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'YES' VOTE FOR WONTHAGGI COUNTRY CLUB

A MULTI-million-dollar redevelopment of the Wonthaggi Golf Club is expected to follow a momentous decision taken by two of the town's oldest clubs last Monday night, March 27.

Coming after a commitment made by The Wonthaggi Club nine years ago, the members of the Wonthaggi Golf Club have finally voted to merge with the Wonthaggi Club, an organisation which already has a 25-year lease over its clubhouse, in exchange for significant financial support.

The "vision" for the merger, as described in the Draft Merger Proposal (March 2023) document, put to golf club members in the past few weeks, is for the creation of a Wonthaggi Country Club, on the

golf club's 65-hectare site in the middle of town, that will one day become a major sports and entertainment precinct within walking distance for locals.

Notwithstanding the considerable regulatory and planning hurdles still to be negotiated, in detail the proposal calls for:

- A significant upgrade to the golf course including design, surface, drainage, irrigation, grounds equipment and maintenance standards as a priority.
- The development of a modern, purpose-built Country Club "over several levels to maximise the views over the golf course", featuring a flexible 250-seat (minimum) capacity function facility, and a modern gaming room with 50

or more poker machines.

- The development of modern, cabin-style accommodation for players and social visitors, as well as sites for short-stay caravan and RV visitors.
- Tennis courts and undercover bowling greens, while also encouraging other sporting clubs and community organisations to co-locate on the site.
- Driving range improvements (including undercover), technology golfer trainers, mini-golf and other facilities providing a golf pathway.
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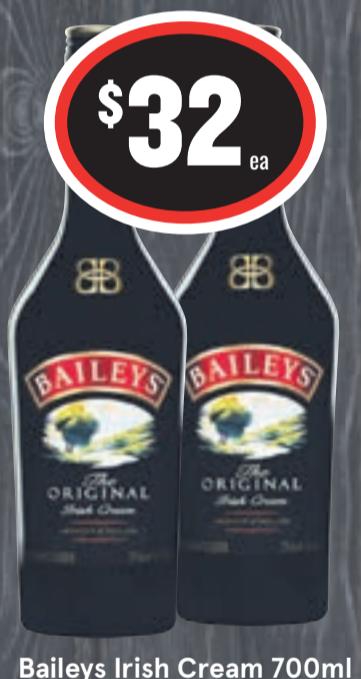


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Wonthaggi Country Club becoming a reality

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Leaders of the merger proposal and expansion plan, including Wonthaggi Golf Club President Rob Geyer, Wonthaggi Club President Alan Bolding, and club CEO Steve Curtis say the projects can be funded from within the two clubs and also via loans taken out by the new organisation.

But there is still a proposal on the books to sell a 12-hectare parcel of land, with access to South Dudley Road, considered surplus to the golf club's use.

"Recently, the Wonthaggi Golf Club has entered into a Deed of Understanding with the Victorian State Government to modify the section 173 agreement on a large parcel of unused land on its existing golf course, in order to sell this section for residential development," according to Draft Merger Proposal (March 2023).

"The agreement stipulates that the parties will share equally (50/50) in the sale proceeds of the land. Preliminary valuations indicate the land sale value ranges from \$9m to \$14m. If this land sale eventuates the Wonthaggi Golf Club would bring to the merger significant capital and improvements of the golf course."

But there are sticking points with this proposal, including the fact that the golf club might get stuck with the considerable cost of rezoning and transferring the land.

And some within the golf club and the Wonthaggi Club have since gone cold on the idea of hiving off some of the site.

But it doesn't take away from the fact that the merger vote by both clubs clears the way for a significant boost to the sporting and social life of the town, while also creating a new drawcard for visitors.

"It's a hugely exciting develop-



Presidents of two of the oldest clubs in Wonthaggi, the Wonthaggi Golf Club's Rob Geyer and the Wonthaggi Club's Alan Bolding, seal their merger deal after a meeting of golf club members voted in favour last week.

ment for the town," said Wonthaggi Golf Club President Rob Geyer, something he believes will turn Wonthaggi into a sporting destination for visitors.

"The thing I've always tried to work on is 'what's best for the town' and the town needs something like this, now and particularly into the future," said Alan Bolding, President of The Wonthaggi Club.

Having presented members of the golf club with all aspects of the merger proposal the week before, there was a full room of upwards of 120 golf club members present for the vote last Monday week.

With one or two exceptions, the decision was virtually unanimous.

"The result will lead to the formation of a whole new club out of a merger of (the 98-year-old) Wonthaggi Golf Club and (112-year-old) Wonthaggi Club which will take some time to complete," said Mr Geyer.

"But the 10-year goal is to have a whole new country club established on the site here, with major improvements to the golf course a priority (1-5

years) and the establishment of eight visitor accommodation units here within the first three to five years," he said.

There's the opportunity too for other sporting organisations, particularly the Wonthaggi Bowls Club, to be co-located on the golf clubs' site, according to Mr Bolding possibly also tennis and others but that would be up to the clubs themselves.

Bringing together sporting and community organisations would boost memberships and save on costs.

"The existing club will stay in the town (McBride Avenue) for the foreseeable future, but we look at this development as not only being good for the growth of sport in Wonthaggi and district, but also as a new tourism destination along the coast," said Mr Bolding.

He envisages that Wonthaggi will be able to host sports tournaments, like those at venues along the Murray River, attracting people to the town and providing a boost to the economy.

"It's all about setting this area up for the growth we are already seeing, but particularly into the

future," he said.

"It will be in our plans to have bowls as well as golf, like the big Murray clubs. It's a no-brainer to be trying to attract both," said Mr Geyer.

"We haven't spoken to the bowls club, but it might be, on their next cycle at the end of the life of the present synthetic greens, that they would look at it then.

"In any case, bowling greens are in our plans.

"People who play golf now might like to dabble in bowls in the future as a way of staying social," he said.

But both golf club and Wonthaggi club officials have ruled out the prospect of taking on an associated residential development or retirement village project themselves.

"No, that's not in the scope of the project," said Wonthaggi Club CEO Steve Curtis.

But it could be the outcome of selling the excess parcel of 12 hectares mooted in the Draft Merger Proposal.

Mr Curtis said the first task would be to formally amalgamate the two clubs and for a project committee to be formed to guide the progress of the overall proposal.

He said a masterplan would need to be developed and approved in the early stages, but concept planning was already advanced.

While planning approval at Local and State government level still needed to be negotiated, as well as such things as the cost of stamp duty to transfer the assets to a new entity, the merger presented considerable taxation, governance and management benefits.

The club officials said one of the group's first tasks would be briefing local MP Jordan Crugnale and organising a meeting with the Bass Coast Shire.



Cannabis recovered in Korumburra

A SEARCH warrant at a residential address in Korumburra on March 24 at 5.30pm has led to the arrest of a 46-year-old male after cannabis was recovered at the premise.

The male was subsequently charged with trafficking and cultivation of illegal substances and bailed to Korumburra Magistrates Court to appear at a later date.

Firearms bust in Korumburra

A FIREARMS and weapons search warrant turned up success in Korumburra on March 23 at approximately 4.30pm with a 52-year-old male arrested and interviewed.

The offender was later released pending summons.

Remember your court etiquette

IT WAS a busy day at Korumburra Magistrates Court last Thursday, March 30 as two individuals were charged.

The first occurred around 2pm, when a 60-year-old male was reported to be using his phone in court. The offender was caught filming proceedings while present at the court in support of another person. The prosecutor took offence, and the man was subsequently interviewed by police and released pending summons.

That same day a male in his late 20s inadvertently brought a pocketknife into the courthouse. The offender was spoken with and released pending summons.

Community assistance sought

POLICE are appealing for public assistance to keep a lookout for a 1979 white Spaceline caravan which was stolen from a property in Cowes between late February 2023 and early March.

If you have any information relating to this caravan, please contact Senior Constable Collison at the Cowes Police on (03) 59522037 or Crime Stoppers on 1300 333 000 crimestoppersvic.com.au.

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Safety on the roads this Easter is a priority

EASTER is a high-risk period on the roads and Victoria Police will be targeting drivers in an effort to reduce road trauma through Operation Nexus.

Starting at 12.01am on Thursday (April 6) the operation will run for five days over the festive period until 11.59 Monday (April 10).

Police will be highly visible on the roads during this time and actively enforcing and focusing on speed, impaired driving, fatigue, distraction, seatbelt non-compliance, heavy vehicles and vulnerable

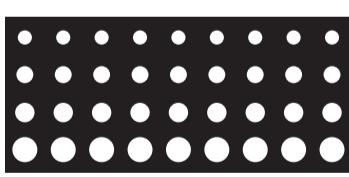
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Expect to see marked and unmarked police vehicles across the region alongside alcohol and drug testing sites, as police work to prevent more lives being lost this year.

To date, 86 lives have been lost this year on Victorian

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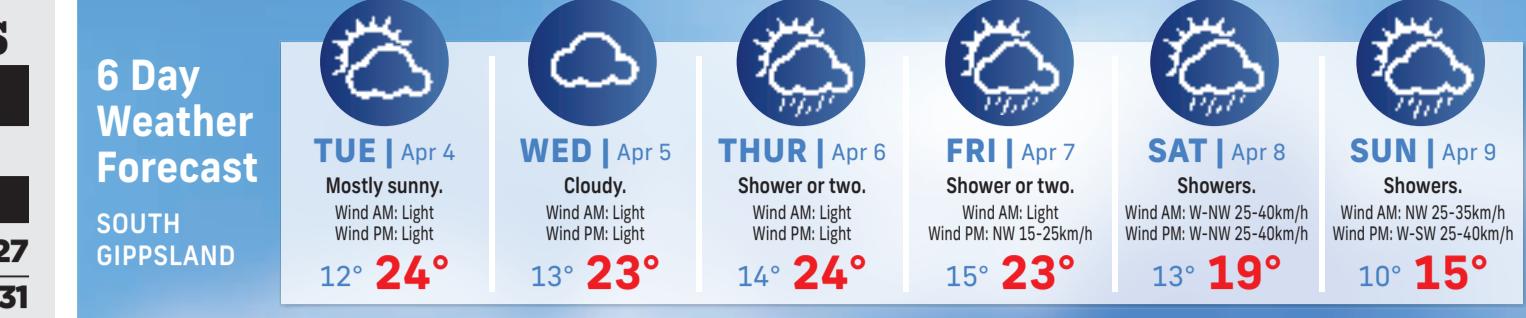
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IN BRIEF

Top tasting water from Wonthaggi desal plant

WATERSURE - Victorian Desalination Plant (Wonthaggi) has won the Ixom Best Tasting Tap Water in Victoria title for 2023.

Watersure - Victorian Desalination Plant was competing against Falls Creek Alpine Resort and North East Water - Benalla WTP in the grand finals. The winner was announced and presented last week in Bendigo.

All water suppliers in the state were invited to submit a sample of their finest drop to the Water Industry Operators Association of Australia (WIOA).

The winner of the Ixom 2023 Best Tasting Tap Water in Australia competition will go on to represent Australia at the annual Berkeley Springs International Water Tasting Competition in West Virginia, USA.

Inverloch Sewer upgrades to commence

SOUTH Gippsland Water (SGW) is investing \$12.8 million in sewer upgrades for the growing town of Inverloch.

After preparing the site last December, SGW is pleased to announce that the works are officially commencing this week on Meanderri Drive. Works at Veronica Street are set to commence in next the phase in early June.

The works are happening on Veronica Street and Meanderri Drive.

The new pump stations will be built adjacent to the existing facilities.

From this week, contractor Delplant, is preparing to commence construction at Meanderri Drive (Lindsey Close). Over the next fortnight, they will be completing sheet piling works to stabilise the excavation.

This may involve some noise and vibrations. Other major works to follow include bulk excavation and the delivery

and installation of emergency storage and pump station units.

To minimise the impact of works on neighbours, SGW will only be operating from 7am-4pm, and will not be completing any works on weekends or public holidays.

Neighbouring residents will continue to be updated through door knocks and letter drops. Customers who would like to be involved in plans on how to rebuild the utility land once works come to a close, are asked to email media@sgwater.com.au to be placed on SGW's registrar to stay up to date on when community consultation commences.

For updates visit: sgwater.com.au/alerts.

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Heritage shipwreck on display this month

THE Amazon 1863 Project Committee would like to inform the community of the Amazon display in the Inverloch Community Hub for the month of April.

There are some new displays: The most exciting being the list of the crew of the Amazon when the ship was wrecked on the Inverloch Surf Beach.

The Committee also have specially designed caps for sale for \$25 along with copies of 'Inverloch's Riddle of the Amazon - When is a Bark not a Bark?' at \$20.

Amazon 1863 Project Inc AGM will take place at the Inverloch Community Hub Meeting Room on Tuesday, April 11, at 11.00AM

And on Wednesday, April 19, Heritage Victoria will visit the Inverloch Community Hub again with Maritime Archaeologist Liam Phillips repeating his interesting August 2022 presentation on the Amazon Shipwreck. Many people requested that this be represented.

Liam and Senior Maritime

Archaeologist Danielle Wilkinson will be on hand to catalogue any artefacts the community have in their possession. Now that Covid restrictions are behind us it is important to continue the record of custodians of Amazon artefacts.

Saputo sells fresh milk plants to Coles

SAPUTO Inc advised on Monday this week that it had agreed to sell two fresh milk processing facilities, at Laverton North in Victoria and Erskine Park in New South Wales to Coles Group Limited in a transaction valued at approximately \$105 million (AUD).

The transaction is expected to close in the second half of calendar year 2023.

The company noted that the divestiture will enable the company to further streamline its operating model, adjust its manufacturing network to strengthen market competitiveness, and allow it to reinvest in areas of the business that will result in more value creation opportunities.

Future proofing treasured penguin population

PHILLIP Island's Little Penguin population will face greater protection against the threat of bushfire and heatwaves in the biggest conservation effort to safeguard the species since the 1980s.

Phillip Island Nature Parks has been awarded \$227,000 from the State Government's Risk and Resilience Grant Program, which will better protect the widely loved animals from extreme weather, dehydration and fire.

In an Australian first, Nature Parks will use evidence gathered during research to modify penguin habitat to reduce flammability and land temperatures, particularly in areas where common fire risk reductions such as controlled burns or fire breaks can't be used.

As part of the project, research-

ers are heat mapping the Summerland Peninsula for 'hotspots' that need to be revegetated and analysing that data to prioritise key penguin breeding and nesting areas.

Nature Parks will also modify and replace vegetation to expand habitats for Little Penguins and reduce the impact of climate change, heat stress and fire.

South East Water proposes pricing plan

THE essential Services Commission has released its draft decision on South East Water's proposed five-year pricing plan for consultation, before a final decision is issued in June.

The commission's director of pricing Marcus Cradden says under the proposed plan, South East Water will improve many of its service targets and deliver real price reductions (before inflation) from July 1, 2023.

"Under South East Water's proposed pricing schedule, typical annual water and sewerage bills for customers will decrease from 1 July this year before inflation," Mr Cradden said.

Based on the water business' proposal, typical annual water and sewerage bills for households will fall before inflation from around \$967 currently, to \$908 in 2023-24 and remain steady to 2027-28.

In its pricing proposal, South East Water has committed to delivering key outcomes for customers, including to be fair and affordable, improve customer experience, support the community, and protect the environment.

The commission invites customers and stakeholders to have their say on the draft decision. A public forum will be held on May 2, 2023; details will be published on the Engage Victoria website. Written comments and submissions can also be lodged on the Engage Victoria website until 9 May 2023.

The commission's final decision on the South East Water pricing proposal is due in June 2023.

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More questions than answers at mine meeting

EVEN after more than 300 people turned out on a cold wet night last Wednesday night, March 29, to hear about the future of the State Coal Mine, they left with more questions than answers.

We still don't know when Parks Victoria will reopen the mine café and we're no closer to knowing when mine tours will resume, although because the tours were closed down during the COVID-19 lockdowns, you'd think government would be prepared to move heaven and earth to get things back to normal.

Here's a flavour of some of the questions and statements put to the Friends of the State Coal Mine representatives including Steve Harrop and John Duscher, and Bass MP Jordan Crugnale.

Q1. There aren't too many mines you can get into like this. It's the culture of the town. You need to get behind it big time.

A1. [Steve Harrop]: That's why we are here. The East Area Mine is our last link to our mining heritage. Victoria would have been industrially challenged if not for Wonthaggi's coal and we need people to know that. We also need younger people to take it on. We have people with a wealth of knowledge but we need to be passing that on.

Q2. The mine is the jewel in the crown for Wonthaggi. Without it, we're just a shopping centre. The passion for the mine is shown by the number of people here tonight.

A2. Steve Harrop: That's the passion we need to get it open (underground tours) again. We had 25,000 visitors at its height, but it could be more with proper promotion. It's the only working coal mine you can go and visit.

Q3. Where are the people in Victoria going after COVID? They are out visiting Victoria and if they knew about what was on offer here, the numbers would blow your head off.

A3. Yes, we need to get back up and going again.

Q4. [Sam Gatto]: For the sake of a small engineering problem we're risking a \$4 million investment. They don't seem to be too concerned about protecting their investment.

A4. Steve Harrop: That's our fight

Q5. [Wayne Moloney]: We had to work hard to get the theatre group on to the mine site but if we had more user groups, we would get a lot more attention. Can we get the Minister down there to take a look and give her a history lesson.

A5. [Jordan Crugnale MP]: The previous Minister Lily D'Ambrosio has



There was a lengthy question and answer session at last week's public meeting about the future of the State Coal Mine.

visited before and I've invited the new Minister for the Environment Ingrid Stitt to visit Bass Coast, which could also include the State Coal Mine. The money that has gone into this (mine) is astounding. I am here and I'm taking your message to parliament for you.

Q6. How much will it cost to fix the equipment to get the mine tours started again?

A6. [Steve Harrop]: There's the drift car, main heading and winder recertification... it could be in the order of \$3/4 million. If we have to replace the drift car, \$300,000.

Q7. Maybe Parks Victoria isn't the right one to be managing the State Coal Mine. They do a good job of managing animals and trees and buildings but what about a working mine?

A7. Maybe it should be a heritage site and managed by another department.

Q8. How many families of coal miners do we have here tonight?

A8. A lot (show of hands throughout the room).

Q9. Are there any councillors here tonight. Does the council give a 'rats' what happens to the mine.

A9. [Brett Tessari]: I've lived here my whole life and I give a stuff about what happens to Wonthaggi and that includes the State Mine. Unless we can get it going ASAP, we need to stick together and we need a strategy.

Q10. 'Bill Slade' was a Parks Victoria officer who died for us and you shouldn't knock them.

A10. [Steve Harrop]: It's not the



President of the Friends of the State Coal Mine Steve Harrop met with District Manager at Parks Victoria, Victoria Purdue, last Friday but Friends colleagues fear there's been no progress.

locals, it's the people in Bourke Street, some of whom don't even know we're here. The local (Parks) people do the best they can with the resources they have available under extreme conditions.

Q11. I really believe we have to reopen the underground tours. If you bring back the drift car to Wonthaggi, I have a workshop that's free at the moment with all the machinery necessary to fix it.

A11. [John Duscher]: If we could get you to fix it, we might not have needed to have the meeting tonight.

State Coal Mine 'progress' an illusion, she says

ONE of the driving forces behind last Wednesday's State Coal Mine crisis meeting, 'Friends' group member Sheila Ormerod, believes any impression the community might have been given about progress on the night is, sadly, an illusion.

Ms Ormerod said the promised meeting between the Friends of the State Coal Mine President, Steve Harrop, and District Manager at Parks Victoria, Victoria Purdue, last Friday, March 31, came to nothing or worse, less than nothing.

"They had the meeting, but nothing came out of it," Ms Ormerod said.

"They don't think they can go ahead and try to find a lessee for the café because they think they will be deterred by the fact that the underground mine tours haven't resumed, and that it will affect trade in the café," Ms Ormerod said.

"But that's nonsense. Vicki (former lessee) had the café running well for more than two years while the mine tours were sidelined, and she still continued on quite well with breakfasts, lunches, special events and catering.

"There's no reason why they couldn't put that contract out and have someone take it on.

"As for the resumption of the underground mine tours, they don't seem to know how to make progress on that.

"We asked them to bring the Drift Car back to Wonthaggi, that we have engineering firms here that will do the work but we're not sure they want to do it that way.

"They don't seem to know what they want to do. I don't think we've made much progress on this at all."

Ms Ormerod praised the 300 people who came out for the public meeting on Wednesday night, and noted that representatives of the Friends, including

Steve Harrop, herself and Bass Coast Shire Councillor Cr Brett Tessari, had followed up by also meeting with Eastern Victoria MP Melina Bath, but she feared the group had not made any progress.

"It might be that we've got to try and take matters into our own hands," she said.

Go Fund Me page

To that end, another Friend of the State Coal Mine, Louis Main, has organised a fundraiser on the crowd funding site, Go Fund Me at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/friends-of-the-state-coal-mine-association>.

He is calling for \$50,000 for the necessary repairs to the mine rolling stock and his message is a simple one:

"Hi guys, as you may or may not know, our State Coal Mine in Wonthaggi (underground tours) is closed at the moment due to a lack of funding, and is in much need of donations to go towards repairs and reopening the mine's underground tours.

"It is the only place of its kind within the Southern Hemisphere and would be a big shame to lose it as a tourist destination, for us and future generations not to be able to experience the history that it offers, including the role that it played in shaping our State of Victoria."

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Council Update



Orders under Domestic Animals Act 1994

On 20 October 2021, Bass Coast Shire Council (Council) resolved at its meeting to adopt the Domestic Animal Management Plan (DAMP) 2021–2025.

Per objective 5.3 24/7 Cat Containment of the DAMP, and in accordance with the provisions of sections 25 and 26 of the Domestic Animals Act 1994, notice is hereby given that from 1 July 2023, cats must not be found at large outside the owner's premises.

In all public places within Council's municipal district, cats must be under effective control by means of a purpose-built carrier, or harness and leash and in the presence of the owner at all times.

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Why Cape Paterson residents are losing the argument



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

HOW the settlements and towns grow in the burgeoning municipality of Bass Coast over the next 10 to 20 years could be significantly impacted by a round of public hearings currently being conducted by the Distinctive Areas and Landscape Standing Advisory Committee.

However, while many of the shire's coastal towns already have firm settlement boundaries, that will take a bit of shifting, despite concerted efforts by developers during these hearings, it's not the case at Cape Paterson.

In fact, not only has an expansion of housing on the northern side of Seaward Drive Cape Paterson been part of the Cape Paterson Strategic Framework Plan and settlement boundary, in the Bass Coast Planning Scheme, since 2011, the likelihood that it will ultimately host as many as 900 new 'lifestyle' blocks in the future is increased by the restrictions on coastal settlements elsewhere.

It was an argument delivered with devastating clarity by expert witness for would-be Cape Paterson developers, Wallis Watson Cape Paterson Pty Ltd, Chris McNeill of Ethos Urban, an expert in economics and land supply, at a session in Melbourne on Monday this week.

Mr McNeill said he had undertaken a "first principles" land supply analysis of the whole of Bass Coast, concentrating on Cape Paterson and found the whole shire undersupplied, for both conventional and lifestyle allotments.

"I have counted only 20 allotments in the old section of Cape Paterson (only one of which is for sale, he said later), and of the 116 lots in The Cape estate still to be built on, only 32 were still for sale as of January this year," Mr McNeill said.

He went on to say there was the potential for 980 blocks to be developed in the area north of Seaward Drive in the future, and given the constraints on other coastal settlements in the shire, this land would become "a key component of lifestyle land supply for Bass Coast,

key to the future of land supply in the lifestyle (coastal) townships overall".

He described the difference between conventional residential and lifestyle land and the fact that the needs of both submarkets needed to be recognised in planning.

David Hayward, on behalf of the Cape Paterson Residents and Ratepayers Association questioned Mr McNeill at length about his findings, claiming that he had taken the highest possible figure on demand for housing in the shire and understated the potential for infill development to provide more land for housing.

"Council should be trying to convert more of that infill land for development," Mr Hayward said.

Mr McNeill agreed it was a worthy aim, but in his experience it was very hard to get the people who owned that land to release it to the market, possibly 5% to 10% over a 10 year period.

He said that an inspection of some of the shire's lifestyle settlements had shown neighbouring homes had incorporated these vacant into their gardens and it was clear they might never be available for additional housing.

Mr Hayward also sought to make the point that Wonthaggi was actually a "coastal" location and was being marketed as such in some of the town's new estates.

He said Wonthaggi could be

expected to also absorb some of the demand for "lifestyle" housing.

"Are you aware of what the Wonthaggi Hotel has displayed at the front of its premises?" he asked Mr McNeill.

"I assume al fresco dining," responded Mr McNeill.

"Well, no, it's the whalebones recovered from the beach in 1932. I put it to you that you wouldn't have that if it wasn't a coastal town."

"That maybe so," McNeill said, but also making the point that he suspected the vast majority of people living in Wonthaggi were doing so for "conventional" purposes rather than lifestyle.

But the panel brought the exchange to a close.

"You are making a number of submissions to Mr McNeill and trying to get him to agree with you," said one of the panel members.

It was after that challenge that Mr Hayward said he would conclude his question time.

"When you look at Cape Paterson's land prices, they have gone up significantly since 2017. Do you know why that would be?" a panel member asked Mr McNeill.

"Two reasons, fewer properties being available for sale in the existing area of Cape Paterson and an impression that the blocks in The Cape were more expensive."

"Would you say Cape Paterson was an affordable area?"

"No, not compared to more

conventional residential areas. I identified 20 residential lots, but I could find only one that was available for sale."

The Distinctive Areas and Landscape Standing Advisory Committee has been sitting since March 6, in Melbourne and locally, and as well as questions about expanding settlement boundaries, they have also heard submissions from the Victorian Farmers Federation supporting the right to farm in Bass Coast, on such issues as the difference between 'post and rail' fences and 'post and wire' fences and why farmers needed to be supported when building farm buildings for equipment, protection of farm animals and stockfeed, not hit with additional planning controls.

The committee will continue to hear submissions in Melbourne this week, including from the Wattlebank Community Group and former Bass Coast Councillor Neil Rankine on Wednesday, April 5 before adjourning for Easter and resuming at the Cape Paterson Surf Lifesaving Club on Wednesday, April 12 when it will hear from the Save Western Port Woodlands group, the South Gippsland Conservation Society and the Victorian National Parks Association.

The Cape Paterson Residents and Ratepayers Association will make their submission to the committee on Thursday, April 13, also at the Cape Paterson Surf Lifesaving Club from 10am.

Mayor's message

Nominate a superstar volunteer for the NEW Bass Coast Community Awards

VOLUNTEERS are the lifeblood of our community. Their sacrifice and generosity provide a strong sense of social connection and belonging which make Bass Coast a better place to live. They truly deserve our thanks.

Volunteering can offer extra meaning and purpose to everyday life, both to those being helped and the helpers. Communities can exist or be created from a shared location, hobbies, lived experiences and backgrounds, or a common cause. For many people, communicating with others – through online forums, social media, or in person – can help them to have a healthier mindset, improved

self-worth, and greater enjoyment of life.

Around one-third of Australian adults are not involved in any social or community groups. Having people to talk to and depend on, making new connections through hobbies or a social group, can help reduce the risk of mental illness.

COVID had big impacts on volunteering in Bass Coast as numbers dropped during the pandemic. Recruits are still low in key groups, with leadership positions vacant. So those who have remained, leading change and creating impact, are true superheroes for our community.

This year's new Bass Coast Community Awards, presented on 15 May during National Volunteer Week, provide the perfect opportunity to celebrate out-

standing individuals or groups who consistently go above and beyond in their contribution to our community.

Nominations close on 11 April so I urge everyone to ensure our volunteer heroes are recognised. There are four new categories:

Community Leader Award (all ages) - For an individual who - in their profession or as a volunteer - leads by example, inspires others, and demonstrates excellence and commitment in their field.

Next Generation Leader Award (aged 12 to 25) - Celebrates an exceptional young person(s) who demonstrate leadership and courage, to make an outstanding contribution to the Bass Coast Community that inspires others.

Community Group Award - Recognises a Bass Coast com-

munity group, sports club, or not-for-profit, which provides support, events, fundraising or services for the benefit of residents and visitors.

Environment and Sustainability Award - Recognises outstanding contributions towards the protection or enhancement of Bass Coast's natural environment, advocating for climate action or embracing sustainable living.

Please nominate a volunteer community hero at www.bass-coast.vic.gov.au/community-awards



Cr Michael Whelan

Full honours for 75-year fire fighter

WHEN the Phillip Island Bulldogs run out on to the ground on Easter Saturday, they'll wear a black armband for the former 1951 premiership team member and 40-year first-aid trainer, the late Artie Murdoch.

But, as any Phillip Islander can tell you, the contribution to the community made by this amazing man over the course of much of his 93-year life goes way beyond his love for the local football-netball club, where he was awarded life membership in 1974.

The first-ever recipient of the Phillip Island and San Remo Rotary Club's 'Citizen of the Year' award in 1983, and in August 2017, honoured during a visit to the Island by Governor General Sir Peter Cosgrove and Lady Cosgrove with the Governor General's award, in recognition of his service to the CFA and to the local community. Mr Murdoch was laid to rest on Tuesday, March 29 with full emergency service honours.

But much of the time during the 'celebration of his life' at the old fire station in Settlement Road was spent reading out his long list of contributions to the community including his 40-year commitment to the local ambulance service, as one of the original 17 volunteer drivers when there were no ambulances on the Island and also as a long-time fundraiser for the ambulance auxiliary, earning him life membership of Ambulance Victoria in 2018.

Artie was made a Life Governor of the Royal Childrens' Hospital in 1997 for his ongoing support of the Good Friday Appeal, collecting outside the Cowes IGA Supermarket, in uniform, in front of the



Full fire brigade and emergency service honours were accorded to Phillip Island identity Artie Murdoch at his funeral last week.

fire truck for decades until COVID forced a halt in 2020.

He was for 25 years a member of the Phillip Island Band, a member of the Phillip Island Cricket Club, was a long-serving Masonic Lodge member, helped run local youth clubs for 40 years, in support of his wife of nearly 65 years, June, who was also a life member of the Phillip Island Fire Brigade.

Artie was also an employee of the Phillip Island Shire for 44 years, including as its superintendent of works, contributing many hours of unpaid work over the years, to benefit the local community.

But it was in the 75 years of service to the Phillip Island and district community as a firefighter and captain of the Phillip Island Fire Brigade for 21 of those years, until 1987, that he really stands out.

As detailed by CFA Assistant

Chief Officer Trevor Owen, one of several CFA, SES and Ambulance Victoria leaders at the funeral, Arthur Murdoch joined the CFA at the age 11, on December 20, 1948, and was in his 75th year as a volunteer firefighter when he died on Sunday, March 19.

Mr Owen said it was always the intention of the service to award Mr Murdoch his 75-year service medal, but he took the opportunity of doing it posthumously at the service, handing it on to Mrs Murdoch, whom he said had also served many years on fire call communications and in support of her husband.

Phillip Island CFA Fourth Lieutenant Rhyce Davis continued on with a summary of Artie Murdoch's CFA service, noting that he joined the brigade just 11 years after it was established in 1937, when equipment was scarce but

the commitment to protecting life and property was no less passionate.

He said Artie never missed a call-out until he was well over 70 years of age, in the initial stages turning out in thongs and shorts, as the need arose, but playing a key role in the provisioning of volunteers in the years to follow, culminating in the Phillip Island brigade's latest tanker being named for Artie Murdoch.

Highland and Celtic Piper Ian Arrell OAM led the parade, and an impressive guard of honour lined Settlement Road as the cortège left for a private burial at the Phillip Island Cemetery.

It was stated at the funeral that Phillip Island will not see the likes of Artie Murdoch's service again, but it's inspirational all the same. Rest in Peace, Artie. Thanks for your service.

"He never missed a Sunday training or working bee, and even up until recent years he might be seen sweeping out the shed or helping with one or two other jobs."

"He loved the fire brigade, he was a true gentleman and his work ethic and values were an inspiration to all that followed him."

Son David, a career firefighter, also spoke at the funeral, saying there would never be anyone to repeat what Artie has done.

"Dad never stopped. He was married to June for nearly 65 years, and she backed him to the hilt. He was also a great father to all of us. How, you might say, surely, he was never home... because he used to drag us all along with him."

The Australian of the Year award has been greatly politicised in recent years as authorities have focussed attention on family violence, indigenous affairs, disability, sexual assault, gender equity, body image and the like, or awarded people for doing jobs they've been well paid to do.

But surely, if there was ever someone who deserved to be named Australian of the Year, it had to be Artie Murdoch.

In the end, he received what was probably more important to him, due recognition from his own community in life, and in death, a wonderful celebration of his life, by his family and his peers, including a funeral with full emergency service honours and an impressive guard of honour of firefighters, SES personnel, police and ambulance officers, with a procession of the brigade's fire trucks, piped out by Highland and Celtic Piper Ian Arrell OAM.

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Social housing projects could go ahead this year

DETAILS of social housing proposals at Wonthaggi North and Cowes have been revealed after much anticipation.

During late 2021, Bass Coast Shire made available unused road reserves for Community Housing Victoria Limited (CHVL) to explore social housing developments.

Subsequently, CHVL progressed with sites near Henry Street West, Henry Street East and Ivor Street in Wonthaggi North, and between Wyndham Avenue and Roydon Road, Cowes.

The projects form part of the State Government's \$5.3B Big Housing Build, which included \$25 million for the Bass Coast.

Residents within 50 metres of the sites were notified of the consultation period, which is running from March 16 to April 6.

According to CHVL, under the Big Housing Build, projects creating less than 29 houses are consulted on for a period of three weeks and there is no requirement to hold a public meeting for a development of this size.

Housing details

The subject site at Wonthaggi North consists of three sections of undeveloped road reserve (George Street), that run from north to south and are separated by roads and rear laneways.

The proposal could see the



Pictured are the proposed housing developments in Wonthaggi North along Henry Street West, Henry Street East and Ivor Street.

construction of nine single storey dwellings with each dwelling to have two bedrooms, an open plan kitchen, living and dining area, bathroom and an area of private open space.

One car parking space will be provided per dwelling, with vehicle access provided via a single shared driveway.

While at Cowes, five single storey dwellings within an area of unused road reserve between Roydon Road and Wyndham

Avenue are proposed.

The project will provide accommodation for low income households.

The shire is undertaking a road closure process to enable the developments.

According to CHVL, once this process is complete and if the proposed development receives planning approval, CHVL will enter into a 30-year ground lease with the shire and be responsible for the operation and

maintenance of the development for the duration of the lease.

The application will be submitted to the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP), with the responsible authority for determining the application the Minister for Planning.

The houses are scheduled to commence construction in late 2023, with completion expected to be in the fourth quarter of 2024.

A nearby resident had written to the Sentinel-Times expressing their 'dismay' over the development at Wonthaggi North.

They stated they believed after carefully considering purchasing their current property, they now face a 'loss in welfare; property value and peace of mind.'

To view the developments, visit chl.org.au/about-us/our-developments/

Jessica Harrison from Housing Matters Bass Coast welcomed the developments.

"Our group has been advocating for more public and community housing to be built in Bass Coast since we formed in 2019. There are many people suffering housing stress in our area.

"This week, just as our autumn weather turned to rain, a local couple asked on an online community noticeboard if anyone could spare a tent for them. They had no alternative."

Raising funds for Turkish earthquake victims

THE plight of people in Turkey and Syria might have gone out of the headlines, but the devastating impact of a series of serious earthquakes, starting with a 7.8 magnitude quake on Monday, February 6, continues.

And linked in with their international aid agency the members of the Woodleigh Vale Red Cross Unit at Grantville are only too well aware of what's required – money for aid agencies on the ground.

Last Thursday, March 28, they set up a well-stocked street stall in Bunnings Wonthaggi where they not only got a good response for their home-baked goodies, but were also able to spread the word about the Turkish and Syrian earthquake response.

On Monday, February 6 an earthquake with a 7.8 magnitude struck at 4.17am local time near the Turkish city of Gaziantep. The earthquake also heavily impacted north-west Syria, a region where 4.1 million people were already dependent on humanitarian assistance.

At 1.24pm local time on the same day, a second earthquake, also magnitude 7.8, occurred at Elbistan, Kahramanmaraş in Turkey, around 80km north of the first earthquake. The earthquakes have been followed by more than 2000 aftershocks, including one in the Hatay province in southern Turkey, of 6.3 magnitude, causing further damage and killing three more people.

As of March 20, 2023, more than 57,300 deaths were confirmed; over 50,000 in Turkey, and more than 7200 in Syria, 850,000 children remain displaced in Turkey and Syria and at least 900,000 people urgently in need of food in both countries.

The most effective way Australians can help is to give a cash donation to one of the many Australian non-government organisations (NGOs) appealing for support. Donate to Red Cross at <https://www.redcross.org.au/protect-humanity/>

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Advocacy for South Gippsland in Canberra

On Thursday 23 and Friday 24 March, Mayor Nathan Hersey, Deputy Mayor Clare Williams, CEO Kerryn Ellis and Customer Communication and Advocacy Manager Nina Barry-Macaulay went to Canberra to talk all things South Gippsland.

Meeting with 10 key Ministers, Members and heads of departments provided an opportunity to discuss issues that are important to our region. These included agriculture, roads and transport, infrastructure, mental health, renewable energy and education.

These were all extremely productive and resulted in a greater understanding of the importance of South Gippsland.

Along with Mayor Hersey's recent appointments to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) board and as Deputy Chair of One Gippsland, these are terrific opportunities for South Gippsland to be seen as more than just a small country Council. We are strong, important and will always strive for the best outcomes for our region.

Productive and positive engagement with State and Federal governments is key and we look forward to developing these relationships to ensure South Gippsland is considered in future decision-making.

Meet the Mayor and Deputy Mayor



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

To book, please contact:

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 19 April 2.00pm
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Dates are also listed on Council's website at:

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

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

Please contact the Governance Team for questions about Council Meetings.

REQUESTS FOR TENDER

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

RFT/349 – Korumburra Football Netball Club Changerooms Project

Tenders close 2.00pm AEST on Wednesday 26 April 2023.

RFT/216 – Provision of Linemarking Services

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

RFT/357 – Construction of Meeniyan Community Hub

Tenders close at 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 16 May 2023.

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal

www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/tenders

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Road safety in focus for Korumburra

SCHOOL crossing safety in Korumburra and related traffic management are the focus of a current South Gippsland Shire Council investigation.

It is hoped the investigation will resolve safety concerns for the town's primary school students, including groups of youngsters being walked between Karmai Children's Centre and the schools.

