



There was no missing the message as visitors arrived in Bass Coast for Easter last Friday – Save the Western Port Woodlands – with concerned locals including singer-songwriter Tim O'Brien, Jenny Hibble, Grace and Maddie Matarazzo, and Sue Linley putting the message out there ahead of further public hearings this week.

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HUNDERDS of millions of dollars in developer profits are at stake, but just as importantly, so is the future of housing in the Bass Coast Shire; including conventional blocks at Wonthaggi, lifestyle land along the coast and rural living zones, not to mention the protection of our distinctive coastal and rural landscapes.

Regrettably, we're told, that doesn't include the Western Port Woodlands, where existing sand extraction licences can't be challenged.

It's all happening in front of the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) Standing Advisory Committee, appointed by the previous Victorian Minister for Planning Lizzie Blandthorn MP.

And a steady stream of sharply-dressed lawyers representing the developers, the shire and the government, as well as some well-seasoned technical experts, have been paraded before the planning panel at public hearings in the past few weeks.

Exactly where should they draw the line

on the outer limit of housing development east of San Remo? And should that boundary simply adopt an arbitrary fence line or move up and down with the contours of the main ridge in an effort to do what the whole process is supposed to do – protect significant landscapes from an explosion of boxes?

David Crowder, a Director of Ratio Consultants, a person with 25 years' experience in town planning, recommends the latter, with appropriate protection for the proposed extension of the George Bass Walk so that it features views of the coast and hinterland, not houses on a hill, in the hopes we might develop something like the 'Great South West Walk' in the west of the state.

A Freycinet Lodge type development might be allowable, on the edge of San Remo, however, making best use of that spectacular location.

But there's no need for an overkill in planning controls either, he says.

"There are enough safeguards in a (standard) 'settlement boundary' to deal with the interface issues between urban and rural," he says, noting that 'protected settlement boundaries' should only be imposed in special circumstances.

"Retaining some flexibility is better," he said.

What about the various small coastal settlements on Phillip Island; at Ventnor where the controversial "Cadogan land" is apparently back in play, at Newhaven, at Cape Woolamai where that hoary old chestnut of the Phillip Island Airport is being revisited, and even connecting Smiths Beach to Sunderland Bay?

Developers have made pitches to the panel for hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of additional land to be opened up on Phillip Island.

But would a 'green' Bass Coast Shire Council or local residents ever allow that? Not likely.

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Hands off Bass Coast

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Locals say much of it is fan-

And with the possible exception of an expansion in some of the Waterline settlements, at Corinella, Coronet Bay and the like; it seems that future expansion of coastal or 'lifestyle' blocks will centre on San Remo and Cape Paterson.

And as the hearings continue this week, it's an assessment of the benefits of expanding Cape Paterson to the north which will come sharply into focus.

The public hearings continue at the Cape Paterson Surf Lifesaving Club on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week, April 12, 13 and 14, and then at the Silverwater Resort, San Remo, on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week, April 17, 18, 19 and 20.

And first up on Thursday, April 13 at Cape Paterson will be the Cape Paterson Residents and Residents Association (CPRRA) who are bitterly opposed to the expansion of their town, by as many as 1000 extra blocks.

Ringing in their ears will be the claims that they are already losing the argument, that here is an area of land already inside the settlement boundary which is needed to meet the demand for lifestyle blocks in Bass Coast, or else push that demand to already over-developed or more sensitive locations in the shire.

The CPRRA will have a full day to state their case, which is not without merit, especially given the fact that Cape



Carolyn Bulkelay and Neil Rankine put the message out there at Grantville on the weekend. Mr Rankine told the DAL panel last week that if they can't stop the sand mining, they should at least recommend the establishment of wildlife corridors and restrictive planning controls on pristine bushland on the old Holden Proving Ground site.

Paterson is poorly provided with infrastructure.

The other big issue which will continue to play out in front of the panel in the coming week is the Western Port Woodlands campaign, featuring submissions by the Save Western Port Woodlands, South Gippsland Conservation Society and Victorian National Parks Association groups today (Wednesday) and continuing on Friday.

Former Bass Coast Mayor, Neil Rankine, made a passionate, well-reasoned pitch to the panel last week, that if, as they say, they can't roll back the sand mining licences, they can at least recommend for a system of biolinks and native bush corridors to

be established from the old Lang Lang Proving Ground to the Grantville Nature Conservation Reserve.

"The magnificent jewel in the crown is the Holden Proving Ground. This reserve has no protection whatsoever and it needs it," said Mr Rankine.

He said the pristine qualities of the former proving ground site should be protected, as promised by the former Environment Minister Lily D'Ambrosio, and if protected appropriately, would have no development value with its present zoning.

Local activist and singer-song writer, Tim O'Brien, who addressed the panel in words and song last week, believes the State Government should

buy the proving grounds site, now that it was back on the market, and it should become the 'Gateway to Bass Coast', highlighting the region's magnificent natural attractions, and forever saving its immense environmental value.

And last Wednesday, the Wattle Bank Community Group, represented by Moragh Tyler, Brendon Johnson and Christopher Haig, reported to the panel on exploding development in their area, calling for 'Wattle Bank' to be formerly recognised as a settlement so that the community can protect and enhance its lifestyle.

See also the concerns of local farmers over expensive planning controls.

POLICE BRIEFS



Blaze lights up Wonthaggi sky

A FIRE decimated a house in Wonthaggi on Thursday evening (April 6) at 5.55pm.

The fire was contained to the single premise with firefighters from Wonthaggi, Dalyston and Inverloch attending alongside Wonthaggi Police and Bass Coast Highway.

Fire investigators and arson chemists have since listed the blaze as unable to determine cause, however, investigations are ongoing.

Anyone with information including dash cam footage or CCTV around McLeod Street, McKenzie Street, Bass Highway and Graham Street (or nearby) contact Wonthaggi Police Station on 5671 4100.

Learner blows full licence limit

A 31-YEAR-OLD male learner was caught double the legal limit on Friday evening (April 7) by San Remo Police. The offender from Hampton Park blew 0.1 in a roadside breath test.

Stranded in the bay

TWO males and a female were rescued from a damaged sea kayak in Western Port Bay at 4pm on Monday, April 10.

The trio had appropriate safety equipment on board and were able to attract attention and call for help, after spending an unknown amount of time stranded in the water.

Police Air Wing and Coast Guard service rescued the group, and they were taken to Wonthaggi hospital to be treated for hypothermia.

Remaining pieces of the kayak were being retrieved from the water by the coast guards.

Shed Fire in Korumburra

The CFA responded to a shed fire on Gordon Street in Korumburra at around 7.05pm on Monday, April 10.

Three CFA units from Korumburra and Ruby fire brigade attended the scene.

No occupants were inside at the time, and the scene was declared under control and safe a short time later.

Multiple injuries following horrific crash at Bass

ON MONDAY (April 10) just after 10am emergency services attended a serious collision at Bass.

Police from Wonthaggi Police Station and Bass Coast Highway Patrol, along with paramedics from Ambulance Victoria, volunteer firefighters from Bass CFA and Corinella CFA, and volunteers from SES San Remo Unit and SES Wonthaggi Unit responded to a collision involving a Mazda hatch and a Ford sedan, which occurred on the Bass Highway in Bass, near Soldiers Road.

It is believed that the Mazda hatch failed to give way and collided with the Ford sedan.

Multiple occupants of the Mazda hatch were trapped within the vehicle and required extrication.

The driver of the Mazda, a 42-year-old woman from New South Wales, and four passengers of the vehicle, being a 11-year-old male from New South Wales, a 9-year-old female from New South Wales, a 67-year-old male from Bangladesh and a 63-year-old female from Bangladesh were also taken to hospital

with significant but non-life-threatening injuries.

The driver and sole occupant of the Ford sedan, a 30-year-old Heathcote Junction woman, was taken to hospital with significant but non-life-threatening injuries.

The collision caused significant delays, and necessitated a partial closure of the Bass Highway, on what was a very busy morning, with many tourists returning to Melbourne. Local police appreciated the patience of road users during the incident.

Investigations are still

ongoing; however, it is believed that the driver of the Mazda sedan will be issued with an infringement notice for failing to give way.

This is another important reminder for all road-users to be careful when entering main roads, and ensuring there is sufficient distance from oncoming vehicles.

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6 Day Weather Forecast

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IN BRIEF

Renters Rights session

ON THURSDAY, April 13, there will be an opportunity to have all your tenancy questions answered at a free session with lawyers from the Gippsland Community Legal Service from 3.30-4.30pm. Book by calling the Centre on 56723731 or emailing reception@wonthaggi-neighbourhood-centre.com

Progress continues on Wonthaggi North's future

THE Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) has been completing technical work to implement the recommendations of the VPA Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) in regards to the Wonthaggi North East Precinct Structure Plan.

In August 2022, the VPA SAC released its report into plans for Wonthaggi North East, which recommended updates and additional information regarding drainage and costings. Since the VPA's last update in December 2022, they have been working with technical experts to finalise the Wonthaggi North East Revised Drainage Strategy and Wonthaggi North East Functional Designs and Costings Report in response to the SAC's recommendations. VPA expect these reports to be completed by May 2023.

In the coming months, VPA will be focused on finalising the planning scheme amendment and associated documents to submit to the Minister for Planning for consideration. For more information on our planning for Wonthaggi North East, visit Wonthaggi North East PSP.

Grants for playgroups

WITH National Playgroup Week held recently in late March, playgroups across Gippsland are being encouraged to apply for a one-off grant to enrich their play experiences. Play Matters Australia is a not-for-profit that facilitates play groups, play experiences, and

music therapy to more than 15,000 families every week, in every state and territory across the country.

This year, the charity turns 50, and to celebrate, it's offering 50 Grants for 50 Years to local playgroups.

The grants, worth \$500, can be spent on toys, equipment, art and craft, and more at EducationAll.

To apply for a grant, head to the Play Matters Australia website. Applications close Monday, April 24, 2023

Island to feature on 'Beach House Hunt'

STANDS to reason, right, that a TV program about finding the perfect beach houses in Australia would ultimately turn up at Phillip Island.

And 'Beach House Hunters Australia' are expected to do just that in coming weeks as they prepare for an exciting new program on Channel Nine. Produced to a tried and true format by Abode Entertainment, a proven innovator of non-scripted and semi-scripted television, filming in Australia, New Zealand, USA and Canada, it is expected to attract strong audience interest. Stay tuned for more details.

New kinder coming soon

KORUMBURRA parents will be able to ditch the dreaded double drop-off with a new kinder planned for Korumburra. These new Kindergartens at Korumburra, St Albans Meadows, Willmott Park, Roxburgh Park, and Napoleons primary schools and Kyabram P-12 College in 2024, will create 495 new kindergarten places for local kids. Two-room centres opening to outdoor learning and play spaces will be built at St Albans Meadows, Korumburra and Napoleons primary schools and Kyabram P-12 College, with each offering 66 kindergarten places. The new kindergartens are sharing in \$371 million

provided in the Victorian Budget 2019/20 for Three-Year-Old Kindergarten funding.

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

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Regional cap for public transport in place

THE regional fare cap is now in effect for regional public transport fares. The cost of a daily ticket on the entire regional Victorian network is now capped at the same prices as metropolitan daily fares – currently \$9.20 for a full fare or \$4.60 for a concession. On a weekend or public holiday, daily fares are capped at \$6.70 and currently just \$3.35 for concession.

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

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

However, according to a statement released by the Liberal Nationals party, the cheaper fares are at risk as independent analysis reveals a \$155 million funding shortfall. Parliamentary Budget Office

figures showed the government's cheaper V/Line fares policy to be \$358.1 million over the next four years, \$155 million more than has been budgeted by the State Labor Government to date. For more information or to purchase tickets visit vline.com.au or ptv.vic.gov.au.

Phone issue frustrations at Venus Bay Community Centre

THOSE attempting to ring the Venus Bay Community Centre (VBCC) are urged not to feel ignored if they don't get an answer, with ongoing phone issues to blame.

While the centre's phone appears to ring from the caller's perspective, that is often not the case, potentially creating the false impression the important community facility and service provider is closed. Problems have occurred over a number of months.

"We keep putting a message on our Facebook page to say sorry, our phone's not working," VBCC manager Alyson Skinner said. She added that she attempted to resolve the problem by having calls to the centre's landline diverted to her mobile phone, but that proved unsuccessful. If calling the Venus Bay Community Centre during its operating hours and not getting an answer, people are encouraged to email info@vbcc.org.au or send a message through the centre's Facebook page.

Fire restrictions end

THE Fire Danger Period (FDP) will finish across local government areas in the South East in the coming weeks. Ending on April 10:

- Bass Coast Shire
- French Island
- South Gippsland Shire

While restrictions are lifting in these areas, CFA still expects the grassfire risk to remain across the state in the coming months so Victorians need to remain alert and prepared.

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Long weekend operation stings bad drivers

POLICE detected almost 8000 traffic offences during a five-day road policing operation over the Easter long weekend.

Operation Nexus saw police highly visible and actively enforcing across the state in an effort to reduce road trauma.

It follows a shocking start to the year on Victoria's roads with 89 lives lost, up 25 per cent on the five-year average.

Good Friday accounted for almost a quarter of all detections over the Easter period, with 101 motorists caught drink and drug driving on this day alone.

More than a third of all offences detected were for speeding, with almost 80 per cent of motorists detected between 10km/h and 25km/h over the speed limit.

Almost a quarter of speeding offences were detected on Easter Monday, the final day of the operation.

Mobile phone offences jumped 31 per cent from last year's Easter road policing operation with 343 motorists caught using their phones while driving.

Police also detected and removed 529 unauthorised drivers from roads, including suspended, disqualified and



Forty-five speeding drivers were caught in Bass Coast/South Gippsland over the five-day Easter police operation. (Stock photo) C02_1223

unlicensed drivers.

Across the Bass Coast Police Service Area, offences during Operation Nexus included:

- 7 drink drivers
- 2 drug drivers
- 2 disqualified drivers
- 1 unlicensed drivers
- 45 speeding offences
- 2 disobey signs/signals
- 2 seatbelt offences
- 1 mobile phone offences
- 14 unregistered vehicles

"We had a lot of tourist traffic, but overall people were generally good, with only one main collision at the intersection of Soldiers Road and

Bass Highway, Bass," Senior Sergeant, Eastern Region Division 5 Road Policing, Jason Hullick stated.

"There were no lives lost in Bass Coast over the Easter period, but it is disappointing that we are still catching people speeding and testing positive to drugs and alcohol.

"It is a reminder for people to continue planning their journeys safely and make alternative arrangements home."

State-wide there were two lives lost on Victorian roads over the Easter period, with

single-vehicle fatal collisions in White Hills on Friday and Wangaratta on Sunday.

With five lives lost to date in April, police enforcement will continue across the state throughout the school holiday period and the unofficial Anzac Day long weekend later this month.

"Everyone thinks road trauma won't happen to them, until it's too late. Don't let your complacency be the reason for another death or serious injury on our roads," Assistant Commissioner Road Policing, Glenn Weir added.

It's over to you Wonthaggi business!

THE reality is, the Bass Coast Shire Council doesn't engage as well as it should with the business community of the shire's main town, Wonthaggi.

That's been the experience of the Wonthaggi Business and Tourism Association, according to its leadership.

But it could get a whole lot worse, the business community of Wonthaggi would not even have a seat at the table if the group folds.

And that's a real possibility unless, on Thursday night, April 20, and let's be brutally frank here, unless five business owners put up their hands to join the committee in any capacity at the AGM.

The meeting, starting with a 'Save the WBTA Networking Night', is being held at 6pm at the Wonthaggi Hotel in McBride Avenue, with the AGM starting at 7pm.

"Representation is important but so are organising opportunities for members to get together and also to organise events like the Laneway Festival where we can benefit a lot as a group from promoting activity and tourism," said WBTA Secretary Steve Curtis.

Do you see a need for a business association in Wonthaggi? Come along on Thursday, April 20.

New nurses supported by a dedicated team

BASS Coast Health (BCH) is supporting Nurses at the early stages of their careers by appointing a team of Novice Workforce Clinical Development Nurses as part of our Learning and Development Team.

Among them is Liam Kennedy, who mentors nurses in their first three years of practice.

"My role is to support Graduate Nurses on the ward and also nurses undertaking their second year of practice, known as our Pathway to Practice program," he said.

"I'll go on the ward and catch-up with the nurses to chat about their patients and to see if they need supervision with a procedure. I'm here to be a sounding board and to reassure them.

"It's most rewarding seeing the Graduate Nurses advance from being nervous in their first job and then developing over time."

Prior to his current role, Mr Kennedy worked on Acute Ward at Wonthaggi Hospital for 12 months and continues to work casually with that team.

He came to BCH from Austin Health in Melbourne after he moved to the Bass Coast for a "tree change".

"Nursing is a very rewarding career path because you get to see someone progress from being unwell to getting better," he said.

Successful burn off for local brigades in South Gippsland

BRIGADES from across District 9 recently came together to help South Gippsland Shire Council to deliver two planned burns in Kongwak Pioneer Reserve. Brigades from the Strzelecki and South Gippsland Groups delivered two fuel reduction burns on March 25, alongside members of the South Gippsland Shire bush reserve crew.

These burns helped to reduce the risk to nearby communities and encourage native plant regeneration. The burns were a great opportunity for crews to strengthen their knowledge of ignition patterns and observe fire behaviour when it interacts with different fuel types.

A recent fuel hazard assessment of the reserve showed it had very high fuel loads. An assessment following the planned burn showed a fuel hazard rating over the planned burn areas

of low, which is a great outcome for the local community.

Fuel reduction burns go a long way to help mitigate the effects of wildfire and the use of controlled fire not only reduces fuel loads but can help to increase the health and biodiversity of reserves such as Kongwak.

Planned Burn Operations Officer (PBOO) on the day Gary Williams said, "The Shire crews did a great job in preparing the burn blocks and CFA crews did pre and post-burn work to ensure a safe and successful burn, mitigating any threat to the nearby residents from the burns".

Thanks to brigade members from South Gippsland Group, Strzelecki group, Tarwin Lower, Koonwarra, Dumbalk, Kongwak, Leongatha, Leongatha South, Poowong, Ruby, Mirboo North, Allambee, Nilma North, Nerrena, Thorpdale and staff from District 9 HQ.



Crew members from District 9 undertaking a planned burn at Kongwak recently. Photo: CFA



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Coastal Councils Australia-wide unite for climate solutions

COASTAL erosion, flooding and even tsunami are shared challenges for all Australians, but one that directly impacts those of us lucky to live near our beautiful coast. The exacerbation of these coastal hazards through climate change is leaving our communities, properties, and infrastructure increasingly vulnerable.

This is why the national Australian Coastal Councils Association was established in 2004. They represent the interests of coastal councils plus their communities, to plan and adapt for impending climate impacts, as we are on the frontline. Bass Coast knows this too well.

Late last month I represented Bass Coast at the association's National Forum on Coastal Hazards convened in response to more frequent, severe, extreme and damaging weather events along Australia's coastlines plus growing concern about how to best manage these.

Councils and government agencies shared knowledge on how we face this crisis together – including shared data, innovation and assessments.

Key was shifting from recovery and repair to prevention, aligning with the Federal Government's Disaster Ready Fund. This invests up to \$200m a year in helping communities protect themselves against natural disasters through projects such as flood levees, sea walls, cyclone shelters and fire breaks.

Insurance Council of Australia also updated on their Actions of the Sea and Future Risks report. Australia needs at least \$30 billion of investment for coastal protection and adaptation projects over the next 50- years. They also recommend improved data collection nationwide, plus Land Use Planning reforms that cement a national baseline of climate risk to avoid

building properties in high-risk areas.

On flooding, current planning schemes do not protect houses being built in vulnerable areas. The Building Codes does not protect people from climate change and the National Construction Code must focus be reformed to focus on sustainable housing. I was able to catch up with fellow Mayors and councillors from Victoria. We plan to meet again soon to discuss our approach to coastal inundation and the response to the Government's adoption of the higher inundation risk level, presented by sea level rise in assessing planning applications.

There were interesting developments in nature-based responses to coastal erosion, with university researchers in every state documenting and assessing solutions such as artificial reefs. Two artificial reefs in Port Phillip with different approaches appear to be already managing waves in Port Phillip Bay, while also creating new habitats for shellfish and other species. Correct design is vital, so research evaluating the best approach is underway as a precursor, to new national guidelines.

In Fremantle a beach lost to erosion was rebuilt using dredged sand they are hoping to achieve 10 more years while the Port is relocated. Erosion hotspots in Western Australia are being mapped. A national inventory of nature-based solutions is also being developed, so organisations Australia-wide can protect our coasts.

Climate change is not a challenge with a beginning, a middle and an end. This is a long journey that we must start now, so pooling all resources, to collaborate and learn, is essential.

Coastal councils are facing an existential responsibility with little guidance. State and federal governments must recognise this, step up and take urgent leadership – before it's too late.



Residents are asking council to minimise the risk of people entering treated 'poisoned' areas by using spray dye or appropriate signage. Z11_1523

Residents plead for spray signage in treated areas

RESIDENTS are aggravated that the Bass Coast Shire Council have sprayed the side road vegetation in residential areas of Wonthaggi without any signage or use of spray dye in the treated areas.

A resident, who wished to remain anonymous, has raised concern that her dog got sick from the treated area after she had to move off the gravel on Chisholm Road and onto the side road to let a vehicle pass.

The speed limit along Chisholm Road, Wonthaggi remains 100km, and despite the speed limit being another issue entirely, this road is the only access road to the Wonthaggi town centre for pedestrians who walk their pets into the main street.

It was claimed that the roadside vegetation had been poisoned the day before and a resident's dog got very sick from what she assumed was the treated vegetation, ending in a \$500 vet bill.

"A few weeks later we had to get off the road to allow the large council chemical spray truck to go past. We watched the truck stop at each pole marking a drain - and then move on to the next drain. If we had not seen this, I would not know the chemical truck had been and would have walked the dog right into the freshly sprayed grass again, with the risk of further danger. There was no warning the vegetation had been poisoned, lane ways have also been poisoned without notice or signs to warn people."

The subject has been raised with the Bass Coast Shire Council for comment, but they declined to provide a response at this stage.

However, an Agriculture Victoria spokesperson said, 'While there are no general legal requirements for councils to put up signs or use spray dye when applying pesticides, it is good practice for them to take either step in order to minimise the risk of people entering treated areas.'

'Agriculture Victoria encourages councils and other public land managers to ensure they are taking appropriate steps to address the risk their chemical use may pose to others, including neighbours and people accessing the treated area.'

Calling women to run for local government

ORGANISERS of a groundbreaking program to help more women run for local government say time is running out to get involved.

Applications close on Friday, April 14, for the government-funded Women Leading Locally program aimed at equipping community leaders for public office.

There are 65 fully funded training places available for women across Victoria, with masterclasses in campaigning, leadership, governance and diversity. Graduates earn a certificate in community leadership and governance.

The aim is to increase the number of women running in the 2024 local government elections, as part of a Victorian Government policy to strive for a 50/50 gender split.

Delivered by the Institute of Community Directors Australia (ICDA) and Women for Election, the program targets the 31 local government areas with the lowest representation of women.

Organisers are especially keen for additional applicants from these 18 LGAs: Ararat, Bass Coast, Buloke, Campaspe, Colac Otway, East Gippsland, Gannawarra, Glen Eira, Mansfield, Mildura, Mount Alexander, Northern Grampians, Pyrenees, Swan

Hill, Towong, Wellington, West Wimmera and Wodonga.

Applications are open to all women with a passion for their local community, and youth, First Nations women, women with disability, women from diverse cultural and linguistic groups, and LGBTIQ+ women are strongly encouraged to apply.

Applications for the 2023 program are open until April 14. The program provides a no-cost opportunity for 65 women to be supported to stand for local government elections in 2024.

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Woodlands’ anthem fails to sway DAL panelists

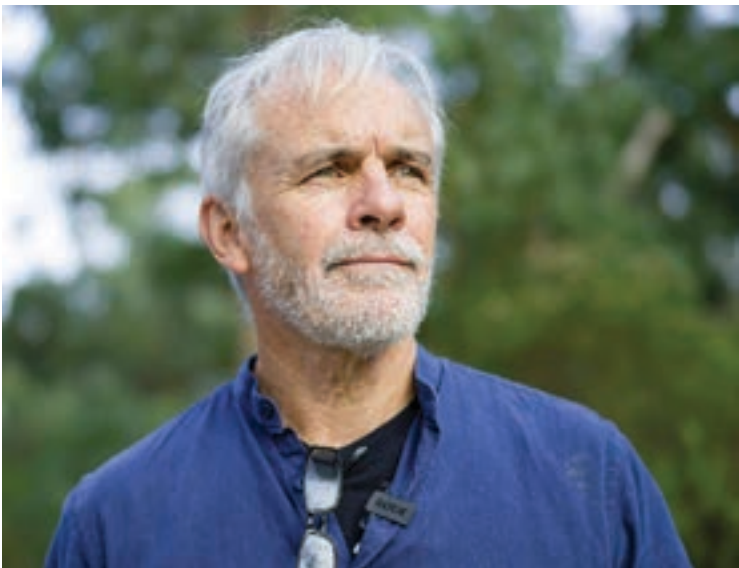
A PASSIONATE plea from Western Port Woodlands’ activist, Tim O’Brien, including a moving rendition of his woodland’s protest anthem ‘On A Grantville Shore’ prompted gratitude from the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) Standing Advisory Committee this week.

But that’s about all. As the Lead Chair of the Bass Coast DAL panel, Kathy Mitchell AM, said to Mr O’Brien, following his address on the Wednesday before Easter, the committee’s hands are tied when it comes to impacting existing uses, including sand extraction.

“I just want to be clear in case there’s any expectation about this. We can’t revisit the sand mines, they are existing uses with existing permits,” said Ms Mitchell.

But speaking as a former tourist business operator and concerned local resident, Mr O’Brien left no one in any doubt about his position, that if a government process designed to protect “distinctive landscapes” failed to even mention the Western Port Woodlands, something was seriously wrong.

“There is a spectacular dishonesty in the pretence of professing to recognise the value of the environment of the Bass Coast region while simultaneously excluding the Western Port Woodlands from Significant Landscape Overlays (as if the last remaining stand of coastal forest, this significant



According to Tim O'Brien “there is a spectacular dishonesty” in pretending to protect Bass Coast’s “distinctive landscapes” while simultaneously excluding the Western Port Woodlands from consideration.

wild habitat so important to the region and the health of the Bay, this rare and diminishing ecosystem of ecological vegetation classes that has been elsewhere stripped from the region, is not significant, not deserving of protection).

“To fail to include the Woodlands in the Proposed Landscape Planning Controls beggars belief for its calculated bone-headedness, for its failure to recognise the wishes of the Bass Coast community (and Council!) and for its deliberate anti-climate science environmental carelessness,” said Mr O’Brien.

“Why would the report be silent on this, the last remaining significant forest in the region, and Western Port’s last forest?”

“Why? I can’t help but feel that this silence carries the stench of interference and loss of impartiality of the former Department, DELWP (now Energy, Environment and Climate Action) in the preparation of the Draft Statement... hell-bent in pursuit of “strategic extractive resources” (sand for city concrete) at any and all environmental cost.”

But Ms Mitchell did say, at

the end, that the panel would be considering various submissions about biolinks, including from the Bass Coast Shire Council, about the potential for establishing biodiversity biolinks and wildlife corridors across the shire.

The DAL process makes reference to the Bass Coast Shire Council’s Biodiversity Biolinks Plan 2018 in Volume 1 of its Landscape Assessment for Bass Coast, without actually listing the potential for a corridor between The Gurdies and Grantville.

The council explained the reason for its biolinks plan back in 2018:

“The purpose of the Bass Coast Biodiversity Biolinks Plan is to provide connectivity in the landscape by linking remnant patches of indigenous vegetation using biolinks or wildlife corridors,” according to the shire’s plan of 2018.”

Mr O’Brien said the panel should be prepared to go further and set out where protective overlays should be located to preserve the remnant bush between the Lang Lang Proving Ground and the Grantville Nature Conservation Reserve.

At 10.15am on Wednesday, April 12, the DAL panel will hear from the Save Western Port Woodlands, South Gippsland Conservation Society and Victorian National Parks Association on this very subject.

E-scooter trial extended across Victoria

MINISTER for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne has announced the e-scooter trial will be extended for six months and will now include the use of private e-scooters.

The State Government has introduced the following rules:

- Riders must wear a helmet, be at least 16 years of age and adhere to the same blood alcohol content (BAC) and drug use restrictions as drivers. Riders cannot consume alcohol while travelling on an e-scooter.
- E-scooters can only be used on roads with a speed limit of 60 kilometres or less. They can be ridden on roads, in bicycle lanes, on bicycle paths or separated and shared paths – but not on footpaths.
- E-scooters cannot travel above 20 kilometres per hour.
- Devices capable of exceeding 25 kilometres per hour are not classified as e-scooters and are still illegal.

E-scooter riders must also not carry passengers, ride two abreast, use a mobile phone or lead an animal on their e-scooter. Victoria Police will be enforcing the safe use of e-scooters.

Further work will be carried out throughout the trial extension to understand product safety standards, rider education and if any changes to penalties are required.

E-scooter share schemes will be able to operate with the approval of local councils – with the schemes in Ballarat, Yarra, Port Philip and Melbourne expected to continue.

The trial extension will come into effect on April 5. For more information about e-scooter use and the trial extension visit: <https://www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/escooters>

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Hands off Bass Coast farming: DAL panel told

TYPICALLY, a medium-sized, three-bay hay shed is about 100sqM in size.

If you're a farmer in the Bass Hills and some other parts of the Bass Coast Shire, and you want to build anything bigger than that, you'll need a permit from the shire.

That's if the Draft Statement of Planning Policy (SPP) put out under the controversial Bass Coast Distinctive Area and Landscape (DAL) process stays as is.

Again, typically, a shed like that would be under 5 metres in height, but if you wanted to build a 6-metre-high machinery shed, for example, you'd need a permit.

If you own an undulating to hilly farm in the Bass Hills, Bass River Valley and coastal plains in the western part of the shire, and the shed you need is going to be sited more than 200 metres above sea level, you'll need a permit.

If you want to build a fence, any height, excluding a post and rail fence up to 1.8 metres, you'll need a permit.

A permit is required to remove native vegetation and tree belts, to use building materials and colours not included on the list and to site farm sheds in certain locations.

In short, the draft SPP being proposed by the State Government is a potential nightmare of red tape for affected farmers, but without any support from government coming back the other way in its distinctive areas plan.

And the Victorian Farmers Federation has seen red.

As well as a formal submission, back in April 2022, by VFF President Emma Germano, a VFF representative from head office, senior policy advisor Lisa Gervasoni and Bass stud breeder, Faye Tuchtan, representing the Bass Coast VFF Branch, appeared at a hearing into the DAL on Thursday, March 30.

