over. Thanks go to the members of The Men's Shed who were kept busy with several sharpening jobs while the sewing circle mended and chatted under the verandah.

Items must be small enough to carry and can include electronic goods, mending, gluing, sharpening and even mower fixing if we have enough notice to round up a Fixer (any volunteers?). Our repairers cannot fix microwave ovens due to safety issues.

It's essential to bring supplies of things which need to be replaced, for example zips, leads or plugs. There is no charge for the service but a small donation to help with running costs would be appreciated. Coffee, tea and cake are on the house. Check out the Facebook page at WMS Fixit Café. Next session is Sunday April 21.

Cars rev up excitement at Bass Coast



Kailey and Natalie tested out the bike last week for a photo. C04_1324



Caleb, Kailey, Natalie, Jaydee, Ollie and Tyler were delighted at the cars on display by Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club. C03_1324

LAST Tuesday, the Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club Inc. revved up excitement as they rolled into Bass Coast Specialist School, showcasing an impressive array of classic cars and a unique vintage bike. The visit was a thrilling opportunity for students to jump in and check out the vehicles up close.

The vehicles parked in the front car park with students encouraged to check out under the hood, hop inside and honk the horn.

"Students had a blast honking the horn and dancing at one stage," Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club Inc president, Keith explained.

"Running from car to car they gave Tony's fancy car horn a good run!

"All we asked was that they respect the vehicles."

And students did just that as they took in the exterior's spectacular colours, chattered excitedly and marvelled at the unique interiors.

Among the collection of classic cars, one standout attraction was the vintage bike and sidecar, that captured the imagination of students riding down the highway.

The visit provided more than just a visual spectacle; it was a hands-on learning experience that allowed students to engage with local enthusiasts and gain insights into historical cars.

The Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club's visit was not only a memorable event but also a testament to the power of community partnerships in enriching the educational experience of students, and one of many events they coordinate to share their vehicles.

Success in the sunshine at Inverloch Community Expo

THE sun was shining, as Inverloch gathered en masse to celebrate and connect as part of the Community Expo on Friday evening from 4pm.

Inverloch Community House and Inverloch Tourism Association hosted the event which ran until 7pm with a free barbeque keeping tummies full and music from Warrawee Club entertaining.

A wide array of community groups lined up on the grassed recreation oval area, happily chatting away with all demographics and interests catered to.

"The Expo is a great way for Inverloch residents to learn

about the vast array of services/groups available to be involved in within our vibrant town," Inverloch Tourism Association president Glenn Morris said.

"More than 50 community groups were represented ranging from sports groups, recreation and arts, through to volunteering service organisations. I am continually amazed at how much there is to tap into depending on your interests."

And whilst there was a contingency plan in place, it was certainly not needed as the sunshine shone brightly with perfect weather.



Warrawee Club's Invy Win Ukes d lighted crowds on Friday in the glorious sunshine. C21_1324



The Block meets the penguins

ON Thursday (March 21) Channel Nine's The Block filmed a challenge at the Penguin Parade (Phillip Island Nature Parks) which will air during the series. Everyone including the hosts Scott Cam and Shelley Craft, and the contestants loved the experience and opportunity to work with senior research officer Paula Wasiak (pictured) and the team of rangers including Ben Thomas.

The Block are a quarter of the way through the build.

Grab your copy of the Sentinel-Times next week when we take a behind the scenes tour of the site and catch up with former contestant and The Block plumber Tom Calleja, executive producer and creator Julian Cress, The Block's official builder from Nine In Six Aidan O'Shannessy and hosts Scott and Shelley.



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Market's new home a hit

THE new railway precinct home for the Leongatha Community Market was hailed as a huge success as crowds flocked on Sunday March 17.

The market had previously been located at the grounds of the old Leongatha Primary School, and was held on Saturdays, with the new location next to the former railway station attracting more stallholders and shoppers.

Market president Neil Barrett highlighted while the former location made for a 'lovely' market, it was hidden away.

"We would average 15-17 stores and we've doubled that, and we've got a huge waiting list," he said.

"Next month it'll be even bigger." Neil highlighted they had long had their eye on the spot, but many things needed to happen first such as the recent works to the carpark and surrounding railway site.

"We've had more arrive in the first two hours then we had at the entire (former) market," he said.

He also noted that holding the market on a Sunday added to its appeal.

And to top it all off, the stunning, large scale mural just behind the railway precinct was in full view for all to enjoy.

Committee elected for Woorayl Probus

THE Woorayl Probus Group had its annual meeting on March 4.

A new committee was elected for the coming year and, much to the delight of all members, every position was filled.

Rotarian Graeme Evans conducted the election.

Graeme also spoke about the work of Rotary and the number of very worthwhile causes Rotary are contributing to.

The Woorayl Probus members were entertained by the three Trebleflet singers.

The range of numbers had toes tapping and, in some cases, mouthing the words to some very memorable songs.

John Watson – complete in scarf and cap – was Tevye from Fiddler on the Roof. It was a wonderful performance.

Fish Creek C.W.A honour Sue Price for 40 years of service

THE CWA raise significant funds towards helping vulnerable women, children, and their families.

The Fish Creek CWA volunteers are collectively contributing to help the homeless by donating towels to a range of volunteer centres in South Gippsland, as well as participating at the Fish Creek market until Easter weekend, and naturally scones were among the items sold, something for which C.W.A. members are famous for.

Among the recent celebrations, CWA state vice president Viviane Chemali honoured Sue Price for her 40 years of service.

Sue was praised at the recent South Gippsland Group A.G.M held at Toora on February 9 for her outstanding service to the community.

Sue joined C.W.A. Fish Creek Branch shortly after her marriage to the late Cecil Price 41 years ago.

She served as South Gippsland Group president on three separate occasions and served as craft convenor for the group. Sue is known throughout the community for her much loved pickles and jams, as well as for her handicraft.

Sue has served as cookery and horticulture judge throughout the years, not only for C.W.A around the state of Victoria, but also for the Foster agricultural show.

Sue is known for her love of playing indoor bowls in Fish Creek as well being a club committee member. She has also been a Probus member and served on the Fish Creek Hall Committee.

Congratulations Sue for your dedicated years of service to C.W.A and the South Gippsland community.



South Gippsland Spinners and Fibre Arts Group in an eco dyeing workshop in the Jumbunna Village Hall.

New skills for spinners

THE South Gippsland Spinners and Fibre Arts Group held a very successful and well attended eco dyeing workshop in the Jumbunna Village Hall on Tuesday, March 19.

The tutor, Glenda Beresford, member of the group, kindly supplied all the materials required for each participant.

Eco-dyeing is a natural dyeing process that uses plant materials to create colors on textile. The fabric to be dyed is usually pre-treated to remove any finishes or oils that might hinder the dye absorption. This can involve washing the fabric thoroughly.

Eco-dyeing relies on natural materials such as leaves, flowers, roots, and barks. These are often collected locally and sustainably to ensure minimal impact on the environment.

Mordants are substances used to help fix the dye to the fabric, improving colourfastness and intensity. Common mordants include alum, iron, and copper. The fabric may be soaked in a mordant solution before dyeing, or the mordant can be included in the dye bath.

The plant materials are usually soaked or boiled to extract their color. This creates a dye bath, which can be

adjusted for different colors by varying the plant material used, the concentration, and the pH of the water.

The fabric is then immersed in the dye bath. The length of time it stays in the bath, the temperature, and agitation can all affect the final color and pattern. Some artists also use techniques like bundling or wrapping the fabric with plant materials to create specific patterns.

In some cases, heat is applied to help set the dye. This can involve steaming or boiling the fabric. Once the desired color is achieved, the fabric is rinsed thoroughly to

remove excess dye. It's then washed with a mild detergent to remove any remaining traces of dye and mordant.

The dyed fabric is finally dried, either naturally or with low heat, depending on the fabric type.

Eco-dyeing is valued not only for its environmentally friendly approach but also for the unique and often unpredictable results it can produce, as natural dyes can vary based on factors like plant species, season, and location.

The South Gippsland Spinners and Fibre Arts Group are based on Korumburra. Visit timeonyourhandscrafters.com

Bringing a home-grown story to young readers



Max Follett, 4, showing his book to one of Clover's friends.

CLOVER the Cow is being reprinted to coincide with the 150th anniversary celebration of the settling of Poowong on Friday, April 19 to Sunday, April 21, 2024.

Clover the Cow is a picture book for primary school children, with the added bonus of extra sections about dairy farms, milk processing and the many and varied products that are created here in South Gippsland. This information caters for readers and learners of all ages.

The fictional story of Clover was written by Jackie Wilmann of Poowong and illustrated by Emma White of Drouin.

Clover is a calf who lives in the rolling green hills of South Gippsland. Her adventures take her around the farm

where she discovers various nasty weeds. Along with her friends she learns that farmers, and even other animals work hard to keep weeds like ragwort, thistles, and blackberries out of her pasture.

Jackie created the story on behalf of the Poowong Community Consultative Committee (PCCC). PCCC is responsible for the reprinting and sales hoping to bring a real home-grown story book to young readers.

Clover the Cow is available locally at the Poowong Post Office and Loch Motors, online by emailing poowong@live.com, via a text to Wilma at 0417 039 209 or at the 150th celebrations, for the cost of \$20 plus \$5 postage per book.

Wonthaggi VIEW Club committee inducted for 2024

VIEW Clubs of Australia are a valued part of The Smith Family. The Incoming Wonthaggi Evening VIEW Club was recently inducted for 2024. President Carmel thanked the outgoing Committee for their contribution and warmly welcomed the new Committee members.

Badges were presented by Zone Councillor Wendy Walker to Jean McBride, Marilyn Wallace, Dorothy Harland, (Wendy Walker), Margaret Sutherland, Carmel Lynch, Maureen Chisholm, Heather Andrews, Lorraine Edlington and Kim Austin.

The Wonthaggi Evening VIEW Club sponsors seven children with their education. This is achieved from fundraising activities held at the meetings and on outings. New members are welcome to come along and join in, either at a Dinner Meeting or on one of the monthly outings.

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Public drowning inquiry a must

THERE were further positive signs during the week that authorities are finally taking the risks posed by Bass Coast's hazardous surf beaches more seriously, regrettably after a disturbing number of deaths by drowning over the summer.

And continuing the largely unsung but extensive efforts of the local surfing community to reduce the number of deaths at our beaches, GippSport partnered with Surfing Victoria and local clubs Bass Coast Boardriders, Phillip Island Boardriders and Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club to deliver two sessions of Surfing Victoria's water safety program 'Surfers Rescue 24/7', both of which were well attended.

These sessions provided practical support and advice for those on the scene at local beaches, in the water or on the shore, when others get into difficulty or require assistance.

Among the key messages delivered at the sessions was do not attempt any sort of rescue or support without a flotation device, either a surfboard or boogie board, and you are under no obligation to do anything except call for help if you don't feel confident enough about your own abilities.

But the reality is that surfers often share warnings about unsafe conditions with visitors and help people getting into difficulty to safety, so the sessions offered by Surfing Victoria and GippSport were very well received. Good job.

Local foreshore managers, including the Bass Coast Shire Council, Parks Victoria and Phillip Island Nature Parks also placed some new, improved warning signs at beaches and added Variable Message Signs (VMS) along the access points into the area over the recent holiday weekend.

But it doesn't take away from the fact that the 162-page 'Bass Coast Shire Coastal Risk Assessment Report' completed by Life Saving Victoria's Aquatic Risk & Research Department in mid-2019, as part of the Surf Life Saving Australia Beach Drowning Black Spot Reduction Program and funded by the Australian Government for local agencies; Bass Coast Shire, Phillip Island Nature Parks, Parks Victoria and San Remo Foreshore Committee of Management was not released until the end of January 2024.

The report makes an assessment of most of Bass Coast's hazardous beaches, not including Forrest Caves ironically, where the mass drowning occurred on Wednesday, January 24, and makes several key recommendations about what needs to be done to reduce the already recognised risk of drowning.

For example, it says "it is recommended that land managers within BCS commit to a systematic monitoring and review process. Continuous monitoring and review of hazards ensures that new hazards are detected and managed and linked to modification or maintenance of existing action plans."

One of these "new hazards" has been the dramatic rise in the number of visitors to Phillip Island of South Asian heritage, coming out of the rapidly expanding suburbs in the SE Melbourne Metro area, lacking the experience and education of the hazards that exist. It's a risk that should have been recognised and addressed.

So, why was that report buried and not acted upon for almost five years?

Claims have been made that certain people and organisations did not want a report that quoted high hazard scores for popular beaches like Cape Woolamai and Smiths Beach, as well as probable drowning data and rescue statistics released for fear it would impact tourism.

An inquiry into what happened this summer and a new report, with recommendations about what happens next, must be a priority for our land managers and local MPs.

Vox Pop

What changes would improve the enjoyment of your local neighborhood?



Vicky Huber

San Remo

"It would be great to see more family friendly affordable restaurants within Bass Coast."



Paula Rogers

San Remo

"I'd like to see more footpaths; without them families are forced to walk on the road."



Tricia Jebson

Cape Woolamai

"It would be great to see financial relief for local businesses to keep them open during the cost-of-living crisis."



Jackson Janzik

Cape Woolamai

"We need places for youth; there's nowhere for teenagers to hang out and socialise."

NO street numbers

IT is about time all properties were numbered, letter box and gates, town and country.

I most certainly don't like knocking on the wrong door or going to the wrong farm.

Please put your numbers up where it can be seen without entry to the wrong address.

First try to find an address on Warra-gul-Korumburra Road without a number on the gate.

It is impossible, it is not safe to knock on some doors these days.

Jack and Jill Spencer, Korumburra

Korumburra Hub

I HAVE lived in the Korumburra district all my life. I have coped with many changes, some very stupid like the present elderly citizens being kicked out of their ideal home in Radovick Street. Level walking and parking, and central.

A very artistic garden layout at "The Hub", it is a beautiful building, but the surrounds are tragic. No parking to suit young or old, to say nothing of the very long walk, if you can walk!

Parking is taken up by staff, their staff and surrounding shops and businesses.

A new building, but the lift has not been working for ages. Where have those idiots that insisted on putting this building on one of the steepest areas of our town been educated and lived, city perhaps?

What will the main street be like after its "makeover". I dread to think. Leongatha's is artistic but it is all footpaths not serviceable for shoppers, we don't all have time to sit by the hour drinking coffee out on the footpaths.

Jean Laiton, Korumburra

Those damn tourists

EASTER is approaching and Wonnie's retail employees are tooling up for another round of passive aggressive confrontations with the visitors who come here to spend their hard earned and help with the region's economy.

Friends who visit the area are partly amused, partly puzzled and often annoyed by the rudeness and coolness they experience in a lot of our shops (particularly the big corporates) and I am always at a loss to explain that to them, or excuse it.

I don't know whether it's driven by some sort of inferiority complex (see also Moe and Morwell) or xenophobia,

good country folks vs city smarties, but I do know that if we manage to encourage the holiday makers to stock up somewhere where they can get pleasant courteous service before they arrive in the Bass Coast, then our economy will notice it.

We have to lose the baggage that came with the old coal town and promote ourselves as a holiday venue 10 minutes from the beautiful Bass Coast and appreciate our cashed-up visitors in the holiday seasons. Wrenchs, Connells, Autopro, the service stations and many others are wonderful examples of professional retailers but there are a significant percentage of others who are undermining their efforts. Pull your socks up Wonnie!

Name withheld

Council can and must do better

I AM appalled watching the Bass Coast Council Meeting Wednesday, March 20, 2024 and the councillors attitude towards one another.

Both Cr Whelan and Mayor Le Serve's rude, aggressive and dismissive attitude towards Cr Halstead was uncalled for and certainly unwarranted. This is not the first time we have seen such behaviour and attitude.

Cr Larke, who is a long serving elected representative of the Bunurong ward, has been on the pointy end of Cr Whelan, Cr Tessari and Cr Laing's barbed attitudes and demeanour for countless months and it is never ending.

Do these councillors need reminding that they are there to represent those who voted for them, their constituents, and that their aggressive attitudes have no place within council chambers.

You are representing us, we of many thousands of ratepayers, and we expect more. There is a cry out for more diverse representation of ratepayers via new councillors. Yet when this continued behaviour keeps occurring within council meetings, it makes us all question why we would ever consider joining the fray and subjecting ourselves to this aggressive and bullying rudeness that we are constantly seeing. You can and must do better.

Ann Grose, Surf Beach

Seeking a family treasure

ON SATURDAY April 16 at a swap meet at Leongatha recreational reserve and old cream can with my father's name, Rex Griggs stamped on it was sold before I had the chance to purchase it.

I am hoping that somebody can identify the lady who apparently purchased it so maybe I'm lucky enough to purchase it off her.

As a young kid I used to get up at 4:30 in the morning and go and help my dad to milk the cows after which we would manhandle those big heavy cream cans onto the carryall on the tractor and take them up a steep track to the stand on the road where the Milk factory truck from Leongatha would pick them up.

That is where my working life started, and I learnt the value of working to achieve. Through milking and rabbits, I managed to purchase my first motorbike. Then using the motorbike, I worked around farms locally, in particular carting hay.

Those were wonderful times, whereas a carefree young teenager, I got around the district and talked to all the old farmers, and was often invited in at no notice for a meal by the most wonderful ladies.

People then didn't have much, but what they did have they were happy to share.

In our modern-day communities with a fast life and fast cars it seems life has changed a lot.

I'm hoping I can regain something from my past.

Tony Griggs, Hallston

Threat to Bass River platypus

A 24-YEAR-OLD platypus found in Monbulk Creek is the oldest so far discovered in the wild.

It was found in a survey conducted for Melbourne Water by scientists from Ecology Australia.

The age is not known of some of the platypus in the Bass River, but various groupings have been seen in the river at Grantville and Glen Forbes. The Grantville platypus as well as River Blackfish are currently threatened by vegetation destruction orders from Bass Coast Shire which the Council claims is for fire control.

To comply with the instructions, vegetation on land adjoining Freeranger Eggs in Stanley Road has been bulldozed into the river.

Phil Westwood, Grantville

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.



Shoulder of Lamb

stuffed with Eggplant

By Meg Viney

SOMETHING Greek for Easter. I recall with vivid fondness an Easter spent on the island of Skiathos. The priest, dressed in elaborate robes and carrying a banner with an icon, walked around the whole town so that he could greet even those who were not well enough to leave their homes.

All the able townspeople were in procession behind him – this all took well over an hour, and then we all returned to the church for the ceremony. There was incense burning and all the important icons decorated the church which was packed.

The mood was elevated and passionate, the service beautiful, and the smell of roasting lamb pervaded the entire island. It was a truly memorable experience.

So, I am giving you a recipe from a rather precious book I have from those times, which may appeal to some of you who would like to have lamb for Easter.

Ingredients

- 1 shoulder of lamb, boned
- 1 eggplant
- 1 chopped onion
- 1 crushed clove garlic
- 1 tablespoon thick mint sauce (you can use fresh chopped mint of course)
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- Juice of a lemon
- 1 cup white wine
- Olive oil
- Several parboiled small potatoes
- Fresh oregano
- Salt and pepper

Method

Cut the eggplant into 8cm slices. Brush with olive oil and grill close to the flame (or barbecue) until slightly charred. Remove to a plate.

In a pan, in olive oil, sauté the onion and garlic with a pinch of salt until soft and aromatic – then add the mint and parsley. Lay the lamb out flat and top with this mixture then lay eggplant on top. Roll and tie the lamb then place in a roasting pan. Pour half the wine over and roast in a hot oven for 15 minutes.

Reduce the heat to 160 and roast for a further 2 hours (less for pink meat), whilst basting the meat with the oil, lemon and oregano.

Half an hour before the lamb is cooked, add the parboiled potatoes and continue to roast.

Remove the pan to a platter. Add the remaining wine and reduce the juices as necessary to make a sauce.

Cut the lamb into thick slices and serve with the potatoes and a Greek salad.

NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS



WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

THANK you to everyone who came along to the wonderful Harmony Week event Monday last week. It was great to see our diverse Wonthaggi community out and about, walking together and gathering at Mitchell House to share food and fun. And if we're lucky we might be able to catch glimpses ourselves in a future episode of the ABC's Back Roads program!

A reminder that we have Jo's rescheduled up-cycling fashion giveaway at the community lunch this Wednesday, March 27. Not only do you get a fantastic meal, but you can

also choose one of Jo's bespoke, unique garments. This is Jo's generous gift to our community and an event not to be missed. There are still some places available so just give us a call on 5672 3731 to book your spot. We'd love to see you at what will be our last community lunch before the school holidays.

As I've previously mentioned, some of our groups will be taking a break for the school holidays including yoga, the Peace Education Program, the Multi-Cultural Womens' Group and our Community Lunches. All of these will be back again in term

two, so you won't have to wait too long to reconnect with your favourite groups and activities.

Mitchell House will be open over the school holidays except for the Easter Public Holidays – we will be shut on Good Friday and on Easter Monday, reopening on Tuesday, April 2. We look forward to seeing everyone again after what we hope is have a safe and happy Easter for all.



6 Murray St, Wonthaggi PH: (03) 5672 3731 www.wonthaggi-neighbourhoodcentre.com

BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

BCAL participated in the Inverloch Expo last Friday with David and Olivia staffing an information table. There was big interest in the free gardening workshops coming up in Term 2 and the free snow pea seeds were a hit too. Who said all promotional materials are wasteful?

There was also interest in how BCAL can help young people discover what career and study pathways open to them.

These can include Certificate III in Information Technology, which will be starting in April, and for the outdoor types, Certificate III in Horticulture which will be having a Term 2 intake.

For broader skills, First Aid, Workplace Safety, and Hospitality Skills, including a specially priced all-in-one course, are returning after Easter. All Term 2 dates are on the website right now.

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

■ WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

There was a treat in store for the garden volunteers last Thursday. Volunteer/member Kevin, picked one of his 'sugarbaby' melons, cut it open and offered slices around.

It was a taste sensation, as fresh as it gets, full of flavour, sweet and refreshing, food for the body and the soul.

Happily, there are new opportunities at the community garden to enjoy your own home-grown fruit, veg and herbs, with four good sized plots available now.

Two are new, raised beds, which will come full of good soil and compost, ready to plant. Two more – one larger, one medium-sized will be ready to go soon.

They are perfect for growing a little extra produce, to supplement what you already grow, or to start from scratch with a vegie plot. The annual fee to join is minimal, plus compost, water, some tools and mulch are included. Details at tgordon@westnet.com.au, or drop into the garden and meet the volunteers on Thursdays between 10 and noon.

■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

This Easter Saturday and Sunday, the Woodies will be reopening their pop-up gift shop at the workshop for two days only.

The sale will feature a huge range of beautifully handcrafted timber products with something for everyone. This is an opportunity to really shop local and find something unique for yourself or an ideal future gift for someone special.

Browsers are welcome and you get to see where it's made and meet the makers as well.

The shop will be open from 10am to 4pm this Saturday and Sunday at the Woodies Workshop at 239 White Road, Wonthaggi. Enter via BCAL and follow the signs.

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit wonthaggi-woodcrafters.com.au or visit workshop.



239 White Rd, Wonthaggi PH: (03) 5672 3115 www.bcal.vic.edu.au

Easter Sunday dawn service

THE churches of Wonthaggi and Inverloch invite you to join to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus as the sun rises at Eagles Nest.

This event is being brought to the community by the Wonthaggi and Inverloch Inter-Church Council. Rev. Graeme Leirsch will lead the service along with music from his team. Captain Amanda Hart from the Salvation Army will be giving the message. The Eagles Nest Easter Dawn Service will be held at 7am on Sunday, March 31 overlooking the beautiful Bass Strait along Cape Paterson – Inverloch Road.

Please be appropriately prepared for the weather conditions. Please carpool if possible due to limited parking. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at Cape Paterson Community Hall, 565 Cape Paterson Road. All are welcome.

LIFE Moments



ZIMI Banks McHenry was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on March 10, weighing 3.4kg. Zimi is the third child for Simon McHenry and Amy Skelton of San Remo, and a sister for Saylor, 6, and Jude, 3.

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

• FAITH FACTOR

Change is here to stay

By Ps Sandro Schietroma, Wonthaggi Baptist Church

"CHANGE" can be worse than a swear word sometimes in faith communities.

People will usually change their cars every so many years, their computers to keep them up to date, change or move the furniture around their home. But for some, when it comes to church certain things have to be done as they have been for years.

On the other hand some things are never to change for example, the word of God and all His teachings do not change as Jesus is the same yesterday today and forever, but things which are not really of biblical importance can at times have a stronger hold on us than His word and it can become a stumbling block rather than an opportunity to reach out to people with the message of hope.

In 2 Corinthians 3:18 we read...And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image. There is a constant change which needs to happen in our lives in order for us to grow more and more like Jesus, reflecting His image.

From the moment of conception, we are forever changing as we develop into adulthood.

Without change we become stagnant, unproductive, and ineffective in our world. Change into His image is something we need to seek, desire, and strive for. For this we need His help, strength, and wisdom.



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It won't cost a cent to see them in print!



Peter Foley and Mary Howlett are closing the doors to the Archies Creek Hotel and the Caravan Music Club. z07_1324

The Archies Creek Hotel and The Caravan Music Club present their final farewell

THE secret to the success of The Caravan Music Club is that there was no secret!

The Caravan Music Club was simply founded on a passion for music and a care for production by Peter Foley in 2004 – initially assembled as 'House Parties' in his Melbourne lounge room 20 years ago; however, like all good things they come to an end, with this year being the decider for Peter and his partner Mary Howlett to close the doors to the beloved and renowned venue – The Archies Creek Hotel.

"It all started because of our passion for music; I had a son with muscular dystrophy, and we couldn't go out, as we were his primary carers, so we brought the world to us, in our house concerts," said Peter.

"We'd just bring people in; we had a lot of famous people come to our home, and sometimes we'd have 70 people in the lounge room, but once he passed, I couldn't do it anymore – that's when we took Caravan Music to a bowling club in Oakleigh, before opening at the Memo Music Hall in St Kilda."

Peter and Mary spoke to the Sentinel-Times on their experiences running music venues with passion and dedication, despite facing challenges and navigating the COVID-19 pandemic.

It was at this time in 2019 that they had opened the doors to The Archies Creek Hotel – only months before the pandemic hit; they were drawn to the venue for their next chapter, but it was the restrictions in the music industry that made Peter and Mary begin outdoor gigs – because regional Victoria was open, and the artists just wanted to play!

"Opening the yard was the ideal venue; diversity creates opportunity, and post COVID people would automatically start mounting the grass because they could

start communicating again," said Peter.

"Musicians always love to play, and if you can provide a venue with a bit of care and a bit of love – the right vibe and the right feel, then they respond to that."

Peter discussed the importance of fostering genuine relationships between artists and venues. Making connections with each artist, and their music, and preserving the character and history of live music venues – creating opportunity for new artists and their audiences.

For the past five years under the Caravan Music Club, Archies Creek Hotel has provided a rustic organic community vibe.

"We love this space," said Peter.

"This pub has a checkered history, and that history has built up a character in a story within the walls of the place," he explained.

Peter and Mary both expressed their passion for promoting live music events and preserving the unique atmosphere of venues, highlighting the appeal of their hidden gem of a venue as a tourist attraction within the coastal town – one that became a venue for the local community to gather and connect.

"We are so grateful to the music lovers of Bass Coast and beyond who have embraced and supported us through the last five years. It's been a blast, and we are sorry to not be able to continue," said Peter.

"It's been a hell of a good time!"

The Big Goodbye to the Caravan Club – an all-in brawl celebrating two decades of musical joy will kick off at 3.30pm on March 31 with a stellar line up of musicians all backed by an All Star Deluxe House band The Iconoclasts (Shane O'Mara- Guitar Shane Reilly – Pedal Steel, Ben Weisner – Drums, Adrian Whitehead – Keyboard And Mick Meagher – Bass).

Tarra Festival Rotary Art Show

THE Rotary Club of Yarram is gearing up to host its highly anticipated art show over Easter, part of the Tarra Festival which annually attracts thousands to the town.

Held at the majestic Regent Theatre in Yarram, the art show promises to captivate audiences with its diverse range of artworks. The show is a testament to the rich artistic talent in the region.

The Grand Opening, set for Friday,

March 29 at 7.30pm, will feature an array of prizes and surprises, with additional rewards and announcements expected during the event.

With an expanded range of categories, this year's show offers artists more opportunities to showcase their talents and creativity.

More information is available at yarramartshow.com.au and tarrafestival.com



Travis Macumber, Sales Manager for Claas shows off the Claas Jaguar 970, a forager specialising in maize and grass chopped silage. Claas is offering customers 0.2 per cent interest on tractors and 1.4 per cent interest on Amazone equipment over 24 months. Travis was looking forward to catching up and chatting with valued customers while at Farm World. ob06_1324



ACE Industrial's Nick Whitehead shows off the Kincrome Combo Tool Armour 114" at Farm World noting there are still deals to be had throughout this week in store for surplus Farm World stock. C500_1324



Tim Marriott of Marriotts Leongatha shows just how it's done on the Cub Cadet 42" ride on mower at Farm World. C501_1324



Andrew Snape Director of TTMI with Leongatha Sales Manager Anthony Cook were keen to showcase their new Bednar range while at Farm World. The European Bednar has great build quality and new innovations across a broad range of machines that cater to small and broad acre farming. The Bednar range from TTMI will also be in action at the Lardner Park Demo Day on Wednesday March 27. ob10_1324



The Freestyle Kings Motocross team get ready to wow the crowds at Farm World. ob35_1324

Equipment, entertainment and experiences at Farm World

FARM World was big this year, with up to 100 acres of exhibitor displays, both indoors and out and more than 40,000 people attending over three days.