A council spokesperson outlined the aims of the investigation.

They are to identify preferred school drop off and pick up locations, explore the possibility of a new school crossing for students and parents crossing Princes Street, and develop concept designs for pedestrian and traffic management to improve safety along the Princes Street school precinct.

The investigation was sparked by concerns raised regarding a perceived unsafe drop off/pick up parking zone and pedestrian crossing point, increased turning traffic, both buses and cars, and speeding vehicles using Princes Street as a town bypass.

"The project will seek to actively engage with school communities, local residents and businesses, bus operators, emergency services, and the wider community to gain insights into local and school traffic," the spokesperson said.

Karmai Children's Centre operational manager Sue Ritchie is encouraged by the study, being keen to see safety improvements for its 'walking bus' groups between the centre and the town's primary schools and kindergarten.

"We are working with them through the process," Sue said of council, acknowledging those at the centre are keen to see action to improve safety as soon as possible.

While she said the Children's Centre has previously made suggestions to council, such as potentially moving one of the school crossings down the hill to create greater visibility, she supports the need for expert assessment to ensure measures implemented are practical.



Crossing supervisor David Barker ensures safe passage for the Karmai Children's Centre 'Walking Bus' group. A29_1423

"We're not engineers," she said, conceding those at Karmai and the schools don't have the expertise to know exactly what is feasible.

Korumburra Primary School principal Nathan Pirouet also envisages the possibility of a crossing in a new location, while acknowledging you can only have them in so many places.

"We've got families that have kids at both of our schools, the kinder and here, and they're crossing over on that busy road where cars get up a bit of speed, and they're walking prams across the road there," Nathan said.

"It's too far out of the way to go up to the corner, so humans being humans, they don't go up there."

Nathan said it would make sense to have a crossing where many people are already crossing, given the much larger school population at KPS.

He stressed that he is not forgetting St Joseph's Primary School and the need to ensure safety for its students.

"When the Korumburra Children's Centre was being planned out, there was a promise traffic management infrastructure would be put in, and our observation is there's been nothing," Nathan said.

"For us, it's just a safety

thing; we've noticed near misses and speeding cars and our families trying to cross the road in that environment."

In the short term, the KPS principal would like to see digital speed signs.

Sue of Karmai acknowledged safety measures have been taken in response to some of the concerns raised.

"Some of the temporary solutions we asked to get put in did, like more signage to say that it was a school crossing area," she said.

While she would like to see afternoon speed limit reductions extended beyond 4pm, she acknowledges that is not something that can be implemented at a local level, with Regional Roads Victoria determining those requirements.

The council spokesperson stressed that school crossings are for schoolchildren, not for preschool children, who are considered to need even closer supervision.

Walking Bus safety

SENTINEL-TIMES joined Karmai Children's Centre operational manager Sue Ritchie and other Karmai staff as they walked a group of enthusiastic young students from the Children's Centre to the town's two primary schools on Friday morning.

The entire group had to

negotiate the Princes Street crossing nearest their centre, doing so with the assistance of attentive crossing supervisor David Barker, who spoke of the concerns posed by limited visibility uphill from the crossing.

"You don't know how fast they're coming over the hill and people build up speed as they do so," David said, adding he listens keenly for trucks, letting them go if possible before attempting to halt traffic.

Sue mentioned a couple of near accidents that occurred approximately a year-and-a-half ago.

"One involved the gentleman who is the crossing supervisor and the other a couple of our educators and children," she said, noting that on those occasions drivers had to brake heavily.

Joanna Lomagno was in charge of the crossing around the corner, helping young St Joseph's Primary School student Eleanor and Sue cross safely to the school.

Sue highlighted the possibility of adding an additional crossing over Guys Road for St Joseph's students and parents walking between there and the nearby housing estate.

South Gippsland Shire Council is currently undertaking an investigation to improve pedestrian safety in the Princes Street education precinct.

Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey

Gippsland Business Awards Nominations Open

THE Gippsland Business Awards for 2023 are calling for nominations. Closing on Friday, May 12, the awards highlight the achievements of successful businesses from across Gippsland in a number of categories.

Over the past few years, we have been extremely lucky to have finalists and some winners from South Gippsland in many categories. Last year, Gurney's Cidery was a winner in the Food and Wine Producers category which is a terrific acknowledgement of their hard work and contribution to the industry, and visitors. They were also announced Gippsland Business of the Year which was also an incredible achievement.

To submit a nomination, please visit www.gba.org.au

Great Southern Rail Trail Official Opening

On Saturday, we officially opened the Nyora to Leongatha section of the Great Southern Rail Trail.

While the weather was on the cooler side, everyone was very excited to join us in celebrating this milestone. Many residents and visitors walked, rode or jogged along the Rail Trail, collecting stamps at each town, and enjoyed some hospitality from local community groups.

I would like to thank the community groups and towns who

supported the opening to make it more than just a ribbon cutting. The stops along the way to enjoy a bite to eat, something to drink and enjoy the scenery, would not have been possible without you. I would also like to commend the staff who organised the event and got the project completed. I know that many locals and visitors will make the most of this asset for many years.

Meet the Mayor and Deputy Mayor

The next Meet the Mayor and Deputy Mayor meetings will be held on Thursday, April 27 between 9.00am and 1.00pm.

Held at Council's main office at 9 Smith Street, these meetings will be 20 minutes long and provide the community with an opportunity to talk about what is happening in their area.

Due to the overwhelming popularity of these meetings, priority will be given to those who have not had the opportunity to meet with us before.

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

House Numbers

A reminder that it is both a local law and a matter of safety to have clearly signed property numbers displayed on each property. I encourage all residents to check that a number is clearly visible from the street and if not, to install one. I know that many of our emergency services personnel will appreciate it.

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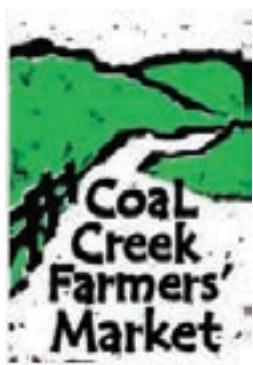
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National Australia Bank picket

A LIVELY crowd of climate clowns, School Strikers for Climate and Bass Coast Climate Action Network members sent a strong message to NAB in Cowes on Wednesday (March 29).

The action was part of Move Beyond Coal's national 10 days of action calling for NAB to stop funding Whitehaven Coal, which plans to double their coal mining operations with four dangerous new coal projects. NAB are funding the expansion.

"What kind of future will I have, when my generation has to deal with run-away climate change? Floods, fires and unpredictable weather events will increase as our planet heats. This is our last chance to stop fossil fuel expansion" said Phillip Island student, Joey Thompson from School Strike 4 Climate.

"Fifty branches are being picketed this week. Across the continent, people are dropping into their local NAB branches, talking with staff and customers, sending emails, making phone calls to tell NAB to rule out funding Whitehaven Coal. Our protest was even visited by a cardboard version of NAB CEO Ross McEwan, who suggested painting NAB branches green as a compromise!" said Joey.

Head to facebook.com/groups/890804478798183/ for more information.

Travel all the way from Nyora to Port Welshpool!

ON SATURDAY, the Great Southern Rail Trail Extension between Nyora and Leongatha was officially opened.

The opening and ribbon cutting were held at the Loch railway station with speeches by the Hon Harriet Shing, Minister for Water, Regional Development and Equality and South Gippsland Shire Council Mayor, Nathan Hersey.

The 36km extension was a substantial project which required rail removal, gravel placement, drainage, rail crossings, new bridges, bridge decks and railings.

The extension opening means that the trail now spans an impressive 107km between Nyora and Port Welshpool, with an additional extension currently underway between Alberton and Welshpool.

The ribbon cutting was just one part of the day however, with supporting events also held in many towns along the trail between Nyora and Leongatha.

The Nyora Men's Shed kicked off the celebrations by hosting an egg and bacon breakfast in Nyora, which was then followed by a 'search for clues' activity in Loch coordinated by the Loch Community Development Association.

Approximately 200 people participated in the event, with around half undertaking the whole 36km. Most participants cycled, although there were also some walkers who did smaller sections and a handful who walked or ran the entire length.

Cr Nathan Hersey, Mayor of South Gippsland Shire Council



Lisa Riley, Karen Argento, Sophie Dixon, Alyssa, and Amanda Browne met with volunteers on their rail trail ride - finishing in Leongatha after travelling 37km.

said, "The Great Southern Rail Trail has been developed over the years with many improvements made to the trail, including the Foster to Port Welshpool extension and the bridge works at Black Spur.

"Last year, we celebrated a significant project milestone when the Korumburra to Leongatha section was opened and now, we have celebrated the opening of the full extension.

Every improvement made to the trail - small or large - helps to cement the Great Southern Rail Trail as one of our region's most important visitor attractions and one of our most important community assets."

Hon Harriet Shing, Minister for Water, Regional Development and Equality opened the extension by sharing, "We are so delighted to have been able to fund \$1.3 million towards

this work, and indeed to build on the \$6 million that we funded from Alberton through to Welshpool.

"This is about 40,000 people using this trail every year. It's about an accessible, welcoming, and inclusive use of a corridor and a thoroughfare that encourages people to stop off to enjoy the beautiful local towns that have such a unique part of Gippsland identity."

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End of daylight saving a reminder to check your smoke alarms

AS daylight savings kicks in, Victorian fire services want you to take the opportunity to check your smoke alarms and ensure they are in good working condition.

Only working smoke alarms save lives, and that is the message Country Fire Authority (CFA) and Fire Rescue Victoria (FRV) are telling all Victorians as the state turns its clocks back for Daylight Saving.

To check your smoke alarm, press 'test' and wait for the beeping sound, then each month continue to test, vacuum, and dust your alarm to remove any particles that may affect its performance.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan said it is essential that families are conducting monthly testing of their smoke alarms to keep their loved ones safe.

"Without a working smoke alarm in all living and sleeping areas of your house, you may not wake if there is a fire," Chief Officer Heffernan said.

"We know that in the last 10 years, CFA have responded to more than 14,000 residential fires that have seen 490 casualties. We want to see that number drop significantly."

"The best way to keep your family safe is to install interconnected smoke alarms, so that when any alarm activates, all smoke alarms will sound, allowing you to evacuate early. If you live in a house with



John and Ian of Wonthaggi Fire Brigade are urging locals to remember to replace fire alarms not just batteries and also change/check your holiday homes. C05_1423

more than one level, it's best to install a smoke alarm on each of those levels.

"We recommend the use of smoke alarms powered by a 10-year lithium battery to ensure their longevity."

When checking, installing, or replacing your smoke alarms, CFA and FRV recommend:

- Only working smoke alarms save lives.
- The use of smoke alarms powered by a 10-year lithium battery.
- Smoke alarms must be located between each bed-

room area and the rest of the house.

- Smoke alarms should be installed in every bedroom and living area.
- Smoke alarms should be installed on the ceiling at least 30cm from the wall, or installed on the wall at least 30cm from the ceiling to avoid dead air space.
- Smoke alarms should be interconnected, so that when any alarm activates, all smoke alarms will sound.
- Smoke alarms should be tested monthly by pressing the test button on the alarm

and waiting for the test alarm to sound.

- Smoke alarms should be cleaned with a vacuum cleaner or dusted at least once a year to remove particles that will affect smoke alarm performance.
- Replaceable batteries in a smoke alarm need to be changed yearly.
- Smoke alarms, including those attached to mains power, should be replaced every 10 years.

For more information visit the CFA website and FRV website.



A young family of five have lost everything in a devastating house fire over the weekend.

Fire tragically claims family home

A DEVASTATING fire tore through a family home in Loch on Saturday (April 1), as 15 CFA units worked to bring the fire under control.

Fully involved by the time fire crews arrived additional support was requested from Traralgon and Pakenham, as local crews from Loch, Poowong, Korumburra, Kongwak, Lang Lang and Kernot-Grantville Fire Brigade's, and Bass Coast Group Rehab Unit, worked to contain and extinguish the blaze.

The fire was brought under control by 5.38pm with the incident deemed safe around 7.40pm.

Victoria Police and Fire Investigation both attended the scene, however, the brick veneer house fire is not being treated as suspicious.

The local community has set up a Go-FundMe page for the young family – [go-fund.me/160a8e39](https://www.gofundme.com/f/160a8e39)

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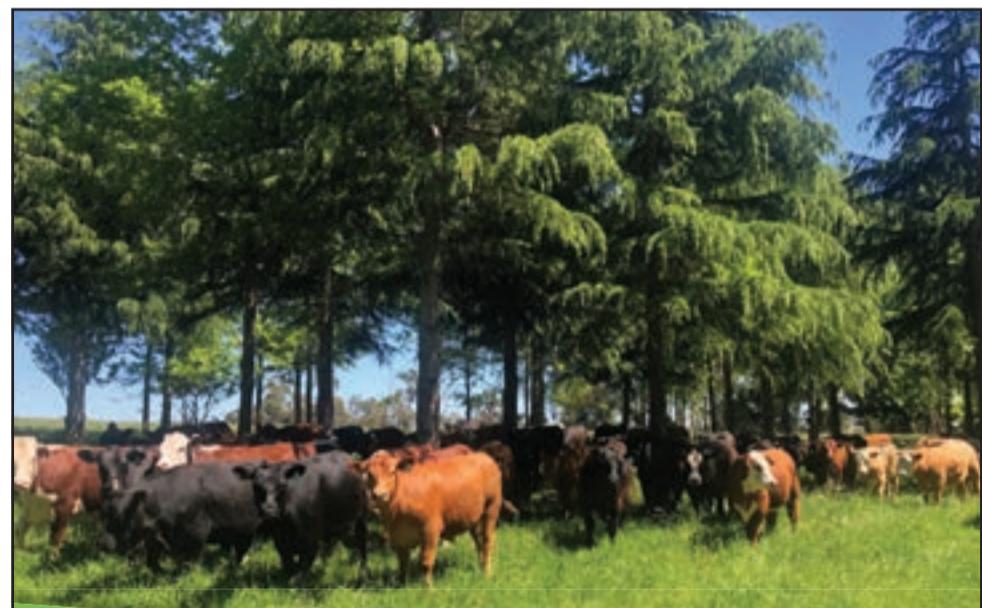
Wishing everyone a safe and happy Easter.

Please remember to be safe on the roads over the long weekend.



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

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



Big plans for St Peter's in Leongatha

PETER Finlayson of St Peter's Anglican Church in Leongatha is excited about plans to enhance the building's appeal and functionality, aimed at benefiting both parishioners and the broader community.

He is the building development officer for the ambitious project, in addition to his usual responsibility as a church warden.

The most dramatic component of the envisaged transformation is to create a fully-enclosed glass multi-purpose area allowing space for events and gatherings.

As well as opening up the church and making it more inviting, the new glass foyer area with metal roof will be a comfortable place for people to enjoy during events.

There have been thoughts of developing the church and amenities for at least 25 years, with Peter saying, "It's time."

While the new function space is set to be the most stunning aspect of the project, there are important plans for new amenities, with a modern kitchen and toilet facilities including disabled access identified as crucial.

The intended project also includes multiple entries to the church, designed to provide easy access for all, including those with mobility issues.

Those volunteering to cook Wednesday meals, served to parishioners and other community members, are restricted in a tiny and dated kitchen offering limited cooking facilities.

Peter said that if you have more than three people in the kitchen, it is difficult for them to work without bumping into each other.

"On a Wednesday we're providing a hot meal for the residents of Leongatha, for those that need one and for those looking for fellowship," he said of the importance of having kitchen facilities fit for purpose.

Peter stressed the meals are the highlight of some locals' week.

Current toilet facilities are even more inadequate than the kitchen.

"We have one male toilet and one female toilet, so when 250 people come to a funeral it's a bit embarrassing," Peter said of the current situation.

Such has been the enthusiasm among St Peter's parishioners that already \$1 million has been raised of the \$2million forecast total costed by engineers and architects.

The total cost was originally expected to be \$1.5 million, but that figure has risen along with general material and building cost increases.

St Peter's is now calling on local businesses and members of the public to assist with funding for the project, with Peter highlighting its importance to the community, central position and potential to hold a wide range of events.

It's hoped plans can be submitted to council for approval around June this year, with the intention to start work on the project during 2024.

Peter is keen to use local tradespeople to carry out as much of the work as possible.

Men's talent on show at Leongatha shed

LEONGATHA Men's Shed opened the doors on Friday for the community to check out its modern facilities along with examples of the men's work.

Attendees were treated to a free concert.

The acoustics of the impressive meeting and kitchen area passed the test when the South Gippsland Shire Brass Band was driven inside by rain.

Their performance followed that of the Treble F's, a community singing group that has a strong connection to the Men's Shed, practising there on Tuesdays.

'Singing in the Rain' was an apt number for South Gippsland but, surprisingly, 'Blue Skies' was soon accurate.

However, the weather mattered little to the sizeable gathering, all comfortably housed in the large shed.

As well as the opportunity for visitors to wander through the men's workshop, inspecting creations as diverse as toys and furniture, it was a chance for members to promote upcoming monthly men's activities at the shed.

Paull Lahn is coordinating that monthly program, with South Gippsland men encouraged to come and take part.

A 'Cook & Eat' session features in April, bringing men together to produce nutritious food in the shed's modern kitchen.

Meal preparations will be supervised by Cheryl Lamb and Kerry Thornton, both members of the Leongatha Community Garden, with fresh produce from the garden likely to

Wendy said she hadn't seen the shed before and is im-



Len Reid, president Max Wood, and Paull Lahn of Leongatha Men's Shed during its open day, with Len's bench. A03_1423

be used.

Cheryl brings the expertise of many years in the hospitality industry and will offer the men practical cooking tips.

Those attending May's session will learn how to make toy cars for 'Operation Christmas Child'.

Other end of month Friday events at Leongatha Men's Shed this year include a Men's Health program, learning to make a possum box, a 'Retired Farmers Forum', and a Christmas celebration.

Locals Graeme and Wendy Evans were among those wandering the men's workshop and checking out the handiwork.

Wendy said she hadn't seen the shed before and is im-

pressed with it, believing it is great to have such a place for men to get together and work, and that the open day offered an excellent opportunity to show what they can do.

One of the shed's newer members, Jim Hendry has wasted no time getting to work, having started there around 10 weeks ago and already producing a collection of colourful wooden toys.

Having previously taught acrylic painting, Jim arrived with a creative flair, something that can be seen in his toys, such as an elephant with leather ears and a trunk made with the rubber casing from a pencil.

"My wife suggested coming here and it's been thoroughly

enjoyable," Jim said, adding that the guys at the shed are all friendly.

Those at the open day enjoyed scones and a cuppa as well as a lunchtime snag, with the event the first of this year's monthly activities.

The Cook & Eat session will be held at Leongatha Men's Shed on Friday April 28, beginning at 10am.

Bookings can be made through the Leongatha Men's Shed Facebook page, by emailing Igatha.mens@gmail.com or by calling Paull Lahn on 0438 326 103.

Full details of each upcoming monthly Friday session will feature in the Sentinel-Times on the second Tuesday of the month.

Uncle Bobs Club success at the Austral Hotel



FRIDAY'S goods and services auction at Korumburra's Austral Hotel was a raging success, with \$10,725 raised for The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

The event was organised by publican Trudy Cairns and Melissa Whelan of Uncle Bobs Club.

Auctioneer Stuart Jenkin gained plenty of enthusiasm from bidders competing for items generously donated by Korumburra and Leongatha

businesses. Uncle Bobs Club has been supporting children's health since the early 1940s and began its association with the Good Friday Appeal in 1948.

LEFT: Melissa Whelan (Uncle Bobs Club), Trudy Cairns (Austral Hotel), Eddie Hams and Jimmy Kyle (auctioneers) and Ian and Denise Gibson (Uncle Bobs Club) get into the spirit of the occasion raising funds for the Good Friday Appeal.

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Lyn Skillern with the families and descendants of the soldiers written about in her new book 'Forgotten For Too Long'.

Lyn's latest history piece is a must read

LYN Skillern launched her book 'Forgotten For Too Long' on Sunday, March 26.

The book tells the story of 79 men associated with Gippsland, who were in Lark Force, with most being part of the 2/22nd Infantry Battalion.

The launch was well attended with over 100 people in the audience, and many of these were direct relatives and descendants of the soldiers that Lyn had researched and written about.

Lyn was able to meet these people face to face for the first time.

"It was wonderful... Meeting people in person was nice as I've only spoken to them on the phone."

Many of the men's family members gave Lyn information and photographs and wrote the stories of their relatives.

After time, Lyn began to be able match faces with names and could identify soldiers in group pictures and tell families who stood alongside their relatives.

As the story began to unfold, Lyn decided that they deserved their story to be told, stating it was one of the biggest debacles.

The start of this book began about 20 years ago with just a spark of an idea, when Lyn was a teacher at Leongatha High School.

An honour board displayed at the school listed the names of two students and a teacher who died in the First World War, and 22 students who died in the Second World War.

Each time the school captain read the names out from the board, Lyn thought, "One day when I've got time, I would like to find out what happened to all those men."

That day came around the time when Lyn was retiring in 2002, and she became interested in the stories of two men



Lyn Skillern with her new book 'Forgotten For Too Long' about Gippsland men who served in the Lark Force during WW2.

in particular.

"One was on a prisoner of war ship, a ship that was carrying prisoners of war that was sunk on the first of July 1942.... Another was in a massacre of prisoners on Rabaul in New Guinea, in March 1942."

"I discovered what battalion they're in, and then I discovered that each of them died with five other (Gippsland) locals."

"Then I got a nominal roll for the battalion, and I started looking for other locals and I found 12."

"Then I thought, I think I'll just search for Gippsland people", of which Lyn found 57 at first.

She started writing a few articles about the soldiers and

the events in New Britain, New Guinea.

"I gradually wrote more and more articles, then I met more and more people. I got more information."

She eventually discovered there were 79 Gippsland men who were in Lark Force and of those, fewer than half survived, and many of those who survived died young.

"They sent them to New Britain, the island where Rabaul is located to protect the harbor... it wasn't a very big force, it was not at all well-resourced. The Japanese invaded with huge numbers and defeated them on the 23rd of January 1942."

Lyn goes into detail in the book about the events surrounding the invasion and what became of the men in

Lark Force.

Many were kept as Prisoners of War (POW) on Rabaul, 30 were taken as POW on board the Japanese ship Montevideo Maru, some of the soldiers escaped and there are personal diaries of others.

A direct relative of one of the surviving soldiers and who told his father's story was Peter Dennison, son of Clifford Dennison.

Peter is a Gippsland resident, and Lyn met him when they were both in Canberra last year at a special service for the 80th anniversary of the sinking of the HMAS Canberra.

Peter was familiar with his the some of the events surrounding Lark Force and spoke at the book launch.

Lyn tells of another chance encounter with Joyce Miller, a direct family member of one of the soldiers who died in Rabaul.

"I met her (Joyce) quite by accident," Lyn says.

It was one year, during a daffodil festival at the Historical Society Hall and there was a display of the soldiers in the front room.

Joyce was there and commented to Lyn that her dad was killed in the war, and he was from Kooweeup.

Lyn knew who it was and said Joyces father's name, which Joyce confirmed was correct.

"She didn't know her dad. He was killed on the day of the invasion, and she was here on Sunday (at the book launch)."

Lyn has given families of these men the chance to publish their stories and her work on 'Forgotten For Too Long' means that while many men lost their lives and families lost their loved ones, their stories are no longer lost and they will now, not be forgotten.



Organisers of the Loch Guide and Brownie Reunion Helen Bryce (nee Kennedy) resplendent in her guide uniform, Marion Cook (nee Green), and Helen Pearce (nee Coote) look forward to the April 23 event at Loch Memorial Reserve.

Calling all Loch Guides and Brownies

FORMER Loch Girl Guides and Brownies can catch up with old friends and meet some new ones at the town's Memorial Reserve on Sunday April 23, with a trio of former guides having organised a reunion.

While the gathering commences at 10.30am, an official presentation at 1pm will offer a glimpse of Guiding from the past to the present day.

Attendees can chat about morse code and semaphore, reflecting on how much they can recall of lessons learned on those communication techniques.

The Loch Guides unit began in 1950, with Brownies commencing in the town three years later.

Past Loch Guides Helen Bryce (nee Kennedy), Marion Cook (nee Green), and Helen Pearce (nee Coote) combined to organise the reunion.

Helen Bryce proudly modelled her original guide uniform for the Sentinel-Times.

Helen Pearce fondly recalls her time as a Loch Girl Guide in the early 1950s, particularly camping in Bass Valley, visits to Guide House at Yarra Junction and hikes to Hilda Falls.

Amusing shenanigans such as midnight feasts also spring to her mind.

Loch Guide and Brownie Reunion:

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New pilot program to streamline chest pain care

A NEW pilot program at Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) aims to streamline care for people with chest pain.

GSHS's Leongatha Campus is one of 10 Victorian urgent care centres chosen as a pilot site for the Safer Care Victoria Timely Management of Chest Pain program.

Gippsland Southern Health Service Leongatha Director of Nursing Kylie Ashton said the program provided timely access to specialist advice to prevent delays in diagnosis, ensure timely escalation of care if required and reduce potentially avoidable patient transfers.

People presenting at GSHS with chest pain will be triaged by an urgent care nurse, who will assess whether they are suitable for tele-health management with a consultant at the Alfred Hospital, who will review their electrocardiogram (ECG) interpretation.

The consultant will advise the next step, either managing the patient at GSHS or transferring them to an emergency care facility.

The pilot will run until September and Ms Ashton said it could be a game-changer for local people.

The project aims to improve timeliness and appropriateness of treatment initiation, escalation of care and transfer of higher risk patients who require more acute care, but also reduce potentially avoidable transfers by identifying low-risk patients.

Article correction

IN the article titled 'Gleaming metallic glory in Leongatha' which appeared in the March 21 edition, on page 16, the Sentinel-Times would like to apologise for incorrectly stating 'The event is an important fundraiser for The Leongatha Lions Club contributing to the projects it supports.'

The sentence should have stated the event, the Leongatha Show N Shine and Swap Meet, is an important fundraiser for the Rotary Club of Leongatha, who are the organisers.

Kira's shooting for success

KIRA Waldron, 17-year-old student from Meenihan was asked by a friend if she'd like to come along and try out Clay Target Shooting to see if she liked it.

It turns out she did.

"I was pretty much hooked on it from that day on," Kira said.

That day was over two years ago and since then, Kira has evolved into an enthusiastic and talented shooter.

Kira enjoys being a member of the Korumburra Gun Club and says, "I like shooting with a lot of different people because you pick up a lot of different things off them".

Kira's love of the sport has led to a keenness to learn.

"I'm always looking for advice on how I can improve."

Kira continues improving by attending and competing in many of the local competitions including at the Gippsland Sports Academy.

Late last year she competed at the Clay Target Shooting State Championships in Lilydale, and success at this competition saw Kira make it into the National Skeet Championships in Wagga Wagga, NSW, held earlier this month. Kira shot well over the week and achieved a place in C grade and Juniors with the 20-gauge.

When Kira is not shooting and developing her natural talent, she turns her attention to helping out and advocating for communities locally, nationally and internationally.

Her work earned Kira a nomination for Young Citizen



Kira is pictured with South Gippsland Shire Mayor, Nathan Hersey after being awarded the young citizen of the year award.



Kira Waldron has her eye fixed on the target while Clay Target Shooting.

of the Year for the 2023 South Gippsland Australia Day Awards, and she remains humble about receiving the award.

"I was nominated and very much lucky to get it... I honestly didn't think I deserved it, because I had people telling me I was doing stuff, but it didn't feel like it, it just felt like I was helping out the community."

Kira assisted with making and hanging Christmas decorations in the town and organising children's activities during the Meenihan Garlic Festival. She represented her school, Mary McKillop College, in advocating on behalf of Haiti – a country wrought by humanitarian crisis and led a school assembly

to adopt a new resolution to tackle rising sea levels and the destruction caused to small island nations.

Kira's community spirit and compassion for others also has her volunteering with the Meenihan/Stony Creek Fire Brigade.

She is a member of the Junior CFA program there and is looking forward to being able to head out with crews in Springtime.

"I have just been doing a lot of the training and the course work to finish up my certifications and stuff like that so I can start going out on call with them."

"Once it starts to get to spring this year I will definitely,

hopefully, be out on the trucks helping out".

While Kira is busy with shooting competitions, helping out locally and globally and volunteering with the fire brigade, she is doing her Year 11 schoolwork. With the same passion and drive she shows for helping others, Kira's thoughts of her future career come as no surprise...

"I'm hoping to get into uni' for paramedicine."

As for her future in competing in Clay Target Shooting, Kira's eye remains firmly fixed on the target and she says, "at the very least I would like to go overseas," but ultimately, "I'm hoping to go to the Olympics".

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RSL's donations supports local veterans

IT WAS a big week for Wonthaggi RSL Sub-branch as they donated \$3000 towards three local organisations from funds raised through the RSL's bingo sessions, which have now ceased.

On Thursday, the RSL donated \$1000 to Bass Coast Health's (BCH) Alcohol and Other Drugs Counselling Service, which will help clients in need of emergency relief.

As veterans are clients of the BCH Counselling service, the RSL and BCH agreed the donation would be dedicated to funding emergency relief vouchers that recipients can exchange for essential supplies at local retailers.

Wonthaggi RSL Sub-branch President Dan Lucas said, "We are pleased this donation will go towards benefiting the valued veterans within our community who come upon difficult times and require food and other relief when they may not be able to afford it."

"The AOD team is extremely grateful for the generous donation from the RSL to help support our clients in times of need," Counsellor Jasmin Friend added.

"Alongside their donation, it was amazing to be able to sit and network with the RSL members and discover the supports that both of our services provide."

The Alcohol and Other Drugs (AOD) Counselling Service at BCH is delivered to the community from Wonthaggi Hospital and the Phillip Island Health Hub at Cowes.

The AOD team assists clients



Wonthaggi RSL Sub-branch President Dan Lucas presents a cheque for \$1000 to Bass Coast Health Alcohol and Other Drugs Counsellor Jasmin Friend. They are joined by, from left, veteran's partner Patricia Cugley, BCH Acting Executive Director of Clinical Services Fiona Christensen, RSL Secretary Bert Orr and RSL Veteran Support Officer Melissa Lucas at Wonthaggi Hospital.

with various services, from Counselling, Pharmacotherapy and Withdrawal Support to Care and Recovery.

They also help facilitate referrals to inpatient Detox Services and Residential Rehabilitations and provide a Needles Syringe Program to the local community.

AOD services at Wonthaggi Hospital now provide services from new private rooms in the Allied Health building, accessible via the Outpatients' reception.

"It's important for people to reach out and realise they are not alone."

After the presentation at BCH, RSL members moved to Rose Lodge whereby they presented CEO Shane Jenkins and Board President Glen Richards with \$1000 that will go towards Rose Lodge's ANZAC Cove Sitting Area.

The donation will enable Lifestyle Manager, Carolyn to bring the special sitting area to life

for the 15 veterans and 98 residents of Rose Lodge.

"Thank you to Wonthaggi RSL for their donation. This will enable us to finish ANZAC Cove, creating a reflective space for residents and their families," Carolyn noted.

Rose Lodge and Wonthaggi RSL are also on the hunt for mannequins, preferably male, to add to their uniform displays and sitting areas. Please reach out to each organisation if you have one you no longer need.

Fallen Diggers was the third and final recipient of \$1000 from Wonthaggi RSL on Saturday.

Fallen Diggers Incorporated is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to undertaking research on the battles of both World Wars; their trench systems, the battlefields and the military personnel that took part in those battles.

They are also in the final stages to mount a search in Bass Strait for Missing

Beaufort Bomber A9-304. A9-304 and its four crew went missing on April 28, 1943, whilst doing practice torpedo runs.

The donation will help in the search and once found the crash site will finally be offered the protection of a war grave and the families will be provided with long overdue closure.

In the build up to ANZAC Day, people can purchase badges from The Caledonian Hotel in Wonthaggi, Bunnings, Wonthaggi Plaza (Thursday – Saturdays), Big W (Wednesdays – Fridays) and IGA (Friday and Saturday ahead of ANZAC Day). And keep an ear out as Wonthaggi RSLs oldest veteran Al will be joined at Big W by Malcolm on the pipes.

All monies raised by the ANZAC Day Appeal go directly to supporting veterans.

Wonthaggi RSL members and those interested in joining are welcome to join Friday's social night from 4pm to 7pm weekly.



Wonthaggi RSL committeeman, Alan Miller, was out selling Anzac Day badges for service personnel welfare last week.

Badge of honour for Anzac Day

AS THE sun rose on April 25, 1915, Australian and New Zealand soldiers rowed towards the shores of Gallipoli and into history.

Every year since, Australians have gathered to remember their legacy and all those who followed in their footsteps.

Anzac Day is a time to reflect, and remember the service and sacrifices of all the men and women who have served our country and preparations are underway for a commemoration in your town in two weeks' time.

Meanwhile, members of our local RSLs are out in force, selling badges and raising money for service personnel welfare, including Wonthaggi ex-service man Alan Miller, positioning himself outside Big W in Wonthaggi and getting a strong response.

The Wonthaggi RSL will be selling badges in Bunnings most days in the run up to Anzac Day.

Watch for details on your local Anzac Day arrangements in the Sentinel-Times and on our website at www.sgst.com.au.

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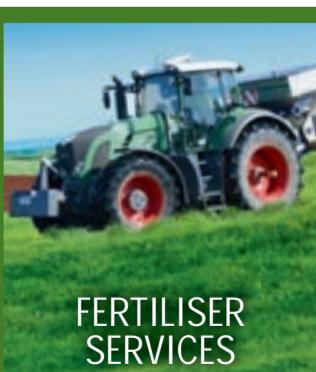
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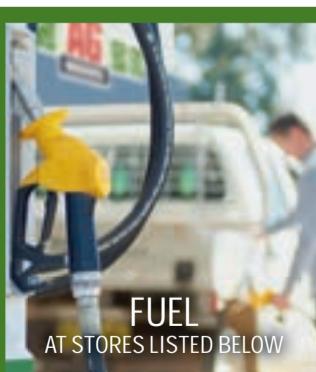
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Whale studies underway for offshore wind

STAR of the South will be undertaking a five-month aerial survey to follow the movements of whales, including the pygmy blue whale.

The study will collect information with twice monthly flyovers of Bass Strait until the end of August, covering distances of around 1150km in the study area.

The aerial surveys will focus on spotting marine mammals – noting the species, their location and behaviour.

The plane can fly as low as 300m, and a trained and experienced marine mammal observer will identify the animals.

The pygmy blue whale is challenging to study as it can swim underwater for up to 90 minutes while moving great distances.

This makes aerial surveys one of the best ways to study the species.

Star of the South Chief Development Officer Erin Coldham said the area around Tasmania and Gippsland is identified as a possible foraging area, but it's uncommon to see pygmy blue whales.

"We know these whales frequent the area between Phillip Island and past Adelaide, and in waters off Western Australia – but with limited research done in this area, we don't really know much about their movements.

"This study will help us better understand if they're in Gippsland waters, and whether they're feeding, breeding or socialising."

Leading the research is Blue Whale Study, which has conducted ecological whale research in southern Australia for 20 years.

Findings will be made available in early 2024. These investigations are co-funded with the Victorian Government through the Energy Innovation Fund.

Star of the South's offshore wind project are proposed to be located off the Wellington coast of Gippsland.

The project is in the feasibility phase with environmental assessments currently underway to inform project planning and approvals.



Backed by science, the dedicated medical team at Bass Coast Skin Doctors are passionate about skin.

Passionate about your skin

Summer skin is made in winter

BASS Coast Skin Doctors are dedicated to your skin – whether it's diagnosing and treating skin cancer or your yearly skin cancer check-up, to treating common skin conditions, cosmetic treatments or skin rejuvenation, the doctor led team is a welcoming, patient-centred environment nestled in the heart of Bass Coast.

"Holistic treatment is at our core," Dr Anthony Rixon explained.

"We are not a one method fits all clinic. With a lot of options available, our tailor-made plans are designed to the individual, with an ethical cosmetics approach – 'just because we can, doesn't mean we should.'

"All we do is skin. We provide effective, evidence-base skin rejuvenation solutions that is TGA approved.

"No-one wants to have that done look anymore – we've moved on from that 15 years ago. Less is more – we are creating more natural looking results."

Dermal fillers, for example, should beg the questions: Have you been on holidays? Are you getting more sleep? Or did you get a haircut? Dispelling the myth that if you've had cosmetic work, you're going to look fake.

"I've done my job when someone is saying somethings happened, but they can't pin it down...

"If you get bad cosmetic work, yes, it will look fake, but there is a lot of good work out there that you just don't see because it is that good.

"I'm a big believer that good skin health is for everyone – healthy skin makes you look better (and feel better). Stimulating your body to do what it did when you were younger."

Dr Rixon is an accredited skin cancer doctor and certified GP with more than ten years' experience in cosmetic medicine.

"I am also passionate about detecting skin cancer early and improving survival rates. I have even completed my master's degree in skin cancer medicine.

"A person is diagnosed with Melanoma every 90 seconds in Australia, and because of our unique position we can diagnose pigment before we treat it; we are not inadvertently treating a melanoma.

"Unfortunately, there are cases when people have gone to someone for a beauty spot or blemish on their face and had it treated without realising it was a melanoma.

"We do complicated flaps and grafts on the face, on the lower legs... Being in Bass Coast we can save people travelling all the way to Melbourne.

"I've been that guy in Armadale, treating amongst the elite in cosmetics. I lecture in cosmetics and teach doctors how to correctly and safely administer cosmetic treatments, and all our nurses are medically trained as well, we don't have non-medical staff working here. We are not pretentious; we want you to feel at home and relaxed.

"Get a proper diagnosis and a tailor-made plan, you deserve great skin."

Whether you are looking to repair your skin and feel healthy and refreshed or it's time for your yearly skin cancer check, no truer words could be true – your summer skin really is made in winter.

And while patients are often referred to Dr Rixon and the clinic from local GPs, no referral is required. Grab your phone and call to book in today.

Gippsland community drop-in sessions

Find out more about the project and give us your feedback.

We'll have subject matter experts available to discuss the project and answer your questions, including:

- Proposed design and construction
- Environmental approvals
- How we will address impacts.

There is no need to RSVP, just drop in!