Each was scathing in their assessment of the Draft Statement of Planning Policy with Ms Gervasoni providing the following recommendation on behalf of members:

"If a statement of planning of



Bass farmer Faye Tuchtan systematically dismantled the proposed planning controls on farming in the Bass Hills, including fences, farm sheds and tree removal, at the Distinctive Area and Landscape (DAL) public hearings last week.

policy is to be progressed, it is critical that it be revised to ensure that it supports state planning and agriculture policy. Landscape controls should then be developed to support the ability of agriculture to grow and implement climate resilient production systems," Ms Gervasoni said on behalf of the VFF.

"If the statement progresses without including a fulsome consideration of the requirements of s46AP (1)(d) (including productive farm land as significant) we request that the Panel recommends that specific landscape and other controls are not implemented on agricultural land."

It's a clear, simple message from the VFF – hands off our farms.

The draft SSP does say:

"A key aspect of the proposed SLO is to balance the need to protect the significant landscapes with ensuring the continuation of

agricultural uses: the draft Bass Coast SPP supports the protection and continued use of agricultural land and recognises agriculture as important to the local economy."

But there's precious little practical support and no research of the sector locally.

The Strategic Agricultural Land Project that became Protecting Melbourne's Green Wedges and Agricultural land study were projects undertaken on behalf of the Minister for Planning. They were based on a view that all agricultural land within 100km of Melbourne is strategic agricultural land that must be protected.

Unless the government is prepared to carry out a proper assessment of agriculture in Bass Coast, they say, as part of its Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) process, the Victorian Farmers Federation is calling on the panel to recommend no changes

impacting farming in the shire.

Ms Tuchtan made a compelling submission as a commercial farmer operating in the area.

"We note that the focus of the SPP for the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes appears to be on settlement boundaries and landscape at the exclusion of agriculture.

"But the Regional Growth Plan for Gippsland (page 27) states that protecting and maintaining Gippsland's strategic and productive agricultural land is essential for the continued growth of the food manufacturing sector."

Ms Tuchtan said there was no meaningful consideration of the importance of agriculture in the Bass Coast DAL process.

"We consider that an essential part of the landscape in rural areas is the farmscape, whether it be dairying, livestock, viticulture, cropping or horticulture. Therefore, part of the rural outlook is

the vista of farm sheds, silos and stockyards," she said.

"As well as tourism, agriculture is an essential part of Bass Coast Shire. The current agricultural strategy for Victoria recognises Victorian agriculture is a cornerstone of our economy. Victoria's farmers, agribusiness and surrounding communities are an integral part of our way of life. They feed us, clothe us, and export our products to the world. Agriculture creates essential jobs in our regions and supports the productive management of our landscapes".

"Upon reading the SPP, I wonder whether the authors have visited the region – they state that Grantville has a police station, a school and a supermarket – in fact, Grantville has none of these!

The proposals in the SPP appear to take control over our agriculture and agricultural land. This must not happen, farmers must be able to run their business in the best way they can," said Ms Tuchtan, calling the proposed controls a "complete overkill", bringing with them large costs associated with planning applications and compliance.

"I question where the idea of only post and rail fences came from – do we actually have enough timber or money to install rail fences? While we wait for a planning permit to be approved for a post and wire fence, stock will be out on the road.

"Farmers are best to look after all farm fencing – new, upgrades, repairs. They have been doing this since settlement without any restrictions or regulations or input by any government or quasi regulators."

Ms Tuchtan continued on systematically taking apart every aspect of the DAL and SPP as it proposed place extra burdens on farming.

You can't help thinking, however that the proposed regulations are something of a blueprint for a new attitude to planning rules governing farming.

(Read the full text of Faye Tuchtan's submission online at sgst.com.au).



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Drop-in to the Bellevue on the Lakes (201 Esplanade, Lakes Entrance) at any time between 5.30pm and 6.30pm on Tuesday 18 April 2023. Please register your interest in attending at consultation@exxonmobil.com by Friday 14 April 2023.

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Bath challenges Minister over Inverloch erosion

WHEN will the State Government finally act and fund the major capital works, including breakwaters, groynes, rock walls and renourishment of the dune system at Inverloch already identified in the exhaustive Cape-to-Cape Resilience Project?

That was the gist of a question put to the Minister for Environment Ingrid Stitt in State Parliament recently by Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Melina Bath, who has followed up with a visit to the area and an urgent call for mitigation action on Inverloch's foreshore before local infrastructure is irreparably damaged through coastal erosion.

"Speaking with frustrated Inverloch community members, there's been years of talk and no action – short and long-term measures are needed to protect the town," said Ms Bath this week.

"It's untenable that after three and half years of consultation and studies, the Andrews Government is no closer to implementing remediation action on Inverloch's foreshore.

"Infrastructure around Wreck Creek is only one

storm event away from being lost.

"Inverloch's Surf Life Saving Club, local roads and homes are at immediate risk, yet the Andrews Government continues to kick the tin down the road.

"The Surf Life Saving Club is only 10 metres away from the high tide mark, and in the last eight years, 70 metres of beach has been eroded and two surf lifesaving towers have been lost," said Ms Bath.

Speaking in state parliament Ms Bath called on the Andrews Government to act now so the Inverloch Surf Life Saving Club and other public infrastructure do not succumb to coastal erosion.

Ms Bath said after three and half years it "beggars belief the Cape-to-Cape Resilience Project is still without a tangible action" when Inverloch's coastal erosion is considered the worst in the state.

"The Minister has stated \$3 million in funding is on the table, however this amount is insufficient and there's no evidence the money is being used for mitigation purposes."



Melina Bath MP meets with Inverloch Surf Lifesaving Club Environment Officer Warren Cook to highlight community concerns about dramatic foreshore erosion at Inverloch.

Music industry derailed by COVID

MUSIC Victoria has launched the 2022 Victorian Live Music Census revealing that the live music industry experienced strong year-on-year growth, only to be derailed by the pandemic.

From 2017 to 2019, there was a 48% growth in the economic contribution made by live music across Victoria (\$1.72b to \$2.55b), where most of the growth was identified at regional Victoria box offices (12% growth a year in regional, compared to 10.5% growth in metropolitan areas).

In 2019, the data in the census reveals that:

- there were 1,076 live music venues;
- there were 184,043 gigs that reached audiences of 50.15m (not including small regional venues); and
- the average ticket price was \$25 (not including all the free shows).

When comparing 2019 with 2020-21, it is inevitable that the census data would show large reductions, including:

- over 75% of Victorian events were either cancelled, postponed or rescheduled
- 69% of event revenue lost
- 71% of audience and visitor spending lost
- 72% of music related income lost by performers
- 46% of performers considering leaving the industry

The data identifies 535 small venues across regional tourism areas (with APRA music licences), with 308 venues offering a minimum of one live gig per week.

In Gippsland, there were 42 venues with 10 in Phillip Island.

The 16,000 plus gigs presented in 2019 were attended by 2.66 million patrons who generated revenue of \$207.5 million of which \$29.4 million was spent offsite in host communities.

About 65% of patrons resided within 25kms of the venue.

As was the case with concert performances, some 75% of gigs in small regional venues were cancelled/ postponed across 2020/2021, with the consequent loss of revenue.



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Must ‘fast track’ Wonthaggi mine tours, says Melina

THERE’S been precious little action since 300 people turned out at a public meeting in Wonthaggi last week but the plight of the State Coal Mine has attracted plenty of attention.

Not least from Eastern Victoria MLC Melina Bath who was quick out of the blocks to meet with Friends of the State Coal Mine after raising the issue in State Parliament on Thursday, March 23, a full week before the public meeting at which Bass MP Jordan Crugnale spoke.

“Wonthaggi’s State Coal Mine is an incredible community facility, which is much loved by all as an ode to our past,” said Ms Bath during her visit.

“Given the facility’s significant heritage value, reopening of mine tours must be fast tracked by the Andrews Government.

“Following my meeting with representatives of the Friends of the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine, I am committed to supporting volunteers in their endeavours to recommence underground tours and reopen the café as a matter of priority.

“The Andrews Government must deliver action and not disingenuous lip service to the Wonthaggi community so local volunteers can continue their important work that preserves the history of the Bass Coast.”

In the Legislative Council on March 23, Ms Bath used her constituency question to



Eastern Victoria MLC Melina Bath visiting the State Coal Mine with Friends’ members Steve Harrop and Sheila Ormerod, and Cr Brett Tessari.

highlight the problems:

“My constituency question is for the Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events. The not-for-profit Friends of the State Coal Mine in Wonthaggi have serious concerns about the long-term viability of their mine tours, the function centre and the cafe of significant historical context.

“The underground tours, suspended at the beginning of

the COVID lockdowns, have not been reinstated, and the cafe had to close in January this year. In an effort to bring about a positive solution to this hiatus in operations, the Friends of the State Coal Mine are holding a meeting on 29 March – next week – at the Wonthaggi Workmen’s Club at 7 pm.

“They are absolutely positive about getting this reinstated,

but they need support, so my question is: will the Minister for Tourism attend this meeting and find a way forward for this important tourist venture?”

The Minister for Tourism, Steve Dimopoulos, didn’t attend the meeting but Ms Crugnale has undertaken to ask him to visit the mine in the not-distant-future.

Hopefully he will come bearing gifts.

Gippsland Business Awards launched

THE Federation University Gippsland Business Awards celebrates its 25th year in 2023 with supporters and sponsors launching the silver anniversary milestone in March.

Awards Chair, Graeme Sennett, said the milestone anniversary demonstrated the determination, innovation and resilience of not only those involved but the business and industry of Gippsland.

As well as the prestigious Gippsland Business of the Year award, other categories in 2023 are:

Accommodation, Food Wine Producers, Health & Wellbeing, Hospitality, Manufacturing, New Business, Retail, Business and Professional Services, Beauty and Personal Care, Mechanical Trades and Construction, and Tourism Activities & Attractions.

In addition, this year, entrants can also enter the new ‘Innovation’ category sponsored by the Latrobe Valley Authority.

All entrants will be considered for the commemorative judges’ choice - ‘25th Anniversary Award’.

Winners will be announced at a gala event on Friday, August 25 at Federation University in Churchill.

Nominations are now open for the awards with entries closing on May 26.

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New Emergency leader reflects career opportunities

FROM a graduate nurse to nurse unit manager, Cat Bunn's journey at Bass Coast Health (BCH) reflects the career opportunities available at the health service.

Cat has been appointed Nurse Unit Manager of the Emergency Department (ED) at Wonthaggi Hospital after acting in the role since May 2022.

"I'm very happy and excited. I love working with this team," she said.

"I'm looking forward to growing the team in our new building. There are so many opportunities, such as the fast-track unit that will enable patients with minor conditions to be assessed and treated sooner in our busy Emergency Department."

Cat undertook her Graduate Nurse year with BCH and worked in the ED from 2014 before moving interstate to work in the ED at Alice Springs Hospital in the Northern Territory.

"Alice Springs was an amazing opportunity. It was great to try something different and it was a big learning curve working in a different community," she said.

There, she worked on the floor and became a Team Leader and Clinical Nurse Specialist, the equivalent of an Associate Nurse Unit Manager (ANUM) in Victoria.

She returned to Wonthaggi Hospital for an ANUM role in ED in 2021.

While acting in the ED NUM role, Cat was instrumental in



Cat Bunn, centre, is the new Nurse Unit Manager of the Emergency Department at Wonthaggi Hospital. She is congratulated on her appointment by ED Triage Nurse Rachael Robinson, left, and Associate Nurse Unit Manager Kate Lindsay.

helping the ED team transition to the purpose-built Emergency Department within the new Wonthaggi Hospital and is loving the new space.

"I like ED because you never know what you're going to get. You see people in their sickest and most vulnerable state, and there is beauty in being able to help them and their families through those times," she said.

"The ED team is so close-knit. You have a special bond because of the work you do and the demands of the job."

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Wonthaggi Hospital was recently named an accredited training site of Federation University Australia and will soon be hosting first year Nursing students, who will undertake tutorials and practical training in dedicated clinical training spaces.

If you would like to work with BCH, email the Human Resources team: hr@basscoasthealth.org.au



Members of the Leongatha Men's Shed trialled a Cook & Eat session recently with delicious results!

Men invited to 'Cook and Eat'

THIS month the Leongatha Men's Shed is 'Opening-Up' for the men of South Gippsland to come together and create a nutritious and healthy meal with other men before sitting down and sampling their efforts.

The preparation of the meal will be under the supervision of Foodies Cheryl Lamb and Kerry Thornton.

Both ladies are members of the Leongatha Community Garden.

Fresh produce from the garden will be used, depending on availability, in the preparation of the meal on the day.

Cheryl will provide the men with learned tips following many years in the hospitality industry and will be using her favourite recipes for the soup and scones meal on the day.

Copies of the recipes used on the day will be available to take home.

The Leongatha Men's Shed trialled a Cook & Eat session at the new shed recently with great success.

The Cook & Eat program will provide men with cooking skills and enjoyment of chatting and

socialising with other like men.

It is particularly targeting local men who may be feeling lonely and up for a chat and there will be ample time for that during the session.

The monthly events advertised in the 'Opening-Up' programs are available to all men of South Gippsland who may enjoy socialising with other men, while participating in an activity.

These programs are exempt from a Leongatha Men's Shed joining fee, but some events may have a small fee to cover costs like ingredients etc.

Cook & Eat

Commences at the Leongatha Men's Shed on Friday, April 28, 2023, at 10.00am.

To attend this program, it will be necessary to book (for catering purposes).

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COOK & EAT Menu: Rice/Pasta Recipes	MEN'S HEALTH PROGRAM Guest speaker/s TBA	MAKE A POSSUM BOX for 'Wildlife Victoria project'	(Friday 15th) CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT Celebration of Christmas and 2023

To participate in this Month's event, you must register your interest by calling Paul on 0438 326 103 at least 5 days prior to the event to ensure your booking.

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

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

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The opening of the Leongatha Early Learning Centre couldn't have come at a better time as long waitlists continue for many centres.

Childcare pain still felt in South Gippsland

REGIONAL areas all over the nation are continuing to grapple with childcare availability as South Gippsland Shire also struggles with staff shortages and long waitlists.

Following a new study released by the Regional Australia Institute which showed childcare users in Queensland waited more than 12 month to access services, the situation in South Gippsland is also struggling to improve.

According to council, all centres are currently seeking additional staff and waitlists are in place at most.

'Many centres have advised that they currently have limited capacity to take on new families,' the shire noted.

'At times, in some centres, childcare places have been reduced to accommodate staff shortages.

'Staff with certificate 3, Diploma and Bachelor qualifications are needed in South Gippsland.'

Overall, South Gippsland has approximately 420 long day care places in Children's Centres across the region.

However, there is some good news as an additional 121 places are opening in term 2 as part of the Leongatha Early Learning Centre.

'The opening of the Leongatha Early Learning Centre will help to reduce the overall waitlist, however, it will take time to employ qualified staff in order to be able to operate at full capacity,' the shire highlighted.

According to Regional Australia Institute, across the county, the regional job vacancy rate has almost doubled in the in the last five years, with more than 81,000 roles advertised in January.

Island artist wins first 'Blair' prize

THE Bass Coast Health Inverloch Art Show attracted plenty of interest over the Easter weekend and a good number of sales as well.

The event got off to a great start on Friday night with a well-attended opening event.

The Overall Winner of the 35th Art Show was Phillip Island ceramic artist Emma Le-Mar, who accepting 'The Blair Art Prize' - in memory of Inverloch resident and art show supporter Blair Hodges who died in November last year.

Cr Brett Tessari, a Bass Coast Shire Councillor former mayor, together with Lyne Hodges, presented the award with Brett paying a moving tribute to Blair.

And it was a heartfelt response from winning artist Emma Le-Mar on the night and on Facebook afterwards.

"I am incredibly proud to have been awarded The Blair Art Prize at the Inverloch Art Exhibition. This was beyond any of my expectations, and I still can't



believe that I won best in show," said Emma.

"Of course, this would not have been possible without (Orkney Islands mentor) David Holmes, as well as the support of all of my friends and family (in Australia and the UK). Just so thankful, grateful."

The MC of the well-attended

night was committee member Susan Hall.

The Blair Art Prize will be an ongoing award and is named in memory of Blair Hodges in recognition of his long-standing support of the Inverloch Art Show.

The winner of the prize for 2023 will also receive prize money of \$2000.

ABOVE: Winner of the Blair Hodges Memorial Prize at the Bass Coast Health Inverloch Art Show over the Easter weekend was Phillip Island ceramic artist Emma Le-Mar, with opening night MC art show committee member Susan Hall, former Bass Coast Mayor Cr Brett Tessari and Lyne Hodges.

Most car child restraints incorrectly fitted or used

ALMOST 90 per cent of child car restraints in Bass Coast Shire are incorrectly fitted or used, dramatically increasing the risk of transport-related injuries, according to figures released as part of the 'Safe Seats, Safe Kids' free child car restraint fitting and checking program.

The figures have prompted Kidsafe Victoria to issue an urgent call for local parents and carers to regularly check that their child car restraints are correctly installed and adjusted to fit their child and book in for a free fitting or check.

Of the 47 child car restraints recently inspected in the municipality, 89% were incorrectly installed or used, including:

- 70% which required adjusting, and
- 19% which required a complete refit.

Kidsafe Victoria CEO, Melanie Courtney, said the figures highlighted the immense danger posed by incorrectly installed or used child restraints.

"The risk of life-threatening injuries has been shown to be 4-6 times greater when child car restraints are incorrectly fitted or used."

"Ensuring child car restraints are properly installed can be challenging for parents if they haven't been shown how to do so, which is why the 'Safe Seats, Safe



Almost 9 in 10 child car restraints are incorrectly fitted or used in Bass Coast, promoting Kidsafe Victoria to urge all local parents and carers to regularly check that restraints are correctly installed.

Kids' program is so important."

"Many parents and carers who attend one of our free checking days simply don't know that their child isn't restrained safely."

"Our accredited fitters ensure the restraint is correctly fitted and also provide education and advice to help parents continue to keep their kids safe on every trip."

Transport related incidents are one of the leading causes of accidental death for Australian children. On average, around seven children under 15 are killed, and

300 are injured each year on Victorian roads.

The 'Safe Seats, Safe Kids' program - which was introduced to help combat the issue of incorrectly fitted child car restraints and improve safety outcomes for children travelling in vehicles - is run by Kidsafe Victoria in partnership with Neighbourhood Houses Victoria, with support from the Victorian State Government.

Typical incorrect installation and usage issues identified as part of the program include:

- Top tether straps that are twist-

ed, connected to the wrong point in the vehicle or not connected to an anchor point at all

- Twisted harness straps or harness straps that are at the incorrect height
- Seatbelts that are threaded through the incorrect path
- ISOFIX attachments which aren't secured correctly
- Children who have been graduated to the next stage of restraint before they are the right size

Local parents and carers - including grandparents - can book a free appointment to have their child car restraint installed or inspected at the Inverloch Community House, where free fitting and checking days are regularly held - www.safeseatssafekids.com.au.

A free e-learning tool has also been created as part of the program to assist parents and carers in choosing, installing and using child car restraints correctly - <https://safeseatssafekids.com.au/courses/child-car-restraints/>.

For information and advice on the best practice guidelines for the safe transportation of children, please visit <https://safeseatssafekids.com.au/resources/>.

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Skate park ready to go at Venus Bay

THE new Venus Bay skate park and half basketball court is now open to the public.

The project was managed by Council and constructed by Precision Skate Parks, the design features numerous curved bank sections with elements including various sized quarter pipes, rainbow rail, flat bank and concrete seating areas.

Landscaping works, a small retaining wall, and footpath installation will also be carried out in the coming weeks.

The adjacent carpark is also expected to be reconstructed as part of the Venus Bay Tourism Precinct project, and at this stage the majority of the carpark is remains open, aside from the loop section.

Please note the safety guidelines and signage located in the skate park area. The new facility is located in Jupiter Boulevard Park in Venus Bay.

Alyson Skinner, Venus Bay Community Centre manager, said it is about five and a half years since the initial funding was allocated for the skatepark.

“It looks amazing and it’s going to be super exciting to have that facility available.”

Alyson said people have been asking for years, ‘When’s it going to happen?’

She has heard high praise for the new facility from all the skaters she knows.

Alyson said parking and landscaping hasn’t been completed, adding that she believes that will be rolled into the Venus Bay precinct upgrade.

“The landscaping they’ve done already in that Jupiter Park area, they’ve done a lovely job.”

Wind farms fears on the council table

THE South Gippsland Shire Council hosted a visit from two Federal and State ministers during the week with some difficult subjects on the table.

For one, how will the drive for off-shore wind farms, and the associated power pylons that will inevitably march across our rural landscape to the Latrobe Valley affect this community?

The visit followed on from a recent advocacy trip to Canberra by Mayor Nathan Hersey, Deputy Mayor Clare Williams and CEO Kerryn Ellis.

The Hon Kristy McBain, Federal Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, and also the Member for Eden-Monaro which borders the Gippsland region, and the Hon. Melissa Horne, State Minister for Local Government, Minister for Roads and Road Safety, Minister for Ports and Freight visited South Gippsland to talk about key issues impacting the South Gippsland community.

This included discussions surrounding renewable energy and securing better engagement with residents, as well as transport and regional development, both subjects championed by South Gippsland Mayor, Cr Nathan Hersey.

“The recent visit by Minister McBain and Minister Horne presented Council with a good opportunity to discuss our regional priorities and issues that are of concern to local residents,” said Cr Hersey.

“We would like to thank both Ministers for their visit and look forward to more productive conversations in the near future.”

Also discussed were Council’s priority road projects, namely the Leongatha Heavy Vehicle Alternative Route (Stage Two) and South Gippsland Highway Realignment at Korumburra.

“Council is continually advocating for improvements to our region that will see tangible results for our future and increased economic diversity,” said Cr Hersey.



The Nationals Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien with local farmer Callum Moscript at the intersection of Bass Highway and Leongatha South-Outtrim Rd, which has been identified for Side Road Activated Speed (SRAS) technology.

South Gippsland intersection safety concerns yet to be allayed

MEMBER for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien has acknowledged a safety improvement initiative planned for the intersection of Bass Highway and Leongatha South-Outtrim Road, but is calling for the intersection to be realigned to improve visibility, and for the creation of right hand turning lanes.

The intersection has been identified by Regional Roads Victoria (RRV) for the use of Side Road Activated Speed (SRAS) technology following a number of accidents.

When a motorist travelling on a side road approaches a main road with a 100km per hour speed limit, sensors trigger an electronic speed sign that temporarily reduces the speed limit to 70km per hour.

“On the Bass Highway, the Side Road Activated Speed signs will be triggered when a vehicle on Leongatha South-Outtrim Road or Rougheads Road approaches the highway,” RRV states.

The Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) has advised that electronic speed signs and vehicle detection works for the intersection concerned are scheduled to commence by May 2023.

While thankful for any efforts to improve road safety and save lives, Mr O'Brien says more is required.

“I was contacted by local farmer Callum Moscript who highlighted a number of valid issues with the current intersection,” Mr O'Brien said.

Mr Moscript told the Sentinel-Times what prompted him to reach out to Mr O'Brien.

“There have been multiple collisions, fatalities, and it comes to a point that you ask, when are we going to do something about it?”

Having farming properties close to the intersection, Mr Moscript regularly witnesses its perils.

“I see near misses on nearly a weekly basis,” he said.

“Our farms are both sides of Rougheads Road and we have got vehicles and machinery that go up the road frequently, as well as suppliers.”

Mr O'Brien outlined his concerns with the current intersection.

“It is a T-type intersection of both Leongatha South-Outtrim Road and the Bass Highway, and across the road is a local road, Rougheads Road,” he said.

“For traffic coming onto the Bass Highway it is difficult to see looking towards Leongatha if you are coming out of the Outtrim Road.

“The other issue is traffic turning right into the Outtrim Road does not have a right-turning lane.

“There is a CFA shed and the old school on either side of the road, and there is an issue there with a small incline that makes it difficult for drivers coming down the road to see.”

Mr O'Brien said after he raised the matter in State Parliament, seeking funding for a realignment, he was advised of the decision to install SRAS technology.

“The installation of Side Road Activated Speed signs is a start, but the realignment of the intersection remains important and I'll keep fighting for a safer outcome,” he said.

RRV reports it is investigating potential upgrades to improve traffic flow, safety and access along the Bass Highway at the Leongatha South-Outtrim Road and Rougheads Road intersection in Leongatha South, also outlining what sparked the investigation.

“As part of an extensive community engagement process undertaken in late 2017 and early 2018, the intersection at Leongatha South-Outtrim Road and Rougheads Road was identified by the community as a high-priority location for safety and accessibility improvements, which was supported by planning investigations undertaken by the project team,” it states.

Mr O'Brien believes more needs to be done to fix roads, particularly in regional Victoria, with reducing speed limits not a sufficient solution.

Why Russell’s still on about it

RUSSELL Broadbent doesn’t care so much what’s happening to his beloved Liberal Party, especially here in Victoria over the Moira Deeming furore and the Aston by-election, as he does care about the government’s failure to address the fallout from mandatory COVID vaccinations.

Speaking in the Parliament recently he again highlighted that the Minister for Health and Aged Care Mark Bulter’s department was continuing to ignore his letters, apart from standard replies, highlighting specific incidents of serious harm from vaccinations.

“In every one of our electorates, they’re there. Some have been injured not so severely, but many have been severely injured by the vaccines that were mandated, and the fact that we did mandate them, and force employers to enforce them on their employees,” he said, making reference to a “daughter” who had died somewhere in Australia, allegedly as a result of reaction to a COVID vaccine.

“That comes to my mind today, because those things are more important to me than the petty politics that we carry on with in other areas.”

Mayor’s Message



South Gippsland
Shire Council



Cr Nathan Hersey

South Gippsland is truly an amazing place to live, work and visit. We know that more and more visitors are seeing the appeal of visiting South Gippsland. This has been demonstrated by another busy period over Easter.

Council is continuing to work to ensure that South Gippsland is increasingly a great place to live and work, largely benefitting our locals. A big part of ensuring we are hitting the mark when it comes to meeting expectations of the community is through the wide-ranging engagement that Council is undertaking.

Opportunities to provide input and feedback will be available in the near future and I encourage you to keep up-to-date on these by registering for In the Know and Your Say South Gippsland. This can be done through the Council website.

Ministerial Visits to South Gippsland

South Gippsland Shire Councillors were honoured to welcome Federal Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories the Hon. Kristy McBain MP and State Minister for Local Government, Minister for Roads and Road Safety, and Minister for Ports and Freight the Hon. Melissa Horne to Wednesday’s Council briefing day.

Councillors and the Executive Leadership Team used this meeting as another opportunity to advocate for greater consultation and community investment in South Gippsland, particularly resulting from the renewable energy and offshore wind developments for example the use of the Barry Beach Marine Terminal.

Other items of discussion were our priority road projects, namely the Leongatha Heavy Vehicle Alternative Route Stage Two and South Gippsland Highway Realignment, Korumburra. Council is continually advocating for improvements to our region that will see tangible results for our future and increased economic diversity.

Discussions were held around good governance at South Gippsland and the clear undertaking by the Councillor group to serve the community. The commitment to genuine engagement and restoring a feeling of trust in Council for our community were also noted.

The extensive Councillor Transition Program delivered to the new Councillor group following their

election was mentioned and it was highlighted that the Municipal Monitor Prue Digby had reported to the State Government that this transition program is considered to be best practice. We believe that there is no reason why a program of this calibre cannot be utilised by local government organisations across Australia if they wish to. South Gippsland regularly responds to requests to share our plans and experience with our colleagues across the sector nationally.

Thank you to both Minister McBain and Minister Horne for coming to South Gippsland. This shows the credibility and influence we are building with other levels of government, and that South Gippsland is being taken seriously, which is good for our region and residents.

Events

Thank you to Deputy Mayor Williams for attending the launch of Youth Live4Life program. This program is run in conjunction with Bass Coast Shire Council and provides an opportunity for young people to become leaders.

Some of the great work Youth Live4Life does also includes Youth Mental Health First Aid sessions which are being run between now and October across South Gippsland and Bass Coast – an opportunity to learn more about supporting young people who may be experiencing or showing signs of mental health problems. To book, please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/host/6343a194b74930ace69514f3>

The Sandy Point Art Show was also on this week, with the opening attended by Councillor Davies and Councillor Gilligan. The Art Show has been run by the Sandy Point Community Centre for 20 years and provides an opportunity for artists of all ages and abilities to exhibit their work. Congratulations to all those who participated and walked away with a prize. Congratulations to the organisers for another successful show!

Fire Danger Period Ending

The declared Fire Danger Period will be lifted as of Monday, April 10, 2023 at 1am.

However, there are still situations where open-air burning may not be permitted.

To find out more, please visit www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/openairburning

Cardboard not just good for recycling



Uncle Bobs Club volunteers Melissa Whelan, Christine Ward and Billy Hansch were looking forward to donating cardboard drive proceeds to The Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal, with the ongoing initiative also benefitting children's health in other hospitals.

CARDBOARD continues to play its part in raising valuable funds for The Royal Children's Hospital (RCH), through the ongoing efforts of members of the South Gippsland Group of Uncle Bobs Club.

Volunteers Christine Ward and Billy Hansch collect cardboard year round from businesses in Korumburra and Leongatha, with fees charged raising funds for RCH and Uncle Bobs Club.

Half the money raised goes to the RCH Good Friday Appeal, with the rest remaining with Uncle Bobs Club to direct to other children's health projects.

Long-term volunteer for

the South Gippsland Group of Uncle Bobs Club, Melissa Whelan, outlined the broad approach the organisation takes to assisting children in Victoria.

"The Uncle Bobs Club supports projects for hospitals requiring (funding) for their children's wards," she said.

That may mean providing financial assistance towards the cost of required medical equipment.

Melissa spoke about what drives Billy and Christine to collect cardboard four or five days a week.

"They are passionate about the Children's Hospital and this continues to motivate

them to find more businesses to collect from," she said.

All collected cardboard is taken to JJ's Waste and Recycling in Leongatha.

The South Gippsland branch of Uncle Bobs Club has operated cardboard collection fundraising for approximately 40 years.

Such is the dedication of Billy and Christine, the Uncle Bobs Club head office purchased the van they now use to replace its outdated predecessor, enabling the cardboard collection initiative to continue and ensuring the name of the community-oriented organisation is visible and recognised.



The Energy Innovation Co-op Ltd operates predominantly in south-west Gippsland with over 300 shareholder members. We support communities to drive energy innovations and have leveraged close to \$7 million in funding for community-owned and community-led projects. We have driven strategic roadmaps for our region including Gippsland Renewable Energy, Resilient Energy Centres and Resilient Communities.

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Cosy Homes assists low income households in Bass Coast and South Gippsland to make their homes more comfortable, save money on electricity bills and help renters take advantage of current government rebates.

The Energy Innovation Co-operative secured a Healthy Homes grant to make 30 homes more energy efficient and cosy for winter.

new energy

A 90kW solar & 42kWh battery array at the State Coal Mine in Wonthaggi was installed as part of the Old-Energy New-Energy Project. Energy Innovation Co-operative sells the generated electricity to Parks Victoria - the income goes to our revolving Southern CORE Fund, funding even more community projects.