With hundreds of agriculturally based stalls for patrons to browse, farm animals, an equestrian event, a rodeo, muster dog shows, Freestyle Kings Motocross, there was more gear, fun and entertainment than patrons could imagine.

Tractors, trailers, rakes and balers lined up along lanes, shining in the sun and calling out to farmers.

Experts were on hand and happily chatting about new features on equipment and innovative ag' technology coming through their brands.

Outdoor living was of course a big feature with boats, caravans, horse floats, and vehicles on display as well as masses of plants and must-have tools.

In the sheds were smaller boutique stalls where attendees could talk to action groups, find plant based medicines, consult with Ag' Vic and discuss issues with local members of parliament.

Young children were thrilled to take pony, horse and camel rides, families were checking out Australia's deadliest snakes and getting up close and

personal with sheep, alpacas, highland and long horn cows.

There was so much action happening every day around Lardner Park with the continuous equestrian event and riders showing off their skills, to the machinery demonstrations, chainsaw sculpting, the Super Tank Fishing Show, live music and tractor driving competitions.

The annual and signature event, the Women in Ag Lunch was held for ladies in the industry, with guest speakers Emma Germano, local farmer and President of Victorian Farmers Federation, and Cath McGowan, current Chair of AgriFutures.

Regional producers were doing a roaring trade during busy lunchtimes and a new hospitality zone was showcasing Gippsland's breweries, distilleries and cideries.

For more than half a century, this premier field day has been providing the farming community, locals and urbanites with a passion for the great outdoors, a great day out, and this year was no different.

Farm World boasted a huge variety of unique and memorable experiences and value for all visitors who made it to the event over the weekend.



The Equestrian Expo was held continuously across three days at Farm World with riders and horses showcasing their amazing talent and a dedicated laneway of stalls for everything equestrian. ob34_1324



'Happy' the Holstein Cow is just over a year old now and had children at Farm World looking on with glee at Happy's fortuitus and famous markings. ob27_1324



A highland cow with her young calf show off their long shaggy coats and delights all cow lovers at Farm World. ob26_1324



Hayden Poppe of HP Fire said the exposure at Farm World was great, especially with more than 40,000 people over three days coming through the gates. Being a retailer stand rather than a supplier, HP Fire had the additional benefit of showcasing multiple brands with representatives on site to chat to about products. "We can find the right product to suit everyone," said Hayden. ob08_1324



Rebecca Pedersen, Joanne Duffy and Penny Johnson from Saputo were enjoying three days of catching up with their Gippsland customers, consultants and competitors to discuss milk prices, weather and farming. Saputo, for the first time this year, also had a food van preparing delicious Saputo style cheese toasties for people to enjoy. ob05_1324



Craig Wright, Sales Manager from Gendore said they stock a broad range of machinery and it was on display for customers to come and have a look at and a chat about at Farm World. "There's not much you can't get at Gendore," Craig said. "From tractors to construction, sprayers, tillage, hay and harvest gear. We've got the full range." ob07_1324



Bonnie Cameron, Enrolments Officer with Principal Cameron Herbert from St Paul's Anglican Grammar School were welcoming families at Farm World, to come along for a chat and discuss education options. With ever expanding student numbers, the school will be opening a third campus in Drouin next year and were excited to talk about this opportunity with new families and those looking to transition to a great school. ob12_1324



Joe's head dog Bank obeys the trainer's quiet commands within a split second. ob43_1324

Talking to working dogs

AUSTRALIA'S well-known, award winning and leading working dog trainer Joe Spicer displayed his kelpie whispering ability at Farm World over the weekend.

School children and families watched on over the sheep yards as the stud master of Go – Getta Kelpies quietly commanded the dogs.

First up was a brown and tan kelpie pup in the early stages of being trained to muster.

"Dogs can talk", Joe told the crowd, "but they don't talk in words, they use body language and tones to talk," he explained.

Joe begins by commanding the pup using hand signals and his voice.

He then grabs a rake and uses it

to guide the pup to run clock wise in circles.

Big circles for the dog and small circles for the trainer, is the aim, and the rake acts as an extension of the arm to block the dog from continuing on the same trajectory.

"Let the dogs do the running," said Joe.

The pup complies with the instruction and stops on command.

When called to sit, Joe tells the audience that it's good to use multiple signals to talk to the dog including whistling, saying the dog's name, using hand signals, and most importantly gaining eye contact.

He tells the pup to sit, who almost does but is a little too excited and

doesn't quite make it to the ground.

Joe makes the command twice more, the pup urinates, and the children laugh uproariously.

There is still much for the pup to learn, Joe informs the crowd.

Joe lets his head dog 'Bank' off the leash and he begins immediately mustering the six sheep in the yard.

Right, left, right, commands Joe and Bank complies in a flash.

Obedience comes from gaining respect from your dog, explains Joe, and understanding the dog's instincts around livestock, making good decisions and talking to the dogs in a way they understand, is the key to training a good working dog.



Dave Creed, Tim Roscoe, Rob Ross (customer), John Schelling, Kelsie Schelling, Stuart Evans and Sam Thorson from Evans Petroleum were happy to welcome in customers who they don't see much during the year and have a chat about what's happening around Gippsland. Evans Petroleum customers also had the chance to go into a draw to win a 200 litre tank or 10 kgs of Cadbury chocolate while at the Field Day. ob09_1324



Simon Bonner, Karen Muir, Clint Newcombe and Stewart Carson (CEO), from Burra Foods were looking forward to seeing their milk supply partners at Farm World. Stewart commented that as milk supply has been up this year they are hoping that continues into next year; and to continue to see the Burra Foundation supporting local communities. ob13_1324



Chapman siblings Elyse and Cameron took the opportunity to showcase stocked multi-brands at Farm World with Fendt, Valtra, Massey Ferguson, Krone and Kubota on display. The Q series Valtra which boasts 230 – 305 horse power and comes with the Fendt transmission will be arriving in coming weeks, indent ordered from the factory and tailored to the Gippsland area. It will also be available for demos and more details to come for a drive day. ob11_1324



Farm World Rodeo ignites thrilling spectacle under Saturday night lights

COWBOY hats tilted just right, and belt buckles gleaming under the sunny skies, Farm World's Rodeo unleashed a thrilling spectacle that had hearts pounding and crowds cheering on Saturday night. As the gates swung open, a sea of eager fans flooded in, ready for an electrifying evening of adrenaline-fueled action.

But before the hooves thundered and the dust flew, the crowd was serenaded by the mesmerising vocals of Imogene Price, setting the stage for an unforgettable experience. As the main event kicked off, spectators were treated to jaw-dropping displays of skill and courage as junior and open divisions tackled bull and steer ride events and barrel races with fearless determination.

The energy was contagious, especially as the crowd rallied behind the young riders, their cheers echoing across the open paddocks.

Fortunately, injuries were scarce.

As the sun dipped below the horizon, the chill of the night air was no match for the warmth of the crowd's enthusiasm, and blankets, beanies, coats, and gloves emerged, transforming the scene into a cosy sea and reminder that summer is over.

RIGHT: Eight events were on offer on Saturday night including junior bull and steer.



Jhett Brown, Harvey Webb and Clayton Quaife of Koonwarra soak up the atmosphere at Farm World's Rodeo. C59_1324



Ashley, Peyton and Gary of Toongabbie watch on as the Freestyle Kings motocross riders showcase their skills on Saturday evening. C60_1324



Eva, Aliana and Sharnie of Alberton waited in anticipation for the rodeo to start on Saturday night. C58_1324



Phillip Island singer-songwriter Imogene Price entertained the crowd before the dust turned in the arena. C49_1324



Leah Vicino, Kim Dasma and Louise Underhill from TAFE Gippsland were engaging with school groups and potential students and talking about agriculture, horticulture, conservation, food, fibre, forestry and maritime. ob17_1324



Sarah Lewis from Brandt Equipment, Michelle Snape and Melissa Ahern from Gallagher Insurance Brokers were ready to enjoy the food and speakers at the Women in Ag Lunch. ob18_1324



Chloe Chase and Alexandra Chase, a Dairy Farmer, were enjoying the treats provided at the Women in Ag Lunch. ob19_1324



Nikki Davey, National Rural Woman of the Year 2023, Cathy McGowan, Chair of AgriFutures and key speaker at the Women in Ag Lunch with Loretta Willaton, Regional Australia Executive of Telstra. ob20_1324



Kerry Cougle and Lisa Wilms, Dairy Farmers in Gippsland were looking forward to hearing from speakers Emma Germano and Cathy McGowan at the Women in Ag Lunch. ob21_1324



Jordan Crugnale MP with Acting Principal Caroline Sibly and the school's Special Education swimming instructor Rachel Cullen. C02_1324



Student Charlie and his nanna (former teacher and School Council President Jennifer Hartigan) enjoyed the family BBQ on Harmony Day. C10_1324



Teleah and Fibe dressed in orange for Harmony Day and enjoyed listening to the karaoke. C09_1324



David Paroissien and Robert Pascoe of the Probus Club of Anderson Inlet had spoken to a few potential members who will be stopping by as visitors to their next event. C10_1324



Sue and Grant Smith were having a great time at the family BBQ and found everyone very friendly and welcoming. C11_1324



Gippsland Regional Public Health Unit's Vicki Bradley and Anna Anthony were speaking with visitors at Friday evening's Community Expo. C14_1324



Chris and Janette from Bass Coast Shire Council were at Inverloch's expo promoting the volunteer opportunities at the visitor information centres. C13_1324



There was heaps of interest at Inverloch Fishing Club with John Turner (secretary), Krista-lee Hackett (president) and Gerard Hackett (member) on hand with plenty of fishing information at the expo. C17_1324



Mitchell, Bill and Fraser from Aspire Tennis Coaching were on hand promoting Tennis in Inverloch. C18_1324

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Harmony Day events, Bass Coast Specialist School hydrotherapy pool announcement, Inverloch Community Expo and Farm World.



The ladies from Bendigo Bank Inverloch were serving up free sausages in bread on Friday at Inverloch Community Expo, from left, Penelope Lyttle, Louise Litchfield, Michelle Harris (GippSport) and Kasey Davis. C12_1324



Ladies at the helm, Rotarians and co-presidents Tilly Hutton and Rosa Turner were showcasing Rotary of Inverloch on Friday and a very special water project. C15_1324



Flick, Charlie and Belinda of Inverloch Scouts Group were raising awareness of their unit in Inverloch and helping on the BBQ's. C16_1324



Kellie Orgill, Louise Paul and Rose Atherton, all Dairy Farmers in Gippsland heading into Farm World's Women in Ag Lunch, held last week. ob14_1324



Sheridan Williams and Georgie Lowndes, mother and daughter who are both Gippsland Dairy Farmers were joining the Women in Ag Lunch at Farm World last Friday. ob15_1324



Nina McMahon and Margie Whitford representing A Girls Day Out which raises money for local oncology units, were advocating the great cause at Farm World. ob16_1324



Inverloch SES members Gary, Wayne and Toby were showing people through their gear and boat at the recreational reserve during the expo. C19_1324



Ted was delighted in giving the Inverloch SES rescue boat a dry test run on Friday night - a future junior member in training perhaps. C20_1324

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Whispers of wanderlust...

AUTUMN is upon us, but has summer really left yet? It feels like it's only just started...

However, that can only mean one thing – more time to enjoy what we love outdoors.

From throwing on a wetsuit, grabbing our board and going for a surf to walking the thousands of kilometres of tracks, trails and paths, there is no need to bunker down and ride out the wild Gippsland weather that is no doubt around the next corner.

Unwind from technology and bask in the sunshine over the long weekend, visit a market or show, get active – and if the weather isn't favourable Summersalt has the kids covered to run off some steam... Tick off the bucket lists with a cruise or helicopter flight or perhaps both, and pick strawberries at Maccas. Take in a round of golf or head out on the water, there is plenty to see and do.

One of my favourite things as a teenager was walking to Steve's shop on a Tuesday night, grabbing a burger, and walking home as I ate it, rain, hail or shine. You see if we are dressed for the weather, and doing something we enjoy, nothing fazes us.

So, pull out the bathers or throw on the gumboots (or perhaps both) and try one thing you've never done before. One of the most incredible parts of the world is on our doorstep – Santorini has nothing on our sunsets.

Don't forget to grab some coins and pop them in the tins as you pass our local CFA crews who will be out and about this Friday. Times are tough, so even the smallest donations add up and have changed the lives of many children in our communities who have been via The Royal Children's Hospital.

And last, but not least, please, whether you are a strong swimmer or not, only swim between the red and yellow flags at patrolled beaches. Our emergency services have seen too much devastation this summer, lets keep our community safe.

Eat lots of hot cross buns and easter eggs, spend time with loved ones and enjoy everything South Gippsland has to offer this Easter.

Chloe

TAKE TO THE SKIES AND SAVE 20%

THIS Easter walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward.

Phillip Island boasts breathtaking beauty with rugged coastlines, idyllic beaches, world class motorsports and an abundance of wildlife in its' natural habitat, and Phillip Island Helicopters provide the only bird's eye view of this spectacular scenery.

"We're open every day for locals and tourists to experience joy and adventure from one of the five different flights on offer," said Oli Parsons of Phillip Island Helicopters, a multi-award-winning business that has been regularly recognised as the most popular tourism attraction in Bass Coast.

"Pilots Jason, Mo and I take to the skies and showcase Phillip Island from a different perspective – one that you can only get in the air."

Helicopter flights are available for all ages; allowing children to experience lift off into the skies above and take in the impressive aerial views of the renowned seal rocks – home to Australia's largest seal colony, the Grand Prix Circuit – host to Moto GP, the state-of-the-art Penguin Parade, Cape Woolamai, and Victoria's beaches along Bass Coast.

With 20 per cent off until April 29 there has never been a better time to take the once in a lifetime experience and tick off the bucket list. Enter code EASTER101.

"If you are looking to soar like a bird then book your joy flight over Bass Coast with Phillip Island Helicopters, you will not be disappointed."

Grab your camera and head to Veterans Drive, Newhaven today.

STAY SAFE IN BASS COAST

As we enjoy more beautiful weather and with Easter just around the corner, the Bass Coast region is calling all beachgoers to come and enjoy the sandy shores safely.

To help you stay safe, we encourage everyone to **download the Surf Life Saving Australia, Beach Safe app** and access important information available on the Life Saving Victoria website and throughout the Visitor Information Centres.



www.beachsafe.org.au

In hot weather, take steps to protect yourself and others by keeping cool, staying hydrated, planning ahead and checking in with others.

We want everyone to keep safe when exploring the amazing coastline of Bass Coast.

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THE MEN'S SHED ON TWO WHEELS

‘GET your motor running, head out on the highway, looking for adventure, and whatever comes our way...’

Dubbed a men’s shed on two wheels by motorcycle rider Lozz, the friendly cruise will take you riding around the sweeping bends, cruising along the scenic roads and feeling the roar of an engine between your legs.

It’s time to dust off the bike and hit the open road with friendly faces as part of Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club Inc’s monthly motorcycle ride.

“The last Sunday of the month we organise a ride for all the club members,” ride co-ordinator Peter Mattea said.

“It’s an incentive to get out there and use our bikes.

“The bikes are fairly old, so I keep it small and find different little ways to get to Korumburra, where we end up for morning tea.”

After a bite and coffee in Korumburra it’s a gentle ride home, back in time for lunch.

The Sunday rides have slowly gained momentum since starting 12 months

ago, with new members keen to meet others in the area with similar passions.

“The more bikes we get the more events we can organise,” club president Keith Tonkin added.

Members bring a variety of skills with them, and with a short course are encouraging riders to join them even if they are a bit nervous.

“We’ve had a couple of rides where we’ve had members with niggling electrical problems and on two occasions bikes have broken down, but between all of us we tend to have enough tools and

knowledge that everyone has got home. We look after each other,” Peter said.

“It’s good therapy – get out there and enjoy a shared interest. Rather than riding from pub to pub, we ride from coffee shop to coffee shop,” Lozz laughed.

The monthly cruise meets at Fincher Street in Wonthaggi behind Artspace at 9.30am for a 10am departure on the last Sunday of the month, including this Easter Sunday, March 31.

New riders are always welcome to join.

Give generously to the Good Friday Appeal

Corinella

Between 10am - 2pm Corinella Fire Brigade members and helpers will be out and about collecting for this amazing cause.

Members will be located at the service station/McDonalds in Bass, and at the Corinella Fire Station (check Facebook for station times). The team also have QR codes available for any online transfers.

Cowes

Phillip Island Fire Brigade will be helping raise funds for the Royal Children’s Hospital on the corner of Thompson Avenue and Settlement Road.

Fish Creek/Walkerville/ Waratah Bay

The Fish Creek & District tanker will be heading to Bear Gully at 9am then onto the Walkerville Caravan Park and Promontory Views Estate followed by Waratah Bay just after lunch.

The crew will reach Sandy Point between 2-4pm and then be onto Fish Creek and Buffalo.

The siren will be sounding to alert residents when the truck is in their street with collections also in neighbouring South Gippsland Fire Brigade Group towns including Foster, Meeniyah, Hedley, Toora and Welshpool.

QR codes will be available to pay via the phone.

Inverloch

Inverloch Fire Brigade members will be out and about this year rattling the tins. Find the crew in the usual haunts including Inverloch Boat Ramp, the main shopping area – including Foodworks, Paul the Pieman and newsagents, and camping end of The Esplanade from 9am.

Kilcunda

A fixture on the highway each year, Kilcunda Fire Brigade will be rattling the tins at an open day at the Fire Station on the corner of Bass Highway and Peppermint Road.

Members will be collecting donations from 10am - 2pm. So please drop by, make your donation, have a sausage or a hot cross bun and say ‘Hi’ to your local hardworking volunteers.

Korumburra

The Middle Korumburra Hotel is once again hosting their annual Good Friday Appeal with an auction kicking off at 3pm, special guests, fun and games and Easter raffle draws throughout the day including a crayfish to be won. Live music by Fatty from 12pm – 3pm and Bluey from 3pm – 4pm with colouring competition. All day food available.

Meeniyah/Stony Creek

Meeniyah-Stony Creek Fire Brigade will be selling raffle tickets out the front of Meeniyah IGA. Junior brigade members were out and about on Monday past rattling the tins.

Leongatha

Leongatha Fire Brigade will be stationed at the traffic lights between 9am and 12 noon. Donations can be made in advance by contacting Leongatha CFA.

San Remo

San Remo CFA will be collecting donations via their annual street collection with four emergency vehicles walking the streets of San Remo, Newhaven, Cape Woolamai, Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay. Please note members be putting our sirens on occasionally to notify the street they are on their way.

Tarwin Lower/Venus Bay

Tarwin Lower & District will be out and about this year with trucks making their way through the Venus Bay Caravan Park and Estates 1 and 2 between 9am and 12 noon.

The Brigades are also running a raffle with tickets (and donation tins) available and stationed out the front of Tarwin Lower IGA, Venus Bay General Store and Walkerville Caravan Park.

Wonthaggi

The Uncle Bob’s Club won’t be taking donations this year. Please head to Inverloch or Kilcunda (or elsewhere on your travels).

Other Good Friday Events:

Easter Fishing Competition

Jim’s Bait and Tackle Australia are having their 7th Annual Easter Fishing Comp (all proceeds go to The Royal Children’s Hospital) running from Good Friday until Easter Monday. Over \$5000 worth of prizes to be won. More info can be found on their Facebook page.

Raffle

San Remo Discounts is holding a raffle with all funds going to the Good Friday Appeal. There is also a bin to collect refundable cans, bottles etc. with funds going to The Good Friday Appeal.

San Remo Hotel-Motel

San Remo Hotel-Motel is hosting the George Bass Walk for the Kids with a three kilometre route around San Remo also introduced. For more information visit trybooking.com/events/landing/1189955

San Remo Hotel will also be hosting their annual Easter Raffle with tickets sold from 11am and the winners drawn at 6pm; and a silent auction that evening with plenty of live entertainment, kid’s activities and goodies on offer.





A profusion of local delights

Take a journey throughout South Gippsland without leaving the fore-shore. Nestled opposite the park, San Remo IGA is a haven for the bon vivant showcasing the region's finest offerings, and many award winners.

From the creamy, rich flavors of Bassine Specialty Cheeses and milk produced with love and care on a family farm, to the golden yolks of Coronet Bay Farm Eggs, each product tells a story of local passion and dedication.

As you wander the aisles, the sweet melody of Prom Coast Ice Cream beckons, a symphony of flavours crafted from Victorian cream and Australian berries. Nearby, the robust aroma of Bean'd coffee beans fills the air, promising a perfect start to any morning.

The cheese connoisseur will revel in the selection at hand in the

gourmet cheeses fridge. Prom Country Cheese, with its organic, farmhouse varieties, Tarago River Cheese, known for its Shadows of Blue, and Berrys Creek Gourmet Cheese, a multi-award-winning blue cheese maker, all contribute to the rich tapestry of tastes.

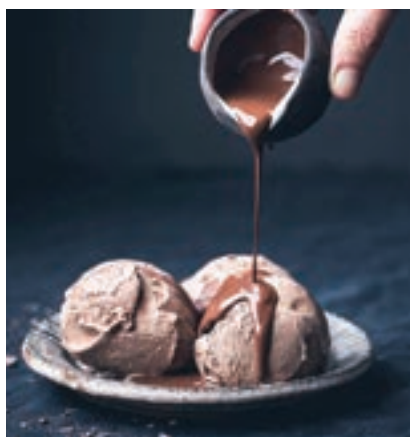
But the local bounty doesn't end there. The wine and spirits section is a journey through the region's best vineyards and distilleries. Purple Hen Wine offers a sip of Phillip Island's cool climate excellence, while Silverwater Vineyard brings forth the essence of San Remo's neighbouring landscapes. From The Gurdies Winery to French Island Vineyards, each bottle is a celebration of the land, and to celebrate with.

Craft beer enthusiasts will find solace in the offerings of Ocean Reach Brewing and Grand Ridge Brewery,

while spirit lovers can indulge in the botanical nuances of Loch and Fish Creek gin's and the crisp apple notes of Gurney's Cider.

San Remo IGA also stocks a vast array of products from the Mornington Peninsula and Australian made and owned. And should you be a producer yourself of a wonderful culinary delight do not hesitate to reach out to the family-owned business as they are always on the lookout for new.

San Remo IGA is more than a supermarket; it's a community hub that proudly supports and uplifts the local economy. It's where every purchase is a direct handshake with the farmer, the winemaker, the brewer, and the artisan. This is where South Gippsland's bounty meets the heart of San Remo, creating a shopping experience that's truly unique and genuinely local.



Celebrating the meaning of Easter

THE Easter Weekend is a great chance to get away camping, bike riding and bush walking but it's also an important occasion for those of the Christian faiths and at least a part of the weekend will be devoted to celebrating the most important event on the Christian calendar – the resurrection.

Here are some of the church services in your area:

St Joseph's Church, Wonthaggi

- Tuesday, March 26 Reconciliation. St. Joseph's Wonthaggi 7pm.
- Holy Thursday, March 28. St Joseph's Wonthaggi 6.30pm.
- Good Friday, March 29 Stations of the Cross. St. Joseph's Wonthaggi 10am.
- Good Friday, March 29 The Passion of the Lord. St. Joseph's Wonthaggi 3pm.
- Holy Saturday, March 30 Easter Vigil St. Joseph's Wonthaggi 6.30pm.
- Easter Sunday, March 31 St. Joseph's Wonthaggi 10.30am.

Our Lady Star of The Sea Church, Inverloch.

- Holy Thursday, March 28 Our Lady Star of the Sea, Inverloch 6.30pm.
- Good Friday, March 29 Stations of the Cross, Our Lady Star of the Sea, Inverloch 10am.
- Good Friday, March 29, The Passion of the Lord, Our Lady Star of the Sea, Inverloch 3pm.
- Easter Sunday, March 31 Our Lady Star of the Sea, Inverloch 9am.

St Philip's Anglican Church, Cowes:

- Maundy Thursday, March 28 10am.
- Holy Communion, Good Friday, March 29 10am.
- Holy Saturday, March 30 Easter vigil 8pm.
- Easter Sunday, March 31 Eucharist Celebration 10am.

St Laurence's Parish, Leongatha & St Joseph's Parish, Korumburra:

- Holy Thursday, March 28 7.30pm (Leongatha, Korumburra).
- Good Friday, March 29 commemoration of the Lord's passion 2.30pm (Korumburra, Leongatha), Stations of the Cross 10am (Meenian, Mirboo North).
- Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30 7.30pm (Korumburra, Leongatha).
- Easter Sunday, March 31 Meenian & Mirboo North 9am, Tarwin Lower 11am (Mechanics Institute) and Leongatha 11am.



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New Bandicoot Discovery Tour

at Churchill Island for nature lovers

PHILLIP Island is famous for its 40,000 little penguins, and now tourists can experience the island's nocturnal nature party for the first time, with a new Eastern barred bandicoot tour.

Phillip Island Nature Parks will host three nightly wildlife experiences on Churchill Island over Easter from March 29 to 31, giving unique insight into how the endangered Eastern barred bandicoots live and interact in the wild.

It comes after the Nature Parks researchers, as part of a multi-agency recovery effort, helped save the Eastern barred bandicoot from extinction, re-introducing the species to the fox-free safe haven in 2017.

Mark Anderson, General Manager, Tourism at Phillip Island Nature Parks said Phillip Island was home to a strong population of bandicoots, including on Churchill Island, thanks to the dedicated conservation recovery program.

"The Eastern barred bandicoots have now been on Phillip Island for more than six years and since then have bred

and grown in numbers, expanding to several parts of the island," Mr Anderson said.

"This exciting spotlight walk will give members of the community a rare opportunity to observe Eastern barred bandicoots foraging at dark and going about their nightly adventures in the wild, as well as a hands-on role in our conservation efforts.

"Each tour guest will be asked to help count adult and juvenile bandicoots – important data that will be used to further develop our understanding of the Churchill Island bandicoot population."

Starting at sunset, the guided walking tours will spot bandicoots which start to emerge from vegetation to forage across the paddocks and lawns, digging and searching for grubs of beetles, crickets, grasshoppers, moths, earthworms, and fungi. Each night, the animals dig hundreds of small conical pits and play an important role as soil engineers.

"The new bandicoot discovery tour promises to be a magical experience,"

Mr Anderson said.

"Not only will guests spot bandicoots in their natural habitat, but they may have the opportunity to see them with young at foot.

"We do not approach any closer than about 10 metres, but bandicoots often delight guests by scampering and hopping around, and sometimes approach people up close."

Participants require reasonable fitness for the 1.5km walking tour, which traverses some uneven surfaces and some in low light and very dark conditions.

Tickets are limited and bookings are essential. The walking tour is not suitable for prams.

Closed shoes, non-reflective weather protection and warm clothing is recommended.

There is so much to experience at Phillip Island Nature Parks this Easter, from scavenger hunts, high tea, face painting, wine tasting, nature art, live music, farm activities and more!

For more information and bookings, visit penguins.org.au/whats-on

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EASTER AT CHURCHILL

Friday 29 March-Monday 1 April 10am to 5pm
Amess Drive, Churchill Island

Experience the island's nocturnal nature party at a nightly **'Bandicoot Discovery Tour'***, join a **scavenger hunt** and delight your tastebuds this Easter long weekend.

*From Friday 29 to Sunday 31 March.



PLUS

- High tea, wine tasting and BBQ
- Cool tunes by various artists (feat. The Voice 2023 contestant Nick Cunningham on Sunday)*
- Face painting
- Chainsaw Carving**
- Kids nature art & puppet workshops
- Farm activity sessions
- Loads more!

**Saturday 30 and Sunday 31 March.

*From 12.30pm daily.



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Friday 29 March-Sunday 14 April

- Blacksmithing
- Wagon rides^
- Cow milking
- Sheep shearing
- Working dogs demo
- Whip cracking

^Purchased additionally at \$7.00 per person.

^^Daily activities, complimentary for Churchill Island ticket holders.

Entry included with Churchill Island ticket or a 3 Parks Pass^^

Phillip Island
NATURE PARKS

Time Unwinds
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For schedule and TCs please visit
www.penguins.org.au/whats-on



Set sail this Easter

SET sail this Easter and school holidays with Wildlife Coast Cruises! From scenic voyage to wondrous wildlife there's something for everyone.

Embark on a Cape Woolamai Cruise viewing the awe-inspiring granite cliffs and turquoise waters of Cape Woolamai. As you cruise along, find local birdlife such as Pied Cormorant, Wedge Tailed Eagles and Shearwaters circling the cliffs. Keep a lookout for marine life with fur seals often popping up.

If you're looking for an ultimate wildlife experience when visiting Phillip Island then the Seal Watching Cruises is the cruise for you, departing the Cowes jetty and taking you to visit Australia's largest Fur Seal breeding colony. Home to thousands of seals, these curious mammals even come right up to the boat to get a better look at you!

As the sun begins to dip below the horizon, there's also the Sunset Cruises letting you settle into relaxation mode as we cruise the bay and take in a magnificent sunset. Onboard you can grab a refreshing beverage from the licensed bar and indulge with delicious complimentary appetisers.

So, jump on a cruise and discover a whole new perspective of Phillip Island's wonders.









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Organiser of the 55-member Maroondah Probus Club visit to Wonthaggi's State Coal Mine, Graeme Williams, centre, chats with guides Dave Waters and Rod McLean.

The origins of Wonthaggi there for all to see

IT represents an important part of Victoria's history and development, the State Coal Mine, located at 19 - 37 Garden Street, Wonthaggi about 25 minutes from Phillip Island.