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- Thursday 13 April, 5pm-7pm
- Saturday 15 April, 9am-11am

Sandy Point Community Centre, Church Parade

Mirboo North

- Thursday 27 April, 4.30pm-6.30pm

Mirboo North and District Community Foundation, 96 Ridgway

Dumbalk

- Friday 28 April, 10am-12noon

Dumbalk Hall, 29-31 Farmers Road

Meeniyan

- Friday 28 April, 5pm-7pm

Meeniyan Town Hall, 97 Whitelaw Street

Fish Creek

- Saturday 29 April, 10am-12noon

Fish Creek Hall, 13 Falls Road

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Catholic schools celebrate new school buildings

STAFF and students at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Wonthaggi and St Laurence O'Toole Catholic Primary School, Leongatha celebrated the Blessing and official opening of new state-of-the-art building projects.

At St Joseph's Wonthaggi, Parish Priest Father Darren Howie was joined by Director of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Sale, Mr Paul Velten, Principal Mrs Joanne Coldebella along with invited guests and friends of the school and St Joseph's Parish community.

The ceremony was to bless and officially open Stage 1, 2 and 3 of St Joseph's Primary School's Masterplan redevelopment which has involved major refurbishment of existing learning areas and construction of new additional learning spaces, both indoors and outdoors, as well as refurbished staff and student amenities.

Principal, Mrs Joanne Coldebella said the projects had transformed the school and significantly enhanced teaching and learning to meet the needs of students and staff as the school continued to grow.

"Our vision was to create learning spaces that are inviting, dynamic, open, flexible and adaptable. We wanted them to inspire intellectual curiosity, promote social interactions, and provide for an open, collaborative environment for students and staff alike.



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Official Party accompanied by the school leaders, from left, front, School Vice-Captain Hayden, School Captain Zoe, School Captain Ella and School Vice-Captain Jesse; back, School Advisory Committee Member Linda Tack, Fr Darren Howie, Senior Relationship Manager CDF Aaron Gupta, Director of Catholic education (Diocese of Sale) Paul Velten and Principal Joanne Coldebella. C13_1423

Enhancing child safety, comfort and providing additional classroom spaces for our growing school was also a priority.

"The new facilities also reflect our Catholic identity and provide a faith filled environment for students to flourish," Mrs Coldebella added.

After opening Director of Catholic Education for the Diocese of Sale, Mr Paul Velten, then travelled to St Laurence O'Toole Catholic Primary School in Leongatha to join Parish Priest Father Stanly Devasia and the school and Parish community for the blessing and opening of the school's new General Learning Areas and

refurbished administration.

Principal of St Laurence O'Toole Catholic Primary School, Mrs Liz O'Loughlin, said the school community had embraced the new state of the art facilities.

"The new Learning Areas provide a vibrant light-filled space consisting of three open learning areas and break-out rooms.

"The refurbishment of the former convent into an administration area has breathed new life into a building that was deteriorating and ensures a continuing link with the Josephite Sisters who played an integral role at St Laurence O'Toole over many years."

The administration area now houses a front office and reception, staff room, board room, small meeting room and principal's office.

Mr Velten said that it was wonderful to see Catholic education flourishing in South Gippsland.

These new facilities represent Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Limited's (DOSCEL) ongoing commitment to providing high quality learning and teaching environments and investment in school communities.

The building projects at both schools were partly funded by Catholic Development Fund (CDF) loans and the school community.

Meenyan residents urged to help finalise town priorities

MEENIYAN residents are encouraged to help prioritise initiatives for the town's future as the Meenyan Progress Association (MPA) continues to work on its new Community Plan.

Two community meetings have been held, enabling the creation of a list of proposed projects and initiatives for Meenyan.

MPA secretary Fay Sinclair said locals have seized the opportunity to suggest ideas for Meenyan's future with such enthusiasm that a list of 100 potential initiatives has now been released.

Community members are asked to choose the eight priorities they believe are most important, numbering them in order.

The list is available from Meenyan IGA and is also included in the April edition of the Meenyan Newsletter, distributed throughout town and available online at meenyan.org.au and people are requested to submit their chosen priorities by April 14.

Completed forms can be submitted via a collection box in the Meenyan IGA, or in the form of a screenshot or scan emailed to dnfsinclair@dcsi.net.au by 5pm Friday April 14.

A further meeting will be held at Meenyan Hall at 7.30pm on April 18, at which the selected initiatives for inclusion in the new Meenyan Community Plan will be finalised.

MPA is on the lookout for 'Champions'.

"By Champions, we mean someone who will help lead some of these projects," Fay said.

MPA has created an additional list of 22 projects identified as potential advocacy initiatives.

"Some of the suggestions were about affordable housing, sealing roads or the NBN and we can't physically do those things, but we can advocate for them," Fay said.

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Captain Amanda Hart,
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THIS week is known in the Christian calendar as Holy Week or Passion Week where we take time to experience the journey with Christ from Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday. Growing up in the Salvos, it always seemed to me that the emphasis was on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

But in recent years, particularly since training to become a Salvation Army Officer, I've come to appreciate the significance of the whole week – especially that of Maundy Thursday.

Christians all around the world will be participating in services on Thursday, remembering the final Passover meal Jesus shared with his disciples and reflecting on what lay ahead in the hours following that meal.

Jesus had spent Wednesday being ministered to, but on Thursday he became the servant in every way.

In John's Gospel, five chapters are devoted to this meal.

There was still much to be said, many lessons to be taught, and so during those final hours that was what he did.

He sat with them, shared the meal with them and taught them – even Judas. I often wonder how Jesus sat so calmly next to the one he knew was about to hand him over to be killed.

Nothing he said that night could have prepared his disciples for those next few days. No one could have imagined God's plan.

Crucifixion. Resurrection. Ascension and Pentecost. But one thing Jesus assured his disciples of on that fateful night was that when he was gone, they would receive the Counsellor, the Advocate, the Helper – the promise of the Holy Spirit who would take up residence in them...and in us.

Listen closely to the Spirit of truth and be open to newer and deeper understandings of your faith this Easter.



Hire A Hubby Wonthaggi is the perfect chance to be your own boss while still having flexibility.

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Franchisees Chris and Hayley Justice have enjoyed building the business for over six years now, but are ready to travel and spend more time with the family so it's time to hand over the reins.

Since its inception in 2016, their business has gone from strength to strength and is at the point where expansion is needed to keep up with service demands.

The option is there to maintain

the business as a 'man in a van', but Chris and Hayley feel they have barely touched the surface of the business's true potential.

"We are knocking back jobs on a daily basis as there's just way more work than we can manage", says Chris.

"The business is at the point where we need to employ a couple more workers but we are at that time of life where we want to slow down rather than ramp things up so it's time to let someone else take over.

A father and son team or a couple of tradie mates is just what the business needs to realise its true potential.

"Hire A Hubby has a top-notch marketing structure that sees a constant stream of job offers coming in via the Hire A Hubby National Website and we hate turning customers away."

Hayley and Chris are quick to credit the Hire A Hubby structure and support system with

helping them make their business so successful.

A network of 260 other Hire A Hubby Franchisees throughout Australia provides mentoring, support, and practical advice on every job imaginable.

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As the new owner, you will hit the ground running with a full business handover, including our database of customers, an introduction to our key suppliers and customers, ensuring a smooth transition and an income from the get-go.

Two weeks training is also conducted by the operations team at Hire A Hubby, as well as benefiting from their ongoing business support.

"Operating this business has been very rewarding and we've met some really interesting people. It's the ideal business for someone who hasn't run a business before as the system is so well thought out."

If you can see yourself as the new Hire A Hubby for the Bass Coast area we would love to hear from you!

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Wonthaggi Citizens' Band off to National Championships

THE Wonthaggi Citizens' Band is excited to be heading to the National Band Championships in Newcastle this Easter to defend their title of C Grade Brass Band Champions, which they have held since 2018.

The community band, led by Musical Director Craig Marinus, were successful in winning all of their sections in the championships held in Melbourne in 2018 and Brisbane in 2019.

Both times they sang an enthusiastic rendition of 'Part of My Heart in Wonthaggi' at the results ceremony, thanking their supporters back at home.

The national competition was postponed between 2020-22, so it has been a long wait to defend this title.

Up to 35 brass and percussion players, ranging from Bass Coast College students to retirees in their 60s and beyond, have been busily rehearsing



Wonthaggi Citizens' Band rehearsing in their band room on Billson Street.

every Friday night in Wonthaggi to prepare the four pieces which they will perform on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.

The band has been overwhelmed by the community support they have received to help members travel interstate and subsidise accommodation, with a well-attended Trivia Night,

merchandise sales and major sponsorship from The Wonthaggi Club.

As well as the senior band heading to Newcastle, the band also has a strong base of junior members coming up through the ranks.

The Wonthaggi Youth Brass and Training Band both

rehearse weekly at the Billson Street band room, and a program with Grade 5/6 students at Wonthaggi Primary School runs each Friday.

Anybody interested in learning a brass instrument should contact the band on wonnincitizens-band@gmail.com – all ages and abilities welcome!

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Harnessing the power of the wind will be a key element in driving Australia's clean energy transition over the coming decades.

To kick start the renewable revolution, Macquarie's Green Investment Group spun out its global offshore wind development activities in April 2022 and launched a standalone specialist offshore wind business — Corio Generation.

We have one of the world's largest offshore wind development pipelines, standing at over 20 gigawatts today, and are dedicated to developing offshore wind in Australia. Our two proposed Gippsland projects, **Great Eastern Offshore Wind** and **Great Southern Offshore Wind**, have the potential to power millions of homes with clean, renewable energy.

Benefits for the long-term

The two projects, both currently in the feasibility stage, will take up to six years to develop, will help Gippsland become Australia's premier region in offshore wind generation – resulting in a thriving industry, creating thousands of jobs, and driving economic development.

Both projects will deliver long-term job opportunities by building on the significant energy-skilled workforce and knowledge already in the region. Corio Generation is also committed to working closely with existing industries and businesses to understand what support they need to take advantage of the energy transition.

“The Gippsland coastline has some of the world's best conditions for offshore wind production and has the potential to transform Australia's energy landscape.”

Penny Pickett, Development Director, Corio Generation

A recently completed supply chain study by MBB Group and BIS Oxford Economics indicated that both projects have the potential to contribute \$44.5b in gross added value to the Australian economy, over its 40-year development and operational lifetime.

“The added contribution of both projects will see up to 540 permanent full-time jobs created in Gippsland during their 30-year operations phase” said Nick Stirling, Supply Chain Manager.

Global experience and local knowledge

Boasting experience where it counts, Corio Generation has taken projects through the full development cycle and into construction and operation with a global development portfolio in countries such as the United Kingdom, Norway, Sweden, Ireland, France, South Korea, Japan and Taiwan. Each has sensitive

and we'll use the experience and knowledge gained from international projects to inform the approach — including conducting detailed onshore

about what the offshore wind sector, and our projects in particular, will mean for communities and the environment in the coming months and years.”

“We're very excited to be working in Gippsland, a region with such a rich history as an energy producer, to help bring about Australia's transition to a cleaner, greener energy future.”

Penny Pickett, Development Director, Corio Generation

and offshore studies to avoid or minimise impacts on the environment and communities.

The Australian project team is growing, with 10 experts now on the ground in Victoria. From marine scientists, engineers, financiers, stakeholder engagement specialists to safety and supply chain experts, the team has been hand-picked with local knowledge and global expertise.

“Our aim is to ensure that we achieve the best possible outcomes for the unique natural environment, both offshore and onshore in the Bass Strait and Gippsland,” says Corio Generation's Development Director Penny Pickett.

“We understand there is keen interest from coastal and inland communities

“We are committed to working with businesses, traditional owner groups, landowners and communities during the development of our projects to ensure they deliver the best outcomes for the people of Gippsland and the natural marine, coastal and regional environments.

“Your views are important to us, and we will provide multiple opportunities and channels for you to provide feedback on the project and help us to understand what is important to you.”

As the projects progress, the Corio team will have an active presence in communities around Gippsland to keep you updated about each project and give you the opportunity to provide feedback and have your questions answered.

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Do not let low mobility hold you back with many options available at Wilsons Prom including Millers Landing, which is accessible with an off-road wheelchair. Photo: Parks Victoria

Ranger Dan's hidden Prom gems

THE school holidays may be upon us again, but whether school holidays or a day trip, it has never been a better time to pop on the hiking shoes, grab your backpack of supplies and hit the Prom.

Millers Landing Nature Walk

Starting at the Five Mile car park meander through banksia and stringybark woodlands as you head north to Corner Inlet and Millers Landing.

Taking in the southernmost stand of white mangroves in the world, the inlet is a haven for migratory birds.

The walk is an easy grade two hike of four kilometres that should take walkers 1.5 hours return. Note there are no facilities available at either the carpark (only a couple of picnic tables) or along the track and people are advised to ensure they have sufficient supplies including warm clothes should the weather change, and plenty of water.

For those looking to extend their walk head east at the junction on your return and include Vereker Outlook Walk.

Vereker Outlook Walk

Follow the trail through open banksia woodland, past unique grass trees and up the spectacularly balanced boulders of Vereker Outlook from the Five Mile car park.

A grade three, six-kilometre walk (approximately 2-hour return) the outlook takes in the panoramic views across Wilsons Promontory and Corner Inlet including Darby Saddle and Cotters Beach.

Similar to the Millers Landing track, ensure you have sufficient supplies and beware of unprotected cliffs.

"Both these locations are unique at the Prom and very different," Wilsons Promontory National Park Ranger Team Leader Dan explained.

"They provide a different context to the coastline of the national park. Most people associate it with the white sandy beaches and forests and granite rocky shoreline.

"Millers Landing is very much a mangrove/mudflat at the bottom end of Corner Inlet – quite sheltered. There are lots of wading and breeding birds, and the mangroves are unique in their own right providing a variety of habitats for breeding fish, seahorses, migratory birds and other plants and wildlife. There is a different species of banksia located at Millers Landing (Saw Banksia) that you would not normally see around Tidal River.

"You could also take an off-road wheelchair quite happily along the track to Millers Landing. And whilst we are moving away from summer and the dry northern weather, Millers' can get pretty hot, so ensure you have plenty of water.

"Vereker Outlook offers some pretty expansive views over the top third of the park – it's a very beautiful location, and a bit more of a hike uphill therefore lends itself to those who are more able. Vereker would be easier than Mt Oberon (for those who are familiar with the summit walk) however, it is very much a walking trail (as opposed to the vehicle management track of Oberon).

"The higher you climb the more granite boulders you will encounter."

Visitors will also be able to see the new shoots and fresh foliage after the recent ecological burns.

What's on THIS EASTER

All that's happening this Easter around the region



ART EXHIBITIONS / SHOWS

- Emily Koenders 'Wings in Autumn' Exhibition is on from April 1 to 30 from 11am to 5pm Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays at Emily Koenders Art Gallery, 230 Ruby Fairbanks Road, Ruby. The exhibition will also be open all Easter days including Good Friday and by appointment.

- After three years the 35th Inverloch Art Show is going ahead. It's being held over the Easter long weekend – opening at 10am on Good Friday (April 7) and running until Tuesday, April 11, at 12noon. All are welcome to the official opening night on Good Friday from 7pm to 9pm at Inverloch Community Hub. Contemporary and traditional art will be on display and for sale.

- The Wonthaggi Woodcrafters will be displaying their crafted goods on Easter Saturday at Churchill Island from 10am to 4pm with a variety of kids toys and other wood crafted items available to purchase.

RUN/WALK

- Walk for the Kids is a charity walk held in San Remo to raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal on Friday, April 7 at 8am. There are two walks, you can do just one or enjoy both. Enjoy the 8km George Bass Walk Kilcunda to San Remo and San Remo Town Walk, 5km trail to find the answers to the clues then go into the draw to win a family Easter pack. Dogs welcome. Bookings at trybooking.com/events/landing/1014466

- Come down to Venus Bay on Easter Sunday, April 9, with a shotgun start at 10am from Venus Bay Beach 1. After the event, there will be food trucks, drinks and entertainment. Visit vbslsc.org.au/surf2cinq.

EGG HUNTS

Join the Venus Bay Angling Club on Easter Sunday at 10am at Gerald's Shed (near the Venus Bay Boat Ramp) for their annual Easter Egg Hunt. Open to children under 12.

EASTER SERVICES

Easter Sunday Dawn Service, Eagles Nest

The churches of Wonthaggi and Inverloch invite you to join us as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus as the sun rises at Eagles Nest (Cape Paterson – Inverloch Road) at 6am on Sunday April 9.

Please carpool if possible due to limited parking. Please be appropriately prepared for the weather conditions.

FISHING COMPS

Venus Bay

Join the Venus Bay Angling Club's Easter Fishing Competition over the four days from April 7 to 10. Running from 6am on Good Friday until 3pm on Easter Monday.

non-members are welcome to jump in the action (\$5 per head), which includes free entry to Saturday night's BBQ. Children are free. Non-members can contact the club via their website in advance or a member will be at the club on Friday from 4-6pm for registration. Details at the clubhouse in Fishermans Road, Second Estate, Venus Bay.

MARKETS

Coal Creek

The Coal Creek Farmers' Market is on this Saturday (April 8) in Korumburra from 8am to 12.30pm.

Corinella

The Corinella Community Market is on this Saturday (April 8) at the Harold Hughes Reserve, from 9am to 1pm.

Cowes

- The Cowes Island Craft Market will be back this Saturday (April 8) from 9am to 2pm at 102 Thompson Ave, Cowes.
- The Island Foreshore Market (Jetty Triangle) will be on Saturday April 8 and Saturday April 22 from 2pm to 9pm.
- The Cowes Market on Church is scheduled for Saturday April 22 from 9am to 2pm.
- Cowes Sunday Market will run through April with the exception of Easter Sunday (April 9) when there will not be a Market.

Foster

- Head to the Prom Produce and Craft Market around the oval at Foster Showgrounds from 8am to 1pm at the Foster Showgrounds on April 9.
- Farm fresh produce and more at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre Gardens (in the hall if wet) from 8am to 12pm on April 15.

Inverloch

- The Inverloch Rotary Easter Market is on this Saturday (April 8) from 9am to 3pm at the Inverloch Community Hub, A'Beckett Street.

- The Inverloch Farmer's Market is on Saturday, April 15 at The Esplanade from 8am to 1pm.

Kongwak

The Kongwak Market is on every Sunday from 10am to 2pm

Leongatha

There will plenty to browse at the Leongatha Community Market at Community College – Leongatha Campus from 8.30am to 12.30pm on Saturday, April 22.

Loch

The Loch Lions Village Market is on this Sunday (April 9) from 8am to 1pm at Loch Railway Siding.

Newhaven

The Newhaven (Primary School) Market is on Saturday April 15 from 9am to 2pm.

Tarwin Lower

A huge market day will be held at the Tarwin Lower Mechanics Institute Memorial

Hall from 10am to 1pm on Monday, April 10, with stallholders, a sausage sizzle and cake stall.

Wonthaggi

Pop along to the Wonthaggi Rotary Market at Apex Park this Sunday (April 9) from 8am to 1pm.

HISTORIC CAR SHOW

On Saturday, April 8, the Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club will be hosting their display of vintage and historic cars at Apex Park, Wonthaggi, from 8am to 2pm. Visit bchac.com.au.

LANG LANG RODEO

The Lang Lang Rodeo is back Easter Monday (April 10) with gates opening at 8.30am and the action starting at 10am. Come and bring the family for a fast-moving, action-packed day.

GOOD FRIDAY

Each year the call goes out, the tins are rattled around town and the sirens are heard – it's The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

Cape Tavern

Cape Tavern will be looking a little bit different this year with a smaller scale collection drive, but that doesn't mean it won't be less fun for dinner.

Families can pop along to The Tavern with The Laing Brother's playing from 4pm.

The team have also collated an incredible raffle that includes a Mitchell & Co Butchers Voucher, print donated by local artist Maryanne Plenkovich, dinner for two at Cape Tavern with wine from Dirty Three Wines and giant hamper including money tree.

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, in front of the Corinella General Store and Coronet Bay General Store. The team also have QR codes available for any online transfers.

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.

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

The siren would be sounding to alert residents when the truck is in their street with collections also in neighbouring towns including Foster, Meeniyian, Toora and Welshpool.

Kilcunda

Out and about every 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 11am - 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 2pm, special guests, fun and games and Easter raffle draws throughout the day. Live music commences at 8pm.

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 and caravan parks; and keep your ears peeled as they may just be visiting your street.

Leongatha

Leongatha Fire Brigade and SES will be hitting the pavement with SES heading down the streets and the fire brigade stationed at the traffic lights.

Meeniyian

Meeniyian-Stony Creek Fire Brigade have donation boxes in place at both the Meeniyian IGA and Meeniyian Hotel, and have been hosting a raffle over the previous weeks.

San Remo

Keeping up an over 50-year-old tradition, San Remo Fire Brigade's four vehicles with a crew of volunteers will visit the streets of San Remo, Newhaven, Cape Woolamai and Surf Beach/Sunderland Bay from 9am. Equipped with tins for cash donations, members will also have tap and go facilities available.

San Remo Fire Station will also be open all day and taking cash donations.

San Remo Hotel will also be hosting an Easter Egg Hamper 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.

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 is receiving donations and the proceeds of various activities around the area with monies raised sent on your behalf to the Royal Children's Hospital. Donations will be received and receipted at 36 Turner Street, Wonthaggi between 9am-5pm Good Friday. Uncle Bob's Club Coordinator John Duscher can be contacted on 0488 026 435.

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OH WHAT A FEELING

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE

LEONGATHA Community house invites you to participate Voices of Victoria Listening Tour that has been conducted by The Victorian Council of Social Services (VCOSS).

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

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

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

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

Event will be held April 11, at 11am at 16 Bruce Street, Leongatha.

Booking is essential. In order to book the place, please call to our office or send an e-mail. Our contact details are: Phone 5662 3962, Email: office@leongathacommunityhouse.org.au

Victorian Sick Pay Guarantee

Do you know anything about Victorian Sick Pay Guarantee?

Actually, there are 38 hours a year sick and carer's pay for casual and contract workers in selected casual or contract occupations.

This pilot program is fully funded by the Victorian Government for two years.

Casual or contract employees should not suffer whilst being sick or taking care of their family!

The Leongatha Community House can assist you in applying for the Victorian Sick Pay Guarantee.

You can only claim sick pay or carer pay once you have signed up, so don't put it off any longer. Our services are FREE. Simply stop by if you need access to a computer, are unfamiliar with technology, or need a quicker registration process. We are happy to help you.

Do not choose between your next paycheck and your health! See us today!

If you have any questions, please get in touch with us at 5662 3962 or visit us during our business hours at 16 Bruce Street, Leongatha.

Mini-Bus Volunteer Driver for Community Bus Needed:

One of the wonderful aspects of our community is that it allows us to support others in ways that we could not as individuals. When you extend a hand of kindness, you are not only making somebody else's day, or even their lives, better. You will also receive benefits too.

We at the Leongatha Community House are looking for bright and caring volunteers to drive our Community Bus. This bus will be used to help people with varying abilities to access their needs within the community. A full Australian driver's licence is sufficient to operate this bus. All other details will be discussed after contact.

If you feel you could assist not only us but also the vulnerable and disadvantaged members of our community, please contact us.

Call us on 5662 3962 or stop by the Leongatha Community House during our opening hours.



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WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

THE school term is coming to an end on Thursday, April 6.

The WNC will be open over the school holidays except for the Easter public holidays. It will be a reduced program as some of our facilitators are school parents and will be taking this time to holiday with their children.

More on what will be on will come in next week's report.

In the meantime enjoy our well-being programs of Yoga, Seated Yoga and Meditation. And our weight management group which may be a group of choice after the Easter get together dinners and chocolate easter egg hunts with consumption at the end!

The Harvest Centre, beyond the Goods Shed out the back of the Big W carpark, has a couple of groups: The Garden Group which meet on Wednesday mornings, 9.30am to 12noon.

A great place to get involved with gardening and share ideas. Then there is the Seed & Veggie/ Produce Swap which is on Saturday, April 8, 10 to 11am. Bring along your excess produce from your garden, fresh or processed, all is good. Following this is the Wonthaggi Food Collective where food bought in bulk, and then distributed at a low mark up to members. Ring Michael Nugent on 0416039933 or email him at WonthaggiCoop@gmail.com for the stockist and other information.

Time's a ticking ... is your clock? If not, Graeme our clock fixer is returning for this month's Fixit Café. Clocks are such intricate and fiddly items but ones that give us a lot of pleasure. If they need a lot of work to be fixed, a fee may be incurred. We also have at least two fabric fixers and last session, Sue, a satisfied customer, benefitted from Sabah's sewing expertise. We also have two electrical specialists and the support of the Wonthaggi Men's Shed who do a brilliant job with all sorts of items. Visit our Facebook page to see some happy people taking home their treasured (and working) items.

So, if you may have an item that you'd love to have its life extended, and think that the Fixit Café may be the way to go, then ring us on 5672 3731 to book it in for a 30 minute slot on Sunday 16th April. If there are any parts that are needed to facilitate the repair then bring them along too. There is no charge for this service (except for some clock repairs) but if you can give a donation then this will help with the running costs.

We'd love to have more volunteers with fixer skills or to welcome people and help out on the paperwork. Please leave you details with the staff at Mitchell House or ring us. This joint activity between the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre and Wonthaggi's Men's Shed will be at the Harvest Centre, beyond the Big W car park past the Goods Shed. Come along to see what's happening and have a chat over a cuppa. The session is between 11am and 1pm.

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



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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

BCAL's Term 2 program drops this week. It features a revised and updated version of the Work for Yourself Care and Support course which was booked out last year. The course gives participants everything they need to become self-employed support workers for NDIS clients.

Other courses include Renewable Energy and the return of the popular Introduction to Permaculture with Rick Coleman.

That's in addition to regular short courses in Computers, Hospitality, Work Safety and First Aid.

All Term 2 dates and booking links are on the website now.

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

WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

It's almost cool season planting time but not quite yet at the community garden, as vegie plots are being rehabilitated and replenished after a challenging summer in the garden.

In the interim the garden's hardy edibles are filling a gap. There's rhubarb, a few greens, herbs such as sage, chives and marjoram and lemons just ripening.

There are also annual treats: ripe figs, the last tomatoes, passion fruits and green skinned apples to harvest. All found good homes last week as volunteers took home and shared their harvest.

It's a good time to plan an edible garden patch for a nutritious harvest over autumn and winter.

Drop in on Thursdays between 10 and noon for tips and inspiration, and to help, visit and view the garden. Contact us at tgordon@westnet.com.au for more information.

WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

Woodworking is a pursuit dating back millennia but modern technology can help and not just in terms of tools.

John Di Stefano, who runs the Woodies' segmented turning group has created an app which helps design the piece prior to turning. The app allows users to input the number of rows and segments intended, as well as the type of wood for each row or segment. It will then output all the measurements required, as well as both 2D and 3D renderings of the plan.

Segmented turning is a really creative way to use up smaller pieces of wood but it can require great precision. This web app can help considerably. Try it out at www.johndistefano.com.au.

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



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MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

WE'RE in the final week of Term 1, with most programs taking a break over the Easter weekend and school holidays. Our Emergency Food Bank and Centrelink Agent will remain open Tuesdays 10am-2pm, Wednesdays 10am-1pm and Thursdays 10am-1pm. Remember to BYO bags for the Emergency Food Bank. This important community resource is made available through generous donations from local individuals and groups, funding from the St Vincent de Paul Conference of Korumburra and a network of organisations including volunteer drivers and staff who facilitate the regular pick up and delivery of prepared meals, meat, bread, pantry staples and personal care items.

A new round of the Victorian Power Saver Bonus commenced on March 24. If you pay a Victorian electricity bill, you can claim \$250 even if you have claimed previous rounds. Bring in your full power bill and bank details before Thursday this week and we'll assist you.

Program highlights from Term 1 so far have included Beginner's French, Needle-Felted Landscapes and Pencil & Charcoal Portraits. Next term, we are proud to be hosting free Youth Mental Health First Aid training through Live4Life South Gippsland, as well as regular literacy, numeracy and digital support and an exciting range of craft, wellbeing and education programs.

Our move to the Korumburra Community Hub:

Along with the Library and other groups, we are busily preparing and planning for our move to the new Community Hub, where we'll become a 'house in a hub'. Milpara Community House is excited to be taking on the role of Facility Manager for the Korumburra Community Hub and is working hard with South Gippsland Shire Council to develop booking processes, assist with policy development, share ideas and advocate for our community's needs.

Due to ongoing delays in construction works, unfortunately it now looks like Hub tenants will not have access to the Hub until June, with fingers crossed Hub activities and full community use can commence from July 1 and ready for Term 3... Stay tuned for Council updates. Milpara's upcoming program continues to be planned flexibly to accommodate this imminent move.

As always, we would love to meet you, and to hear your questions and ideas. Keep an eye out for next Term's program on our website and in your mailbox. Bookings for courses will open Monday, April 17, 2023.



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Indoor plant resurgence

By Karen Haw,
Mirboo North Garden Centre

THE trend for indoor plants has made a resurgence over the last few years just like it did when I was young and collectors are always looking for something new and/or different.

Biemond Nursery is a major wholesale nursery that concentrates on growing indoor plants.

Biemond was established by Bill and Marion Biemond who migrated to Australia from Holland in 1981 and having worked with some of the best growers and plant breeders in the world, Bill took this experience to Australia.

His son Steve now runs the business and has increased the variety and production of the business. They have just released a new fern that is proving very popular called *phlebodium davana*.

This is a new distinctive indoor fern with wavy steel-blue leaves, it has a truly unique wavy leaf margin giving the plant a full and voluminous appearance that provides the perfect indoor styling effect for decorators and indoor gardeners alike.

This plant is ideal for indoor containers in low light situations and ideal for hanging baskets and living walls. It does require moderate watering once established and always water directly to the potting mix avoiding water droplet contact with the foliage.

The nights are much colder and it is an ideal time to plant spring flowering bulbs such as daffodils, hyacinths, tulips, Dutch iris, freesias, ranunculus and anemones.

Nothing heralds spring as much as the brilliant daffodils. If there is no room in the garden most bulbs do well in pots. If grown in pots, bulbs should be planted quite close together to give a good display. Make sure you use a good quality potting mix and add a complete slow release or bulb fertiliser.

Nothing beats the brilliant colour of the deciduous trees at autumn especially bright reds of the Lipstick maples. There are three main varieties in the Fleming's Lipstick range and all colour well, autumn blaze and Fairview Flame colour earlier than October Glory which claims the fame of being the most outstanding autumn colour tree in the world.

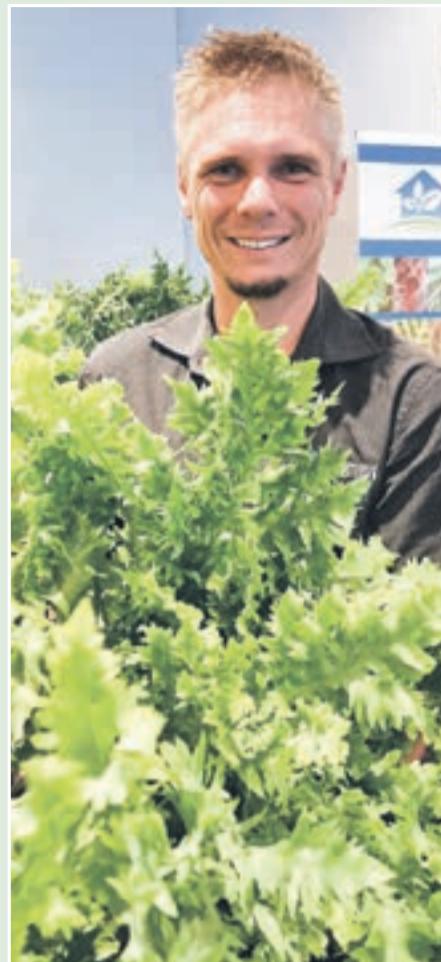
These are Canadian maples and make excellent shade trees or look great planted along an avenue. There are many other trees that also give good colour such as the Parrotia or Persian witch-hazel. This is another seedling grown tree (not grafted) so not expensive and autumn colour is a mix of yellow, orange, burgundy and red, it is a stately, medium sized tree that makes an excellent specimen tree and offers decorative features year round.

Oaks especially the scarlet oak and red oaks also give good colour but need a lot of space. If looking for a contrast to red autumn foliage gingkos, Birch, gleditias and golden ash give bright yellow colour in autumn. If space is limited there are numerous shrubs that also proved stunning autumn colour. Viburnum opulus (better known as the snowball tree or Guelder rose), Oakleaf hydrangea, cotinus (or smoke bush, crepe myrtle and the ever popular health food the blueberry can all be relied to give a great show for autumn.

Some climbers also give fabulous autumn colour and one of the best is the ornamental grape vine.

There are plenty of vegetables that can be planted now.

Plant cauliflower, cabbage, and broccoli seedlings and give them plenty of compost, manure, blood and bone or



Steve Biemond grower of many indoor plants with new few called Davana.

complete fertiliser, they are gross feeders and should be kept growing quickly and at an even pace. The advantage of planting these seedlings at this time of year means fewer insects and less chemicals and sprays are needed. Other seedlings that can be planted at this time of year include lettuce, leek, onion, silver beet and spinach.

Seed of peas and broad beans can also be sown now. When preparing the garden bed for peas, beans and broad beans, add two handfuls of lime per square metre, as well as a complete fertilizer to provide other nutrients. It is also the perfect time to plant garlic.

Camellias would have to be one of the most underrated shrubs; they have many uses in the garden in that they are evergreen and tough and have proven to be quite drought hardy. They can be used as a screen, feature, espaliered and will grow well in pots.

The sasanqua camellias are generally the first to flower and are budding now followed by japonicas in winter months. The sasanqua camellias are an ideal choice for garden hedges or screens and there are a variety of forms from dwarf to taller growing varieties and some with a weeping form.

Flower colours are generally white to pinks with some red such as yuletide. There are many more hybrid camellias now and one of the most popular is called Sweet Jane. Sweet Jane is a Victorian bred hybrid that can flower for 5-6 months of the year. Rose pink buds open to masses of white/blush pink blooms edged soft pink. New growth in autumn and spring has a beautiful coppery deep red hue over its bushy upright foliage. One of the most popular of the japonica camellias is Dona Herzila De frietas Magalhaes. This camellia produces deep pink blooms that can turn a spectacular violet shade in the right soil conditions.

If grown in a pot, they remain pink but in red soil especially when cold the colour is stunning. There are many more stunning camellias so take a look next time you are at a garden centre.



The Bass Coast Sustainability Festival will be held on Sunday, May 21, from 10am to 3pm.

Bass Coast Sustainability Festival

THERE are exciting times ahead for Bass Coast and surrounds, as Bass Coast Landcare Network prepares to host this year's Sustainability Festival at the River Garden in Bass.

This year, local groups, businesses, organisations and community members are invited to participate in a one-day festival style event on Sunday, May 21, from 10am to 3pm, with gold coin entry donation for participants.

"Unlike 2021's festival which was held online and in person over six weeks due to COVID restrictions, we are looking forward to a more engaging event with lots of community connection this time," says organiser Lisa Wangman of the Bass Coast Landcare Network.

"The theme for the 2023 Festival is 'Empowering People to Adapt'. With rises in the cost of living, erratic weather, and environmental systems in decline, now is the time to find better ways of living a little lighter on our earth.

"If you have a business, group or offering that can help our community respond to changes in our climate in positive ways, then we would love to hear from you."

The festival is also looking for innovative, interactive demonstrations that visitors to the festival can participate in, as well as engaging speakers for our festival stage, which will feature live presentations throughout the day.

The festival is a chance to give local communities across Gippsland and beyond, the ability to speak to a massive audience, to share their products, mission or passions.

Energy and water efficiency, zero waste options, recycled/recyclable products, sustainable gardening and farming, innovative housing solutions, electric vehicles and more will all be showcased at this year's festival.

The festival location at the River Garden is an exciting space in itself, with swales of vegetables, herbs and fruit trees, a nuttery and orchard, all surrounded by the beautiful Bass River.

Applications for stallholders, food, demonstrators and presenters will be open very soon at the Festival website www.basscoastlandcare.org.au/sustainabilityfestival2023.html and for all enquiries, please contact Lisa Wangman, Education, Training and Communications Manager for Bass Coast Landcare network at lisa.wangman@basscoastlandcare.org.au

or interactive demonstration at the market is a great opportunity to not only sell your wares but to connect directly with future customers. People can connect with the face of your business and learn how and why you do what you do," said Lisa.

"There are also various sponsorship opportunities available for businesses that would like to increase their reach into the community by association with the festival and Landcare."

If you would like to discover, learn about, and implement sustainable actions into your life to save yourself some hard-earned cash or increase your comfort, then there is definitely something in this year's festival for you.

This event is supported by Bass Coast Shire Council and run by the Bass Coast Landcare Network.

For more information about the Sustainability Festival head to www.basscoastlandcare.org.au/sustainabilityfestival2023.html and for all enquiries, please contact Lisa Wangman, Education, Training and Communications Manager for Bass Coast Landcare network at lisa.wangman@basscoastlandcare.org.au



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Sublime landscapes and beautiful birds

MINGARA Gallery is delighted to bring together two of our most popular artists, Sara Paxton and Laurel Foenander.

Sara is renowned for her ability to paint the Australian landscape in its most evocative state. She is often inspired by Victoria's natural beauty. She uses vivid colour and contemporary form to bring a sense of the sublime to her work.

Laurel has a deep affection for her local birdlife. She loves to capture their individual characteristics and depicts them with extraordinary realism. Laurel hopes that her portrayal of the beauty and uniqueness of the native birdlife may encourage the appreciation of these birds and of our natural environment.

Through a shared love of nature, the works of these two artists are beautifully complementary.

The exhibition opens Saturday, April 8, at 1:00pm and runs until Sunday May 7.

Mingara Gallery, 242 Thompson Ave, Cowes, Phillip Island, 3922, T (03) 5952 3722 E Noelle@mingaragallery.com.au, www.mingaragallery.com.au. Hours: Thurs-Sat 10am to 4pm Sun 11am to 3pm.

Please contact the Gallery for further information.



Sarah Saridis' 'Fields and Foliage' exhibition brings local flora to life at Meeniyian Art Gallery.

Trio of exhibitions an Easter highlight in Meeniyian

THREE solo exhibitions over the Easter period complement each other but offer great variety for visitors to the Meeniyian Art Gallery.

The trio of artists are all local to the area.

Sarah Saridis features local flora in her exhibition 'Fields and Foliage', working largely in acrylic and displaying many small beautifully framed paintings, described by the gallery's curator Jasmin McNeill as "mini masterpieces".

"Because of the small works, I've been able to hang them all together in a way I don't get to do often," Jasmin said, noting it was an very enjoyable experience.

Fish Creek rope artist Sarah

Parkes' knotting is on display in her exhibition 'Soft Realities', revealing a level of artistic freedom she doesn't always experience.