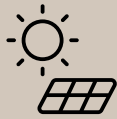
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The sandpit at Tarwin Lower Primary School is off limits after recent weekend vandalism.



Students at Tarwin Lower Primary School have lost this netball hoop due to destructive weekend intruders.

Students the victims of Tarwin Lower vandalism

TARWIN Lower Primary School's students continue to suffer the consequences of a recent weekend vandalism spree that has left them without a useable sandpit and destroyed the pole supporting a netball ring.

The damage occurred on the weekend of March 25 and 26, with rubbish and smashed bottles littering the playground and broken glass in the sandpit.

"We have to get parent volunteers to empty it and then we have to buy new sand," principal Jennifer Cox said.

That is expected to happen during the school holidays.

The damaged netball equipment isn't getting replaced.

On Thursday, police were yet to lay charges over the vandalism.

Smaller incidents have occurred on weekends previously at the school, but none have involved such damage.

"It's gradually been getting worse, so we are encouraging members of the community to help keep an eye on the school, especially over the school holidays," Jennifer said.

The principal feels for the students affected by the ongoing impact of vandalism.

"They're the ones who miss out," Jennifer said.

The sandpit is also normally used by playgroup families.

Help determine Venus Bay's sustainable and reliable energy future

VENUS Bay continues to move towards a more sustainable future, with the next Community Workshop for the local energy project set for Saturday April 15, and community members are encouraged to be involved.

"We're starting to look at the energy options and locations," Venus Bay Community Centre manager Alyson Skinner said.

"It so depends on people being involved, because we've looked at the values the community share that we can use to make decisions, and it is now starting to be the decision phase."

Alyson explained decisions will include working out where microgrid systems, solar panels and batteries can be located

within the community to address resilience and reliable energy needs in Venus Bay and Tarwin Lower.

"We've got a suite of proposed things, so it's important people come along and find out more and have their say," Alyson said.

She noted the energy project is moving towards the end of the study component.

"Hopefully, we'll have some support for the next year to nut out how we're actually going to make it happen, and we'll be well on our way to being a resilient and sustainable community," Alyson said.

The 'Exploring Energy Pathways and Locations' workshop runs from 12-4pm at the Venus Bay Community Centre on Saturday April 15.

get involved

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Indoor Mini Golf Centre set to open in Korumburra

A BRAND new indoor mini golf centre boasting two themed nine-hole mini golf courses, a golf simulator and a licenced bar will be opening in Mine Road, Korumburra.

The centre is set to be open from mid to late May and will be next door to Magilla's Play Centre.

It will provide a warm, dry place for the bigger kids and adults to have a social hit and some wholesome fun.

The first nine-hole course you can tee off from, features a deep, dark, under the ocean theme. Entering into the oceanic depths through a rocky mine shaft entrance, you are surrounded by glowing sea creatures, a large octopus and fish appear to float above you.

Glow in the dark carpet with glowing sea creatures will have you mesmerised and glow in the dark golf balls will be guided around the course by mooring ropes.

The skeleton of a sailor may appear, and you will have a surreal and fantastical unique game of golf.

The second course of nine holes will be Australian-themed, featuring gumtrees, crocodiles, kangaroos, a large python, and antique objects with a story to tell from old Australia adorn the walls. This course will be one to challenge mini golf champions and golfers both young and old, will need to lift their game to complete this course under par, don't expect to be able to do it on your first attempt.

For serious golfers or those wanting to improve their game or experience playing on a world-renowned course, you will be able to bring your clubs and pick a course from over 1500 globally and play 18 holes virtually with the golf simulator.

From St Andrews to Augusta National, Pebble Beach to TPC Sawgrass you will be able to tee off.

The centre will have a licenced bar, so after you enjoy a round or two of mini golf you can follow up with some social banter about who played the best shot over a glass of wine or beer.

This indoor mini golf centre offers a fun, quirky and social activity that has some fun for everyone and will provide a good day or night out for families, couples or singles, and group or corporate events. While for the very young ones, they can have some fun of their own, next door.

Magilla's play centre is a space that boasts a children's obstacle course with flying fox, winding slides, tunnels, ladders, a rock-climbing wall and soft-landing mats.

A party room, babies play area, toy tractors, cars, bikes and trikes together with toys and dolls, and a café, with tables and chairs for parents. The play centre provides a colourful, safe and fun space for young children to play and parents to relax or socialise.

Come and check it out, you won't be disappointed.



Herb from Magilla's Play Centre is excited about building the new indoor mini golf centre in Korumburra for Gippsland locals.

Fight the Flu

Bena Ong
Pharmacist

Terry White
Chemmart
Leongatha



MENTION the word "vaccination" today, and most people think about the COVID-19 jabs.

For a while there, the annually recommended seasonal flu shot dropped out of the spotlight. Perhaps it was fatigue – who wants to hear about needing yet another poke in the arm?

Or perhaps it was the fact that we were at home for a large part of 2020 and 2021 – who needed an influenza (flu) shot when we were practising social distancing, wearing masks, locked down, and prevented from going to work or school?

The flu is a virus that's spread in several ways. First, you can contract the virus from a person near you who has the flu and sneezes, coughs, or talks.

The virus can also live on inanimate objects for 2 to 8 hours.

If someone with the virus touched a common surface, like a door handle or a keyboard, and you touch the same surface, you could get the virus.

Once you have the virus on your hand, it can enter your body if you touch your mouth, eyes, or nose. Hence, that is where the flu shot comes in, where you can get vaccinated to be protected against the flu.

An annual flu vaccine helps your body prepare for exposure to the virus.

But flu viruses are morphing and changing.

That's why you need the flu shot every year, especially while COVID-19 is still active.

A flu shot helps you by activating your immune system to make antibodies against particular strains of influenza. Antibodies are what prevent infections.

It's possible to get the flu after receiving the flu shot if you come into contact with other strains of the virus. Even then, it's likely your symptoms will be much less severe than if you hadn't had the vaccine at all.

This is because different strains of influenza share common elements (called cross-protection), which means that the flu vaccine is able to work against them, too.

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Venus Bay Community Centre thefts disheartening

VENUS Bay Community Centre has recently been hit by multiple thefts, with garden equipment, power tools and native plants taken.

In the most recent incident, a locked shed was broken into.

"They've jimmied the door open, taken all the gardening equipment and a whole lot of power tools," Venus Bay Community Centre manager Alyson Skinner said.

Previously, an entire large tray of plants was stolen, having been propagated for the community by a native plant

group that operates at the centre.

"There's an amazing amount of volunteer effort and resources (allocated) so that we can have indigenous plants for the area available, so it's disheartening," Alyson said of the loss.

The native plant group also grows manna gums for the centre's 'Koala Food' project.

That initiative has been running for around a decade.

"We've been propagating and providing manna gums, which is the preferred koala food, and we always do it at

Easter, so people can come and get a manna gum seedling free or by donation," Alyson said.

A map has been created to highlight the local areas in which people have been planting the trees, with Alyson saying there is a desire to create some koala feeding corridors.

"We're hoping people come and tell us about the koalas that they've seen," she said.

"We had two in the manna gums out the front of the centre a couple of weeks ago, making all their koala noises, so that was beautiful."



Venus Bay Community Centre has had welcome and unwelcome visitors lately, with this koala in the former category.

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More than \$6k raised for Good Friday Appeal

By John Duscher, Wonthaggi
Uncle Bob's Club - Area Organiser -
Good Friday Appeal

I AM writing to again thank the Wonthaggi and District Community for their generous support of the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

This year we have been able to contribute just over \$6300 with the donations made through the Uncle Bob's Club, a great result.

Again we can all be very proud of how well our community supports this great cause.

In particular, I would like to thank the Kilcunda Fire Brigade and families and friends at Kilcunda for turning out to support the Appeal once again, the Lions Club of Wonthaggi, the Wonthaggi Bowls Club, the Wonthaggi Club for its exceptionally generous raffle and support during the year, the businesses for allowing Appeal tins all year round and of course the community members who turned up with their generous donations and those who participated in "Mary's Walk" in the cold conditions.

The Uncle Bobs Club have certainly enjoyed the opportunity and responsibility of conducting the Good Friday Appeal over the past 41 years.

Whilst we did not anticipate initially that we would be running the Appeal again this year, the strong support for this wonderful cause from the community won through and we decided to go ahead and were still able to raise some more valuable funds for the Children's Hospital.

We did what we could to facilitate the collection this year, but it is certain that we will not be in a position to go ahead next year which is unfortunate but a sign of the times and dwindling volunteers.

It has been a great effort really, a terrific journey and lots of fun and satisfaction and life-long friendships.

Once again, my sincere thanks for your on-going support over these many years, you certainly have done yourselves and the community proud in supporting such a worthy cause.

Spreading cheer and raising monies

CORINELLA/BASS

The day may have started of dreary but with lots of local activities in the area and families out and about, Corinella Fire Brigade and Bass Fire Brigade members headed down to Bass McDonalds for their annual Good Friday Appeal collection. The brigade raised \$1600 by the final count, an incredible feat for four hours for the small Waterline communities.

SAN REMO

A longstanding community tradition that includes Newhaven, Cape Woolamai and Surf Beach/Sunderland Bay, the community raised in excess of \$35,000. Spearheaded by San Remo Fire Brigade and supported by local businesses and community members.

INVERLOCH

A mighty team of eight Inverloch Fire Brigade members headed out on Friday across Inverloch and raised an impressive \$2551, which grew to \$6576 by the final count.

PHILLIP ISLAND

With the old truck out, Phillip Island Fire Brigade took charge on the corner of Thompson Avenue and Settlement Road as they raised \$19,601.30 alongside the Phillip Island community and visitors.

Positive vibe and generosity combine on Good Friday

A LARGE Good Friday gathering at Korumburra's Middle Hotel helped bolster the town's tally raised for The Royal Children's Hospital, with enthusiastic bidding on a wide range of auction items.

Auctioneer Jimmy Kyle offered plenty of encouragement throughout proceedings.

"Hey Rooster, buy your girlfriend some earrings," he urged.

Another bidder, vying for a Bait & Tackle mystery bag was asked, "How much do you like your fishing young fella?"

A whole cooked crayfish raised \$210 for the cause, while someone snapped up dinner for four at the Middle Hotel including cocktail on arrival for just \$310.

One local driveway will stand out after a bidder paid \$500 for it to be pressure cleaned and resealed.

Korumburra identity Tommy Brown had already raised \$4,500 through his wheelbarrow raffle by auction time, with a few more hours for people to add to the total.

His raffle combined with the Middle Hotel auction brought in over \$9,000 towards the Good Friday Appeal, with the auction raising a bit above \$4,800.

"It was a great day," publican Ben 'Fish' Fisher said, noting people's continued generosity despite the many fundraising events in the local community.

"It's hard to keep asking everyone for donations, but everyone is so generous and



Bluey pays a visit to Korumburra Middle Hotel, enjoying the company of Reid Jefferis and publican Ben 'Fish' Fisher. A09_1523

it's good to help out the Children's Hospital."

Fish said there is always a positive vibe on Good Friday, with this year certainly no exception.

The local Uncle Bobs Club's cardboard collections service raised a further \$4,000, with doorknocking generating \$6,800 for the cause.

Korumburra Golf Club held its annual event on Good Friday, organised by Brian Clabby, raising \$1,404.

The previous week, publican Trudy Cairns and her team at the Austral Hotel Korumburra raised over \$11,000 through their goods and services auction, with Stuart Jenkins, Jimmy Kyle

and Eddie Hams drumming up enthusiasm and bringing in healthy sale prices.

All up, Korumburra raised over \$37,000 with the remaining amount from the collections running throughout the year in service stations, pubs, and bakeries, and phone donations on Good Friday.

Podium finish in 'Kids' appeal for Lang Lang and Korumburra

THE little West Gippsland town of Lang Lang and South Gippsland's Korumburra have punched well above their weight in recording two of the biggest fundraising tallies in Gippsland for the 2023 Royal Children's Hospital Appeal.

Per head of population, it would be hard to go past the performance by Lang Lang this year, hitting the \$37,865 mark by the close of the Regional Tally Board on Good Friday night.

The generous people of Korumburra, where the local Uncle Bobs branch has run a year-long appeal for decades, got to \$37,821; making them virtually equal-third across Gippsland with Lang Lang.

As usual it was Traralgon topping the Gippsland regional count with \$74,015 raised and Yarragon second with \$48,300 but honourable mentions too for San Remo with \$34,319 and Phillip Island with \$29,711.

Rebecca Cowan, Executive Director of the Good Friday Appeal, has warmly praised the regions for contributing \$4,029,017 to the overall appeal record of \$23,061,320.

"We are so thankful to the



Contributing to the overall regional Victoria tally of more than \$4 million was the traditional Uncle Bobs' goods and services auction at the Middle Hotel with volunteer auctioneer James Kyle of SEJ with 'Fish' Ben Fisher of the Korumburra Hotel. A10_1523

incredible communities across regional Victoria each and every year. Their passion and generosity never ceases to amaze us and this final tally could not have been reached without the dedicated communities across the state who have come together for the kids," Rebecca said.

This year, funds from the Good Friday Appeal will go

directly to new and ongoing programs including, Cardiac projects, the Centre for Health Analytics, development of the Melbourne Children's Campus Mental Health Strategy and vibrant youth program Chronic Illness Peer Support (ChIPS). Each year, donations from the Good Friday Appeal support ground-breaking

research, state of the art equipment and technology, family centred care programs and attracting and retaining the brightest minds.

The final tally was \$23,061,320. Regional and rural Victoria tally \$4,029,017.

Gippsland regional totals

- Boolarra \$293
- Cape Paterson \$10,209
- Corinella \$1,493
- Drouin \$10,468
- Inverloch \$8,076
- Koo Wee Rup \$18,671
- Korumburra \$37,821
- Lang Lang \$37,865
- Leongatha \$6,533
- Mirboo North \$8,436
- Phillip Island \$29,711
- Poowong/Loch/Nyora \$3,988
- San Remo \$34,319
- South Gippsland \$23,531
- Wonthaggi \$18,429
- Woodside \$413
- Yanakie \$4,164
- Yarram \$3,158

Also in Gippsland Bairnsdale \$19,487, Bunyip \$9,154, Lakes Entrance/Lake Tyers \$26,967, Moe \$23,047, Morwell \$28,790, Newborough \$10,674, Orbost \$18,879, Paynesville \$4,653, Rosedale \$10,237, Sale \$23,549, Trafalgar \$14,713, Traralgon \$74,015, Warragul \$17,896, Yarragon \$48,300.

Crusade to save critically endangered crimson berry plant

A TEAM of ecological explorers has embarked on a mission to salvage critically endangered plant specimens from Wilsons Promontory National Park to regenerate the species on Phillip Island. Crimson berry, otherwise known as *Leptecophylla oxycedrus*, are prickly shrubs that only grow to two metres tall but can be hundreds of years old.

They get their name from the spectacular red, edible berries that grow on them.

The plant is now extremely rare, and while prolific in Tasmania, it's only found on Phillip Island, Wilsons Promontory and Corner Inlet in Victoria.

Phillip Island Nature Parks' Threatened Species Plan highlights crimson berry as one of the five key threatened flora species on Phillip Island (Millow) and has a recovery action plan for the shrub.

To ensure it can continue to survive on the island, dedicated experts from Nature Parks, in collaboration with Parks Victoria marine rangers and field ecologists, travelled by sea to North Waterloo Bay, a remote location on the east coast of the Prom, to deliver a translocation program for young crimson berry plants.

Phillip Island Nature Parks Ranger Susan Spicer said the seedlings in Wilsons Prom had been found along a walking track by Brooke Love, a restoration ecologist on Parks Victoria's Prom Sanctuary team. As the plants were growing on the

walking track and were at risk of being trampled, Parks Victoria reached out to Nature Parks to see if they could support the recovery program.

The seedlings had grown from plants estimated to be 300-400 years old.

"We see this as an opportunity to translocate the young crimson berry seedlings to a safer location and, in turn, this may help us increase the genetic diversity on the island," Ms Spicer said.

But the conservation efforts are not without challenges.

"Crimson berry plants have extremely sensitive roots and do not like disturbance, so we need to take great care in the translocation process," Ms Spicer said.

"The seedlings will be cared for in the Barb Martin Bushbank until they are settled and showing active growth."

"Current crimson berry populations on Phillip Island are largely remnants clinging on to cliffs that had been spared the effects of agricultural practices. However, they are old plants and are not showing signs of natural recruitment."

After week one all transplanted seedlings are showing great results and at this point James Anderson the Nursery Coordinator at the Bushbank is confident of their survival.

Outcomes of the translocation will be shared with a Melbourne University student who is collaborating with Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria on a genetic study.



Nature Parks and Parks Victoria have teamed up in an attempt to regenerate the critically endangered crimson berry plant on Phillip Island.



Community Bank Inverloch's branch manager Penelope Lyttle says connecting the Inverloch community after the impact of the pandemic is a key focus for the bank.

Helping Inverloch to connect and thrive

CONNECTION is what community is all about, according to Community Bank Inverloch's Branch Manager, Penelope Lyttle.

Community connections suffered during the pandemic.

The team at Bendigo Bank's Community Bank Inverloch & District want to help our community re-establish those connections again.

"Local connections are important for our businesses, community and individuals to thrive. We're here to help foster these connections by bringing people together," says Penelope Lyttle.

Community Bank Inverloch & District is hosting businesses, community groups and local leaders at an informal networking event on April 20.

"We want to help make Inverloch a more connected and collaborative community," she says.

Bendigo Bank's Community Bank network has 270 branches Australia-wide.

Community Banks are wholly owned by their communities. They employ local people and are assisted by a board of local volunteer directors.

Their purpose is to feed into the prosperity of their customers and communities, not off them.

To date, this national network of branches has returned around \$300 million to strengthen the communities in which they operate.

Around \$580,000 of that has been returned to the Inverloch community through the Community Bank's local grants and sponsorship program.

The team at Community Bank Inverloch & District hope that business owners, community group representatives and other local leaders will join them for their networking event at 16C Williams Street Inverloch on Tuesday, April 20, from 5-6pm.

\$4M upgrade for bridge over Tarwin River

MAJOR works to deliver a safer and stronger bridge over the Tarwin River West Branch in Leongatha are a step closer to getting underway, through the Australian and Victorian governments.

Minister for Regional Development Kristy McBain and Victorian Minister for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne visited the bridge on Nerrena Road, where detailed design and environmental assessments are now being carried out ahead of construction in 2024.

The major works will strengthen the bridge and reinforce the bridge deck, as well as replace piles on the Leongatha side of the bridge.

Lanes of the bridge will be

widened for traffic by replacing the existing barriers with a safer bridge guard fence on the outside of the bridge.

The works will improve travel for drivers on this vital agricultural freight route in South Gippsland, where heavy vehicles make up 16 per cent of all vehicles relying on the bridge.

The Australian and Victorian governments are jointly investing \$4.04 million to deliver the works, with \$3.23 million provided by the Australian Government and \$808,000 by the Victorian Government.

The funding comes as part of the Australian Government's Bridges Renewal Program, under the Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program.

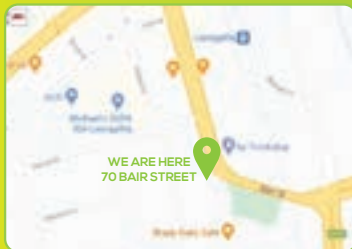


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Water quality is top priority

THE regular cleaning of water mains is essential to maintaining the high-quality of Westernport Water’s drinking water.

Pipe cleaning is done using a technique known as air scouring, which pushes compressed air into the water pipe at high velocity. This dislodges any naturally occurring sediment in the pipe, which is then flushed out at a nearby hydrant.

Planned air scouring will start on April 26 and go through to May 9, 2023. Townships include Wimbledon Heights, Smiths Beach, Surf Beach, Sunderland Bay, Cape Woolamai, Rhyll, Newhaven and Bass.

The water supply will be turned off temporarily in each affected street to clean the water main. Westernport Water’s cleaning contractors will progressively work through each township.

Residents will be directly notified of work being done in their area, prior to any interruption. If possible, customers will be asked to turn their stop tap off at the water meter, prior to the time of commencement listed on the interruption notice.

Contractors do not necessarily have to be on your street or at your property to carry out their work. Customers are advised not to operate any tap or appliances that use water between the hours stated on the interruption notice to avoid the potential for discoloured water.

After the cleaning is complete, customers may notice that the water is a little cloudy, this is only air that will bubble out/settle if you leave the water in an open container. Alternatively, customers can run their back tap for a short time to flush the cloudy water through their internal plumbing.

Your say on offshore wind transmission lines

MINISTER for Energy and Resources Lily D’Ambrosio announced that VicGrid has begun public consultation in Gippsland and Portland for new transmission connections for offshore wind energy.

According to the government, VicGrid will ensure new transmission is available in time to support Victoria’s first offshore wind farm, coordinate planning to avoid multiple lines criss-crossing the landscape.

VicGrid, will lead four phases of public engagement to share information.

VicGrid has prepared a Development and Engagement Roadmap 2023.

This will provide information on VicGrid’s role and development approach, gather feedback on the approach, and establish ongoing consultation and coordination arrangements.

Phase One of the plan will begin immediately.

Only after this process of information sharing will VicGrid commence developing preferred options for routes, which will be informed by the feedback received through Phase One.

In Portland, a new or upgraded 500kV substation is proposed while in Gippsland, a new 500kV transmission line and terminal station connecting generators at the coast back to the existing network in the Latrobe Valley.

A drop-in session will be held in Yarram Tuesday, May 2, 2.00-7.00pm

The Regent Theatre of Yarram, 210 Commercial Road, Yarram

Landowners are invited to attend to speak 1:1 with a Landowner Engagement Lead.

Landowners can call/email ahead of the session to book a time or arrive on the day.

There will be breakout / private spaces to allow for this.

For more information and to get involved, visit engage.vic.gov.au.

Nik Shephard raises awareness in Inverloch

TEN years ago, Nik Shephard of Kite Board for Life Australia had a life changing experience.

“My life came to a point where I didn’t want to be here anymore, and my suicide attempt was averted by my partner and my then 5-year-old son...They weren’t meant to be there that day and it was only within minutes and I wouldn’t have been around.”

He knew that something had to change.

“It was real pivotal part in my life, to say what do you really want here? What is it you really want to do? And I had to make a decision that day and then I started.”

Nik decided to use his love of kite boarding as the anchor to raise awareness about suicide and depression. He would do this by being the first man to circumnavigate Australia on his kite board, the longest ever journey undertaken. He would stop in coastal towns to talk to individuals and communities alike.

“I started focusing on how I could do such a thing, no one has ever attempted it, and then my life started to change. It’s like I have something, I’ve always had my family and friends, but this was something I could make a difference to, and it was my second chance to do something.

“Kiteboarding has always been that thing that lifted me up out of my hole...It’s the freedom. I can go, basically go anywhere... I love to do long distance kiting and the deeper and the darker the water, the better.”

Nik launched from his home at Mount Martha on the Mornington Peninsula on February 11, 2023. He landed in Inverloch about four weeks ago and while he has itchy feet and would have liked to have kept going on his journey, mechanical issues have prevented him.

“A big part of that is journey is to talk to individuals, but also community groups,



Nik Shephard of Kite Board For Life Australia stopped in Inverloch to raise awareness about depression and suicide.

schools, workplaces and sporting clubs... I talk about my life, I talk about depression, I talk about suicide, I talk about how it affected my life, how I got better, how I stay well, my battles, my constant battles, how I deal with them. Recovery, resilience, and the big important one is warning signs, especially for guys.”

“...every time I speak, it’s soul on the sleeve...Sometimes there’s tears, sometimes there’s the F-bomb, sometimes there’s a lot of laughter, there’s a bit of everything...”

Nik reaches out to communities before he arrives with a Facebook post on the local Community Noticeboards, and he has been well received by the Inverloch community.

“So, before I came here I did that and that’s how I met Rod Price, and Rod’s pretty integral in the community...and so he invited me in and tucked me under his wing and I met the inner circle of Inverloch and they’ve all been super supportive.”

Nik has spoken twice at the Inverloch pub in front of more than 80 people and has had the chance to connect individually with many people in Inverloch.

“Everyone’s got a story and a lot of it’s just listening, and you engage with these people, and they walk away feeling better and that’s what I’m doing, that’s what it’s about. Or they walk away with a plan.”

Nik’s boat, adorned with an array of colourful flags, has become a common and recognisable site among Inverloch locals, and not least among the Inverloch pre-schoolers who regularly spend time on the beach.

“I’ve become a celebrity to them because whenever they’re there, you can hear (if I’m in the boat) its, Nik! Nik! Nik! Nik!”

“So, I had a chat to them one day, so I had to try and explain to these little kids, these little pre-schoolers what I was doing and, it just came out...I’m trying to make sad people happy, and then one of the kids piped up and said, well we do that at

school, and I said, great! Perfect.”

One of Nik’s aims on this journey is to create an ongoing legacy in the communities he stops at, through an initiative called Beach Reach.

“The idea was to kind of dot these beach reaches as I go as well. It’s like a legacy. It’s a place where people can come in their local community who’ve either suffered depression or lost someone to suicide. Its non-clinical and it’s a group of people with a common bond and it’s for the carers as well, so the people who don’t suffer but are the people who are looking after them. So it’s a way that people can swap stories, provide support, friendship... But not only that, they enjoy activities together while they have that meeting.”

A Beach Reach program has been established in Inverloch and will meet regularly. Anyone can join in the meetings, which will initially be organised and run by Inverloch local, Rod Price.

“It’s so simple but I think it’s a game changer, it really helps,” said Nik.

Nik will continue on his journey around Australia, with his next stop being in Welshpool.

“I believe this is my life’s work,” he said.

You can support the charity Kite for Life by going to KFLA.com.au, there’s a donate now button and a link to a GoFund-Me page.

Personal and corporate sponsorships are both welcome and Beyond Blue will be the beneficiary of any remaining funds raised. Follow Nik’s journey on Instagram and Facebook at Kite Board for Life Australia

If you would like to join in a beach reach session in Inverloch, please contact Rod Price at beachreach@outlook.com or go to the Facebook page [beachreachinverloch](https://www.facebook.com/beachreachinverloch).

For crisis support or suicide intervention services, call: 13 11 14

Powlett River recognise Down Syndrome Awareness Day



Scott McGuinness and Charlotte Phillips wore ‘stand out socks’ are part of Down Syndrome Awareness Day and Harmony Day.

STUDENTS, staff and community members part of Powlett River Primary School all wore ‘stand out socks’ to school to represent Down Syndrome Awareness Day and Harmony Day last week.

Students in multi age groups participated in different activities throughout the day, coming together to cook veggie patties, decorate a lunchbox for someone else, make bunting about what harmony means, hear from guest speaker, Claire Phillips, who spoke about Down’s Syndrome.

Principal Wendy Nicol said Claire’s daughter has Downs Syndrome and attends Powlett River.

“Having a parent who is so knowledgeable and willing to share that knowledge with us is so special. Claire had the children engaged, they were asking questions and sharing what makes them unique.”

Powlett River perform Kingdom of Crump

THE students at Powlett River

Primary School recently performed in a school play ‘Kingdom of Crump’ – a play with a pantomime element through an interactive student audience and rehearsal guidance from local retired drama teacher Gerry Peterson.

Principal Wendy Nichol said Gerry has been volunteering at the school.

Wendy noted that Gerry helped Ian Chambers with skits for the end of year concert in 2022 and loved working with the kids, so much she came back this term.

“She directed a short play for students who were interested. The play involved the student audience having lines, booing, and hissing and cheering and interacting with main characters,” said Wendy.

The school community was invited to come along on to watch. “The kids did an amazing job with only a few weeks for rehearsing. Bill Fletcher had a main role and played different music as various characters joined the stage.”

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Dig it up,
block it out!

Why do they think they
can turn Bass Coast
into a wasteland?

HOW would they go trying to put a line of 350-metre-high wind turbines off the beach at Sorrento?

What about turning the Royal Botanic Gardens in South Yarra into a sand mine?

Of course, it's laughable. The powerfully connected people of the Mornington Peninsula would never allow their sea views to be destroyed by one or more of Chris Bowen's huge offshore wind farms, even for such a compelling cause as a "climate change emergency".

Let someone else do the heavy lifting, they'd say.

And where's the best place to put a sand mine? Certainly not South Yarra, even if the sand is strategically important to the construction effort in Melbourne, for concrete, including for Melbourne's \$13 Billion Metro Tunnel Project.

So, where would you put it?

You put it somewhere in regional Victoria where, no matter how much the locals jump up and down and say it's an environmental disaster, you think no one will notice.

That's the situation with the sand mines at Grantville, where they are turning one of Victoria's 'most distinctive environmental landscapes', the Western Port Woodlands, into a moonscape.

The issue took centre stage last week, locally at least, at the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) Standing Advisory Committee's planning hearings, and will do so again today, Wednesday April 12 when the Save Western Port Woodlands Group take their case to the panel, if not to save the woodlands, at least to have the area declared as "a distinctive landscape".

There could hardly be a more distinctive landscape in the Bass Coast region, or an area of bush so important to what's left of the ecosystem of Western Port.

Honestly, they couldn't give a toss what disasters they inflict on us down here, away from the city lights. We saw that with the recent decision to go ahead with the 33-turbine Delburn Wind Farm near Mirboo North, starting as early as next year (24 on-going jobs, big deal).

If they can't stop the sand mining in the areas at Grantville already turned over for the purpose, then the State Government must at least buy the old Holden Proving Ground, with its important native bush-land areas, and preserve it in perpetuity, at least for some sort of payback.

A Voice matters

I note with considerable sadness that the Liberal Party has decided to oppose the Voice.

I would also note that former Prime Minister John Howard chose not to issue an apology to the Stolen Generation.