If it wasn't for Wonthaggi's coal, to fuel Victoria's trains during the NSW coal strike, by more than 10,000 miners for upwards of three months in 1909 and 1910, Victoria would have been brought to a standstill.

As it turned out, the trains got their coal, and the town of Wonthaggi a massive kick-start.

By visiting the State Coal Mine, you can see how it all happened and when the underground mine tours are reopened soon, there'll be even more to see.

But if you are looking for a day's outing over the Easter break and term holidays, there's lots to see and do.

Offering an inexpensive day trip for the whole family, the State Coal Mine is an historic Gippsland attraction that fosters an understanding of Australia's cultural heritage. Entry to the site is free above ground where you can follow the heritage walk

among historic buildings.

Underground tours have been suspended until further notice due to ongoing maintenance works but it is expected that these issues will be sorted out soon.

The State Coal Mine Café is open however, from 9am-4pm daily and is the ideal place to stop for a coffee and cake, breakfast or lunch where you'll find hosts Macy Hambrook and Nicole Pearson very obliging with your requests for food and drink and also information.

Operating from 1909 until 1968, the State Coal Mine produced almost 17 million tonnes of coal for Victoria's industries and railways.

Wonthaggi skipped a beat when the mines closed down but the town is surging ahead now with provision for an additional 5000 home sites to accommodate projected growth over the next 20 to 30 years.

Check out the State Coal Mine website for details at: parks.vic.gov.au/places-to-see/parks/state-coal-mine-heritage-area/things-to-do/state-coal-mine



A PLACE where the air is fresh, the grass is green, and the charm of rural life is in full bloom.

Discover the freshest produce autumn heralds using Macca's Farm's hydroponic vegetables, a cornucopia of vibrant greens that are as nutritious as they are delicious. The farm's commitment to sustainable farming practices means every bite supports not just your health, but the health of the land.

From the golden rays of the morning sun that kiss Macca's lush fields, to the cool evening breeze that whispers between the hot houses, there is a delectable treat for all tastebuds.

Indulge in the simple pleasure of picking your own strawberries with one kilometre of waist-high rows, the farm offers an accessible and enjoyable experience for all ages. The sweet,

juicy berries are perfect for an autumn picnic or as a healthy snack for the ride home.

A cut above Macca's Farm takes pride in its free-range pork and beef. The Wessex-Saddleback pigs and Angus Beef Cattle roam freely, ensuring a quality of life that translates into the superior taste of the meats. The farm's butchery offers cuts that are both ethical and exquisite with farm packs also great value.

Reduce your carbon footprint as you stock up on farm butchered bacon, ham and smallgoods too – knowing exactly where it all comes from.

Alongside their own delectable vegetables, salads and fruits, the farm's produce store is a treasure trove of local delights. From the farm's own honey to locally sourced jams

and cheeses to biscuits, garlic, cream and much more.

And whilst you're restocking your fridge, freezer and pantry, recharge your energy at the café.

The cafe is the heart of the farm, where the menu is a reflection of the season's best. Housemade cakes, delectable brunch items and sensational lunch choices and condiments are crafted from the farm's harvest, offering a taste that's truly homegrown.

Macca's Farm really does bring the finest fresh produce from their paddocks and across South Gippsland to one plate at your fingertips. Head out for the day, a couple of hours or a quick stop for your weekly fresh produce. Open Wednesday to Sunday from 9am to 5pm, your culinary adventure awaits.



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Get inspired

at the Inverloch's premier art exhibition this Easter long weekend

THIS Easter long weekend, immerse yourself in a world of creativity at the highly anticipated 36th Inverloch Art Show. Showcasing a diverse collection of professionally curated artwork, including paintings, photography, sculptures, ceramics, and much more, this event celebrates the vibrant talent of local, regional, and Melbourne-based artists.

Among the artists featured will be Adrian Johnson from Wonthaggi.

"I began my painting journey in the early 1980's by becoming a member of our local artist's society in Wonthaggi," Mr Johnson said.

"While attending oil painting workshops by Colin Johnson and Peter Smales I was able to gain sufficient knowledge of the painting process and develop my own style of capturing the light in the landscape."

In 2017, Adrian was awarded both the Gordon Moffatt Award in the Victorian Artists Society Spring Exhibition, and the framing award in The Artist of The Year Exhibition.

"My painting subjects over the years have been inspired by the dune landscapes of South Gippsland in my preferred medium of oils. In 2021 I was the proud recipient of a Signatory Membership of the Victorian Artists Society."

Adrian has generously donated Clouds Over Bass Coast (oil on canvas) for the raffle to help raise monies.

The Pathway by Ursula Theinert (acrylic on canvas) will also be on display after

winning Best Painting Prize in the Art Society of Phillip Island Region at Berninnet Cultural Centre in Cowes.

Young aspiring artists will also showcase their talents, featuring a linocut print by Rachel Rogers, woven work from natural fibres by Genevieve Manhal, and an upcycled surfboard by Tanya Starkey, adding to the diverse array of artwork on display.

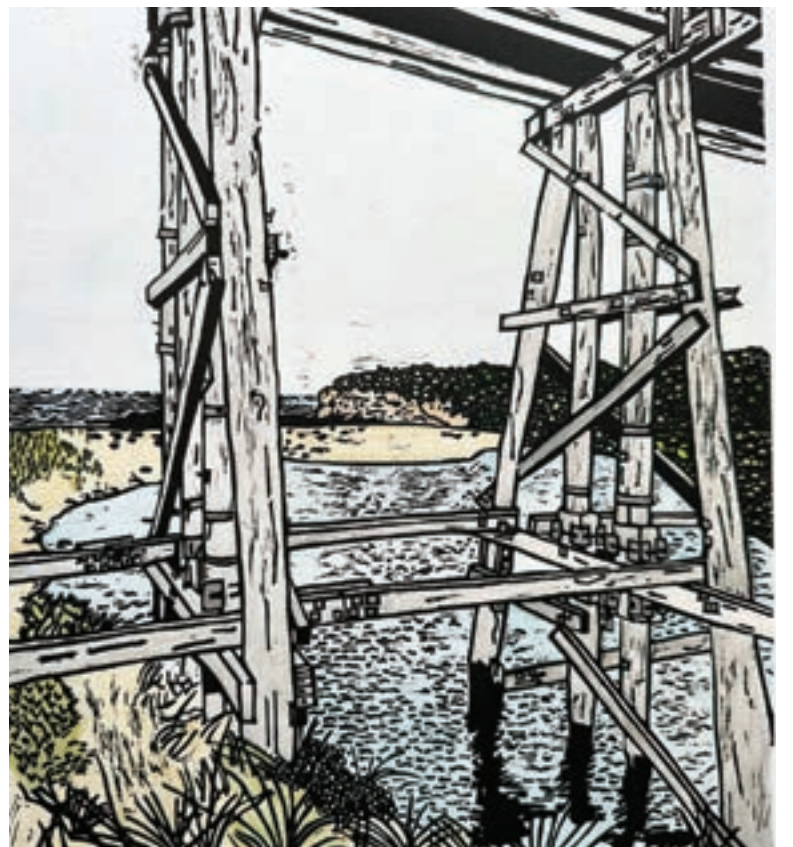
All proceeds from the exhibition fund 'The Food Box Program' which Bass Coast Heath distribute to local families experiencing short term difficulties. The Food Box program has been running since 1987 and provides over 80 boxes annually to families and those in need.

This amazing exhibition is entirely run by local artists and volunteers, plus the help of local businesses and individuals who support with fantastic prizes: ArtSpace, Bendigo Bank, Foodworks, Jordan Crugnale, RACV Inverloch, Mitre 10, Workmens Club, Miners Dispensary, Abicor Southern, Andrew Donohue's Building Design, Handley and Anderson, Logomotion, Maxima, Alex Scott Real Estate, Terry White Pharmacy - Inverloch, and Malcolm Gin Family Trust.

With \$5000 worth of prize monies, the Inverloch Art Show will not disappoint.

Come meet the team at the Opening Night celebrations at 7pm, when category winners are revealed and prizes awarded.

Inverloch Art Show | Friday March 29 - Monday April 1 | Inverloch Community Hub, open 10am daily.



EASTER WEEKEND 2024 - INVERLOCH HUB

INVERLOCH ART SHOW



Explore professionally curated works including painting, photography, sculpture, ceramics and more, created by local, regional and Melbourne artists.

Inverloch Community Hub

Friday 29 March - Monday 1 April

FRI-SUN: 10am - 4pm, MON: 10am - 12pm

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Be amazed *This Easter*

AS EASTER holidays approach, families from all over Victoria and beyond are on the lookout for the perfect destination to create lasting memories and share unforgettable experiences.

Look no further than A Maze'N Things on Phillip Island, an extraordinary haven designed to cater to anyone seeking fun, adventure, and a touch of magic. This iconic attraction is an unparalleled escapade for all, making it the ideal choice for the perfect family getaway.

A Maze'N Things epitomises a versatile entertainment hub, appealing to a broad spectrum of visitors. From families with children to adventure seekers, tourists exploring the island, and groups seeking educational and team-building activities, this destination offers something exceptional for everyone.

Boasting a myriad of indoor illusions, puzzles, and captivating magic shows, it's a treasure trove of entertainment for parents and children alike. The sprawling 3D outdoor maze and the engaging mini-golf course foster moments of family bonding and pure amusement, creating an environment where joy knows no bounds.

For tourists and holidaymakers, A Maze'N Things provides unique experiences amidst the allure of Phillip Island. Its blend of interactive mind-

teasing activities and outdoor adventures makes it an irresistible choice for travellers seeking distinctive and memorable attractions during their vacation.

Conveniently situated just minutes away from Cowes, A Maze'N Things serves as an accessible haven for day trippers and weekend excursions.

The attraction isn't just for families and groups; it beckons adventure seekers and puzzle enthusiasts to indulge in the thrill of the 3D maze and unique experiences offered in Puzzle Island and Magic Manor. Meanwhile, food aficionados find delight in the offerings of Puzzle Café and Parky's Lollies & Gelato, tantalising taste buds with an array of refreshments.

A Maze'N Things and its collection of world-class, innovative attractions guarantees an experience found nowhere else. The diverse blend of indoor and outdoor activities ensures year-round appeal.

Coming from afar? Consider staying at the neighbouring Phillip Island Park Lane Holiday Park, where guests enjoy a 50 per cent discount on entry to A Maze'N Things, ensuring an unforgettable holiday experience.

Pack your bags, prepare for excitement, and head to A Maze'N Things for an unparalleled adventure that promises to redefine your Easter holidays on Phillip Island!



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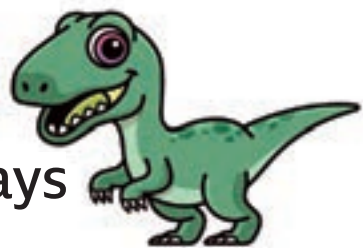
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Dinosaurs – Palaeo laboratory

Friday March 29 | 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Sunday March 31 | 12.30pm - 2.30pm
Tuesday April 2 | 2pm - 4pm
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Saturday March 30
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Saturday, March 30 | 8am - 2pm
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Dinosaur Discovery – the amazing Koolasuchus

Saturday March 30 | 10am - 12pm
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Saturday March 30 | Sunday March 31
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Native Plants and Animals

Saturday March 30 | 1pm - 2.30pm
Friday April 5 | 3pm - 4.30pm
Wednesday April 10 | 2.30pm - 4pm
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Coal Creek Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, March 31
11.30am - 3pm
Coal Creek Community Park & Museum

Rockpool Ramble

Sunday March 31 | 10am - 12pm
Monday April 1 | 10.30am - 12.30pm
Thursday April 4 | 11.30am - 1.30pm
Saturday April 6 | 2pm - 4pm
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Dinosaur Discovery at Eagles Nest

Monday April 1 | 11.30am - 1.30pm
Friday April 5 | 11am - 1pm
Sunday April 14, 10 am - 12 pm
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Dinosaur Discovery at Flat Rocks

Tuesday April 2 | 10am - 12pm
Thursday April 4 | 1.30pm - 3.30pm
Monday April 8 | 3.30pm - 5.30pm
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School Holiday Story Time

Tuesday April 2 | 10.30am
Wonthaggi Library

Egg Hunt Stories & Craft School Holiday Program with Waterline Library

Tuesday April 2 | 11am
Corinella & District Community Centre, Smythe Street

Wildlife of the Night – Spotlighting

Tuesday April 2 | 7pm - 9pm
Saturday April 6 | 7pm - 9pm
Saturday April 13 | 6pm - 8pm
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Wearable art with Foster Library

Wednesday April 3 | 10am
Toora Community Hall

Easter Crafts School Holiday Program

Wednesday April 3 | 10.30am
Leongatha Library

Lego Build Challenge Session

Wednesday April 3 | 11am
San Remo Library

Ocean in an Egg Carton

Wednesday April 3 | 11am
Wonthaggi Library

Easter Egg Hunt with Waterline Library

Wednesday April 3 | 11am
Grantville Hall

Macrame Makers

Wednesday April 3 | 11am
San Remo Library

DIY Sticker Book

Wednesday April 3 | 2.30pm
Korumburra Library

Discover the Secrets of The Amazon Shipwreck

Wednesday April 3 | 2.30pm
Inverloch Library

Special Story Time with Guest Author Ian Robinson

Thursday April 4 | 10.30am
Phillip Island Library

Disney Sing-Along-Athon

Thursday April 4 | 11am
Foster Library

Kaleidoscope making

Thursday April 4 | 2.30 pm
Poowong Library

BYO Tin Can Pot Planters

Friday April 5 | 10.30am
Phillip Island Library

Junior Ranger – Shells

Friday April 5 | 11.30am - 1.30pm
Bunurong Environment Centre

Estuarine Ecology – Screw Creek

Saturday April 6 | 3.30pm - 5.30pm
Bunurong Environment Centre

Dinosaur Drawing Workshop with Zev Landes

Monday April 8 | 10.30am
Inverloch Library

Disney Sing-Along-Athon

Monday April 8 | 11am
Wonthaggi Library

Free Family Movie

Monday April 8 | 2pm
Korumburra Library

Corinella Community Centre T-Shirt Printing with Waterline Library

Tuesday April 9 | 11am
Corinella & District Community Centre

Tea Cosy Maker Session

Tuesday April 9 | 11am
Foster Library

School Holiday Movie Day

Tuesday April 9 | 1.30pm
Leongatha Library

The Rainbow Fish - Story and Craft Activity

Tuesday April 9 | 2pm
Wonthaggi Library

Disney Sing-Along-Athon

Wednesday April 10 | 2.30pm
Leongatha Library

Make a Wiggly Worm Puppet

Thursday April 11 | 10.30am
Korumburra Library

Easter Bilby craft

Thursday April 11 | 10.30am
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ONE of the most interesting things about playing at a new golf course is trying to work out the course designer's strategy for each hole and if you're a visitor, a bit of local knowledge goes a long way before starting out.

Take the 14th hole at Phillip Island for example. With its u-shaped dogleg to the left, it can really do your head in if you're intent on making the green in two. Very few club golfers are able to do it!

According to golf club manager Doug O'Keefe, most golfers will take driver off the tee and hope to hit middle, or a bit right of middle, to give themselves a chance of clearing the corner trees and covering the remaining 200m to 180m to the front of the green.

Of course, success is all on that tough second shot but the tip to remember is that they give you an extra shot here in recognition of the difficulty, or else it would be the hardest hole on the course, making it a par 5 instead of a 470m par 4, so use your shots and be happy to make the green in three.

Another hole that can play with your mind is the fifth hole at Leongatha. The temptation here is be greedy, and go for too much off the tee when a nice little shot of 150m to 180m is all you need, allowing the ball to feed downhill to the left and towards the green. It often requires a tricky little 120m lofted shot in, downhill to the green, bearing in mind it's hard to hold the green. The hole is

rated as the 16th hardest on the course, but it can leave its mental scars.

At Wonthaggi Golf Club, president Robbie Geyer acknowledges that the 12th often beats him up.

"I'm taking driver off the tee and hoping to get in the right area because your second shot in only has a small area to land and the green isn't that big either. That second shot in, of about 150 metres, can get you into trouble. That hole and the long par 3 fourth hole test me out but it's different for different players."

Just as it should be.

Robbie says Wonthaggi has just finished planning a new oncourse water storage which combined with a new drainage and irrigation system will ultimately be the making of the town's centrally-located course. And if you haven't got time for a round, pick up a bucket of balls from the pro shop and try the driving range.

At Korumburra, one of the most important things is knowing how to walk the spectacularly picturesque, but also hilly course, keeping as much to the high side as you go around, not only for the best angles into the greens but also for your enjoyment of the day.

There are some fantastic courses across the length and breadth of South Gippsland and Bass Coast, from Lang Lang and Phillip Island in the west to Yarram, with its beautiful natural setting, in the east – enjoy!

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They rate the Bass Coast Rail Trail and the Great Southern Rail Trail highly, as much for what's around them as the rides themselves.

THE Great Southern Rail Trail, stretching 108 kilometres from Nyora in the west to Port Welshpool's Long Jetty in the east is truly a 'great' trail for bike riders of all abilities.

And if it wasn't for the unseasonal deluge which hit Yarram in December last year, ironically when the Great Victorian Bike Ride passed through town, the additional section of the South Gippsland rail trail would have been going the extra 21km through to Yarram.

But according to a spokesperson from the Wellington Shire, the 300ml of rain which hit the hills above Yarram left a trail of

destruction through the new works that's only just being fixed now.

"There was some damage around the pylons on the new rail trail bridges and along the track but we've repaired our side of it now," said the Wellington Shire official.

"But there's a 2km section on the South Gippsland side that needs work. These repair works are outside the scope of the original project and we don't want to open it until we have it complete."

So, the new extension of the trail will not be open for Easter but there's still plenty of riding to do, and not just on the Great Southern Rail Trail.

HOW TO RIDE THE 'GREAT' TRAIL

The beauty of the Great Southern Rail Trail, Australia's second longest, is that it can be attempted in bits-sized pieces, while taking in the sights over Corner Inlet and Wilsons Prom or by stopping off in any of the captivating towns along the way.

Start at historic Loch for example, with its distillery, cafés and curiosity shops and simply ride the 15.4km to Korumburra and back, calling in at Kellys Bakery for lunch, or the Burra Brewery for a bevie.

Alternatively, you could make a full day of it and ride the 38.9km from Koonwarra to Foster, stopping off at delightful Meeniyan (8.2km) for morning tea, Fish Creek (18.3km) for lunch and stopping to enjoy the magnificent Prom views on the way to Foster (12.4km).

It's a town-to-town, whistlestop ride following the old South Gippsland rail line with grazing cows and rolling hills happily filling the gaps for a delightful, active outing.

Check out the website for details at gsrt.com.au/choose-your-adventure

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Discover

Phillip Island's walking trails

Cape Woolamai

Woolamai Beach Road,
Cape Woolamai

The summit of Phillip Island offers breathtaking vistas, abundant wildlife, and a variety of scenic trails to explore. This patch is a paradise for hikers, boasting a selection of paths such as the Pinnacles Walk, Old Granite Quarry Walk, and Cape Woolamai Beacon Walk. Adventurers can opt for a full-day excursion and tackle all three trails as part of the Cape Woolamai Circuit. Cape Woolamai serves as a seasonal residence for millions of shearwaters from October to April annually.

All walks start from the Woolamai Beach Car Park at the information shelter. Walk onto the beach, turn left and follow the shore for approximately one kilometre then take the stairs up to the cliff top.

Pinnacles Walk (Green markers) 4.4kms, 2hrs return: easy/moderate.

Take in the coastal views, including the rock formations known as the Pinnacles, one of the island's most popular walks.

Old Granite Quarry Walk (Blue markers) – 6kms, 2.5hrs, return: moderate.

Relax in the tranquil cove that was a busy granite quarry in the late 1800s. This walk provides excellent views of wildlife and San Remo beaches.

Cape Woolamai Beacon Walk (Black markers) – 7.2kms loop, 4hrs return: moderate.

Located at the highest point on Phillip Island (112m), the beacon lookout provides 360-degree views of the island, San Remo and, on clear days, to Wilsons Promontory.

Cape Woolamai Circuit – 8.1kms, 4.5hrs return (pack a lunch): moderate

Combine all of Cape Woolamai's walks for great coastal views, wildlife viewing and the tranquility of the quarry cove.



Rhyll Mangrove Boardwalk

Location: McIlwraith Road, Rhyll

Nestled along the picturesque north shore of Phillip Island lies the world-renowned wetlands of Rhyll Inlet, a sanctuary for both migratory birds and nature enthusiasts alike and Ramsar-listed wetland of international significance.

Traversing the intricate network of boardwalks that meander through the mangroves, saltmarsh, and mudflats, visitors are greeted by an array of avian marvels – spoonbills, oystercatchers, herons, egrets, and cormorants gracefully adorning the landscape. For an elevated perspective, ascend the Conservation Hill Observation Tower and immerse yourself in the panoramic grandeur of the wetlands and surrounding woodland reserves.

Beyond its scenic allure, Rhyll Inlet serves as a vital ecological bridge between land and sea. The resilient mangroves provide critical habitat for a plethora of plant and animal species, while the extensive mudflats teem with life, offering a bountiful feast for waterbirds during low tide.

Lookout walk – 500m return, 20 min, easy/moderate.

Enjoy expansive views over the inlet and Western Port.

Mangrove boardwalk – 1.2km return, 45 min, easy.

Wander through coastal woodland and paperbark forest to the intertidal mudflats and mangrove boardwalks of Rhyll Inlet. Look for notched shorecrabs and listen for the snapping shrimps that live in the mud.

Conservation Hill carpark to McIlwraith Road – 4.5km return, 2h, easy/moderate.

An extended walk-through coastal woodland, mangrove boardwalks and farmland with views across Rhyll Inlet. Continue for a further two kilometres to the historic village of Rhyll.

Oswin Roberts Reserve

Embark on an adventure through diverse landscapes with the Bush to Bay walking trail, offering a captivating journey both within Oswin Roberts Reserve and beyond. Nestled just behind the Koala Conservation Reserve, Oswin Roberts presents an ideal extension for nature enthusiasts eager to explore further into native vegetation post-koala encounter.

Immerse yourself in the crisp scent of eucalyptus as you catch glimpses of koalas, wallabies, and echidnas

while being serenaded by the melodic tunes of native birds nestled within one of Phillip Island's final remnants of native woodland. By staying on designated tracks, you play a crucial role in preserving this precious habitat.

From Oswin Roberts Reserve south car park

- Melaleuca loop – 1km, 30 min, easy.
- Woodland loop – 2.8kms, 1.5h, easy/moderate.
- Oswin Roberts Circuit – 4.6km, 3h, easy/moderate.

From Oswin Roberts Reserve north car park

- Oswin Roberts south car park – 2.3km, 1h, easy/moderate.
- Conservation Hill – 1.8km one way, 1h, moderate.
- Rhyll – 4km one way, 2h, moderate.

The walks can also start your walk from the Koala Conservation Reserve – follow the signs along the path from the car park entrance. 14 km, 4 hrs return: moderate.

For a full list of walking trails in the Bass Coast region visit www.visitbasscoast.com.au



Photo: Parks Victoria.

Wilsons Prom Southern Circuit Walk

ENJOY the tranquillity and rugged rainforest, awe-inspiring vast ocean views, white sandy beaches and crystal clear waters found along the Southern Circuit.

The circuit is a great weekend hike that weaves walkers through warm temperate rainforest to the pristine eastern shores of Wilsons Promontory.

It can be walked as a small or big loop, with optional detours and overnight camping, to break up distances, at the secluded and peaceful Sealers Cove and Waterloo Bay.

Only a few visitors venture to these places as they can only be accessed on foot and hikers can enjoy these often deserted and remote places of great natural beauty without the crowds.

This hike is one of the highlights of Wilsons Promontory National Park and showcases some of the most breathtaking flora and fauna of the Prom.

An array of native wildlife thrives in the area including kangaroos, emus, wombats, echidnas and vividly plumed birds like rosellas.

Spectacular displays of wildflowers, including orchids, wattle, heathland and other species can be spotted along the track at various times of the year.

On the weekends from Melbourne Cup to the Easter long weekend, a free shuttle bus takes visitors to Telegraph Saddle from Tidal River and the overnight hikers car park.

Telegraph Saddle car park is closed to all other vehicles during these times.

For a full list of walks on offer at Wilsons Prom visit www.parks.vic.gov.au



Pierce Brothers

bring their Australian tour to South Gippsland

Pierce Brothers to perform live at the Riverview Hotel in Tarwin Lower for their 'Everything Is Bigger Than Me' tour.

MELODIC and exuberant, Melbourne indie folk auteurs Pierce Brothers have unveiled their latest single, Wilder featuring LULLANAS - the fourth release from their newly announced upcoming third studio album *Everything Is Bigger Than Me*, due out March 28.

Not a pair to do things by halves, the brothers, Jack, and Pat Pierce, have also kicked off their extensive tour of Australia that will take them around the country over eight consecutive months - arriving in South Gippsland on April 13 to perform at the Riverview Hotel in Tarwin Lower for the very first time.

In an interview with the Sentinel Times, Jack shared that the brothers have grown up visiting South Gippsland.

"Wilsons Prom is our favourite place on earth and the Bass Coast have always been so incredibly good to us in music, so to play somewhere new down that way, where we haven't played before is so exciting!"

Everything Is Bigger Than Me is a record that encompasses everything the brothers have learned about their craft over the last decade, and the lyrics in the track 'Everything Is Bigger Than Me' focuses on a dream about feeling overwhelmed.

"A lot of what we write is about our personal feelings on love, loss, anxiety, and hope, and these lyrics can be taken both as a dark statement, somewhat melancholy, but also as a jubilant expression of optimism and joy in the world around us."

This is the first time the brothers have

stepped into a producer roll for an album, (co-producing with Phil Threlfall) and recorded at Jack's home studio - a very personal achievement.

"This record was recorded out at my studio in Cockatoo," said Jack.

"Produced by ourselves alongside the brilliant producer and engineer Phil Threlfall. Recording at my home not only meant that I was home for dinner every night but also that we could mull over the days takes, talk about them over evening wines, and really immerse ourselves in the process. We had an absolute blast recording this one!"

"Being able to bring the team out to us and set up shop for a month without having to do setups each day or even really travelling to the studio was so freeing!" says Pat.

"It was the best way for us to explore what we wanted to share!"

The latest single on the album, Wilder is a beautifully intense build, opening with dramatic melodic hooks in acapella, and blended perfectly with Philadelphia based singer/songwriter sister duo LULLANAS.

The intricate guitar riffs and delicately layered harmonies intertwine, mirroring the ebb and flow of the passage of time as the track builds to an eruption of wild exuberance.

"Wilder is the name of my youngest. My first-born girl, Ro, had a song for her named One from the last record. I wanted to write one for Wilder as well, and this one came together in record time, written in the span of about five minutes, but then I toyed with it for months before bringing it to Pat," said Jack.

"The build and crescendo in this track is something I'm so immensely proud of, I think it reflects the best that Pierce Brothers do live, something that we've been working to get down on a record for years!"

Joining in on the song are LULLANAS who showed interest in the track and have lifted the opening section with their incredible timbre and harmonies.

Jack shared that the brother duo 'Pierce Brothers' came from the fact that it was always easier for them to play together.

"We found we were always searching for the same thing. We both had a vision of where we wanted to go, and whether for good or ill, we both had the stubbornness to stick it out."

The fact that Jack and Pat both became multi-instrumental artists came naturally through the busking process, with Jack stating that "we'd pick up things as we go, knowing that they'd accompany the sound that we were looking for."

"Acoustic Guitar was the first instrument I learnt to play, but I love playing electric live. I never learned drums properly - that came naturally as we started busking and adding in more and more pieces, so I think I've got to say that drums are a favourite live. I play them more standing up and dancing, and I don't have to think as much about the drums as I do with a guitar or mandolin!" said Jack.

The brothers found a passion for music just before high school when they started to learn the guitar,

mostly copying their older brothers or uncle while camping.

"Lots of Nirvana, Pearl Jam and Paul Kelly were the first tracks we put down."

"We found a passion for performing by the time we were 14. We were performing at the local sports bar in Croydon called the Dorset Gardens Hotel. It was pretty rough back then; a fight broke out halfway through our first set, but the bouncers (while holding the guys) urged us to continue on," laughed Jack.

Once their passion for performing grew, the duo started singing lessons.

"We always found that harmonising came naturally to us, and when we realised that - we thought we should probably hone it up a bit and ended up in lessons until the end of school!"

Marking 10 years since their acclaimed EP *The Night Tree* threw them in to the spotlight, the brothers have toured all over the globe with some of the best indie artists in the world. During this eight month tour the Pierce Brothers will perform live with Flynn Gurry.

"He's an absolutely incredible folk musician with a massive future ahead of him!"

"We're very lucky to have him on for this one, he blows away every single audience we've shared so far!"

The 'Everything Is Bigger Than Me' tour is set to take the Australian indie-folk scene by storm again in 2024, and tickets are on sale now at piercebrothers.com

■ Photo: Dara Munnis



This is how Agnes Falls looked earlier this year after rain. While several dry months have reduced its flow, the falls are still worth a look.

Take a day trip to Agnes Falls

LATE last year, when the Great Victorian Bike Riders were deluged in storms of epic proportions, the usually meandering Agnes River was gushing over Agnes Falls near Toora like a hydro-electric scheme.

That's when you want to see it, but over Easter, if you are looking for a day trip in the South Gippsland area, Agnes Falls is still well worth a visit, not only to see the falls but also to enjoy a nice picnic spot in the bush.