"A lot of this work has been a personal endeavour by her; she normally does commissions and hasn't done many solo shows," Jasmin said.

"Some of the works were created using materials she found around the farm."

That includes silage wrap she has turned into rope and created sculptures with.

The third exhibition, 'Bird Rock Revelation', offers a unique approach from painter Philip Wischer.

He has done a study of Bird Rock at Walkerville Beach South,

using that as the focus for his show and painting the same subject in different styles.

"He's got traditional landscape up against surreal paintings of the rock," Jasmin said.

Philip's paintings of Bird Rock range from 'photo realistic' to abstract.

"By painting one subject many times and ways I'm reasserting the importance of the creative process," Philip said, relishing the opportunity to reveal his widely varied interpretations of Bird Rock.

The simultaneous exhibitions run until April 24, with Meeniyian Art Gallery and Gift Shop open between 10am and 4pm, other than Tuesday when they are closed.



Sarah Saridis in her studio.

NEWHAVEN COLLEGE production of

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Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre

Friday 5 May 7.30pm

Saturday 6 May 1.30pm and 7.30pm

Sunday 7 May 1.30pm

Based on Hans Christian Andersen's story and the Disney film produced by Howard Ashman & John Musker and written & directed by John Musker and Ron Clements

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Dinosaur discoveries in Inverloch this Easter.

Inspire the little ones over Easter

EXPLORE Inverloch this Easter with a range of activities organised by South Gippsland Conservation Society and Bunurong Coast Education.

Join an expert palaeontologist and be excited and inspired by the past.

They can tell you of local dinosaur discoveries and the Dinosaur Dreaming dig! These activities are offered over three different sites with one focussing on Koolasuchus cleelandi, Victoria's fossil emblem.

Then continue and join a guided night walk to Screw Creek to look for signs of wildlife and find out what creatures are active in the bush after the sun goes down.

Over the weekend a rockpool ramble will keep children amazed as they explore the shores and discover Inverloch's spectacular rock pool life. Sea stars, crabs, marine snails, colourful seaweeds, and sponges are among the rock platform diversity to be seen with

an expert guide.

Families are also welcome to join the making art from nature program where children will use a selection of found objects, natural and otherwise, to create works of art in a range of forms to take home. Best suited to children aged 5 – 13 and those with a creative streak.

For more information on activities running over the Easter break visit <http://www.sgcs.org.au/programs> bookings are essential.



Coronet Bay Luminous Galleries are installing their usual Easter display on the Foreshore.

Take a look at the Luminous Galleries

EASTER is a holiday that is celebrated worldwide, and it is known for its fun activities.

Easter also brings people together to celebrate.

Overall, Easter fun provides an opportunity for people of all ages to come together and enjoy each other's company while participating in enjoyable activities that celebrate the holiday's traditions.

We, the members of Luminous Galleries are mostly about enjoyment and creating fun displays. Working together towards these displays is stimulating as you try to imagine what can be created and how to follow the chosen Theme.

We believe we are offering an informal platform for community members of all ages and degrees of talent to come together for days of creativity and engagement with others.

This year Coronet Bay Luminous Galleries are installing their usual Easter display on the Foreshore. The theme is "Easter around the World" This is a static display, however, since the traditional" Easter Fair" cannot be run this year, Luminous Galleries have taken on the task of an interactive event we are calling "Coronet Bay Easter Fun and Games".

We felt the children deserved a celebration and Fun and Games seem to be appropriate for all.

There will be Races for all Ages, (Placement ribbons awarded to winners) Games for all the family, Easter Bonnet Competition, and much more.

Our wonderful Corinella/Coronet Bay CFA are going to run a Sausage Sizzle.

Not only do they fight fires and keep us safe but cook a mean sausage.

Come and join the fun on the Foreshore (at the end of Cutty Sark Road) on Saturday, April 8, at 1.00pm to 4.00pm.

Next stop, Jeetho Hall!

LOOKING for something extra to do on the long weekend.

Wander down to Jeetho Hall for a free Devonshire tea on Sunday, April 9, between 2pm and 4pm.

Where's Jeetho? you ask - come down and find out about our fascinating history!

Open day at the Jeetho Hall:

Where: 207 Jeetho Road, Jeetho

When: Sunday, April 9

Time: 2pm to 4pm

Free: Devonshire Tea



Attendees view the varied works featured in the 'Threads' exhibition, with Coal Creek's gallery space an ideal location. A18_1123

Threads exhibition continues to weave its magic at Coal Creek

THREADS 'the stories we weave' is an exhibition featuring artworks and objects within the theme of women and textiles/fibre arts.

Knitting, weaving, tapestry, knotting and spinning all featured, as did paintings depicting textiles and fashion at the opening night in March.

Knotting specialist Sarah Parkes of Fish Creek was a guest of

honour, helping open the show alongside South Gippsland Shire mayor Nathan Hersey.

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

The Threads exhibition runs until May 1.

The exhibition showcases artworks and objects from the South Gippsland Shire Council and Coal Creek collections, and artists and makers working in the theme.

These objects will be exhibited alongside work by the Coal Creek Spinners and invited artists Sarah Parkes, Cresside Collette and Deborah Klein.

The Threads exhibition runs until May 1.

Swinging songs at Toora

LOCAL musicians/songwriters are set to perform at the Toora Hall on Thursday, April 6.

South Coast FM Community Radio (formerly 3MFM), FREEZA and South Gippsland Shire Council have collaborated to create The South Coast FM Songwriters' Collective. As part of this collaboration, local Gippsland musicians are holding several

concerts across Gippsland.

Nine local songwriters/musicians will ride into town with their full sound, lights, guitars, keyboards, and voices to entertain you at the Toora Hall on Thursday, April 6 at 7.00pm, all of whom are unique in their style, delivery, and genre.

Tickets are \$15.00 for adults and \$5.00 for youth, or \$120 for a table of 10.

The first concert was held at the Bena Hall, and it was a cracker of a night. Bring your family and friends, your own food, and beverages. Come along and have a great night!

You can book a table through trybooking.com by using the link -

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1026911> or phone Pam on 0409 436 166.

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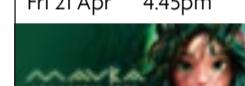
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Sat 8 Apr 12.30pm

Wed 12 Apr 2.30pm

Fri 14 Apr 10.00am

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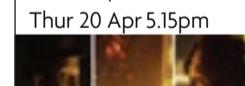
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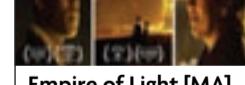
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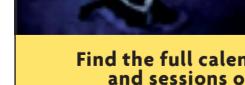
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Ann Heide and Rob Atkin enjoy the open day at Leongatha Men's Shed at which Rob's wife was singing. A07_1423



A regular at Bunnings barbecues the Inverloch Men's Shed were invited to Bunnings Easter Family Night on Thursday where they served warm snags in the rain. From left, Matt, Cam, John and Geoff. C06_1423



Nova, Shayna and Tayte took time to meet the Easter bunny on Thursday and noted they are looking forwards to Easter. C07_1423



Already ticking off the face painting, Levi was having a blast at Bunnings Easter Family Night. C08_1423



Graeme and Wendy Evans of Leongatha check out the local Men's Shed during its open day. A08_1423



Tony Bodsworth and Lawrie Burge get lunch ready for attendees at the Leongatha Men's Shed open day. A09_1423



Jac and Lesley Turton took a ride to the Rail Trail official opening in Loch on Saturday morning, as part of the extension from Nyora to Leongatha section. Z06_1423



Noelene Cosson and Pee-Wee Lewis visited the Loch Railway Station as part of the official opening of the Great Southern Rail Trail - Nyora to Leongatha section. Z07_1423



Peter Lewis and Rob Cosson joined in on the ride for the official opening of the Great Southern Rail Trail in Loch on Saturday morning. Z08_1423

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Leongatha Men's Shed open day, Wonthaggi Bunning's Easter family night and the official opening of the Nyora to Leongatha section of the Great Southern Rail Trail.



Robert Newton, Minister for Regional Development Harriet Shing and South Gippsland Mayor Nathan Hersey at the Great Southern Rail Trail official opening of the Nyora to Leongatha section. Z15_1423



Bunning's Easter Family Night organisers, Joanne and Sally not only enjoyed putting on the free event for the community but having the support of Inverloch Mens Shed and Wonthaggi CFA, and watching the kids enjoy themselves. C09_1423



Lesley and Kelly of Maddison's Magical served up the popcorn and fairy floss to the kids on Thursday night. C10_1423



A pro on the hose, Emma was assisted by firefighter Imogene as the kids took it in turns to spray the witches hats. C11_1423



Denise and Dave Stringer took a ride to Loch Railway Station for the official opening of the Great Southern Rail Trail. Z11_1423



Marcel and Marianne Van Den Bronk attended the Great Southern Rail Trail official opening on Saturday, it was Marianne's first big ride after a knee replacement. Z09_1423



Bruce Beatson and Arie Bos met fellow cyclists in Loch for the official opening of the Great Southern Rail Trail (Nyora to Leongatha section). Z10_1423



Ross, Mona and Andrew enjoyed their ride on the Great Southern Rail Trail after the official opening presentation in Loch. Z12_1423



Mayor Nathan Hersey, Deputy Mayor Clare Williams and CEO Kerryn Ellis in Canberra recently.

South Gippsland Shire Council advocates for local agriculture

AGRICULTURE was one of the key focuses of South Gippsland Shire Council's recent advocacy trip to Canberra.

Mayor Nathan Hersey, deputy mayor Clare Williams and council CEO Kerryn Ellis represented the shire.

"We hammered home that one of our major industries is agriculture and that we as a shire are wanting to see more agricultural opportunities in the region as well as industrial opportunities," Cr Hersey said.

He outlined council's determination to help foster benefits from wind energy projects to assist other South Gippsland industries, including agriculture.

"We're wanting to link to-

gether how we can use the offshore wind and associated infrastructure that should be coming from individual proponents, the State and Federal Governments to benefit not only the offshore wind industry, but also our local agriculture industry," Cr Hersey said.

He explained that council is keen to explore opportunities for businesses in agriculture, food processing and distribution.

"Council will do its part in our industrial land strategy," Cr Hersey said.

He outlined the significant ongoing importance of South Gippsland as a source of food.

"We see that Gippsland as a whole is a future food bowl," Cr Hersey said.

He added that while that is

already largely the case, the region's role may become more important given advice that some other food production areas are considered more susceptible to climate change ramifications.

"We know we can continue to provide a high quality and good amount of produce, and it's important that the Federal Government in particular recognises that and can see the benefit of providing infrastructure to support that agriculture," Cr Hersey said.

The South Gippsland Shire Council delegation met with Federal Agriculture Minister Murray Watt and members of his office.

They also spent time with representatives of the Department of Industry to discuss

offshore wind projects. Council has identified Port Anthony, in Corner Inlet, as a major connection point that would link offshore energy generation in South Gippsland Shire to agriculture and related industries.

"The port can be used for operations and maintenance for offshore wind (infrastructure) but can also be used for future opportunities for the distribution of product and food," Cr Hersey said.

He added that one of the challenges facing the region is its hilly nature and lack of a railway, highlighting the value of maximising the benefits of an already operational port to transport agricultural output from South Gippsland and the broader Gippsland region.

Mayor backs region's agricultural importance

SOUTH Gippsland Shire mayor Nathan Hersey outlined some of the reasons council believes Gippsland's importance as a 'food bowl' is likely to increase, with ramifications of climate change likely to be more severe in other food production areas.

That follows his recent advocacy efforts alongside deputy mayor Clare Williams during a visit to Canberra, conveying the message to federal politicians that South Gippsland as a shire is wanting more agricultural opportunities in the region, and is well placed to help meet future food supply needs.

Cr Hersey, who farms highland cattle, highlighted South Gippsland's cooler climate compared to other parts of Victoria, combined with reliable access to water and typically good annual rainfall.

"These are viewed as favourable to agricultural businesses when considering their long-term viability," he said.

Cr Hersey noted the Agriculture Industry Transformation – Gippsland (AIT-G) 2015 study conducted by researchers from Deakin University, the University of Melbourne and the (Victorian) Department of Primary Industries.

"The study found that the future impacts of climate change, even if this involves a warmer and drier climate, could increase the yields of a range of agricultural commodities in the Gippsland region," Cr Hersey said.

He noted that in South Gippsland it showed increased potential for horticultural production, particularly for products like fruit that are currently more common in Northern Victoria.

Associate Professor Dr Robert Faggian of Deakin University was a panellist at the 2019 South Gippsland Dairy Expo that discussed potential impacts of climate change.

"Dr Faggian noted the versatility of South Gippsland for future agricultural production due to its soils and rainfall," Cr Hersey said.

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SUCCESS THROUGH SERVICE



Rural groups awarded a record breaking \$2.3 million

THE FOUNDATION for Rural Regional Renewal (FRRR) has awarded \$2,309,331 in grants to 176 community projects across remote, rural and regional Australia as part of their Strengthening Rural Communities (SRC) program.

Collaboratively funded by a number of donors, this program gives small communities across rural Australia access to funds for a broad range of initiatives that directly and clearly benefit the local area and people.

The program is split into three streams: Small & Vital (S&V), Prepare & Recover (P&R) and Rebuilding Regional Communities (RRC), which supports recovery from COVID-19.

Some of the local projects funded include:

Destination Phillip Island Inc – Cowes: Hire an Operations Coordinator to grow the Island Whale Festival/Revitalise tourism after COVID-19 and inform visitors about sustainable conservation by hiring a coordinator to run a three-day festival during Phillip Island's winter whale migration. \$10,000.

Fishy Stories Fabelo Incorporated, Fish Creek: The Fish Creek Children's Festival of Stories to engage young people in a creative writing and skill development program and improve literacy outcomes through the delivery of a children's storytelling festival. \$10,000.

Loch & District Bowling Club Inc, Loch: Improve access to social activities for all abilities by upgrading a bathroom to current disability standards at a key community venue. \$9,638.

Poowong Public Hall Inc, Poowong: Replace and Purchase New Chairs for Seating at the Poowong Hall to enhance the process of recovery of the community from the pandemic by increasing the amenity and capacity of the hall through the purchase of new seating. \$3,875.

A full list of grant recipients is available on FRRR's website. This program always accepts applications. More information about the SRC program is available at www.frrr.org.au/src.

Eggsellent selection

THE VICTORIAN Farmers Federation (VFF) announced the outcome of elections for the 2023 VFF Eggs Council Election recently.

VFF Acting Returning Officer Brendan Tatham said Meg Parkinson has been elected to the role of VFF Egg Council President and Tony Nesci will be the Vice-President.

The VFF would like to thank outgoing VFF Egg Council President Brian Ahmed for his work on behalf of Victorian egg farmers.

The VFF would like to congratulate Councillors Andrew Postregna and Lou Napolitano who have also returned uncontested.



Tarwin Landcare Group's Deer Hunter's Ball had a massive turnout after a 70-year hiatus.

Deer Hunters Ball: Back at Tarwin after 70 year hiatus

ON SATURDAY, March 25, 90 people danced the night away at the Tarwin Landcare Group's Deer Hunter's Ball.

Held at the historic Tarwin Memorial Hall in Tarwin Lower, the event was both a homage to the past and a celebration of the community's efforts to control feral deer in and around Walkerville, Cape Liptrap and Tarwin Lower.

Once a highlight of the Tarwin social fixture, the last Deer Hunters' Ball was held in 1953 when it could take a hardy group of shooters several days to track a deer for the evening's spit roast. Today, numbers are so high that the trusted hunters used by the community have no trouble locating deer; the problem is being able to remove enough to have a meaningful impact on the population going forward.

"Research tells us that we need to remove 35-50% of the population just to keep deer numbers stable," says one of the founding members of the Cape Liptrap Community Deer Control Group, Jenny O'Sullivan. "Luckily, we have a committed group of hunters made up of landholders, recreational shooters and at least one commercial harvester who is keen to make a dent in those numbers."

Local farmer, Bruce Whittaker who, at the time of the Ball, had logged 48 deer kills on the FeralScan app in six months. (FeralScan is a free citizen science app that anyone in the community can use to log deer sightings, control efforts and damage caused by deer.)

The data, which is kept private, is used to inform local control programs and broader government policy.)

Bruce was crowned the

Champion Deer Hunter 2023, followed by his neighbour, Barry Batagol, and recreational shooter, Rory Bluett. Other prizewinners were Doe of the Ball Alison Skinner in a splendid huntress outfit and the seriously slick Buck of the Ball, Aaron Tillekeratne.

The Ball, which featured South Gippsland band Red Sector and catering by Wonthaggi's Mad as a Platter and Craig Young, the butcher from Mirboo North, received significant support from the community. All tickets sold out within days of going on sale and many donations were received from local businesses and individuals for a silent auction.

More than \$15,000 was raised on the night, much of (not all) which will be used for future deer control.

Tarwin Landcare Group

wishes to thank its organising committee of Jenny O'Sullivan, Heather Le Roy, Kylie Balharrie, Ruth Hoffman, Cath Nunn, Chelsea Taylor and Ian Gunn, and Marg De Wolf and Ray Saunders from the Tarwin Memorial Hall Committee of Management for creating such a wonderful event. Much appreciation also goes to major sponsor, David Winchester and Cath Nunn's group of companies, and the National Feral Deer Action Plan which sponsored the main meal...

A full list of the generous sponsors is found on the Tarwin Landcare Group's Facebook page. If you would like to join Tarwin Landcare Group, please contact tarwin@groups.sgn.net.au. For more information about deer control, contact nick.stephens@sgn.net.au.



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Members of the APS – South Gippsland handing over a cheque for \$10,000 to South Gippsland Landcare Fund Chair, Nick Dudley for koala habitat. Back: Bruce Campbell, Barry Hill, Ian Hamilton Paul Sierakowski, Jenny Sierakowski. Front Ruth Campbell, Coral Hughes, Caroline Hamiton, Sybil Smith, Nick Dudley (Chair, SGLN Public Fund) and Pat Dale.

South Gippsland Koalas say thank you!

KOALAS and other native species are saying thank you this month. Thank you to the Australian Plant Society – South Gippsland (APS-SG) for their wonderful donation of \$10,000 to the South Gippsland Landcare Fund for the creation of koala habitat.

South Gippsland Landcare Fund Chair, Nick Dudley said "We are incredibly grateful to all the members of APS – SG and their wonderful donation to the Fund. This will help fund projects in South Gippsland to protect and create habitat for koalas and other native species."

The APS – SG have been

raising funds via annual Flower Shows since 1988. What started as simply a display of Australian flowers grown in the area grew over the years to include plant sales, art exhibitions, flower arrangements, and even a snake handler and someone who flew raptors. An Art Exhibition was also added, and our artists added a beautiful advertising flyer for each year. The flower shows raised funds by selling native plants as well as other donations.

APS, with the money raised, paid for, and planted a lovely local native streetscape outside the Inverloch Primary

School with the help and assistance of the school principal and the committee. Other donations were made along the way. Unbeknownst to the group 2019 would be the last flower show, with future years being cancelled due to restrictions.

The Landcare Fund will use the donation to fund projects on local Landcare properties to create koala habitat, creating corridors for our precious koalas to move safely across the landscape.

If you would like to help create even more koala habitat, please visit www.sgln.net.au and make a tax-deductible donation.

Rural Aid's Spirit of the Bush returns

RURAL Aid has opened its fourth annual Spirit of the Bush photography competition this week with the winning twelve photographs to be used in Rural Aid's stunning 2024 calendar.

Rural Aid CEO John Warlters said he was excited to see what the bush's talented photographers had captured this year.

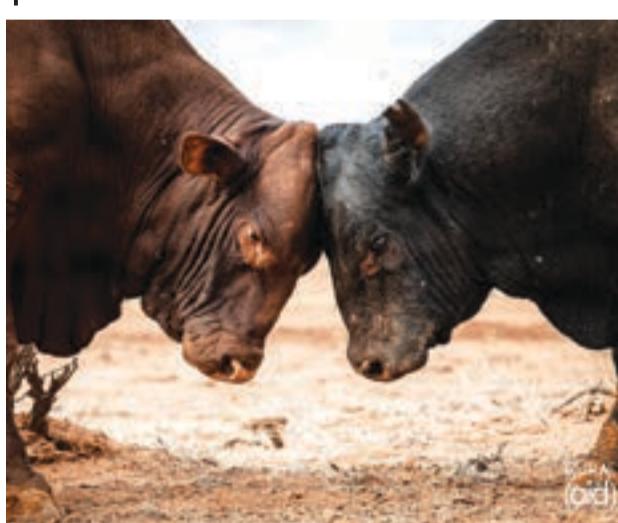
"The photographs that are submitted are always breathtakingly raw, real, and reflect the highs and lows of life on the land," Mr Warlters said.

"Last year, we received more than 1100 entries from across the country, making it very hard to whittle down to just 12 winners."

"I hope to see dozens of photos of successful crops, happy working dogs and fat cattle."

"On the flipside, the pictures of flooded creeks and empty paddocks tell a sobering, but equally important, story."

"I'd encourage anyone with a love, and eye, for the bush, to send their photos in," Mr Warlters finished.



Jane Taylor's winning 2022 photograph.

Photographers are encouraged to submit their photos to the themes of; Family, Community, Mates, Faces, Eyes, Tough, Golden Hour (Sunrise/Sunset), or All Things Rural.

Winners will be awarded a feature in the 2024 calendar, and a \$250 pre-paid VISA card.

The competition closes May 29, 2023.

To enter the competition, entrants must submit a high-resolution, landscape image via Instagram or

Facebook, with the hashtag #SOTB2023 and tag @ruralaid in the picture, or upload their photo through the Woobox link: ruralaid.org.au/spirit-of-the-bush

Rural Aid's 2024 calendar will be available for purchase later this year.

Proceeds will directly support Rural Aid's range of programs that help farmers and their families.

The competition's Terms and Conditions can be found at ruralaid.org.au/spirit-of-the-bush

Putting the 'she' in sheep sustainability

THE theme of this year's International Women's Day was 'Embrace Equity' – an ethos the Sheep Sustainability Framework (SSF) lives every day.

With a Board comprising 57 per cent women and a Steering Group with strong female representation, the SSF is leading the charge to educate and raise awareness of women's equality in the sheep industry.

Established in early 2021, the SSF helps industry better understand its opportunities, challenges and impacts in key areas such as environmental health, economic resilience, animal care, and people and community.

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COMMENT

Plan for the Bass Coast we want

IT'S simply not reasonable for the people lucky enough to have already secured their slice of paradise in Bass Coast to want to stop other people from doing the same.

Because the fact is that Bass Coast can develop the capacity, across the shire, for new 'lifestyle' residents to buy and/or build here, and more importantly, for 'conventional' residents; including young families, workers and retirees, to find affordable housing here.

But we have to know what we want our existing settlements and rural interface areas to look like, to decide how much we want them to grow, to plan for that growth to go where we want it to go and to ensure the necessary infrastructure is in place.

So far in Bass Coast, we haven't done much of that right.

On Phillip Island, settlements were allowed to spring up wherever, without the necessary roads, drainage and pathways to support it.

It has been the same in our Waterline towns, and a lot of other places across the shire, with the notable exception of Inverloch where the South Gippsland Shire Council insisted on higher standards when it was in charge.

Today's council, and the local residents of these poorly serviced settlements, are paying the price, especially in evidence in the Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay estates at the moment.

But there are other examples where poor outcomes have replaced good planning, including at Dalyston where a new suburb, without any infrastructure, has been allowed to spring up and go on expanding because a scarcity of building blocks in Wonthaggi has driven the price of land up beyond average working people.

Demand for housing land is like water. Try to stop it or fail to provide for it in one area, and it will follow the line of least resistance!

Wonthaggi is where the bulk of the region's conventional residential housing should be going on and the shire and state government should be moving heaven and earth to make it happen. They haven't moved nearly fast enough here.

This week the Distinctive Areas and Landscape Standing Advisory Committee has continued to meet about growth and development in Bass Coast but ultimately it will be up to the council, and to a lesser extent, the community to decide.

And as much as the passion and emotion of local residents provides the colour and movement in these decisions, council must have the courage of its convictions and be prepared to shape Bass Coast on good planning grounds, ignoring the greed of developers, charging them proper developer contributions on approval and calling out bad planning outcomes when they see them, especially in rural areas where the integrity of agricultural land needs to be protected, and where the natural coastal values are at risk.



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

Wonthaggi Cemetery survey

The work that Noelene Lyons, supported by her friend Renee Loeckenhoff, both members of the now defunct "Friends of the Wonthaggi Cemetery", should deserve an 'Order of Australia', and an apology from the Bass Coast Shire Council who failed to provide the support to these people acting in good faith in the later stages of the survey.

Other than Cr Les Larke, did any other councillor, let alone the Wonthaggi Ward Councillors show any support for this project.

During the time I followed their work as the then Secretary of the Wonthaggi RSL, the answer is clearly no.

Bear in mind that it was the previous BCSC CEO, who asked Noel Lyons, who has acknowledged experience in cemetery administration, to undertake the work to sort out the very poor Wonthaggi Cemetery records.

Yet, after 5 years the BCSC has refused to accept the corrected records provided by the survey after dismissing this lady, a volunteer.

So the BCSC has walked back from their own request and consequently denied the Community the access to the survey results – at least through the Wonthaggi Cemetery Trust Managers.

Why, the inability and poor judgment of their managers who do not know how to resolve conflict nor recognise people are acting in good faith.

This work represents five years of meticulous, detailed and accurate study.

The work involved on the ground surveys, supporting document research involving extensive source referencing and checking. The kind of work the BCSC pays hundreds of thousands of dollars to professional consultants to undertake on their behalf.

Yet they would have received this information for free, from a Volunteer. That is a real reflection on the standard BCSC managerial judgment.

Perhaps they thought that the data coming from a volunteer, in her senior years would not be robust enough for the Trustee needs.

That only professionals are capable of such investigation. Who knows? The councillors now should start to ask some questions of the management, that is if

they have the real interest of the community at heart on this matter.

A spin off from the Survey is an Index of the veterans buried in the Wonthaggi Cemetery from all over the Shire.

More than 600 veterans have been identified. Renee Loeckenhoff concentrated on this aspect of the survey.

Renee researched and compiled a record for each veteran as a profile, containing the burial details, military records if available, photographs of the grave and headstone, death notices, plus a photograph of the veteran where one is available.

The Wonthaggi RSL would then index and file those records and create a master index. This work is ongoing.

Where necessary, application will be made for Commonwealth War Graves recognition.

This project was supported by the Wonthaggi RSL during the period I was Secretary.

I hope the support continues because the ladies were RSL members working for the good of veterans and their families, and the general community. Something the councillors excluding Cr Larke and the Trustee managers failed to recognise or support.

Rod Gallagher, Inverloch

Vox Pop

What are your plans for Easter?



Nathan Stebbing
Wonthaggi

"I may be looking after a four-year-old, otherwise not much."



Imogene Walker
Wonthaggi

"Going to the speedway."



Bec Adams
Wonthaggi

"On placement for my Bachelor of Midwifery delivering babies for Easter!"



Matilda
Wonthaggi

"Celebrating my birthday!"

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

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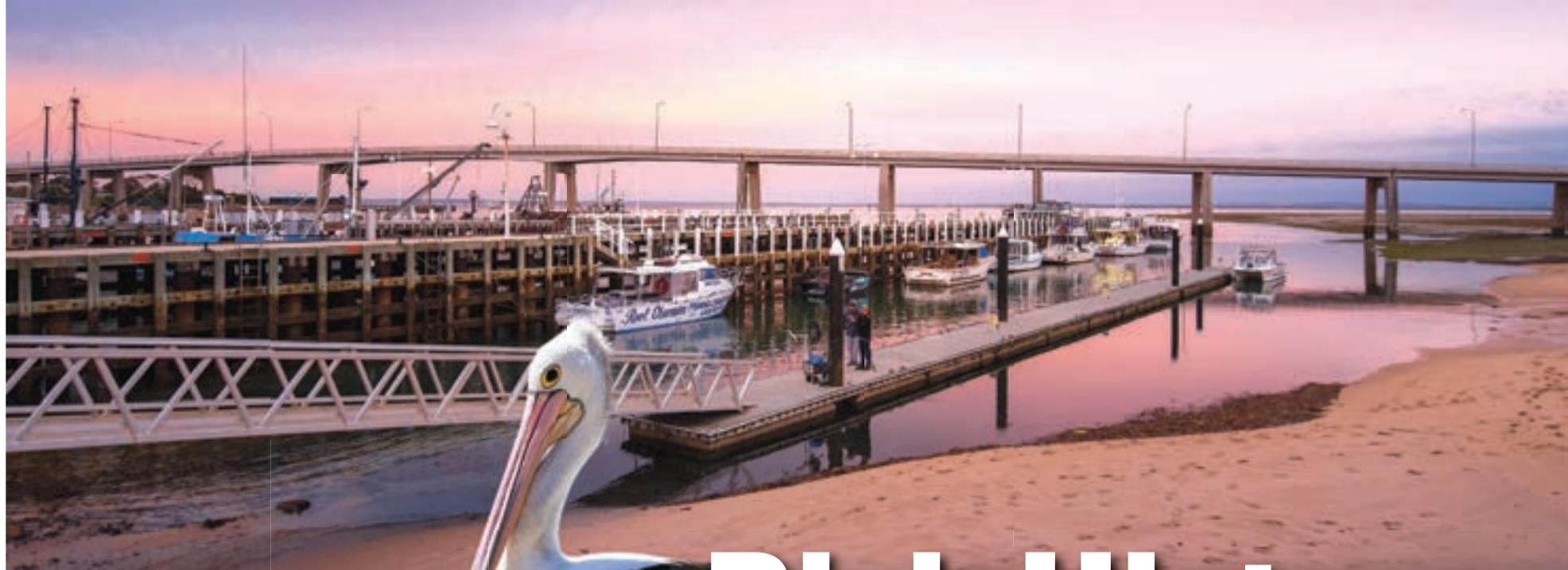
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General Manager of the San Remo Fisherman's Co-op Paul Mannix provides fresh cray and gummy shark directly off their own vessels at the San Remo jetty.



The San Remo Fisherman's Co-op continue their daily 12pm pelican feeding down on the San Remo foreshore, a tradition that began in 1985.

THE San Remo Fisherman's Co-op are renowned for their fish and chips, fresh seafood and pelican feeding.

And with a rich history in the town of San Remo, it's the perfect stop off during the Easter break.

General Manager Paul Mannix and the local team source fresh seafood from their own fleet of fish and lobster vessels; the vessels carry a range of fisherman that specialise in shark, cray, octopus, scallops, and wrasse fishing.

"When visiting San Remo, take a stroll to the San Remo jetty and you'll see firsthand the vessels unloading their fresh catch that is delivered straight into our store," said Paul.

The San Remo Fisherman's Co-op is cooperatively owned by the fisherman and managed by locals, with financial proceeds going directly to the fisherman to help with the everyday operation of their vessels, and the additional profits fund the maintenance of the sustainable business, including the upkeep of gear and the ongoing unloading costs for the fisherman.

"Sourcing our seafood from our very own fleets, allows us to provide sustainably caught

gummy shark from local Bass Strait waters straight to our customers either fresh or cooked."

Also available fresh daily, Paul and the team have a substantial display of Southern Rock Lobster – sustainably fished by member's vessels and available both live and cooked, king prawns, oysters and an ever changing variety of fresh fish including the local secret, duckfish.

Renowned for their fish and chips featuring their own gummy shark, the Fisherman's Co-op menu is available for lunch and dinner from 10:30am supplying freshly cooked seafood, crispy chips, burgers, traditional favourites, as well as light and crisp side salads.

"We also offer a selection of crayfish that is available cooked to order and tasty season seafood specials, the perfect dishes for your Easter break."

When visiting San Remo, tourists and locals alike are welcome to sit back and watch the daily pelican feeding on the foreshore from 12pm noon. A tradition that dates to 1985.

"The pelican feeding not only helps educate the crowd

on important environmental efforts; including correct disposal of fishing line and hooks, but it allows our well-trained staff to keep an eye on the safety of the birds and help treat those that may have been injured in the wild," said Paul.

"Too often pelicans and seagulls are entangled in fishing line, sometimes causing significant damage and by having that daily interaction, our team can safely secure any injured birds for treatment at the Newhaven vet. They can then receive further treatment from Phillip Island Nature Parks rehabilitation centre if it's required, before being released."

Located on the San Remo foreshore overlooking the jetty, the San Remo Co-op also have an education centre that is open daily, giving visitors an insight into the towns fishing history.

Seafood and fish and chip orders can be made online at www.srfco.com.au with pick-up instore or by calling 5678 5206. The San Remo Co-op is open daily from 10:30am until 7:00pm, so stop off in San Remo this Easter and get a taste of the town's great history.



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"Pilots Chad, Jason and Darcy will take to the skies this Autumn and showcase Phillip Island from a

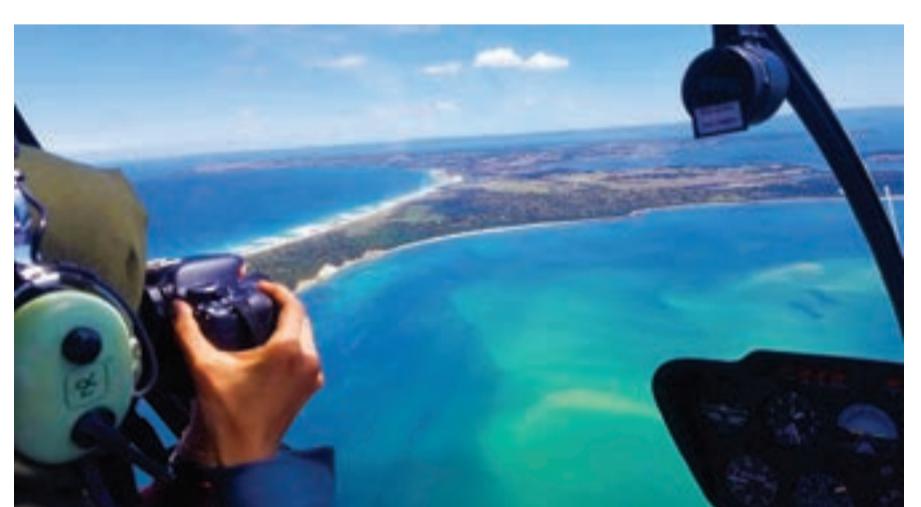
different perspective - one that you can only get in the air."

Helicopter flights are available for those as young as eight years old; 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.

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7th annual San Remo

THE San Remo annual Easter fishing competition is running from April 7 until April 10, with 100% of the entry money donated to the Royal Childrens Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

For the past seven years, Jim's Bait and Tackle in San Remo has hosted the annual event inviting locals and visitors alike to participate in the competition for a good cause.

Event organisers Craig and Mel Edmonds said just for entering you have the chance to win one of 30 hourly prizes drawn over the weekend, with the major prize an 8-minute Phillip Island Helicopter flight for three people.

"The first 50 juniors or small fry to enter receive a show bag and the first 50 lady anglers receive a WIRFAB show bag," said Craig.

The categories for the event include adult – gummy, flathead, whiting, and squid. Ladies (18+) heaviest fish weighed by a lady (gummy, flathead, whiting and squid). Junior 11–14-year-old – gummy, flathead, whiting, and squid. Small Fry up to 11 years old – flathead, whiting, and squid, as well as an open category for the heaviest snapper.

"This competition is entering its 7th year with only one year missed due to COVID. The competition was started as a bit of

family friendly competition to raise money for the Royal Childrens Hospital Good Friday Appeal," said Craig.

"When it started, we had roughly five sponsors and about \$2000 in prizes, with 30 entrants, and last year we gave away of \$15,000 in prizes from 20+ sponsors with 160+ entrants, majority of which were kids."

The Easter fishing competition is part of a range of fund-raisers happening throughout San Remo over Good Friday.

"The annual Walk for the Kids is also happening in San Remo which we work closely with and are part of the organising committee. We, like other fund-raisers in town will combine the donations and it will all be donated as the township of San Remo, last year our part was around \$4,000," said Craig.

Presentations will be done virtually with the winners heading instore at the own convenience to pick up their winnings.

Registrations are open until 2pm on Good Friday, April 7, and all money will be donated to the appeal.

Entries are available via facebook.com/JimsBaitAndTackle, instore at 90 Back Beach Road, San Remo or over the phone by calling 5678 5462.

For more information visit www.jimsbaitandtackle.com.au

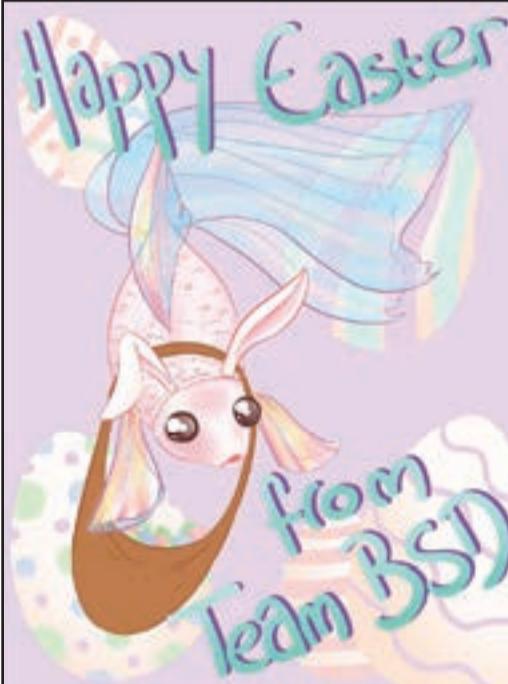
EASTER FISHING



ABOVE: George and Oliver competing in the small fry category for the annual Easter fishing competition.

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Junior competitors are welcome to compete.



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Good Friday, April 7 St. Joseph's Wonthaggi 3.00pm
Holy Saturday, April 8 Easter Vigil St. Joseph's Wonthaggi 6.30pm
Easter Sunday, April 9 St. Joseph's Wonthaggi 10.30am

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

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Jumping from the car head inside for a bucket, it's still strawberry picking season. Rows of fresh strawberries are yours for the taking – but beware one bucket may only last the night... or even 10 minutes.

Let the kids, young and old, laugh and move through the green grass as they chase the biggest and juiciest red berries; you may also make a few more friends in the piglets that follow.

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From regular supplies to the delightful picnic basket kind, fill up your boxes and embrace eating and supporting local.

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Autumn at the NATURE PARKS

AS WE head into Autumn the breeding season comes to an end on Millowl (Phillip Island) and it's time for many of our species to prepare for migration.

With the air turning cooler the natural world responds to the change in temperature from the ground to the skies.