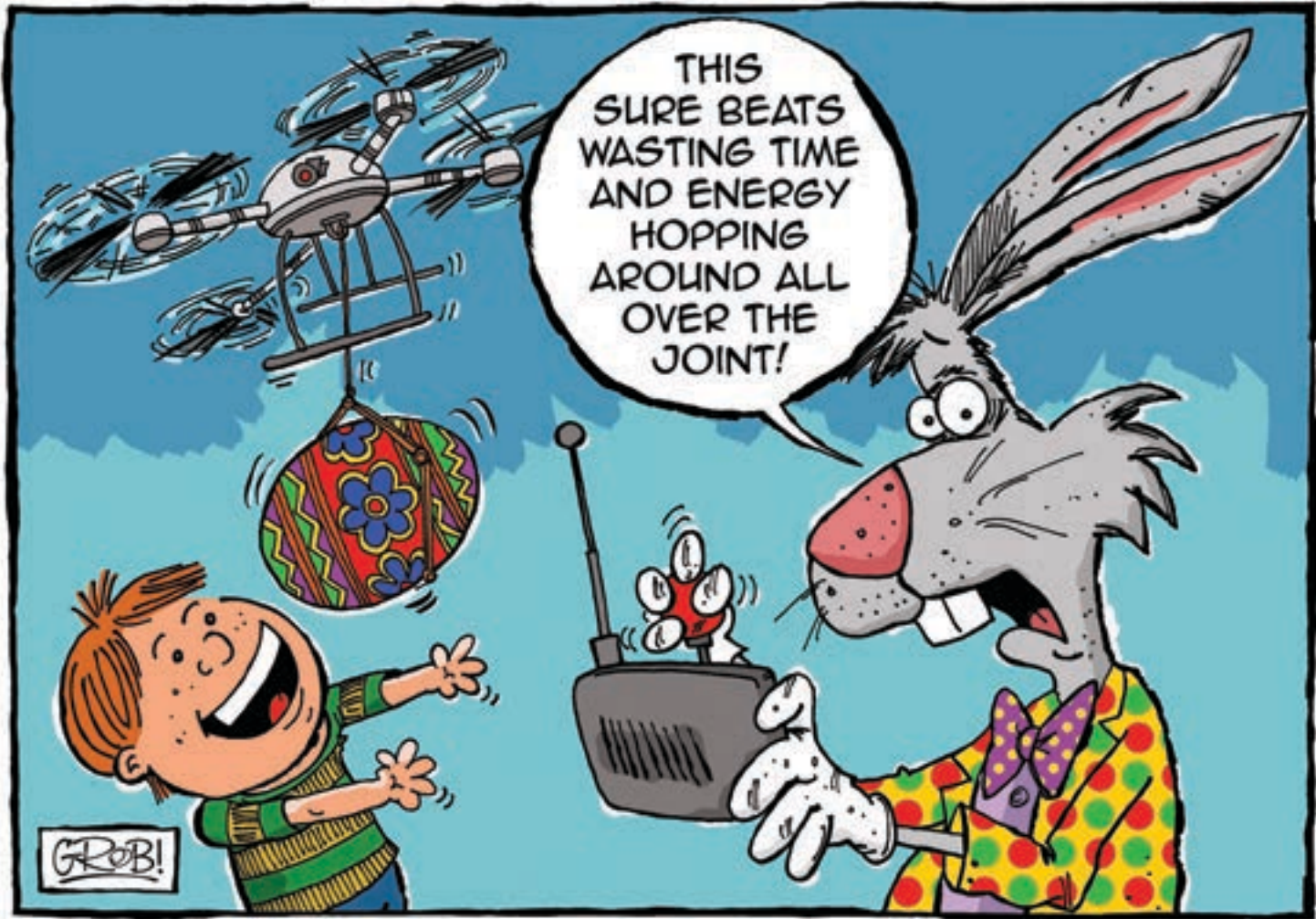
When some years later Prime Minister Kevin Rudd did issue an apology to the Stolen Generation, I don't remember it being the end of the world as we know it.

What I do remember was the tears of members of that generation as their pain was acknowledged. I remember it as a unifying and healing moment.

As an ex-serviceman I believe in democracy and totally respect the right of others to hold a different opinion to me but that doesn't mean I don't feel sad.

I would also point out that First Nations Peoples have fought side by side with other Australians in every war Australia has ever fought for our democracy even when they didn't have a vote.

Kevin Walsh RFD, Cape Paterson



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grob' Robinson.

Coal mine must be saved

In late 1910, the year the town of Wonthaggi was founded, my grandfather bought my grandmother and their family of three young children to the new township.

Seven more children were born in Wonthaggi in the years ahead and my father was the eldest of those ten children.

My grandfather worked in the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine as did my father for 43 years of his hard working life.

I was born in Wonthaggi and my grandchildren are now fifth generation of the Brown family living in Bass Coast. Wonthaggi has a proud and important history in the story of the development of the State of Victoria.

Founded as a State owned town with the State Government responsible for its development and the development of the State Coal Mine from day one, the town and the Mine has a long, proud and important history.

For all of its life, the State Coal Mine was a dangerous place to work and the coal miners of Wonthaggi were instrumental in workplace reforms which today benefit all workers including the introduction of the 40 hour working week and holiday pay.

The workforce was always unionised and heavily supported the Australian Labor Party. Against this background, I am amazed that the present Labor Government has let the renowned major tourist attraction, The State Coal Mine at Wonthaggi deteriorate to the point it has.

The existing tourist attraction was the only genuine underground black coal mine in the Southern Hemisphere where people could be taken down the mine to see first-hand the difficult conditions the coal miners had to endure.

Visitors were captivated with stories the volunteers would tell, including the vital role undertaken by pit ponies.

The two most important aspects of the mine were the underground tours and the excellent café which is on the site and it's a disgrace that both are now closed.

This is a tourist attraction owned and operated by the Victorian State Government and I am amazed they have let it get to this.

A recent public meeting drew in excess of 300 very concerned citizens who are understandably upset and have called on the State Government to re-open both the mine tours and the café as a matter of urgency and I support their call.

This once wonderful tourist attraction

unlike nearly all others in Victoria is not privately owned, it is owned by the State Government and it is their responsibility to adequately fund, maintain and operate.

There is a wonderful Friends Group and they and their supporters conducted the underground tours at no cost to the Government prior to COVID closing the underground tours.

This once wonderful tourist attraction has been starved of funds and it is time for the Government to step up, fund it properly and re-open it fully as soon as possible.

The Government claims that some equipment needs upgrading and the cost estimate is less than \$1 million.

Prior to the November State Election, the State Government gave grants to three privately owned companies on Phillip Island totalling just on \$7 million dollars.

One of those companies received \$5.2 million.

Without question, if the Government can give over \$5 Million to a private company on Phillip Island to promote tourism, they would be negligent if they won't provide less than \$1 million to re-open their own facility.

The most authoritative book written on the history of the State Coal Mine was The Wonthaggi Coalfields, a story of the men and the mines by Phillip Harper.

His father was one of 13 men killed in the disastrous 20 Shaft explosion in 1937.

His book accurately sets out the town history and the trials and tribulations faced by coal miners in the early days of the State Coal Mine and I commend it to anyone wishing to know the important history of the Wonthaggi State Coal Mine.

Hon Alan Brown, Wattle Bank

Website needs an update

I recently needed to contact representatives of various groups in Inverloch, but many of the contacts on the Bass Coast Shire Website were out of date.

I realise that about this time of the year many groups hold their AGMs and the people holding executive positions has likely changed.

This is a timely reminder to update these contact details.

Margaret Pope, Inverloch

Vox Pop

What is your opinion on
the current ATAR score
and how would you
like to see it amended?

*Some comments have been edited due to space constraints.



Oscar Healey

"A student's entire character can't be compressed accurately into one single number. The number is only derived from your academic skills."



Brinn Hamley

"The pressure of exams can be mentally tolling. We're isolating ourselves to study which isn't healthy, and this could affect our results."



Niamh Moore

"A problem is the down scaling of folio subjects and arts subjects. A lot of businesses want to look at portfolios to get people into the workforce."



Gabe Pascoe

"When a university gets your ATAR, it's just a number and a name, it's purely based on the subjects you do that matter."

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.

Newhaven College students have their say on ATAR's future

THE recent debate on whether to abandon the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) since it only considers a student's academic skills has sprung the attention of VCE students at Newhaven College.

Year 12 students Oscar Healey, Brinn Hamley, Niamh Moore, and Gabe Pascoe together with Principal Tony Corr, discussed the pros and cons of the current VCE scaling system, while suggesting alternative eligibility criteria.

The question rose on whether the ATAR that currently stands is actually serving what its intended to do.

Mr Tony Corr stated that at the moment it's a system that is largely based around exams, SAC scores and ranking, and that then determines your overall ranking and therefore your university.

"We as a school, also really value what we call a holistic education, so we're encouraging students to have community projects in volunteerism, co-curricular activities, leadership opportunities, outdoor education, as well as offering music and drama programs, and we see these as a very important part of education and in theory, none of that goes into their ATAR score," said Mr Corr.

Year 12 student Gabe is working towards being accepted into a Bachelor of Science at Melbourne University and he addressed the issue by stating that: "In terms of academics, I believe it is really fair in how it scales the academic subjects, but where it falls in my opinion is when a university gets your name and your score, they know nothing about what you've done – it really is just the subjects that do you that matter."

"I believe scholarships in



Year 12 Newhaven College students Oscar Healey, Brinn Hamley, Niamh Moore, and Gabe Pascoe together with Principal Tony Corr discuss the ATAR score scaling system and how it should be revised. Z10_1523

Australian universities could be a good way of encouraging a broader range of people to undergo tertiary education. I know a lot of people that are heavily involved in sport that want to go onto university, but these aren't necessarily the subjects that scale up to give them the score they need," said Gabe.

Universities are currently accepting those that achieve a certain ATAR score despite the subjects, as someone can succeed no matter what subjects they undergo.

However, it is certainly harder for some students than it is for others and Gabe continues in saying that 'the current ATAR result doesn't give a university an insight into who the student is.'

Another issue raised was the current downscaling of folio subjects and all art subjects in general. Year 12 student Niamh has a vision of studying a Bachelor of Arts, focusing on humanities and

design but states that universities don't take into consideration the level of preparation that goes into a student's portfolio.

"In order to start a career in arts or design, businesses are looking at your portfolio and early entries – things that besides the ATAR that do define a student. Mature aged students are accepted without an ATAR but the work we've completed throughout our schooling isn't considered," said Niamh.

"I'm not dismissing that language and sciences are naturally harder and do require more work, in which case they should be scaled up; however, folio subjects do require just as much work and a lot more preparation."

Year 12 student Brinn Hamley goes onto to speak about her goal in getting into a Bachelor of Early Childhood Education and how already in term one of her final year, she is already feeling the stress of SACs and exams.

"We are all feeling the overwhelming pressure to isolate ourselves to study, to put a hold on our social lives, but this isn't good for our mental health, and this stress could also then affect our work when we're doing exams and therefore alter our end result," said Brinn.

The pressure of exams is a major factor in many students overall result, and Principal Tony Corr stated that "from a principal's perspective, it disappoints me very much at the end of year 12 when a student who's contributed in so many ways during their 13 years of school, for whatever reason, their ATAR isn't at the level they expected, and that's their last moment."

"They leave the school feeling a little bit down and despondent and I don't think that's how we want a young person to enter the world, especially when they've done so much for so long, and too many of them are in that category."

New pathways for secondary school students

AS PART of the State Government's major reforms to school-based vocational education and senior secondary schooling, the VCE Vocational Major and Victorian Pathways Certificate will replace VCAL from this year.

The integrated certificate will offer students more choice and flexibility in their studies.

Bass Coast College are offering VCE Vocational Major this year.

VCE VM Coordinator Jim Lees said they have three classes at year 11 and one at year 12.

"Bass Coast College has always strongly supported Vocational Pathways for our students, our VCAL program that we used to run prior to this year was very popular and well supported within our community. We continue to support our students with the VM moving forward," said Jim.

VM students complete four core subjects (English, Mathematics, Personal Development Skills and Work-Related Skills), as well as a choice from a small selection elective subjects such as VCE PE, VCE Design Technology (either textiles or engineering), and VCE Music.

On top of these VCE electives



VM students as they completed their white card training, L to R, Phoenix Penn, Maya Marcolongo, Ethan Cobby, Max Connell, and Ruby Anderson.

students can also choose to undertake Certificate II in Furniture Making Pathways, Certificate II in Outdoor Recreation, or a Cert III in Visual Arts. This ensures students are meeting the requirements of nationally recognised training set out by the VCAA, as well as catering to their interests.

"Students at Bass Coast College also engage with our local community and employers in

Structured Workplace Learning or in some cases as a School Based Apprenticeship. This provides the students with an immersion within an industry they wish to explore as a future career pathway," said Jim.

"We also have a number of VCE VM students undertaking adult learning at both TAFE and RTO, both within our community and, in some cases, to the Southeast suburbs of

Melbourne. The goal of our VCE Vocational Major is to provide our students with opportunities to explore and pursue a career in an industry they have a passion for."

Students in the VCE Vocational Major are required to complete 180 hours of VET paired with their choice of other traditional VCE studies and time in the workplace, all of which provides credit toward their VCE.

Op shop donation boosts aged care

A SPECIALIST chair will make life easier for residents and staff at Bass Coast Health's (BCH) aged care facility at San Remo, Griffiths Point Lodge.

The chair was purchased by funds raised from sales at the San Remo Opportunity Shop, which is run by volunteers to support BCH.

The RAIZER II lifting chair enables a resident who has fallen to be lifted electronically at the touch of a button. The chair came with a headrest, trolley, battery and remote control.

"We are grateful for this donation of \$6193 which will ensure residents can be lifted safely by our staff," BCH Volunteers and Fundraising Manager Vicki Riley said.

"If a resident falls onto a hard surface the chair can be assembled around them and lifts them into a seated position."

The San Remo op shop is open Monday-Friday, 10am-2.30pm, at 65D Back Beach Road, San Remo. You'll find clothing, treasures and more.

• FAITH FACTOR

Giving Voice

By Rev Wendy Elson, Uniting Church Wonthaggi and Inverloch

I AM so pleased to see the South Australian government being a 'beacon of hope to our nation'. They are the first of our governments to take seriously the need to give First Nations People a voice in the halls of power. And I am so encouraged by the work being done in the Federal parliament with our First Nations people to be recognised and heard. The Uniting Church supports a constitutionally enshrined First Nations Voice to parliament. At the heart of the Uniting Church we have a covenant between First and Second Peoples and a commitment to seek just, inclusive and equal relationships.

One of the things that I love about the Gospel message is that it declares itself to be all about those on the edges of society. If you are voiceless, the Gospel stands with you in solidarity. If you are homeless or a stranger or a refugee, the Gospel reaches out to you with a place of belonging. It requires its followers to do so too.

Jesus preaches that the sick, the imprisoned, the poor, all need to be attended to by his followers. In feeding others, giving drink to the thirsty, shelter to the homeless, clothes to the naked, visits to the prisoner, the followers of Jesus are loving him through these actions. In fact, at Easter we see Jesus in all of these positions.

When Jesus spoke on the Mount, he showed his blessing and concern for those who are poor, who are grieving, who are meek, who hunger and thirst, who show mercy and seek peace, who are pure in heart and who seek justice and right relationships. I am encouraged by these images and they give me motivation to seek the best for others who are on the edges of our community and to live out the Gospel message in this expression of my faith.

Consequently, I am excited by work being done around our community to seek the best for others. I am pleased to see several groups working together in a Partnership to end Violence toward others, particularly women and children. I am encouraged by the work of Rural Australians for Refugees and other groups who support refugee families and their Palm Sunday rally. I am inspired by the great work happening through our Neighbourhood Houses.

Over this Easter period as we reflect on the costly acts of love we are invited into, let us consider what this commandment to love requires of us.

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

THE Summer term has finished however we will be remaining open over the school holidays albeit with a reduced number of groups operating.

Those open for participation are the Chess group on Monday arvos, the Circle Dancing group on Wednesday afternoons and the Ukulele group on Thursday mornings.

The crafty groups which top and tail our week will be on for the holidays, the Quilters on Monday mornings and the Craft & Cuppa group on Friday mornings.

Remember that the Power Savings Bonus of \$250 from the State Government is still available to those who are eligible and who haven't already applied, and we are here to help if you get a bit stuck at applying for it. If you or someone you know is struggling to pay their power bills and is eligible to receive it. We can help anyone who has a pensioner concession, Health Care card or receiving Centrelink payments. Call us on 5672 3731 or drop in if you need help applying. Online, go to www.compare.energy.vic.gov.au/wel-come.

We know that Easter and school hols are upon us but now is the time to consider enrolling your little one into our Free Supported Play Groups on Mondays and Fridays, so you are up and running for term 2. These groups are made available through the Bass Coast Health for families with a Health Care Card or equivalent. Our Monday group is well attended and there are places available for the Friday group and Janine, the facilitator, is keen for some more little bods to boost the vibrancy of her group. It's a great place for you and yours to take part in fun activities and to partake of the 'Small Talk' program with also includes information on children's development and learning stages. Call Janine on 0457 834 960 or come and visit, have a chat and see what's going on. She would welcome any queries you may have.

For the Monday's group call Cath on 0427 729 695. Both groups operate 10 to 11.30am during school terms.

And remember, our excellent Fixit Café is on again this Sunday April 16, 11am to 1pm at the Harvest Centre, beyond the Big W car park, past the Goods Shed. This is a joint venture with the Wonthaggi Men's Shed. A group of excellent fixers we could not do without. Do you remember Graeme? He is our clock fixer, much in demand and he is back on the scene tinkering with the tickers to bring them back into the world of time keeping. If you wish for him to fix it then book it in now, there may be some 30 minute places left. If the clock needs a lot of work to be repaired then the job may incur a fee. Please note only one item per person, book it in and bring any parts that need to be replaced, you also need to be able to carry it in. All must be booked in before the day as we only have two hours for our café each month. The services rendered are free (except for some clock repairs) but if you can give a donation then this will help with the running costs. We also have two electrical specialists and are on the look out for volunteers with fixer skills or others who could welcome people and help out on the paper work. Please leave you details with the staff at Mitchell House or ring us. Also, visit our Facebook page to see some happy people taking home their treasured (and working) items.

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. Both can be delivered online or by post, your choice. Call Mitchell House or visit us on Facebook.



LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE

LEONGATHA Community House invites you to join our new and existing classes. Try something new, find new friends, spend time with pleasure and benefit for your soul. Everyone in more that welcomed.

New - Mixed Media Art workshops

Do you know what Mixed Media Art means?

Mixed Media Art is an idea. By mixing different materials, artists can express themselves in ways that would not be possible with a singular approach.

In our joyful Mixed Media Art workshops, you will learn how to make cards, scrapbooking, Junk Magazines and a lot more using a wide range of materials and methods.

Mixed Media Art is not only about creating your unique masterpiece, but also to find new friends and soulmates.

Workshops will be held on Tuesdays, starting from May 2.

Time: from 5pm till 7pm.

Cost: \$15, this includes all materials. Every workshop -- new topic.

Booking is extremely essential.

New - Conversations in Italian for Beginners classes

Leongatha Community House is presenting a delightful new Conversations in Italian for Beginners class where you will not only learn Italian but also find new friends, learn more about Italian culture and have a great time!

Classes will be held on Fridays, at 11.15am, at the Leongatha Community House, starting April 28.

Term 2 fee is \$90. Payment plan option and payments on casual base are available (need to be discussed with manager), however, if you pay full term at once, you will get a "thank you gift".

Painting with Acrylics

Have you thought about Painting with Acrylic as a new method of therapy for your mental health?

Would you like to try?

Join our Painting with Acrylics session on Fridays between 10am-12 noon at the Leongatha Community House and discover new horizons!

With a professional artist Susan Hall, in friendly and creative environment you may develop your skills or learn to draw, paint, and interpret observation art.

We are looking forward to meeting you all. Call us and book your place! Don't miss these great opportunities! For more information, call us at the Leongatha community house at 5662-3962. Follow us on social media to stay updated.



BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

RENEWABLE energy makes sense, not just for the environment but also for the hip pocket. But there is so much to learn. Where do you start, how do you make sure it's economical, and who can you trust?

To answer these questions, BCAL is bringing back the course in renewable energy.

The course also provides information on the many career options in renewable energy which is set to become a booming industry in coming years.

The course will run on Monday afternoons, starting April 24. Last year's class was fully booked so don't miss out.

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

■ U3A WONTHAGGI

The time is approaching for the U3A committee to report to members & the government regulator on its management of U3A Wonthaggi in 2022. It is also time for members to elect the 2023 committee. This will be done at the Annual General Meeting at 10 am, Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at the Inverloch Community Hub Hall.

While all current committee members will nominate for re-election, there will be changes in roles. All positions will be declared vacant, and any member may nominate. If you are interested in the management of U3A Wonthaggi and have ideas on new directions or how functions can be improved, you are encouraged to nominate for election to the committee. If you want to discuss being a committee member, please contact the Secretary - secretary@u3a-wonthaggi.org.au

U3A are very pleased that Jan Child, CEO at Bass Coast Health, will speak at the AGM and take questions. Health care is an important issue for everyone, and we are grateful to Jan for her time. Jan has held the CEO position since 2016 and has overseen the very considerable expansion of Wonthaggi Hospital.

MILPARA COMMUNITY HOUSE

AS this edition goes to print, most of the staff and programs at Milpara Community House will be on a well-deserved break – the calm before a busy and exciting Term 2...

Our Emergency Food Bank and Centrelink Agent will remain open through the school holidays on Tuesdays 10am-2pm, Wednesdays 10am-1pm and Thursdays 10am-1pm. Remember to BYO bags for the Emergency Food Bank. This important community resource continues to be made available through generous donations from local individuals and groups, funding from the St Vincent de Paul Conference of Korumburra and a network of volunteer organisations.

You're welcome to the Korumburra Community Meal this Friday April 14, from 5.30pm at the Anglican Parish Hall. Enjoy a hot meal and good company – on the menu this month are a chicken and noodle or tofu and noodle stir fry with sweets to top it off.

Next term, Milpara is proud to be hosting free Youth Mental Health First Aid training through Live4Life South Gippsland on 15 and 16 May 2023 – if you are a parent, carer, coach, friend or grandparent with regular contact with young people, please consider making the most of this free opportunity to equip yourself with practical skills and knowledge (light meals also provided). We're also hosting a new casual art class, the 'Art of Story Telling and Experimentation', community education on grief and loss, as well as regular opportunities to build skills and gain certificates in food safety, responsible service of alcohol and computer skills.

As always, we would love to meet you, and to hear your questions and ideas. Got an idea for a group, session or activity you would like to see available in Korumburra? We are interested in working with you to get it happening. In the meantime, check out the new program on our website, and keep an eye out for the Term 2 program in your mailbox next week. Several courses kick off in early May, so make sure you plan ahead and get your bookings in soon.



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Benji and his big sister, Arya



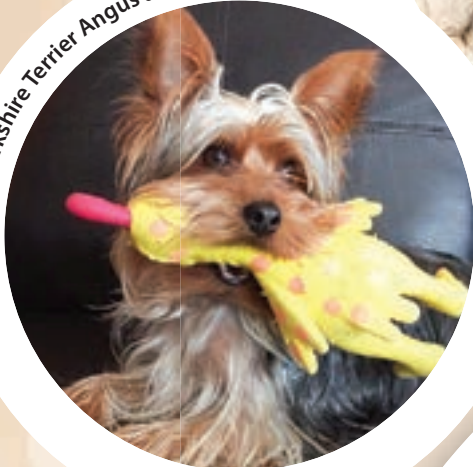
Ryka rings in the New Year each year in style



Snuggly lap cat Hannah loves sunbathing



Mighty Yorkshire Terrier Angus and his chook



Chaos - loves cuddles and food



Ruby, the eclectic parrot



Douglas the Rottweiler, loves to take his 'baby' everywhere



Meet the PETS of the COAST and COUNTRY

Peppa doesn't need to be asked twice if she'd like a walk on the beach

Sentinel-Times' Facebook followers showed us how much they love their pets when we asked them to share their favourite pet photo.

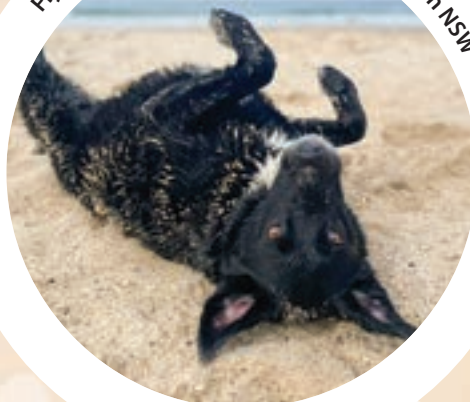
Maggie is as sweet as she looks



Four-and-a-half-year-old Layla



Flynn enjoying time at the off-lead beach in NSW



Mable loves frolicking in the garden



Giselle likes to sleep in awkward positions



Battle cat known to protect the humans with morning patrol and loves gifting mice at 2am



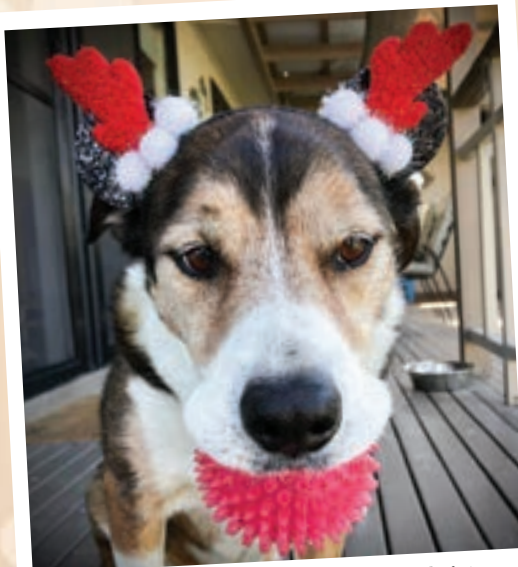
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CJ (Australian Cattle Dog) loves working and posing for the camera between breaks



Miss Tilly in her element



"I hope you don't expect me to be a Christmas ornament again this year!!" – Bundy



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Since taking over the clinic two years ago, Dr

Will and his team have expanded the services on offer.

"Hugh and Janine Thomas did a fantastic job looking after everyone's pets for 25 years we've just taken some steps to expand the services."

"We now offer ultrasounds, digital x-rays, in house lab and have visiting surgical specialists."

The team also work with birds and reptiles, and even the odd python.

With 18 years veterinary experience under his belt, most as a small animal vet, with a brief stint as the AgVic district veterinary

officer to his repertoire, Dr Will's advocacy and knowledge of animal welfare and medicine is well rounded.

Dr Will is also an advocate for ensuring your pets vaccinations are up to date.

"We've got a slightly low vaccination rate, and it used to be that parvovirus and distemper in dogs and cat flu were quite common diseases," Will explained.

"They're all really nasty diseases and we're lucky in Bass Coast and South Gippsland to have fairly low incidences due to people getting their pets vaccinated."

But with tourism picking up a gear after the pandemic Dr Will is cautious.

"With so many new pets post COVID, there may be greater risk to our clients' animals."

"Essentially, if cats have lapsed with their vaccines, they need to have two vaccines a month apart."

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Colin is also a proud supporter of the local community.

"We buy local as much as possible to keep money local. We are also a proud sponsor of the community – including the local footy clubs."

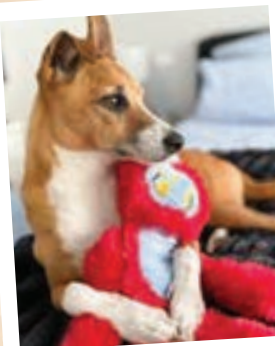
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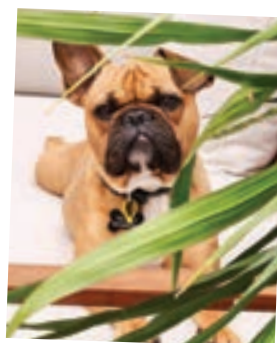
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Beach loving Tuc



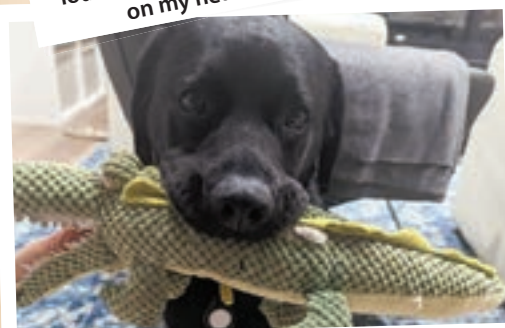
Shiba Inu x Italian greyhound Ringo loves his fluffy toys



Lazy Sunday afternoons for Bailey the French Bulldog



Alyssia thinks she's a tiger! She loves to miaow loudly at 4am and sleep on my head



Lily with her toys

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Exciting changes at Pets Domain

PETS Domain has recently launched exciting changes to its +Plus Club Membership program that will provide members with even greater savings on products for their pets everyday.

"We know that cost of living pressures are really starting to impact people. The changes we've made to our +Plus Club Membership offer extensive savings to members", says Head of Marketing, Stacey Tweedale.

Pets Domain now offers three

membership levels – gold, silver and blue. The gold membership costs \$50 for six months. Gold members then receive a 30% discount on all products in-store.

This 30% discount is also in addition to all other discounts. Silver membership costs \$20 for six months and silver members received a 20% discount.

Similarly, to the gold membership, the discount is in addition to all other discounts. "These discounts offer significant savings on all products in-store.

Customers have been particularly excited by the savings on food that the membership offers", says Stacey. Blue members accrue loyalty points for purchases.

For every dollar a customer spends, they receive one loyalty point. 500 points equals \$10.

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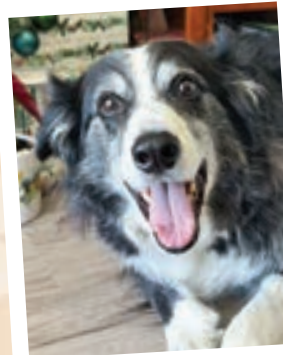
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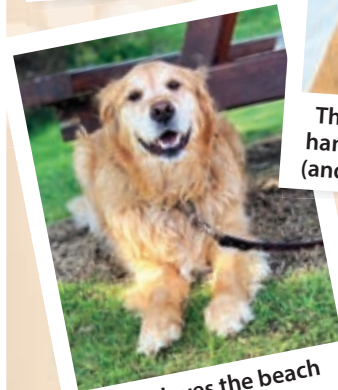
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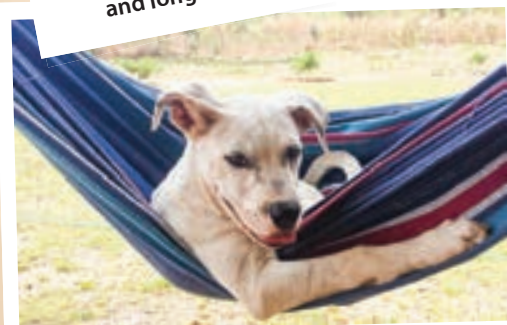
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More medical students in regional areas

THE Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) has called on governments to facilitate more regional and rural placements for medical school students to encourage future doctors to live and work outside of major cities.

It comes following reports of a study looking at more than 2000 University of Queensland medical students between 2011 and 2021. All of the University's students must do a six-week placement in a smaller rural community in their third year.

The study also found that even those who just did the 12-week placement were three times more likely to work outside the major cities.

RACGP Rural Chair Associate Professor Michael Clements urged the nation's leaders to heed the study's results.

He also urged all future doctors to consider a career outside of a major city.

"Ask any GP outside of a major city and they will tell you that as a rural or regional GP you are an integral and valued member of your community. Your skill set will soar early in your career because rural communities rely on their GP for the majority of their health and wellbeing needs, particularly when other specialist health services or hospital care is a long drive away."



The Graduate Nurses of 2023 at Bass Coast Health are, from left, Zoe Brannaghan, Eileen Ermino, Cassy Anagnostou, Samantha King, Maddie Watt, Ella Morcom, Matt Pearce, Leah Lovett, Shawnte Smith, Zali Deenen, Amber Turner, Casey Walker and Paras Nain.