Hidden within the green, rolling hills of the Strzelecki Ranges, the falls cascade 59 metres over rocks into a deep, picturesque gorge.

Agnes Falls Scenic Reserve is home to diverse birdlife, such as honeyeaters, grey fantails, currawongs, crimson rosellas and kookaburras. Furry locals include wallabies and possums.



Coal Creek will celebrate 50 years

A QUIANT village that shows rural life from the 1870s to the 1920s, the Coal Creek Community Park and Museum gives visitors an opportunity to get immersed in the atmosphere of the old.

The park is a recreated coal mining village that depicts the history of Korumburra, from everyday life to the coalfields and the early agricultural development of the area.

Explore the museum, the Boston Works Carriage Factory, a chemist, a general store, a drapery and a miners cottage and all the antique treasures within.

This April a celebration marking

Coal Creeks 50th birthday will be held with additional activities that promise to be fun and engaging for all.

Be entertained by historical displays and demonstrations, celebrity croquet, pop up theatre, heritage rides and games.

Help the White Rabbit find the missing time at the Mad Hatters Tea Party! Catch a sneak peak of the park trains, and continuing rail works.

An exhibition, called Turning Points will offer a fascinating exploration through the collections and archives of Coal Creek.

Turning Points is a collaboration of exhibitions that captures the

concept of the past, present and future, encompassing the motion of time and the eras of coal creek and Korumburra.

The day will be rounded out with live music including Shouse, Sand Brothers, Harry Hook and Cool Out Sun to name a few.

A good variety of food and drink vendors will keep visitors energised and refreshed, and lunch and/or afternoon tea pack are available for pre-purchase. Go for a few hours or stay into the evening.

Coal Creek Birthday Celebrations will be held on Saturday April 20 from 12 – 8pm.

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The magical talents of Mr Hawkins

THERE is an air to Denis Hawkins that makes one relax in his presence, an air that makes you trust him with some of your most prized possessions whether stunning gemstone or family heirlooms, and an air that amazes at his vast array of talents, you see Mr Hawkins is not just a jeweller and creator of stunning masterpieces but an artist, woodworker and sculpturer amongst far more talents – a multipotentiality.

“I enjoy working with my hands,” Denis explained as the fresh March breeze drifted through the open door to his studio.

“I applied for an apprenticeship with Kennedy Diamond Rings in Christchurch but I had the wrong clothes on.”

Undertaking a women’s hairdressing apprenticeship under Hans Lunger, Denis reminisced on the days that led to life as a jeweller, and the flirtatious and glamorous women who passed through the doors of the salon.

“I carried on cutting my mother’s hair and people would come around

and I’d make money, but 18 months was enough for me.”

“I went on to Hume Pipe as a moulder shovelling ready mix concrete and had an accident with the ring I had on my finger and reached out to Kennedy Diamonds.

“As the story goes, the owner still has the ring that I made as a test run,” Denis smiled.

Now in his 90s, Ken Blair would go on to become Denis’ mentor and life-long friend.

“He put in another workshop up top, showed me where it was, and said ‘this is what we can teach you’. I just absorbed it! If it wasn’t for him, I don’t know where I would be...”

Excelling and one of the few jewellers who can create, make and set, Denis takes every opportunity to hone his skills, learn new techniques and read about metals and gemstones – even though his raw talent flows effortlessly, making his progress seem almost innate.

Amongst his varied favourites are the family heirlooms that pass his working

desk for restoration.

“Working with old original pieces, 1850s, 1860s – 19th century, rebuilding those you’ve got to know what solders they possibly used because you got hard solders, medium solders and soft solders. They start off with the hard to get the main basis. You can’t use hard (in the more intricate work) because that might spring open, you’re going use some slightly softer solders. Restoring old jewellery is really satisfying to see, and to wonder where it might be in 500 years.”

Denis’ own family lineage reads like a history book in itself with generations past marrying Spanish Portuguese women and living in Fiji before relocating to New Zealand after the passing of his great grandfather.

“There are only two or three of us that specialise in art deco pieces in Victoria – because we learnt the old trades and techniques. People don’t want pieces that everyone else has.”

A proud father, Denis’ eye and the beauty he creates is mesmerising.

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“I made a ring, it’s still in the area, and it turned out near identical to a ring in this book– a golden sapphire and blue side by side near identical cut – I’d never seen this book.”

There is something inspiring and magical about the trade of jewellery making and the artisans like Denis, who are happy to talk through their specialised craft.

“I don’t take it for granted, I think it is quite special – we share secrets and equipment.

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Discover... the Waterline

Corinella

CORINELLA is an idyllic seaside town blessed with panoramic and picturesque views of the water and nearby islands.

A seaside walking track connecting Corinella to Coronet Bay, allows visitors to meander among coastal banksia and she-oaks on a serene seaside bush track where beautiful blue wrens flit about and water bird species are on full display.

Walk atop the cliffs around to the Settlement Point observation platform to get incredible views of the water and French Island and to the bridge at San Remo and Phillip Island.

Continue on towards the jetty and

rotunda picnic area where tidal rock pools, sea shells and imposing cliff faces can be explored.

As well as exploring the shores, visitors can also explore the magical waterways, have boating picnics and of course catch their very own fresh seafood from the ocean fed waters surrounding Corinella in Western Port Bay.

With a long and rich history of fishing, Corinella lays claim to having some of Victoria's best and most productive fishing grounds.

Being a tidal mud flat the surrounding waters are home to many fish species including gummy sharks, elephant fish, snapper, whiting and mulloway.

Australian salmon, trevally and barracouta can also be caught and often become a welcome by-catch when whiting fishing.

The town is well set up for boating and fishing activities with a four laned concrete boat ramp, and all tides access for boats up to eight metres, with jetties alongside and a floating pontoon.

Fresh water is available and fish cleaning facilities are provided with flood lights at night for full visibility.

A 24 hour webcam keeps watch over the waters so checking current conditions and visiting has never been easier, just visit boating.vic.gov.au and select Corinella.

Coronet Bay

CORONET Bay is a beautiful fishing and beachside township overlooking Western Port Bay and French Island.


The town has a small jetty and an excellent 24-hour all-tide boat ramp for smaller vessels.

Anglers enjoy fishing for whiting which are plentiful in the waters of the bay, and along the edge at about five metres is a good starting point for those new to the area.

Although it may be weedy the whiting can be found in the sand holes.

A light berley trail will also bring fresh calamari right to the bait.

Those preferring land activities can enjoy the grassy foreshore at Coronet Bay,



Holy Week & Easter

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Holy Thursday, March 28.....	St. Joseph's Wonthaggi 6.30pm
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the sparkling water and small rolling waves lapping the shore. Take a walk on the seaside trail to Corinella and explore another quiet, yet stunning coastal town. Browse the Coronet Bay Market on a Sunday morning with a variety of local stalls, live music from up and coming young artists and lots of fresh fare to inspire the tastebuds. Held at the Coronet Bay Recreation Reserve, sip a coffee while taking in views of the water and enjoying the soft coastal breeze.

Grantville
GRANTVILLE marks a small town along Western Port Bay and a walk on the foreshore offers sparkling views

of the bay, nearby French Island and mangroves abundant with birdlife. A boat ramp and jetty caters to boating and fishing enthusiasts, excepting that high tide is the only time these activities can be accessed, with snapper, shark and elephant shark taking the bait then. A small park and adventure playground provides an area for families and stretching to the north and up into the hills above town is the large and scenic The Gurdies Nature Conservation Reserve. This park offers adventures of varying levels for walkers, mountain bikers and horse riders though large areas of wonderful native flora and wildlife can be spotted by the careful observer.



Vintage clothing and AFL merch

WHEN Joel Wegener started reselling clothing in 2018, never in his wildest dreams did he believe he would become one of Victoria's biggest vintage clothing stockists, operating UsedGoods. Fast forward to 2024, and the vintage expert is well-known for his incredible vintage pop ups in Lakes Entrance, Sale and Bairnsdale. Now, the Sale resident is ready to launch his most ambitious project yet, a pop-up vintage clothing stall in the heart of Cowes, Phillip Island, this Easter school holidays. Based at 85 Thompson Avenue, Cowes – between the Cowes Post office and the Cowes Cultural Centre – the store will be open daily from Good Friday (March 29) to April 14, from 10am-5pm. With over 1000 clothing items available, the UsedGoods store will have something for everyone, headlined by vintage surfwear, Nike, Adidas, Levi's, designer brands and more.

Joining UsedGoods at the Cowes store will be Footy Finds, Australia's best vintage and retro AFL merchandise supplier. Modern footy merchandise simply ain't what it used to be, and Footy Finds takes you back to the golden era of AFL merchandise, with high-quality, original 90s and early 2000s jackets, t-shirts, polo jumpers, sweaters, caps and guernseys. It's a nostalgic trip down memory lane for footy fans, and there's sure to be something for every footy fan to admire in store this Easter. Check out @usedgoods and @footy.finds on Instagram for regular updates and the very best in vintage clothing and vintage AFL. Each page is running a competition to win a \$50 voucher in the lead up to the pop-up store opening. You can also check out UsedGoods' permanent stall at the Murray Street Bazaar in Wonthaggi.

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Discover the markets this Easter

Churchill Island Farmers Market

March 30 and April 6 | 8am-1pm

With more than 40 stalls, this market showcases the best of Gippsland's produce. In a unique location, marketgoers are treated to the picturesque natural environment of Churchill Island as they shop. From seasonal fruits and vegetables to specialty food products, taste sensations await.

Coal Creek Farmers Market

April 13 | 8am-12.30pm

A wonderful display of stunning food straight from the farm is on offer at Coal Creek. Formed by a community wanting to experience more of the clean foods produced locally, this market is a nod to the hard workers in the agriculture industry at one of Korumburra's premier attractions. This is a plastic bag free market.

■ Photo: Singer/songwriter Sage Marie of Kardella entertains at the Lions Club of Strzelecki Loch Summer Market every second Sunday through until April.



Corinella Community Market

April 13 | 9am-1pm

From produce to crafts, the Corinella Community Market entices. It is the perfect place to spend a Sunday morning with the family. There are more than 30 stalls – both indoor and outdoor – and a sausage sizzle to enjoy. This is a pet friendly market, but dogs must be on a lead.

Cowes Island Craft Market

April 13 | 9am-2pm

Located at the St Philip's Parish Hall, the theme of this market is 'Make, Bake and Grow'. It offers more than 60 stalls from talented producers and craftspeople. Marketgoers can peruse crafts, clothes, plants, produce and more. The proceeds from this market are donated back into the local community.

Cowes Sunday Market

April 7 and 14 | 9am-2pm

Held on the glorious Cowes Esplanade, the final Sunday market of the year will be held on December 17. The market showcases a plethora of local goods, including produce and arts. There are no Cowes Sunday markets in January, so be sure to get in quick.

Inverloch Community Farmers Market

March 31 | 9am-1pm

This family-friendly, pet-friendly market showcases fabulous local produce. Located in the Glade, right on the beach, marketgoers are treated to Gippsland's finest range of fruit and vegetables, seafood and meats, wines, olive oils, honeys and plants. Be sure to keep your dog on a lead.

Island Foreshore Market

March 30 | 3pm-9pm

This twilight market offers a fabulous range with a mix of local and international stalls. Handmade merchandise, arts and crafts, specialty food products and local produce always draw in the crowds. The outing is complete with live music, children's entertainment and food trucks.

Jumbunna Bush Market

April 7 | 9am-1pm

The emphasis is on homemade and homegrown products at this market. Fifteen stalls are open to marketgoers, with a fine range of crafts and woodwork to discover. Refreshments are available on the day.

Kongwak Market

Every Sunday | 10am-2pm

Nestled in the heart of Kongwak and open to the public every Sunday. The Kongwak market is the go-to place to find an eclectic selection of retro, vintage and second-hand items and books. A contemporary art gallery is also open for viewing and marketgoers can enjoy a sausage sizzle or Indian food. Entry is a \$1 donation.

Koonwarra Farmers Market

April 6 | 8am-1pm

This market was established to showcase its regional producers, growers and specialty food makers. Local artisans are also encouraged to be involved and provide marketgoers with beautiful gift options. The market is held in the hall adjoining Memorial Park if the weather is not favourable. It is also a pet friendly market, with dogs to be kept on a lead.

Loch Lions Village Market

April 14 | 8am-1pm

Marketgoers are sure to be impressed with the assortment the Loch Lions Village Market has to offer. Located in the Loch Railway Station Reserve, the market offers vibrant produce and crafts. Refreshments are available on site.

Mirboo North Farmers Market

March 30 | 8.30am-1pm

A vibrant community market celebrating a variety of growers, bakers, merchants and makers. Fresh produce, plants, artisan goods, collectables, delicious food, coffee, live music and more. Dogs welcome on a lead.

Prom Produce and Craft Market

March 31 | 8am-1pm

Known as one of the biggest and best craft markets in Gippsland, this market is the ideal place to find unique treasures. Organised by the Foster Rotary Club and Toora Lions Club, the market showcases more than 150 stalls. Please bring your own bags whilst on this shopping trip.

Tarwin Lower Market

April 1 | 10am to 1pm

The market offers a wide variety of stalls, ranging from food and plants through to books and bric-a-brac. It's fun for the whole family and usually includes live entertainment.

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Woodcrafts for Easter in Wonthaggi

FOLLOWING the success of their 2023 Christmas Shop, Wonthaggi Woodcrafters are having an Easter Woodcrafts Sale – for two days only.

The shop will be on Saturday March 30 and Sunday March 31. Opening times are 10am to 4pm each day.

Like the Chrissy sale, the event will held be at the Woodies clubrooms/workshops at 239 White Road, Wonthaggi (the Jean Melzer Centre), adjacent to Bass Coast Adult Learning, U3A and South Coast FM studios. Look for the signs.

On display and for sale will be a broad range of quality, locally made wood crafted products including turned bowls, platters, vases, containers and pens, wall and mantle clocks, kitchenalia, chopping boards,

small furniture and more.

Children will not miss out with a variety of colourful wheeled toys to select from or choose a toy kit to enjoy assembling with kids at home. There's always something for everyone at a Woodies Shop.

As usual, everything at the Woodies Easter sale will be at very reasonable prices and great for your personal use or for gifts. There's nothing better than something locally made from beautiful, resilient, natural timber. If you would just like to call in and browse, you will always be made very welcome. Have a talk to the Woodies on duty about how they create some of their fabulous works – they love a chat.

Or ask how to become a

Woodies member. There are now 106 members, both ladies and men, participating in various aspects of wood crafting in three spacious, well-equipped workshops, as well as enjoying camaraderie, social interaction and creating friendships. The Woodies offers a broad range of woodcraft activities in skill areas include woodturning, toy-making, joinery, pyrography, scroll-sawing, and carving.

If you're interested in joining, or would just like to find out more, email the Secretary at woodiessec@gmail.com, visit the Woodies on the web at wonthaggiwoodcrafters.com.au or find us on the socials at Facebook Wonthaggi Woodcrafters and Instagram wonthaggiwoodcrafters.



69th Creative Arts Exhibition

THE CWA Bass group includes seven branches – Cowes, Grantville, Glen Alvie, Loch, Phillip Island Twilight, Woodleigh Vale and Wonthaggi, and over April 13 and April 14, members will present their 69th annual Create Arts Exhibition at the Loch Public Hall.

It was decided 10 years ago to exhibit in the beautiful tourist town of Loch.

Members range from juniors to those who have been a member for over 50 years, and the group are always ready to welcome new members. You don't have to be a cook or a crafter to be part of CWA. Some of the members enjoy the company of other women while being in an organisation that supports vulnerable women and children.

The current group president is Agnes Veldhuizen with the president elect, Susan Hawker.

"I have been a member for 18 months and have enjoyed being a member. It's wonderful to meet interesting and engaging women," said Susan.

The organisation conducts wonderful charity work by supporting local charities, including Milpara House, the

Rochester flood victims and larger organisations such as the Fiona Elsey Cancer Research Institute which is their thanksgiving fund for 2024.

At the 69th annual event, there will be hundreds of items on display, including plants, flowers, cooking, knitting, sewing, crochet, embroidery and other needle work, hobby work, paper craft, and photography. Family and friends are also open to enter in a separate section.

There will be a trading table with items such as jams, slices, and plants. There will be a raffle drawn on both days.

"Our famous scones jam and cream will be available with a cuppa upstairs," said Susan.

Different crafts will be demonstrated throughout the weekend. The exhibition is open from 10am till 4pm on Saturday, April 13 and 10am till 3.30pm on Sunday, April 14. There is a small entry fee of \$5 and children with an adult are admitted free.

All membership enquiries can be directed to Susan Hawker 0400 976 603 or by email: susanhawker1963@gmail.com.

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Striving for positive change

JO O'Reilly Stubbs shared her passion for surfing and the environment, highlighting her experiences as a Surf Judge, Photographer, and Environmental Research Scientist.

In a conversation with the Sentinel Times, Jo emphasised the importance of conservation efforts in protecting the coastline and its wildlife and discussed her efforts to enable career paths for women in historically male-dominated industries.

In chatting to Jo, it didn't take long to realise that her initiative to make positive change is inspiring to those who have the benefit of working alongside her.

Jo grew up in Inverloch surfing breaks along the coast from Wilsons Prom all the way over to Phillip Island, with the Inverloch mains still her favourite place to surf.

"My favourite board is a custom shaped 9-foot 1 inch longboard by Surf Beach shaper Chris Williams," said Jo.

Her love for the environment spurred her to move to Melbourne to study an undergrad in politics, a masters in horticulture, and begin a PhD in climate change with the University of Melbourne.

Since returning to her hometown with her husband Andrew, and children Phoenix, Wilco and Tarquin, Jo has taken up surf photography, become the Treasurer of Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC), a Progression Surf Judge with Surfing Victoria, and taken on a new two-year term as a representative on the Bass Coast College Council.

Jo's surf photography has been published online for the Australian Broadcasting Association and Phillip Island Boardriders Club, and in print in the local papers including the South Gippsland Sentinel Times and the Phillip Island and San Remo Advertiser.

Jo's passions include enabling career pathways for women to encourage their involvement in historically male dominated industries of STEM, scientific research, and the surf industry in competing, judging and media production.

She also consults as an Environmental Research Scientist under her own business Urban Forestry Research, which is also a level one sponsor of the Phillip Island Boardriders Club.

Using her environmental education and role as Treasurer, Jo has recently written a Victorian State Government grant application to obtain \$10,000 to revegetate 0.2 hectares of the PIBC's land, to increase bandicoot habitat and wildlife corridor connectivity in the Bass Coast Shire.

"As treasurer, this financial year I have also applied for over \$50,000 in other pending grant applications for PIBC women's surf programs, clubhouse maintenance and concreting works to enable accessibility for all users of the space."

■ Photo: Luke Stoermer.

get involved in water sports

THERE'S always an opportunity to enjoy the water in Inverloch.

The Easter holiday break is the perfect time to try out one of the great water sports available in Inverloch, whether it's to pick up a new hobby, gain a new skill or enjoy the thrill.

Inverloch is widely known for its premium locations for water sports, including kite-surfing, boating and snorkelling.

Stand up paddle boarding has taken the world by storm and Inverloch is no exception.

It is the fastest growing water sport in the world due to its inclusivity.

It is easy to pick up and people of all ages can participate.

"I offer lessons and hire services on the beachfront of Anderson Inlet. People can come in with no experience and give it a go," Inverloch SUP's Max Wells said.

"The conditions are pretty good this time of year. It can vary, but in general it's a

fantastic time to get out there. It's normally pretty settled."

Kayaking is a beloved activity on Andersons Inlet due to its calm conditions and vision of the Inverloch township from the open water.

It's a great activity to enjoy with the family, and those looking for a challenge can paddle out deeper into the inlet with open water stretching out for kilometres.

Hire options are also available for kayaks.

And, let's not forget surfing with opportunities for private and group lessons available.

Alison O'Halloran of Salty Seas Surf School runs a four-day program during the holidays.

"We get great conditions – lovely with a bit of light wind and 20-degree water," she said.

"I encourage anyone to get in and have a crack. It's not a challenging beach – it's one of the safest on our coast – so people with limited

experience can feel comfortable giving it a go."

Regardless of experience, all surfers are advised to follow all safety precautions.

"Make sure you're with someone, and don't go somewhere that's not familiar to you," Alison said.

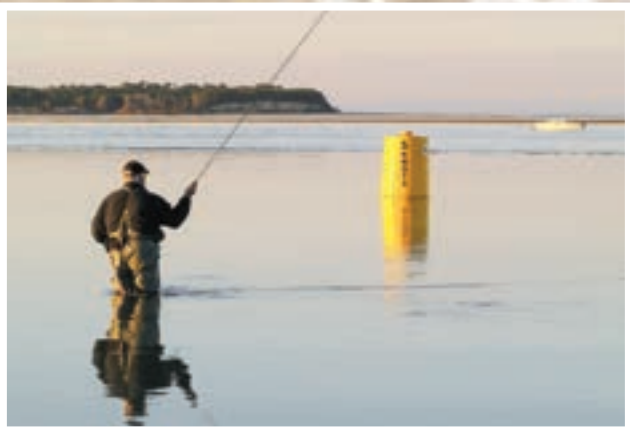
"Don't go beyond your own abilities."

Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club patrols the surf beach during busy times and is there to provide assistance and advice.

Members of the club also get involved in water sports to hone their lifesaving skills and get the most out of their local environment and opportunities.

Those who enjoy fishing are encouraged to cast a line from the Inverloch jetty, along the coast or join a fishing charter for the day and try your luck.

New challenges and excitement awaits on the water in Inverloch.



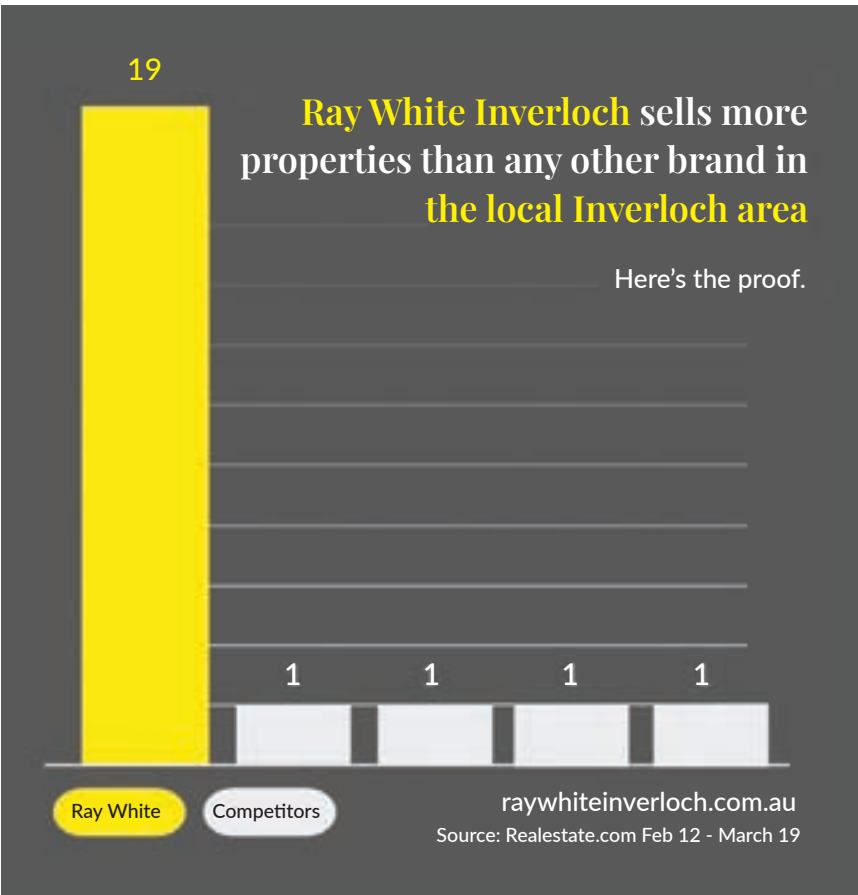
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From fish and chips to *fine* dining

ROB Stenson, the head chef at Wonthaggi Club, has a culinary journey as diverse as the dishes he creates.

His love for food began in his school days when chips were hand cut and fish filleted, working at a fish and chip shop, preparing food before school and serving customers in the evening. This early exposure to the food industry sparked a passion that would lead him to become a renowned chef.

Rob's career took off when he started his apprenticeship at The Baths, Sorrento, a seafood restaurant with a focus on weddings. This experience, coupled with his move to Rosebud for an immersive hospitality experience, honed his skills and broadened his culinary perspective. After working at Peppers Moonah Links Resort, his journey led him to a traditional French restaurant in Mount Eliza, Bistro Maison, where he mastered the art of French cuisine, with dishes like confit duck and garlic snails becoming his specialties.

"I wouldn't say it was my favourite,

but we sold a lot of French snails," Rob laughed.

His career trajectory took a turn when he joined the Frankston RSL, a large venue with four kitchens and a brigade of 15 chefs. This experience sharpened his skills and gave him a taste of working within a large team. His next venture was at Beach 162, a Mediterranean restaurant in Frankston. Here, he stepped into the role of head chef for the first time, after a brief stint as sous-chef, managing the kitchen.

"I followed a mentor of mine (to Beach 162), but within about three months he said, 'right, you've got this now, I'm going to leave and you're going to be the head chef,'" Rob recalled.

After years of long hours in the kitchen, Rob side stepped to cafes, working for Barclays (where the old bank safe was converted to a cool room) and then Deoro & Co café in Clyde North, an all-day, award-winning breakfast location.

"The owners went on to purchase Hast

ing Marina and I became the executive chef, managing both locations."

The desire for a work-life balance Rob's journey led him to Wonthaggi Club, where he has been the head chef for almost a year.

"It's great to be a part of the Club's strong team. The Club has such a big local presence and it's nice to be a part of that as well."

Rob's diverse culinary background is reflected in the variety of dishes he creates and brings to the menu with his fellow chefs. From mouthwatering slow cooked beef briskets and pork belly to fresh seafood, the taste sensations will delight.

And with a stint at the abattoirs between the fish and chip shop of his youth and his apprenticeship, Rob also has an incredible knowledge of cuts and how to bring even the more commonly referred to lower grade cuts to life, that are tender, juicy and flavour-some.

An exemplary instance was the slow-cooked pulled pork featured in last

week's burger, delivering an unparalleled burst of flavour as the tender meat effortlessly dissolved in one's mouth.

"Lesser cuts require time and patience. My favourite dishes are slow cooked. The meals you can pop on before you go to work in the morning and come home to the amazing, warm smells and the appetite goes crazy."

"We also use the whole cut of meat; I don't like waste. For example, the house-made beef burgers are made from the local Gippsland beef trimmings, similarly the Nasi Goreng from the roast pork cuts. We don't waste any protein."

With a wealth of knowledge and experience across a wide spectrum of cuisines it's no wonder the specials board has seen a welcomed new lease on life. As autumn hits and winter gets underway in the coming months Rob is looking forwards to bringing back the winter classics like lamb shank and hearty pasta dishes.

Up the lazy river

at Tarwin Lower

You'll get a warm welcome at the Riverview Hotel at Tarwin Lower including from team member Ainsley Threadgold.

THE reopening of the Riverview Hotel at Tarwin Lower has been well received locally and the venue is now going from strength to strength with live music, a great ambience, fantastic food and a range of beers and wines.

Host Travis Krause couldn't be happier with the response and also with plans to continue refurbishment at the hotel.

"It's a great old pub and fantastic to see it filled again with people having a good time."

As well as a great menu, the food is super fresh and superbly cooked and presented with seafood and steak among the specialties. Here are a few dishes to whet the appetite:

- Moroccan spiced calamari.
- Prawn linguini.
- Bourbon glazed pork ribs.
- Scotch fillet with broccolini, green beans, chips and your choice of sauces.

There's a value kids' menu and desserts as well headed up by the ubiquitous sticky date pudding.

If you're looking for the ideal place to kick back over the Easter, for lunch or dinner, go check out the Riverview Hotel at Tawin Lower on the banks of the Tarwin River.



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Three-storey one side, two-storey the other

IF YOU can believe it, there are nine different Neighbourhood Character Areas to get your head around in the shire's long-awaited review of neighbourhood character in residential zones across Bass Coast's towns and smaller settlements.

It's a level of complexity that many are going to have trouble comparing when attempting to understand the 178-page draft Bass Coast Shire Neighbourhood Character Study.

The neighbourhood character areas are Bush Coastal 1, Bush Coastal 2, Bush Residential 1, Bush Residential 2, Coastal Contemporary, Coastal Residential, Garden Court, Garden Residential and Rural Residential; each of them with an explanation of what that means if it applies to your part of the town.

Also applying to each of these character types is the very important development designation: 'Minimal', 'Incremental' and 'Substantial'.

But don't press the panic button, not yet anyway!

The familiar statewide zones including Residential Growth Zone (RGZ), General Residential Zone (GRZ), Low Density Residential Zone (LDRZ), Township Zone (TZ) and Mixed Use Zone (MUZ) still apply.

So, what do the various neighbourhood character descriptions mean?

Take 'Bush Coastal 2', which in Inverloch, applies to the area along the western side of Sandymount Avenue, between Dixon Street and Kathryn Close.

"The Bush Coastal 2 precinct is characterised by detached dwellings sited on generous sized lots with medium levels of vegetation in front garden spaces, which blends into the coastal shrubs and mature native canopy trees within the public realm and surrounding hinterland."

Here you will find that all three development options 'Minimal', 'Incremental' and 'Substantial' apply to redevelopment in this area but can extend to dwellings of three storeys.