Read on to find out about what is going on behind the scenes at Phillip Island Nature Parks and what to look out for over the autumnal months.

In The Skies - Birdlife

Short-tailed shearwaters leave our shores

Autumn is a time when adult Short-tailed shearwaters are leaving our shores to begin the long flight to the Bering Strait near Alaska starting with a trip south to feed in the rich waters around Antarctica before heading north. They leave their fat, fluffy chicks behind in the burrows where they lose weight and grow their adult flight feathers. In late April/early May, they will take off to commence their own migration. When the chicks take these practise flights, they often land on roads at night as they are attracted to bright lights, or can end up in unusual places, even your backyard.

The 'Dark Sky So Shearwaters Fly' campaign commences in April to encourage residents and businesses to turn off outdoor lighting during the take off period. Key areas within the flight path include Surf Beach, Cape Woolamai, Newhaven, Sunderland Bay, and San Remo.

On The Ground

Echidnas are still out and about, so please be careful when driving as they may sometimes cross a road!

Bush-stone curlew successful breeding

The Bush-stone curlew is critically endangered in Victoria, and locally extinct on Millowl (Phillip Island). At Nature Parks, we have two breeding pairs, and are excited to announce two chicks have hatched at the Koala Conservation

Reserve! The chicks will form part of a broader recovery program for the threatened species in Victoria. Be sure to pay them a visit to admire their fluffy plumage next time you are at the reserve.

Flora - Yellow (Austral) Sea Lavender

Once over the bridge onto Churchill Island, visitors are greeted with sprays of Yellow (Austral) Sea Lavender, Limonium australe var australis lining the roadside. The Yellow Sea Lavender is an endangered indigenous plant that grows in mangrove and saltmarsh plant communities. This is not to be confused with the common garden plant Sea Lavender, Limonium perezei nor the invasive environmental weed Sicilian Sea Lavender, Limonium hyblaeum, both of which have purple flowers and originally come from the Canary Islands and Sicily respectively.

Monitoring of the Yellow Sea Lavender is carried out by rangers and volunteers each year during the autumn flowering period to ensure that the populations have not been invaded by Sicilian Sea Lavender. There are large infestations of Sicilian Sea Lavender west of Port Phillip but luckily only a few plants have appeared on Phillip Island.

In The Trees - Koalas

The Bluegum Koala Trail has opened at the Koala Conservation Reserve. This is a penned walking trail that showcases four koalas (one male and three females). It can be found at the back of the Koala Conservation Reserve, and features large eucalypts, acacias and other native vegetation. Take a seat on the boundary and peer in at the resident koalas or take a wander at ground level.

On Our Shores and In Our Waters

Penguins moulting: After the busy breeding season, Little Penguins are completing the process of moulting. This is when penguins go through a complete rejuvenation by replacing all their old feathers with new ones. This gain, however, does not come without pain.

The penguins must spend about 17 days ashore, suffering from the heat, covered in fleas and ticks and with no food or water.

Before the moult, they feed intensively and almost double their body weight to withstand the long fast. During moult, you will often see penguins onshore during the day as well as scatters of feathers around their burrows. After moult, the penguins are very thin when they emerge from their burrows with their sleek new feathers which ensure they are fully waterproof and prepared for long feeding trips in the cold winter seas. They head straight out to sea to feed, to enjoy a meal at last!

Seal Rocks news

Australian fur seal females and pups remain at Seal Rocks. They are currently moulting and females are coming and going to feed the pups whereas big breeding males have left and are off foraging out in Bass Strait. Some juveniles are still around - they sometimes wait to see if they can still get some milk from mum (either by being sneaky or if the recent pup has died).

The pups are getting bigger and spending more time in the water playing and practicing important skills - for example, throwing around a piece of kelp in the shallows allows them to practice the skills they need for throwing around an octopus or big fish once they wean from their mum.

Wildlife Rehabilitation

As always, the greatest thing you can do for wildlife is to keep it wild. These animals are very different to domestic animals, and have developed very specific diets, behaviours and habitat needs over thousands of years.

For more information, or if you find injured wildlife, you can call Phillip Island Nature Parks on 03 5951 2800 or Wildlife Victoria (24 hours / 7 days a week) on 03 8400 7300.

Sensory night

ON SUNDAY, April 30, Phillip Island Nature Parks will be arranging a sensory night. They are also planning sensory hours at their other venues. They would love you to join them, if you have the ability to!

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A sensory friendly period is a way for your business to be more inclusive for people who may have sensory sensitivities.

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I want to be a part - what next?

Just shoot Peta at PINP an email, letting her know if you are doing a day, hour, night and what modifications you are planning to do.

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Easter Holidays on Churchill Island

BRING the kids and take a step back in time this Easter break with a day out on Churchill Island.

Phillip Island Nature Parks are hosting a whole lot of fun this Easter break starting from Friday, April 7 until Monday, April 10. Family entertainment and live music will be performed over the long weekend from 2-5pm.

Showcasing artists:

- Good Friday: The Fruity Pickers
- Easter Saturday: The Ben Cook Trio
- Easter Sunday: Artists to be confirmed.
- Easter Monday: The Corz

Whilst experiencing live entertainment, those over 18 are welcome to enjoy a delicious wine tasting from Silverwater Wineries from 2-5pm. During the day a BBQ and fresh hot cross buns will be available at lunch time and treat the little ones to face painting from 10am - 12pm.

A unique wildlife experience is then available just before sunset with tickets on sale for tours on April 8, 9 and 10. Through an interactive tour with one of the Phillip Island rangers, learn about the Eastern barred Bandicoot and the incredible recovery program.

To book your tour today or see what's on this Easter school break visit www.penguins.org.au

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Whether a night out with the family or celebrating a special occasion there is room for all at Pearl.

AMAZING Malaysian food at Inverloch's best-kept secret has received a twist.

A new menu showcases not only the Malaysian delights that customers have come to savour, but a new South Asian twist means there is even more to delight the senses.

From rich butter chicken sauces to curry leaf coconut broths, there is a biriyani and char sui to suit; filled with fresh ingredients and flavours beyond belief.

The Wagyu beef skewers are proving a popular hit, whilst weekly specials keep the appetite surprised.

Spectacular artwork adorns the walls as you enter with new beverages to tantalise the tastebuds including the cosmopolitan, coconut mojito and baileys espresso martini.

A good range of soft choices are also available with a wide selection of mocktails and even a house-made kombucha now also on offer.

For the warmer nights embrace the outdoor breeze, and for the wild and woolie weather destined to arrive stay snuggled inside as you rest your legs and are transported to a foreign land.

The team are also incredibly excited to be hosting Paella at Pearl on April 9 (Easter Sunday).

Originally a dish made in Valencia (Spain) as a lunchtime meal for farmers and labourers, it is now a delicious

plate filled with seafood, eaten in the company of friends, neighbours and strangers with a drink and plenty of laughs.

Reservations are a must for this special event.

With function capability the restaurant can provide private spaces for groups to enjoy away from the main dining area, or if the bigger the better is your style, then the full restaurant can be booked.

Pearl is an out of the ordinary experience. A destination where one can enjoy dinner with an attention to detail, real customer service and unbeatable ambiance – and plenty of parking.

"Everyone who works here feels the same – we spend a lot of time at work in our lives and it's important we enjoy it, and we want our customers to enjoy it also."

Beef, seafood, chicken, pork, lamb, tofu and vegetables all feature across the select menu with gluten free and vegan options available.

There is also a new (but familiar) face in local resident, Anthony, that has joined the Pearl team as the Assistant Manager, and under his and Lillian's guidance you will not be disappointed.

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Happily for 'Turn the Page' proprietors, Kylie and Brendan McDonald, there's still a place for a good book on holidays at Phillip Island.

Turn the page for holiday booking

LAZY holiday days and a compelling paperback still go hand-in-hand and fortunately for Phillip Island visitors and locals this time-honoured pastime has a happy home at Turn The Page book shop in Thompson Avenue Cowes.

Kylie Lindorff and Brendan McDonald took over the shop in January 2023, after moving to the area permanently about the same time after owning a house here for 10 years.

And between the holiday trade and loyal, local support, they've found that a book business can happily survive in the age of (almost) everything online.

"A lot of people still like the tangible feel of a book in their hand and the reading experience it offers," said Brendan.

As well as carrying a variety of reading genres, including a strong section of travel books, Brendan has also started a chapter (no pun intended) of the Australia-wide reading group for men called 'Tough Guys', although Brendan freely admits there's nothing particularly tough about this month's choice of reading, the classic German novel, Metamorphosis, by Franz Kafka.

"It's probably not what you'd expect them to go for, but it's interesting all the same," said Brendan.

"The idea is that every branch of Tough Guys reads the same book at the same time, and even if you're away on holidays, you can find out where the local chapter is and join their meeting for a talk about the book."

"We meet once a month, usually at a pub over a few beers, and a meal before hand

if you like.

"It's all wrapped up by 9pm so we're not home too late."

The Phillip Island Tough Guys Book Club has 17 members at present and they've already read some interesting books, including Wake in Fright and The Glass Canoe, although Metamorphosis is the most "left field" book they've tried so far.

It must be said, however, that it is one of the most written about books of the last century, with many commentators keen to plumb the depths of what Kafka was on about in a book where the central character, Gregor Samsa, wakes up one morning to find himself inexplicably transformed into a huge insect.

There hasn't even been much agreement about the interpretation of the first sentence in the book - "gigantic insect" or "monstrous vermin" and what, if anything, does it symbolise anyway.

In general terms, the books at Turn the Page in Cowes aren't quite so high brow with most of the latest best-selling novels on hand, collections by popular authors, a wide selection of children's books and, as mentioned, lots of travel books.

"Yes, everyone has started travelling again, and they're looking out for travel books," said Kylie.

As the summer days fade into the approaching winter, it's just as well that Phillip Island has a good selection of these cooler climate pastimes from warm cafés and restaurants, to galleries and walking trails, and a good book by a warm fire could be just what the doctor ordered.



Market 4212 houses fashion store Boho Inspired managed by Jac Allamby, selling a collection of clothing, shoes, and accessories in Dalyston.

Shop the ultimate boutique range

SITUATED in Bass Coast at Dalyston, Backyard World and Market 4212 are leading suppliers of SteelChief and LittleChief high quality outdoor living products, and home to a collection of customised goods from local creators.

Chantelle and Wayne operate the family run business and knew it was a space they wanted to share with others, inviting the operation of the local café managed by Emma Bruns, and opening the inside store as a daily market for unique suppliers – Market 4212.

With the intention of inviting innovative creators, Market 4212 houses Boho Inspired clothing and accessories, hand-made wax and air-fresheners from Sticky Mix Surf Wax, hand-made jewellery, candles, bath bombs, chopping boards, tie-dye and Hi-Vis clothing range, ShedNine apparel and skateboards and a range of surf boards from local shapers.

Outside, there is a selection of sheds, farm gates and aviaries built to the highest standard by SteelChief, with custom designs available, Backyard World work with each client to achieve great value, from order to installation.

"Our clients can choose their colour and request a quote for optional site preparation, this way we will pour the concrete floor and any surrounding pathways and install directly to the flat slab," said Chantelle.

"We also customise outdoor timber cubby houses, outdoor picnic tables, dog pens and kennels."

The rear studio showcases a display of Australian Christmas decorations

and tree-stands to prepare for the Christmas season, with handmade wooden toys available, including swing sets, slides, monkey bars and climbing frames.

Custom plans are also available in the LittleChief range, stocking a vast selection of cubby houses, all designed to encourage independent play and inspire creativity. The boutique cubby range offers anything from 'The Café' to The Ninja – made from plantation pine and available in a selection of colours.

"Our classic cubby house range has attachments available as optional extras, with the choice of an above ground elevation kit, where you can choose to incorporate side steps, a slide or even a sandpit," said Chantelle.

Extra fun options are also available upon request and the choices are endless, simply add a letterbox, fireman's pole, an elevation shop front, blackboard or even a scramble net.

Located at 4212 Bass Highway, Dalyston, Backyard World is open Wednesday to Saturday from 10am until 3pm or by appointment.

Market 4212 is open Wednesday to Sunday from 10am until 3pm and the café is open from 6am until 1pm Monday to Friday, so head on down for a barista made coffee and stroll through the boutique range at Market 4212, chances are you'll find what you're looking for.

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THESE EASTER HOLIDAYS

"The holiday program gives our regular kids more time on the floor over the holidays and teaches new students some fun and exciting new skills,"

SUMMERSALT Gymnastics in Wonthaggi has the kids' fun covered over the Easter break, opening their holiday program from Tuesday, April 11 until Friday, April 21.

Running two programs to cater for a range of ages, owner Chelsea Caple has designed a convenient online timetable for grown-ups to pre-register their children's holiday session.

With no experience required, regulars and visitors to the coast are welcome to come along and join in the flippin' good fun; a perfect indoor activity to give the kids a chance to keep active, entertained and run off some extra energy!

Children will have access to the traditional gymnastics' apparatus, participate in circuits and games as well as complete challenges on the ninja course, of indoor trampolines and rock climbing walls.

On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, Movement Educators will run two, two-hour sessions for kinder to teens, running from 9:30am until 11:30am and 11:30am until 1:30pm. There will also be one 2-hour session on a Wednesday from 11:30am until 1:30pm.

The kinder to teens class will be held as a drop off session, giving parents the opportunity to drop and go; head out for a coffee or visit those local attractions that the kids just aren't up for."

Two, one-hour Groms sessions will run every Wednesday from 9:30am until 10:30am and 10:30am until 11:30am for children aged one-year to pre-school.

The sessions for the Groms are designed to give them an opportunity to build their confidence, work on their concentration and their fine-motor skills and use their imagination; all whilst having the time of their lives.

"During our one-year to pre-school hour, grown-up supervision is required to help those little ones settle in and to give them a helping hand – having their parent or guardian there helps them build their confidence and enjoy their lesson," said Chelsea.

All sessions will be supervised by Summer-salt Movement Educators whilst the kids enjoy the fun of the autumn program, helping them meet new friends, develop new skills, and enjoy their Easter school holidays.

"The holiday program gives our regular kids more time on the floor over the holidays and teaches new students some fun and exciting new skills," said Chelsea.

The holiday program will be \$15 for an hour session and \$30 for a two-hour session. Bookings can be made online at www.summersaltgym.com.au

All participants are recommended to bring a drink bottle and socks for the bouncy trampolines.

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Even better the farm is only 15 minutes from Leongatha or Mirboo North!

Easter egg hunts for all ages including the little ones take place on April 9 and 10 at 11am and 3pm.

Why not get involved with the sheep while you're there, get to draft, weigh and learn about sheep and sheep farming at the sheep demonstrations every day at 2pm.

You can expect an abundance of animals from chickens to ponies at the farm.

You might even catch a glimpse of Theodore, the resident Strzelecki koala, who enjoys living in the Strzelecki gum trees that pepper the farm.

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Discover the farm this Easter from April 9-15 from 10-4pm.

Head to www.hallstonvalleyfarm.com or follow Hallston Valley on Instagram and Facebook to stay in touch with the farm.

Easter Art Show showcases local creativity

THE eagerly awaited annual Easter Exhibition presented by the Arts Society Phillip Island Region will be held this year at Newhaven College.

The venue is the spacious foyer of the new Performing Arts Centre at the College. The exhibition showcases the creativity of ASPIR members across a wide variety of media and genres. All the works are for sale. The Award presentations are on Thursday, April 6 from 7pm and works can be viewed from 10am to 5pm daily, from Friday, April 7 to Monday, April 10.

The exhibition provides a wonderful opportunity to discover the breadth of talent of the Arts community of Bass Coast and a chance to acquire an original artwork.

Newhaven College is located at 1770 Phillip Island Road. For more information visit www.aspi-inc.org.au



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THERE is no doubt the Gippsland Country Music Festival has cemented itself as a formidable regional event.

Celebrating its third year in 2023, the country festival has already celebrated two sold-out shows headlined by the best of the best of Australian country music.

Now, the event is about to get even bigger by giving country music fans the opportunity to camp at the one-day event and really soak-up the atmosphere.

Moving to a larger new home at Lardner Park, organisers hope this will give music fans the chance to stay and play in Gippsland and explore the wonders the region has to offer.

In another coup for the Gippsland Country Music Festival, organisers have secured an enviable line-up, headlined by Lee Kernaghan - who launched the inaugural event in 2021 - and Troy Cassar-Daley. With Adam Brand, Beccy Cole, Sara Storer, Kaylee Bell, Josh Setterfield, Jade Gibson and Gareth Leach, there is something for all lovers of country music.

In addition, there are also many other experiences from a woodchopping

competition and freestyle motocross to line dancing, carnival rides, and market stalls.

There will also be a host of delicious food and drink vendors showcasing the local Gippsland region.

Organiser Aidan McLaren says the team have put together their dream line-up and day out.

"When we first talked about launching Gippsland Country Music Festival, we bounced around headliner ideas and Troy Cassar-Daley was straight away at the top of the list," he says.

"He's won a record 40 Golden Guitars, created so many amazing albums and songs over such a long period of time and his live show is just so engaging. To have him playing Gippsland Country for the first time is really something.

"Plus, to bring Lee Kernaghan, the Australian icon of country music, back to Gippsland is really special.

"After such an amazing response to his performance at our inaugural event, he's returning to headline by popular demand. Additionally, to be welcoming our first ever international act Kaylee Bell is a special moment as well, we

can't wait!

"Each of the other artists are incredible and we feel together they showcase the diversity and range of talent that exists in the Australian Country music scene. In total they have been awarded a mind-blowing 122 Golden Guitars between them, and we're very proud to have such an amazing array of country music talent playing the festival.

"We're also looking forward to the crowd being blown away by some incredible Gippsland home-grown country talent with the launch of the very first Local Country Showcase. It's the search to find the local country stars of tomorrow, with four winners having the opportunity to perform at the festival."

For the first time ever, Gippsland Country Music Festival will have camping onsite in 2023. There will be a limited number of sites available for music fans to camp for the weekend and experience the event.

"We are thrilled to have camping now available at our new home of Lardner Park," says Aidan.

"We always knew that camping would be such an incredible element to add to

Australian artist Beccy Cole has eleven Golden Guitars to her name, including five for Female Artist of the Year.



Country girl Jade Gibson brings her powerful vocals, energetic approach to life, and charismatic stage presence.

the festival and are really pleased that Lardner Park is able to offer us this in our third year. We know that fans travel hundreds of kilometres to attend the festival, and in addition to all the incredible local accommodation around us, it's exciting to allow music fans to camp onsite."

Situated just 12-kilometres from Warragul and 90-minutes east of Melbourne, Lardner Park consists of spacious green fields surrounding a central lake, all encapsulated by hills rolling on in the distance, making it the perfect new home for Gippsland Country.

The camping area is located on flat land with increased space and accessible facilities, ideal for establishing your temporary home. Hopefully it gives the opportunity for even more music fans to come and experience the festival.

"I know it's something that the audience wanted, and we're excited that Lardner Park is able to offer it for the first time."

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From the BAKERS OVEN

THERE is nothing better than waking to the smell of freshly baked bread and warm toes. For the Bearded Baker of Inverloch's two children this was the way of life for three years whilst he baked in a temporary second kitchen upstairs until the recent conversion of an old woodshed/garage was transformed into a micro baker's delight: much to the kids' disappointment.

But how did a rugby loving, Coca Cola supply chain manager from Yorkshire become one of the most sought after sourdough bakers in South Gippsland?

"I came across in 2006 originally," Rob Mason smiled, as he cut the sourdough to size.

"The intention was to try and play some rugby league and watch the NRL."

Fast forward 17 years, a career with Coca-Cola and raising a family in Sydney, Rob and his wife, Ingrid, packed up and moved to Inverloch.

"We made the decision to move down here so the kids could be closer to their grandparents. Ingrid got a role that allowed her to work down here, whereas I knew my time was limited in terms of travelling into the city, so we looked at options..."

Business plans and cafes were tabled but the pair quickly discovered they would have to employ a sourdough baker, so the decision

was made to learn the craft themselves.

"I thought how difficult could it be? So, I enrolled at William Angliss and attended for about 18 months (of a two-year course) then COVID hit.

"I was working part time at that point in time and decided to take a month off work and figure out (sourdough) myself."

"We started Queen's Birthday weekend three years ago. Looking back, it's phenomenal in terms of where our sourdough was to where it is now – the consistency."

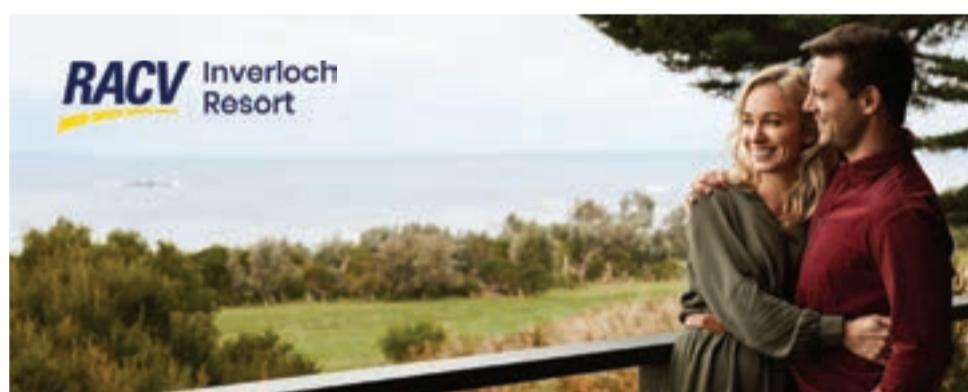
Operations initially kicked off at home with one Rofco oven. Quickly outgrowing a second oven there was no room for a third and the business migrated downstairs into the purpose-built micro bakery space last August.

Catch the Bearded Baker of Inverloch at Koonwarra Market on the first Saturday of the month, and weekly at the Kongwak Market from the end of April.

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After stretching your legs, head to the port and jump on your charter to explore from the sea or break out the fishing rods and try for your catch of the day.

If cycling or hiking is more your cup of tea, Port Welshpool is the final stop on the 109km Great Southern Rail Trail which starts in Nyora.



Art by local artists from left, Adrian Johnson, Janice Orchard, Marion Quigley and Ellen Hubble

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Delectable fresh produce is on display at Kongwak Market every Sunday with the heirloom variety available from Shane and regular varieties from Mick. There is also plenty of food to be enjoyed – whether you pack for a picnic or indulge in a treat.

Indulge and explore at the Kongwak Market

PACK your picnic basket and head to Kongwak for a spectacular day with the family.

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Stock up on fresh produce with a great selection of fruit and vegetables from Mick or perhaps the heirloom varieties tickle your fancy from Shane at Chippin Estate.

Grab a bacon and egg roll for sustenance from Meredith, and a coffee, as you meander to John for a custard filled donut or in coming weeks the Bearded Baker for your sourdough.

A baguette from Trulli and a The Native Food Co. relish or condiment from Lizzie, and you are halfway complete. Linda from The Little Farm Shop can

top you up with cheese, salami and kabana amongst other smallgoods, jams and sauces.

Head further inside to Gomathy's for warm samosas and other delectable goodies as your picnic basket is brimming. The final stop before you venture back to the gardens in search for the perfect picnic space.

Relish in the sounds, rest the soul and break open all the delicious picnic treats – indulge like a King and share your lunch with a friend.

When it's time to move on head into the not-so-secret 'Secret Garden'. A true wonderland in the heart of Kongwak Market.

Stroll at your own leisure before heading into the nursery where you can pick up your own garden goodies from Carolyn.

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EASTER Bunny is hopping his way to Coal Creek on Easter Sunday April 9 and will bring an abundant supply of chocolate eggs to ensure exciting Easter Egg hunting for undoubtedly energised youngsters.

He's teaming with Korumburra Lions Club, raising funds for the worthy projects to which it contributes.

The famous large rabbit won't just deposit his eggs and bound away, waiting around to meet the Easter Egg hunters.

Children under 12 years of age are encouraged to join the fun, with a cost of just \$5 each.

So everyone gets a fair go, the hunt will be split into 3 categories, with different areas and degrees of difficulty according to age.

There are two egg hunting sessions, 12 midday and 1.30pm.

There will be music, family games, a sausage sizzle and food and drinks for sale, along with a colouring competition, with doors open at 11.30am and festivities wrapping up at 3pm.

Bookings are open at [eventbrite.com.au/e/594187329297](https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/594187329297) for what is sure to be a great family day.



Markets in town this Easter

THE Cowes Island Craft Market and Island Foreshore Market are happening on Saturday, April 8 for Phillip Island.

Other regional markets on Easter Saturday are the Coal Creek Farmers Market and Corinella Community Market.

The Loch Lions Village Market, Prom Produce and Craft Market and Wonthaggi Rotary Market are all scheduled for Sunday, April 9 and the Tarwin Lower Market will be happening on April 10.



GOING THE DISTANCE

on our great rail trails



Canberra cyclists Pete Dykgraaf, Faye Dykgraaf and Jenny Bowden said the highlight of their trip was stopping off in the "delightful" South Gippsland towns along the Great Southern Rail Trail including Port Welshpool, Foster, Fish Creek, Meeniyana and Loch

IF THE legendary founder of the Great Southern Rail Trail, Eric Cumming, had a vision in his mind's eye of what the trail might become in the future he might have imagined a visiting trio from Canberra who rode the trail last week.

Veterans of eight Great Victorian Bike Rides, and many of the rail trails around this state and others, they were coming back to an area they'd visited and they just loved what we've done to the place.

Stopping off at Port Welshpool for the night, on their way over from Sale, they walked out on the Long Jetty.

They listed the steep ride up to Foster as challenging but rated the view over Corner Inlet and Wilsons Promontory from the Hoddle Ranges as one of the highlights.

"We camped overnight on the Foster Showgrounds and stopped off at the town with the tea pots, Fish Creek, and Meeniyana along the way. Fish Creek and Meeniyana are lovely little towns, the people are friendly and there are some nice touches along the way like nice rest points and toilets.

"They've done a great job," said one of their number, Pete Dykgraaf, from the Canberra suburb of Tuggeranong.

"The bakery at Meeniyana is a real treasure and we also loved the covering of trees as you come out of Koonwarra on the way to Leongatha," said Jenny Bowden.

Together with Pete's wife Faye,

they continued on to Loch where they stayed the night and dined in at Olive at Loch while also walking around the town.

"It's been fantastic. The trail is so well looked after and there's lots to see along the way," said Faye.

Prior to joining the Great Southern Rail Trail at Welshpool, they left their cars at Sale and rode to Seaspray and then on to Yarram.

The rail trail extension from Yarram to Welshpool is under construction but not expected to be ready until December this year.

After Loch, they headed across country and picked up with the Bass Coast Rail Trail (which will eventually be linked back to Nyora) and rode on to Cowes on Phillip Island where they stopped for a light breakfast and coffee at G'Day Tiger and took the ferry from Cowes to Stony Point.

"We're going to get the train to Melbourne and then out to Traralgon and we'll ride the trails back to Sale to complete the round trip," said Pete.

"It's been great," he said.

The extension of the rail trail from Leongatha to Nyora was officially opened at the weekend, but it is already being heavily used by riders just like Pete, Faye and Jenny and when the likes of Eric Cumming and other driving forces behind the development of the rail trail, including John Kennedy and others, had a vision for what the tracks might be in the future – then this is it.



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Emily Koenders has pulled out all the stops for her spectacular April display which will be her last major exhibition for a (very) little while.

Dreams really do come true

EMILY Koenders is not going anywhere as she invites a special new member into the family.

However the artist is looking forward to celebrating her 21st year in her own gallery with a little bit more r-n-r.

In what promises to be a spectacular exhibition and Emily's last major exhibition for a (very) little while, she has pulled out all the stops.

With views overlooking Wilsons Promontory, one meanders through an avenue of maple trees from the car park. Transported to another time a mix of dreamy old Federation meets modern country with chandeliers along Ruby-Fairbank Road.

Greeted by an incredible smile and beautiful soul, Emily meets one on arrival. On the special occasions you may even be greeted by an extra special member of the creative team - Matisse.

Whether visiting her gallery has been on your bucket list for a while or you're a regular, do not miss 'Wings in Autumn' running from April 1 to 30.

Filled with spectacularly detailed wildlife works, Emily is celebrating 21 years in her own gallery space.

"Loving nature is... to see luminous splashes of colour masterly placed on the wing of a bird, as light that lifts your spirit..."

"To watch birds soar against a cerulean blue sky and be raised up with them..."

"To see dappled light dance across the old wise gums and land on the lacy ferns, bejewelled by the robin, the wren, or whatever small miracle lives within. To feel the enchantment, the magic of the forest..." Emily begins.

"I was four - 1982 that's when I started."

Creating came second nature for the young artistic mind with pastel pencil the early material of choice.

Supported by her folks, Emily began

entering competitions, both for children and adults.

"I put this tiny little painting of the panda in (the adult's exhibition), and within minutes of opening we went to visit. For me to see it on the wall was an honour, but I walked in and there it was sold!

"That's where it began - a little portrait of a panda."

Years of awards, exhibitions and recognition, Emily was the youngest to be accepted into the highly coveted Camberwell Art Show.

"You have to be judged to even get on the wall - it's the biggest art exhibition in all of Victoria.

"My family also hosted solo exhibitions in Caulfield and Doncaster for example that were opened by John Woods, Peter Hitchener and Val Jellay (Maurie Field's wife) which were enormous opportunities, where I had my works.

"The 80/90s art world in Australia was booming."

Portfolios of newspaper clippings, photographs and early samples of work sit open on the white ottoman as the autumn breeze glides across the hills outside Emily's gallery.

Raised in the art world and commencing her professional art career at the age of 14, it wasn't until later in her life that Emily's heritage was traced back to the famous Dutch master Vincent van Gogh.

But one of Emily's most precious memories involves Wilma, an Australian wombat.

"To have such a close experience with an Australian animal there are no words..."

"I was sitting there painting a pride of lions and Wilma was in her little pouch on my chest, that I had made out of my jumper. She'd sit there asleep, whilst I painted during the school holidays.

"When she woke, she put her little

nose out and tried to chew on the pastel pencil I was using - would you believe my mother got a photograph of it."

Emily is spirited by the beauty of her childhood, the views and scenery surrounding her home, and her imagination; she also happens to be musically trained.

A feature artist at exhibitions, Emily has also on multiple occasions demonstrated her talent for hyperrealism.

"I take 20 works with me, and as I did last Easter in Bendigo, I'll sit and demonstrate to people how I paint and talk to a lot of amazing people.

"That's the unexpected part of it - it's so beautiful because people open up to you from all walks of life, and you're yourself."

Once an empty paddock, now a phenomenal gallery and studio for Emily to work on her latest masterpieces, the dream on a hill has been a labour of love. And, when she is not downstairs, she can embrace the mezzanine bridge above, as her young son has done on a few occasions overlooking The Prom, the Gippsland hills and the thrilling storms and surreal skies filled with every colour of the rainbow...

A world rich in music, colours, light and immense focus on the wildlife subject at hand, Emily's art is a timeless gift from nature.

"When people buy a painting from you, they're buying a piece of you."

Four of Emily's exclusive works will be on display over Easter at the Bendigo Art Exhibition.

Do not miss Emily's current major exhibition 'Wings in Autumn' at Emily Koenders Art Gallery - 230 Ruby Fairbanks Rd, Ruby until April 30. Open Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays from 11am until 5pm, as well as all days over Easter including Good Friday, or by appointment.

Festival time at Yarram is worth the drive

THINGS are happening a little differently these days with the annual Tarra Festival in Yarram more a collection of events than one great, big, coordinated festival.

While the Saturday street parade may be missing from the list of activities, there's still a great time to be had at art shows, music events, markets and sporting events, plus, the chance to see the incredible array of murals by world renowned street and silo artist Heesco Khosnaran, and a stop off for fish'n'chips on the wharf at Port Albert.

Here's the program of events:

Good Friday:

- Taraville Church service 11am
- Lawn bowls tournament 11.30am-2pm Yarram Country Club
- Yarram Football & Netball Club vs Yallourn North 12noon-9pm Yarram Rec Reserve (12noon onwards)
- Arts and Crafts Exhibition Friday-Monday 10am-3pm Yarram Scout Hall
- Pub raffle night 5.30pm-8.30pm Alberton Pub

Easter Saturday:

- Tarra Festival & Street Market 9am-1pm Commercial Road Yarram
- Evening Wear Display 11am-3pm Yarram Historical Society
- Art Exhibition 11am-3pm Yarram Courthouse Gallery
- Aeroclub Landing Competition 12.30pm-5pm Yarram Airport
- Easter Carnival 1.30pm-7.30pm Yarram Rec Reserve
- Alberton Cemetery Walking Tour 4.30pm-6pm Alberton Cemetery
- Rotary Club's Mick Harrington on National Tour 7.30pm-9pm Regent Theatre

Easter Sunday:

- Pancakes in the park 8.30am-11am Yarram Memorial Park
- Golf Tournament 10am onwards Yarram Golf Club
- Easter Picnic in the Park 3pm-6.30pm Port Albert
- Murder Mystery Night 6.30 onwards Regent Theatre (SOLD OUT)

Easter Monday:

- Lions Club Market 8am-noon Yarram Rec Reserve.

Check out the Tarra Festival website for details at: <https://www.tarrafestival.com/>

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Parklands taking shape

PARKLANDS at Wonthaggi is continuing to take shape as more and more buyers look for a sea change along the beautiful Bass Coast.

Work has now finished on stage 5 at Parklands, which is the estate's biggest yet comprising 79 lots.

Parklea General Manager Corporate Jarod Mills said title registrations were expected soon and the first homes in stage 5 would start construction around May.

All but a handful of lots in the sought-after stage have been sold.

Stage five will also include a Metricon display home, which will begin construction in the next few months.

Mr Mills said space was still available in stage 5 for other builders interested in constructing a display home at Parklands.

Homeowners in stage 5 will benefit from Parklea's new design guideline requirement of Colorbond fencing.

"Parklea has transitioned to Colorbond fencing in all our new developments," explained Mr Mills.

"We have moved to Colorbond steel as a result of availability issues with other materials, but also because of its longevity.

Many clients would eventually end up having to paint their fences, but with Colorbond steel's terrific colour selection and durability, they are spared the hassle of repairing or replacing their fences.

"To help new residents, Parklea will

supply all rear and corner fencing. New home owners only need to finish the interlot fencing with their neighbours. This means most people will only deal with one or two neighbours, not four of five different parties.

"We think this shift will make Parklands look more polished and consistent."

Parklea recently moved the sales office from its flagship Officer development, Timbertop, to Parklands.

Mr Mills said the building was available to community groups wanting a space to meet.

"There may be a mothers' group that wants to meet for morning tea, or people may want a space to play chess or poker. They are welcome to use the sales office space," Mr Mills said.

With stage 5 well underway, Parklea will next turn its attention to starting construction on stage 7.

Mr Mills said stage 7 will be smaller than its predecessor, with 21 lots ranging in size from 512 square metres to 1,193 square metres.

He said the whole Parklea team was proud of the progress made so far at Parklands.

"Aesthetically the estate looks amazing. The quality of homes is magnificent and the park looks terrific. Parklands is starting to shape out the way we had envisaged," he said.

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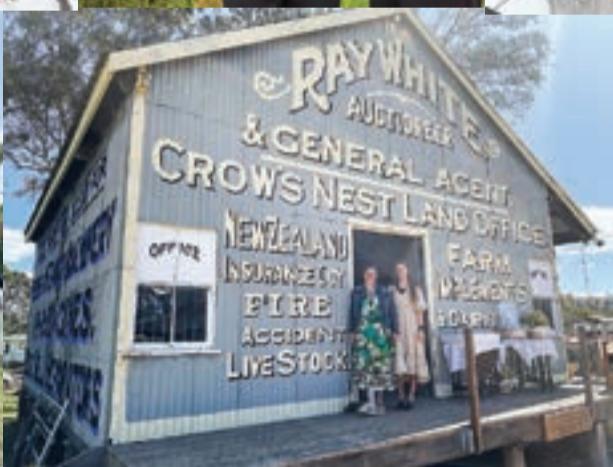
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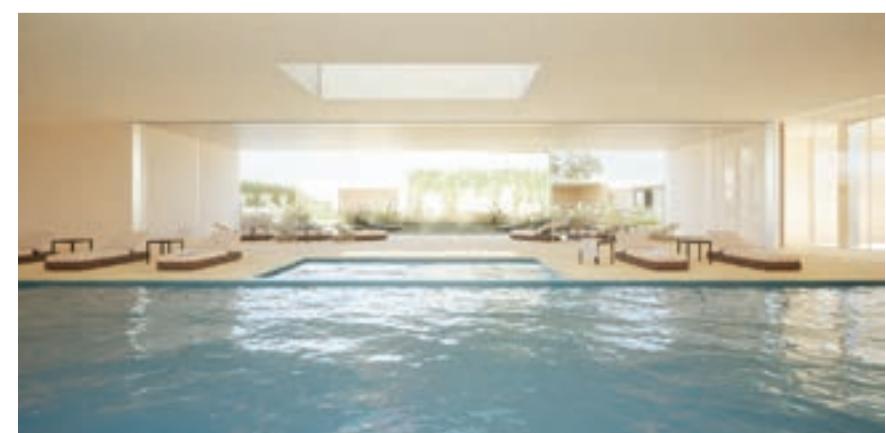
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Ray White Inverloch welcomes star mother-daughter team

FAMILY values lie at the heart of Ray White Inverloch with principal Fiona McMahon-Hughes welcoming a female-led family team.

Fiona is excited to welcome sales agent Megan Harris and her daughter Katie Harris, adding to her team which includes her own daughter Olivia McMahon-Hughes.

"They are a beautiful local family and they also have strong family values as well. We're really pleased to welcome them into the team," Fiona said.

"They care about people and are here for the whole picture. It's about building relationships and longevity - both myself and Megan hope that in 15 years time we will see our daughters step up as the next generation of leaders.

"We genuinely care about our clients and we want to offer them the best service possible so they want to come back to us. It's not just about one sale, but the whole relationship."

Ray White is a fourth generation business and family is at the cornerstone of the leading group's foundation.

The group is led by Ray



Olivia McMahon-Hughes, Fiona McMahon-Hughes, Megan Harris and Katie Harris.

White's grandson, chairman Brian White and great-grandson and managing director Dan White.

Fiona said being able to work with your family is an amazing opportunity.

"Obviously when you work with family you know you can trust them. It adds a lot to the business, people have always got your back and are pushing forward in the same direction," she said.

Katie Harris has just begun her real estate career and is currently doing a traineeship with her mother while finishing year 12.

She is hoping to learn everything she can about real estate with the ultimate goal to become a sales agent.