Bass Coast Health kickstarting nursing careers

BASS Coast Health (BCH) has welcomed the 2023 intake of Graduate Nurses who are fresh from completing their tertiary training.

The Graduates will undertake a 12-month Graduate Year Program at the sub-regional health service for Bass Coast and South Gippsland

shires.

They will gain a variety of experience by completing two, six-month rotations in the areas of Emergency Department, Acute, Sub-Acute, District Nursing, Aged Care and Haemodialysis, as well as a speciality rotation.

BCH Learning and Develop-

ment Acting Co-Manager Mandie Heffernan said the graduates would be supported by the health service's dedicated education team as they gained practical experience.

"Our Learning and Development Team will closely supervise the Graduate Nurses to provide them with a variety of

experiences and educational opportunities, giving them the best start to their careers," she said.

Bass Coast Health also welcomed Midwifery Graduate Shawnte Smith, who is a Registered Nurse undertaking her Graduate Diploma in Midwifery.

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Hillside residents cooking up a calendar storm

HILLSIDE Lodge residents will be cooking up a storm this year to create a tasty calendar treat for 2024.

As part of Hillside Lodge's diversional therapy program, residents are providing a monthly recipe which they will cook and preserve in a 2024 calendar.

Hillside Lodge nurse unit manager Nicole Williams said a calendar was a new initiative for the facility.

"It's going to be fantastic," Ms Williams said.

"There is a cooking club and they will be doing recipes each month led by one of the residents. We are taking photos and at the end of the year will put the recipes and photos together for a calendar."

The cooking calendar idea was developed by diversional therapist Leonie Somerville-Smith who said it gave residents a sense

of purpose.

"The diversional therapists were talking about activities for residents and came up with the idea of a calendar," Ms Somerville-Smith said.

Each month will feature photos of the resident, their recipe and the finished product.

"It's something to give residents a sense of purpose and to motivate their abilities," Ms Somerville-Smith said.

"Hillside is a family-orientated care facility and this is another way to please the residents and their families. It's also a great way to save their recipes for posterity."

Hillside Lodge has 30 hostel beds and is located on the Gippsland Southern Health Service grounds at Korumburra.

RIGHT: 'Mr March' Steve Thomason cooking up his delicious tomato relish.



Boosting cancer screening rates

GIPPSLAND Primary Health Network (Gippsland PHN) has partnered with 19 local general practices to boost screening rates for bowel, breast, and cervical cancer, and testing for hepatitis B and C.

A report by the University of Melbourne, prepared from the Victoria Department of Health, shows the COVID-19 pandemic has delayed patients' screening and diagnostic appointments, contributing to a 30 per cent reduction in cancer notifications since restrictions were applied in Victoria in 2020.

Participating general practices submitted an expression of interest to participate in the Gippsland PHN Maximising Cancer Screening project, that is currently underway until June 2023. During this time, practices will choose one of the focal cancer screening types and will be supported by Gippsland PHN to embed screening activities.

These activities include extracting clinic data to identify patients who are under screened or have never been screened, facilitated learning workshops and opportunities to share, network and connect with other practices involved in the project.

An incentive payment of \$12,000 will be given to participating practices that complete the program.

Bystanders helping save lives

VICTORIAN bystanders are stepping up to help save lives as cardiac arrest emergency cases reach record highs, according to new research by Ambulance Victoria (AV).

The latest Victorian Ambulance Cardiac Arrest Registry (VACAR) Annual Report reveals paramedics responded to 7,361 cardiac arrests in 2021/22 – a rise of 5.8 per cent.

When cardiac arrests were witnessed by members of the public, 79 per cent of people were willing to step up and commence life-saving cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) – up from 77 per cent a year earlier.

More bystanders are also using public automated external defibrillators (AEDs) which significantly improve survival rates. In 2021/22, 107 cardiac arrest patients received a shock from an AED before paramedics arrived, up from 82 the year prior.

There are three simple steps to save someone's life: Call (Call Triple 000), Push (Perform CPR) and Shock (use an AED).

Snapshot of Gippsland's health and wellbeing

A NEW fact sheet, released by Gippsland Primary Health Network, provides a snapshot of the Gippsland community including health, wellbeing, education, social and employment data.

Gippsland PHN Chief Executive officer, Amanda Proposch, said Gippsland had unique health and wellbeing priorities. Data includes:

- Gippsland has an older population with 24.8% aged 65 years or older, compared to 16.8% across Victoria.
- The population is increasing rapidly in Baw Baw and Bass Coast
- Children in low income or welfare dependent families – 15.4% Gippsland 9.3% Victoria

- Adults who report feeling undervalued by society – 12.5% Gippsland 11% Victoria
- Children years 5-6 report being bullied – 18.9% Gippsland 15.9% Victoria
- Adults who had no money to buy food in the past year – 7.9% Gippsland 5.9% Victoria
- Aged pension (people 65 years and over) – 67.4% Gippsland 58.1% Victoria
- Gaming machine losses per head (adults) - \$591 Gippsland \$553 Victoria
- People who travel to work by public transport – 1.5% Gippsland 12.6% Victoria
- Full-time participation in secondary school education at age 16 – 81.2% Gippsland 88.5% Victoria

- Current smokers (adults per 100 people) – 19 Gippsland 16 Victoria
- Consumed alcohol at levels likely to increase lifetime risk of harm (adults per 100 people) – 65 Gippsland 60 Victoria
- Health and social assistance are the largest employing industry in Gippsland, and it has grown from 11.3% of employment in February 2020 to 16% in November 2022
- The Australian Digital Inclusion Index (<https://www.digitalinclusionindex.org.au/>) has been developed to measure the digital divide between populations. The low Gippsland index highlights low digital inclusion

(64.2 compared to 72.0 across Victoria), impacting access to a broad range of services, including health.

Ms Proposch said Gippsland PHN would continue to work with the community and partners to identify solutions that meet the needs of communities, providers, and other stakeholders.

She said feedback and discussion about the content of the snapshot were welcome and encouraged interested people to email tellgippslandphn@gphn.org.au.

To read the community snapshot, go to <https://gphn.org.au/what-we-do/health-planning-research-and-evaluation/fact-sheets/>

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The gateway at Foster

A TOWN of approximately 1000 residents, Foster is situated 175 kilometres south-east of Melbourne between Leongatha and Welshpool and near to Fish Creek and Wilsons Promontory.

A far cry from illegal logging and gold mining, the town now boasts delectable bites, relaxing slumber and a wander along The Great Southern Rail Trail.

Learn the history at the Foster and District Historical Museum or have a round at the local golf club before enjoying nature at the Foster Flora Reserve and picnic by Stockyard Creek.

Foster is surrounded by lush, pastured hills and glimpses of the coastline, and home to a vibrant arts community. A short drive away embrace Gurneys Cider or escape to The Pottery Lodge.

Pioneer Palaces of Rhyll

The remaining nine historic cottages

TAKE a step back in time on the Pioneer Palaces of Rhyll tour on Saturday, April 29. Join the Phillip Island and District Historical Society in partnership with the Bass Coast Branch of the National Trust and supported by the Bass Coast Shire Council as they tour the remaining nine historic cottages of Rhyll.

Learn about the lives of the early inhabitants and the roles they played in shaping the history of Phillip Island.

Two guided tours will run on the day, with a choice of 9am or the afternoon tour commencing at 1pm – both meeting at the Rhyll Mechanics Institute Hall on Lock Road and inclusive of morning or afternoon tea.

Participants get to experience the Jansson Cottage, Richardson Cottage, Len McFee's Cottage, Almond Villa - Lock's Cottage, Rimutara, Heath Hill - McIlwraith's Cottage, Stradbroke House - Smith's Cottage, Minota, and Mot Pena - Underdown's Cottage.

The delightful cottages date back to the 1800s with the Almond Villa very significant – it is one of the earliest cottages built in approximately 1868. It is likely that it was built from materials from the deserted oystering settlement located at Rhyll foreshore which finished up in the early 1860s.

Captain John Barnard Lock who was a master mariner, came to Australia from England in the mid-1850s. He commenced transporting oysters from Rhyll to Geelong – which were destined for the goldfields. He and his wife



The McFee Family on the veranda of Rimutara c. 1892.

Elizabeth move from Geelong to Rhyll in about 1860 – that's eight years before the Island was opened for subdivision. At that time the Island was leased by the McHaffies – with the exception of the areas licenced to those who were engaged in the business of fishing.

When Captain Lock and his wife Elizabeth lived here in the early 1860s, they would have originally lived in one of the cottages in the first oystering settlement which was on the east side of Rhyll – between the yacht club and former caravan park.

In October 1861 Elizabeth gave birth to their first child Martha Ann Lock – the first European girl born on the Island, unfortunately she was born blind.

It is said that Captain Lock was the true founder of the village of Rhyll.

The Rimutara – William and Annie McFee's Cottage was built by Bill Richardson (owner and builder of Richardson's Cottage) in 1887 at a cost of 204 pounds for William and Annie McFee as their summer house.

It was originally called Rimutara meaning Pleasant Island in the Maori language, as New Zealand was where William lived with his parents, in his youth, for ten years.

At the time William bought his land in Rhyll, he owned an ironmongery store in

Melbourne, employing 16 men – which today would be called a hardware store.

During the summer period, the family would reside in Rimutara for months at a time, with William travelling back to his business in Melbourne on a Monday morning by ferry to Stony Point, then onto Melbourne by steam train, returning each Friday for the weekend on the Island with his family.

The McFee family including their ten children, moved from their permanent residence in Hawthorn to the Island after losing a great deal of their wealth in the land crash of the early 1890s. Before their move the cottage was extended to cater for their permanent occupation.

William was a shire councillor for Woolamai and Phillip Island Shire for 35 years.

Local historians will lead the guided coach tour of these nine historic homes, all located in the beautiful hamlet of Rhyll. Each tour is expected to run for three hours and includes refreshments at one of the cottages.

This year's theme for the annual Heritage Festival is 'Shared Stories' and the stories of the residents of these cottages will be admirably shared with all participants.

Email prothfield@gmail.com for a reservation.

Lyrebirds present another Junior BP



Pictured is (front row) Emma Murphy, Eleanor Whitbourn (holding her Junior BP certificate), Tahlia Raschle. Leader Louise Matthews (back row), Mylee Matthews (hidden) and Kayla Boyd.

ELEANOR Whitbourn is the latest Junior Guide at Leongatha to gain her Junior BP award.

This is the top award for girls in this age group and requires girls to complete 12 challenges in a number of areas.

To achieve this award Eleanor gained her Guiding badge, ropes badge, world badge and health and fitness badge.

She also attended many camps and was involved in several service activities including Clean Up Australia and raising funds for the RSPCA.

The girls who are currently in Lyrebird Guides will fly up to Lizard Guides next term.

The Lyrebirds will unfortunately be put in recess as there are not enough volunteers to run the group.

If the girl guides can find some new volunteers the Lyrebirds can recommence for girls in grades one to three.

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Music Festival announces their 2023 country showcase

THE winners of the 2023 Local Country Showcase for Gippsland Country Music Festival have been selected from more than 25 entries.

Songwriter 'Harry Hook is Real' from Sale, and duo 'No Promises' from South Gippsland (featuring Janine Garvey and Eric Collier) will join the impressive 2023 festival line-up.

Organiser Aidan McLaren said the team received an incredible response from Gippsland musicians. "We were thrilled by the level of interest in the showcase and impressed by the breadth of country music talent in the Gippsland region," he said.

"This was our first year running the Local Country Showcase in Gippsland and we're excited to continue it as part of the festival. We can't wait for fans to see the amazing talent displayed by the winners at the festival. With so many talented artists applying, we've realised how much talent there is in the Gippsland region, especially when it comes to country music."

In selecting who was successful, both 'Harry Hook is Real' and 'No Promises' stood out to the team. "It was their unwavering dedication to their craft and their strong connections to the local community," said Aidan. "They embody the spirit of country music, with their heartfelt lyrics and powerful vocals, they truly showcase the best of the genre."

The team at Gippsland Country Music Festival have always had a community focus for the festival, and the inclusion of the Local Country Showcase will continue that tradition.

"We have been proud to feature some of Gippsland's finest local artists as part of the line-up in the past," said Aidan.

"Among them, The Strzelecki Stringbusters have consistently received a fantastic response from the audience. Therefore, we are eagerly anticipating the community's reaction to the incredible talent that will be showcased this year."



Lyndon Bate, Social Support Coordinator for Headway Wonthaggi and Bass Coast Shire Cr Leticia Laing spoke at the official opening of the Headway Gippsland, Art Exhibition at Wonthaggi library on Friday, March 31.

Headway art exhibition officially opens

HEADWAY Gippsland held the grand opening of their art exhibition at Wonthaggi library on Friday March 31, with Bass Coast Councillor Leticia Laing officially opening the event.

"It's great to see Headway enriching lives with these creative outlets and events. All members of our community deserve to live rich and fulfilling lives, and the Bass Coast Council supports and advocates for

access and inclusion within our communities, especially in disability. As the Chair of access and inclusion, I'm very proud to be able to support these exhibitions," Leticia said.

The paintings on display were created by the participants of the Headway Social Support group, Wonthaggi, and the event promotes Brain Injury Awareness.

Lyndon Bate, Social Support Coordinator, Headway

Wonthaggi, said participants meet once a month throughout the year to paint and to try out new methods of painting.

Group participant, John Marotta, who has a number of artworks exhibited, was full of praise for the program.

"I love it. Anything that comes to mind, I visualise it, and paint!"

The artworks will be on display in the Wonthaggi library until the end of April and may be available for purchase.

The inside on what's coming up at Archies

OUT at Archies Creek, the good folk at the pub have brought down the curtain on their outdoor gig program for another summer.

But you can't really stop the music and they've already lined up some great talent through April into May.

"In very big new show news, we are super excited to announce the incredible LA-based Guatemalan Grammy award-winning singer-songwriter Gaby Moreno will perform a special solo show in The Archies Creek Hall on Friday May 26," said impresario Peter Foley this week.

Tickets are now on sale.

"Closer to home we are delighted to welcome the award-winning John Flanagan and his dynamic 4-piece band to Archies Creek Hotel on Sunday May 14, to launch his new album Manhood Method Actor. It's an event not to be

missed," he said.

Also coming up:

- Saturday, April 15, 2023: Angus Gill & Billy Miller with special guest Pixie Jenkins. Doors 8pm, show 8.30pm @ The Archies Creek Hall.

Angus Gill is one of the most exciting and prodigious acts on the scene, delighting audiences over the last 18 years with his distinctive voice, carefully crafted songs, well-honed showmanship and comic timing.

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He has supported Kris Kristofferson, collaborated with international music legends such as Steve Earle, Jim Lauderdale & Charles Esten.

Billy Miller is best known as the singer of The Ferrets (Don't Fall in Love). Most recently,

Billy won (with co-writer Paul Kelly) a coveted APRA Song of the Year Award for the song Firewood & Candles.

Pixie Jenkin's fiddle playing is uniquely Australian, and with his amazing energy, story telling and humour, he has become one of the most recognisable artists in the industry.

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- Friday, April 28, 2023 Adalita with special guests. Doors 8pm, showtime 8.30pm @ Archies Creek Hall

- Saturday, April 29, 2023 Minor Gold debut Australian Tour 2023 with special guest Alex Hamilton. Doors 8pm show 8.30pm.

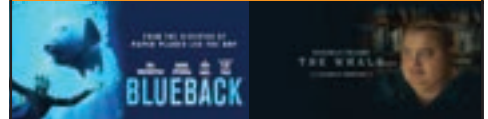
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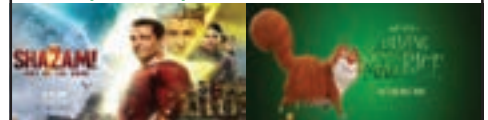
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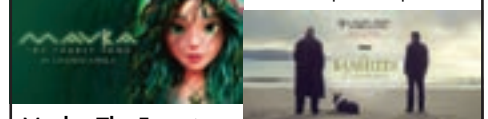
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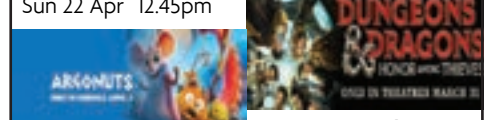
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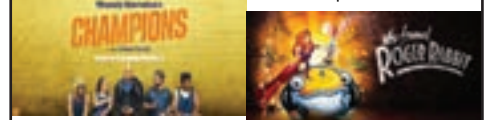
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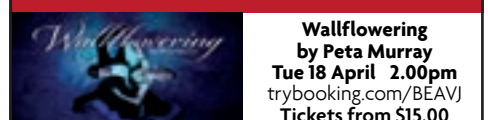
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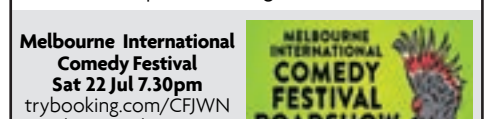
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Bass House teammates Poppy Michie, Kate Meyer and Tiffany Clarke were all dressed up to support their peers at the Newhaven College athletics carnival. Z04_1523



Sera Szymanski and Frances Jess supported their fellow McHaffie teammates at the Newhaven College athletics carnival. Z05_1523



Jack Hungerford, Sam Fairthorne, Ty Amato, and Fletcher Middleton were in the spirit at the House Athletics carnival at Newhaven College. Z02_1523



Fish Creek B Grade netball coach Maddi Carew and club secretary Brenda Jordan settle in for an enjoyable evening at the Mid Gippsland Football Netball League's season launch. A02_1523



New Meeniyen Dumbalk United senior coach Nathan Allen, and club president Jason Harris look forward to the 2023 campaign at the Mid Gippsland Football Netball League's season-opening function. A03_1523



Mirboo North Football Netball Club identity and Sentinel-Times contributor Hal (Rover) St Ellen with Mid Gippsland Football Netball League publicity officer Rob Popplestone at the league's season launch. A05_1523



Caleb, Jacqueline and Lesley Turton were out door knocking raising funds for the Good Friday Appeal.

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the Mid Gippsland Football Netball League season-opening function, Newhaven College Year 5 to Year 12 House Athletics Carnival, Churchill Island Market and the Good Friday Appeal.



Mid Gippsland Football Netball League Life Members Len Scurrah, Stan Kerrigan, Rod Lucas and Charlie Cauchi look forward to the on-field action as the 2023 season is launched in Morwell. A04_1523



Rianna and Matthew of 'The Drink Swap' braved the chilly conditions at Churchill Island Market on Saturday.



Belinda of 'Wool2Yarn' was thrilled when the weather finally started to clear up at Churchill Island.



Georgia of Rieschiek's Orchards was selling delicious apple varieties.



Melissa Burge, business manager of Regional Farmers Market, was delighted with how popular markets continue to be.



Maria of Phillip Island Honey was nearly sold out for the day at Churchill Island.

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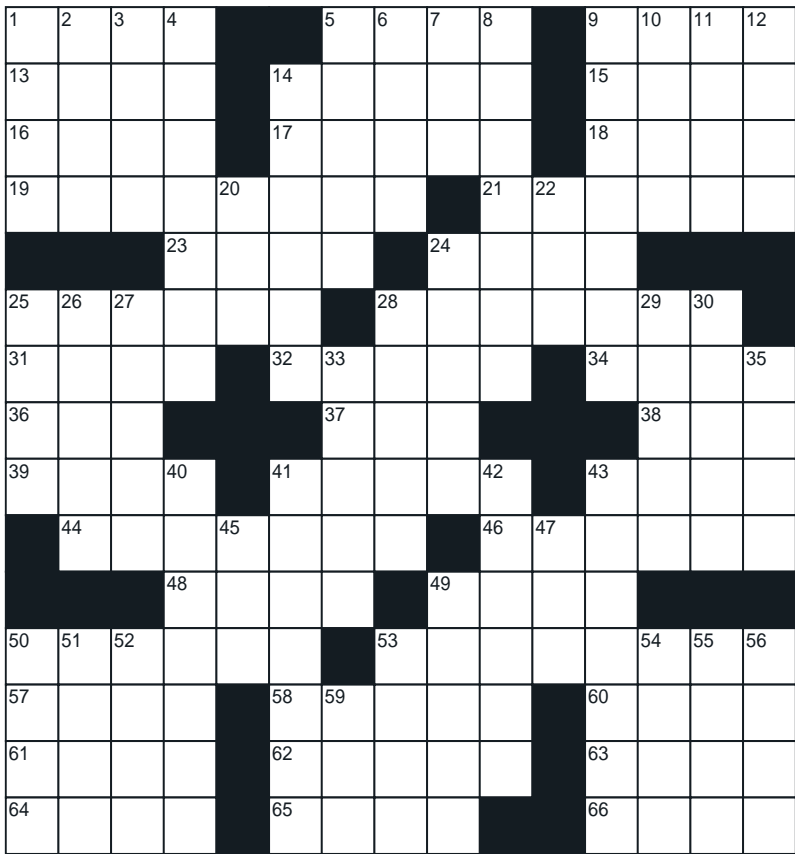
Zach Barrett and Mackenna White-side were more than happy to help raise funds for Good Friday.



Pali Baskets are handwoven in remote villages in Myanmar with recycled materials which helps support their communities, explained Maggie Leever.



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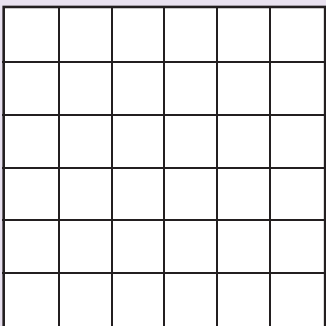
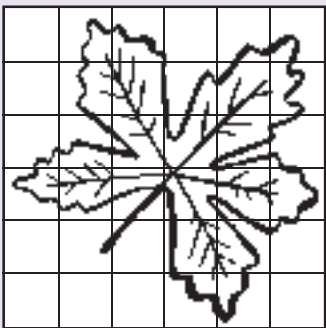
QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

TV TRIVIA QUIZ

- [\$100]** Which TV cartoon character is fond of the phrase D’Oh?
A. Bobby Hill. B. Eric Cartman.
C. Stewie Griffin. D. Homer Simpson.
- [\$200]** Which of these was not a character in Packed to the Rafters?
A. Jake Rafter. B. Julie Rafter.
C. Dave Rafter. D. Nathan Rafter.
- [\$300]** In what country is the fictional, historical drama series Outlander predominantly set?
A. Norway. B. Ireland. C. England.
D. Scotland.
- [\$500]** What is the parallel universe featured in “Stranger Things” called?
A. The Other Side. B. Inside Out.
C. The Upside Down. D. Outside In.
- [\$1000]** Which U.S. state is the setting for the medical drama “Grey’s Anatomy”. A. Washington.
B. California. C. Oregon.
D. New York.
- [\$2000]** South Park takes place in which state? A. Oklahoma. B. Florida.
C. Colorado. D. California.
- [\$4000]** Which of these is not a character in the TV series Yellowstone? A. John Dutton.
B. Kayce Dutton. C. Rowdy Dutton.
D. Beth Dutton.
- [\$8000]** How did Edna Krabappel die in the Simpsons? A. The blackboard fell on her. B. Homer hit her with his car. C. Groundskeeper Willie ran over her with the lawnmower.
D. Choked on a Ned Flanders’ cupcake.
- [\$16,000]** Which character is the patriarch of the global media conglomerate in the TV series ‘Succession’? A. Ewan Roy. B. Frank Roy. C. Logan Roy. D. Roman Roy.
- [\$32,000]** What is “The Munsters” address? A. 1630 Revello Drive.
B. 1313 Mockingbird Lane.
C. 001 Cemetery Lane.
D. 1329 Carroll Avenue.
- [\$64,000]** Nominated for an Emmy in every season of Game of Thrones, who plays the role of the dwarf Tyrion Lannister? A. Warwick Davis.
B. Jack Purvis. C. Peter Dinklage.
D. David Rappaport.
- [\$125,000]** Who was Samantha’s nosy neighbor in Bewitched?
A. Gladys Kravitz. B. Esme Watson.
C. Phyllis Lindstrom. D. Ethel Mertz.
- [\$250,000]** What industry is central to the hit new television drama series ‘Industry’? A. Media.
B. Fashion. C. Financial. D. Legal.
- [\$500,000]** Which of these characters was not one of the Golden Girls? A. Betty White.
B. Bea Arthur. C. Estelle Getty.
D. Susan Mayer.
- [\$1,000,000]** In the Australian soap opera Neighbours, in what year was Scott and Charlene’s wedding?
A. 1986. B. 1987. C. 1988. D. 1989.

ANSWERS: 1. D. Homer Simpson. 2. A. Jake Rafter. 3. D. Scotland. 4. C. The Upside Down. 5. A. Washington (Seattle). 6. C. Colorado. 7. C. Rowdy Dutton. 8. B. Homer hit her with his car. 9. C. Logan Roy. 10. B. 1313 Mockingbird Lane. 11. C. Peter Dinklage. 12. A. Gladys Kravitz. 13. C. Financial. 14. D. Susan Mayer. 15. B. 1987.

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MAGIC SQUARES

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Ride into paradise

ELDERS is pleased to present an exceptional 80-acre property located in the sought-after district of Nyora.

This impressive piece of land boasts breathtaking panoramic views that span from the mountains to the sea, making it the perfect setting for horse enthusiasts or those seeking a rural lifestyle.

This property is ideal for equine pursuits, cattle, sheep or any other lifestyle interests. With its beautifully undulating land, a fully renovated 4-bedroom home, horse facilities, and a motor cross track, this property has something for everyone.

The renovated 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom house features modern amenities and multiple spacious open-plan living areas. The well-appointed central kitchen has stone benchtops, electric cooktop, electric oven, dishwasher, walk-in pantry, and ample storage options with lovely rural views. The living area has beautiful high ceilings, fantastic floor-to-ceiling windows, a bar and kitchenette, plus a freestanding wood fire. The spacious outdoor entertainment area is perfect for hosting guests and enjoying the stunning views.

For horse enthusiasts, the property features stables, a tack room, and a round yard. There is also a large motor cross track with jumps, perfect for the adventurous types. The state forest adjoins the property, which includes many riding tracks.

The property also includes shedding, consisting of 2 carports, a large machinery shed plus cattle yards, and is well-fenced to 5 main paddocks. Dams are located in every paddock, and the property is supported by a 40-inch annual rainfall.

Located just 15 minutes from Lang Lang, 40 minutes to the beautiful beaches of Inverloch, and only 1hr 40mins to Melbourne's CBD, this property offers a rare opportunity to own a stunning piece of land that is perfect for horse enthusiasts or those seeking a rural lifestyle.

If you're looking for a unique property with an impressive array of amenities and stunning views, don't miss out on the chance to make this property your own. Contact Elders today to schedule a viewing and experience all that this property has to offer. Contact Katrina Griggs on 0428 571 083 or Don Olden on 0417 805 312 for more information or to arrange an inspection of this property.



4 2 4 80 acres

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For Sale \$2,050,000
Agent Elders
Katrina Griggs 0428 571 083
Don Olden 0417 805 312

'KIALLA' DUMBALK 160 AC



- Architecturally designed brick home in private setting
- Lock-up shedding (3 phase power), hay shedding
- Heavy carrying rich flats & undulating to rolling hills
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- Water via creeks, dams & bore, 40" pa rainfall
- Clean pastures with excellent fertiliser history

Price \$2.38 Million Elders Web ID: 300P105003

'SPRINGRISE' OUTTRIM 138 AC



- 10km Inverloch
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- 4 Bedroom/2 bath/2 living brick residence
- 2 Bedroom Cottage ideal BnB (STCA)
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- 4 Bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 living areas
- Excellent, functional galley kitchen
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- Level 720m² block, great for kids and pets
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- Top location, close to schools, town centre

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- Custom-built 4-bedroom home in Daisybank Estate
- Well-appointed kitchen with walk-in pantry
- 3 Spacious living areas for comfortable living
- Modern main bathroom and ensuite
- Great outdoor undercover area, ideal for entertaining
- Double garage with low maintenance backyard

Price \$775,000 Elders Web ID: 300P101334

Magnificent views and 167 acres of grazing land



‘TARWIN View’, 67.89ha / 167 Acres of livestock grazing situated in the highly renowned South Gippsland region, just 12 kms to Leongatha.

Undulating, hilly to some steeper topography this property offers highly productive, traditional hill country in the secure rain fall region of South Gippsland.

Magnificent home sites (STCA) with panoramic views across the hills stretching from Berrys Creek, Mardan to Leongatha and beyond.

Key Features:

- 67.89ha / 167 acres of blue gum grazing country
 - Excellent standard of fencing throughout with 12 paddocks, and fenced lane paddocks
 - Heavy duty stockyards, centrally based with additional second yards with loading race for ease of stock management.
 - Fertile grey loam soils with rye and clover pastures and treed shelter areas with good stands of established beautiful blue gums
 - Water supply via six dams including spring fed / servicing all paddocks and direct access to the permanent Boyle Creek that flows through the bottom corner of the property.
 - Shedding includes large fully enclosed shed with concrete floor and smaller assorted sundry shedding.
 - Currently running cows and calves and growing out steers
 - Excellent house sites offering big views (STCA)
 - Reliable 1029mm (40 inch)* average annual rainfall
 - Ideally located 12km* to Leongatha, 19km* to the premiere cattle selling centre of South Gippsland, Koonwarra Saleyards, 30km* to the beaches of Inverloch and 146km* to Melbourne CBD
- For further information and to arrange a personal inspection, please contact Irene Walker SEJ Livestock & Real Estate 0429 045 632.

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Grazing 67 ha / 167 acres

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- 30 min. to Leongatha

\$7,500 PER ACRE

BUFFALO

- 203 acres/82 ha approx.. Grazing
- Exceptional views & house sites
- Undulating to rolling country
- Ideal hay & silage paddocks
- Water via spring fed dams & creek
- Stockyards with B-Double access

\$2,850,000

MIRBOO NORTH

- Brick veneer home
- Nestled in a quiet street
- 3 Bedroom, 1 Bathroom
- Lovely rear deck plus shed
- Low maintenance garden
- Ready to move on in!

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POUND CREEK

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

\$1,995,000

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Heritage meets contemporary on half acre

POSITIONED brilliantly in arguably the most sought-after court in Wonthaggi, is this brick Heritage masterpiece.

Well-built from the ground up, this home has been freshly renovated, giving a fresh and contemporary feel, while paying homage to the original features of the home.

Commanding attention with stunning street appeal emanating architectural character and class, this four bedroom home offers the perfect combination of functionality, space and luxury.

The master bedroom is filled with natural light being equipped with a walk in robe including shelving and an ensuite with floor to ceiling tiles, oversized vanity and shower.

The remaining three bedrooms are serviced by the family bathroom which has been styled to perfection.

The kitchen is centre to the home, overlooking the outdoor area and connecting the living spaces. New stainless steel appliances including dishwasher, 900m oven and gas cook-top.