And you'll find that properties next door to each other, in the same street may have different rules about potential



Rebecca and Audrey Manning with dog 'Molly' take an interest in the neighbourhood character proposals which will tell you whether a single storey house, double or three-storey house can be built next door to you, or even a block of units, chatting with Bass Coast Strategic Planner Ellen Whatley.

development.

But perhaps the best way to see how the draft neighbourhood character rules apply to your street, your home and your block is to search the 'Find out what is proposed for your property' on the Engage Bass Coast website at engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au

The following themes have been identified as the key issues and threats for the draft Neighbourhood Character Study:

- Interrupted coastal views
- Subdivision
- Contemporary infill development
- Dominant fencing styles
- Large scale development - Retirement villages and Aged care
- Inconsistent infrastructure upgrades
- Loss of vegetation and landscaping
- Inconsistent siting and scale
- Dominant car access and storage
- Inconsistent colours and materials

Character to complement housing strategy

The Neighbourhood Character Study will only be implemented in conjunction with the Bass Coast Housing Strategy 2024.

What is a Housing Strategy?

Bass Coast's Housing Strategy outlines a framework for managing housing growth over the next 15 years, ensuring sufficient land and diversity for future community needs. The strategy is consistent with local and state policies, addresses community feedback, and clarifies Council's role in housing. Specifically, it will guide the level of housing change that can be expected across each settlement and inform the appropriate location and application of residential zones.

The Bass Coast Housing Strategy applies to all residentially zoned land and land within identified settlement boundaries. That is, land currently in or proposed to be in the following planning scheme zones: the General Residential Zone, the Residential Growth Zone, the Township Zone, the Mixed Use Zone and the Low Density Residential Zone as well as non-residentially zoned land within settlement boundaries such as the Cowes Activity Centre and farming zoned land.

The strategy has adopted the settlement hierarchy from the Bass Coast Statement of Planning policy which groups the 26 settlements of Bass Coast

as follows over the page:

- Wonthaggi (Regional centre): A settlement of 10,000 or more people with a large, diverse population, employment, and housing base. In a regional centre, there is provision of all essential services and higher-order goods, and education at all levels and access to large hospital and diverse medical facilities is available. A regional centre has strong relationships with surrounding settlements of all types.
- Cowes and Silverleaves, Inverloch, San Remo and Newhaven (District Towns): Settlements with a substantial and diverse population of 2000-10,000.
- Grantville (Town): A settlement with population levels of 1000-2000.
- Cape Paterson, Cape Woolamai, Corinella, Coronet Bay, Dalyston, Kilcunda and Rhyll (Villages): Settlements with population levels of 500-1000, the number fluctuating seasonally.
- Bass, Harmers Haven, Jam Jerrup, Pioneer Bay and The Gurdies, Smiths Beach, Sunderland Bay, Sunset Strip, Surf Beach, Tenby Point, Ventnor, Wimbledon Heights (Hamlets): Settlements with low and seasonal population levels of 200-500.

Grants to support storm damage victims

APPLICATIONS for the Energy Resilience Community Fund are now open.

As the first part of the Energy Resilience Community Fund, financial hardship grants are now available for AusNet's customers impacted by recent storm-related power outages on Tuesday, February 13.

Subject to the eligibility criteria, the financial hardship grant will provide residential customers with a \$300 grant and business customers with a maximum \$5000 grant. Apply online before 11.59pm on Tuesday, April 30.

Late applications will not be accepted.

The State and Federal Governments are also providing financial relief to households and businesses that have been without power for seven days as a result of the extreme weather event on Tuesday, February 13. AusNet is supporting the delivery of this relief payment to customers in their electricity distribution network.

Subject to the eligibility criteria, the Prolonged Power Outage Payment will give \$1920 per week for households for up to three weeks depending on the length of time the household is without power, and \$2927 per week for small businesses for up to three weeks depending on the length of time the business is without power.

Applications are online only and must be made by no later than 11.59 pm (AEDT), April 10.

Community organisations and charities can apply for emergency relief funding on a case-by-case basis by emailing ERCF@ausnetservices.com.au.

Agencies improve hot water compliance

VICTORIAN regulators and agencies have joined forces to improve compliance of heat pump hot water systems installations across the state. This follows the rapid growth in heat pump hot water system installations across Victoria under the Solar Homes and Victorian Energy Upgrades programs.

In the coming months, Solar Victoria, the Essential Services Commission, the Victorian Building Authority, Energy Safe Victoria and WorkSafe Victoria will increase site inspections and audits to ensure heat pump hot water systems are being installed safely and without fault. We will also engage with industry and provide updated resources to support compliance.

Common issues identified across agencies relate to inadequate installations, which can ultimately impact the effectiveness or safe functioning of the system. Compliance issues identified in audits include:

- inadequate insulation to protect systems from freezing,
- switchboard wiring,
- unsafe termination points for pressure relief valves, and
- inappropriately secured water tanks.

As part of Solar Victoria's commitment to safety and quality, five per cent of all Solar Homes Program installations are audited every year. While very few hot water installations audited by Solar Victoria over the last 12 months were found to be unsafe, there are still persistent issues being detected.

As Victoria's building and plumbing regulator, the Victorian Building Authority will audit completed work and use information from partner agencies and consumers to target installers who may be doing the wrong thing.

The Victorian Building Authority will continue to provide technical education, through seminars and bulletins, to improve practitioner understanding and competency of how to install hot water systems compliantly.

Installers can download the Solar Victoria hot water audit checklist and installation guidance to help maintain safety standards. Visit solar.vic.gov.au/hot-water-audit-checklist.

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Southcoast First National reaps general excellence and marketing awards



Kelly, Mitch and Fiona of Southcoast First National Real Estate stand proudly with their awards at the recent General Excellence and Marketing Awards night.



The Pillar Award went to Fiona Foon of Southcoast First National Real Estate.



Kelly Wall was recognised with a Silver Residential Commission and Elite Investor Relations Manager awards last Saturday.

SOUTHCOAST First National Real Estate was recognised for outstanding achievement at the national network's General Excellence and Marketing Awards, held at Grand Hyatt Melbourne on Saturday night.

The awards recognise the achievements of First National's Victorian and Tasmanian agents throughout 2023, with winners now competing for the network's National Awards, which will be announced at the network's annual convention in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia this May.

Southcoast First National principal Mitch Foon said, "these awards are a testament to my staff's dedication to serving our clients with the highest level of professionalism and integrity. We are incredibly proud of their success and grateful for the contributions they make to our company and the real estate industry as a whole."

At the awards presentation, Southcoast First National received the following residential and commercial awards:

- Silver • Gold • Platinum • Elite

Key staff members were also recognised for their individual performances:

Kelly Wall: Silver Residential Commission

Kelly Wall: Elite Investor Relations Manager

Fiona Foon: Pillar Award

Mitch Foon: Gold Sales Commissions

"The First National General Excellence and Marketing Awards are an important event as they encourage First National's agents to aspire to an ongoing process of performance improvement that benefits customers," Mitch Foon said.



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NESTLED in a prime location of Leon-gatha this character filled home exudes charm and warmth. With its unique architectural details and inviting ambience this residence offers a perfect blend of comfort and style. A great investment property or a fantastic way for a first home buyer to enter the market.

The house includes three bedrooms all with built-in robes and large windows allowing for plenty of natural light. A functional galley style kitchen which has been renovated features an electric oven, gas cook top, dishwasher and loads of cupboard space. The kitchen has an adjoining dining area and looks out onto the undercover outdoor entertainment area.

A spacious living area flows seamlessly into the backyard patio and has also has a sliding door leading to a front veranda, perfect to sit back and take in the views on those warm summer's night. The central bathroom has all its original features and includes a shower, bath, vanity and separate toilet. Warmth is guaranteed all year round with gas central heating, wood heater and reverse cycle split system.

The double garage has easy access to the backyard, where you will find an undercover patio which includes a built-in open fire perfect for entertaining all year round. The backyard also includes raised veggie boxes and a selection of fruit trees.

Perfectly situated within walking distance to shops, hospital, medical centre, and the Great Southern Rail Trail for walking, riding, or enjoying a day out. The home is just 15 minutes to Korumburra, 20 minutes to Inverloch, 30 minutes to Wonthaggi, and 1 ¼ hours to Melbourne's south eastern suburbs. For further information or to inspect the property, please contact Katrina Griggs on 0428 571 083 or Don Olden on 0417 805 312.



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- Country style kitchen with electric stove
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Leongatha705m²
Charming Home in Convenient Location

- 3-bed 2-bath home, colonial style kitchen
- Front lounge has a gas log heater
- Fully fenced yard, low maintenance garden

Web ID: 300P6183\$650,000

Leongatha4.2 Acres
'Hidden Haven'

- 4-bed, 2-bath character filled home
- Charming 1 bedroom bungalow
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Stylish home!

YOU'RE going to love this gorgeous period style home, that has been meticulously renovated in the past and now perfectly presented for sale. From the high ceilings, ornate cornices, French doors, ceiling roses and double hung timber windows this home is filled with charm and character and is set on a great sized block of approximately 665m².

Features of the home include:

- Generous master bedroom with walk-in robe and stylish ensuite
- Three remaining generous sized bedrooms with built-in robes
- A gorgeous, renovated kitchen with a massive breakfast bar and all modern appliances
- A beautifully renovated second bathroom with stunning period style features
- A second dining/living area with a fireplace creating ambience and warmth
- Functional family room with French doors opening out to the alfresco area
- A lovely, undercover alfresco area opening onto the back yard
- The separate laundry is functional with direct backyard access
- A lock up shed with concrete floor, power, and excellent storage facilities
- The home is set amongst an established, low maintenance garden with raised veggie boxes

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- Close to the school precinct and Leongatha CBD.

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Exceptional Tarwin dairy

THE heart of South Gippsland is home to the family run 'Viewfort Holsteins & Jerseys', both a highly productive and successful dairy operation.

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Offering:
326 acres (132 ha) * on two titles (an additional river lease provides an extra 28 acres*)

The property features:

- 20 Double up Herringbone Dairy
- Quick Release Stall Gates (Daviesway Extreme 90)
- Auto wash, Light weight cups with auto cup removers
- Two milk vats combined total 12,100 ltr
- 30 tonne silo and cattle crush
- Hay shed, sundry machinery shedding

- and portable calf sheds (five)
 - 45 paddocks with excellent fencing, all serviced by all-weather laneways
 - Water security is excellent in addition to this high rainfall region (900mm)
 - 12 mgl commercial water licence for the Dairy with additional stock and domestic plus farm dams (2)
 - Established shelter belts across the farm and along the Tarwin River
- Two excellent family homes:

- A 2015 built sandstone three-bed, two-bath, two cars plus study home offering open plan living with privacy and paddock views across the farm.
- The second home is a three-bed, two-bath, two car weatherboard home, with modern updates and is ideally located nearer to the working dairy operations.

Presently milking a 300hd split calving dairy herd, this property is also ideal for those who wish to farm with a seasonal calving herd – providing options for all dairy enterprises. Excellent fertiliser and

pasture management allows for silage and hay production. Seasonal crops are also grown on the river flats, providing a profitable and productive foundation of feed for milk production.

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For further information and to arrange a personal inspection please contact Irene Walker at SEJ Livestock & Real Estate

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5 acres

335 Henrys Road, **Loch**

For Sale \$1,420,000

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Unique rural lifestyle living

ESCAPE to your dream rural lifestyle in this magnificent five-bedroom, five-bathroom property located on five acres at 335 Henrys Road on the edge of the picturesque village of Loch. With its stunning features and ample space, this property offers endless possibilities for both living and investment opportunities.

This property has been used as both a B&B and a family home and the moment you enter through the front door, you'll be captivated by the charm of this uniquely designed generational property designed by renowned architect Alistair Knox.

Accommodation is seamlessly divided into two, with the owners or master end of the house having master bedroom with walk-in robe, bathroom and separate toilet, private lounge/sitting room and laundry. The guest or family accommodation comprises of four bedrooms all with ensuites, an undercover courtyard, and access to the gardens and outside BBQ area. The mud brick construction adds character and warmth, while the open fireplace and solid fuel heater provides a cosy ambiance during winter nights. Boasting an office/study room and separate 6.3m x 6.3m multi-purpose studio/conference room, this property offers the perfect space to work from home (with satellite NBN), entertain or expand your family living zones.

With four fully fenced paddocks, this property is ideal for the hobby farmer or those

seeking a self-sustainable lifestyle. The property also features 2 x 45,000 litre water tanks and a 8.36KW PV GC Generation solar system running on 19 solar panels powered by two 5KW Solaredge Inverters (10kW), ensuring you are environmentally conscious while enjoying the financial benefits of modern living.

With a brand-new roof and kitchen appliances, fresh paint externally and internally, this home offers a blend of charm and convenience. The property also includes a garage/workshop, providing ample storage space for all your tools and equipment and accommodation for at least six vehicles.

The gardens are well established with a mix of formal and native, walking tracks through the bushed areas are a stand-out feature and have been a favourite way for guests to get lost in the setting. The open paddocks are ideal to graze some sheep or alpacas with the total area of the block on title being five acres with another adjoining two acres leased at a nominal amount.

Don't miss out on this rare opportunity to own a piece of rural paradise. Contact us today to arrange a private inspection and discover the endless possibilities that await you at 335 Henrys Road, Loch.

Disclaimer: Whilst every care has been taken in preparing the above information, it is to be used as a guide only. Please refer to the appropriate legal documentation to complete your due diligence.

Hamptons inspired

WELCOME to the epitome of country elegance with this Hamptons-inspired haven that has undergone a meticulous and unparalleled renovation, showcasing the highest standards of quality and style.

Step into a world of open plan living, where laminate floors grace every inch, creating a seamless and timeless aesthetic. The heart of the home features a wood heater and a split system, ensuring comfort year-round. The kitchen, a true masterpiece, boasts an induction cooktop, electric oven, and dishwasher, all seamlessly integrated into a transitional design that harmonises classic charm with modern convenience.

The master bedroom is a retreat in itself, adorned with plantation shutters and boasting an enviable walk-in robe. Two additional bedrooms feature built-in robes, providing ample storage and comfort. The completely new bathroom is a sanctuary of luxury, offering a 1200mm shower and a stunning clawfoot bath. The addition of a second toilet enhances practicality.

Adding to the allure of this property is a utility room with a shower, toilet, and laundry provisions, catering to every need. A delightful surprise awaits at the rear – a new retreat, complete with its own kitchenette and full bathroom adorned with quality fixtures and fittings. French doors open to a gazebo, creating a private oasis.

The living zone seamlessly extends outdoors through stacker doors to a tastefully renovated outdoor area. This space, elevated to the highest standard, features a Vergola that opens to embrace the summer sun and closes for cosy winter evenings. The fully fenced and secure property boasts over 100 trees.

Convenience meets country living – the property is just five minutes from Wonthaggi for shopping and a mere 10 minutes from stunning beaches. Embrace the lifestyle of your dreams, where every detail has been carefully curated to provide a harmonious blend of comfort, style, and country charm.



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735m²

3 Tulloch Street, **Dalyston**

For Sale \$599,000

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<div>LEONGATHA</div> <div><div>NEW PRICE</div></div> <div>25 Routhead Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2 bedroom Cottage• Long block with rear access• Great location close to CBD<div>\$470,000</div><div>Contact: Leongatha Office</div></div>	<div>LOCH</div> <div></div> <div>335 Henrys Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Picturesque 5 acres• 5 bedroom, 5 bathroom• Endless possibilities<div>\$1,420,000</div><div>Contact: Korumburra Office</div></div>	<div>THE GURDIES</div> <div></div> <div>25 Island View Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Breathtaking Bay Views• Endless Potential• 2 bedroom, 1 bathroom, double garage<div>\$530,000</div><div>Contact: Grantville Office</div></div>	<div>WONTHAGGI</div> <div><div>MAKE AN OFFER</div></div> <div>2b Obrien Circuit</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brand new 4 bedroom home• Large 800m² allotment• Open plan living, turn key ready<div>\$669,000</div><div>Contact: Wonthaggi Office</div></div>
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<div>STONY CREEK</div> <div></div> <div>3015 South Gippsland Highway</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Homestead on 87 acres• 4 bedroom, 1 bathroom (incl. bungalow)• Storage sheds, yards, and more<div>\$1,300,000</div><div>Contact: Leongatha Office</div></div>	<div>KORUMBURRA</div> <div></div> <div>18 William Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom• Outdoor entertaining• Views<div>\$599,000</div><div>Contact: Korumburra Office</div></div>	<div>CORONET BAY</div> <div></div> <div>6 Semaphore Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Immaculately maintained 3 bed home• Fully fenced, carport & garden shed• Great first home buyers<div>\$470,000 - \$490,000</div><div>Contact: Grantville Office</div></div>	<div>WONTHAGGI</div> <div></div> <div>12 Willow Circuit</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quite court location• Perfect for big families• Great shedding<div>\$699,000</div><div>Contact: Wonthaggi Office</div></div>
<div>LEONGATHA</div> <div></div> <div>7 Olympic Court</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Super neat 3 bedroom home• Upgraded throughout• Near flat court close to CBD<div>\$525,000</div><div>Contact: Leongatha Office</div></div>	<div>RANCEBY</div> <div></div> <div>800 Korumburra-Warragul Road</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• 13 acre farmlet• 3 bedroom homestead• Shedding, dam<div>\$950,000</div><div>Contact: Korumburra Office</div></div>	<div>GRANTVILLE</div> <div></div> <div>7 Agnes Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Double story with bay views• Dual Occupancy, 4 bed, 2 bath & 2 kitchens• Room for boat and caravan<div>\$530,000</div><div>Contact: Grantville Office</div></div>	<div>WONTHAGGI</div> <div></div> <div>19 Toorak Street</div> <div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Open plan living• 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom• Backlane access<div>\$599,000</div><div>Contact: Wonthaggi Office</div></div>

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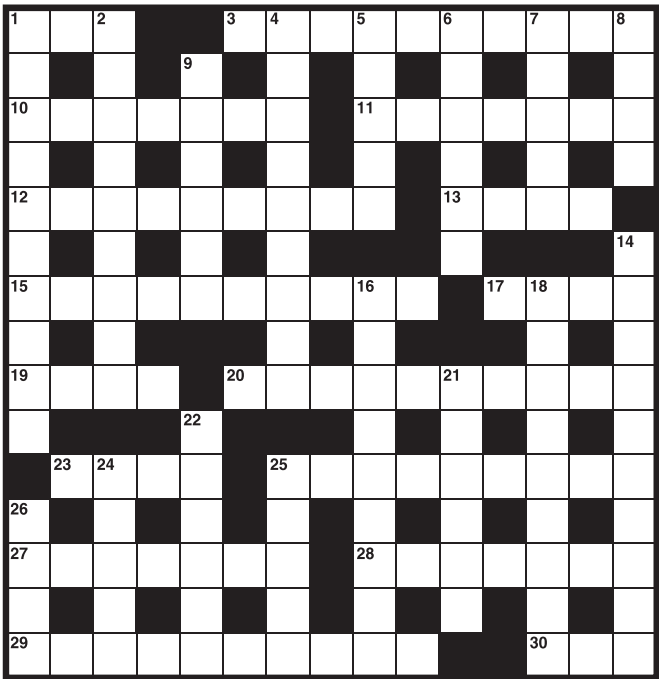
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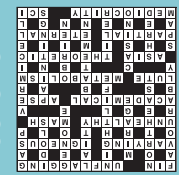


- ACROSS**
- 1 Fish appendage (3)
3 Persistent (10)
10 Differing (7)
11 Of rocks, derived from magma or lava (7)
- 12 Harmful (9)
13 Squish (4)
15 Formal university attire (10)
17 Vaulted recess (4)
19 Old stringed instrument (4)
20 Chemical processes in the body (10)

- 23 Continent (4)
25 Conceptual (9)
27 Biased (7)
28 Everlasting (7)
29 Lameness (10)
30 School subject (abbr) (3)

- DOWN**
- 1 Approvingly (10)
2 Compass direction (9)
4 Evening entertainment (9)
5 Parishioners (5)
6 Set of chromosomes in a gamete (6)
7 Gods (5)
8 Huff (4)
9 An illusion (6)
14 Thin noodle (10)
16 Mitigation (9)
18 Artworks (9)
21 Common Irish surname (1'5)
22 Gambling house (6)
24 Small piece (5)
25 Flooring tradesman (5)
26 Unsolicited email (4)

SOLUTION



9-LETTER

No. 220

Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural words ending in "s".

- Today's Aim:**
- 11 words: **Good**
17 words: **Very good**
23 words: **Excellent**



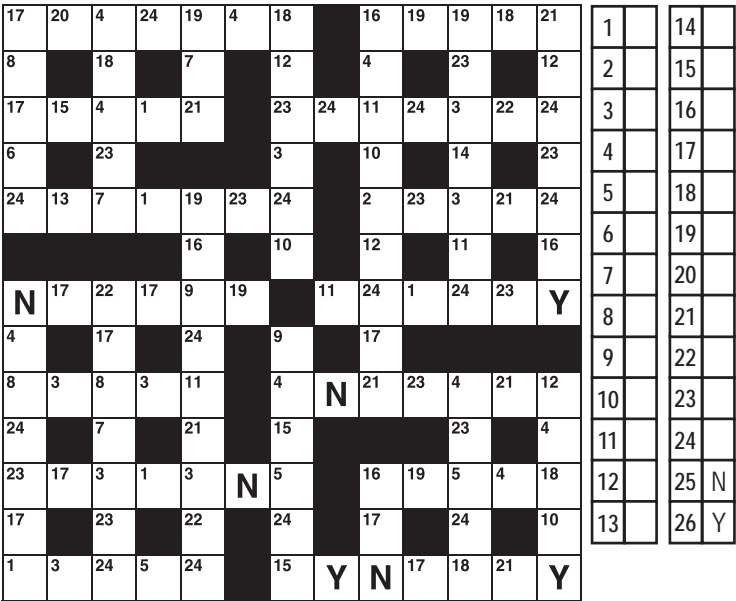
SOLUTION

COLE, CORE, CORES, CORROSIVE, COSIER, COVE, COVER, COVERS, CROSLER, COSIER, OVER, ROSE, ROSIER, ROVER, ROVES, SCORE, SCORER, SORE, SORER, VERSO, VISOR, VOICE, VOICES

CODEWORD

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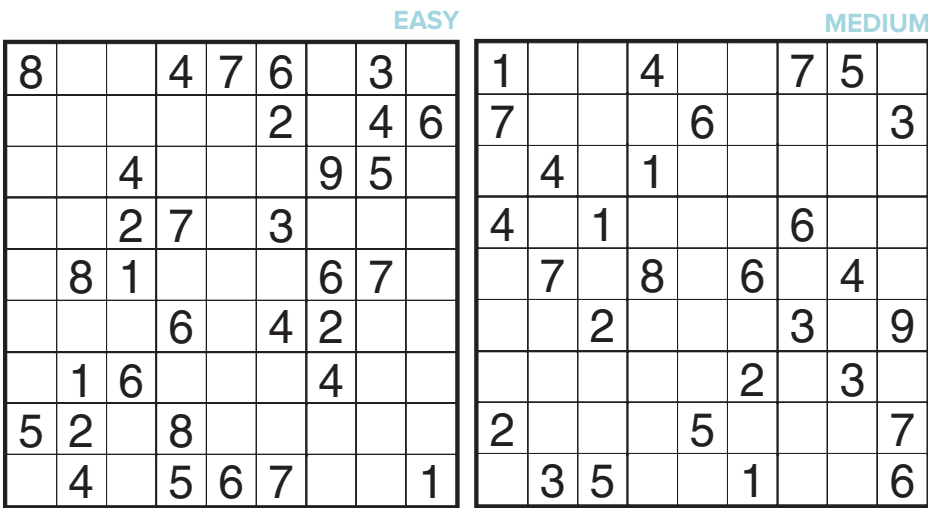
Each number corresponds to a letter of the alphabet. Two have been filled in for you, can you work out the rest?



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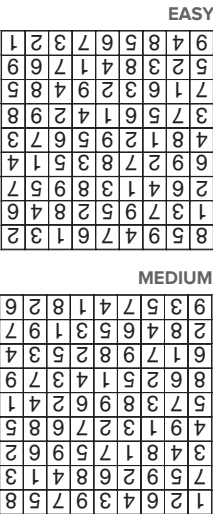
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To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.



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SOLUTIONS



QUICK QUIZ

- Which festive song is the No.1 bestselling single of all time?
- The Bellagio, MGM Grand and Mirage casinos feature in which Steven Soderbergh film?
- How many days were in an ancient Roman week?
- What does it mean to be a polyglot?
- Which of Jane Austen's books was originally titled *First Impressions*?
- Who were the winners of the first ever soccer World Cup in 1930?
- What is the term 'hi-fi' short for?
- For which supporting role was Cate Blanchett (pictured) awarded her first Academy Award?
- In Norse mythology, Bragi is the god of what?
- Which land mammal has the most powerful bite?



ANSWERS: 1. White Christmas (Bing Crosby) 2. Ocean's Eleven 3. Eight 4. Fluent in multiple languages 5. *Pride and Prejudice* 6. Uruguay 7. High fidelity 8. Katharine Hepburn (*The Aviator*) 9. Poetry 10. Hippopotamus

WORD SEARCH

No. 130

Can you find all the words listed? The leftover letters will spell out a secret message.



- ARID
BALD
BLISTERED
CLAMMY
CLEAN
COARSE
COLD
DAMP
DEEP
DIRTY
DOWNY
DULL
DUSTY
ENCRUSTED
EVEN
- FEATHERY
FIRM
FLAT
FLEECY
FLUFFY
FROTHY
GELATINOUS
GLAZED
GOOEY
GRIMY
HAIRY
HARD
HEATED
INFLEXIBLE
LAYERED
- LIMP
MUSHY
PADDED
PARCHED
PITTED
RAGGED
RUNNY
SCORED
SLEEK
SOFT
TOUGH
WAVY
WOOLLEN
WOVEN

SECRET MESSAGE: The somatosensory system



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2024 Victorian Landcare Grants Open

THE Victorian Government is helping volunteer groups and networks protect and restore our precious environment. Minister for Environment Steve Dimopoulos today announced the opening of the 2024 Victorian Landcare Grants, with \$3.55 million available to support volunteers in caring for the state's landscapes and biodiversity. The grants are open to environmental volunteer groups and networks, including Landcare groups and networks, Friends

groups, Conservation Management Networks, Committees of Management, Coastcare groups and Aboriginal groups. Project grants of up to \$20,000 are available for on-ground works and community education projects focused on enhancing the natural environment, including native vegetation and wildlife, waterways and soils. Support Grants of up to \$500 are available to assist with administrative and operational ex-

penses of groups and networks. The grants will help achieve targets set in Protecting Victoria's Environment – Biodiversity 2037, the Victorian Government's 20-year plan to protect our environment and native species. "Landcare has a long and proud history in West Gippsland," said CEO of West Gippsland CMA, Martin Fuller. "In 2023 West Gippsland Landcare groups received funding of \$365,118 for 24 projects and 37 support grants for initiatives such as Protecting Wonyip's wonderful wildlife and Tanjil Valley Landcare Group Community Festival. "The continued dedication to the environment of West Gippsland's Landcare groups is inspiring. I'm really looking forward to seeing what projects will come out of the 2024 grant process." Applications for the Victorian Landcare Grants will close 5pm on April 30, 2024.

On-farm project will increase 'Fire Wise' knowhow

VIA a mix of on farm case studies, demonstration sites, educational materials and partnership development, the Bass Coast Landcare Network is raising the profile of fire planning and 'Fire Wise' awareness within the community. It's all part of a project to promote and demonstrate the value of Fire Wise planning, funded by the Australian Governments Preparing Australian Communities program in partnership with the Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife (FNPW). FNPW is an environmental charity organisation, that has been assisting communities to restore and conserve Australia's natural environment for more than 50 years. The network recently provided an update on the project. Current project activity updates include:

- Two fire wise/regenerative agriculture property management plans are in development for a Kongwak and French Island property. These plans will form the basis of case studies that will be available to other landowners in the Bass Coast.
 - Two fire wise demonstration site plantings are in the planning stage at Woolamai and Kongwak, two very different landscapes with the Bass Coast Landcare Network. This will include community planting days in late winter 2024.
 - The multimedia interactive resource has commenced development with landowner interviews taking place and filming work undertaken at participating properties, include drone filming to capture aerial imagery.
 - Bass Coast specific Fire Wise brochure is in development. This will be a downloadable resource and will also be integrated into the multimedia interactive resource.
- This is an exciting project that is due for completion in March 2025.