Megan has more than two years of experience in the Inverloch area and said she joined the real estate industry because she's passionate

about helping people.

"I believe it's essential in real estate to develop relationships and create trust with our clients when they are making the hardest and most important decision they will probably ever have to make," Megan said.

"I want to be able to assist my clients through this process, whether they are from an older generation looking to downsize, or a first home

buyer who just needs someone they can trust." Megan is incredibly proud of her daughter Katie, who is also passionate about real estate.

"Family is the most important thing we have and joining Ray White Inverloch with my daughter Katie is such a great opportunity to work in a high performing, family-orientated business with great values," Megan said.

"Katie is working hard, finishing year 12 while also doing her traineeship with me and working towards earning her real estate licence so she can hit the ground running when she graduates." Fiona said the Inverloch area has continued to perform well post-COVID with many people from Melbourne still seeking out a coastal treechange in the region.

"We're still getting a lot of people coming here from the city. People looking for an early retirement but also lots of new professional families and couples who are able to work from home," she said. "There's been a huge infrastructure upgrade and it's attracted a broad range of buyers."



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The home is light-filled and functional in design with an open-plan dining, kitchen and living area that is situated at the front of the property. The spacious kitchen features an electric cooktop and oven, ample storage cupboards and a dishwasher. Neatly tucked across the hallway is the utility room, which offers a perfect storage solution for the busy family. The expansive front living area features a wood fire heater & split system to ensure comfort in all seasons.

The two bedrooms with built in robes are serviced by a well appointed main bathroom with a shower over the bath. The back of the home features a versatile rumpus area that can be closed off and used a great home office or kids retreat.

The large formal living area at the rear of the home is cosy in design with another wood fire, reverse cycle air conditioner and

exposed brick feature wall. The master retreat is positioned away from the hustle and bustle of the home and offers a walk in robe and ensuite.

The L design of the home opens up to the east with a protected porch to ensure you have a spot to enjoy your morning coffee.

The other side of the house offers a large undercover patio area, with transparent blinds allowing you to enjoy the space. Regardless of the season, you will find it hard to leave.

Outside the home is not short on storage and activities to keep you busy, the large 17x9m powered shed is a great spot to store all the toys and cars. The back of the property has a chook house and run, a hot house and raised veggie garden to keep the green thumbs happy.

Wattlebank is only a short drive into the town and beaches of Inverloch. With the quiet and peaceful lifestyle this home offers it won't be around for long.

Get in touch with our team to arrange an inspection.

Additional Features include:

- Machinery Shed
- Hay Shed
- Two large water tanks, (130,000L and 25,000L in size)
- 10.5kw Solar & Battery
- Split systems
- Fans in all rooms to maintain comfort



3 | 2 | 2 | 2 2.02ha
15 Desmond Road, Wattle Bank
For Sale \$1,395,000
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Sale by deadline

Rustic Coastal Ambience that Soothes the Soul and Warms the Heart

'Wirrega', Walkerville Region, Victoria

Located in the popular Walkerville, South Gippsland region, 'Wirrega' is a wonderfully crafted coastal retreat overlooking Bass Strait southeast to Wilson's Promontory. Set amongst 4.84* acres of tranquil coastal flora, we invite you to explore the rustic coastal ambience of 'Wirrega'.

- Barn style dual level beachhouse with open plan living, 7 bedrooms and 2 bathrooms.
- Unfettered access to Cape Liptrap Coastal Park and Maitland Beach.
- Extensive chattels list and option to maintain existing AirBNB bookings and revenue included with sale.
- The Beach, 90 metres 2 minutes*, Sandy Point, 32km 32 minutes*, Inverloch, 47km 41 minutes*

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High quality and close to everything!

It's rare to find a property such as this - brand new, high quality, low maintenance plus an excellent central location that offers a surprising level of privacy.

- Visually appealing with stone feature walls plus brick and timber cladding, this three bedroom townhouse is sure to impress.
- Upstairs is a real highlight! Vaulted ceilings to the kitchen and living area give a feeling of space plus enable large north facing windows to capture the winter sun.
- Completing the upstairs is the master bedroom together with a luxurious ensuite and spacious, fitted walk-in-robe.
- Well appointed bathroom with a deep bath-tub and stone benches plus a separate toilet and laundry.
- Extra large double garage has plenty of room for two vehicles plus bicycles, beach toys etc.

Price \$1,450,000

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- Your own private waterfront access, you can moor your boat, enjoy a morning paddle or just soak up the serenity from the best seat in the house, where the gentle waters wash up on your feet - the options are endless.
- You will be impressed by the quality fittings, timber floors and wool carpet throughout.
- The master bedroom is complete with a soaking tub where you can take in the sea views after a long day, every room tells a story, one that you just want to be part of.
- Your guests are certainly well catered for, with their own luxury bus accommodation suite, unique, quirky and simply clever, they'll never want to leave.
- Other features include a skate ramp to test your skills, a man cave to enjoy, ample shedding for storage and a chook run for your chickens to roam, plus so much more.
- This property truly offers a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to live the dream of the ultimate sea change, inspection is a must to appreciate its beauty and all this property has to truly offer.

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Immaculate family home in Leongatha

LOCATED in a lovely established street, and within walking distance to the schools, shopping precinct and medical facilities, is this expansive family home set on approximately 880m². The home is immaculately presented and would make the perfect residence for the growing family!

Features of the property include:

- Double storey, 5 bedrooms (or 4 and a study), 3 bathrooms and 2 living areas
- Master bedroom with a walk in robe and resort style ensuite
- Two living areas including a down-stairs retreat that could also be a master bedroom, with walk in robe and ensuite
- Fully appointed kitchen/dining area with an adjoining undercover alfresco and decked area
- 6.6Kw solar system, ducted reverse cycle throughout and ducted vacuuming
- Internet access - perfect for those working from home
- Quality fixtures and fittings throughout the home
- Massive 5 car garage with an abundance of storage
- Gorgeous, manicured gardens with a very private backyard
- A lovely elevated view over the Nerrena hills

Perfectly presented properties like this don't become available very often, so don't miss the opportunity to inspect now.

Give Kellie Thomas from Harcourts a call on 0438 647 449.

5 | 3 | 5 880m²

4 Silverback Place, **Leongatha**

For Sale \$930,000

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Gorgeous Federation-Edwardian on Ogilvy

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- Laneway access, 15m x 6m lock up shed.
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Off grid, country living

WELCOME to "KATANDRA", a stunning rural property set on 3.2 acres of pristine land.

This off-grid property is equipped with a reliable 5.5kw solar power system and a backup 240 volt diesel generator, ensuring you have all the power you need, even in remote locations.

With three large tanks and two feature dams, you'll have plenty of water to support your lifestyle.

The home features two bedrooms and an open plan living area plus second lounge which could convert to a third bedroom if required, one bathroom, plus a convenient powder room.

Extra features include a cozy wood heater and double-glazed windows to keep you warm and comfortable all year round.

The bamboo flooring adds a touch of elegance to the space and provides durability for years to come.

The property boasts an established orchard with a variety of citrus and olive trees, a 1-bedroom bungalow and woodshed.

For additional storage, you'll appreciate the spacious three bay garage with mezzanine floor. Whether you're looking for a peaceful rural retreat or a sustainable off-grid lifestyle, this property has everything you need and more.

Don't miss your chance to own a piece of paradise in Lance Creek.



2 | 1 | 5 3.2 acres

2280 Korumburra Wonthaggi Rd,
Lance Creek

For Sale \$1,190,000

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Cal Nation 0439 334 163

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AUCTION

Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 12 noon

362 Bass Highway, North Wonthaggi 3995



HIGHWAY FRONTAGE ON THE EDGE OF TOWN

This 29-acre parcel of land is an exceptional opportunity to secure a property with great potential located at the entrance to Wonthaggi. This property benefits from easy access to Bass Highway with over 450 metres of highway frontage.

Wonthaggi is a thriving town with a growing population and a range of local amenities and services. The town centre features a range of shops, cafes, and restaurants, as well as essential

services such as supermarkets, banks, and the region's largest hospital. There are also excellent educational facilities, including primary schools and a secondary college as well as a large sporting precinct.

Overall, this 29-acre parcel of land presents a unique opportunity for those looking to invest in a property for the future. With its excellent location, this property is sure to attract attention.

Terms: 10% deposit up to 120 days settlement.

Inspection: By appointment only

Contact: Greg Price 0419337441 or
Phil Hanley 0417 140 508
for more information.



Country living on 10 acres

IF YOU'RE looking for a lifestyle change then this spectacular 10-acre farmlet with its rambling homestead could be just what you're looking for.

Located just on the edge of the Nyora township and surrounded by farmland, the property offers the new owner a private setting boasting views across the valley to Westernport Bay and beyond.

An ideal property for the horse enthusiast or hobby farmer, the property is well fenced and includes various shedding.

The home features three bedrooms, two living areas, kitchen/dining with gas cooking, solid fuel heating, gas heater, verandah to three sides and an undercover entertaining area for those family barbecues.

Although ready to move into tomorrow, there is plenty of room to add your own personal touches.

So whether you are looking for a genuine country property to bring your kids up on, room for your animals to roam or you need space to park your trucks and machinery, this property could be for you.

To fully appreciate all this property has to offer book an inspection with Scott McKenzie 0427 552 898.

3 1 3 10 acres

1270 McDonalds Track, **Nyora**

For Sale \$995,000

Agent Alex Scott & Staff

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Begin your housing adventure

A SUPERB opportunity to enter the market exists here with this neat and tidy 3-bedroom weatherboard and tiled roof home in Leongatha.

Inside a simple but effective design puts the living areas on one side and a passageway leads to the three bedrooms, all serviced by a central bathroom complete with shower, toilet and vanity with chequered lino tiled flooring.

The same chequered tiling is featured in the laundry which leads out to the backyard and the kitchen, which is highlighted by timber cabinetry, an ARC 900mm under bench oven, and light streaming in from two large windows. The kitchen accommodates a dining table as well.

Adjacent to the kitchen is a cosy lounge area which features polished timber floors, an ornamental fireplace, split system air conditioner and windows to the front and side to gain natural light.

Outside there's a neat front garden and at the rear more mature trees boarder the rear boundary with a rear garden shed.

There's plenty of room for kids playground equipment or the family pet. Access to the rear is gained through a laneway leading to a gate. For storage space or a car there's also a lock up steel garage.

For more information or to arrange an inspection, please contact the friendly sales team: Andrew Newton 0402 940 320, Tony Giles 0407 528 192 or Emily Clifford 0422 622 299.

3 1 2 747m²

3 Bond Court, **Leongatha**

For Sale \$450,000

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LEONGATHA



3 Bond Court

- 3 bedroom home
- Renovated throughout
- Large block, lock up garage

\$450,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

KONGWAK



Lot 2, 54 Wolonga Estate Road

- Approx. 152 acres, heavy carrying country
- 4 dams, troughs & water license
- Variety of sheds, stockyards

\$12,500 per acre

Contact: Korumburra Office

VENTNOR



603 Ventnor Beach Road

- Situated on 1600m² (approx.) allotment
- One minute stroll to beach
- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 3 car

\$1,400,000

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WONTHAGGI



13 Henry Street East

- Amazing investment chance
- Tidy 3BR cottage with vacant possession
- HUGE block should suit subdivision (STCA)

\$495,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

LEONGATHA



56 Anderson Street

- 3 Bedroom + Study
- Upgraded kitchen
- Large secure yard, carport + garage

\$540,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

KORUMBURRA



9 Prudence Close

- 3 bedroom home on 1,100m² block
- Views, 2 living areas, deck
- Double garage + room for shed

\$798,000

Contact: Korumburra Office

COWES



92 Red Rocks Road

- Rural & water views
- Fully fenced, established gardens
- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car

\$890,000

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WONTHAGGI



88A Merrin Crescent

- Beautifully renovated and presented
- 2 Large living areas, 3 BR, sunny aspect
- Elevated, private location

\$565,000

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LEONGATHA



27 Brown Street

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

\$499,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

KORUMBURRA



112 Isabella Boulevard

- Stunning, nearly new 3 bdrm, 2 bath home
- Outdoor ent. area, room for van or boat
- Stylish design with quality finishes

\$815,000

Contact: Korumburra Office

COWES



40 Seagrove Way

- Central kitchen, open plan living
- Outdoor entertainment area
- 5 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car

\$960,000-\$980,000

Contact: Cowes Office

WONTHAGGI



20 Henry Street East

- As new character filled home
- Open plan living with cathedral ceiling
- Spacious block, huge car accom

\$615,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

LEONGATHA



6A Warralong Court

- 1260m² block in town
- Quiet court location
- Access from two courts

\$280,000-\$300,000

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KORUMBURRA



17 Lower Gordon Street

- 4 bedroom home, newly renovated kitchen
- Rural outlook, close to town
- Dble garage with workshop & garden shed

\$860,000

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25 Hope Way

- Situated in Shearwater Estate
- 6.0-star energy rated brick home
- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car

\$960,000

Contact: Cowes Office

WONTHAGGI



9 St Elena Court

- Super appealing family home
- Prestige location, approx 2000m²
- Multiple living zones, 4 BR, 2 bath

\$950,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

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- Suited to cattle fattening/breeding, equine pursuits and more
- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom brick residence
- 2 bedroom cottage, ideal BnB (STCA)
- 100 acres of excellent pasture, 35 acres of bush
- Superb fencing, water and shedding

Expressions of Interest closing Friday, April 14, 2023

Web ID: 300P107630
Address: 40 Axford's Rd Outtrim

Contact Don Olden 0417 805 312 or Katrina Griggs 0428 571 083 eldersrealestate.com.au



Coastal living at its finest

SETTING a benchmark in Coastal living conveniently located only a short stroll to the rockpools and bay beaches of Kilcunda.

This beautiful home blends both family living effortlessly with an entertaining delight, whilst capturing one of the best panoramic coastal views you will see stretching from the blue water views of Bass Strait along the Kilcunda coastline and sweeping out to the rolling hills and farmlands of the Strzelecki ranges.

This purpose custom built home generously offers you 4 bedrooms with built in robes and home office/study.

Downstairs you are afforded three bedrooms, main bathroom, powder room, laundry with direct access from large double garage with loads of storage as well a large living room opening onto the privately treed yard with outdoor shower ideal for after those days spent at the beach.

As you make your way up the stairs you are immediately impressed with the abundance of natural light as you enter the open plan main living area which opens onto an expansive entertaining decking capturing the mesmerising views on offer.

A fully functional kitchen complete with butler's pantry services this area

perfectly and makes entertaining family and friends a breeze with island benchtop, 900mm oven and gas cooktop, feature subway tile splashback and ample bench space for food preparation.

The upstairs of the home is finished perfectly with the master bedroom suite including walk in robes and fully serviced his and hers ensuite as well as the home office/study ideal for those working from home and upstairs powder room.

Extra features included in the home are bamboo flooring throughout, showpiece full stone walled wood fireplace, laundry chutes, low maintenance native landscaped gardens and large extra shedding for a caravan, boat and work equipment.

An inspection will surely impress and have you envious of the lifestyle on offer with this property.

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17 Messmate Road, Kilcunda

For Sale \$1,290,000

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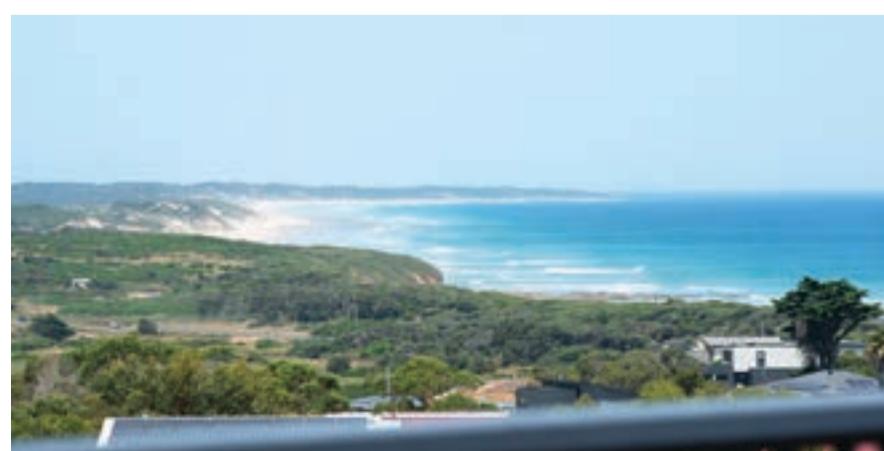


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QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

EASTER RELIGION QUIZ

- [\$100] What religion is the most widely practiced religion in the world? A. Hinduism. B. Buddhism. C. Christianity. D. Islam.
- [\$200] Why do we eat chocolate eggs at Easter? A. Eggs represent new life and rebirth. B. Eating eggs was forbidden during Lent in Medieval times. C. Eggs used to be given to the poor at Easter. D. All of the above.
- [\$300] What do Christians celebrate on Easter Sunday? A. The birth of Christ. B. The death of Jesus. C. The resurrection of Jesus. D. The ascension of Jesus.
- [\$500] Which of these religious groups also celebrate important days around Easter time? A. Islamic. B. Judaism. C. Hindu. D. All of the above.
- [\$1000] According to the Bible, how many days passed between Jesus' death and resurrection? A. 1 day. B. 2 days. C. 3 days. D. 4 days.
- [\$2000] The phrase "sacred cow" to describe a person or thing immune from criticism comes from what religion? A. Islamic. B. Judaism. C. Hindu. D. Christian.
- [\$4000] Shahadah, Salat, Zakat, Sawm, and Hajj are the "Five Pillars" of what religion? A. Islamic. B. Jewish. C. Hindu. D. Buddhist.
- [\$8000] What religious event occurs for Muslims in April this year? A. Hanuman Jayanti. B. Festival of Sweets. C. Passover. D. Losar.
- [\$16,000] What Chinese philosopher of the 6th-century BC taught ethics, politics, and other ways of life to his disciples? A. Feng Youlan. B. Wang Bi. C. Confucius. D. Dai Zhen.
- [\$32,000] Australian PM Anthony Albanese says he "grew up with three faiths", which of these is not one of them? A. Australian Labor Party. B. Balmain Tigers RLFC. C. Catholic Church. D. South Sydney RLFC.
- [\$64,000] Initiated by the medieval popes to take back control of the Holy Lands, for how long were the Crusades fought? A. 50 years. B. 100 years. C. 150 years. D. 200 years.
- [\$125,000] A bar mitzvah, literally meaning "son of the commandment," is traditionally celebrated when Jewish males turn what age? A. 10. B. 11. C. 12. D. 13.
- [\$250,000] How many people have held the office of Pope? A. 183. B. 229. C. 264. D. 298.
- [\$500,000] What does the word "Shinto" mean? A. Way of the Gods. B. Honour your Ancestors. C. Praise be to God. D. Fear Good.
- [\$1,000,000] How many books are in the New Testament? A. 23. B. 25. C. 27. D. 29.

Quiz Answers: 1. C. Christianity (2.4 billion), Islam 1.9B, 2. D. All of the above 3. C. The resurrection of Jesus, 4. D. All of the above 5. C. 3rd century (Festival of Weeks and Pentecost), 6. C. Hindu 7. A. 15 years, 8. B. Eid al-Fitr (Festival of Weeks and Pentecost), 9. C. Confucius, 10. D. South Sydney RLFC, 11. D. 200 years, 12. D. 13. 13. C. 264. 14. A. Way of the Gods.

CROSSWORD

CRYPTIC CLUES

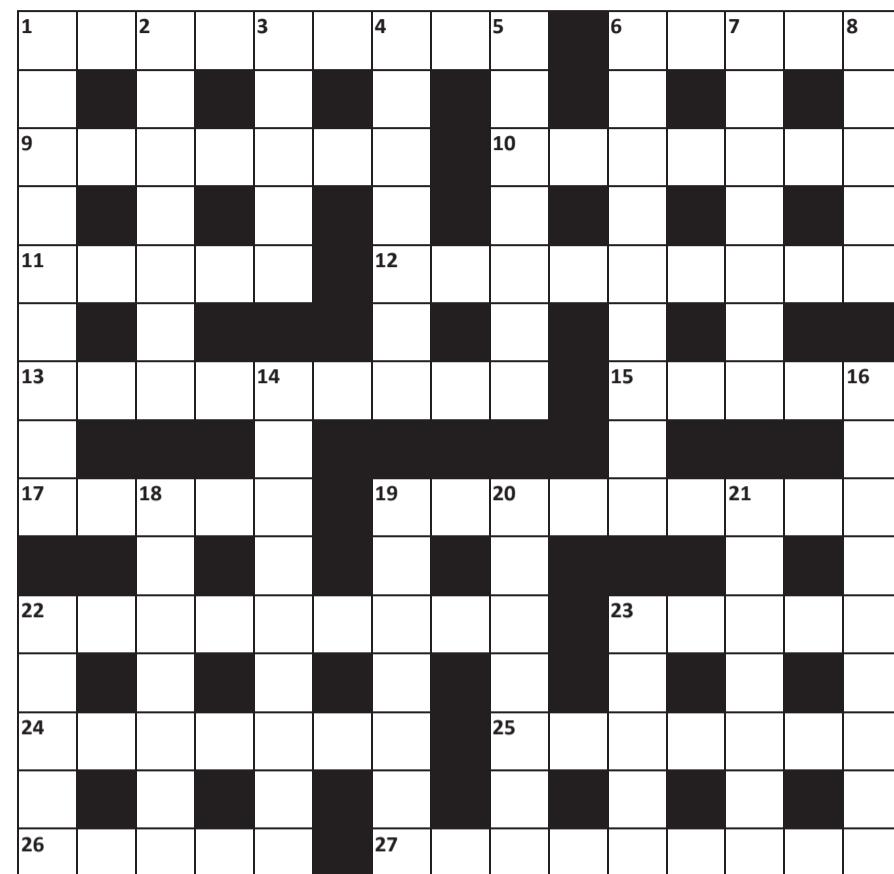
ACROSS

- Hand over territory to cocky (9)
- Cold settling over first race start makes sculler shrink! (5)
- Strip worn by nearly all defence force musicians (7)
- Not going to be, nor even return... (5,2)
- ...yet very easy to wait on (5)
- She's gagged on 'Dessert of the Month'? (5,4)
- Amphitheatre where, say, you come around, bewildered, then take in failure (9)
- Beneath cad to freshen up? (5)
- Name of girl in dancing course (5)
- A 13-across feature, with beam, end strut, and a copper section (9)
- Decked by 'Iron': Out cold, second's in (9)
- Nick is screwed (5)
- 'Rock soprano' hugs male lead (7)
- Bathe me in Paris's perfection (7)
- Clean out Boston party site, possibly? That's Spooner's order! (5)
- An emigree mixing in a motley group (5)

DOWN

- Of Greek heritage, girl is first in hundreds to get a First in Latin (9)
- Candy from 'Barmy Army' uncle. Go figure! (7)
- Dream up 'in-out' idea (5)
- Final moves, crucial in chess: canny raiding, angle spreading, assembled net (7)
- Fit, model worker, with spirit (7)
- Action in diplomatic threads (5,4)
- Attila was one governor, for some sport cutting in speech (7)
- Somehow learn about the kidney... (5)
- ...showing case, involving jab, in isolation (6,3)
- Where you live is here, and there 'Mr Men's kind get nicked (9)
- Drunk ten cans. Promising! (7)
- Ray Spooner's hairstyle and look (7)
- Tummy flab: do me no good holding on to it! (7)
- Oddly calm in the face of total chaos (7)
- Destined to be received by two (5)
- Circuitry missing one screw (5)

Number 43 - by 'Johnno2' of Cape Paterson



Answers in next edition of The Sentinel Times

STRAIGHT CLUES

ACROSS

- Cocky, sure (9)
- Shrink, hide, in fear (5)
- E.g. ribbon, around bicep, typically (7)
- Not going to be, always impossible (5,2)
- Wait on (5)
- Gagged/tricked person on 1st of this month (5,4)
- Amphitheatre in Rome (9)
- Beneath (5)
- A girl's name (5)
- Famously featured in 13-across? (9)
- Decked, draped (9)
- Nick, cut, typically to skin; also, screwed, twisted (5)
- Rock, shudder (7)
- Bathe, wet somewhat (7)
- Clean out, as in body (5)
- Varied, motley group (5)

DOWN

- Of Greek, Roman, etc., heritage (9)
- Figure, or of numbers (7)
- Idea, picture (5)
- Final moves, e.g., in chess (7)
- Fit, outburst (7)
- Type of legal action (5,4)
- Describes Attila the Hun, Genghis Khan, etc. (7)
- About the kidney (5)
- Jab, punch with oneself (6,3)
- Where you live (9)
- Promising, budding (7)
- Ray of natural light (7)
- Tummy, midriff (7)
- Chaos, mess (7)
- Destined (5)
- Screw, twist (5)

SUDOKU

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Quick Crossword:

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Sudoku:

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March on for Soldiers mental health

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Lindsay Guerin said, "we worked together for a common cause, and it was an outstanding achievement by all involved."

RIGHT: Inverloch RSL marched for soldier support in March. L to R Greg Leighton, Jan Millington, Lindsay Guerin, Margaret Staples, Jill Buccilli, Shirley Scott, Kellie and Ross Gabb, Malcolm Marshall and Penelope Lytle raised \$15,634. Z01_1423

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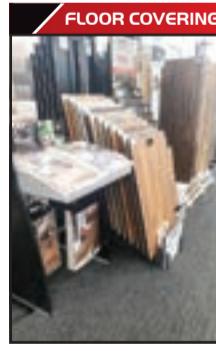
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Loving Mum and Nanna to Ian and Beth, Rebecca and Simon, Travis and Zander. Will be greatly missed by us all.	Youngest brother of Ted, Betty (dec.), Ron (dec.), and the extended family.	Bass Coast Historical Automobile Club Inc. (BCHAC)	MUNFORD, Ronn: Died suddenly but peacefully at home Tuesday, March 28. Aged 79 years.	You may be gone, but our love and memories we created will last forever.	At the conclusion of the service the funeral will leave for the Inverloch Cemetery.	BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE CHURCHILL, Joseph Alfred: Remembering you Dad on April 7 which would have been your 100th birthday. <i>Your present needs no choosing, Flowers it has to be. And although we have few memories, In our hearts you'll always be.</i> -- Your loving children Wayne and Jennifer.	INVERLOCH: 20 Park Street, Easter Monday, April 10. 9am - 1pm. Household goods and garden.
Dearly loved Mother of Wayne and partner Goldie, Grandmother to Luke and wife Elli, Darren, Hayley and partner Nick. Great-Grandmother to Alira, Ryder, Cooper, and Miller. Amazing, strong and independent woman - a great life well lived. Forever in our hearts.	Eric's service is being held TODAY, TUESDAY, April 4 at 11am. For more details go to www.handleyandersonfunerals.com.au	GRANT (nee (Murphy), Beverley Ann: 26.02.1953 - 22.03.2023. Passed away at The Alfred. Although separated, loving wife and friend of Robert. Loved and caring Mum of Annette and Adam, Adam, Shawn and Sherlyn. Loving Big Nanna of Brian and Maddi, Kirk and Sarah. Nanny of Shantel. Loved Nanna Turtle to many. "You can breathe easy, walk on the clouds without being in pain and sleep well now Mum"	WINKLER, Topsy: 17.08.1933 - 31.03.2023. Passed away peacefully in Leongatha hospital. Much loved wife of Max (dec.). Mother and mother-in-law of Graeme and Heather, Chris and Sue, Barry and Bev, Ross and Sherrill. Devoted Nan Winks to 11 grandchildren. She will be dearly missed by her family, friends, and the wider community. <i>Together Again.</i>	Love you Nan Winks. Love always Kaye, Gary, Casey, and Tyson. The hole in our hearts is huge. Our family adventures won't be the same, But, we know you will be looking over us, You were and always will be a special part of our family, We love you so much. Jodie, Nick, Wade, Brody, and Lydia xoxo.	GRANT: A Memorial Service for Mrs Beverley Ann Grant will be held at Handley & Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY April 5, 2023, commencing at 2pm. Privately Cremated.	FOR SALE FILING CABINETS <i>Brand new with an anti-tilt safety feature</i> Available in 2, 3 and 4 drawers. Over 8 colours to choose from. Order now at the Sentinel-Times Wonthaggi office 47 McBride Avenue 5672 1888	INVERLOCH: 3 Messmate Terrace, Saturday April 8, 8am - 1pm. Household items.
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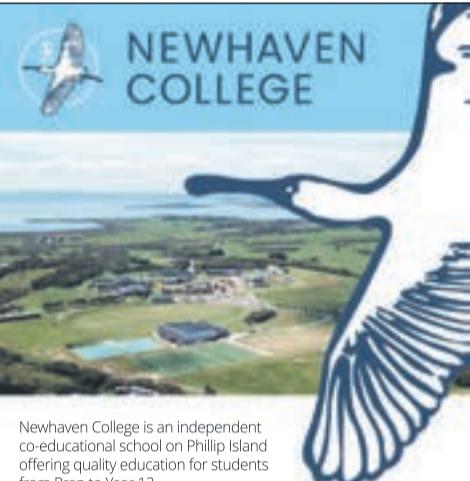
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Monday 24 April 2023

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Permanent Part Time

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- Vodafone** regards the proposed installation as a Low-impact Facility under the *Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination 2018* ("The Determination") based on the description above.
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- State Coal Mine

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PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION LOCATED AT KORUMBURRA

Telstra plans to upgrade an existing telecommunications facility located at 201 Korumburra-Warragul Road, Korumburra VIC 3950

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- Telstra Limited (A.C.N 051 775 556) are currently upgrading existing mobile network facilities to allow for the introduction of 5G to Telstra's network. As part of this network upgrade, Telstra proposes the installation of LTE700 (4G), NR850 (5G), LTE1800 (4G), L2100 (4G), NR/LTE2600 (4G/5G) and NR3500 (5G) technologies at the Korumburra locality and surrounds.
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Former Wonthaggi coal miners including Lou Storti, Don Thompson, Reg Wilson, Frank Cimino and Aldo Sartori join local MP Jordan Crugnale in calling for immediate action to reopen the mine café and recommence underground tours at the State Coal Mine.

Don't let them down, Mr Andrews

HARDENED by the experience of working underground, often in oppressive conditions, in Wonthaggi's coal mines, before they closed in 1968, many of those ex-miners turned that work ethic into successful careers above ground.

Some of those men, now in their 70s, 80s and 90s turned out at last Wednesday night's Friends of the State Coal Mine public meeting to hear the fate of their legacy.

People like Lou Storti, whose name is synonymous with the history of the mines, was sitting front and centre at the meeting while the community poured

out its passion for saving the mine by restarting the underground tours and reopening the café.

He joined the rest of the people at the meeting by voting for a motion calling for immediate action and afterwards joined local MP Jordan Crugnale in a photo to promote the plight of the State Coal Mine.

Given that their struggle is central to the history of jobs and industry in Victoria and also the growth of union movement, you'd think that a State Labor Government couldn't help but heed their pleas.



Up to 300 people at a public meeting in Wonthaggi demand immediate action on the reopening of the State Coal Mine Café and a resumption to underground mine tours.

People power calls for State Mine action

EVEN before up to 300 people turned out on a cold, rainy night for a public meeting about the future of Wonthaggi's State Coal Mine last Wednesday, March 29, they'd had a win of sorts.

As they were told at the meeting by Bass MP Jordan Crugnale, the Friends of the State Coal Mine, including president Steve Harrop, had at last granted an audience with Parks Victoria hierarchy.

Previously they hadn't been able to get to first base with their twin concerns about the delayed reopening of the mine café and the resumption of underground mine tours, shut down during the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to Ms Crugnale, she was able to organise a briefing for the 'Friends' with the District Manager at Parks Victoria, Victoria Purdie, although as it turned out, the meeting didn't amount to much.

Ms Crugnale also made a firm commitment to keeping the State Coal Mine open and assisting it to reach its full potential.

"I think we're all here today to bring out the best in that site and keep it going and I'm absolutely committed to doing what I can to keep that site open and to be able to realise the potential of the site as well," Ms Crugnale said.

But make no mistake, the sometimes angry, always passionate crowd, which included legendary local coal miners including Lou Storti, Reg Wilson, Don

Thompson, Frank Cimino and Aldo Sartori; want action.

At the end of the meeting they voted unanimously for the immediate reopening of the coal mine café and the reinstatement of underground mine tours.

And they also urged Ms Crugnale to get the new Minister for the Environment, Ingrid Stitt, to visit the mine and other relevant ministers including the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos and the Minister for Regional Development, which shouldn't be too hard since Minister Harriet Shing represents this region as the Member for Eastern Victoria.

The meeting started off in fiery fashion when a heckler was asked to tone down his comments after calling on those addressing the future of the mine to "tell the [expletive] truth".

He left the meeting with that thought, but many more questions followed, principally about why it was taking the authorities to address what appeared to be simple problems.

Ultimately, the operator of a local engineering firm offered to fix the "Drift Car" used to ferry visitors down the mine at no charge to the Friends.

In an action that local people can take, the community was invited to join the Friends group as a strong way of supporting the mine. Membership forms will be made available around the town, including at the Sentinel-Times office, later this week.



Successful applicants to the Premier's Spirit of Democracy Tour. Year 10 student Grace Howlett, Newhaven College teacher Gemma van Cuylenburg, Year 12 student Chloe Goss and teacher Melanie Flower.

Newhaven College students on Premier's Spirit of Democracy Tour

A GROUP of local school students will be able to channel their inner Greek philosopher and deepen their understanding of democracy when they embark on an immersive study tour backed by the State Government.

Minister for Education Natalie Hutchins announced that 22 students have been selected to take part in this year's Premier's Spirit of Democracy study tour.

Two of these students are Newhaven College Year 12 student Chloe Goss and Year 10 student Grace Howlett.

Grace is very excited to be accepted into the program, "I am very much looking forward to the upcoming Mel-

bourne and Canberra tour. I'm excited to visit Parliament House in Canberra and take part in many engaging activities."

The week-long study tour gives students from government, Catholic and independent schools the opportunity to develop a greater understanding of civics and citizenship, including the role ancient Greece has played in the origins of Australian democracy and, in turn, helped shape and influence our contemporary society.

The students will be chaperoned by four teachers on the tour and will be encouraged to share their insights and experience with their peers

and wider school community upon returning. Newhaven College teachers Gemma van Cuylenburg and Melanie Flower have been selected to participate in the tour.

Melanie Flower is passionate about exploring the world with young people.

"I feel very privileged to have the opportunity to accompany the inspirational students participating in the Premier's Spirit of Democracy tour. I believe that empowering young people to find their voice and use it to explore, debate and formulate ideas is essential to a thriving democracy, and I am looking forward to seeing how the students respond to

the ideas they will encounter during this tour."

The tour will take place in Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory from April 13-19, 2023, during the Term 1 holidays.

To be selected for the tour, students had to submit entries that responded to a statement exploring the ability of young people to drive change by drawing on the ideas of classical Greek thinkers and reformers, like Cleisthenes and Solon. Students submitted their entries in a range of formats – including an essay or creative writing piece, audio or video presentation, musical composition, or artwork.

Great athletics on display at Wonthaggi North Primary School



From left: Logan, Carmy, Axel and Trent take off at the beginning of one of the student relays at the Athletics Day.

STUDENTS, staff and families of Wonthaggi North Primary School (WNPS) enjoyed wonderful weather for the annual Athletics Day held on Friday, March 24. There were plenty of athletic events throughout the schoolgrounds for all students to participate in and everyone had lots of fun.

The annual Athletics Day is viewed as a great way for students to demonstrate skills learned in Physical Education (PE) classes during Term 1.

Events such as discuss, shot put, long jump, hurdles and different running events were held and there was even a 'students versus staff' relay event towards the end of the day with the students victorious this year. Students in Grade Prep-2 participated in a range of novelty races and modified events

more appropriate to their skill level such as the 'chicken race' and ball throwing.

The overall winners of the WNPS Athletics Day for 2023 was Williamson Stingrays (Red House) followed closely by Powlett Penguins (Blue House), Harmer's Sea Eagles (Green House) and Baxter Seals (Yellow House).

New to WNPS this year, PE Teacher, Mrs Beth Walker, said "The students have been working hard in Physical Education lessons this term.

"Our focus was on each child participating and maybe even discovering a talent, in an event they hadn't tried before. The students were buzzing about their achievements and were very proud to show off their skills to the school community."



From left: Lincoln, Jordan and Lachie enjoyed the WNPS Swimming Carnival recently.

Lots of fun at the Wonthaggi North Swimming Carnival

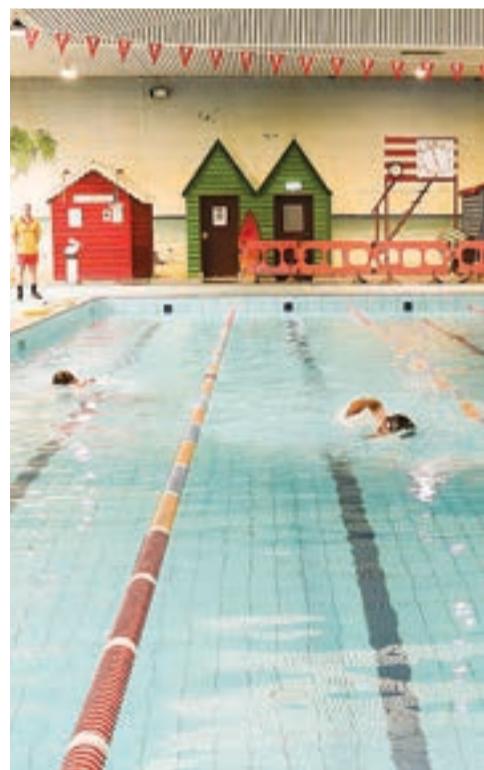
THE YMCA Swimming Pool in Wonthaggi was host to the annual Wonthaggi North Primary School (WNPS) Swimming Carnival on Thursday, March 30. Students from Grades 3-6 enjoyed a range of race events in the pool as well as the novelty cork race at the end of the day.

The WNPS Swimming Carnival is an annual event which allows students the opportunity to display the skills learned in the weekly swimming lessons which are organised between the school and the YMCA in Term 1 each year.

Sporting events, such as the recent Athletics Day and Swimming Carnival, help students showcase their sporting prowess as well as use their resilience when participating in events they might not normally feel comfortable with.

Williamson Stingrays (Red House) were again the overall winners on the day after also winning the WNPS Athletics Day recently. Powlett Penguins (Blue House) followed in second place with Harmer's Sea Eagles (Green House) in third and Baxter Seals (Yellow House) in fourth place.