Full of storage and immense bench space - a must have for any home cook.

The real feature of this property is the beautiful cathedral ceilings throughout the three massive living zones and kitchen.

The living spaces offer endless potential including, but not limited to formal lounge, sitting area, home office, art/studio space or even a billiard room.

There are three accesses onto the decking with a combination of open and undercover entertaining areas, ensuring privacy and room for the whole family and friends all year round.

Additionally this property is fully complimented with beautiful exposed brickwork, cathedral ceilings, two fireplaces; one being an open wood fire and another being a natural gas fire, electric ducted heating and cooling, 4kw solar system, two reverse cycle split systems, a large double electric garage and much more.

Don't miss your chance to secure this one of a kind property located at 42 Wallace Street, Wonthaggi priced to sell at \$930,000 - \$980,000.

To book your private inspection, contact the selling Agents at Ray White Wonthaggi, servicing you 7 days a week at a time to suit you 56 721 833.



4**2****2** 2,000m²

42 Wallace Street, **Wonthaggi**
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SALE BY DEADLINE

Country Lifestyle On A Grand Scale

- 1225 Loch Kernot Road, **Kernot, Victoria**
- Impressive 28.32ha* (70* acre) property located in beautiful South Gippsland
 - Magnificent architecturally designed 4 bedroom home
 - Masterchef kitchen showcasing Italian marble benchtops
 - Embracing natural light with rammed earth walls & burnished concrete floors
 - Floodlit tennis court, orchard & dam with its own jetty
 - Cattle grazing country with good fencing, cattle yards & ample water supply

WHY WAIT?

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Sale By Deadline Closing
Thursday 4 May 2023

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The ultimate tree change

AS YOU enter this breath-taking 3.15 acres (approx.) residence through the sealed bitumen driveway leading to the home you will be captivated by this stunning four-bedroom home, built and maintained, to an impeccable standard.

The expansive open living, dining and kitchen space showcases soaring ceilings and double stacker doors leading into an enclosed north-facing alfresco area and large deck at the front, encapsulating all of the gorgeous views.

The kitchen features quality appliances including Miele dishwasher, Bosch wall oven and Bosch gas cooktop, stone benchtops and ample cupboard space.

The master bedroom is spacious, set-in prime position taking in all the views of the front garden and valley.

Perfectly designed with a large walk-in robe and a deluxe ensuite with large vanity, shower and toilet. Bedrooms two, three and four are large in size two with built-in-robos with access to bathroom number two which includes the same high quality large shower, bathtub, vanity and separate toilet.

Aside from the undeniable beauty of this home, this property packs a punch with a massive 3 car garage with high clearance, a 7m X 9m, two roller door shed with 3-Phase power perfect for storing tractors, caravans,

gardening equipment or utilising the space for personal or work projects. It is the perfect shed for any acreage property! There is a waste pipe running to the shed should you wish to convert it at a later time.

This home is packed with endless features including:

- New double-glazed windows.
- New never need to paint wall cladding.
- Solid bamboo flooring.
- 3.5KW Solar system.
- Three Phase Power.
- Mains water.
- 10,000L water tank for use in paddocks and toilets.
- Four fenced paddocks.
- Animal shelters in each paddock.
- Electric fencing.
- Security camera system.
- Ample wood storage.

This home has it all, with ever so soft undulation and views of the rolling South Gippsland hills, topped with close access to the South Gippsland Highway and the expanding town of Nyora, this property is close to it all.

Only a 45 km drive to Melbourne's Eastern suburbs, 20km to Korumburra, and a short 10 minute walk into town and local primary school, this home is in the most perfect location!

Contact Paige Matthews 0418 794 468 of Ray White Leongatha today for a private inspection anytime, this home is sure to impress.



4 2 5 3.15 acres

49 Eagle Rise, Nyora
For Sale \$1.15-\$1.24m
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Paige Matthews 0418 794 468



For Sale

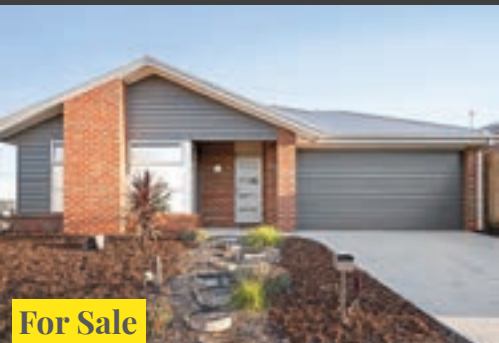
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OPPORTUNITY AWAITS

- Rare 91 acre property on edge of Leongatha
- 4 bedroom home plus bungalow
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- Abundance of water supply, 16 paddocks

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3 Olinda Court, Leongatha

WHY BOTHER BUILDING?

- Located in a quiet, leafy court on 831sqm
- Cleverly designed with 4 BRs & 2 living spaces
- Dbl garage, garden shed & undercover alfresco
- Spacious, private & flat back yard

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For Sale

75 Roughead Street, Leongatha

FIRST TIME OFFERED IN OVER 30 YEARS!

- Beautifully renovated home on 1384m² block
- Walking distance to rec reserve & CBD
- Great sized bedrooms with ceiling fans & BIRs
- Dbl carport, home office & bungalow

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For Sale

9 Blackmore Avenue, Leongatha

GET INTO THE MARKET

- Ideal for 1st home buyer or investor
- Open plan living with large sunroom
- Set on generous 758m² in quiet court
- Close proximity to the medical centre & CBD

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Outstanding coastal waterfront resort

Expressions of Interest closing June 5, 2023 at 4pm

THIS exciting property is positioned on a private and elevated site commanding a magnificent panorama of the unique coastal landscape with expansive rural vistas and spectacular ocean views across Waratah Bay to Wilson's Promontory.

Bear Gully Cottages is a private waterfront resort 2 hours' drive from Melbourne and only a 35-minute drive to Tidal River, the gateway to the Prom, the largest coastal wilderness area in Victoria. This destination offers visitors 130 kilometres of coastline with granite headlands, mountains, forests and fern gullies not to mention the viewing platform at the summit of Mount Oberon where the views of the coastline are unrivalled and absolutely world class.

On entry to the grounds of the resort, a sense of serenity abounds, and one is overcome by the sheer beauty of this special locale. Surrounded by established native vegetation including majestic coastal banksias, the property has direct access to a private beach which is the perfect place for safe swimming, fishing, snorkelling and fossicking. The many coastal paths also offer the opportunity to absorb the pristine natural elements and the abundance of endemic flora and fauna.

The accommodation at the resort is extensive and incorporates a main residence built over two levels which is ideal for large groups and families and features a luminous open plan living area with a well-appointed kitchen and a seamless flow to the dining area and undercover alfresco. There are three generous bedrooms which are serviced by two bathrooms, toilets and laundry facilities with external access.

The four two-bedroom cottages are designed for couples or small families and are perfectly positioned to provide complete privacy whilst still enjoying those

stunning views. Each cottage is self-contained, tastefully decorated and furnished with a fresh coastal theme. The private undercover decks extend the indoor living zones and are the ideal spot for relaxing or dining whilst taking in the most beautiful sunrises in the morning and watching the moon rise in the evening; simply breathtaking!

The resort has been successfully operating for many years on international and local tourism platforms and as the reputation of the area continues to expand, the business has shown steady growth over the past nine years and will continue to do so.

The property provides an exceptional opportunity with solid proven returns and enormous potential for further development.

The property would be ideal for those wishing to secure an income-earning asset to add to their portfolio or a prestigious intergenerational lifestyle property in an unequalled location. Land: 1.6ha

"It's a fabulous opportunity on an amazing site," Marni Redmond, director/licensed estate agent, said.

"The unique lifestyle opportunity it offers, accompanied by the sheer serenity is unparalleled."

Inspections strictly by appointment only.

11 | **6** | **6** | 1.5ha

Bear Gully Cottages
35 Maitland Court, **Walkerville Sth**
EOI Closing Monday, June 5 at 4pm
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Dan Huther 0418 334 801

Character and charm in North Wonthaggi

SITUATED in quiet no-through road in North Wonthaggi this beautifully presented, as new cottage sits proudly on a well-established allotment of approx. 1014 sqm. Offering a spacious open living area upon entry with cathedral ceilings and modern decor, well equipped adjacent kitchen and roomy family dining.

There are two double bedrooms with built in robes and a smaller third bedroom or study with separate access, there is a central bathroom and extra toilet. Extras include double glazing, gas boosted solar hot water and split system.

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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.



Location, location, location

NUMBER 5 Wright Street, Corinella is a charming home which offers plenty of opportunity. With 4 good sized bedrooms, 3 bathrooms and 2 kitchens there is room for the whole family and guests.

- Three doors from the beach
- Two kitchens
- Two master bedrooms with ensuites
- Dual occupancy/ AirBnb opportunities
- Water views

Situated in a quiet court with very little traffic, this residence is only 3 doors away from the Corinella foreshore and walking track.

Be immersed in tranquillity amongst established native gardens at a property that is so close to the water you can hear the waves breaking onto the sand.

The double storey home offers plenty of opportunity with a main kitchen on the ground floor and a well equipped kitchenette on the first floor.

The ground floor features 3 bedrooms, laundry, kitchen, 2 bathrooms, living/dining area and a front verandah.

One of the 3 bedrooms is a master suite complete with walk-in robe and ensuite bathroom.

Upstairs you will find a wonderful open kitchen/living space which adjoins the balcony through the sliding doors. The balcony features sliding stacker doors so that the space can be fully enclosed from the weather or open to the breeze on those warm summer nights. This area has a fantastic water view across Westernport Bay. Also upstairs is a massive second main bedroom which has its own access to the balcony and an ensuite bathroom with separate toilet.

Outside is a lovely established garden complete with outdoor dining space. A long concrete driveway leads to the garage which provides ample space for caravan/boat/guest parking.

Corinella is one hour, 30minutes south east from Melbourne and is a popular holiday destination at the gateway to Bass Coast. 5 Wright Street is a fantastic opportunity for those looking for a charming house which can accommodate large families with room to set up one of the rooms as an office and work from home.

Contact Alex Scott and Staff to arrange your private inspection at anytime.



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543m²

5 Wright Street, **Corinella**

For Sale \$750,000-\$825,000

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Stunning home with panoramic views

WELCOME to 70 Craig Road, Ryanston, a spectacular property located on 7.57 acres of land.

This property has undergone quality renovations and is now the epitome of modern comfort and luxury.

The property boasts four spacious bedrooms and two well-appointed bathrooms, including a walk-in shower and separate bath. The ensuite also features a separate toilet for added privacy and convenience.

The living spaces are bright and inviting, with double glazed windows and sliding doors that offer spectacular views of the surrounding landscape.

A 6kw solar system has been installed, providing sustainable energy usage and reduced utility costs. The property also features a ducted vacuum system, making maintenance and cleaning a breeze.

The gardens and driveway have been newly landscaped, creating a stunning entrance to the property. A double carport provides covered parking for vehicles, and 2 x 30,000 litre water tanks have been installed for added water storage.

But perhaps one of the standout features of this property is the magnificent shed, measuring 15 metres by 10 metres and featuring a concrete apron.

This shed provides ample storage space and can be used for a variety of purposes, from a workshop to a hobby space, or even for additional living space.

Overall, 70 Craig Road is a truly exceptional property that seamlessly combines modern comfort with spectacular natural beauty.

It is the perfect place to call home for anyone looking for luxury, space, and tranquility.



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70 Craig Road, **Ryanston**


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In the 2023 ALPA National Young Auctioneers Competition, the winner was Harry Waters, of Elders Rural Services, Gundagai and the runner-up was Justin Rohde, Nutrien Ag Solutions, Emerald, Qld. Victorian champion Jack Ginnane, right, represented Victoria. Photo courtesy The Land.

State winner Jack Ginnane competes at Sydney Royal

WELL, it's all over for another year at the 2023 ALPA National Young Auctioneers Competition, staged as part of the Royal Easter Show in Sydney on Thursday, April 6 and a young auctioneer from Gundagai in NSW has emerged as the National Champion.

Leongatha's Jack Ginnane, the Victorian champion from Nutrien Ag Solutions, was up against eight of the best young auctioneers from across Australia including Pierce Watling from Elders Bunbury in

WA, Harrison Cozens from Elders Albury-Wodonga, and Jake Robinson from Nutrien Ag in Dalby Qld.

But the 2023 ALPA National Young Auctioneers Competition winner was Harry Waters, of Elders Rural Services, Gundagai, NSW, in a very close, extremely high-standard competition where all young auctioneers demonstrated their fully professional, commercial stock selling skills.

Runner-up was Justin Rohde, Nutrien Ag Solutions, Emerald, Qld.

Gippsland's Brenton starts his 'Farmer Wants a Life' journey

DARRIMAN'S Brenton Kuch strolled out on to our TV screens in Channel 7's 2023 Farmer Wants a Wife on Monday night this week as the journey begins.

Brenton, a beef farmer from Darriman east of Yarram, is the Victorian contestant on this year's Farmer Wants a Wife and he's already made a strong start.

"Wow you'd never see this many girls at Darriman, let alone someone who was interested in you," said Brenton as he was invited by the host, Samantha Armytage, to check out a room full of beautiful, smiling, happy girls.

Samantha described Brenton as "the shy one" and while he agreed he wasn't much of a talker, he was going to do his best to come out of his shell.

"Brenton, are you ready to fall in love?" asked Samantha.

"Yes, for sure, at 26 it's the right time in my life to get married and have kids. A lot of my mates have already got married and I'm probably the last one left, so for sure.

"My mates say I'm not that romantic, but things can change and I'm sure they will."

"Sounds like my husband," lamented Samantha with a smile.

Brenton was invited to go out and meet his prospective partners and to make "the hardest decision of his life" and invite



Gippsland farmer, Brenton Kuch, a beef producer from Darriman east of Yarram, made his debut on Farmer Wants a Wife on Monday night.



One of Brenton Kuch's prospective partners, Rachel from Western Australia.

five of them to come home, back to the farm, with him.

"I'm feeling so scared, petrified really. It could be a very important time of my life," he said as he met his first prospective partner, Rachel.

Brenton acknowledged it was nerve-wracking and thanked Western Australian Rachel for helping him get through his first speed date.

In the end, he selected Rachel, Frankie, Sophie, Brianna and Emily, noting that it was a super tough decision and would happily have taken all eight of his girls home.

Gippslanders might find the season of Farmer Wants a Wife this year more interesting than usual with Brenton and prospective wives visiting lots of local attractions where filming was undertaken towards the end of last year, including a much-publicised visit to the Leongatha Saleyards on a store cattle sale day when the Kuch family had several pens of their cattle on offer, famously auctioneered by Brian McCormack of Nutrien Ag Solutions.

Check out Farmer Wants a Wife and see how the local boy, Brenton Kuch, gets on.

Nutrien Ag Solutions

Wonthaggi

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- Drench Resistance and how to get the most from your drenches.
- Pestivirus - what is it, and how to manage it.
- Minerals - where do they fit in today's animal systems.
- Preparing your stock for birth - it's not all about milk fever control.

The talks will held at:

The Wonthaggi Power Football Netball Clubrooms.

When? - 10-30am on Monday 17th April.

Tea and coffee will be available through the sessions and a light meal will be provided after the talks.

Bookings are essential so that we can cater for the day.

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The Gippsland Deer Forum held in Meenyan explored control options to manage the growing problem of feral deer.

Deer - a growing problem locally

FERAL deer cannot be eradicated from Gippsland but can be managed via collaborative programs involving coordinators, all land managers and recreational and professional hunters. There is also the opportunity to turn a pest into a resource by developing robust demand and supply chains for wild-caught Gippsland venison.

These were the key messages that emerged from the Gippsland Deer Forum hosted by the South Gippsland Landcare Network (SGLN), South Gippsland Shire Council, Victorian Deer Community Control Network (VDCCN) and Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) last week. Held at Meenyan, the Forum explored the current control options and framework to manage the growing problem of feral deer which will cost the Victorian economy up to \$2.1 billion over the next 30 years if the current population growth and spread continues.

The 60 people who attended the Forum were a diverse mix of farmers, life stylers

and recreational and professional hunters. Responding to concerns about the economic and environmental damage caused by feral deer, participants also included five South Gippsland Shire Councillors, one Baw Baw Shire Councillor and state MP Danny O'Brien.

A highlight of the forum was the case study presented by a founding member of the Cape Liptrap Community Deer Control Group, Cheryl Batagol.

Cheryl shared the group's journey from realising the extent of the feral deer problem to developing a strategic plan and more recently, working with a commercial harvester. She also described the strong sense of community arising from the group's efforts which were celebrated at a Deer-hunters' Ball held at Tarwin Lower last week. Ninety people, including recreational hunters assisting the group, attended the Ball which raised \$15,000, much of which will be used for future deer control.

There was also significant interest in the discussion, led by Dominic Britten

of Gippsland Wild Foods, about developing a market for wild-caught Gippsland venison. Valued highly in many other countries such as New Zealand, venison is a low-fat meat that is currently underutilised in Australia. Stimulating demand for the product could create employment and lead to large numbers of deer being removed from the region.

Importantly, there was general agreement that feral deer control needs dedicated funding to have facilitators in the regions assisting landowners, businesses and public land managers to work together to raise awareness and develop solutions for their areas.

SGLN will be uploading a series of short videos made with each of the Forum's speakers on its website (www.sgln.net.au) in the next couple of weeks. You can obtain more information about deer control by contacting nick.stephens@sgln.net.au (SGLN). Peter Jacobs (VDCCN) at peterj@invasives.org.au or Michelle Hanslow (DEECA) at michelle.hanslow@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Onfarm Landcare days at Nerrena and Berrys Creek

'REGENERATING the Farm' will be the theme of two onfarm workshops at Nerrena and Berrys Creek, on Saturday and Sunday, April 22 and 23, respectively.

You can join the Nerrena-Tarwin Valley Landcare Group for a workshop at 55 Thornbys Road Nerrena from 10am on Saturday, April 22 facilitated by Regenerative Australian Farmers.

They will discuss repairing land degradation through regenerative agricultural practices that build soil carbon, increase water retention,

support soil biology and ecosystem biodiversity.

- When: Saturday April 22, 2023
 - Time: 10:00am
 - Where: 55 Thornbys Road Nerrena
 - Cost: This is a free event
 - Register at Regenerating the farm Tickets, Smits' Farm, Nerrena TryBooking Australia.
- At Berrys Creek: Also coming up is a 'Regenerating the Farm Sunday Farm Walk' at 370 Mount Vernon Road, Berrys Creek on Sunday April 23, 2023.

"Yesterday we talked about regeneration and

carbon markets, today we are going to see a good example of a farm that uses many of these principles."

- When: Sunday April 23, 2023
- Time: 10:00am
- Where: 370 Mount Vernon Road, Berrys Creek 3953
- Register: Please book for catering purposes ntvlandcare@gmail.com or text Jill on 0419 382 379. Please mention dietary requirements.

You can also visit the Nerrena/Tarwin Valley Landcare Group website for further details.

MARKET REPORT

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Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, April 3, 2023

Jersey & Jersey x	\$20 to \$60
Friesian Bulls	\$30 to \$116
Friesian Heifers	\$140 to \$310
Beef Bulls	\$50 to \$430
Beef Heifers	\$50 to \$300
Number of Calves: 456	
Number purchased to rear: 207	

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A/c - Vendor Dispersing Herd

30 - Freshly calved Friesian/Jersey X and Jersey young cows.

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A/c - Various Vendors

20 - In milk & springing cows & heifers

ATTENTION FARMERS

Please ensure all entries are booked in with your agent prior to sale.

Following Dairy Sale: Friday, May 5

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Despite the inconsistent weather on Saturday, Churchill Island Farmers Market saw strong crowds for the whole day.

Farmers markets continue to thrive

WHILE the unfortunate weather across the long weekend may have impacted some events, Churchill Island Farmers Market was buzzing with activity on Saturday.

During lockdowns, farmers markets were some of the only social 'outings' allowed to take place becoming a vital connection for communities.

And that trend appears to be continuing, according to Melissa Burge, business manager of Regional Farmers Market, who was delighted with the strong crowds at Churchill Island.

"The market has been going for more than 20 years, so it's really well known," she said.

"It's a lovely market, great

range, lots of local stores.

"There's been heaps of people through (today)."

Melissa said many markets have yet to experience a 'drop off' in patrons and they've continued to hold their ground.

"I think the regional ones have been stronger than the metro ones, so that's a really good thing," she said.

Take advantage of firewood collection season

THE Nationals Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien said the firewood collection season is a great opportunity for locals to get out and gather firewood for free while also helping to remove debris from our forest floors.

"Firewood is a critical source of heat (and even cooking and hot water) for many Gippslanders, particularly as rising energy prices make alternative heating sources unmanageable in the already stretched family budget," Mr O'Brien said.

"If you are in a position to do-so, I also encourage you to think about your neighbours and relatives

who might not be able to collect wood for themselves.

"Whilst there is a 2 cubic metre per day per person restriction on collecting, you can collect for others if they complete a nomination form."

Mr O'Brien said nomination forms are available at DEECA offices and on the website ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood.

"The collection of firewood is a great way to help tidy up our national parks and Crown land and help reduce the risk of bushfire and I will continue to lobby for accessible areas to be available for collection across Gippsland."

A full list of firewood collection areas is available online at ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood/find-a-firewood-collection-area.

Mr O'Brien said for those who are unable to collect their own wood or require more than the allowed 16 cubic metres, there are concessions available for eligible households.

For more information on the non-main energy concession program visit services.dffh.vic.gov.au/non-mains-energy-concession or phone the concessions information line toll free on 1800 658 521.

The firewood collection for autumn is open now until June 30.

Landholders to be compensated

THE State Government has announced it will pay landholders who host transmission lines \$8000 per kilometre per year for 25 years indexed to CPI as the state's energy transformation gets underway.

Environmental justice group Friends of the Earth welcomes the news saying it's a good step in the right direction, and there is more to be done to deliver real community benefits and protections for the natural environment as transmission is rolled out.

Friends of the Earth has been consulting with regional communities in Gippsland to understand their interests and concerns about transmission, and learn about what is needed to make sure transmission is done properly.

Gippsland farmer Ursula Alquier says:

"It's no surprise communities are concerned about the large buildout of transmission infrastructure in Victoria and it's absolutely critical the government gets its landholder and community benefits strategy right early on."

"This is a step in the right direction and now we need the government to deliver stronger community benefits and coordinate engagement on the ground."

Friends of the Earth says a proper plan for community engagement needs to be matched with real protections for the environment.

Friends of the Earth will continue to listen and engage with people in Gippsland to learn more about their interests, concerns and visions for the energy transformation.

Planned burn offs get underway

WITH fire restrictions easing in some parts of the State, and calm autumn conditions, hundreds of private resident burn-offs, agricultural burns and planned burns are expected to take place over the coming weeks.

While current conditions are ideal for burning, weather patterns may cause smoke to linger over parts of the state overnight and through to early morning.

For the latest information about when and where planned burns are happening near you, visit www.plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au.

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Mangrove restoration project a success

A LOCAL two-year project to re-store mangroves within the Western Port Bay area is finishing this June.

The ‘Reel Big Fish’ Restoration Project was delivered by Bast Coast Landcare Network in partnership with Parks Victoria and Oz Fish with a connection to Deakin University.

The project was funded by Melbourne Water and occurred across four sites of Phillip Island and Bass Coast.

Acting Project Coordinator and Bass Coast Landcare Facilitator, Joel Kilgour said that the planting of the mangroves was a success, particularly at Scenic Estate,

Phillip Island.

“Last year we found at Scenic Estate we had 71 per cent survival after 12 months which we are stoked about” he said.

“After the first 12 months were fairly confident that a lot of them will grow to be mature plants eventually. They will thin out a bit naturally but it is definitely giving them a good chance.”

Joel said that other sites of success, were Tenby Point with a 25 per cent survival rate and Queensferry with a 34 per cent survival rate.

He explained that “traditionally people get a 1 or 2 per cent survival rate with mangrove revegetation.”

The project’s aim was fish restoration and nursery, bird life habitat and to stop coastal erosion.

Murray Wannan, president of the Corinella Boating and Angling Club said that the mangrove restoration project “was good for fishing but also good for the bay.”

“The re-establishment of the mangroves will help reduce erosion and help with better water quality for Western Port,” he shared.

Mangroves offer a range of benefits. They sustain fish habitats for fishing and provide habitat for birds. They also sequester and store carbon, protect coast lines and promote tourism.



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FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023 - Starting at 10am

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A/c Kuch Grazing, Darriman (NUTRIEN)
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A/c DB & DM Fairbrother, Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
100 Polled Hereford steers, 18 mths, Mountain Valley blood, NE Accred, yard weaned, Piliguard Vacc, VQ

A/c G Terranova, Mirboo Nth (NUTRIEN)
77 Angus steers, 18-20 mths

A/c Gullaview P/L (NUTRIEN)
22 Charo/MG X steers, 24 mths
34 Angus steers, 24 mths
12 Red Angus steers, 24 mths

A/c Ponderosa Herefords, Meeniyen (NUTRIEN)
60 Hereford steers, 14-15 mths, VB, GF & AF, JBS & NE Accred, By Mountain Valley & Glen Park Bulls, 2x5in1, Drenched Eprinex

A/c White Pastures (ELDERS)
40 Angus steers, rising 2 yo, Merlewood blood

A/c C & G White, Fish Creek (SEJ)
40 Angus steers, 16-18 mths, GF, AF & VB, Banquet blood

A/c Stonewarra, Koonwarra (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus steers, 18 mths

A/c Latrobe Park Angus (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus steers, 16-17 mths

A/c M & T Wynne, Kilmany (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus & Angus X steers, 14-16 mths

A/c BJ Kuch, Darriman (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus steers, 18 mths, Roskin Angus blood

A/c SP Dunlop, Middle Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
25 Angus steers, 18 mths, Black Spur Angus bloodlines, VB, NE Accred

A/c Est M Wight, Meeniyen (NUTRIEN)
25 Hereford steers, 18 mths

A/c A & A Missen, Woodside (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 18 mths

A/c Melaleuca Pastoral Trust, Ruby (NUTRIEN)
16 Angus steers, 18 mths

A/c Wongungarra Unit Trust, Crooked River (PHC)
14 Hereford steers, 14-15 mths, Karoonda blood

A/c Hilda’s Gorge, Loch (SEJ)
10 Angus/Hereford x steers, 18 mths

A/c MP Lee, Stratford (NUTRIEN)
10 Angus steers, 18 mths, Innesdale & Pinora blood

A/c Doonagatha, Sandy Point (SEJ)
10 Angus steers, 16-18 mths

A/c Merlewood Angus, Mirboo Nth (NUTRIEN)
8 Angus steers, 18 mths

A/c J De Riter, Sale (NUTRIEN)
5 Red Wagyu steers, 16-18 mths

GROWN MIX SEXES

A/c Northside Pastoral, Inverloch (NUTRIEN)
60 Angus mixed sex, 18 mths
20 Charo/Limo X mixed sex, 18 mths

WEANER STEERS

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A/c C Jeffrey, Driffield (NUTRIEN)
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A/c R & J Davies, Alberton West (NUTRIEN)
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A/c M + M Standfield, Fish Creek (SEJ)
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A/c Doonagatha, Sandy Point (SEJ)
40 Angus steers, 12 mths, weaned 1/1/23, GF, AF & VB, B12, Sel Copper Inj, Cydectin long acting drench 15/03, Harris Farm blood

A/c RF, VM & RJ Dowel, Leongatha South (SEJ)
40 Poll Hereford steers, 12 mths

A/c Tullaree Pastoral, Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
40 BB steers, 7 mths, weaned, very quiet

A/c GR Bastin, Erica (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus steers, 12-14 mths

A/c P & T King, Moe (ELDERS)
30 Angus steers 12 mths, VB, GF & AB free

A/c J & M Lees, Hedley (NUTRIEN)
30 BB & Hereford steers, Meikle Hereford Sires, yard weaned, 2x5in1

A/c H & J Bland, Yarram (NUTRIEN)
27 AA X MG steers, 10-12 mths, Kirribilli Angus Sires, yard weaned, 2x5in1

A/c C & S Corrigan P/L, Krowera (NUTRIEN)
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A/c J&S Kelly, Korumburra (ALEX SCOTT)
25 Angus steers, 11-12 mths, yard weaned, VB, Harris & JB Angus blood

A/c I & D Bell, Tarwin Lower (SEJ)
20 Angus steers, 12-14 mths, weaned, GF, AF, VB, Banquet blood

A/c F & H Colaciello, Tyers (NUTRIEN)
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A/c Mirawah Pty Ltd, Wattle Bank (ALEX SCOTT)
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A/c M.G Harrison, Dumbalk (SEJ)
14 Angus steers, 13 mths, VB, GF & AF, Hardhat & The Glen bloodline

A/c R & C Donat, Wonthaggi (NUTRIEN)
14 Angus steers, 10 mths

A/c F Wilson, Meeniyen (NUTRIEN)
12 Hereford steers, 12 mths

A/c P Mattern, Yarram (NUTRIEN)
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MIX SEX WEANERS

A/c L Grimshaw, Bunyip (ELDERS)
50 Angus & Murray Grey mix sex weaners, 8 mths

A/c P K Macphail, Hedley (PHC)
40 Angus & Angus-x mixed sex weaners, 10-12 mths

A/c G Doderico, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)
22 Angus mixed sex, 14 mths

A/c P O’Mara, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)
20 Hereford mixed sex, 12 mths

A/c A Casson, Hallston (ELDERS)
20 Blonde D Aquitaine X M/S weaners, 8-9 mths

A/c Strzelecki Engineering P/L, Mirboo Nth (NUTRIEN)
16 Angus mixed sex, 12 mths

A/c R Davey, Traralgon (NUTRIEN)
10 Angus mixed sex, 9 mths

HEIFERS

A/c Radvenjoy P/L (ELDERS)
65 Angus heifers, 12-14 mths, Battersby blood, VB, GF, ABF

A/c M & T Wynne, Kilmany (NUTRIEN)
50 Angus heifers, 6-8 mths, weaned

A/c Doonagatha, Sandy Point (SEJ)
44 Angus heifers, 12 mths, weaned 1/1/23, GF, AF & VB, B12, Sel Copper Inj, Cydectin long acting drench 15/03, Harris Farm blood

A/c R & J Davies, Alberton West (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus weaners heifers, 11-13 mths, Yancowinna & Kirribilli bloodlines, yard weaned, 2x5in1

A/c P & S Campbell, Mardan (SEJ)
34 Angus heifers, 16-17 mths

A/c Trandarra, Moondarra (NUTRIEN)
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A/c H & J Bland, Yarram (NUTRIEN)
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A/c P Mattern, Yarram (NUTRIEN)
7 AA & Charo heifers, 11-13 mths, yard weaned, 2x7in1, Drenched at weaning

A/c Wongungarra Unit Trust, Crooked River (PHC)
6 Hereford heifers, 14-15 mths, Karoonda blood

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A/c Lisa Rowley, Carrajung (SEJ)
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A/c Hilda’s Gorge , Loch (SEJ)
10 Hereford/Friesian x steers, 20 mths

A/c K Griffith, Buffalo (SEJ)
10 Angus/Friesian x steers, 18 mths

A/c K Griffith, Buffalo (SEJ)
12 Hereford /Friesian X steers, 18 mths, bucket reared

A/c Kent & Son P/L (ELDERS)
45 Friesian steers, 2 yo

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ANDERSON, Alexa May (Lex):
13.08.1949 - 04.04.2023.