Not going hard enough on introduced possums, they say

PHILLIP Island's Little Penguins aren't the only animals thriving after the eradication of foxes from the Island. Two introduced species, Cape Barron Geese and Common Brushtail Possums, are reaching plague proportions there, so much so that Authority to Control Wildlife (ATCW) permits have been issued to help keep numbers down. But the possums and geese are still winning. How well the overall strategy is working is there for all to see with Cape Barron Geese numbers closing in on 10,000, since six geese were introduced here in 1984, and Common Brushtail Possums also in damaging numbers since they were introduced here in the 1920s. One of the locations where the possums are having a significant impact is in Oswin Roberts Reserve where their pressure has already killed dozens of trees. So, what is being done about it? We asked Phillip Island Nature Parks. "Trees that have been heavily browsed by brushtail and ringtail possums are banded with clear Perspex to protect them from further damage and to assist the tree to regenerate," said Ben Thomas, Reserves Manager, Phillip Island Nature Parks. "Sometimes we are too late, and the tree is dying or has already died. "These trees are often still wrapped to stop possums climbing them to access other trees that need to be protected," he said. "Trees grown in revegetation efforts as well as existing trees at Oswin Roberts Reserve are

in poor health, and tree banding is one common strategy used for tree survival." Abundant wildlife on Phillip Island, as identified in the Phillip Island Wildlife Plan, includes brush-tail possums. One of the actions from the Wildlife Plan is to monitor the effectiveness of banding trees, by comparing the percentage of canopy coverage at different times of the year." The Phillip Island Wildlife Plan has already recognised the problem, but has also highlighted issues with management. "Some species including Cape Barron Geese, Swamp Wallabies and Common Brushtail Possums have increased in numbers on Phillip Island and are impacting negatively on the viability of agriculture predominantly through crop and pasture damage, native vegetation, animal welfare, public safety, buildings, infrastructure and amenity. Due to the Island's environment and landscape, wildlife and its management are highly visible and interventions, such as lethal control of abundant native wildlife, can be a point of contention in the community." "Browsing pressure from Swamp Wallabies and Common Brushtail Possums is impacting on vegetation regeneration including the recovery of some species of plants, such as Crimson Berry, Leptecophylla juniperina subsp. oxycedrus, listed as vulnerable in Victoria. "It has also been speculated that browsing by possums is contributing to tree dieback, which has flow-on impacts to other tree-dependent species.

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VFF welcomes advocacy leaders

THE Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) has announced its new leaders responsible for cross-industry policy and advocacy for the next two years. VFF Horticulture Vice-President and Tourello potato farmer Katherine Myers will be the Chair of the Planning, Environment and Climate Change Committee. Garvoc dairy farmer Daniel Meade takes on the newly formed Farm Business and Transport Committee. Murrabit dairy farmer Andrew Leahy remains as Chair of the VFF Water Council, while VFF Horticulture President Nathan Free leads the Workforce and Social Policy Committee. VFF Vice-President Danyel Cucinotta continues to lead the Farming Systems Committee.

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Floating solar on farms can reduce costs and make money

RENEWABLE energy options are expanding for farmers, with not only their land able to be used to generate power, but now also their dams, with new floating solar arrays.

An experimental floating solar array generates electricity at Lardner Park, which was installed, showcased and explained by Gippsland Climate Change Network (GCCN) at Farm World over the weekend.

GCCN specialise in education and installation around renewable energy.

The Lardner array generates about fifty kilowatt hours and floating installations offer several advantages over land-based arrays.

Being in water increases their conversion ability by as much as 20 percent due to the water's cooling effect - because solar cells become less efficient as they heat up.

For smaller farms there is the advantage that valuable parcels of land are not taken up and the floating systems can be easier to install than land-based or roof-mounted systems.

The arrays can improve the environment as well; blocking sunlight from penetrating the water can reduce evaporation and inhibit algae blooms, however it is not yet clear how the



Dan Caffrey and Chris Barfoot from Gippsland Climate Change Network were showcasing the floating solar array at Farm World over the weekend, which farmers can install on their own dams. ob41_1324

set up might affect fish, birds or other wildlife.

Dan Caffrey from GCCN, said a few years ago there were only one or two farms with an interest in renewables, but now most farmers are looking at the possibility of trying to reduce costs and make more money by making their own electricity, and selling off the excess.

The initial set up costs is what has prevented farmers from installing a large solar array with an incorporated battery system.

A system that would cover all day time needs, including running hot water, as well as night time electricity would cost

about \$50,000.

Dan argues that while this might seem to be a large cost initially and without the money upfront, paying back loans may seem daunting, it does make sense.

"Renewable energy on farms is a good investment, and probably after five years you've most likely well and truly paid off any renewable energy project," Dan explains.

"You get loans at commercial rates, but once it's been paid off everything as else just goes in the bottom line profit."

Depending on the size of the farm the set up and cost would differ and be relative to the size

and savings.

Large ground mounted solar systems also require sheep to graze, to keep growth down.

Mowing, goats and cows are not recommended as there is the possibility of ruining cables with mowing, chewing up of cables with goats and cows will rub against the panels potentially causing damage.

There is also a new renewable energy technology being developed in Denmark called Heliac's, which uses solar thermal technology to generate power, and GCCN will be showcasing this at years New Energy Conference this September in Traralgon.

Farmers named on Genetics Australia Honour Board

ELEVEN Australian farmers were recently added to the Genetics Australia Honour Board.

This honour went to farmers whose bulls have made a huge contribution on the national herd, and many herds across the globe.

Six Jersey, three Holstein and two Australian Reds breeders were congratulated during the GA 2024: Today, Tomorrow and Beyond conference in Geelong on May 18, joining an elite group of master breeders.

"Our latest breeders added to the list thoroughly deserve this accolade," Genetics Australia (GA) CEO Anthony Shelly said.

"While they have all different

approaches to their breeding, all have made a massive contribution to the growth and genetic improvement of their respective breeds in Australia."

Traditionally, selection to the honour board was based primarily on proven bulls, but this time it was a broader combination of genomic and proven bull successes.

Among the selected was Wallacedale Jerseys owned by Luke and Mel Wallace from Poowong North.

They had some very popular bulls in the current GA lineup, including Homozygous bull Stark, as well as Goldbandp, Pickett, Depole, Lem-onpeel and former number one bull Pickle.

A number of herd's high

rated genomic heifers have also been sold to Pakistan, where they are showing the quality of Australian Jerseys, paving the way for increased semen sales.

Rob and Kerrie Anderson's Kings Ville Jerseys at Drouin West has developed some of the breed's finest cow families.

Kings Ville Bedford continues to sell in large numbers in South Africa and other Kings Ville bulls include Boost, Qantas and in the past year Bashful, sire of Bedford, obtained his first ABV.

A few new Kings Ville bulls are likely to be added to the 2024 sire lineup.

The other honoured breeders were Johville Australia

Reds owned by Greg and Kris Goulding at Leitchville, Waikato Australian Reds owned by Michael Green - formerly of Mt Schank, South Australia, and now farming in Irishtown, Tasmania -, Calister Holsteins owned by Craig Lister of Calivil, Wilara Holsteins owned by Genetics Australia Holdings chair Trevor Henry of Tinamba, Vala Holsteins owned by Alex Arena of Toolamba, Con and Michelle Glennen from Noorat, Western Australia, Robert and Sandra Bacon from Brookbora Jerseys in Tennyson, Bercar Jerseys owned by Bernie and Carol McManus, and Loxleigh Jerseys owned by Geoff and Natalie Akers from Tallygaroopna.

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AGENTS yarded around 3600 cattle at last Friday's VLE Leongatha Store Sale in a very good quality offering.

There were some excellent runs of medium and heavy grown steers with plenty of weight and breeding and good lines of annual drafts of weaners steers and heifers with prices improving 10 to 20 cents p/kg.

Most of the regular feedlot buyers and commission buyers were in attendance and competed strongly with a couple NSW orders operating along with local graziers securing suitable pens.

There were limited pens of Xbred and dairy types which sold to similar rates.

The new start time of 9am worked very well and helped the carriers to get the cattle out earlier which is good for everyone.

Leongatha Store Sale on Friday, Mar. 22, 2024

Grown Steers

R McCulloch 17 Angus	737kg	\$3.09	\$2280
Alexander & Nicholson 13 Ang	729kg	\$3.13	\$2280
Kyle Custom Building 14 Ang	645kg	\$3.37	\$2180
Hak Holdings 22 Angus	624kg	\$3.04	\$1900
B Lowndes 12 Angus	613kg	\$3.14	\$1930
Mondamac 17 Angus	611kg	\$3.13	\$1910
Hak Holdings 22 Angus	610kg	\$3.16	\$1930
Batten Squared 13 Angus	610kg	\$2.98	\$1820
B Lowndes 10 Angus	608kg	\$3.04	\$1850
Kyle Custom Building 18 Angus	589kg	\$3.05	\$1800
Bedad 28 Angus	585kg	\$3.07	\$1800
Mondamac 16 Angus	569kg	\$3.11	\$1770
G Terranova 22 Angus	567kg	\$2.99	\$1700
Mondamac 16 Angus	565kg	\$3.13	\$1770
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Latrobe Park 21 Angus	500kg	\$3.30	\$1650
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S Bare 10 Angus	489kg	\$3.31	\$1620
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T & J Waters 26 Angus	485kg	\$3.11	\$1510
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Bartrace Farms 10 Angus	448kg	\$3.21	\$1440
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D Hall 11 Angus	444kg	\$3.31	\$1470
Hookey Pastoral 20 Angus	440kg	\$3.27	\$1440
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Farm hosts at the 2024 GippsDairy Muster, Belinda Egan, Simon Reid, Louise and Graeme Paul.

Dairy farmers come together at GippsDairy Muster

THE latest trends, technologies and dairy farming practices were on-show at the 2024 GippsDairy Muster, with over 200 dairy industry members gathering on-farm in Trafalgar.

Held this month, the theme of the day was Pasture, Pathways and Performance, and it showcased the latest trends, technologies, and practices in dairy farming.

Emceed by Trish Hammond – a dairy farm owner from West Gippsland – attendees heard from a range of industry experts and Gippsland farmers on ways to optimise pastures, business succession plans, and overall performance.

Farm hosts Graeme and Louise Paul, Belinda Egan, and Simon Reid shared their dairying stories and highlighted their current farm system as sharefarmers.

The keynote speaker was DairyNZ senior scientist in the farm systems research team, Dawn Dalley. She discussed national and international drivers behind environmental regulations for water quality and greenhouse gas emissions. Having spent eight years in the Feedbase and Nutrition team at Ellinbank Smart Farm, Dawn has a sound understanding of Victorian dairy systems and their similarities and differences to New Zealand's systems.

There were four breakout sessions for attendees to choose from. These included Productive Pastures, Pathways and Progression, Stepping Back: Planning for the future of your farm, and Performance in a Changing Environment.

Among the attendees were a group of eight agriculture students from

Foster Secondary College. The students had the opportunity to network with local dairy employers and members of the Gippsland Young Dairy Network and join the career pathways and progression breakout session.

GippsDairy Regional Manager, Karen McLennan, felt the diverse range of speakers was a key factor in the success of the event.

"We were very fortunate to have industry experts from Australia and overseas in attendance," she said.

While experts provide an essential part of the learning objectives for the day, they stood alongside the stories and experiences of some of Gippsland's own dairy farmers.

"One of the things we learned from our last Muster was that farmers want to hear from other farmers."

New strides in Australian cattle breeding

GENETICS will play a critical role in making Australia's beef and dairy industries more environmentally friendly and profitable, a major conference has been told.

The GA 2024: Today, Tomorrow and Beyond conference hosted by Genetics Australia in Geelong on March 18-19 featured national and international speakers and farmers discussing emerging development in the dairy and beef sectors.

The conference highlighted the success of the Australian genetic industry and its growing reputation on the international scene.

Genetics Australia (GA) CEO Anthony Shelly said the conference reflected on the great achievements made by the Australian genetics industry over recent decades while also looking to the future at opportunities that would make the industries more sustainable and profitable.

"We all want to make sure the cow of the future is well managed, healthy and delivers on the things farmers and the people using our ends products want, especially in the welfare and sustainable spaces," he said.

"The conference looked



Director of PEAK Genetics Michael Schmitt and Genetics Australia CEO Anthony Shelly at the GA 2024: Today, Tomorrow and Beyond conference.

at the next level of innovation and what can be done by genetic and new technologies such as gene editing to accelerate change and deliver big returns for our planet and our people.

"We need to adopt and adjust to ensure our animals are more feed efficient, productive, methane efficient and have improved heat tolerance. These developments will be better for our animals, our farmers and our planet."

The conference highlighted advances in beef on dairy, sexed semen, sustainability and heat tolerance traits among other developments in beef and dairy.

In a presentation on the next genetic frontier, director of PEAK Genetics Michael Schmitt told the conference that there were sustainable solutions to every people, profit and planet challenge facing the industries.

"New technologies aren't magic and can't do everything, but tools exist to improve sustainability at the cow and farm level, and advancements could accelerate that improvement and develop the cow of the future that addresses what consumers want," he said.

The conference was the first of its type hosted by Genetics Australia.



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GLASGOW, John Irvine (Jack):
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Aged 93.

Husband of Lois (dec.).

Father of Ian, Graeme, and Faye.

Grandfather of Andie, James, Lachie, Esther, and Luke, and five great grandchildren.

Now at Rest.

Private Burial Service.

DEATHS

GLASGOW, John (Jack):

Committee and members of the Korumburra Bena Football Netball Club were saddened to hear of the passing of our life member, player and past committee member Jack. Sympathy is extended to the family.

DEATHS

KENWORTHY, Iris:

Passed away peacefully on 21.03.2024.

Loving wife of Malcolm (dec.).

Cherished mother and mother-in-law of Lynn and John, Philip and Coral, Barry and Karen.

Adored nanna to Bree, Sam, Alyce, and great nan to Sienna, Wade, Jordyn, and Bentley.

Will be Sadly Missed.

DEATHS

LESLIE (nee Stead), Doris:
11.03.1932 - 21.03.2024.

Passed away peacefully at Korumburra Hospital.

Loved daughter of May and Charles Stead (both dec.).

Loved sister of Jackie, Chas, Billy, Thelma, Laura and Florrie (all dec.).

Loved mother of Karen, Paul (dec.), Susan (dec.) and son-in-law Keith.

Loved grandmother of Dylan, Gabriella, and Lauren.

Thank you to the Leongatha community and medical services for your care and friendship over the last 24 years and the special friends who supported Doris during the last few years.

DEATHS

STRONG, Nan Heather:

Passed away peacefully on 17.03.2024.

Loved sister to Brian and Glenise.

Cherished Mum to Karen and Christine.

Adored Nannie to Elisha and Jade.

Always Remembered.

Privately Cremated.

DEATHS

STRONG, Nan:

Your funny wit and friendship will be remembered by all that had the pleasure of knowing and working with you. Lots of fun times shared. Time to rest now "Nancy".

-- Terri (the boss lady) and your work colleagues from Rose Lodge days.

FUNERALS

KENWORTHY:
The Funeral Service for Mrs Iris Kenworthy will be held at Handley and Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi on Thursday, March 28, 2024, commencing at 11am.

A Private Cremation will follow.

FUNERALS

LESLIE:
A Funeral Service to Celebrate the Life of Mrs Doris Leslie, will be held at the Handley Funeral Service Chapel, 24 Anderson Street Leongatha **TODAY, WEDNESDAY** April 3, 2024, commencing at 1pm.

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Thank you to Dr Bill Howson and Dr Anna Howson for your care of Klaus over this journey.

Bill and Klaus have been friends for over 40 years and hold onto secrets of the great Drs parties at Box Hill Hospital.

Thank you to the Palliative care nurses that visited Klaus with care, compassion and humour, especially to Angela who was there when Klaus passed away and has been here to support me with my overwhelming grief.

Thank you to Janet at Handley & Anderson funeral, home for your compassion at the time of arranging Klaus's farewell.

To Scott and Trevor, your willingness to make that final trip past the hospital and down the beach road for one last look.

Nothing was a bother to your staff.

To Jason and Steven for escorting Dad on his way, he would probably say you went too slow!

To Pam the celebrant, you are practically family now, what with a wedding and now a funeral. You made the service a real celebration of Klaus's life, not something sombre. For reading the notes for those that couldn't speak on the day.

To Steven, Amy, and Amanda for reading the eulogy and for expressing your feelings for Klaus. Amanda, my soul sister, thank you for the beautiful poem you read, for being with us all the way. The poem would be just what Klaus would say.

To my proxy dad, Keith, thank you for the many trips you made from Tassy to be with Klaus. For that last meeting of mates and to be there for the family that you are a big part of.

To work colleagues of Klaus, Amy and myself thank you for being there to say goodbye. He would have been very humbled. I'm sure you will all have memories of Klaus at work.

To our old and new neighbours, your support has meant so much.

To the friends of mine, Jason, Amy, Steven, and Julie, thank you to those that travelled a long distance to be there.

My heart is broken into a thousand pieces and won't be whole again until we are together. Angie keeps your chair warm and Mack sleeps on your pillow.

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Cheryl Wilson, centre, with her son Reeve Fisher and his friends who shaved their heads to support her fundraiser. From left, Chase Kruse, Oscar Malcolm, Harry West, Luke Speed, Reeve Fisher, Kevya Kaydarts and Joel Goldsmith.

Patient drives fundraiser for cancer care

A BREAST cancer patient, her family and supporters have raised \$13,600 for the L. Rigby Centre for cancer care at Wonthaggi Hospital.

The patient, Cheryl Wilson of Wattle Bank, organised the online fundraiser via mycause. In return for donations, Cheryl's son Reeve Fisher and his friends Joel Goldsmith, Chase Kruse, Luke Speed, Kevya Kaydarts, Oscar Malcolm and Harry West shaved their heads in support of Cheryl, who shaved her own head before losing her hair due to chemotherapy.

Cheryl has received chemotherapy at the L. Rigby Centre for six months and will have a further 12 months of chemotherapy, in addition to radiation. She also underwent surgery at Wonthaggi Hospital to have a lump removed.

"It's just so amazing that we have the L. Rigby Centre at Wonthaggi Hospital to care for our community. The staff are just incredible," she said.

Cheryl said she never expected the fundraiser to raise so much money.

"It just got bigger and bigger. There were people who donated who didn't even know my son and his friends," she said.

"It was quite emotional. I couldn't believe there were so many generous people in our town and surrounds."

Cheryl said the L. Rigby Centre and surgical service at Wonthaggi Hospital enabled her to receive treatment locally, rather than travel long distances to receive care elsewhere and be away from her family.

"I could still pick the kids up from school and still do normal activities," she said.

"The hospital is just 10 minutes up the road and after treatment, I could be home

and in bed within 10 minutes."

Cheryl described her breast cancer diagnosis as the "biggest shock of my life."

"You always hear about other people having breast cancer, but you never think it could be you," she said.

Bass Coast Health (BCH) CEO Jan Child said that Cheryl, her family, and the Bass Coast community were inspiring in their support of the fundraiser and the L. Rigby Centre.

"We are incredibly grateful to Cheryl for her time and energy in organising this fundraiser when she already has so much going on in her life," she said.

"We are also truly touched by the efforts of Cheryl's son Reeve and his friends for losing their hair."

"Our staff take great pride in being able to provide cancer care to our local community and the L. Rigby Centre has been pretty much funded for all of its infrastructure and its equipment because local people choose to give locally."

"To see our community get behind our service, and raise much needed funds for our growing services, is truly heart-warming."

BCH has grown its cancer service over the years to now include Medical Oncologists, Haematologists, Breast Surgeons, a Radiation Oncologist, a Dermatologist, a Palliative Care Medical Specialist, a McGrath Foundation Breast Care Nurse, a Melanoma Specialist and a Lymphoedema Physiotherapist, along with many other Allied Health professionals and the L. Rigby Centre cancer team.

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1. As part of the Connecting Victoria Mobile Program (CVMP) Optus is proposing a new Telecommunications Facility on the land on the corner of Bass Highway & John Street, Wonthaggi VIC 3995 (Lot 1, TP 85819).
2. The proposal is for a new telecommunications facility including a new 30metre monopole, 3 passive panel antennas, 3, 5G AAU panel antennas (with provision for 6 future panel antennas) and 1 parabolic dish antenna, 1 ground based outdoor unit within a fenced compound as well as ancillary equipment including but not limited to remote radio units, steel mounts, rejection filters, cabling and ancillary equipment.
3. This proposal will require a planning permit from Bass Coast Shire Council under the Bass Coast Shire Planning Scheme. An application will be lodged with Council following community consultation.
4. The proposed infrastructure will comply with the ACMA EME regulatory arrangements. An EME Report and further information can be obtained from www.rfnsa.com.au/3995017
5. For further information related to this project please contact CPS Technology & Infrastructure, (02) 9300 1700 or at submissionsVIC@cpstech.com.au

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Calling all Bass Coast community heroes

BASS Coast Shire Council has opened nominations for the 2024 Bass Coast Community Awards which honour outstanding individuals from across the community.

Nominations close on 18 April and the judging panel will then select the winners who will be celebrated at a presentation ceremony on May 30, to align with National Volunteer Week.

The Community Awards complement Council's Bass Coast Business awards, which also open for entries.

Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve said the Community Awards has quickly established themselves as a significant celebration on the region's calendar.

"It is important for our community to honour those people who through their hard work and passion are the heart and soul of the region," Cr Le Serve said.

"Volunteering is critical to keeping our community running and shows we care for each other."

The 2024 Community Awards include:

Community Leader Award (all ages)

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On board for the Tarwin project

A FLOTILLA of kayakers, all wearing 'I love the Tarwin' t-shirts, explored the lower reaches of South Gippsland's largest river system recently.

The event was organised by Tarwin Landcare Group (TLG) and the South Gippsland Landcare Network (SGLN) to demonstrate enthusiasm for a community-led 'hills to ocean' project to improve the health of the Tarwin River.

Invitations sent to each of SGLN groups within the extensive Tarwin River Catchment were quickly snapped up. Members from the Allambee South, Ararwata, Fish Creek, Nerrena, Tarwin Valley, Mardan, Mirboo North and Tarwin Landcare Groups, Hallston Regenerative Agriculture Group, Prom Coast Ecolink and Friends of Turtons Creek attended, along with representatives from the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority (WGCMA), South Gippsland Shire Council and Marinus Link.

Six black swans were also present for much of the journey.



Learning how to drive the kayaks on land.

The trip began at a cattle farm at Middle Tarwin and finished 10km downstream at Tarwin Lower, with the calm conditions making paddling and conversation very easy. Some paddlers recalled growing up on nearby farms and swimming, fishing, or water-skiing on the Tarwin, while others shared more recent

experiences of kayaking, bushwalking, and birdwatching.

Several spoke about the work they are doing to restore land along the many creeks and gullies that make up the Tarwin catchment.

Many of the paddlers continued their conversations over lunch at the River Hotel and discussed what they could do

to address erosion, habitat loss and poor water quality in and around the Tarwin and its tributaries.

Organisers Jenny O'Sullivan and Jillian Staton encouraged participants to consider applying for Victorian Landcare Grants to carry out smaller projects. In the meantime, TLG and SGLN will continue to explore opportunities to develop and implement a whole-of-catchment 'Tarwin Project' with a range of partners, notably the WGCMA.

TLG and SGLN are grateful to WGCMA which funded the trip, Matt Renshaw and his crew for providing kayaks and guiding, and the South Gippsland Walking and Adventure Club which provided additional support to participants, some of whom had not kayaked before.

If you have an idea for an I Love the Tarwin Project, contact your Landcare Facilitator (Eastern Sector: Nick Stephens nick.stephens@sgln.net.au, Western Sector: Jane McKenzie-Smith jane@sgln.net.au) or SGLN Chair, Jillian Staton: jillian@board.sgln.net.au.

Pilot program to grow the Lived Experience workforce in Gippsland

GIPPSLAND Primary Health Network has made a commitment to grow the Lived Experience workforce in the region and is one of only five Australian Primary Health Networks to have a dedicated Lived Experience role on staff.

A person with Lived Experience has firsthand or personal knowledge of mental distress or ill-health, substance abuse or suicide. These workers draw on their personal journeys as individuals or as carers to inform their work.

Professional Lived Experience roles fall across a range of areas including peer work, system advocacy, consultancy, learning and development, and academia.

Project Officer Mental Health Reform - Lived Experience, Jess Edwards, is delivering a pilot program aimed at embedding Lived Experience into Gippsland PHN's work, processes, and systems.

Gippsland PHN Chief Executive Officer, Amanda Proposch said in line with the National Agreement and Victorian bilateral schedule, the organisation was committed to this initiative.

"We are working collaboratively with our regional partners to grow the Gippsland primary care workforce, and this includes the Lived Experience workforce," Ms Proposch said.

"The Gippsland PHN Lived Experience workforce will ensure we are in step with the Victorian and national collaboration on approaches to Lived Experience and support local initiatives to achieve them."

In 2018, the Australian Department of Health and Aged Care commissioned Brisbane North PHN to chair, and project manage the National PHN Mental Health Lived Experience Engagement Network. The purpose of the network is to share approaches to co-design and embedding Lived Experience engagement and perspectives in PHN work and the development of the peer workforce.

In 2022, the Victorian and Australian Governments signed a bilateral agreement to help improve mental health and suicide prevention support and services for Victorians over the following five years.

This agreement points to PHNs having a role in developing Lived Experience workforce and in line with its recommendations, Gippsland PHN is committed to embedding the views of those with a lived experience, their families, and carers in its work.

Late last year, Jess Edwards and a colleague, addressed a National PHN Mental Health Lived Experience Engagement Network workshop in Brisbane, presenting Gippsland PHN case studies of best practice for organisational readiness.

They also participated in discussions on how the current system, reforms, priorities, and recommendations are moving towards embedding authentic Lived Experience engagement and workforce development within PHNs across Australia.

Ms Proposch said the Gippsland PHN Lived Experience workforce ensures the organisation is in step with state and national collaborations on approaches to Lived Experience to support initiatives locally.

"While the first part of this pilot program is about embedding Lived Experience into our work, the next phase will see us support our commissioned services to embed it in their workforce," she said.

"Our work in Lived Experience is recognition that program design, service design and outcomes are better when we have the input from those with lived experience," Ms Proposch said.

Have your say on the long-term vision of Victoria

THE Victorian government is asking all Victorians to have their say about the kinds of cities, suburbs, towns, and regions they want to live in, and the kind of Victoria we want to build for future generations.

As part of the landmark Housing Statement, the Government has kicked off community engagement.

A range of opportunities for community engagements will be happening across Bass where residents are invited to tell us about their future vision for the state.

There are over 60 pop-up events planned across Melbourne and throughout regional and rural Victoria over the coming months and there will also be a range of community events and programs both online and in person which will provide further opportunities to get involved.

Engagement will reach all Victorians – including young people, culturally and linguistically

diverse, people living with a disability, those at risk of homelessness, renters, and homeowners.

Bass MP Jordan Crugnale shared that the Victorian government will be engaging with local councils, industry, communities as well as Traditional Owners and the wider First Peoples Community.

"I encourage everyone to be part of this really important conversation – have your say, shape our future, it's a collective venture and an opportunity to participate so we know what is important to you, your family, community and area. I want to see the interactive survey on the website full of contributions from the Bass electorate."

"This is about protecting what we love while working to make our area thrive. This statewide visioning focuses on important issues like housing, affordability, jobs, infrastructure, and sustainability."



Bass MP Jordan Crugnale with Minister for Planning Sonya Kilkenny.

Residential aged care services reach for the stars

AS a public sector provider, Bass Coast Health's (BCH) residential aged care services have always aimed to provide exceptional care. The good news is this exceptional care has now been validated by their five-star results in the recent Government Star Ratings Survey.

The ratings are based on resident feedback and assessments by the Australian Government.

Star ratings help older people, their families and carers compare the quality of aged care homes and are conducted quarterly.

BCH operates two residential aged care centres: Kirrak House at Wonthaggi Hospital and Griffiths Point Lodge Hostel at San Remo. Both centres received overall ratings of 'Excellent', based on ratings for Compliance, Quality Measures, Staffing and Residents' Experience.

BCH CEO Jan Child said the results reflect how staff members at the facilities care for residents as though they were their own family.

"Our staff are passionate about providing the highest level of care. They have a primary goal of making sure our residents receive safe, high-quality care, and enjoy happy and meaningful lives," she said.

Griffiths Point Lodge has been recently renovated internally, with new paint and flooring for residents' rooms and the hallways. Both centres have picturesque gardens and Kirrak House also offers residents the company of Max, a resident dog, to create an even more homely setting.

Kirrak House and Griffiths Point Lodge have a registered nurse on-site 24/7, providing residents and their families with greater peace of mind.

Following the completion of renovations, BCH has vacancies at both centres.

Prospective residents and their families can learn more by phoning Griffiths Point Lodge on 5678 5311 and Kirrak House on 5671 3250. Personalised tours are available.



Acting Kirrak House Nurse Unit Manager Deepa Ipe chats with resident Ann Bolding.

Grand Final results

ALAMBEE MIRBOO & DISTRICT TENNIS ASSOC.

SECTION 1: Inverloch 33 games defeated Westernport 19 games.

Inverloch have retained the Section 1 Premiership for at least 10 years running. The last two sets weren't played because there was already a result. Inverloch have played as a team for a lot of years which makes it hard for teams to find a way through. Westernport did take the Krohn boys to 7-5 but weren't able to win the set. Well done to Suzie Jacobs and Carol Slade for winning one set.

Section 2: Outtrim 54 games defeated Leongatha 39 games.

While this is only two in a row for Outtrim, they certainly have had a number of premiership wins over the years. It was a good match, with Outtrim not having everything their own way with a couple of sets going to Leongatha. Susan Clark and daughter Nicole de Longville don't lose many sets together, but this time they did.

The Presentation Night followed the Grand Final at The Middle Hotel in Korumburra. A social night enjoyed by all who attended. Trophies were awarded to the winners and runners-up, with raffle prizes and the highly coveted 'Most Games Won' award.

Both sections were close, especially the ladies' side of the competition, with just a couple of games separating the top few players. The winners this year were:

- Section 1 Ladies: Michelle Krohn
- Section 1 Men: Matt Pocklington
- Section 2 Ladies: Nicole de Longville
- Section 2 Men: Sean Fraser

Time for all to enjoy the winter break. Junior and more team's welcome for the continuation of the association.