WNPS wishes to thank the YMCA staff and parent helpers for their invaluable assistance on the day as these events do not run without lots of help.



Students participated well in the water at the WNPS Swimming Carnival recently.

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, Stoney Point +40

TUESDAY	April 4
3.51am	0.85m
10.13am	1.16m
4.08pm	0.68m
11.12pm	1.29m

WEDNESDAY	April 5
5.20am	0.76m
11.29am	1.23m
5.32pm	0.68m

THURSDAY	April 6
12.00am	1.34m
6.10am	0.65m
12.29pm	1.35m
6.28pm	0.67m

FRIDAY	April 7
12.41am	1.40m
6.47am	0.54m
1.17pm	1.47m
7.09pm	0.65m

SATURDAY	April 8
1.18am	1.45m
7.20am	0.44m
2.00pm	1.58m
7.45pm	0.64m

SUNDAY	April 9
1.54am	1.48m
7.53am	0.35m
2.40pm	1.67m
8.21pm	0.64m

MONDAY	April 10
2.30am	1.50m
8.28am	0.29m
3.18pm	1.72m
8.58pm	0.65m

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Leongatha's Thursday Invy Espy day winners Graham Fitton, Wayne Elliot, Cam Harwood and Winton Knop.



Wonthaggi ladies Anne Poulton and Marg Ryan were 4BBB Board winners.



Foster's Tania Thorson, Jo Graeme, Noel Black and Andrea Thorson.

FOSTER

Ladies

THE weather held for Foster's Doreen Black plate, and it was great to see a crowd back in the Club House.

Thank you to Noel Black (Doreen's son) for presenting the trophies, and Shelly Brewer's Natural Home Living for sponsoring the day.

Winners were Meeniyana with 107. Andrea Thorson, Jo Graeme, and Tania Thorson.

Winners A Grade Kay Dunbar-ton (Leongatha) (20) 38 c/b.

B Grade Jo Graeme (Meeniyana) (28) 39.

C Grade Jo Fennell (Woorayl) (33) c/b.

NTPs Kay Irwin Yarram 4th.

Beth Curram Foster 6th, Mer-rynn Dear Wonthaggi 13th, and Sue Brown Welshpool 17th.

BDTL Merryn Dear 38, Janice Baker 38, Trudi Prue 37, Vicki Roff-Smith 36, Mary Taylor 35, Helen Coghlan 35.

Pauline Lancaster 34, Maxine Eabry 34, Pam Rothfield 34, Jan Beaumont 33, Inge Gilliam 33, Michelle Roberts 33, and Judy Lawrence 33.

Players were from Welshpool, Meeniyana, Woorayl, Wonthaggi, Leongatha, Korumburra, Yarram, Phillip Island and Foster.

Congratulations to the winners and thank you all for your support.

Foster Ladies Wednesday Golf.

Another day of Par the course and weather proved to be a challenge.

Thank you, Jenny Alexander, for sponsoring the day.

Elisa Nudleman overcame the sanded greens and rain to bring home an amazing +8.

Congratulations to Elisa, and a bit of damage to her handicap.

Well done Barb Warren winning A Grade (11) -1

B Grade Elisa (31)

BDTL Anne Heywood (26) -4 and Frances McGlead (33) -6.

NTPs 6th Anne Heywood and 17th Barb Warren.

Next week April 12, Anne Wil-liams Foursomes Knockout Qualifying.

Second round of the singles knockout needs to be played by April 11.

Pennant results sections 2 and 3 both lost 4/1

KORUMBURRA

Weekly Men's winners

Tuesday, March 28

Stableford 27 Players

A Grade: Peter Van Agtmaal (15) 39 Points

B Grade: Doug Grewcock (32) 40 Points

NTPs: 1st Bob Newton, 7th Barry Kerr and 13th Peter Van Agtmaal

Thursday, March 30

Stableford: 10 Players

Winner: Peter Johnson (12) 34 Points

NTPs: 1st Ian Cash, 10th Peter Johnson, and 13th Ross Besley Saturday, April 1

Men's Monthly Medal: 41 Players Winner: Billie Wrigley (9) 70 Nett

A Grade: Billie Wrigley (9) 70 Nett

B Grade: Brian Pope (16) 72 Nett

C Grade: Iain Riddell (21) 73 Nett

Scratch Winner: Mat Wrigley 77 off the stick.

NTPs: 1st Peter Johnson, 7th Mat Wrigley, and 13th Steve Duffield

Ladies

LAST Wednesday we had a large field for the Foursomes Championships. However, the rain persisted, making the greens unplayable so the event has been rescheduled for Wed 19 April.

The final Twilight evening for the season was last Thursday as daylight saving ends.

The club extends much appreciation to all the those who participated at various times over the past four months and to the volunteers who contributed to make the nights enjoyable and successful.

Thanks to David and Viv En-bom who coordinated Twilight and to Bob and Carol Stiff who checked and collated cards and overall results. Well done to Al-lan and Lyn Perks who were win-ners for the season.

We had a team enjoy a day in Foster for their annual Plate on Friday.

Saturday's RB Monthly Medal and Scratch Score winner was Johanna van den Heiligenberg 83(10)73 and thanks to Lus-cious Café for providing the MM voucher.

Runner-up was Julie Hillberg (20), 76 net and BDTL went to Merrissa Cosson (11) and Heath-er Grist (21), both with 77 net.

Julie was NTP on the 1st (Kel-ly's Bakery voucher) and Jennie Loughnan was closest on the 13th green.

Our Section 1 pennant team had a 5-0 loss to Meeniyana at Meeniyana and Section 2 won 4-1 to Lang Lang at Wonthaggi.

LEONGATHA

Tuesday Par Event March 28 On Tuesday 48 golfers played in this Par Round.

A Grade Winner: Ken Smirk with a score of 2up

A Grade R/Up: John Ryan with a score of Square

B Grade Winner: Hugh Good-man with a score of 1up on a countback

B Grade R/Up: Neil Mackenzie with a score of 1up

Balls to 4 down on a countback Thursday Invy Espy Stableford Event March 30

On Thursday 70 members/guests hitting off on a shotgun start at 9am, faced a wet and windy day out, with thanks

to Invy Espy for their valued sponsorship of this Stableford Round.

A Grade Winner: Chris Leaver with a score of 36 points

A Grade R/Up: Winton Knop with a score of 33 points

B Grade Winner: Cameron Harwood with a score of 37 points on a countback

B Grade R/Up: Darren Read with a score of 37 points

C Grade Winner: Graham Fit-ton with a score of 37 points

C Grade R/Up Wayne Elliott with a score of 36 points

Balls to 31 points on a Count-back

NTP: 14th Renato Monacella at .79m

NTP: 16th Chris Leaver at 1.55m

Saturday Wonthaggi Toyota Monthly Medal Stroke Event April 1

On Saturday we had 88 golfers take to the course for this week's Monthly Medal Stroke event generously sponsored by Wonthaggi Toyota.

Medal Winner: Lou Fuataga with a score of 67 nett

A Grade Winner: Paul Deery with a score of 69 nett on a countback

A Grade R/Up: Mark Wilson with a score of 69 nett

B Grade Winner: David New-man with a score of 70 nett on a countback

B Grade R/Up: Patrick McDonald with a score of 70 nett

C Grade Winner: Mick Rein-hard with a score of 70 nett on a countback

C Grade R/Up: Barry Stevens with a score of 70 nett

D Grade Winner: Simon Kai-serman with a score of 70 nett

D Grade R/Up Ben Chapman with a score of 72 nett on a countback

Women's Winner: Mandy Moyle with a score of 76 nett

NTP: 14th Stu Harry at 2.18m

NTP: 16th Conor Murphy at 2.70m

Ladies

THE untimely wet weather took its toll on the Ann Debenham Anti Cancer Shield Board event last week.

From a field of 33 starters only 19 completed the round.

The annual stall and raffle, which is run in conjunction with this event was extremely well supported and raised \$1500 for the Victorian Cancer Council. Since the stall began in 1975 over \$40,000 dollars has been raised. Thanks must go to the Debenham family for their sponsorship of this event each year and to the women who gave up their game of golf to run the stall.

Marianne Leaver had the best score of the day taking out B Grade with 35 points. A Grade was won by Trish Owen with 30 points and Shirley Welsford was

delighted to win the C Grade event with 29 points. The runners up in each grade were, Sue Bowler 26, Sue Woods 33 and Anne Bowd 28.

Winners of balls down the line were: Chris Lay 29, Lynda Bassett 28, Jenny Fraser and Neryl Hopcraft 27, Karen Murchie and Dot Stubbs 25.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, March 30, Stableford.

A Grade: D Scurlock (0) 37pts

B Grade: D Taylor (24) 35pts

DTL: T Whitelaw, 36, A Liebe, G Dawson 34.

NTP: 6th A Johnson. 16th G Shandley.

Birdies: 6th and 16th J Smith. Saturday, April 1, Stroke.

A Grade: M Woodall (12) 66

B Grade: A Woodall (36) 67

DTL: M Mc Kay 69, D Wood-all, T Whitelaw 71, A Jessup, G Shandley 72.

NTP: 1st, D Woodall. 4th J Hughes, 6th N Bracecamp, 13th A Jessup, S Mills.

Birdies: 4th N Baker. 6th P Woods

PHILLIP ISLAND

SUNDAY, March 26, Stableford 18 Hole - The winner was Mark Collison (8) with 31 points

Tuesday, March 28, Mens 18-hole Stableford

A Grade winner: Alan Schache (5) with 40 points from Tony Gay (11) with 38 points

B Grade winner: Dave Miers (15) with 36 points c/b from Garry Birch (15)

C Grade John Hammon (23) with 37 points from Chris Van-derhayden (25) with 36 points

NTP: 5TH Steve Sloss 7th Phil Foster

BDL to 35 points

Mens 9 hole Stableford

Alan Tindale (30) was the winner with 19 points from Dave Scrase (33) with 18 points c/b

BDL to 16 points c/b

Wednesday, March 22- Ladies Pink Day - 4 person team event

The winning team on the day was Barb Hayden, Robyn Chipperfield, Mary Whelan, Anne Balfie.

This is PIGC ladies annual fund raiser and the funds raised will be donated to the "Breast Cancer Trials"

Thursday, March 30, Open Stableford

A grade: Tony Gay (11) 37 points c/b from Peter Cartwright (6)

B Grade: Ron Davies (19) with 37 points from David K Taylor (16) with 33 points

C Grade Winner was Jeff Sellenger (21) with 38 points c/b from Alfred Micallef (21)

BDL to 32 points c/b

NTP: 5TH Jeff Sellenger 7th Peter Cartwright 10th Dan McConnon 14th Fred Panozzo 17th Paul Ledwith

Open 9 hole Stableford

Winner was Mal MacArthur (28) with 16 points c/b from

Len Fenton (16)

BDL to 15 points

Saturday, April 1, Stableford Mens Results

A Grade winner was Athol Hill (11) with nett 68 from Jim Richardson (11) nett 69

B Grade Winner was Dan Hall (16) with nett 68 from Stewart Hamilton (18) nett 70 c/b

C Grade Winner was Chris Disher (22) with nett 69 c/b from John Hammon (23)

BDL to nett 74 c/b

NTP: 5th Matt Brown 7th Garry Birch 10th Lawrence Ferrari 14th Garry Birch 17th Scott Lethbridge

Ladies Stableford Results

Ladies' winners were Megan El-baz (29) with 36 points from Tracey Cuff (19) with 34 points c/b

NTP 5th Vicki Amato 7th Dawn Andrews 10th Janice Baker 17th Vicki Amato

BDL to 31 points c/b

9 hole Open Stableford winner was Mal MacArthur (24) with 18 points c/b from Bob Pascoe (10)

BDL to 17

WONTHAGGI

MEN'S April 1, S.R 72

Competition type: Stroke Monthly Medal and putting

A Grade: Ian Baker 69 (Monthly Medal)

B Grade: Ross Yann 71

C Grade: Peter Sullivan 71



Wonthaggi Indoor bowlers Jos Kemper, Marg Hender and Wolfe Gilch.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club Saturday winners Heather Blanch, Synder Bontorno, visitor from Tarwin, with Roger Lee and John Hill.



Sue Baker receiving certificate from Sue Cartwright.

WONTHAGGI CROQUET CLUB

ANOTHER busy period for Wonthaggi players with three of our members travelling to Sale for the Gippsland Croquet Association (GCA) Championships held on March 11-12.

Tom Lacey competed in Section 1 and Sue Baker and Virginia Wheeler in Section 3. The winner of each section competes in the Victorian Regional Championships held at Cairnlea, the headquarters of Victorian Croquet, from March 31– April 2.

Sue Baker was triumphant in Section 3 with Tom and Virginia unfortunately not doing as well. Look forward to Sue's performance in this event.

On March 21, our annual in-house Memorial Shield was contested with the pairing of Sue Cartwright and Gerry Kool being successful. A great day of terrific croquet with the weather doing the right thing by us.

Mornington was next on the agenda with four players entered into their handicap doubles event. Virginia Wheeler/Neil Warburton and Sue Cartwright/Gerry Kool contested with each of the pairings winning 2 out of their 5 games in their respective sections. Played well but no cigar.

The final was fought out between Geoff Hilton/ Graham Lloyd from Mornington and Brian Taylor/David Budge from Monash with the former pair winning in the closest of tussles, 7/6.

LEONGATHA TABLE TENNIS

AFTER a sluggish start in A Reserve, it is now up and running with a full complement of six teams with a few spares. Teams seem to be winning convincingly and then being narrowly defeated the following week. Overall everyone is enjoying themselves and much discussion can be heard between matches.

Points: T Rex 4, Raptors 4, Brontosaurus 4, Triceratops 2, Stegosaurus 2, Teradactyl 2
Leading players: Ian T 9, Trent B 8, Rob C 7, Aiden H 7, Jesse P 7, Ian R 5, VB 5
A Grade results March 21.

A Grade teams are having to work hard for a win as every match except one in the past three weeks of competition have ended in a 6-5 result. Teams are relying on tactics to try and get the edge and swing the match in their favour.

With teams being so closely matched, it is hard to even contemplate how the ladder will look next week.

A Reserve results
Ladder: Raptors 6, Brontosaurus 6, T Rex 4, Triceratops 4, Stegosaurus 2, Teradactyl 2
Leading Players: Trent B 11, Aiden H 10, Ian T 9, Bob C 9, Jesse P 9, VB 8
A Grade results March 28

Points: Wilderbeasts 6, Labradors 6, Baboons 4, Frogs 4, Eagles 2, Dodos 2
Leading Players: Michael C 12, Braden A 11, Michael W 9, Phil M 8, Case DeB 8, Neil C 8

TENPIN BOWLING

2S COMPANY: King Pins 13 pts, Alley Cats 12pts, Pinheads 9pts.

ABL: Knackers 84.5pts, Pinpals 68.5pts, Just Bowl Already 66.5pts.

Phantom: Dish 5pts, Lucky 13 4pts, Barks 4pts.

Business Early: Balls Deep 14pts, Sassy Gronks 11pts, Old Timers 11pts, Happy Hour 10pts.

Business Late: Dynamic Painting 12pts, 3 Stooges 10.5pts, Team Rich 9pts, City Lights 8.5pts.

Top Scores - Men: 222 Raff Merante, 209 Rob Wilkinson and 207 Les Peters.

Woman: 156 Chloe Else, 152 Karen Klym and 139 Mary Dardha.



Jenny rolls to victory in Victoria Open Singles

JENNY Miller is a member of the Leongatha Bowls Club and she competed in the Ladies Singles event at the Victorian Open that was held last week. Jenny won the event, which was a fantastic achievement for a country girl and the Leongatha Bowls Club congratulate her and being rewarded with the trophy and prize money that was appropriate.

Jenny defeated Ann Draffen (Ballan Bowls Club) in the semi-final with a score of 21/15 shots and went on to defeat Carol Fair (Kiewa Valley Bowls Club) in a close fought final with a score of 21/18 shots.

INVERLOCH

SINCE Daylight Saving has ended Thursday Social Bowls will revert to our Winter Schedule. Names in by 9.30am.

First Game at 11.00 followed by lunch. Second Game at 1pm BYO Lunch for the day.

Last Thursday saw over 30 bowlers battle it out for the day's honours. The winners were Tony Latham, Bruce Corrigan, Di Selby and Jeff Gilbert.

MIDWEEK

WHAT a day. Almost 20 of our members braved the weather and turned up at Koo Wee Rup in the hope of maybe evading the rain and having a game or two of bowls.

Winners on 38 points were:

Tony Heppleston (S), Laurie Bell (3), Bill Williams (L)

Runners Up on 34 points were: Vern Elliott (S), Frank d'Unieville (3), Bev Elliott (2), Michael Saunders (L)

Best One Game winners on 23 points were: John Nicholson (S), Luke Monckton (3), Chris Brooks (L)

Next week we will be at Lang Lang so we are looking forward to seeing everyone turn up for another great day of fun, laughter and bowls with really great people.

If everyone could be at the club by 10:00am for a 10:30am start.

WONTHAGGI

A QUIET week at the club with the weather having the last laugh.

Saturday was the only day we could get onto the greens and

not get wet.

A smaller number of nineteen bowlers graced the greens on a cool day with a little sunshine.

The local footy also started this week in Wonthaggi, attracting a number of bowlers.

We played two games of 10 ends with five teams of triples and one team of four. Only one team was able to be a two game winner.

That team consisted of Heather Blanch, Synder Bontorno, a visitor from Tarwin, Roger Lee and John Hill with a score of 2 wins and 33 points.

Bowls this week: Wednesday Turkey Triples, Thursday social bowls at 10.00 am and Saturday social bowls will be a Bunny Hop Day at 1.00 pm.

The AGM will be held on Tuesday, May 9, at 7.00 pm, so give a thought about any position in the club, as we need a large team to run the club at a high level.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

ONCE again an enjoyable week of bowls was had by all 48 players who competed.

Tuesday saw 22 players compete the winners with a plus 17 were Mary Spooner, Fred Demenech and Allan Ireland.

Runners up on plus 14 were Lia Smith, Jim Rodhi and John Postlethwaite.

Friday we had 26 players the winners on plus 15 were Jos Kemper, Marg Hender and Wolfe Gilch. Coming second on plus 10 were Thelma Kavanagh, Judy Sweetnam and Laurie Culph.

COLETTE Pearl's significant contribution to the Korumburra community through the promotion, teaching and administration of swimming recently led to her being presented with Life Membership of the Korumburra Amateur Swimming & Life Saving Club.

The honour was bestowed at the town's Austral Hotel during a special gathering of the club's committee, recognising Colette's efforts in teaching swimming to school-aged pupils at Korumburra indoor pool over 37 years.

In that time, she taught many local children to swim, with quite a few being the children of those she taught previously.

Colette was president of the swimming club committee between 1991 and 1995.

She played an important role in raising money to pay for the solar heating at the outdoor pool

by organising 'It's a Knockout' competitions and mini triathlons in the 1990s, which proved to be highly successful events.

Back then, the swimming club operated the outdoor swimming pool and funded many improvements and required maintenance.

Colette co-managed the outdoor pool with her sister Tanya at the turn of the century.

While the swimming club continues to manage Korumburra's indoor pool, the town's outdoor pool is now run by the YMCA on behalf of South Gippsland Shire Council.

Since selling her swimming lesson business at the end of last year, Colette is enjoying a well-earned retirement.

Muir Swimming bought the business, ensuring local children can continue learning to swim at the Korumburra indoor swimming pool.

Colette's a Korumburra Swimming Club gem



Current Korumburra Amateur Swimming & Lifesaving Club president Matt Hams, newly recognised Life Member Colette Pearl, and existing Life Members Noelene Cosson and Maureen Trewin celebrate the recognition of Colette's contribution to swimming in the community.



Pictured are members of the Newhaven College MTB Team Rufus Holole, Jude Rigby, Miller Micallef, and Hugo Wright at a recent competition.

Shaping the future of recreational riding

WITH just days left to apply for the shire's BMX, Pump Track and Mountain Bike Reference Group, the formation has been welcomed by the Newhaven College MTB team.

Council is looking to establish a community led reference group to assist in developing a strategy to meet the needs of local BMX, pump track and mountain bike riders.

Under this strategy, the reference group will aid Council with determining suitable locations for new tracks across the Shire plus designs and masterplans.

A consultant will closely collaborate with the reference group and Council officers, to deliver this strategy in 2023.

Organisers of Newhaven College MTB welcomed the reference group development, thanking Cape Woolamai residents who pushed for its creation.

"If we have the right people on board from the outset, we'll be able to ensure that the design and delivery of facilities is fit for purpose and that multiple biking disciplines are considered/included," they stated.

"Mountain biking is a sport which across the globe, grew exponentially during the pandemic. Garden tools were being lost to illegal bike parks across the country in record numbers, and Bass Coast was no exception."

"The exciting part is that Victorian schools are now recognising all of the ancillary benefits which flow from the sport and are keen to foster the grassroots development of mountain biking within their curriculums."

When asked what the shire should consider, they stated they are hopeful to see a strategy for a number of accessible, all-skills urban style MTB facilities in key locations.

"Omeo, Croydon and Mystic in Bright are great examples. The master plan for Wesburn (Yarra Ranges) also has some great ideas," they said.

"For decades, finding a suitable location for a larger trail network in the Bass Coast has always been the sticking point, which is why we think urban style MTB facilities in the first instance is a good place to start."

Council invites everyone interested to apply, as they are seeking 12 diverse members across locations, ages, demographics and interests. Deadline for applications is Thursday, April 6.

For more information visit: engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/bmxpumpmountain.



Z35_1423 The last race of the season was taken out by Mast Mira giving Jasmine Trenwith her second win for the afternoon. Z35_1423

Woolamai Racing farewell Nav for retirement



Cindy Conn rides Clerk of the Course horse Nav in the final race of the season before his retirement z32_1423



The fifth race was taken out by the Cranbourne trained Needa Bigger Boat giving Ray Douglas his second win for the afternoon. Z34_1423



Cindy Conn rides Clerk of the Course horse Nav around one last time before his retirement with the Woolamai Racing after 18 years of service. Z33_1423

THE Picnic Racing season at Woolamai concluded last Saturday with a six-race card conducted in unexpectedly fine conditions after early morning rain at the course threatened to make the "going" heavy for both horses and patrons.

Club identity "Duck" Mathieson said he was woken unexpectedly early to the sound of heavy rain beating on the roof of his house near the course. However, by mid-morning the day had transformed into a pleasant afternoon for racegoers and ideal track conditions for racing.

The first race was won by Rivers Reward trained by Glenn Thornell at Cranbourne and ridden by Melinda McDonald which edged out the Kilgower horse Far Too Tempting.

The win shot the winner into equal first place on the Woolamai "Horse of the Year" premiership with Rue Lepic.

It was an anxious wait for connections of both horses to see if the only challenger Copthorne could leapfrog them both by scoring at least a second in race four. However, that was not to be, and they have jointly secured the title.

Race two was won by Angel Toff from the well performed Kuroyme and a Kilgower galloper Listen, again in the prize money.

Apprentice rider Jasmine Trenwith's first ride at Woolamai was a winner with more success in the offing.

The third race saw popular veteran jockey Ray Douglas boot home Maggie Rocks for an emphatic win, much to the delight of impending bridegroom Clint Johnstone and friends who had also sponsored the race.

The fourth race saw the Barry Goodwin trained ex- NSW galloper Miss Santorini return to a sprint distance of 1008 metres and edge out locals Hawkstone and Ellanova.

The fifth was taken out by the Cranbourne trained Needa Bigger Boat, giving Ray Douglas

his second win for the afternoon by a margin of 5 lengths over Rizza Rita, and Tif Tok which had gone out to a commanding lead in the back straight and testing out his rivals but ultimately found the home straight a bit too long.

The last race of the season was taken out by Mast Mira giving Jasmine Trenwith her second win for the afternoon in less than ten rides on the picnic circuit, and has her going at more than one win in every two rides.

Woolamai premiership winners for the season were, Mathieson Family Horse of the Year – shared by Rue Lepic and Rivers Reward, the Cefn and Phyllis Price Trainer of the Year was taken out again by Troy Kilgower comfortably and the Alex Scott and Staff Jockey of the Year was again won by Shaun Cooper from Melinda McDonald.

The season ended with a farewell to clerk of the course horse, Nav who has held the title with Woolamai Racing for 18 years, ridden by owner Cindy Conn.

Cindy said it was an emotional end to the season, "Nav is one in a million, I brought him out to his first race meeting when he was just four months old and now it's time for his retirement. I wish I could ride him to the end of my career, he sure will be hard to replace."

Nav was recognised for his service to Racing Victoria in an official presentation on the track before the last race.

Phillip Island Health Hub partnered with the club to run a successful Easter activity and fund-raising day.

Raising more than \$2,000 from the raffle and Secretary Jill Scrase gave her sincere thanks to the Woolamai Racing team for their ongoing support.

Racing returns to Woolamai on Saturday, December 10, 2023, with further upgrades to facilities on the way during the off-season.



Parkrun in Mirboo North is fortunate to have a number of dedicated volunteers. L-R are Greg Dell, Liz Radcliffe, Carmel Quirk, Mark Lynch, Darcy Linforth and Robert Gray.

Perfect Autumn conditions for Parkrun

GRAND RIDGE RAIL TRAIL PARKRUN

By Etsuko Yasunaga

THE last Saturday before the daylight-saving ends, 38 participants and volunteers gathered at the picnic table on a cool autumn morning.

The air was fresh and it had a real feel of the season coming. During RD Liz's briefing, visitors from Maribyrnong and Inverloch were warmly welcomed.

There were 10 first timers today including visitors. Wonderful to see you join GRRT parkrun. Clancy Snell, Oscar Obrien, Archie Mahoney, Mark and Sally Chapman, Cooper Peachey, Narelle Shandley, Deacon Moor, Eli Nowacki and Lauren Webb.

Hope you enjoyed today and will come back soon. Congratulations on 5 new PBs: Leon McDonald (22:11), Ian Moor (23:46), Tejus Mistry (24:23), Charlie Bickerton (25:54) and Dave Knowles (31:53). Well done on your wonderful efforts.

It's a bit of an effort for me to wake up early to drive 45 minutes to get to GRRT parkrun, especially when there is Inverloch parkrun just a walking distance away.

However I chose to do so because I love the beautiful course and the tight knit community. It was so lovely to catch up with familiar faces of GRRT parkrun community. It's so encouraging seeing so many juniors participating, too. Those young stars are certainly the future of parkrun.

Every time I visit, I get absorbed in the tall canopy of the trees which seems to cradle all the runners and walkers in the downhill section, as if a nature's big vacuum cleaner is trying to suck everyone into the heart of the forest, the heart of Gippsland. The sound of rhythmical footsteps, the heavy breathing of other runners, the fresh scents of trees and shrubs, the feeling of gravel under my shoes, the colour of fresh green and those magnificent tall trees - Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun is such a delight to all my senses. That's why I keep on coming back to this peaceful environment. By the time I finished my run, I was already looking forward to visiting here again.

The event was made possible by 8 dedicated volunteers. Liz Radcliff as Run Director, Mark Lynch and Robert Gray as Timekeepers, Darcy Linforth handled Finish Tokens, Carmel Quirk as Barcode



Etsuko Yasunaga loves parkrun no matter what the weather is!

Scanner, Greg Dell managed Tail Walker and Photographer volunteer, Rongshang Zhang as Event Day Course Check and me, Etsuko Yasunaga as Report Writer. If you haven't volunteered for a while, please check our roster and put your name down whenever you can volunteer.

As autumn deepens the natural beauty of Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun really shines through. If you enjoyed the run, walk or volunteer experience today, then why don't you bring someone new to parkrun next Saturday? It's really a wonderful way to start your weekend to connect with others because parkrun brings out the best in people and its community.

KOONWARRA PARKRUN

IN PERFECT Autumn conditions 85 people enjoyed Koonwarra Parkrun. With the track being freshly watered, quick times was a real possibility. Seven people reached PBs. Well done to Travis, Keiron, Archie, Tracey, Sally, Brylie and Gabrielle on your new PBs.

Special congratulations to Cathy McKnight who tried to sneak through her 250th Parkrun. Cathy is a regular to Koony Parkrun and is always on course setting a fantastic pace and always having kind words of encouragement with an energetic smile. Well done Cathy.

We had 6 people having their first outing at Koonwarra Parkrun. We hope you had a fantastic experience and will return to our much-loved event.



Under 12 Boys: Red 36 defeated Yellow 33.

Summer season done for Wonthaggi Basketball

WE had more than 500 Junior players (81 teams), 160 Senior players (21 teams) and 10 All Abilities players registered for our Summer 2022/2023 season.

The season's junior and senior grand finals were held in late March.

Our Winter 2023 season will commence from May 1, 2023, registration is open now. All information is on our website & Facebook page, or people can email me registration@wonthaggibasketball.org for further information.



Men's Season MVP: Xavier Hughes, Runner Up: Alex Duyker.



Under 14 Girls: Capitals 25 defeated Coasters 21.



Under 12 Girls: Boomers 37 defeated Lynx 31.



Under 12 Boys Season MVP: Liam Jones, Runner Up: Franklin Boyd-Munro.



Under 12 Girls Season MVP: Maya Newton, Runner Up: Sophie Allan.



Congratulations to all referees that participated in finals. From left: Eva Garnham, Isla Spradbury, Hamish Gillespie, Cameron Alder.



Under 14 Girls Season MVP: Bridie Allan, Runner Up: Indi Matthews. MVP kindly sponsored by Money-Quest Bass Coast.



Kuwenda Jacob, U16 for Dandenong Thunder takes control of the ball.

Gippsland United Football Club results

U14s - GUFC vs Dandenong Thunder

A SUNNY Autumn morning saw the boys under early pressure from an attacking Dandenong Thunder team. Cristian Guarascio met the pressure in goals with a brilliant one-handed save, ably backed up by a strong defence which continued throughout the game. Dandenong scored early, but the boys responded with Henry Knight and Hamish Crosbie forcing goals to bring the score 2-1 at half-time.

Despite repeated attacking runs on the wings and a strong defensive line, Gippsland were unable to sustain the lead and conceded two goals in the second half. The final score was 3-2, Dandenong Thunder's way. Credit to the boys for keeping their composure in what became a tough and physical match.

U16s - GUFC vs Dandenong Thunder

The game against Dandenong Thunder seemed like two different games for GFCU. The first half, even though the boys dominated the ball, lacked their normal energy. Both teams played a defensive game and GFCU kept Dandenong Thunder's defence busy keeping the ball in their offensive side and even though there were many shots at goal by GFCU the score remained nil all at half time.

In the second half the boys came back onto the field with renewed energy and the game was back on. Again, GFCU kept the ball off Dandenong Thunder and Lucas Halden, Noah Jackson, Tanna Leicester, and Leeton Hilli worked hard getting and keeping the ball down their end and the team fought hard to assist Joshua Clark.

kick his first goal for the club and the first goal for the game. This boosted the boys resolve and two more goals were scored quickly, a

penalty goal by Luca Di Corleto and the third goal scored by Dylan Rosato. Game ending 3-0 and Gippsland's first win for the year. Congratulations boys!

U18s - GUFC vs Dandenong Thunder

The U18 boys came out to the park, one week after their first win of the qualifying campaign. They looked to continue their winning run and get 3 points against Dandenong Thunder.

The Dandenong boys looked stronger from the get-go and showed a few opportunities to start of the game, scoring within the first 25 minutes.

The final 20 minutes of the first half saw numerous opportunities created by the Gippsland attack, but no opportunities were capitalised, and the Gippsland boys went into half time 1-0 down. With work to do in the second half to turn the game around, the Gippsland boys came out of the sheds fired up and ready to go.

Although Gippsland had strong momentum going forward, it was their inability to finish their attacking opportunities which provided Dandenong Thunder with more scoring chances to put the game to bed, scoring a late second goal to give them all 3 points, and a third goal in the final minute of the game to rub salt in the wounds of the Gippsland boys. The Gippsland boys hope to turn it around on Wednesday night against Berwick City in their final game of the qualifying rounds.

Gippsland 0, Dandenong 3

Player vacancies:

Gippsland United still have limited places available in their U15, U16 and U18 squads.

If you're interested in finding out more, please contact Mark Cassar (Technical Director) on 0437 496 757.



LKFC's senior men and women were both undefeated in their respective competitions.

Leongatha Knights FC win Korumburra Cup

LEONGATHA Knights Football Club are exceedingly proud of their team's performances in the preseason tournament hosted by neighbours Korumburra City Soccer Club over the weekend.

Saturday: The seniors competitions saw the men and women play up against local teams as a precursor to

the impending season. Both teams dominated their competitions winning all group games and subsequent finals. This was a fifth Korumburra Cup for the Lady Knights under coach Peter Milkins and a first for the men's under coach Bethany Milkins.

Sunday: Due to wonderful

numbers in the Under 14s age group, Leongatha submitted two teams for the competition with both exhibiting great play on the day. Despite not making it to finals, both teams enjoyed their games and are looking forward to the start of the season. LKFC's Under 17s team faced tough competition

against fellow competition teams Inverloch and Phillip Island with some great games of youth soccer on display. The final between Leongatha and Phillip Island was a nail biter. It was a free kick by Oscar Murdoch that sealed the deal for Leongatha, crowning them winners for 2023.



Section 2 winners: Korumburra Victoria 6-39 Geoffrey Bye, Mila Cocks, Eamon O'Neill-Archibald, Toby Nicholas def Korumburra Radovick 2-24 Liam Thomas, Niamh O'Neill-Archibald, Ashlin Anthony, Edwards Hams.

Korrine and District Junior Association Tennis Grand Final



IT HAS been a fabulous season for Korrine and District Junior Tennis Association with tennis continuing to grow in the region with a number of Section 5 teams coming on board this year.

The Grand Final was held on a perfect tennis playing day on Saturday, March 25, at Wonthaggi and Inverloch with great sportsmanship and tennis skills on display.

RIGHT: Pennant winners:
Westernport Alcott 2-3-22 Ed Wines, Flynn Peters def Wonthaggi Graham 1-2-21 Macy Peterson, Zac Mabilia.



Section 3 winners: Phillip Island - 5-37 Henry Kelly, Eli Bowker, Oliver Raso, Archer Cameron def Korumburra 3-33 Zena Tanaka-Morrison, Mila Walker, Aslan Bye, Amarli Muranty.



SGB National Team - (Back) Caiden Gill, Mostyn Lumsden, Zac Sherar, Will Simmons, Hayden Barnes, Cooper Quaife, Dylan Muir, (Front) Olivia Holmes, Claudia Croatto, Miah Roberts, Sienna Matheson, Rahni Matheson and Sophie McKenzie

Largest national SGB team head for the Gold Coast

IT WAS a night of celebration Friday night at Leongatha Splash, where the 11 South Gippsland Bass (SGB) swimmers heading to the Australian Age Championships were presented with the uniforms in a special night celebrating their efforts.

The team, consisting of Mostyn Lumsden, Zac Sherar, Will Simmons, Hayden Barnes, Cooper Quaife, Olivia Holmes, Claudia Croatto, Miah Roberts, Sienna Matheson, Rahni Matheson and Sophie McKenzie (qualified but unable to attend due to injury) along with coaches Dylan Muir and Caiden Gill, are looking forward to racing against Australia's best swimmers.

With more than 2500 swimmers competing from across the country, it will be a competitive event and the team know they have a big task ahead.

The team, with five swimmers competing for the first time, will compete in a range of events - from 50m

breaststrokes to 400m Individual Medleys.

The event is sold out and families and supporters at home are thrilled. Swimming Australia has combined with channel 9Now and the event will now be livestreamed.

Also there, was former SGB swimmer Josh Seignior, who currently works and trains in Melbourne, who is swimming at the Australian Swimming Championships in the week after the others.

He came down to chat with

those competing and offer advice from his years of competing at the top level.

The fundraising night, with mixed ability relay races, lucky number competitions and a line of coins that went halfway down the pool, will help fund the swimmers heading to the Australian Age Championships, held on the Gold Coast from April 7-15.

After the meet, the swimmers will have a few weeks break before the winter short course season starts.



Miah Roberts preparing to take off at the recent state championships from the starting blocks, something she is unable to train for at Wonthaggi, according to SGB

Swimmers continue to be impacted by lack of facilities, says swim club

THE South Gippsland Bass (SGB) Swimming club has renewed calls for improved aquatic facilities in the region.

With 11 swimmers heading off to Nationals on the Gold Coast in a fortnight, the club is once again highlighting the issues the lack of facilities has on the swimmers.

The swimmers are currently training mornings and nights at Wonthaggi, where there are no starting blocks for them to practise with.

Swimming Victoria is currently surveying members, asking them about their access to 50m pools and diving blocks, of which those training at Wonthaggi have no access to at all.

The club is calling for the Bass Coast Council to invest in the aquatic facilities, something that would benefit not just the club, but also benefit the wider community.

Dylan Muir, head coach, said, "It is time for the Bass Coast council to invest in the aquatic facilities. It is becoming beyond a joke for families in the area to not have somewhere for their swimmers to train. We compete in a sport that comes down to the smallest margins and our swimmers are losing valuable time due to not being able to practice correct starts and develop the necessary skills."

The shire undertook and adopted two feasibility studies for both an upgrade to Wonthaggi's facilities and a new aquatics centre on Phillip Island.

Council continues to seek funding of almost \$80M to deliver a two pool strategy.

A new facility at Wonthaggi would be built adjacent to the existing centre and replace the current site, which according to the shire, has escalating operational and maintenance costs and fails to meet the needs of the community.

While at Phillip Island, Council purchased land in Cowes for the future Phillip Island Aquatics and Leisure Centre.

Shitbox rally raising money for cancer

THE Shitbox Rally is heading north in May with the rally starting on May 13, in Newcastle NSW, and finishing May 19, in Townsville Queensland.

Nathan Laurens, a chef at Inverloch Coast Community Care, and rally co-driver, mum Judy Laurens, who works at Woolworths Wonthaggi, will be raising money for Cancer Council Australia.

So far they have raised almost \$7000 and last May, they raised \$11,000.

"We are Rallying in memory of family members we have lost to cancer and also to raise much needed funds for cancer research. It's not a race but the aim is to get the shitbox car from the start to finish," Nathan highlighted.

"We have a team Facebook page which is Shitbox Rally Autumn 2023 Wackadoo Let's Go Cruise and our online fundraising link is <https://autumn2023.shitboxraly.com.au/wackadoo-lets-go-cruise>."



Matt McDonald (junior and senior) arriving in Sydney Harbour on board The James Craig.



The James Craig in all its glory.

Father and son sail on historic tall ship

THE James Craig sailing ship was in Hobart for the biennial Wooden Boat Show in February 2023.