Passed away peacefully at Koorooman House Leongatha, after a short illness.
Loved wife of Bill for 54 years.
Dearly loved Mum and Mother-in-law of Brad and Nat, Craig and Bec, and Steven.
Devoted Nana to her 7 grandchildren.

*She will be sadly missed.
Now sleeping peacefully.*

In loving memory of Lex, who passed away after a short illness.

You were always giving.

Love Bill xoxoxox

Loved and loving Mum to Brad and Nat.
Dearly loved Nana of Kinesha and Mackenna.
You were so very brave and fought so very hard and now it's time for rest.

Resting peacefully.
You will be so dearly missed. xoxo

Dearly loved Mother of Craig and Rebecca, and Grandmother of Nicholas, Brooke, Gemma, Bianca, and Keely.

Always there for us with a smile, loved and forever loved.

'A True Lady'

Always in our thoughts.
Rest in peace now.

DEATHS

ANDERSON, Alexa May (Lex):
Loved sister of Nadine and sister-in-law to John.
Much loved Aunt to Luke and Allison, Sarah and Sam.
Mum and Dad have now wrapped their arms around you.

At Rest.
Remembered with Love.

ARMSTRONG, Peter:
12.01.1936 - 10.04.2023.

Passed away peacefully at Armitage House, Wonthaggi after a short illness.

Loved husband of Rhonda, dad of Lea and Claire, stepfather of Peter, Shai, Michael and all their partners.

Adored Grandpa to Taliesin, Ronan; Alexander, Madeleine; step-grandpa to Melinda, Nathaniel, Timothy, Charlotte, Michael, Stephanie; Ben, Max; William, and Sophie.

Sadly Missed.

CLARK, Lisa Kirsty:
11.11.1998 - 05.04.2023.

Beautiful daughter of Kathy and John Clark.
Deeply loved sister to Jess and Caysie.
Loyal friend to many.

You'll always be in our hearts.

DEATHS

COLE, Ewan Scott:
Passed away peacefully on April 5, 2023.
Aged 74 years.
Loved husband of Julene.

Loving Dad and father-in-law of Jared and Danielle, Sharna and Wayne, Tahlia and David.
Adored Grandad to Alex, Stephanie, Willow, Sebastian, Indi, and Cedar.

Forever in our Hearts.

COLE, Ewan:
Respected teacher, colleague, and friend.
Ewan's active and enthusiastic commitment to innovative programs for students at Wonthaggi Technical School and Wonthaggi Secondary College inspired others to the benefit of the wider community.
Sincere condolences to Julene, Jared, Sharna, Tahlia, and families.

DEATHS

DAVIS, Albert Edward (Bert):
05.10.1931 - 04.04.2023.
Son of Albert and Ellen Davis (both dec.).
Husband of Joan.
Father of John, Joanne and Paul.
Father-in-law of Sue, Ken and Caroline (dec.).
Grandfather of Zac (partner Amber), Ben (wife Mia), Kate (husband Brad) and Ellen.
Great Grandfather of Leo and Freya.

At rest, loved and missed by all.

Life Celebration:
Friday 14 April, 2023, 3pm to 5pm, RACV Club, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne. (parking at venue)

DEATHS

EDDY, Lorraine:
15.08.1933 - 04.04.2023.
Passed away at Korumburra Hospital after a short illness.

Loved wife of Ian (dec.).

Loving Mother and Mother-in-law of David and Heather, Stuart and Fran, Peter and Jo-Ann.
Adored Nanna to her 8 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.
Mum and Dad reunited.

Everlasting treasured memories.

DEATHS

EDDY, Lorraine:
Our very special Mum gone from our lives and now reunited with an adored Dad.

Mum you will never be forgotten and in our hearts you shall always remain.

Loving Memories are Forever with us.
Your everlasting Peter and Jo-Ann xx

God Bless - Peacefully Resting.

FUNERALS

ANDERSON:
A Memorial Service to Celebrate the Life of Mrs. Alexa May (Lex) Anderson will be held at the Grandstand Complex, Leongatha Recreation Reserve, Roughead Street, Leongatha on Friday April 14, 2023, commencing 1.30pm.

A Private Burial will precede the above Service.

This Service will be livestreamed, to view please visit www.handleyfuneralservices.com.au

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ARMSTRONG:
The Funeral Service for Mr. Peter Armstrong will be held at Handley & Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi on Monday April 17, 2023, commencing at 11am.

A Private Cremation will follow.

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CLARK:
A Memorial Service to Celebrate the Life of Lisa Kirsty Clark will be held at the Grandstand Complex, Leongatha Recreation Reserve, Roughead Street, Leongatha **TOMORROW, THURSDAY** April 13, 2023, commencing 11am.

Private Cremation.

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COLE:
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EDDY:
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PEARSON, William (Bill):
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We are located at 192 Thompson Avenue, Cowes, Phillip Island a short stroll into town for the local beach and shops.

Set amongst beautiful landscaped grounds. Banfields Aged care is a 90-bed residential care facility which provides an extensive range of services.

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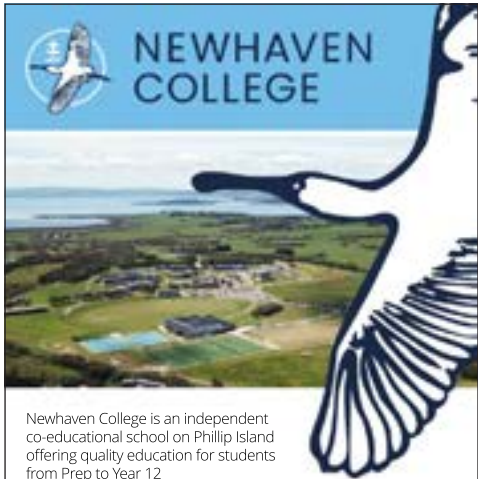
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The successful candidates will have:

- Registered Nurse qualifications and current AHPRA registration (RN only).
- Previous experience in residential aged care essential.
- Ability to lead, motivate & educate staff.
- Strong communication skills.
- Team player qualities.

Additionally, you will need:

- Current influenza vaccination
- Three COVID-19 vaccinations
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There is a wonderful opportunity for volunteers to become a part of Banfields Aged Care

Banfields Aged Care is part of the Australian Aged Care Group which prides itself on imagination and innovation in caring for the aged, with a mission to excel in providing quality care services and accommodation. We are located at 192 Thompson Avenue, Cowes and the 90-bed facility is set amongst beautiful landscaped grounds.

Banfields Aged Care is inviting volunteers to become a part of the 'Lifestyle Teams Innovated Program' which is planned to enhance the residents' lifestyle.

Some of the ways you may wish to assist and support the program are by being involved in the: bus outings that occur one to two times a week (this varies week to week so flexibility is required); supporting residents with garden walks; wheelchair walks; bingo; hoy; happy hour; men's group activities; craft; art therapy; quizzes; BBQs; group discussion; etc.

This is a great opportunity to become involved with your local community and for further information please do not hesitate to contact reception on (03) 5951 2500.

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Male volunteers are encouraged to apply!

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About you:

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- Outstanding communication skills
- The ability to work in a team environment or autonomously as required
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Registered Nursing (RN) Staff and Endorsed Enrolled Nursing (EEN) staff required

Positions for permanent part time and casual shifts at Banfields Aged Care

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Set amongst beautiful landscaped grounds. Banfields Aged care is a 90 bed residential care facility which provides an extensive range of services.

We are seeking motivated and dedicated Registered Nurses and Endorsed Enrolled Nurses to be part of our team.

Your responsibilities will be to provide nursing care guided by the Director of Care including medication management, clinical practice and supervision, documentation, wound management, and palliative care;

The successful candidate will have:

- Registered Nurse qualifications and current AHPRA registration (RN only)
- Current registration with AHPRA as an Enrolled Nurse with medication endorsement (EEN only)
- Previous experience in residential aged care essential
- Ability to lead, motivate & educate staff.
- Strong communication skills.
- Current Police Check.
- Team player qualities.
- Current influenza vaccination.
- Three COVID-19 vaccinations.
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To see the full list of available positions, visit <https://basscoasthealth.mercury.com.au>



General Manager Customer, Community and Strategy



South Gippsland Water (SGW) are currently seeking an experienced person to join us as General Manager Customer, Community and Strategy.

As a member of the Executive Leadership Team, the role is responsible for providing effective strategy, advice, inspirational and inclusive leadership, direction and technical oversight for functions including Customer Experience, Customer Service, Community Engagement, Communications, Marketing and Brand, Strategy and Transformation.

The key requirements of the role are:

- Lead the Customer, Community & Strategy Division and manage resources and budgets professionally with clear aims and objectives
- Provide inclusive leadership, professional advice and actively mentor, develop and support direct reports and other Corporation staff
- Provide strategic advice, reporting and options to SGW's Managing Director, Board, Committees to support informed decision making
- Lead the development of South Gippsland Water's Vision and Strategy and the longer-term program to deliver the strategic outcomes
- Partner with the Executive Team to drive alignment of departmental strategies to facilitate adherence to the Ministers Letters of Expectation and community expectations.

- Full Time/5 Year Fixed Term Contract
- Starting Location Foster, Victoria
- Flexible Work Arrangements Available
- Public Entity Remuneration Policy Executive Employment Agreement PSES-1

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Please go to <https://www.sgwater.com.au/careers/> for more details about SGW, the role and how to apply.

All SGW employees and workplace participants must have received, at minimum, their first and second doses of a COVID-19 vaccine in accordance with SGW COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements Policy. Evidence requirements will be collected or viewed and may be stored strictly in accordance with SGW's Privacy Policy.

Applications Close Friday, April 21, 2023 at 5pm

1300 851 636 | www.sgwater.com.au

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Executive Manager People, Safety and Culture



South Gippsland Water (SGW) are currently seeking a motivated and experienced person to join SGW in the role of Executive Manager People, Safety and Culture.

You will lead and influence the growth and development of the corporation through the delivery of high-level expertise, guidance and advice in all areas of Human Resources, Payroll, Industrial Relations, Organisational Development, and Workplace Health, Safety and Wellbeing.

Operating as a member of the corporation's Executive Leadership Team, you will be a key partner and coach to the Executive Team responsible for delivering sustainable, contemporary whole of enterprise strategies, manage risk and ensure current and future organisational capability.

The key requirements of the role are:

- Lead a multi-disciplinary team to achieve excellence across all facets of Human Resources, Industrial Relations, Organisational Development, Payroll, WHS, Workcover and Employee Wellbeing.
- As a member of the Executive Team, actively participate and contribute to the organisation's strategic and operational planning.
- Support the embedding of the organisation's People, Culture and Safety programs of work to position South Gippsland Water as an Employer of Choice.
- Develop, deliver and evaluate projects relating to HR, Culture, IR, HSW, and/or Organisational Development (OD) as part of the annual business plan.
- Permanent Full Time
- Starting Location Foster, Victoria
- Flexible Work Arrangements Available
- SGW Enterprise Agreement Senior Executive Officer

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PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION LOCATED AT INVERLOCH

Telstra plans to upgrade an existing telecommunications facility located at Inverloch Recreation Reserve, 11-31 Reilly Street Inverloch VIC 3996 (Lot 10-4 on Plan 5393) www.rfnsa.com.au/3996003

1. Telstra Limited (A.C.N 051 775 556) are currently upgrading existing mobile network facilities to allow for the introduction of 5G to Telstra's network. As part of this network upgrade, Telstra proposes the installation of NR850 (5G) and NR/LTE2600 (5G/4G) technologies at Inverloch. Proposed works at the above site will involve the removal of three (3) existing panel antennas, installation of three (3) new panel antennas, removal of three (3) existing remote radio units (RRUs), installation of three (3) new RRUs and installation of associated ancillary equipment. All internal equipment will be housed within the existing equipment shelter located to the south of the facility.
2. Telstra regards the proposed installation as a Low-impact Facility under the *Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination 2018* ("The Determination") based on the above description.
3. In accordance with Section 7 of C564:2020 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code, we invite you to provide feedback about the proposal. Further information and/or written submissions should be directed to Michael Cheung, Aurecon Australasia Pty Ltd (A.B.N 54 005 139 873) via email to: Michael.Cheung@aurecongroup.com or via post to: Michael Cheung, Aurecon Pty Ltd, Level 3, 25 Grenfell St, Adelaide SA 5000 by 5pm on 28 April 2023.

PUBLIC NOTICE



Port Welshpool Harbour Local Port Area Plan

Gippsland Ports, the local port manager, is looking to the future and considering options to make the harbour safer and more accessible for commercial and recreational vessels.

To do this Gippsland Ports will develop a Local Port Area Plan. A future use plan for the Harbour which aims to improve the safety, sustainability, operations and functionality of the Harbour.

Gippsland Ports wants to hear from people who use, and have a connection with Port Welshpool Harbour to understand how it can create a sustainable local port.

Meetings and Drop-in Session are to be held on **Thursday 27 April 2023** at the **Port Welshpool Ferry Terminal Building, Lewis Street, Port Welshpool**

11am -12.30pm Commercial Operators and Berth Permit Holders Meeting

Meeting with existing and potential commercial operators and berth permit holders to better understand user requirements.

2.00pm - 4.00pm Drop-in Session

Drop-in anytime between 2.00pm and 4.00pm to speak informally with Gippsland Ports staff, find out about the plan and share your views.

5.30-7.30pm Roundtable Discussion

Attend a more formal roundtable discussion with harbour users and other interested community members to share your views about future directions for the Harbour.

For further enquiries, or if you cannot attend the sessions and would like to provide your input, please contact Gippsland Ports via email feedback@gippslandports.vic.gov.au; visit the website www.gippslandports.vic.gov.au/news or scan the QR code below.



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Members of the Tarwin Lower-Venus Bay Tourism and Local Commerce (TALC) association are keen to bring more people to town during the off season.

Tourism welcome mat is out in Tarwin Lower and Venus Bay

'OUT-OF-SEASON' tourism is firmly on the radar of the newly constituted Tarwin Lower-Venus Bay Tourism and Local Commerce (TALC) association.

A rebrand and refresh of the previous Beach and Riverside Business Association, TALC has incorporated a number of changes to enable strong support for all local commerce in both towns.

This features a broadening of the membership to include business activities such as tradies and rental property owners along with the traditional bricks and mortar businesses.

Tourism to the area is seen as vital to maintain the range of businesses that currently serve the communities.

At this week's AGM, event ideas were discussed to bring visitors to the area, including a 'Wombat Winterfest' to boost visitor numbers in the off season.

With a large wombat population in the

area, the marsupial was chosen to represent the event.

The festival is not intended to be held until the winter of 2024, allowing time for extensive planning.

"The South Gippsland Shire's business development team has been providing valuable information, and discussions will be held to determine what new services can be attracted to benefit all residents," newly elected TALC president Bruce Leonard said.

The Venus Bay resident takes over from outgoing president Dan Lawrie of Alex Scott who continues his involvement as Association Public Officer.

Committee members include Kerrie Tudor (Tarwin Lower Post Office), Colleen Reeves (PBE Real Estate), holiday rental owner Anne Scott, Simone Barrett (social media), Adam Strickland (Venus Bay Pharmacy), Tony Wilkins (Ridge Projects) and businessman Mark Barnard.



South Gippsland Shire Council is keen to enhance leadership in its communities, with new participants in the Community Leadership Program hearing from others who have benefited from it. Back Row: Anda Banikos, Shelley Banders, Danielle Allardyce, Jessica Odgers, Tom Bayes, Luke Ollington, Pippin Rice, South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Kerryn Ellis, Cr John Schelling, Cr Mohya Davies, Brett Garrow, council Program Officer Lucinda Young, Christie Nelson, Caitlin Cooper, Joshua Campbell. Front Row: Carley Nelson, Deputy Mayor Clare Williams, Jen Young, Trudy Murphy, Rebecca Browne and Melissa Haw.

Future leadership boost for South Gippsland

AN INVESTMENT in South Gippsland Shire's future, the Community Leadership Program has returned, with a new intake of participants keen to build skills that will benefit their communities by helping them reach their leadership potential.

Participants recently got together for the first time, connecting with each other as well as with South Gippsland Shire councillors, council CEO Kerryn Ellis and council staff.

Deputy Mayor Clare Williams, whose leadership skills were honed as a past program participant, spoke to the new crop of up-and-coming leaders as did another Community Leadership Program alumni Jen Young, and CEO Ellis.

All speakers reflected on the importance of the program and the fantastic opportunity it provides for leaders across South Gippsland.

The introductory gathering was followed by the program's first session, held at Jeetho Hall and focusing on teamwork, with that Saturday discussion led by Peter Canny, a facilitator, trainer and coach who runs El Camino.

New participant Christie Nelson said she is keen to add to her leadership skills, having previously been president of the Southern Business Women's Network for over two years.

She reflected on the program's first session, saying there was a lot of discussion of participants' different types of community involvement, whether through business or in a volunteer capacity.

Tips on how to engage with relevant communities flowed from those discussions, along with ways to work as a team to achieve a common goal.

Christie enjoyed the activities based around teamwork and found them valuable.

She is unsure where the program might lead her in the future.

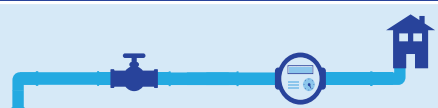
"You never know what opportunities it might open up for you to contribute in the shire, and I was intrigued to learn more about how South Gippsland Shire Council works," Christie said.

She is keen to observe how council engages with community groups, with youth projects an area of particular interest Christie may become involved with, being the mother of teenagers.

Christie was impressed with the influence the Community Leadership Program has had on the now Cr Williams.

The next session of the program will be held in Port Welshpool with an emphasis on project planning, and members of the already chosen project groups considering what they would like to work on together.

PUBLIC NOTICE AIR SCOURING



Water mains cleaning

As part of our continuing program to improve the quality of your water supply, Westernport Water will be undertaking water mains cleaning across Phillip Island, Bass and Woolamai from 26 April to 9 May 2023.

Air scouring is a proven method of cleaning water mains and involves injecting filtered pressurised air through the pipe, removing potential build-up.

Planned works will start on 26 April and go through to 9 May 2023 and include Wimbledon Heights, Smiths Beach, Surf Beach, Sunderland Bay, Cape Woolamai, Newhaven, Bass and Woolamai communities.

- Customers in the areas directly impacted will be notified up to 7 days prior to commencement of the water interruption
- Impacted customers may be without water for a few hours to enable works
- A schedule is available on our website
- If you experience water that appears milky following the works, this is caused by small pressurised air bubbles. This will resolve over time and is safe to drink.
- Contractor H&S Maintenance, who are cleaning the water mains, do not necessarily have to be in your street or at your property to carry out their work.

Please contact our Project Coordinator on 1300 720 711 if you have any questions.

westernportwater.com.au





Karin Ellis and Ken Griffiths, local award-winning painter, generously donated a work to help feed local families this Easter.

Award winning painter donates work to helps feed families

KARIN Ellis and Ken Griffiths met when Wonthaggi Secondary College, the school they were both working at, got a new arts wing.

Karin was teaching dance and performing arts and Ken was teaching art.

"I ended up in an office with a few people including Ken, we were very polite to each other for 10 years," explains Karin.

When Ken later found himself as a single and available man, he asked Karin to go to Sydney to see the surrealist exhibition and their relationship of more than 30 years began.

Prior to meeting Ken, Karin had moved from Melbourne to Dollar to live self-sufficiently with her first husband and two daughters.

"We had a house cow and the sheep and chooks and ducks and it was a great time, but often there just wasn't enough to feed the family."

While the pair had continued running a guitar repair business they had begun in Melbourne, the costs of travel to and from Melbourne meant profit margins were low and things became financially difficult for the family.

"At one point I got quite desperate, and I went down to Foster which is the nearest town... and asked if there was any way I could be helped just to get myself through with some staples... And they were more than happy to help, and I got a monetary voucher to go to the supermarket... so that was terrific..."

But by the end of that same year, things hadn't changed much.

"Then came Christmas and things were a bit bleak and Christmas morning, bang, bang, bang, at the door and it was two people with this huge hamper... and I still get goosebumps thinking about open-



Karin Ellis and Ken Griffiths in his home studio.

ing the door... it had little gifts for the girls, and it was just very, very thoughtful."

Karin was so grateful for the donation that she started volunteering with the shire, where she worked assisting children in their homes for a few months.

While volunteering, someone recognised her from her earlier days of dancing in Melbourne and she got a job teaching dance for 10 years at the ballet school in Meeniyan.

Following this, she taught at the Wonthaggi Secondary College, where she subsequently met Ken.

Ken had taught art for 10 years at Wonthaggi Secondary College, and while he had been an avid illustrator since the age of 14, he says, "I discovered how to paint."

He was noticed by an Exhibitor on the Gold Coast and he and Karin moved there for the promise of an exhibition and full promotion of Ken's work.

"Although I had a successful

exhibition, I ended up working at a hardware store, in the nursery section. I was in charge of the nursery for five or six years."

Ken's knowledge of plants grew.

"Of course, being in charge of a plant nursery, my taxonomy of plants is pretty good. I understand plants pretty well."

...And Karin's knowledge of hanging paintings grew.

"In the time we've been together I've learnt to ply my hand to the canvases... and I've hung the Inverloch Art Show for quite some years," said Karin.

Karin got called to be on the committee meeting of the Inverloch Art Show, but she wasn't sure what they did with the money raised.

"When I found out, I'm sitting there, and I got some tears in my eyes."

She says she decided to ask Ken to donate a painting,

"...he agreed since that

whole thing had helped me so much when I was a young mum."

Over the past decade, Ken has become a locally renowned artist and won a huge number of awards for his paintings and has also previously and generously donated his work in the past for community benefit.

"When Artspace was first established, Karin and I were foundation members of it, and I put in another painting... of cement works and poppies for a raffle so we could start buying the systems and rods to hang paintings on."

"This time, Karin asked me whether I'll do it, and I just said yes, and we walked around the house and chose that painting," – the Hippeastrums.

The Hippeastrums shows beautiful white and pink flowers (hippeastrums) in full bloom against a backdrop of a derelict building which blends into an apparently barren earth.

"That building in the back was in Ballarat, which is my hometown," said Ken.

The painting was inspired by a similar, earlier work and Ken's knowledge of plants; and the interest that the contrast between a man-made industrial landscape and the natural beauty of nature incites.

"It looked really pretty, and really contrasted the industrial waste and dirty sort of building with beautiful flowers in front, it's a really nice conjunction, a good system."

Hippeastrums, displayed at Artspace Gallery in Wonthaggi, was one of the raffle prizes for the Inverloch Art Show, with funds raised going to buy food boxes for local families and individuals experiencing short term difficulties.



Joined by special guests Billy Miller and Pixie Jenkins, Angus Gill will be performing this Saturday at Archies Creek.

Golden Guitar and Grand Ole Opry's Angus Gill arrives at Archies'

GOLDEN Guitar winner Angus Gill will be at Archies Creek Hall this Saturday (April 15) embarking on a 23-date Departure & Arrival national tour with special guest Australian fiddle playing legend Pixie Jenkins.

After teaming up with members of Paul Kelly's touring band for a highly anticipated second album project, as Angus Gill & Seasons of Change, Angus and Pixie will be joined in a one-off show with Oz rock legend Billy Miller (The Ferrets).

"(Music) stemmed from the fact I was terrible at everything else," Angus laughed.

"I didn't have any interests outside of school when I was six/seven.

"My parents dragged me along to a guitar lesson against my will and I loved it."

Under the guidance of retired professional country singer William Lane, who lived down the road, the legend taught the young musician how to play chords and sing.

"That is how the country music influence came to be.

"In Grade 5, Adam Harvey and Beccy Cole came to town, and I had the opportunity to perform with Adam. I got up on the big stage, looked out at the crowd and there was no turning back."

Angus is the youngest Australian male artist to have performed on the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee with collaborations alongside music legends Steve Earle, Jim Lauderdale, Charles Esten, Jerry Salley, Diesel, Melinda Schneider and James Blundell also to his bio.

"I've had a chance to collaborate with some of my heroes – it's been wonderful to have those opportunities.

"It was incredible (to perform at the Grand Ole Opry). I was sitting alone in one of my favourite steak houses having something to eat after a writing session when (Charles Esten) called me up and asked if I would like to play at the Grand Ole Opry.

"I was trying to keep it cool, inside I was freaking out. I got there and everyone made me feel so welcome – it was a bit of a blur until we hopped off. It was a pretty amazing opportunity."

The ear catching first single Departure & Arrival on Angus' latest album is powered by a farfisa organ and driving rhythm section, providing a sublime backing for his finely crafted lyric.

The track features the superb musicianship of Peter 'Lucky' Luscombe on drums and percussion, Bill McDonald on upright bass, Dan Kelly on electric 12 string guitar, Cameron Bruce on farfisa organ, Susie Ahern on background vocals and Angus on acoustic guitar, lead and background vocals.

Departure & Arrival is out now via Rivershock Records/MGM.

For tickets and more information, visit angusgill.com.au

Gippsland United Football Club

JBNPL U16s - Gippsland United v Berwick City

The last grading game for GFUC was played under lights in Trafalgar against Berwick on Wednesday night.

From the moment both teams stepped onto the field the competition was on with both teams putting their bodies on the line for an exciting game of football.

Again, GUFC played a defensive game and the boys ball control in the first half was strong but unfortunately Berwick's read of the game was just that much better on the night.

Tanna Leicester and Luca Di Corleto were strong in defence with the conditions on the field perfect for the boys and their love of slide tackles.

Jedd Foster GUFCs goalie kept the score a very respectful 0-1 going into half time considering Berwick played in NPL division 1 last season.

Lochlan Pillay and Kuwenda Jacob ran for days in the offensive line but unfortunately their hard work didn't pay off on the score board.

The team as a whole played a tight game, and the boys should be very proud of the final score remaining 0-1.

JBNPL U14s - Gippsland United v Berwick City

The boys took to the field against Berwick City SC under lights in Trafalgar last Wednesday.

One of the stronger teams in the competition, Berwick City kept Gippsland in a defensive position for much of the game.

The moments of brilliant defending from Patrick Frayne, backed up by Ethan Bruce and Declan Paku throughout the match could not hold off the forward pressure from a quick paced Berwick team.

Gippsland were unable to capitalise on a strong presence on the right from Maurice Baldacchino and Fraser Smith in the second half and did not hit the scoreboard.

Berwick City continued their dominance, and despite a valiant effort from the GUFC back line, managed to increase their score to 5-0 by fulltime.

The game against Berwick brings an end to a challenging grading round for the U14s.

With the official season launch on April 30, the team are looking forward to a competitive season ahead.

JBNPL U18s - Gippsland United v Berwick City

The U18s match was unfortunately abandoned shortly into the first half due to an electrical issue.

A blown tower light around the 15 min mark saw the referee deem the pitch to have insufficient lighting to continue the match.



Ladies' fishing charters a success



THE OFFSHORE charters for Ladies Fishing Charters San Remo have been a great success with smiles all round. The women have been ticking southern bluefin tuna off their bucket list while experiencing a day at sea.

On board they get to observe the correct care of their catch, with it bled, gutted and gilled and put straight into an ice slurry. The ladies discuss all the different ways they can use the fish, from sashimi to steaks to fish stocks. One lady even took all the skin to dehydrate for her dogs.

Organiser and Women in Recreational Fishing Network Leader Amanda Keilar (@fishing_nanna) can't wait to run more of these popular trips next season.

LEFT: The ladies proudly showing off their catch of southern bluefin tuna

Around the Bay with Jim's Bait and Tackle

A FEW things are guaranteed to occur, life will always come with death and taxes. And a long weekend on Phillip Island will always come with wind or rain or if you're really lucky, both!

For those who aren't into fishing or the competitive nature of a fishing competition then you may not be aware of another occurrence that happens.

The weeks even the days that lead up to a fishing competition the reports are so fruitful you would think we are reading the menu at a fish market.

The numbers are plentiful, the species are varied and the sizes, well let's just say they aren't exaggerated. But around comes the weekend, everyone is excited for the fishing competition.

This weekend just gone we ran our seventh annual Easter fishing Comp for the Good Friday appeal, which was run over the four days of Easter.

Although the weather wasn't favourable and the ramps for most of the weekend remained partially empty, the window for fishing, Friday was wide open.

A lot of the fish we weighed for the weekend came from Good Friday which as usual turned out to be much better than expected.

Light winds, a little drizzly, overcast and flat water, the good cocktail for fishing, but as per previously stated the larger fish we were seeing the week before had disappeared.

The comp began at 6am Good



Tuna was difficult to catch on the weekend but Ash was lucky enough to find a couple.

Friday and up until about 3pm that day, the largest fish we had weighed was a 190g whiting.

The good thing about running a fishing comp is that there is a larger amount of people on the water covering a larger area.

A lot of the entrants went out the front chasing the tuna/kingfish to win the major prize, but we only saw two all weekend, yes two!

The majority of reports from the comp were whiting, which dominated, only a very small handful were over the 500g size though, a lot falling in the 300g category.

This year due to some extra generous donations we were able to offer the open category of heaviest snapper, which brought in a nice early red weighing over the 3kg mark from the top of the bay.

One of the main things from the

weekend was the majority of fish weighed were by our junior and small fry categories... it's always good to see the kids coming up to weigh their fish and grabbing their catch out of the esky themselves without mum and dad's help.

Not as many calamari as we would normally see in our competition being weighed, but the largest, going just over 1kg was one of the few caught.

Overall, the number of fish that were weighed for the quality of the fishing days was still positive. As Murphy's law states, we will be back to seeing the big fish next week.

Despite the above, we had record entries and because of the generosity of everyone involved, those fishing and especially

sponsors, donated a record amount for the weekend of \$3675, taking our total to over \$20,000 since we started the comp.

With the school holidays the next two weeks, we are hoping the weather improves slightly so more people can get out and get some fish.

The water temperature is dropping so we will start to see a changeover in the fish that are around and hopefully the larger 3kg plus salmon the guys are seeing offshore start moving in as the reports from the beaches have been very slow.

We will of course see some of the rubbish fish move in but the pay off is the table species that will be caught are generally very healthy and in good condition with their winter fat layers making them well worth the effort of heading out for a fish.

Mel has now finished up in preparation for the impending birth of her first child and the next stages in her family's life, but she won't be far and no doubt will show up on our Facebook posts from time to time and we will wait and see what the spring brings if she is to return.

I will continue the normal shop hours until the end of April then I will go into our reduced winter hours and closing during the week.

For news on shop hours, competitions and auctions just keep an eye on our Facebook page and fishing reports.