RIVERSIDE

- Section 1 Doubles: Moe 5 – 43 def Drouin Maroon 3 – 33
- Section 1 Singles: Moe White 4 – 8 – 50 def Moe Red 0 – 0 – 27
- Section 2 Doubles: Neerim District 5 – 40 def Hallora 4 - 35
- Section 2 Singles: Trafalgar 5 – 46 def Drouin Maroon 1 - 26

Table tennis returns

YOU know it's autumn when leaves fall, hot cross buns burn, and Wonthaggi Table Tennis Competition plays its first round.

Yellows defeated Blacks 6 to 5; Greens defeated Blues 6 to 5; Pinks defeated Whites 6 to 5; Brown's bye.

Leading players: Justin, Brad and Braden 3.

Thanks to all 21 Whiff Whaffers for your participation this season.

The competition was greeted by equatorial weather that converted the humble hall into a sauna box.

Not all players are lavender scented, but a zesty aroma and puddled floor was proof that all played with gallant sweaty gusto.

Every contest was a banger, with all winners prevailing by a short nose.

Favourites lost to Underdogs, Underdogs lost to Rookies, and Rookies never lose because mere participation is victory.

A single fault, net, edge or dreaded nedge could have flipped the result.

This season will be a beauty – triumphs and agonies await.

Inverloch cruise to victory



Section One winners were the Inverloch Tennis Club, back, Michelle Krohn, Ange Williams, Bronwyn Williams, front, Connor Krohn, Justin Krohn and Richard Muranty. ob65_1324



Section Two winners were the Outtrim Tennis club, back, Gavin Furness, Nick Beale, Martin Nicholas, front, Noelene Cosson, Sara Beale and Alex Beale. ob66_1324

Bill Oliver appointed as new tennis coach



Inverloch Tennis Club Committee member Casey Tempest with newly hired Head Coach for the club Bill Oliver at their tennis open day on the weekend. ob77_1324

THE INVERLOCH Tennis Club held an open day on the weekend for all locals wanting to have a hit and a chat about the club and coaching.

With some recent changes the Inverloch Tennis Club Committee have hired a new head coach, Bill Oliver.

Bill is an Inverloch local and has been a member of the club for a few years, he is also a level two coach with Tennis Australia.

The open day was also an opportunity for interested players to meet Bill, find out about coaching and see some of the programs he has planned.

Bill has developed new programs for juniors such as 'hot shots' which provides a pathway for young players to reach different levels and he is also

wanting to focus on all abilities and seniors groups, and develop programs for these groups as well.

"There'll be a program for anyone, any day of the week, and if we don't have one we'll make one," said Bill.

A new goal for the club is to get as many people as possible active and playing tennis and they're inviting anyone from the age of three to eighty three – or over – to come for a hit.

The club currently holds social competitions on Wednesday and Thursday nights, a Tuesday morning ladies competition, a mixed weekend competition and a juniors competition, as well as various family friendly and fun tournaments throughout the year.



B grade premiers Angus Campbell, Harry Campbell and Lucas Evans.



C premiers Jack Evans, Charlotte Roberts, Max Massaro and Charlie McCarthy.

Mirboo North & District Junior Tennis Association Grand Final



A premiers Zac Jones Matt Fraser Flynn and Eliana Carrigy.

THIS year the competition consisted of 16 teams across the three grades. A new format of three player teams (previously four) was introduced, each player has one singles and two doubles matches; this format worked very well for all players as there is no waiting around to play singles matches.

Throughout all three grades the standard, competitiveness, effort, and fairness were really on display. Credit to all players, parents, clubs and coaches.

Shout outs:

Volunteer umpires: Keerah Pocklington, Matthew Pocklington, Sarah Coolridge, Sean Fraser, Paul Ramsbottom, Andy McCarthy, and James Monaghan.

Congratulations to all teams who played in the Grand Fi-

nal on Saturday morning (23/04/2024).

Trophies: Hayes Jewellers Leongatha.

Presentation: Sarah Coolridge, Keerah Pocklington & Paul Ramsbottom.

A grade results: Baromi defeated Leongatha Lions 4 sets 31 games to 2 sets 29 games.

B grade results: Mardan Bull Ants def Baromi 4 sets 27 games to 2 sets 25 games.

C grade results: Baromi defeated Leongatha Meteors 3 sets 17 games to 3 sets 15 games.

Thank you to all clubs, committees, players and for making it a successful season for all involved. The next season will kick off in October – if you are interested in playing, get in touch with your local tennis club.



Around the Bay with Jim's Bait and Tackle

THE first of the long weekends for March have come and gone and whilst the wind was at a minimum, the temperature was not.

It seems the predicted hot weather for summer was a season late but has certainly showed up of late, making it hard for a lot of fishermen battling the temperatures.

As one customer said, it may as well have been blowing 90 knots because you just couldn't fish anywhere during the day.

As usual, the Island was buzzing with holiday makers and day-trippers, but most spent their time on the beaches or in their accommodation becoming good friends with their aircons.

Obviously, there are fish out there and we rely heavily on the reports of our customers with the heat of the weekend reports were a little scarce during the daytime.

The weekend wasn't a complete loss and those who headed out very early and very late was where we got most of the reports from.

The early part of the week a few locals headed out also and it was good to see some quality whiting finally coming back.

Easter is this weekend and it's a very important and busy time in the shop for us with our Good Friday appeal fishing competition.

It's very simple, you pay an entry fee and register before 2pm Good Friday.

Fishing starts 7am Good Friday and finishes 12pm Easter Monday.

There are heaviest fish categories for adults and juniors, snapper, flathead, squid, whiting and gummy.

A mystery weight will be featured, and you can weigh two of each species each day.

Additional prizes include one for the heaviest capture prize for the ladies and for a game fishermen with the longest tuna or kingfish – if you don't own a Tigris this might be for you.

Lucky entry draws will take place every hour, so you don't need to fish or weigh something to win a prize.

The first 50 juniors entered will get a show bag full of goodies (almost gone).

The sponsors have been extremely generous this year and the prize pool is sitting around the \$20,000 mark with some quality prizes to be won both for fishing and just for entering.

While there are some great prizes and it's all a bit of fun, we shouldn't lose sight of what it's all for – 100 per cent of your entry fee is donated to the Good Friday appeal and if you need any more incentive to donate to the Good Friday appeal and the work the Royal Children's Hospital does, check out the Facebook page of another fundraiser on March 24 called "Daisy Day".

Daisy is a little girl born with a brain tumour who has had two lots of chemo and eight brain surgeries already, and she is only eight months old with a huge fight still to come. Makes complaining about the weather a little insignificant.

There is another fundraiser in San Remo on Good Friday called "The Walk for the Kids". Check out the Facebook page for details.

Do you remember when you were a kid, you would read Where's Wally? with friends, one of you would find him and

all of the bonus characters straight away, whilst the others would be looking and eventually need him to be pointed out.

Well, that's what whiting fishing has been like.

Some are searching and searching for the Wally's of the whiting but cannot find him. Others don't even need to put a rod in the water, and they already have their bag worth.

The reports have started to improve and in a way the heat has helped because its forced people to fish those very late tides into the dark where they normally wouldn't.

The best reports have come from on or just after dark and the fish have been plentiful and big.

Fish your regular shallower spots, small amount of berley, a few mushed up pilchards in a berley bucket with small holes or in a stocking inside the pot the best, pilchards by far the best of the baits after dark with squid second and have a gar rod ready as well.

Smaller pinkie reports are mostly coming from those fishing for whiting and seem to go off the bite as the whiting come on the bite. Some reports from those just fishing over the corals and in the channels looking for gummies with a couple of reports from mid-week of bigger 50cm snapper around Rhyll in the deeper water.

Gummies are at times a nuisance in the bay customers are telling us because they all seem to be tiny pups and hundreds of them but not much to take home.

The ones from offshore have been much better and a couple of 20kg models over the long weekend.

It's amazing, the phone still rings a couple times a day with someone wanting to talk tuna, now the celebrity of Bass Strait and how times have changed.

The simple answer is, and the only answer based on what we were told yesterday, yes there are tuna still around and still in big schools.

As we have seen all season though is finding the schools and getting them to take a lure is totally different.

The most important thing to remember is we give reports based on what was happening, what will happen we can tell you tomorrow.

The other thing is we are getting very close to that time where they will be there one day and gone the next, but for now shallow is better, late evening accounts for many of the reports with early morning next and during the day the least reports. The usual suspects, Halco King Brown, Gravel rash and Silver Shadow Divers with poppers and other surface lures in the same colour.

The only thing standing out with skirts is small 4" or 6" small head the best.

We have also seen the return of mako and blue sharks this year and although several were hooked on lures and lost, several people have put in the time on a berley trail in a quieter area offshore with success.

Fishing locations:

- Anderson's Inlet, Inverloch • Flat Rocks, Inverloch • Maher's Landing, Inverloch • Rhyll jetty • Newhaven jetty • San Remo jetty • Cleeland Bight • Cowes jetty • Kilcunda • Baxter's Beach • Harmer's Haven • Port Albert • Port Welshpool • Corner Inlet



Oli with a quality offshore flathead.



There's plenty of flake for the freezer. This image is typical of the sized makos that have been seen this season.



Good sized tuna has been caught this season.

Kids Fishing Competition

CATCHING the biggest rainbow trout was the aim of the game for keen young anglers at Farm World on the weekend.

The dam had been stocked with more than 2000 trout by the Alpine Trout Farm in Noojee in 2023, just before last year's fishing competition was held.

The trout weighed an average of 200 grams when they were dropped in to the dam and six months later were weighed at 300-350 grams.

A spokesperson for the trout farm said the fish would likely have grown substantially over the months and he was hoping to see a trout

caught between 30 to 50 centimetres long.

There were three great prizes on offer with winner of the competition taking home a fly fishing rod worth \$1000, second prize was a \$500 voucher for the trout farm and third prize was a fishing rod.

Lardner Park is looking to further stock their dam with trout for the purpose of holding their own annual fishing competition in the future.

Farm World attendees could also buy a bag of small trout to stock their own dams and practice catching the fish, or even hold their own private fishing competitions.

Bath anchors down on support for Corinella Boating and Angling Club

THE NATIONALS Member for Eastern Victoria Melina Bath has for the second year in a row called on the State Government to stump up the funding shortfall for the new Corinella Boating and Angling Clubhouse in state parliament.

Ms Bath said a full year has passed since requesting the Government to address the funding gap for Corinella Boating and Angling Club and frustratingly nothing had changed for club members.

"This Club has already spent \$45,000 of its hard earned fundraising dollars on plans, permits and approvals to bring this project to shovel ready.

"One year on and it's ground hog day for club members, and it's disappointing the Government is busy making excuses and not fully supporting this important community project."

Ms Bath said with over 200 members, the Corinella Boating and Angling Club is an active and inclusive community group that supports Bass Coast locals and as well as thousands of visitors who flock to the area.

"The Club has been waiting for years, it's

unsatisfactory that insufficient government funding is holding back a development that will serve multiple community groups in addition to fishing club.

"The Government knows this project has substantial merit – it's election commitment of \$200,000 is on the table – but it falls well short of the target.

"The total investment required to build these clubrooms is modest and will benefit the Corinella community and visitors for decades to come.

"On behalf of the Corinella community, I call on the state government to provide funding for the shortfall in the upcoming May budget.

"It's time to put an end to volunteers holding cramped meetings around the kitchen table.

"Fishing is a wonderful recreational pastime that brings people together in the great outdoors – it's a fabulous way to relax, recharge and reinvigorate mental health.

"The Corinella Boating and Angling club deserve a clubhouse as a place to call home – leaving members lingering for another year without adequate funding is unacceptable."

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 26	
▲	1.55am 1.38m
▼	7.56am 0.58m
▲	2.20pm 1.40m
▼	8.11pm 0.60m

WEDNESDAY March 27	
▲	2.28am 1.43m
▼	8.30am 0.49m
▲	3.00pm 1.49m
▼	8.47pm 0.60m

THURSDAY March 28	
▲	2.57am 1.46m
▼	9.01am 0.41m
▲	3.35pm 1.57m
▼	9.21pm 0.60m

FRIDAY March 29	
▲	3.27am 1.48m
▼	9.32am 0.36m
▲	4.09pm 1.62m
▼	9.53pm 0.61m

SATURDAY March 30	
▲	3.58am 1.49m
▼	10.03am 0.32m
▲	4.42pm 1.65m
▼	10.26pm 0.63m

SUNDAY March 31	
▲	4.30am 1.49m
▼	10.34am 0.31m
▲	5.17pm 1.65m
▼	10.59pm 0.66m

MONDAY April 1	
▲	5.01am 1.47m
▼	11.05am 0.30m
▲	5.55pm 1.61m
▼	11.32pm 0.70m

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Steve Hickson (S), Claire Sheers (2), Elaine Williams (L) and Mark Hanrahan (3) were the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group winners.



South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group runners up were Peter McWilliams (3), John Nicholson (S), Tony Morris (L) and Anne Graham (2).



South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's Frank Verco (L), Michael Dady (S), Margaret Hoy (3) and Gwen Jeffrey (2) were the best one game winners.



Inverloch Bowling Club's Monthly Triples winners Robyn Dennis (skip), Juilio Marcolongo and Janis Parks.



Inverloch Bowling Club's Thursday social bowls winners were Reg Varty, Peter Gentsch, Judy Parker and Bruce Corrigan (skip).



Korumburra Bowls Club's mixed pairs winners Charlie Edgerton and Christine Cousins with runners up Judith Nicholl and Keith March.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Wednesday winners Wendy Donohue and Lorraine Dowson.



Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls' Singles Champions Pat Smith and Jim Rodhi, with runners up Maggie Scapin and Brian Newman.

INVERLOCH

LIGHT Up with Bowls:
Starting April 9 and running over eight weeks on a Tuesday night, Inverloch Bowling Club will be running a three bowls pairs events.
There will be no charge on the first week but thereafter it will be \$10 a person with a \$50 prize for the winning pairs.
Single entries and pair entries are welcome.
The time slot is 7-9pm.
Bowlers should arrive at 6.30pm on the first night.
Names need to be registered by 5pm on the Monday before the Tuesday match.
Fifty-six bowlers is the limit for each night.
Register early so you don't miss out.
The entry list is in the club-room or leave a message on club answering machine.
Hop to it over Easter.
Inverloch Bowling Club will be offering Barefoot Bowls over the Easter Break.
Watch out for details.
Inverloch Bowling Club Monthly Wednesday Triples:
Fourteen teams tried their skills on a windy cool day at Inverloch.
The winners on the day were Robyn Dennis (skip), Janis Parks and Guilio Marcolongo with four wins and 68 points.
Runners up were Doug Archer (skip), Bruce Corrigan and John Duscher.
They finished with three wins and 68 points.
Best first game went to the team lead by Geoff Coleman with nine shots up.
Best second game went to the team of Carol Hughes (skip), Pam Sutcliffe and Bill Massier.
Best third and fourth games went to the team lead by Frank Cimino. Our last Triples for this season will be on the third Wednesday in April.
Thursday social bowls:
From April 11, Thursday social bowls will be starting at 11am with names to be in by 9.30am.
A break for lunch of soup and bread (or your own lunch) will be followed by the second game.
Winners for last Thursday with two wins and 33 points was the team of Bruce Corrigan (skip), Reg Varty, Peter Gentsch and Judy Parker.
Runners up on two wins and 31 points were Carol Thorn (skip), Bill Price, Doug Slater and Harry Dunn.

KORUMBURRA

WITH the season winding down most club games are being completed the grand final of the mixed pairs took place on Friday with Chris Cousins and Charlie Edgerton defeating Judith

Nicholl and Keith March by the narrowest of margins well done to both pairs.
The club was saddened to learn of the passing of Natalie Opray she will be greatly missed our sympathy to the family.
Members are reminded that our presentation night is on Friday April 19 as this is a catered event we need names in by 17th. Also the Annual General Meeting is to be held on May 15 if you wish to join the board nomination forms are available in the clubrooms.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

FORTY of the family of bowlers turned up perfect autumn weather to once again fight it out for team of the week on Thursday.
The sun was out, the temperature was in the early 20's, the wind was almost non-existent, which made all players happy.
Some great bowling was had by many players, with a few wayward shots, but overall, the bowling was first class.
A couple of wrong bias shots helped to increase Royal Children's Hospital tin prior to next weekend's donation – great work everyone.
There was quite a bit of laughter and ribbing across the greens, all in good fun.
It makes playing so much fun and helps make so many friendships.
Thank you to Terry for his efforts behind the bar as well as in the kitchen, and not to forget Sonya for her work both in the kitchen as well as clearing up outside after the games.
This week winners on a score of 35 were Steve Hickson (S), Mark Hanrahan (3), Claire Sheers (2) and Elaine Williams (L).
Runners up on 25 points were John Nicholson (S), Peter McWilliams (3), Anne Graham (2) and Tony Morris (L).
Best one game winners on a score of 22 were Michael Dady (S), Margaret Hoy (3), Gwen Jeffrey (2) and Frank Verco (L).
Peter, Pauline, and John once more deserve praise for all their efforts.
Next Thursday, the bowlers will be meeting at San Remo to continue the weekly challenge, so the group looks forward to seeing everyone there before 10am.
For those interested, there is a second stick draw weekly challenge over winter.
Last week, they met up at Corinella and this week it will be at San Remo.
All comers are welcome.
If you would like to play, then please be on site by 10.30am and sign in to get a game.
It is two games of 10 ends and always a fun day.
Meanwhile, have a safe week.

WONTHAGGI

ONCE again, it was another good week at the club.
Wednesday saw a cold windy day with rain in the morning, but still a good number turned out for bowls.
The format was three bowl pairs which is a good game of bowls.
Only one team were two game winners and they were Wendy Donohue and Lorraine Dowson with a score of two wins and 35 points.
Thursday saw a good number of bowlers grace the greens for social bowls.
The weather this time of the year is perfect most days for bowls.
Saturday saw 31 bowlers grace the greens, once again in perfect weather.
There were two teams that were two game winners.
The winners were a team of three, being Bruce Irving, Veronica Griffiths and Ken Gage with a score of two wins and 33 points with nine shots up.
The runners up, also a team of three, were Syd Gostling, John Kappler and Rod Beech with a score of two wins also 33 points but five shots up.
Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 1pm, Thursday social bowls at 10am and Saturday social bowls at 1pm.
Names in by 12pm, with visitors welcome on the day.
Don't forget the Basket Cabaret on Saturday, April 27, at the clubhouse.
There will be a band with good music, only \$10 per head.
There is a list near the kitchen, so book a table for a good night out.
Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

IT was an exciting week this week with the playing of the Singles Championship.
On Tuesday, there were 22 players competing.
The winners after playing three games of eight ends each were Pat Smith for the ladies with runner up Maggie Scapin, and Jim Rodhi for the men with runner up Brian Newman.
Congratulations to you all on your win.
On Friday, there were 23 players competing.
The winners on plus 15 were Jeannie Slocombe, Jenny Bakker, Laurie Culph and Philip Fowler.
Runners up on plus 11 were Dot Harland, Carolan Gent, John Rook and Brian Newman.
Both teams won two games each.

FOSTER

Ladies

FOSTER ladies played the 4BBB qualifying round, which was won by Barb Warren (15) and Jenny Mountford (20) with 43 points.

NTP was Kylie Collins sixth and Elisa Nudleman on 17th.

BDTL went to Kylie Collins (18) and Geraldine Sinclair (22) 42 points.

Thank you to Jenny Mountford for sponsoring the day.

Foster ladies, with nine players, won the Challenge Shield from Yarram with 157 to 169.

The challenge was played at Yarram this year.

The A Grade winner was Barb Warren 38 points and B Grade went to Michelle Staley.

Thank you to Yarram for its hospitality – a great day as usual.

Ladies' Pennant: March 18.

Section 1: Foster 3 defeated Leongatha 2.

Section 3: Foster 3 defeated Leongatha 2.

Well done teams.

Next week, April 3, is Medal Day.

KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, March 19.

Stableford: 32 players.

A Grade: Steve Rose (8) 38 points.

B Grade: David Gow (25) 35.

NTPs: first Iain Riddell, seventh Tim Fowles and 10th Greg Wilson.

Thursday, March 21:

Stableford: 13 players.

Winner: Mat Wrigley (12) 36 C/B points.

NTPs: first Ross Besley and seventh Ross Besley, 10th Steve McNamara and 13th Neil Spargo.

Saturday, March 23:

Chris Clements Cup 4BBB Round 2: 59 players.

Sponsor: Dean Crellin.

Net: Richard Johnson and Steve Duffield 60 net.

Winners CCC 4BBB Stroke: Mat Wrigley and Billie Wrigley 70 and 72 142.

NTPs: first John Solly, seventh Tim O'Neill, 10th Donald Van Rooye and 13th Peter Johnson.

Ladies

THERE were showers, wind and much cooler temperatures last Wednesday after the extended dry spell.

However, the weather did not seem to impact on many players as there were some great results.

Julie Brannaghan (26) had a terrific 39 points to win A Grade and Heather Grist (21) was runner-up, 37 points.

Lorraine Knox (39) won B Grade 35 points and Lyn Leppin (47) was runner-up 29 points, on a c/b.

BDTL went to Julie Hillberg (21), 35 points and Jenny Blackmore (25), 33 points.

NTP winners were Beryl Brown first, and Julie Hillberg on the seventh and 13th.

Thursday, March 21, was the final night of Twilight golf until November when daylight hours are once again extended. Colette Pearl/Tim O'Neill won, 20 points and Denise/Ian Gibson were close behind, 19 points.

NTP on the first were Denise Gibson and Terry Maskell.

Well done to the overall aggregate winners for the 2023/2024 Twilight competition; Colette Pearl, 327 points and Bob Stiff, 295 points.

Many thanks to Bob and Carol Stiff for collating scores and calculating results throughout the

season, to David and Viv Enbom for their organisation, the volunteers who contributed to making the evenings run smoothly and to all those who participated.

On Friday, the club had two teams enjoy a day playing in the Wonthaggi Bowl.

The Saturday women's competition is proving to be very popular, with 16 playing and that's with some regulars away this week.

Julie Hillberg (21) won A Grade, 36 points and Merrissa Cosson (10) runner-up, 33 points, following a c/b.

B Grade was won by Colette Pearl (36), 35 points and Gail Beer (32) was runner-up, 34 points.

BDTL winners were Kerri Besley (16), 33 points and Lynette McIvor (17), 29 points on a c/b.

NTPs were Julie first, and Lynette on 10th and 13th.

Last Monday week, Section 2 Pennant had a loss, 1½/3½ to Woorayl, whilst Section 3 had a bye and hosted the teams at Korumburra.

LEONGATHA

LAST week, it was a green theme for St Patrick's Day.

This week, it was the colour blue in recognition of Dementia Australia.

Proceeds from entry fees for the Blue Tee Challenge Open Gentsomes event went to this worthy organisation.

Fifty-two men and women competed, some from clubs outside the district.

The winning team, on a count back, with a score of 102 were Jill and John Moor, and Ken and Chris Lay.

Runners up were Wendy Brown and Ryan Thomas, Trish Owen, and Wendy Parker.

The all-women's team of Michelle Roberts, Anne Gibson, Karen Orford, and Nola Kim were in third position with 98 points.

Nearest the pin on the 14th went to John Wolswinkel, Bert Borg was closest on the 16th and John Moor was closest with his second shot on the fifth.

Nicole Whiteside was presented with her first ever monthly Medal badge for March.

MEENIYAN

Ladies

THE ladies played the qualifying round of the Lorraine Eddy Singles.

The winner was Sue Hoskin with a lovely 70 net and the runner up went to Lyn Jennison 71 net.

This event was sponsored by Dot Christie won the putting with 27 and also a down the line ball along with Jan Trease 75 net. Thank you to all the great volunteers who work very hard to keep the course looking fantastic.

WONTHAGGI BOWL

THE Wonthaggi Bowl was played on Friday on a perfect autumn day.

The course was in perfect condition, although the greens were a little "too perfect" and certainly were a challenge – very fast.

Wonthaggi Golf Club welcomed 30 teams from the district on the day.

The wonderful sponsors The Miners Dispensary in Wonthaggi have supported this event for countless years and the 60 players were playing for some lovely prizes.

The Bowl came back to Wonthaggi with the gun-team of Anne Walker 34, Donna Brosnan 34 and Lisa Brusamarello 33 with a total 101 – the toast of the club.

Daily grade winners were A Grade Anne Walker (18) 34 points, B Grade Pauline Lancaster (Woorayl) (23) 34 points and C Grade Karen Sheerin (39) 39 points.

NTP on second was Sherrill Winkler (Woorayl), fourth Layla Robertson, eighth and 17th Anne Walker, and 13th Sheryl Smith (PI).

DBL went to Wendy Hopkins 37(PI), Carole Sartori 37, Sue Woods 35(Leongatha), Donna Brosnan 34, Kathy Geyer 33, Lisa Brusamarello 33, Merryn Dear 32, Bev Bridge 32(Woorayl), Pamela Rothfield 32 (PI), Jo Graeme 32 (Meeniyen), Robyn Wilkinson 32 and Jillian Chandler 31 c/b (PI).

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: March 21, SR. 71.

Competition: Stableford 18-hole.

Winner: Blake Cornelis 36.

Runner up: Roger Kilpatrick 36.

BDTL to 32 C/B.

Ball sweep: Chris Wilkinson 35, Joshua Kilgour 33, Ian Murrells 33, Graeme Crawford 32, Glen Turner 32 and Peter Young 32 C/B.

Results: March 21, SR. 36.

Competition: Stableford back nine-holes.

Winner: Graham Ryan 17.

BDTL to 15.

Ball sweep: Bob Cornelis 16, Norm Burne 15 and A. Hooton-Shandley 15.

Results: March 23 – Par 18-hole, S/R 71.

Winner:

A: Ross Lovett +1.

B: Graeme Crawford +2.

C: Ron Parmafeather +4.

BDTL to -1 c/b.

Ball sweep: Mark Casey +3, Dio Apostopolopolus +1, Sam Hovath +1, Garry Bates +1, Kevin Bayley 0, Steven Laing 0, Jim Jordan 0, Ian Baker 0, Ben Clark 0 and Alan McLean -1 C/B.

NTPs: Craig Charles fourth, Kevin Bayley propin eighth, Garry Bates 13th and Ian Baker money hole 17th.

Ladies

IT was a bit tricky to describe Wednesday's weather, but dangerously windy between squalls would work well.

Well done to the girls who persevered in challenging conditions and congratulations to Chris Yann who came in the daily winner with (44) 32 points.

Runner up was Robyn Wilkinson (25) 31 points.

NTP on second was Merryn Dear and eighth Jan Beaumont.

BDL went to Simone Lindsay 30, Donna Brosnan 30, Jan Beaumont 29 and Layla Robertson 28.

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Ladies

WEDNESDAY'S format was Stableford.

The event was the Tony McLeod Memorial Board Event, sponsored by Bev Bridge.

The weather was cold, wet, windy, dry and sunshine.

Eighteen players started the day and 11 finished.

The A Grade winner and Tony McLeod Memorial event was won by Pauline Lancaster 33 points for the day and altogether a score of 67 points.

B Grade's winner was Joan Smith with 29 points.

BDL went to Jean Hayes 29, Heather Sullivan 28 and Inge Giliam 28.

NTP on eighth was Pauline Lancaster, 11th Heather Sullivan and 17th Jenny Riseley.



Wonthaggi Golf Club's winner Chris Yann with runner up Robyn Wilkinson.



Woorayl Golf Club's winners were Joan Smith and Pauline Lancaster.



Leongatha Golf Club's first time Monthly Medal winner Nicole Whiteside.



Wonthaggi Ladies Bowl winner was the Wonthaggi team of Lisa Brusamarello, Anne Walker and Donna Brosnan.



The Wonthaggi Ladies Bowl grade winners were Karen Sheerin, Pauline Lancaster and Anne Walker.



Winners of the Dementia Australia Gentsomes event Jill and John Moor, and Ken and Chris Lay at the Leongatha Golf Club.

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Adam Ware	13
Alex Geyer	13
Keith & Eddie	13
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Shane Cooke	13
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SOUTH GIPPSLAND
BRIDGE CLUB

MARCH 19: five tables competing at Wonthaggi RSL.
Master point winners were:
First: Faye Rowlands and Richard Poole 59.72. Second: Phillip and Nev Chapman 58.33. Third: Alan Johnston and John Sutton 57.87. Fourth: Hannah Martin and Maureen Stiles 54.17. Fifth: Penny Loughran and Ruth Stevenson 52.78.
March 22: six tables competing at Inverloch Angling Club.
First: Phillip and Nev Chapman 57.41.
Second: Hannah Martin and Maureen Stiles 56.25. Second: John Currier and John Sutton 56.25. Fourth: John French and Deb Anglim 53.65. Fifth: Alan Johnston and Clive Hope 52.60.

PHILLIP ISLAND BRIDGE

IT was pleasing to see seven and a half tables at play last Monday.
First place for North/South went to Bron Sund and John Farr on 55.46 per cent.
Greg Nicholson and Shirley Stewart finished second on 53.37 per cent.
In third place were Anne Gibson and Lois Dwyer on 51.44 per cent.
Deb Anglim and Susan Edwards got top honours for East/West on 57.81 per cent, followed by Ann Green and Phillip Rinder on 54.51 per cent.
Anne Hodgson and Caroline Shaw came third on 52.78 per cent. Clare and Jim Murphy also claimed some masterpoints on 51.78 per cent.
Wednesday, April 20, was the first week of club pairs.
Leading the way so far are Greg Nicholson and Shirley Stewart on 59.26 per cent.
Judy O'Connell and Molly Downing are sitting in second place on 56.48 per cent and in third place is Marnie Myall and Caroline Shaw on 55.09 per cent.
Yesterday, March 25, Greg Nicholson gave the second half of a presentation on how to complete a system card, and a reminder to all players that system cards are mandatory for all players at Phillip Island Bridge Club.