Among the crew for the return trip to Sydney were Matt McDonald (Jnr), a highly qualified and experienced mariner and First Mate for the voyage, and Matt McDonald (Snr), resident of Inverloch and president of the Inverloch Men's Shed, but by no means an experienced sailor.

The James Craig is a 72-metre, three-masted, cast-iron hull barque originally built in England in 1874.

She served as a cargo ship sailing around the world 23 times and later between England and Australia (rounding Cape Horn eight times).

In the mid-1900s the ship fell into disrepair and lay for forty years in Recherche Bay in Tasmania as a hulk.

She was rescued in the early 1970s and was restored over the next thirty years, recommencing sailing again in 2001, now owned and operated by the Sydney Heritage Fleet providing sailing experiences around Sydney Harbour and through the Heads.

On this voyage the crew boarded the ship on Tuesday, February 14, and set sail along the Derwent the next day.

With light North-easterly winds persisting we sailed northwards along the Tasmanian coast for the first few days, first rounding Cape Raoul, passing Cape Pillar and on past Wineglass Bay and the towns of the Tasmanian East Coast.

After we passed Flinders Island and headed for Bass Strait we met a strong south-westerly front, which gave us

all a very uncomfortable night and filled our sails, driving the ship at 8-9 knots.

After about a day and a night we were in sight of Gabo Island and the mainland. Winds abated and we sailed into Twofold Bay (Eden) and dropped anchor.

The next day we continued on towards Sydney.

On the second last day all 21 sails were set, giving the crew plenty of great experience and making for a magnificent spectacle. One of the crew had a drone, which he sent out to film the ship in full sail.

The drone sent wonderful film back to base, but the drone drifted beyond the control zone.

Sadly it was set to 'return to home base', which in this case was the spot where the drone left the ship.

The film shows the James

Craig sailing into the distance, before the vision pixelated and went dark - the last film the drone was ever to take!

That afternoon the James Craig sailed through Sydney heads and anchored in Rose Bay.

After an evening of song and storytelling at anchor in Rose Bay the ship sailed into Darling harbour, welcomed home by a lone piper and many supporters.

The sail was another successful one for the younger Matt and a lifetime highlight for 79 year old Matt Senior, who was one of the Galley team that fed 66 crew and passengers in three shifts of 20 for three meals a day.

May the James Craig have fair winds and a bright future giving many a wonderful experience of the wind, sail and the sea.



2022/23 LDCA CRICKET AWARDS



Proud night for LDCA's outstanding cricketers

THE Leongatha and District Cricket Association held their presentation night last Friday which saw many of the association's incredible players and teams recognised.



Mid Week Cup Premiers Phillip Island is represented by Thomas Keily, with Tyrone Zukovskis representing South Gippsland Homes. A25_1423



One Day Champions were: A2 (Korumburra Cricket Club) and A1 OMK Cricket Club. A27_1423



Jackie Newman and Katrina Burgoine with Inverloch's women's competition premiership cup and plaque. A18_1423



A2 Team of the Year members Joel Sinclair, Scott Browne and Lachlan Harris. A23_1423



Premiership winning clubs are: Back row: C1 Phillip Island, Under 17 Phillip Island, B2 Leongatha Town, B1 Koonwarra Leongatha RSL, A2 Korumburra. Front row: C2 OMK, A1 Phillip Island, LDCA president John Schelling, Under 15 Leongatha Town.



B1 Team of the Year members Gary Sauvarin, Trevor Allen, Dave Baldi, Tyson Harris, Brett Debono and Damien Symmons. A22_1423



B2 Team of the Year members Luke Sibley, Chris Fraser, Brian Gannon, Tarryn Allan, Connor Epifano, Ethan Smith and Matt Davies. A21_1423



C1 Team of The Year members Shane Paterson, Darren Scott, Dale Thomas, Shaun McKinnon, Mathew Olden, Harry Scrimshaw, Tom Collins and Mitchell Woods. A20_1423



C2 Team of the Year members David Hynes, Cameron Dowling, Ashley Joseph, Yuthil Ratnaike, Hunter Bettles, Travis Strybosch, Ray Edwards and Warrick Hayes. A19_1423



2022/23 LDCA CRICKET AWARDS



A1 Team of the Year members are: Back row: Mudassar Riaz, Amila Ratnaike, Lachlan Wright, Madura Madusanka. Front row: Mitchell Clark, Tim Wightman. A24_1423



Umpires Captains Award winning clubs are: A2 (Wonthaggi Club), B1 (Imperials), B2 (Kilcunda Bass and Nerrena) and A1 (Nerrena). A17_1423



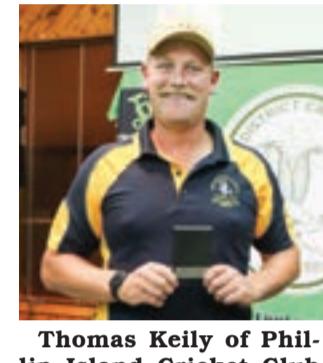
Bowling Award winners are Tyson Harris (B1), Tarryn Allan (B2), Mudassar Riaz (A1), Cameron Dowling (C2) and Tom Collins (C1).



Nerrena Cricket Club wins the Charltonian Award. A28_1423



Inverloch player Rhys Newman with his Under 15s Best Player award, an honour he shared with George McCausland.



Thomas Keily of Phillip Island Cricket Club with his Anderson-Bolding Country Week trophy. A16_1423



Cricketer of the Year winners are Brett Debono (B1), Mathew Olden (C1), Mitchell Clark (A1) and Ashley Joseph (C2).



Gippsland Cricket League Seniors Best Player Award winner Mitchell Clark of Nerrena. A15_1423



Tadgh Gannon of Nerrena earned the Under 17 batting award with 205 runs at an average of 41. A10_1423



Under 17s Cricketer of the Year Matthew Dakin of Glen Alvie Cricket Club. A11_1423



Korumburra player Gabby Perry claimed the Women's Gippsland Cricket League player of the season honour. A13_1423

Service to LDCA recognised

THE sustained and determined service of a couple of local cricket identities was recognised with Life Memberships of the Leongatha & District Cricket Association (LDCA) awarded to Warrick Hayes and Gary Sauvarin on Friday night.

Both men received rapturous ovations when their achievements were announced, with LDCA president John Schelling presenting them with their Life Membership badges.

"These things are never easily earned," Schelling said, highlighting the hard work and sacrifice required.

Hayes' Life Membership is due recognition of his 26 years on the LDCA committee of management.

He is the association's Gippsland Cricket League representative.

Hayes is also a Life Member of Outtrim Moyarra Kongwak Cricket Club.

"Some say he could even play a bit of cricket there," Schelling joked, adding that Hayes featured in a number of premierships.

"He's been a valued member of the Outtrim Cricket Club and the LDCA for many years and we have

great pleasure inducting him as a Life Member of our Association," the president said.

Hayes thanked his wife for putting up with him playing cricket and attending committee meetings over many years, also thanking the LDCA for the honour.

"I do my best on the committee, hopefully for the betterment of cricket," he said.

He started playing the sport in 1965 with then Kongwak Cricket Club, slotting straight into the seniors, with no juniors there.

His passion for the game endures, having continued his onfield career through over 60s cricket and now being eligible for over 70s.

Sauvarin's Life Membership was bestowed later in the evening, acknowledging his role on the LDCA committee of management since the 2007/2008 season, being part of the league executive for 10 years as treasurer.

He has also shown ongoing commitment to supporting LDCA sides at Country Week, including as bus driver for over 20

years.

Sauvarin has also been a Country Week player.

He ensures all is in readiness at Leongatha Turf for finals games and GCL matches, rolling, marking and putting out cones and has also umpired LDCA fixtures.

"Sauvy is the epitome of what you need for the committee of management and we congratulate you for your induction as a Life Member of the LDCA," president Schelling said.

"It's been a labour of love but it's just fantastic being involved with the association and helping out wherever I can," Sauvarin said, noting he is humbled to receive Life Membership.

"Hopefully we're pushing cricket in the right direction; we're a strong association and the people we've got on the committee of management are fantastic and have got the association's best interests at heart," he said.

Sauvarin, also a part of Imperials Cricket Club for over 40 years, described cricket as "my life".

He thanked his children and partner for their support.



Newly inducted LDCA Life Member Warrick Hayes receives the honour during Friday's presentation night in Bass. A14_1423



Gary Sauvarin is awarded Life Membership of the LDCA. A26_1423



Batting Award winners are Brett Debono (B1), Mitchell Clark (A1), and Ray Edwards (C2).



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Kris Baker	15
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Phil & Cathal	13
Phil Hardy	13
Keith & Eddie	11



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A GRADE

Trafalgar 55 d Yarragon 13
Poowong 34 lt Nyora 43
Longwarry 40 lt Nil-Darnum 50
Ellinbank 49 d Catani 41
Neerim Sth 69 d Buln Buln 22

B GRADE

Trafalgar 44 d Yarragon 30
Poowong 60 d Nyora 29
Longwarry 42 lt Nil-Darnum 48
Ellinbank 46 d Catani 41
Neerim Sth 36 d Buln Buln 69

C GRADE

Trafalgar 32 d Yarragon 22
Poowong 51 d Nyora 11
Longwarry 39 d Nil-Darnum 30
Ellinbank 37 lt Catani 40
Neerim Sth 27 d Buln Buln 30

LADDERS

A GRADE		%	pts	17 & UNDER		%	pts
Trafalgar	423.08	4		Trafalgar	718.18	4	
Neerim South	313.64	4		Buln Buln	637.50	4	
Nyora	126.47	4		Longwarry	184.21	4	
Nilma Darnum	125.00	4		Catani	121.43	4	
Ellinbank	119.51	4		Ellinbank	82.35	0	
Catani	83.67	0		Nilma Darnum	54.29	0	
Longwarry	80.00	0		Neerim South	15.69	0	
Poowong	79.07	0		Yarragon	13.92	0	
Buln Buln	31.88	0		Lang Lang	0.00	0	
Yarragon	23.64	0		Poowong	0.00	0	
Lang Lang	0.00	0		Nyora	0.00	0	
B GRADE				15 & UNDER			
Poowong	206.90	4		Poowong	4100.00	4	
Buln Buln	191.67	4		Buln Buln	1360.00	4	
Trafalgar	146.67	4		Catani	400.00	4	
Nilma Darnum	114.29	4		Yarragon	216.67	4	
Ellinbank	112.20	4		Nilma Darnum	108.70	4	
Catani	89.13	0		Longwarry	92.00	0	
Longwarry	87.50	0		Trafalgar	46.15	0	
Yarragon	68.18	0		Ellinbank	25.00	0	
Neerim South	52.17	0		Neerim South	7.35	0	
Nyora	48.33	0		Lang Lang	0.00	0	
Lang Lang	0.00	0		Nyora	0.00	0	
C GRADE				13 & UNDER			
Poowong	463.64	4		Poowong	1150.00	4	
Trafalgar	145.45	4		Catani	575.00	4	
Longwarry	130.00	4		Yarragon	200.00	4	
Catani	108.11	4		Buln Buln	166.67	4	
Neerim South	103.85	4		Longwarry	133.33	4	
Buln Buln	96.30	0		Nilma Darnum	75.00	0	
Ellinbank	92.50	0		Neerim South	60.00	0	
Nilma Darnum	76.92	0		Trafalgar	50.00	0	
Yarragon	68.75	0		Ellinbank	17.39	0	
Nyora	21.57	0		Nyora	8.70	0	
Lang Lang	0.00	0		Lang Lang	0.00	0	

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RESULTS

A GRADE

Bairnsdale 43 d Maffra 35
Traralgon 32 lt Leongatha 42
Moe 51 lt Morwell 54
Wonthaggi 38 lt Sale 52
Drouin 48 d Warragul 40

B GRADE

Traralgon 50 d Leongatha 43
Moe 44 lt Morwell 49
Wonthaggi 47 d Sale 28
Drouin 41 d Warragul 40

C GRADE

Bairnsdale 18 lt Maffra 37
Traralgon 20 lt Leongatha 50
Moe 19 lt Morwell 23
Wonthaggi 25 lt Sale 29
Drouin 43 d Warragul 31

LADDERS

A GRADE		%	pts	17 & UNDER		%	pts
Sale	136.84	2		Morwell	550.00	2	
Leongatha	131.25	2		Drouin	180.95	2	
Bairnsdale	122.86	2		Leongatha	130.30	2	
Drouin	120.00	2		Sale	112.90	2	
Morwell	105.88	2		Maffra	107.41	2	
Moe	94.44	0		Bairnsdale	93.10	0	
Warragul	83.33	0		Wonthaggi	88.57	0	
Maffra	81.40	0		Traralgon	76.74	0	
Traralgon	76.19	0		Warragul	55.26	0	
Wonthaggi	73.08	0		Moe	18.18	0	
B GRADE				15 & UNDER			
Wonthaggi	167.86	2		Sale	241.67	2	
Traralgon	116.28	2		Traralgon	204.35	2	
Morwell	111.36	2		Warragul	157.89	2	
Drouin	102.50	2		Moe	155.00	2	
Warragul	97.56	0		Bairnsdale	141.94	2	
Moe	89.80	0		Maffra	70.45	0	
Leongatha	86.00	0		Morwell	64.52	0	
Sale	59.57	0		Drouin	63.33	0	
Maffra	0.00	0		Leongatha	48.94	0	
Bairnsdale	0.00	0		Wonthaggi	41.38	0	
C GRADE				13 & UNDER			
Leongatha	250.00	2		Sale	5100.00	2	
Maffra	205.56	2		Moe	1100.00	2	
Drouin	138.71	2		Drouin	300.00	2	
Morwell	121.05	2		Bairnsdale	173.68	2	
Sale	116.00	2		Traralgon	172.73	2	
Wonthaggi	86.21	0		Leongatha	57.89	0	
Moe	82.61	0		Maffra	57.58	0	
Warragul	72.09	0		Warragul	33.33	0	
Bairnsdale	48.65	0		Morwell	9.09	0	
Traralgon	40.00	0		Wonthaggi	1.96	0	



Wonthaggi's Libby Hutchinson setting herself up for a shot against Sale in B Grade. Z16_1423



Bec Farrell and Libby Hutchinson worked hard together in the B Grade match with good cover to stay in front of Sale. Z19_1423



Nyora's Cait van Ord (A Grade) secures the ball just by the fingertips!



Nyora tries to desperately intercept as Poowong's Deanne Chiavaroli (A Grade) makes a pass. Photo: Jeff Tull

Netball hits the courts for season opener

LEONGATHA Netball results round 1.

Under 13: Score: Leongatha 22 def by Traralgon 38

A great start by the team, we managed to stay with them until half time. For many of our players this was their first taste of league netball. So much talent already shown and a great deal of potential in this team. An exciting season ahead.

Under 15: Score: Leongatha 23 def by Traralgon 47

Super first game for the girls. Six new players in the team, but they played like they've known each other forever. Should all be super proud of themselves.

Under 17: Score: Leongatha 43 def Traralgon 33

Great first game girls, we worked really well as a team and came out with the win. Should all be super proud and excited for the season ahead.

C Grade: Score: Traralgon 20 def by Leongatha 50

Fantastic first week back girls! Giving us a fiery start to the season. The rolling subs worked a treat providing fresh legs throughout the game.

B Grade: Score: Traralgon 50 def Leongatha 43

An unfortunate start to the game with Kasi Rump injured in the first quarter. We send all our love for a speedy recovery. We tried lots of different combinations and still have lots to work on for next week. Well fought girls.

A Grade: Score: Leongatha 42 def Traralgon 32

Fantastic first hit out girls! Tough start to the game but fitness helped everyone keep the intensity up for the entire 60 minutes. Awesome fight, looking forward to the rest of the season!



Wonthaggi's Courtney Brann worked with Chelsea Bowman holding good balance to shoot for a goal against Sale in the A Grade match. Z21_1423



Wonthaggi A Grade's Courtney Brann maintained excellent defence against Sale to stay in front. Z20_1423

Poowong retains Demon Cup in close match

By Geoff Wyatt

THE start of the Ellinbank Football League for 2023 saw Poowong welcome Ellinbank Under 15s and U/18s and Nyora playing for the Demon Cup in the seniors and the reserves.

Prior to the seniors, both clubs held a minutes silence together for Heather Fort of Poowong a great worker and supporter for Poowong's football and netball, with husband Keith and Geoff Glover who was Nyora through and through.

Both were great workers for their respective clubs having each been awarded life memberships by their clubs.

Poowong seniors and reserves are very different teams to last season with nine new senior players, together with a new senior coach Rodney Gundrill from Wonthaggi, and Reece Attenborough as his assistant.

The game started in cool conditions with very little breeze, Nyora were first on the new electronic scoreboard with a goal to Scott Pugh.

Poowong replied with a goal to new recruit Mitch Malloy.

The second quarter was another quarter played between defences; Poowong were first into attack but Andrew Logan's long kick was touched on the line followed by three rushed points to Nyora. Poowong went forward with the assistance of a 50-metre penalty... young recruit Charlie Koscal kicked his first senior goal for the club.

Another rushed point to Nyora, Poowong worked the ball forward with a series of hand passes resulting in a goal to Kurt Newton, their third.

Poowong kept up the pressure and a long kick forward found Andrew Logan in the square to kick their fourth to open up a 18 point lead. Nyora lifted with Nick Anderson kicking Nyora's second just on half time.

Poowong new players quickly fitted in with last year's players and were showing signs of being a team that will worry other teams in the league.

The breeze was stronger going to Poowong's end and the Magpies were quickly into stride with Will Robertson goaling followed by Andrew Logan with another from the flank.

The early part of the quarter was played between defences but Nyora managed a goal through Rhys Grange Lyiak.

Zac Gray added a point from a long shot from a free kick for holding the ball.

Nyora suddenly found the goals with two goals to Scott Pugh after a point from the pocket.

With a few minutes left and the margin just one goal, both sides desperately were trying to take the four points.

Poowong were going forward when the final siren sounded.

A great win to start the season.

As it's early in the season and you might be looking to play football, Poowong is a great family club. Training Tuesday and Thursday nights or contact Ted Attenborough 0407 597 341

With no football over Easter and the bye on April 15, Poowong will meet Neerim South on April 22, at Neerim South.



Poowong's Jack Hazendonk takes the mark. Photo: Jeff Tull



Nyora's Scott Pugh takes his shot as the match against Poowong gets underway. Photo: Sheryl Walters.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 1

POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB

NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB



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POOWONG

NYORA

Poowong 1.5 4.6 7.10 7.11 (53)

Nyora 1.2 2.7 3.9 6.11 (47)

GOALS, Poowong: Andrew Logan 2, Charlie Koscal, Steven McInnes, Mitch Molloy, Kurt Newton, William Robertson 1 each

BEST: Thomas Robertson, Mitchell Van't Hof, Zac Gray, Steven McInnes, Andrew Logan, Alex Henshall

GOALS, Nyora: Scott Pugh 3, Nick Anderson, Rhys Grange-Lyiak, Travis Stewart 1 each

BEST: Jordan Anderson, Travis Stewart, Nick Anderson, Jesse Heylen, Dylan Heylen, Jack Keating

RESERVES

Nyora 2.4 3.6 5.13 10.16 (76)

Poowong 0.0 1.3 1.4 1.4 (10)

GOALS, Nyora: Kye Gillespie 5, Brayden Browne, Joshua Browne, Stanton Till 2, Lincoln Brock, Brad Drews, Darren Jameson 1 each

BEST: Darren Jameson, Brad Drews, Evan Jeremiejczyk, Rob Moxon, Blake Thompson, Tyson Shiell

GOALS, Poowong: Jake Lewis 1

BEST: Rhys Butler, Brayden Hunter, Reece Attenborough, Gavin Broad, Fiachra Staunton, Jake Lewis

THIRDS

Ellinbank 8.2 12.5 16.7 18.16 (124)

Poowong 1.0 1.0 2.3 3.5 (23)

GOALS, Ellinbank: Jack Champion, Vincent Onslow 4, Billy Auldist, Liam Bellio, Adam Campbell 2, Jordan Lewis, Liam Lisle, Ripley Pyle, Rick Rosser 1 each

BEST: Jack Champion, Cooper Faith, Will O'Brien, Adam Campbell, Vincent Onslow, Maximus Currie

GOALS, Poowong: Jett Blackwood 2, Reuben Foster 1

BEST: David O'Neill, Benjamin Fowler, Daniel Whelan, Jett Blackwood, Sterling Holman, Bryce Townsend

FOURTHS

Ellinbank 8.6 9.9 13.16 20.19 (139)

Poowong 1.0 3.4 3.4 3.4 (22)

GOALS, Ellinbank: Hugh Cunningham, Vincent Onslow 4, Joel Armstrong 3, Nate Murphy 2, Charlie Armour, Bailey Helps, Logan Joyce, Archie Martel, Brodie Onslow, Shayne Sherry, Jack Winduss 1 each

BEST: Joel Armstrong, Logan Joyce, Hugh Cunningham, Ashley Debenham, Charlie Armour, Shayne Sherry

GOALS, Poowong: Kohen Gilliatte, Lockie Hulse, Lochie Wilson 1 each

BEST: Jett Blackwood, Rory Nettle, Blake Hanmer, Aaron Damon, Gavin Monson, Kohen Mandemaker

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Trafalgar 9.7.61 d Yarragon 6.2.38

Longwarry 12.16.88 d Nil-Darn 6.8.44

Ellinbank 18.12.120 d Catani 5.9.39

Buln Buln 7.9.51 d Neerim Sth 6.11.47

RESERVES

Trafalgar 11.9.75 d Yarragon 3.2.20

Longwarry 8.7.55 d Nil-Darn 2.10.22

Ellinbank 10.10.70 d Catani 2.2.14

Neerim Sth 13.6.84 d Buln Buln 5.7.37

THIRDS

Yarragon 5.20.50 d Trafalgar 2.5.17

Buln Buln 12.9.81 d Neerim Sth 10.13.73

FOURTHS

Trafalgar 9.16.70 d Yarragon 1.2.8

Longwarry 8.8.56 d Nil-Darn 2.2.14

Neerim Sth 13.16.94 d Buln Buln 3.1.19

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ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 1

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	%WON	FOURTHS	W	L	%	%WON
Ellinbank	1	0	307.69	4	Nyora	1	0	760.00	4	Ellinbank	1	0	539.13	100	Trafalgar	1	0	875.00	100
Longwarry	1	0	200.00	4	Ellinbank	1	0	500.00	4	Yarragon	1	0	294.12	100	Ellinbank	1	0	631.82	100
Trafalgar	1	0	160.53	4	Trafalgar	1	0	375.00	4	Buln Buln	1	0	110.96	100	Neerim South	1	0	494.74	100
Poowong	1	0	112.77	4	Longwarry	1	0	250.00	4	Neerim South	0	1	90.12	0.0	Longwarry	1	0	400.00	100
Buln Buln	1	0	108.51	4	Neerim South	1	0	227.03	4	Trafalgar	0	1	34.00	0.0	Nilma Darnum	0	1	25.00	0.0
Neerim South	0	1	92.16	0	Buln Buln	0	1	44.05	0	Poowong	0	1	18.55	0.0	Buln Buln	0	1	20.21	0.0
Nyora	0	1	88.68	0	Nilma Darnum	0	1	40.00	0	Lang Lang	0	0	0.00	0.0	Poowong	0	1	15.83	0.0
Yarragon	0	1	62.30	0	Yarragon	0	1	26.67	0	Longwarry	0	0	0.00	0.0	Yarragon	0	1	11.43	0.0
Nilma Darnum	0	1	50.00	0	Catani	0	1	20.00	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0.0	Lang Lang	0	0	0.00	0.0
Catani	0	1	32.50	0	Poowong	0	1	13.16	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0.0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0.0
Lang Lang	0	0	0.00	0	Lang Lang	0	1	0.00	0	Nilma Darnum	0	0	0.00	0.0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0.0

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GIPPSLAND LEAGUE

Leongatha 18.10.118 d Traralgon 12.9.81

Moe 12.14.86 d Morwell 7.8.50

Wonthaggi 13.8.86 d Sale 11.6.72

Bairnsdale 13.9.97 drew Maffra 12.15.87

Warragul 10.13.73 d Drouin 10.10.70

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Major sponsor of the West Gippsland league Alex Scott and Staff CEO Paul Dunlop and Director Greg Price, support new operations manager Brett Tessari at the 2023 season launch. Z40_1423

Season looking bright for West Gippsland League

STRONG leadership is the driving force for season growth in 2023, with new operations manager of the West Gippsland league Brett Tessari giving an official introduction to the individual clubs at the season launch on Sunday afternoon.

Club coaches and captains were in attendance and Brett opened with recognising how the individual clubs are positively embracing each other to get ready for the season ahead.

"This is what country football is all about, out on the ground you work hard and do your battle, but once the game is over, you get together, have a beer and a chat and go above and beyond for the other clubs," said Brett.

"I'm proud and excited to be operations manager, the potential for this competition is unbelievable. Geographically we're perfect. We're in the growth corridor for the whole of the state. We need to make sure every club is viable moving forward."

Brett welcomed guest speaker Terry Dillon from Clubmap to address the club officials and speak of how he can help community clubs see healthy growth into the future.

"Most clubs are run by three or four people who do 90% of the work. I'm here to help with some initiatives that will hopefully help the club sustain or extend the lifespan of the administration," said Terry.

"Until you get your structure sorted, everything's hard. What worked in the past isn't viable anymore, we need to re-develop the structure and get the committee each having a role, develop a database, an online presence and focus on sponsorship and membership and I can help this league become stronger for the future."

WEST GIPPSLAND RESULTS ROUND 1

Sen: Tooradin-D 14.8.92 d Cora Lynn 7.10.52
Res: Tooradin-D 11.6.72 d Cora Lynn 6.4.40
U18: Tooradin-D 9.7.61 d Cora Lynn 5.5.35

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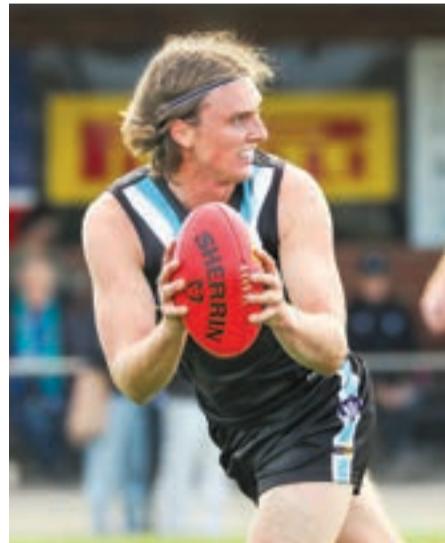
WEST GIPPSLAND ROUND 1

Inverloch-Kongwak v Nar Nar Goon
 Phillip Island v Warragul Ind



This free kick to Ryan Sparkes was earned the hard way. Z29_1423

No power shortage in Wonthaggi



Wonthaggi's Joshua Bates had solid coverage of the ground despite the pressure from Sale. Z28_1423



Much-hyped former Collingwood recruit Isaac Chugg showed his opponents a clean pair of heels in an impressive debut for Wonthaggi Power. Photos: Paul Landells



Wonthaggi Power's Ryan Sparkes met with immense pressure from his Sale opponents in the first quarter of the opening game of the season. Z27_1423



Toma Huther congratulates Mitch Hayes on his good pressure goal for Wonthaggi against Sale in the first quarter. Z26_1423



Wonthaggi and Sale exhibited full intent on the field for the first game of the 2023 season. Z30_1423

Parrots soar late in opening round

THOSE at Leongatha were in no doubt stern challenges would come their way this season after last year's unbeaten campaign, and the Parrots didn't have to wait long, needing to dig deep to see off Traralgon's round 1 onslaught.

A glance at the final score, however, doesn't suggest that, showing a comfortable 37-point margin in favour of the team in green and yellow, but that was after it delivered a commanding last term with the wind.

Early in the match, the Maroons raced to a three-goal quarter time lead, and they were just nine points behind at the last change, but something had already clicked for the defending premier late in the third term.

The Parrots' confidence and composure suddenly lifted, not long after Traralgon hit the front with a goal at the 17-minute mark of the penultimate stanza.

It started with an accurate pass to Tallin Brill who goaled from close range early in time on to edge Leongatha ahead, following up with another minutes later to give his side a little breathing space.

A classy accurate snap from popular Parrots' backman Sean Westaway all but sealed the contest 16 minutes into the final term, with Westy accepting a polished handball from Brill who was under Traralgon pressure.

It was fitting, with Brill having not long before driven Leongatha into attack in one of his many inspired moments of the season's opening day.

Brill came into the side when skipper and last season's league Best & Fairest Tom Marriott was unable to take the field.

Jenson Garnham wasted no time justifying the Parrots' decision to recruit the young medium-sized forward from Inverloch Kongwak, slotting five goals in his Leongatha debut and being named the winning side's best player.

His two first term goals were the Parrots' only majors during that period, helping keep Leongatha in touch at the opening break, with his remaining three goals coming with the wind in the second quarter.

While he didn't add to his goal tally in the second half, the club debutant continued to work hard around the ground.

Garnham was followed on Leongatha's 'best players list' by reliable midfielder Aaron Heppell, who finished with three goals, and big Ben Willis who worked tirelessly in the ruck for much of the match, battling it out well with foes such as Max Jacobsen.

Westaway was also named in the best, but his relentless defensive efforts couldn't top the major that will long be recalled by all at Leongatha.

Harvey Neocleous was best for the defeated Maroons, matching Garnham's five-goal output.

Leongatha will need to be at its best to topple the in-form Wonthaggi in round 2 following the Easter break, and will be eager to eliminate ill-disciplined moments such as the two double 50 metre penalties that cost the Parrots a couple of second quarter goals against Traralgon.



Leongatha's Ben Willis (20) goes up in the midst of the action against Traralgon.



Wil Dawson takes a magnificent mark. Photos: Mark Drury

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

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LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

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LEONGATHA

TRARALGON

Leongatha 2.2 9.6 12.8 18.10 (118)
Traralgon 5.2 7.3 11.5 12.9 (81)

GOALS, Leongatha: Jenson Garnham 5, Tallin Brill, Aaron Heppell 3, Jack Hume, Jacob Lamers 2, Kim Drew, Cade Maskell, Sean Westaway 1 each

BEST: Jenson Garnham, Aaron Heppell, Ben Willis, Jake van der Pligt, Josh Hopkins, Sean Westaway

GOALS, Traralgon: Harvey Neocleous 5, Brett Eddy 2, Mark Collison, Liam Farley, Sammy Hallyburton, Tom Hamilton, Tom Schneider 1 each

BEST: Harvey Neocleous, Tye Hourigan, Jackson McMahon, Hugh Dunbar, Joel Scholtes, Connor Ambler

RESERVES

Leongatha 3.5 3.9 4.10 7.10 (52)
Traralgon 1.1 2.4 6.5 6.7 (43)

GOALS, Leongatha: Darcy Berryman 2, Matthew Borschman, Ty Hall, Reegan Kemp, Hayden Lindsay, Blake Van Rooy 1 each

BEST: Levi Hickey, Hayden Lindsay, Joel Renden, Darcy Berryman, Matthew Borschman, Rhett Kelly

GOALS, Traralgon: Flynn Kennedy 3, Kade Ruyters, Josh Twite, Jacob Van Iwaarden 1 each

BEST: Mitch Membrey, Lucas Tripodi, Jesse Siddle, Sam Schutte, Jacob Van Iwaarden, Josh Twite

THIRDS

Traralgon 4.2 1.6 12.8 15.11 (101)
Leongatha 0.4 0.4 4.8 4.9 (33)

BEST, Traralgon: Cooper Brown, Connor Scandrett, Campbell Booth, Rhyley Guiney, Makhai Maaka, Baxter Kennedy

BEST, Leongatha: Max Donohue, Will Brown, Beau Graham Andrews, Ben Fort, Jude Fixter, Cooper Quaife

FOURTHS

Traralgon 2.2 7.6 12.9 15.14 (104)
Leongatha 0.0 0.1 1.2 2.2 (14)

BEST, Traralgon: Blair Roscoe, Ben Burrows, Levi Macumber, Benjamin Hagley, Jake Zappulla, Marlon Neocleous

BEST, Leongatha: Finn Donohue, Alby Logan, Hamish Gill, Kade Berryman, Fletcher McLennan, Isaac Bolge

WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB

 86  72

WONTHAGGI

SALE

Wonthaggi 4.2 7.3 9.7 13.8 (86)
Sale 3.0 5.1 8.3 11.6 (72)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Jack Hutchinson 3, Joshua Bates, Jordan Staley 2, Noah Anderson, Jack Blair, Mitch Hayes, Daine Lindsay, Cooper McInnes, Ryan Sparkes 1 each

BEST: Joshua Bates, Kyle Reid, Ryan Sparkes, Tom Davey, Isaac Chugg, Toma Huther

GOALS, Sale: Jarrod Freeman 4, Thomas Campbell 3, Jack Johnstone, Daine McGuiness, Jack McLaren, Cooper Whithill 1 each

BEST: Will Leslie, Jack Leslie, Shannen Lange, Josh Butcher, Jarrod Freeman, Jack McLaren

RESERVES

Wonthaggi 3.1 6.1 7.3 9.5 (59)
Sale 0.4 0.5 1.5 1.5 (11)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Reeve Moresco 3, Kyle Yann 2, Blake Cornelius, Travis Krause, Wayne Luke, Josh Waters 1 each

BEST: Brodie Mabilia, Travis Krause, Jaxon Williams, Lachie Jones, Kane McCarthy, Reeve Moresco

GOALS, Sale: Shane Fyfe 1

BEST: Liam Place, Bailey Nicholas, Hayden Potts, Chris Byron, Zak Russell, Jack Rietschel

FOURTHS

Sale 1.3 2.3 5.3 8.6 (54)
Wonthaggi 2.3 5.5 7.6 7.8 (50)

BEST, Sale: Bailey Harrison, Tom Ronchi, Harper Walker, Harry Tatterson, Lachlan Davine, Samuel Treglow

BEST, Wonthaggi: Thomas MacMillan, Jasper Shone, Connor MacMillan, Oliver Feather, Seth McBean, Jaxon Brouwers

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Moe 12.14.86 d Morwell 7.8.50
Bairnsdale 13.9.87 drew Maffra 12.15.87

Warragul 10.13.73 d Drouin 10.10.70

RESERVES

Moe 11.7.73 d Morwell 8.9.57
Maffra 10.6.66 d Bairnsdale 5.9.39

Warragul 5.8.38 d Drouin 2.4.16

THIRDS

Moe 7.7.49 d Morwell 6.7.43
Maffra 6.11.47 d Bairnsdale 4.9.33

Warragul 18.12.120 d Drouin 4.3.27

FOURTHS

Moe 18.14.122 d Morwell 4.2.26
Bairnsdale 9.13.67 d Maffra 11.9.75

Drouin 12.6.78 d Warragul 10.6.66

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 1

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Moe	1	0	172.00	4	Wonthaggi	1	0	536.36	4	Warragul	1	0	444.44	4	Traralgon	1	0	742.86	4
Leongatha	1	0	145.68	4	Warragul	1	0	237.50	4	Traralgon	1	0	306.06	4	Moe	1	0	469.23	4
Wonthaggi	1	0	119.44	4	Maffra	1	0	169.23	4	Maffra	1	0	142.42	4	Drouin	1	0	118.18	4
Warragul	1	0	104.29	4	Moe	1	0	128.07	4	Moe	1	0	113.95	4	Maffra	1	0	111.94	4
Bairnsdale	0	0	100.00	2	Leongatha	1	0	120.93	4	Morwell	0	1	87.76	0	Sale	1	0	108.00	4
Maffra	0	0	100.00	2	Traralgon	0	1	82.69	0	Bairnsdale	0	1	70.21	0	Wonthaggi	0	1	92.59	0
Drouin	0	1	95.89	0	Morwell	0	1	78.08	0	Leongatha	0	1	32.67	0	Bairnsdale	0	1	89.33	0
Sale	0	1	83.72	0	Bairnsdale	0	1	59.09	0	Drouin	0	1	22.50	0	Warragul	0	1	84.62	0
Traralgon	0	1	68.64	0	Drouin	0	1	42.11	0	Sale	0	0	0.00	0	Morwell	0	1	21.31	0
Morwell	0	1	58.14	0	Sale	0	1	18.64	0	Wonthaggi	0	0	0.00	0	Leongatha	0	1	13.46	0

No power shortage in Wonthaggi

WONTHAGGI wasted no time displaying its premiership credentials with a compelling home performance against last year's runner up Sale, seeing off the determined Magpies by 14 points.

Power looks to have a highly competitive blend of fitness, physicality and skill.

While it was anyone's game at the final change, with Wonthaggi just 10 points ahead, the home side kept the Magpies at arm's length for the remainder of the contest although Jarrod Freeman continued to present a strong target for Sale.

He booted a couple of the beaten side's three final term majors, finishing with a game-high four goals.

However, Wonthaggi found plenty of avenues to goal throughout the day, with Jack Hutchinson's three majors headlining its nine-player goal kickers list.

His class was on show until the end, with an accurate late snap capping an excellent afternoon from the athletic number 31.

Hutchinson wasn't just a target in Wonthaggi's forward arc, often driving Power deep into attack from half forward or beyond and creating opportunities for teammates.

Josh Bates was decisive in Power's win.

While he booted a couple of goals, his fierce competitiveness and fitness was on display wherever he ventured and his ball use was assured, seeing him named Power's best.

Big Toma Huther's mobility was impressive as he not only shouldered much of the ruck

work but made a commendable contribution around the ground, winning his share of the footy and providing opportunities for teammates.

It was evident from early in the match that Launceston lad Isaac Chugg, who arrived at Power from Collingwood, will provide the run and assured ball use he was recruited for, helping ensure Wonthaggi's forwards will see plenty of the Sherrin.

Kyle Reid and Tom Davey were other fiercely competitive players for the victorious Power, with both looking capable of contributing wherever required.

Coach Jarryd Blair had a solid match, including providing an assured presence in defence late in the game to help guarantee Sale couldn't find a way back into the contest.

Wonthaggi's sharp start to the season has set up an enthralling contest after Easter against last year's unbeaten premier, with Leongatha eventually seeing off Traralgon by 37 points in round 1 but strongly challenged for much of the day.

While Power looks a chance to end the Parrots' winning ways, Wonthaggi coach Blair won't be underestimating the size of the task at Leongatha Recreation Reserve.

RIGHT: Wonthaggi Power captain Aiden Lindsay leads from the front in a typically inspiring game against the talented Sale midfield. *Power. Photos: Paul Landells*

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