PHILLIP ISLAND
TENPIN BOWLING

PHANTOM: 1st place on 8pts Saucer, 2nd place on 7pts Nooki, 3rd place on 6.5pts The Jimma
2s Company: 1st place on 15pts Pinpushers, 2nd place on 8pts Tinabe, 3rd place 8pts Him & Her
ABL: 1st place on 61pts Kool Kats, 2nd place on 60pts Knackers, 3rd place on 55pts Storm
Business League Early: Top 4 Finalists!! 1st place on 13pts Happy Hour, 2nd place on 10pts Old Timers, 3rd place on 10pts Woolly Balls, 4th place on 10pts Balls Deep
Business League Late: Top 4 Finalists!! 1st place on 12pts City Lights, 2nd place on 11pts Jds, 3rd place on 11pts S&R Clarke Auto, 4th place on 10pts New Image Painting,
This week's tops scores:
Woman - 191 Mary Dardha, 170 Karen Klym, 169 Sue Gale
Men - 258 Jack Aitken, 238 Jason Bence, 232 Dean Bacon
Monthly Probus Tournament
This week both Corinella and Phillip Island Probus went head-to-head with their annual monthly tournament.
Phillip Island finished second this week with a total pinfall of 812, leaving Corinella to take the win with a total pinfall of 855.
Top Scores for the day:
Ladies - Both Faye from Corinella and Lorraine from Cowes finished with a total score of 192 pins.
Men - Red from Corinella finished with a total score of 244 pins.



Phillip Island Boardriders official Adrian Sorati offers training advice to those involved in the surfers rescue course last week.

Local surfers benefit from
rescue training support

THERE'S no doubt that surfboard riders have saved hundreds of people from drowning or getting into difficulty at our unpatrolled beaches over the years.
In most cases their efforts, at warning visitors not to go swimming, or paddling across and helping them to safety, go unnoticed and that's exactly the way most want it to be.
But the fact is, if it wasn't for the timely intervention of these community-minded individuals, people with an instinct and a respect for the dangers that exist, the numbers of drownings would be fearfully higher than they are already.
So, it was gratifying to see GippSport partnering with Surfing Victoria and local clubs Bass Coast Boardriders, Phillip Island Boardriders and Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club to offer two sessions of Surfing Victoria's water safety program: Surfers Rescue 24/7, during the week.
Not only was it a welcome initiative for surfers and others to upgrade or reinforce their rescue skills after the summer we've just had, but it was a positive sign that authorities are responding, on a multi-agency basis, to meet the challenge.
Two sessions were offered, one at the Phillip Island Boardriders Club last Tuesday, March 19 and also at the Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Clubrooms on Wednesday March 20.



Participants in last week's Surfers Rescue 24/7 course practice rescuing each other at Cape Woolamai last Tuesday

Island Boardriders' official Adrian Sorati led the session at Newhaven with an on-water demonstration at Cleeland Bight Beach, Cottesloe Avenue.
He stressed a number of key points for various scenarios including rescuing conscious and unconscious swimmers.
"It's all about prevention, intervention and education," said Sorati, the easiest option being to encourage people not to get into dangerous waters in the first place.
"Say something like 'I have surfed here for 10 years and it's too dangerous to swim, don't go in'
"If there is an emergency, we want you to participate to the level of your abilities not above.

"And remember, there is no obligation to do anything beyond calling for help.
"Should you decide to assist, do not attempt any rescue without a floatation device, either a surfboard or boogie board to assist you.
"If you don't have a floatation device, get help. In fact, if you decide to intervene, tell the others around you in the water what you are going to do, so they can keep an eye on you, or tell someone to go for help if you are going out into the water."
Mr Sorati got the participants to demonstrate how they would rescue someone on a board and when to provide CPR to an unconscious person.

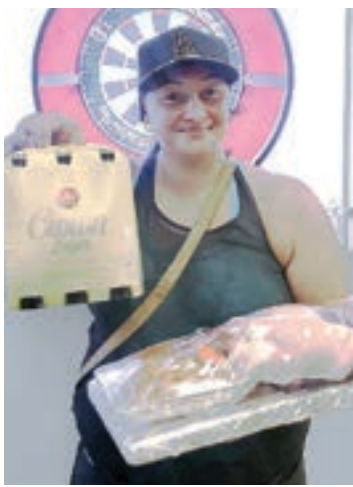
If you would like to know more about improving your rescue skills in the surf contact Gene Parini at gene@gippsport.com.au or 0428 358 335
La Trobe University research in partnership with Surfing Victoria supports the anecdotal evidence that surfers play a critical role in keeping people safe on unpatrolled beaches each year and complement the incredible work of the local surf lifesavers.
GippSport identified that this course would be a proactive way to upskill local surfers across the Bass Coast.
"Research shows that surfers are often first responders and although this training doesn't intend to replace formal emergency rescue training or surf lifesaving services, in partnership with Surfing Victoria we hope to equip local surfers with the knowledge and education to perform rescues safely at beaches where they often know the risks particularly well from their presence and local knowledge," GippSport Executive Officer Dan Poynton commented.
Surfers Rescue 24/7 is a free Board Rescue and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) course for all surfers and recreational water users. It provides vital training to assist in an emergency situation and could ultimately save a life.
It is likely to be offered again in the lead up to next summer.

Phillip Island Darts League heats up in round three

THE Phillip Island Darts League witnessed another night of heart-stopping action in round three.
Close matches, nail-biting finishes, and stunning displays of skill had the crowd on the edge of their seats.
The Vikings continued their reign of terror, demolishing the Breakers 6-1.
The Mustangs fought valiantly against the Dart Vaders, but ultimately fell 5-2.
Similar stories unfolded across the board, with That's All edging the Jaggers 4-3 and the Riverboys outlasting the

Joes Hornets in a tense 4-3 battle.
The league standings paint a clear picture - The Vikings and That's All are tied at the top with a flawless 3-0 record.
The Storm sit comfortably in third with six points, while the Jaggers and Dart Vaders are locked in a fierce battle for fourth, both boasting five points.
While it's early days, the Vikings and That's All are the teams to watch.
However, teams like the Storm, Jaggers, and Dart Vaders are hot on their heels.

The rest of the league needs to find their A-game if they want to challenge for a playoff spot.
Congratulations to Di, who doubled her luck by winning both the coveted San Remo Butchers meat tray and the Crownies in the weekly raffle.
Don't miss a second of the electrifying Phillip Island Darts League action as the season continues.
RIGHT: Di was the lucky raffle winner during round three of the Phillip Island Darts League.





The premiership winning Kilcunda-Bass C grade team for 2024, from left, back, Joel Huckett, Joel Dickson, Steven Oates, Aidan Guilty, Ash Joseph, Tiana Gold, Andrew Blackney, Eddy Magnussen, Shaun Tapscott, Peter Miller, front, Kevin McLean, Paul Cornelis (captain) and Jim Matser. C90_1324

Kilcunda-Bass triumph in battle of the Sharks

C GRADE

A WHOPPING 158 run-haul resulted in an incredible premiership win for Kilcunda-Bass on the weekend.

In the battle of the Sharks, Kilcunda-Bass went head-to-head with Phillip Island at the Outtrim Recreation Reserve, winning the toss and deciding to bat first.

Man of the match Steven Oates opened the batting with Kevin McLean and was there to stay, recording 158 not out to ensure Kilcunda-Bass would win the flag.

Joel Dickson also gave an impressive performance with 52 runs and captain Paul Cornelis added 38 runs.

For Phillip Island, Peter Francis was the top bowler, taking 2/72.

Wickets were also taken by Peter Cleary and captain Michael Cleary.

Kilcunda-Bass set itself up very well heading into day two with a final score of 5/317.

The target was intimidating, and Phillip Island was unable to gain the momentum necessary to challenge Kilcunda-Bass.

The opening partnership of Gavin Excell and David Fusinato each put 17 runs on the scoreboard.

Francis and Michael Cleary made a good attempt to regain favour for Phillip Island with 32 and 54 runs respectively.

Deane Mani rounded out the innings with 16 not out, but ultimately Kilcunda-Bass had the match won.

The Kilcunda-Bass bowlers kept the pressure on, making their way through Phillip Island's batting order.

McLean claimed Kilcunda-Bass' bowling honours, taking 4/43.

Shaun Tapscott and Andrew Blackney also performed well, taking two wickets each.

Oates continued his form from the previous day, contributing to the fielding efforts and taking two catches.

Phillip Island was bowled out after 54 overs with a score of 10/161.



Steven Oates was named Player of the Match by umpires Michael Heenan and Neil Grabham for his 158 not out score on Saturday. C81_1324



Shaun Tapscott celebrates the run out of Gavin Excell.



Chris Fall attempts a late cut for the Sharks.



Drew Fusinato leaves the field after being caught out by James Matser.



Kilcunda-Bass celebrate their victory over Phillip Island on Sunday at Outtrim Reserve.



B Grade Division One winners were OMK, back, Barry Wyatt, Dave Creed, Adam Busana, Nick Wylie, Joel Cuman, Kris Kerr, Adam Trotto, Hayden James, Reuben Foster, front, Luke Jones, Jaxon Hayes and Rob Quaife. ob75_1324

OMK digs deep for premiership win



Phillip Island's Max Arceo concentrates as the ball is in flight. ob68_1324



Hayden James elevates to launch one down the pitch. ob67_1324



Digger's fielder Hayden James misses the catch and Heath Womersley collects a couple more runs. ob73_1324

B GRADE, DIVISION 1

IT was a big weekend for OMK, with the Diggers taking home both B Grade flags in hard fought clashes with Phillip Island.

The B1 premiership was played at the Bass Recreation Reserve, where putting runs on the board proved to be a difficult task.

OMK and Phillip Island had won a game each during the season, so both teams went into the match ready for a tough contest.

Phillip Island won the toss and chose to send OMK into bat first.

OMK did what it could against the onslaught from the Phillip Island bowlers, led by Timothy Niven who claimed 4/25.

Coming in at number five, Jaxon Hayes managed the top score of 36 runs before a catch from Max Arceo dismissed him.

Hayes' efforts proved to be a turning point for the Diggers.

David Creed made 20 runs, and Robert Quaife and Barry Wyatt later made 15 runs each.

For Phillip Island, Heath Womersley and captain Kurt Lane were also multiple wicket takers, taking 3/43 and 2/32 respectively.

OMK were bowled out 10/130, unsure whether it had done enough to win.

On Sunday, Wyatt led the way for OMK, delivering an exceptional bowling performance that would dash Phillip Island's hopes.

Wyatt made his way through Phillip Island batting order, taking 5/42.

He was backed by captain Kris Kerr, who also smothered Phillip Island's attempts by taking 4/28.

Phillip Island started well with opening batsman Heath Womersley making 22 runs, followed by Lane who top scored with 23.

However, the pressures from OMK were too much to overcome and Phillip Island was bowled out 10/98.

"It was a tough game but we are happy with the result," club president Russ White said.

"It's been a great season with all three of our sides making the finals and coming away with two flags."



B Grade Division 2 OMK premiers, back, George Lomagno, Mitch Sawyers, Shane Taylor, Russell White, Scott Handley, Justin Greenwood, Jordan Myers, Andrew Sorensen, front, Brad Hayes, (captain) Paul Harper, Ben Maguire and Sam Mathews.
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Diggers double up by winning B2

B GRADE, DIVISION 2

OMK'S 2023/24 season campaign resulted in a resounding success as the Diggers triumphed over Phillip Island in the B2 premiership.

Wonthaggi's McMahon Reserve hosted the final showdown in breezy conditions.

OMK won the toss and chose to bat.

The Diggers sent in club president Russ White to open, who paved the way to victory with an early 58 runs.

Justin Greenwood and Bradley Hayes continued putting handy runs on the scoreboard, adding 25 and 29 runs respectively.

Later in the innings, Scott Handley flicked the switch and sealed the deal for the Diggers with an exceptional 81 run haul.

Handley rounded out the innings in partnership with Shane Taylor, who accumulated 30 runs.

Both batsmen were not out at the end of the day.

Phillip Island made an attempt to slow OMK's run, with Andrew Tolley and captain Tarryn Allan taking two wickets each.

A fifth wicket was claimed by David Womersley.

OMK went into Sunday ready to defend 5/254.

A mighty bowling effort from Ben Maguire ensured Phillip Island could not gain any momentum on the scoreboard.

Maguire claimed an impressive 6/45, quickly chipping away at Phillip Island's batting order.

Clint Wilson produced Phillip Island's best batting performance, making 39 not out.

Tony Hornsby contributed 25 runs.

The rest of OMK's bowling efforts were shared between four bowlers – Handley, White, Taylor and Greenwood, who each claimed a scalp.

Phillip Island were bowled out 10/141, conceding the flag to the Diggers.

OMK had plenty to celebrate after the match, taking home both B Grade premierships.



OMK captain Brad Hayes attempts a full-blooded cut but misses. ob52_1324



Scott Handley showed composure before hitting out with an upbeaten 81. ob50_1324

B GRADE DIVISION 1

OMK 130 d Phillip Island 92	
OMK – 1st INNINGS	
Kris Kerr c: T Blackwell b: H Womersley	10
Luke Jones b: H Womersley	4
Joel Cuman c: T Niven b: J Williams	9
David Creed b: K Lane	20
Jaxon Hayes c: M Arceo b: T Niven	36
Adam Busana b: K Lane	1
Robert Quaife c: A Finlayson b: H Womersley	15
Barry Wyatt c: M Arceo b: T Niven	15
Adam Trotto c: H Arceo b: T Niven	3
Nick Wylie c: A Williams b: T Niven	3
Hayden James not out	1*
Extras (5w, 1nb, 4lb, 3b)	13
Total 10 / 130 (68.3 Overs)	
Bowling: T Niven 15.3-6-25-4 (2w), H Arceo 8-4-7-0, H Womersley 16-2-43-3 (2w), J Williams 8-4-9-1 (1w, 1nb), K Lane 17-4-32-2, A Williams 4-0-7-0	
Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS	
Max Arceo lbw: B Wyatt	12
Heath Womersley c: A Trotto b: N Wylie	22
Thomas Blackwell c: A Trotto b: K Kerr	0
Kurt Lane c: J Hayes b: K Kerr	23
Oliver Duggan b: B Wyatt	6
Henry Peppard lbw: B Wyatt	0
Andrew Finlayson c: A Trotto b: K Kerr	12
Connor Epifano c: D Creed b: B Wyatt	10
Aidan Williams c: A Busana b: B Wyatt	4
Jobe Williams c: A Trotto b: K Kerr	0
Timothy Niven not out	0*
Extras (1w, 1lb, 1b)	3
Total 10 / 92 (53.1 Overs)	
Bowling: R Foster 3-1-9-0, H James 11-6-8-0, B Wyatt 24-5-42-5, N Wylie 2-0-3-1 (1w), K Kerr 13.1-5-28-4	

B GRADE DIVISION 2

OMK 5/254 d Phillip Island 141	
OMK – 1st INNINGS	
Russ White lbw: T Allan	58
George Lomagno c: C Wilson b: A Tolley	15
Andrew Sorensen c: D Ivey b: A Tolley	2
Justin Greenwood lbw: T Allan	25
Bradley Hayes lbw: D Womersley	29
Scott Handley not out	81*
Shane Taylor not out	30*
Extras (4w, 1nb, 7lb, 2b)	14
Total 5 / 254 (70 Overs)	
Bowling: A Tolley 19-3-69-2 (2w, 1nb), D Womersley 23-4-79-1, T Allan 13-1-42-2, D McCausland 11-0-36-0 (2w), S Angelo 4-0-19-0	
Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS	
John Manning lbw: B Maguire	18
Tharidu Asurumuni lbw: S Handley	17
Sarith Angelo c: ? b: R White	1
Tony Hornsby b: B Maguire	25
David Womersley b: B Maguire	10
Clint Wilson not out	39*
Daniel McCausland c: ? b: B Maguire	2
Andrew Tolley lbw: S Taylor	0
David Ivey lbw: B Maguire	15
Sachin Sirirathnag c: ? b: B Maguire	7
Tarryn Allan lbw: J Greenwood	2
Extras (4w, 1nb)	5
Total 10 / 141 (44.3 Overs)	
Bowling: S Handley 10-3-21-1 (3w), R White 6-1-27-1 (1nb), B Maguire 16-3-45-6, S Taylor 11-2-45-1 (1w), J Greenwood 1.3-0-3-1	

C GRADE

Kilcunda-Bass 5/317 d Phillip Island 161	
Kilcunda-Bass - 1st INNINGS	
Kevin McLean b: M Cleary	19
Steven Oates not out	158*
Peter Miller c: P Francis b: P Cleary	16
Joel Dickson run out: M Cleary	52
Paul Cornelis c: J Parry b: P Francis	38
Joel Hockett c: ? b: P Francis	9
Shaun Tapscott not out	11*
Extras (4w, 5lb, 5b)	14
Total 5 / 317 (60 Overs)	
Bowling: P Cleary 10-2-34-1, M Cleary 9-2-43-1 (1w), P Francis 16-1-72-2, C Fall 11-2-53-0, J Johnston 3-0-29-0, D Mani 7-0-47-0 (1w), J Parry 4-0-29-0 (2w)	
Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS	
Gavin Excell run out: J Matser, S Tapscott	17
David Fusinato c: S Oates b: K McLean	17
Steven Niven b: S Tapscott	0
Drew Fusinato c: J Matser b: S Tapscott	1
Peter Francis c: S Oates b: K McLean	32
Michael Cleary c: J Matser b: K McLean	54
Peter Cleary st: S Oates b: P Cornelis	10
Deane Mani not out	16*
Jon Parry lbw: A Blackney	1
Wade Paterson c: A Quilty b: K McLean	4
Chris Fall b: A Blackney	1
Extras (3w, 1nb, 4b)	8
Total 10 / 161 (54 Overs)	
Bowling: K McLean 21-3-43-4 (1nb, 1w), S Tapscott 17-1-52-2, A Joseph 6-0-28-0, P Cornelis 7-1-23-1, A Blackney 3-0-11-2 (2w)	



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A1: Joel Brann (Club) 61 ; Max Royal (Phillip Island) 4/41

A2: Isuru Darshana (Koon L/RSL) 86* ; Nick Arnup (Koon L/RSL) 3/31

B1: Jaxon Hayes (OMK) 36 ; Barry Wyatt (OMK) 5/42

B2: Scott Handley (OMK) 81* ; Ben Maguire (OMK) 6/45

C: Steven Oates (Kilcunda-Bass) 158* ; Kevin McLean (Kilcunda-Bass) 4/43



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A GRADE DIVISION 1

Phillip Island 3/153 d Club 150

Club – 1st INNINGS

Mitch Thomas c: L Cleeland b: G McCausland 15
Emmet Dempsey c: L Cleeland b: G McCausland 11
Ben Walsh c: B Johnston b: G McCausland 4
Ryan Thomas c: L Cleeland b: T Niven 13
Stewart Beaumont c: L Cleeland b: M Royal 11
Joel Brann c: ? b: S Rathnayake 61
Alexander Geyer c: K Beaumont b: M Royal..... 0
Lochlan Mclean c: L Cleeland b: M Royal 1
James Sheerin b: M Royal 8
Mark McCall b: S Kirton 7
Ryan Birkett not out 14*
Extras (2w, 1nb, 2lb) 5

Total 10 / 150 (72.5 Overs)

Bowling: S Kirton 13.5-5-27-1 (2w), G McCausland
8-2-21-3 (1nb), T Niven 5-1-12-1, M Royal 21-7-41-4,
S Rathnayake 22-11-39-1, Z Brown 3-0-8-0

Phillip Island – 1st INNINGS

Brodie Johnston c: S Beaumont b: J Sheerin 16
Lachlan Cleeland b: R Thomas 41
Daniel Mock c: E Dempsey b: R Birkett 53
Shiran Rathnayake not out 28*
Eli Richards not out 7*
Extras (1w, 5nb, 2lb)..... 8

Total 3 / 153 (52.5 Overs)

Bowling: J Brann 13.5-2-51-0 (1w, 2nb),
R Thomas 9-2-36-1 (1nb), J Sheerin 17-12-19-1,
R Birkett 6-2-24-1 (2nb), M McCall 7-2-21-0

A GRADE DIVISION 2

Koonwarra L/RSL 3/174

d Glen Alvie 172

Glen Alvie – 1st INNINGS

Matthew Donohue c&b: N Arnup 2
Scott Peatling c: ? b: J Thomas 3
Matthew Dakin c: J Thomas b: M Cooke 80
Dean Williams c: I Darshana b: N Arnup 19
Ben McRae run out: M Cooke 3
Nathan Findlay c: I Darshana b: A Mehmood 10
Stephen Kennedy c: I Darshana b: C Buckland 17
Andrew Dakin c: J Kennedy b: N Arnup 0
Zack Scholz c: A Mujtaba b: A Mehmood 0
Wayne Luke b: N Trotto 18
Sam Watson not out 4*
Extras (1w, 8nb, 4lb, 3b) 16

Total 10 / 172 (86.3 Overs)

Bowling: J Thomas 11-3-21-1 (2nb), N Arnup 26-12-31-
3 (1nb), M Cooke 14-6-17-1, J Kennedy 11-5-27-0,
I Darshana 5-3-9-0 (2nb), N Trotto 7.3-1-25-1 (1w, 2nb),
C Buckland 6-2-17-1, A Mehmood 6-1-18-2 (1nb)

Koonwarra L/RSL – 1st INNINGS

Matt Cooke c: A Dakin b: N Findlay 0
Amad Mujtaba b: N Findlay 13
Isuru Darshana not out 86*
Azhar Mehmood c: W Luke b: N Findlay 1
James Rushton not out 70*
Extras (2nb, 2b) 4

Total 3 / 174 (39.2 Overs)

Bowling: N Findlay 14-3-60-3, M Dakin 7-1-46-0,
S Kennedy 8-1-22-0, B McRae 5.2-0-17-0,
D Williams 4-0-17-0, Z Scholz 1-0-10-0 (2nb)

THIS WEEKEND'S FOOTBALL DRAW

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Ryan Birkett put on a valuable 21 run partnership with Mark McCall for the last wicket to get Club to a respectable 150.
Photo: Peter Cleeland.

Island juggernaut wins three in a row

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Tom Niven 1/12 and Shiran Rathnayake who bowled 22 overs on the trot for a return of 1/39.

With 16 hostile overs to face Island openers Cleeland and Johnston made a watchful but enterprising start to the innings. Johnston was cutting and pulling anything short, while Cleeland took toll of anything wide.

With the score on 37 leg spinner, James Sheerin came onto bowl and had Johnston caught at forward square leg in his second over.

Club were jubilant at Sheerin's breakthrough which brought the imposing figure of OMK reject, Daniel Mock to the crease. Mock (6) and Cleeland (27) calmly saw out day one's proceedings with the score at 1/52.

Resuming on day two with 99 runs required for victory Island batsmen Daniel Mock and Lachlan Cleeland came out with a clear plan to counter the last onslaught from the Club attack.

Mock, the busier of two worked the ball around scoring with ease while Cleeland dropped anchor to lend a supporting role to his skipper.

Ryan Thomas produced the ball of the match, an inswinger yorker to Cleeland (41) to remove his middle stump and breathe some life into his team's hopes with the score on 2/98.

However, the damage had

been done and with 53 left to get Shiran Rathnayake (28 not out) and skipper Mock (53) were always on the look-out for runs.

Mock succumbed being caught at mid-on with the score on 3/123 with 28 runs required for victory.

Eli Richards (7 not out) combined with Shiran to see the Island through to 3/153.

In the most emphatic fashion, the aggressive Rathnayake ventured forward and then swaggered back to hit a straight six off the back foot to give Phillip Island their third A1 title in as many years.

This was a convincing seven wicket win where the opposing team were never in control of the match at any stage.

With the continuing improvement of their younger players, it is hard to see where their challengers will come from for next season.

The Club bowling line up had toiled manfully for little reward with James Sheerin 1/19 off 17 overs, Ryan Thomas 1/36 and Ryan Birkett 1/24 being the successful bowlers.

Umpires John Schelling and Ashley Stride did an outstanding job of umpiring the match.

Lachlan Cleeland for his five catches as wicket keeper and 41 runs opening the batting was awarded the Man of the Match award.

The Sharks celebrations will go long and strong into next week.



Umpires Ash Stride and John Schelling saw out a fantastic game between Phillip Island and Wonthaggi Club at Scorpion Park in the two-day Grand Final match. C88_1324



Island opener, Lochie Cleeland took the heat of Brann and Thomas to remain unbeaten on 27 at the end of day one. Photo: Peter Cleeland



The A2 premiers Koonwarra L/RSL. Photo credit: Jodie Arnup.



Koonwarra L/RSL's Jimmy Rushton was 70 not out off 94 balls and Isuru Darshana 86 not out off 114 balls in the A2 grand final. Photo credit: Jodie Arnup.

Cougars crowned A2 premiers

A GRADE, DIVISION 2

KOONWARRA L/RSL stood victorious against Glen Alvie in the A2 grand final over the weekend.

The premiership match was held over two days at Wonthaggi's Butch West oval.

Saturday offered an overcast morning, but ultimately it was beautiful conditions for cricket.

Koonwarra L/RSL had only faced Glen Alvie once through the season, winning a one-day match early on.

The scheduled two-day match was washed out, so neither team knew what to expect from the long format, with depth in the batting and bowling on both sides.

The Cougars started on its winning way with a successful toss and chose to send Glen Alvie in to bat first.

Koony bowlers Nick Arnup and Joshua Thomas quickly claimed the wickets of opening partnership Matthew Donohue and Scott Peatling.

Donohue's wicket fell first at 1/6, which saw young Matthew Dakin step up to the crease.

Dakin steered the ship back in the right direction, hitting 80 runs before a catch from Thomas saw him sent back to the sheds.

Once Dakin was dismissed at 5/114, Koonwarra L/RSL was able to chip away at the rest of the order.

Coming in at number four, Dean Williams added 19 to the scoreboard, followed by captain Stephen Kennedy and Wayne Luke with 17 and 18 runs respectively.

Arnup was Koonwarra L/RSL's top bowler, taking 3/31.

Two wickets also fell to Azhar Mehmood.

Glen Alvie was bowled out 10/172.

Koonwarra L/RSL took its turn to bat on Sunday.

Glen Alvie looked to have the upper hand, dismissing Matt Cooke for a duck and quickly taking Amad Mujtaba and Mehmood's wickets.

The third wicket fell at 3/23. All wickets were claimed by Glen Alvie vice captain Nathan Findlay.

The rain started and threatened a wash out, but play was only delayed for half an hour.

Once play resumed, Isuru Darshana and captain James Rushton got the job done for the Cougars.

The pair made 86 and 70 runs respectively and were both not out as they passed Glen Alvie's score.

"We saw ourselves in a similar situation during the semi-final. We were 5/20, but there's a bit of depth in our batting order and we've been able to keep a level head," club president Arnup said.

"It was a good game of cricket all round, and it was great to see two of the smaller clubs represented in the grand final. Both teams were pushing hard all season to get up there."

Koonwarra L/RSL won the match with a final score of 3/175.



Nick Arnup caught and bowled Matthew Donohue to the delight of keeper Jimmy Rushton. Photo credit: Jodie Arnup.



Koonwarra kept the pressure on with only the rare missed chance. ob56_1324



Glen Alvie's Dean Williams clips one through mid-wicket. ob57_1324



The victorious Island team, from left, Max Royal, Kohen Beaumont, Tom Niven, George McCausland, Zac Brown, Simon Kirton, front, Eli Richards, Lachlan Cleeland, Daniel Mock, Brodie Johnston, and Shiran Rathnayake. Photo: Peter Cleeland

Island juggernaut wins three in a row

WONTHAGGI Club won the toss and elected to bat first at the picturesque Scorpion Park oval at Leongatha Secondary College.

Both teams lined up for a minute's silence in memory of the passing of Dennis Vague, a well-respected teacher and mentor from Wonthaggi Secondary College who was tragically killed in a road accident this week.

When the kookaburra started to fly on a brilliantly prepared turf wicket the Island bowlers

By Peter Cleeland

were not getting much assistance or response from the deck.

Mitch Thomas and his more cavalier partner Dempsey were being asked some difficult questions by the ever-improving left armer George McCausland. Dempsey (11) snicked off to McCausland with the score on 20, then Walsh (4) was caught courtesy of rebound catch by Johnston off the hands of Max Royal in second slip at 2/24.

McCausland then claimed the big wicket of Mitch Thomas for 15 snicking off with the score on 3/34.

Enter, Ryan Thomas (13) who tried to consolidate things with Beaumont (11).

Ryan who has been arguably the best cricketer in the Leongatha and District Cricket Association for 10 years, tried to cut Tom "Rooster" Niven but only succeeded in putting the cherry in the gleeful Lochie Cleeland's hands.

The Island juggernaut was starting to roll with Club in more strife than Biggles at 4/51.

Admirably, Club captain Joel Brann showed some spine with some clean, power hitting clearing the boundary on six occasions in his score of 61.

Stewie Beaumont lent great support to his captain with 11 off 95 balls.

However, Island first change bowler, Max Royal removed Beaumont, Geyer (0), McLean (1) and Sheerin (8) to have Club

9/129 and on the ropes.

Seasoned campaigners Ryan Birkett (14 not out) and Mark McCall (7) added 21 valuable runs before Island opening bowler, Simon Kirton skittled McCall's castle and club had under batted being routed for 150 in good batting conditions.

Max Royal 4/41 and George McCausland 3/21 were the standout performers with the ball and they were well supported by Simon Kirton 1/27.

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