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woolamai (Same), Tooradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

WEDNESDAY April 12	
▲ 3.40am	1.50m
▼ 9.41am	0.25m
▲ 4.38pm	1.69m
▼ 10.12pm	0.69m

THURSDAY April 13	
▲ 4.15am	1.47m
▼ 10.19am	0.26m
▲ 5.21pm	1.63m
▼ 10.50pm	0.72m

FRIDAY April 14	
▲ 4.55am	1.44m
▼ 11.00am	0.29m
▲ 6.09pm	1.55m
▼ 11.31pm	0.75m

SATURDAY April 15	
▲ 5.41am	1.40m
▼ 11.45am	0.35m
▲ 7.04pm	1.47m

SUNDAY April 16	
▼ 12.17am	0.78m
▲ 6.39am	1.34m
▼ 12.37pm	0.44m
▲ 8.09pm	1.42m

MONDAY April 17	
▼ 1.17am	0.78m
▲ 7.57am	1.30m
▼ 1.44pm	0.54m
▲ 9.17pm	1.39m

TUESDAY April 18	
▼ 2.39am	0.75m
▲ 9.33am	1.32m
▼ 3.06pm	0.62m
▲ 10.22pm	1.41m

Email us your fishing photos
news@sgst.com.au



Inverloch's Thursday Social Bowls winners Terry Orford (skip), Bryan Hensley, Jon Abbott and Jeff Curwood.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club Turkey Triples winners Rob Dennis, Rob Aitken and Gavin Butler.

INVERLOCH

TWENTY-EIGHT players rolled up to Social Bowls on Thursday.

Four teams of Fours and 4 teams of Triples played 2 games of 10 ends. Only 2 points separated first and third place. The hard luck story of the day was the team of John Duthie (skip), Graeme Turton and Jenny Slatter, they finished with a win and a draw on 25 points. Runners Up with a win and a draw on 26 points was the team of Bill Selby (skip), Veronica Muir, Cheryl Abbott and Nell Van Grunsven. The winners on the day were Terry Orford (skip), Bryan Hensley, Jon Abbott and Jeff Curwood. Players are reminded to have their names in by 9.00am with play starting at 11.00am.

KORUMBURRA

ALTHOUGH bowls are starting to slow down things are still busy around the bowling club.

We started with our monthly triples in perfect weather with 20 teams competing. Winners on the day were the Pakenham team of Peter Bott David Saint and Terry McDermid.

Runners up were the Inverloch team of Laurie Gabel, Steve Snelling and Martin Hannaford, with the best last game going to the local team of Ross Lomagno, Michael Gallagher and Ross P Lomagno.

We have also had the completion of club games with the Ladies pairs final won by mother and daughter Margaret Brown and Noelene Cosson who defeated Lena Harfield in a close encounter. The mixed pairs final was also close with Ross Lomagno and Jenny McVeigh defeating Ken Cecil and Joan Blogg.

Don't forget there is social bowls under lights of a Wednesday night, names in by 6pm for 6.30pm start and Saturday 12.30pm for a 1pm start.

Club presentation night is April 21. As this a catered event we need names by Monday, April 17, there is a list on the notice board. The club AGM is to be held on Wednesday, May 17, if you are interested in a position on the board please nominate.

MIDWEEK

ANOTHER beautiful day for our Midweek Group.

Anyway, 27 players turned up to fight it out in our weekly challenge, and what a fight it was. For the first time ever in our competition (as far as can be confirmed) it was a dead heat between two teams for the win. Even on a count back we couldn't separate the winners.

So, No Runners Up this week only Winners.

A big thank you to Mari- anne behind the bar with help from Colin. Also a big callout to Vern for all his



Korumburra Ladies Pairs winning team of mother and daughter Margaret Brown and Noelene Cosson.

work, and to Vicki for all her help too. It is because of people like these from the local clubs who are willing to help out that our Thursdays are so successful.

This week's winners (both teams on 36 points) were: John Nicholson (S), Phil Wright (3), Pauline McWilliams (2), Peter Thorley (L) as well as: Tony Heppleston (S), Luke Monckton (3), Bobby Arnold (L).

Best One Game Winners on 23 points were: Denis Talbot (S), David Talbot (3), Gwen Jeffreys (2), Shirley Corcoran (L)

Next week we will be at Corinella at 10:00am for a 10:30am start. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

WONTHAGGI

ONCE again another good week at the club. Wednesday was our final Turkey Triples Day for the season and what a success it was. With a full field and the weather perfect which is always a help. We had teams from most of the local clubs which is always good. There were four teams that were four game winners. The best game went to the team of Jan Jeeves, Gullio Marcolongo and Frank Seaton on count back with 17 shots up and 10 ends from Mick Coram's team also 17 shots up but 9 ends. The runners up on the day were a team from Phillip Island

being Barry Grazules, Pat Ryan and Peter Forrest with a score of 4 wins and 30 shots up. The winners were Rob Dennis and Rob Aitken from Wonthaggi, with Gavin Butler from Inverloch, with a score of 4 wins and 41 shots up. Once again the club wishes to thank the Wonthaggi Club for their sponsorship of the Triples again this season. Also we had Andre Bokos from RMBL, the sponsors of the Jimmy Smith Shield, present, to say a few words as he was unable to attend on the day.

Thursday saw a fine mild day for a good number of bowlers, 21 in fact, enjoy the greens and lunch.

Saturday was Bunny Hop Day with a small but happy group of bowlers enjoying three games of triples over 6 ends in conditions that were a little cool with a stiff breeze. The winners were the team of Joy Phillips and Frank Seaton with a score of 3 wins and 16 points. Once again the day was a success with the raffle winner being Caroline Donohue.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 1.00pm, Thursday social bowls at 10.00am and Saturday social bowls at 1.00pm.

Don't forget to be part of the club, with a few positions still available, with the AGM being held on Tuesday, May 9, at 7.00pm.

Have a good week and good bowling.



All Stars get underway

THE (Dahlsens) Southern Gippsland All Stars had their first game of the season against Latrobe on Easter Monday at Leongatha.

Our U13s defeated Latrobe: 9.7.61 to 7.5.47.

Best mentions to Jackson Glen, Will Hullick, Beau Elkin, Cobie Milner, James Martin and Gypsy Quaife.

Our U14s were defeated by Latrobe: 3.4.22 to 9.14.68.

Best mentions to Heath Bowen, Sam O'Garey, Archie Jobe, Will Campbell, Charlie Bickerton and Robert Hullick.

Finally, our U15s defeated Latrobe: 5.12.42 to 4.8.32.

Best mentions to Jasper Shone, Jeremy Kelly, Jaxon Brouwers, Thomas Macmillan, Connor Macmillan and Augustus Finsterer. Go Southern! Round 2 will be held at Warragul on June 12.

Huge footy match coming to Wonthaggi

BASS Coast Shire is excited to invite locals to a historic game of footy featuring Box Hill Hawks vs Casey Demons at Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve on Sunday, April 30.

It is the first time a game for competition points at this level has been played in Bass Coast, so expectations are for a high-quality display of Australian Rules Football.

Entry is free, with the VFLW game commencing at 11:30am, followed by the VFL men's game kicking off at 2.05pm.

There will be kid's activities, plenty of food and drink options, plus, best of all, an opportunity to kick the footy or listen to the coaches during the quarter and three-quarter time breaks.

In addition to AFL and AFLW listed players, playing for both the Hawks and Demons, be inspired by and support local players Grace Matser, Sunday Brisbane, Grace McRae, Macie Gilmour and Max Walton as they represent the Box Hill Hawks.

Where: Wonthaggi Recreation Show-ground and Reserve, 109 Korumburra Road.

When: Sunday, April 30, event starts 11:00 am, VFLW from 11:30 am, VFL at 2:05 pm.

Details: www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/hawkswonthaggi



Sue Baker, Jean Philips and Peter Goldstraw at Cairnlea.

Wonthaggi Croquet

GIPPSLAND players were out and about far and wide at the end of March and beginning of April.

Seven players travelled to Victor Harbor SA to compete in their Centenary Golf Croquet Tournament from April 29 - March 2.

The tournament comprised Open Doubles, Hi-Lo Doubles and Singles.

On March 29-30, Roger and Heather Bradbury (Bairnsdale) competed in Block Blue of the Open, finishing runners-up.

In Block Red, Penny Morrison-McGill (Morwell) teamed up with Bob Quale (Drouin) winning four games and finishing third. Our own Neil Warburton and Virginia Wheeler contested Block Black winning 5 games and finishing third on a hoops countback.

The Hi-Lo doubles was held on March 31. Played in two sections (Block Blue and Block Red) the winner of each played off in a final. Neil Warburton teamed up with Clint Chandler (Ballarat Western) with luck not going their way and unfortunately not winning a game. Heather Bradbury (Bairnsdale) and Lynda Quale (Drouin) won three of their games in Block Blue with Roger Bradbury (Bairnsdale) and Virginia Wheeler winning Block Red with four games.

Success came their way in the final, beating Judy Anderson (Belmont) and Frances Schembri (Sutherland) seven games to four.

Singles was played over the following two days. Heather and Penny competed in Block Blue with Penny winning six games and finishing third. Bob, Roger and Neil competed in Block Red with Neil winning six games and finishing runner-up. Virginia and Lynda rounded it off by competing in Block Black with Virginia finishing third, again on a hoops countback.

Whilst this was going on, three Gippsland players competed in the Victorian Regional Championships at Cairnlea. Peter Goldstraw (Sale) played in Section One winning four games. Jean Philips (Sale) had four wins in Section Two with our own Sue Baker having four wins in Section Three.

As if this was not enough, Sue Baker played in the first Golf Croquet Tournament held by Phillip Island, on April 3-4.

She competed in Section Two winning three games but unfortunately out of the placings. The section was won by Denise Bray (Phillip Island). Section One was won by Garry Shandley (Leongatha) with Les Matthews (Drysdale) runner-up.

Phillip Island Bridge

THERE were six and a half tables on Monday, April 3.

Greg Nicholson and Deb Anglim returned to their winning position for North/South with a neat 60%. Marnie Myall and Graham Mckergow were snapping at their heels on 59.58%. Third spot was taken by Shirley Stewart and John Farr on 49.58%.

East/West players Ann Hodgson and Caroline Shaw got top percentage for the day with 53.93%. In equal second place were Maureen Stiles and Hannah Martin and Ruth Harvey and Maureen Stiles on 51.79%. Lorrie Read and Neville Chapman finished third on 51.07%.

Wednesday, April 5, was the first game of the mid-week pairs. Club president Greg Nicholson, and partner Deb Anglim claimed first position on 61.90%. Not far behind were Diane Coleman and Graham Mckergow on 60.71%. In third place were Bron Sund and Shirley Weaver on 55.36%.

Phillip Island Bridge welcomes new players. Free lessons are available for those new to the game. It is a fascinating game where you are always learning, and a great way to make new friends over a glass of wine at the end of play. For more information ring Wendy Mckergow on 0459 200 265.



Wonthaggi ladies' Carole Sartori, Marg Johnson, Betty Bowmar.

FOSTER

Ladies

FOSTER ladies medal winner for April was Josie Parisi (30) 69 nett.

Congratulations Josie, on your first medal!

A Grade winner Barb Warren 81 (11) 70 nett.

B Grade Josie Parisi. 99 (30) 69 nett.

NTP 17th Josie Parisi.

Scratch A Grade Barb Warren 81 and B Grade Josie Parisi 99.

Putting Anne Heywood 27.

BDTL Frances McGlead 70 and Anne Heywood 72.

Raffle winner Beth Curram.

Thank you Merle Barham for sponsoring the day.

Wednesday, April 19th Suzanne Anderson trophy stableford.

KORUMBURRA

THERE was a fine day for golf on Wednesday for the April Monthly Medal with some nice scores being recorded.

Well done to Lynette McIvor (19) who had a great 69 net to win A Grade and the Monthly Medal, and was the recipient of the Rolling Hills Café voucher. Lynette also won the Scratch Score with 88 on a c/b.

Runner-up in A Grade was Shelley Snooks (16) 73. Sherrin Solly (25) won B Grade, 72 net and Lyn Perks (28) was next best, 74 net.

The C Grade winner was Maree Wittingslow (45), 73 net and Kath Welsh (32) was runner-up, 77 net.

BDTL went to Kerri Besley (16), 74 net, Chris Rickard (23), 76 net and Barb Twite (22), 77 net on a c/b.

The nine-hole comp winner was Barb Walker (28), 14 pts.

NTP's were Kerri Besley, 1st (Kelly's Bakery voucher), Shelley Snooks, 10th, (KD Barber voucher), Barb Twite, 13th (Pure Fitness voucher).

Our Section 1 pennant team had a squared match with Meeniyan and Section 2 had a 3/2 loss to Foster.

Saturday we had a handful of women brave the weather to play a Par Round. Jenny Loughnan (36), finished with 2 under, winning on the day!

LEONGATHA

THE Leongatha Golf Club staff and members send their Easter greetings to the Sentinel Times readers.

Tuesday Stableford Event April 4

On Tuesday 60 golfers played in this Stableford Round.

A-Grade Winner: Norm Hughes with 41 points

A-Grade R/U: Craig Hutchinson with 36 points

B-Grade Winner: Peter Read with 39 points

B-Grade R/U Mark Steadman with 37 points on a countback

C-Grade Winner: Sean Munley with 35 points

C-Grade R/U: Ian Miller with 34 points

NTP 14: Michael Westaway at .25m

NTP 16: Norm Hughes at .89m

Congratulations to Ted Bruinewoud for your eagle on hole 3

Thursday 2 Person Ambrose Event April 6

On Thursday 82 members/guests hitting off on a shotgun start at 9am, enjoyed a glorious Autumn day with some excellent scoring in a 2 Person Ambrose event.

Winners: Richard Comerford & Patrick McDonald with a score of 62.5 nett

R/ Up: Gary McGrath & Philip Edwards with a score of 63 nett on a countback

3rd Place: Matt Smith & Darren Read with a score of 63 nett

NTP: 14th Paul Richardson at 1.48m

NTP: 16th Chris Leaver at 1.45m

Saturday Stableford Event April 8

On Saturday we had an excellent turn up of 89 golfers take to the course for this week's windy and wet Stableford event.

A-Grade Winner: Warrick Stanley with 37 points

A-Grade R/U: Christopher Leaver with 36 points on a countback

B-Grade Winner: Ethan Lamers with 36 points on a countback

B-Grade R/U: Barry Attwood with 36 points

C-Grade Winner: Peter Read with 37 points

C-Grade R/U Jon Smith with 34 points

D-Grade Winner: Bart Carroll with 38 points

D-Grade R/u: Simon Kaiserman with 34 points

NTP 14: Barry Attwood at 1.6m

NTP 16: Gerry Carcour at 2.63m

Ladies

IT WAS perfect autumn weather for the April Monthly



Leongatha ladies' Bev Reinhard April Monthly Medallist.

Medal.

A first time Medal winner, after 30 years playing golf, was Bev Reinhard with 93/22/72 nett. She finished off the round with pars on the last four holes. Joy O'Sullivan won B Grade with 108/33/75 nett. The A Grade runner up was Trish Owen with 72 nett and Libby Seebeck came second in the B Grade field.

Winners of balls down the line were: Maxine Eabry 74 nett, Glenyce Mc Robert, Fay Quilford and Neryl Hopcraft 76, Dot Stubbs, Melina Willder, Marea Maher and Delia Perry 78, Marg Griffiths 79 and Chris Lay 81 nett.

Ten women competed in the 9-hole competition. Debra Kilpatrick had a sizzling 18 points to win the day from Noreen Williams 17, Jill Steer 16, Glenys Day 14 and Pat Pease 14.

MEENIYAN

Ladies

ON Wednesday 13 ladies played stroke for the April monthly medal and also was the qualifying round for the Lorraine Eddy Singles Knockout board event.

Sponsor for the day was Tanya Thorson.

The winner of the day and medal was Louise Vuillermin (52) with 72 nett

R/U was Andrea Thorson (9) with 73 nett.

DLB. went to Heather Poletti (21) and Faye LePage (24) with 74 nett.

Putting went to Heather Poletti with 26.

Next week is Stableford and the sponsor is Susan Straw.

MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY, April 6, Stableford.

A Grade: C Hogbin (14) 39pts B Grade and Day Winner: A Woodall (33) 39pts c/b.

DTL: J Hughes 39, G Shandley 36, S Hill-Smith, T Bradshaw 34 c/b.

NTP: 4th T Bradshaw, 16th N Whichello.

Birdies: 4th P Cummaudo, 6th T Bradshaw, 16th N Whichello.

Saturday, April 8, Stableford. A Grade: R Matthews (9) 37pts c/b

B Grade: N Casboul (26) 39pts

DTL: A Woodall, A Liebe, M Payne 37, P Smart, M Woodall 34 c/b.

NTP: 4th, D Woodall. 6th, S Mc Innes. 13th, P Woodall. 16th, D Woodall.

Birdies: 6th T Bradshaw, 16th P Smart, D Woodall. R Matthews

WONTHAGGI

MEN'S Results April 8, S.R 71 Competition type: Stableford

A Grade: Beau Van Agtmaal 40

B Grade: Aaron Yann 36

C Grade: Joel Kolep 39

BDTL to 34.

NTPs: Beau Van Agtmaal 2nd, Ross Lovett 4th, Kevin Jamieson propin 8th, Ian Baker 13th, Bryan Cole

money hole 17th.

Men's results April 6.

Competition type: Stableford 18 Hole. SR. 71

Winner: Terry Fox 37

Runner up: Stephen Kane 37

Men's results April 6.

Competition type: Stableford Front 9 hole, SR. 34.5

Winner: Ian Murrells 19

Runner Up: Ray Hender 19

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Pivotal years for Mirboo North Tigers

by Rover

WHEN Mirboo North easily won Mid Gippsland's 1956 and 1957 senior football premierships, the club decided to join the stronger South Gippsland Football League.

In those days, Mirboo North wore a royal blue woollen jumper with a red number on the back and was known as the Blues.

Mirboo North had comfortably defeated Dumbalk and Hill End by 39 and 41 points respectively, and with a star-studded side — that included the five Snell brothers — was looking for bigger fish to fry on the football field.

The SGFL included the larger towns of Leongatha, Korumburra and Wonthaggi and it was also commencing an under 16 thirds competition for the 1958 season.

A feature of the SGFL was the home team wore white shorts.

Mirboo North was off to a disastrous start when reigning SGFL premier, Korumburra, cleaned up the Blues by 69 points, after unfurling its 1957 pennant in front of the packed Korumburra grandstand.

After Mirboo North reversed its opening round loss to the Cats midway through the season, the two clubs faced each other again on grand final day at Leongatha.

Korumburra controlled the opening term, booting 4. 6 and restricting the Blues to two behinds.

Then, under Gordon Abbott's astute coaching, Mirboo North recorded 15 of the next 16 goals and secured its third consecutive flag across two leagues by 58 points.

Abbott knew football inside and out, having played in Geelong's 1937 and Essendon's 1942 and 1946 premierships sides.

Stars that day for the Blues were 17-year-old ruckman,



Pictured is the Mirboo North 1966 SGFL premiership team. Back Row: Neil Breeden, Ray Walsh, Ken Robinson, Ray Wright, Peter Oswell, Harry Edney, Bryan Waugh (Secretary). Centre Row: Graham Trease (Selector), Bernie Mercer, John Milner, Brian McCartin, Barry McCartin, Michael Mills, Anthony Prowse, Robert Fowkes, Lindsay Leys (Selector), Brian O'Loughlin (Committee man). Front Row: Wally Carter (Selector), Ron Mullins, Jim Finnegan (Club Best and Fairest), Vin Kennedy (Captain Coach), Roger Indian (Vice Captain), Alan Snell (SGFL Best and Fairest), Roy Hegarty (President). Absent: John Kiss.

Michael Patterson, who debuted with Richmond the following year, wingman Brian Burville and Alan 'Pud' Snell, with four goals.

There were slim pickings for Mirboo North for the next five years, before it lost a tight grand final to Leongatha in 1964 by a goal.

The Blues continued their upward swing and took out the 1966 SGFL flag with a decisive 12.13.85 to 4.9.33 victory over Wonthaggi at Leongatha in glorious spring sunshine — a week after St Kilda defeated Collingwood by a point in the VFL grand final at the MCG.

Included in Mirboo North's line-up were talented teenage high school students, Anthony Prowse, John Kiss, Robert Fowkes and the silky-smooth,

Neil 'Greezer' Breeden, plus Ron Mullins and 'Pud' Snell from its 1958 flag team.

Snell, who lifted his Mirboo North senior premierships tally to four, capped off a brilliant year with a best on ground performance, after also winning the SGFL's 1966 best and fairest award.

Barry McCartin was the Blues' spearhead and leading SGFL goal kicker, having taken up the sport the previous year as a 25-year-old recruit.

Bernie Mercer added a third Mirboo North flag to his football resume, after representing Korumburra in the 1958 grand final and also winning the Cats' best and fairest award the same year.

Mirboo North's last appearance in the SGFL came in the

1968 first semi-final, when it was soundly beaten by Leongatha.

At the season's end, the SGFL was abandoned by the Victorian Country Football League.

As a result, Mirboo North returned to Mid Gippsland. Leongatha joined the Latrobe Valley Football League, whilst Korumburra and Poowong moved to the West Gippsland and Ellinbank Leagues respectively.

Stony Creek and MDU went to Alberton and Wonthaggi shifted to the Bass Valley Football League.

In its 11 years in the SGFL, Mirboo North won two senior premierships, as well as the 1958 and 1963 thirds flags against Korumburra and Leongatha.

Andy Taylor's immense contribution leads to MGFNL Hall of Fame

MIRBOO North Football Netball Club's Andy Taylor was warmly welcomed as a member of the Mid Gippsland Football Netball League (MGFNL) Hall of Fame at Monday's season-opening event in Morwell.

His contributions to the Tigers, MGFNL and the Latrobe Valley Umpires Association are immense, and he remains a passionate volunteer, currently being the club's vice president of football.

"You can get so much enjoyment out of volunteering," Taylor said, urging others to take up opportunities to do so, and describing footy clubs as great environments where everyone is welcome regardless of their backgrounds.

In addition to his undisputed work ethic, Taylor is renowned for his sportsmanship and sense of fair play, something his Hall of Fame nomination said has been a constant example for others at the Mirboo North Football Club and in the region's broader football and netball communities.

His time as a field umpire, officiating in close to 200 games, has likely contributed to his sense of fair play and



Andy Taylor is welcomed to the Mid Gippsland Football Netball League Hall of Fame by MGFNL Life Member Len Scurrah at Monday's season-opening function. A01_1523

balanced outlook.

Taylor's footy journey began as a Mirboo North junior in the 1970s.

While he moved to Melbourne to undertake his apprenticeship after leaving high school, Taylor returned to Gippsland in the 1990s with his family, becoming actively involved at the Boolarra Football Netball Club where he helped establish junior footy

teams.

A shift into dairy farming brought Taylor back to Mirboo North in the late 1990s and his wholehearted commitment since has seen him take on a variety of roles, playing a major part in bringing on and off-field success back to the club.

He has contributed to the development of junior footballers through coaching the Thirds and Fourths, also spending

time as senior assistant coach, and having coached netball.

Taylor helped oversee the merging of Mirboo North's football and netball clubs during his time as president.

He's held a number of club executive positions and played a key role in achieving infrastructure projects, helping provide a better environment for all at the club.

He paid tribute to all those who have contributed to improved facilities.

"The facilities at Mirboo North used to be atrocious," Taylor said, making it clear he has enjoyed doing his bit to improve the situation.

Mirboo North's Hall of Fame nomination for Taylor spoke of the widespread respect he has earned from parents, players, members, those at opposition clubs, and from league executives.

"Andy's wise counsel is appreciated at an MGFNL director (delegate) level, as well as within our club," the nomination stated.

Taylor said footy is in his blood and he wouldn't change a thing when it comes to the many roles he has played.

GRAND RIDGE RAIL TRAIL PARKRUN

ON Easter Saturday, the sun came out and smiled on the 54 people who walked, jogged and ran the Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun. It was a little soggy underfoot after the heavy rain overnight, but the conditions were perfect on the trail, as we headed out into the rainforest.

At Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun, we average just under 30 parkrunners each week so it was great to see so many people out and about with plenty of visitors stopping by on the long weekend.

This week, 22 participants were completing our course for the first time.

We had visitors from Albert Park, Birdsland and Gardiners Creek parkruns in Melbourne, some regular visitors from other Gippsland events such as Bairnsdale, Koonwarra, Inverloch, Traralgon and Churchill and travellers from further afield including Shell Harbour in NSW and Sandgate in Brisbane.

One of our visitors, who also volunteered as parkwalker and photographer, Lyn Black may have been on our course for the first time, but she is absolutely no stranger to parkrun having completed 313 parkruns in total and is just 5 events short of 'statehood', meaning she has participated in nearly every parkrun in Victoria.

Visitors Simon Stickney and Curtis Lloyd-Webb set new personal bests on a return visit while local junior speedster Kaylah Bickerton shaved three minutes off her previous best coming in at 28.03!

A post parkrun coffee and snack was enjoyed by all at Lamezleighs Café where we shared parkrun stories with our many visitors.

WONTHAGGI TABLE TENNIS

THIS year is flowing smoothly with surprises in both A Grade and A Reserve.

Justin Licis is undefeated in A Grade.

Other A Graders are hot on Justin's heels. Michael Chang and Braden Andrighetto are on 5/17, Bruce Harmer 5/16, Jack Duff 4/16, Charley Donohue 4/15, David Kimmins and Mark Donohue 4/14.

Top team at present in A Grade is Miners (Bruce Harmer and Charley Donohue).

In A Reserve David Kimmins is undefeated with Brad Andrew close behind on 7/21, Sean Michael on 6/18, Michael Steenbergen 5/17.

Top team is Terracotta (Sean Michael, Leigh Allamby).

Junior players with David, Trish and Sam are still very keen and meet for coaching on Thursdays from 6.00pm at the table tennis centre.

Social table tennis continues on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 12.00 mid-day.

Five teams for Victorian Country Week Championships are being put together.

For further information, phone Trish on 0407 502 441

LEONGATHA TABLE TENNIS

RESULTS A Reserve: Triceratops 6-21 def Brontosaurus 5-19, Teradactyls 8-25 def Stegasaurus 3-16, Raptors 7-24 def T-Rex 4-13

Ladder: Raptors 8, Brontosaurus 6, Triceratops 6, T Rex 4, Teradactyl 4, Stegasaurus 2

Leading Players: Trent B 13, Aiden H 12, Ian T 12, Jesse P 10, VB 10, Bob C 9

A Grade results: Labradors 6-22 def Baboons 5-19, Wilderbeests 6-22 def Eagles 5-17, Dodos 8-25 def Frogs 3-14 Ladder: Wilderbeests 8, Labradors 8, Baboons 4, Dodos 4, Frogs 4, Eagles 2

Leading Players: Michael C 15, Braden A 14, Michael W 11, Case DeB 11, Phil M 10, Neil C 10



Mid Gippsland Football Netball League secretary Pauline Tantau is now an MGFNL Life Member.

Charlie Cauchi speaks after being acknowledged as a 'Legend' of the competition.

Well-earned recognition

FORMER Morwell East and Boolarra footballer Charlie Cauchi, already a Life Member of the Mid Gippsland Football Netball League (MGFNL) was elevated to 'Legend' status at the league's season launch in Morwell, with current league secretary Pauline Tantau awarded Life Membership.

Cauchi played over 200 games for Morwell East and more than 100 for Boolarra, also coaching the latter.

"Charlie has been a selfless servant to Mid Gippsland football, with over 50 years dedication to the game he loves," MGFNL publicity officer Rob Popplestone said.

"He played the game hard and loves it with a passion."

Cauchi earned abundant accolades during his playing days, including best and fairest honours and being club champion of Boolarra.

New MGFNL Life Member, Tantau has been the league secretary since 2016, having helped keep things running smoothly at Morwell East Football Netball Club since assisting the canteen manager in 2002.

By the following year, she was already club secretary, a role she filled for 12 years.

Well before becoming league secretary, Tantau was Morwell East's delegate to the then Mid Gippsland Football League.

Morwell East awarded Tantau Life Membership of the club in 2011.

Don't just watch footy, officiate

IF you love watching Aussie Rules, the Latrobe Valley Umpires Association (LVUA) encourages you to see the game from a new perspective by giving officiating a go.

The LVUA is particularly in need of field and boundary umpires.

While umpiring lacks the sense of glory associated with playing, it is a great opportunity to be part of the excitement.

"You're involved in the game still and it's the best place to be, right in the middle of the action," field umpire and LVUA treasurer Brett Harle said at the Mid Gippsland Football Netball League's (MGFNL) recent season launch.

Fellow field umpire Dan Swallow highlighted the camaraderie between umpires and the need for them to work closely together and communicate effectively.

"From the outside, you can't see how it's a team sport, but it very much is," Swallow said, making it clear umpiring is far from an individual pursuit.

Just like playing, it has its competitive aspect, with earning the opportunity to officiate in finals providing a similar sense of accomplishment to that felt by players selected for the pointy end of the season.

Some people may be discouraged from pursuing umpiring by concerns of abuse from players, club officials and spectators.

However, umpires Harle and Swallow provided assurances that the MGFNL has done a tremendous job in supporting its onfield officials and promoting a "no abuse" message.

Swallow, also the LVUA secretary, urges anyone considering umpiring to give him a call on 0413 076 555.



C1 - Tim Morrison (president), Patrick Beadel, fielding, and Mathew Olden COTY, batting & bowling.



100 Senior Game Player - Tim Morrison (president) with Harry McNeill.

Cobras celebrate successful season

KORUMBURRA Cricket Club's presentation night. Senior presentations were held on Saturday, April 1 at the Austral Hotel, and the junior presentations for under 12's, under 15s and under 17s were held on Friday, March 17 at the Clubrooms.



Award winner Wes Olden, Trevor Allen and Wes Olden.



B1 - Zach Barrett fielding, Trevor Allen COTY & batting, and Scott Head bowling (absent).



David Routley Memorial Award best under 21 player - Tim Morrison (president) with Jacob Whiteside.



A2 - Tim Morrison (president), Inshaka Siriwardena COTY, batting & bowling, and Cory Arnold fielding.



Best Club Person - Tim Morrison (president), Glen Barrett, and Scott McKenzie (life member).



Most Dedicated Player - Rhys Butler with Tim Morrison (president).



Under 15 Blue Team, Levi Gooch COTY & batting, Jayden Douglas bowling and Mitch Collocott coaches award (absent).



Under 15 White Team, Bryce Ridgell bowling, Roy Checkley COTY & batting, and Jack Mortimer coaches award (absent).



Under 17 Riley Mathews COTY & batting, Josh Hall coaches award, and Rueben Foster bowling (absent).

Sea Eagles light up the courts in style

By Aiden Box

THE reigning West Gippsland Football Netball Competition A grade premiers Inverloch-Kongwak have kicked off their year in style, unveiling their premiership flag as well as some amazing new playing uniforms.

After sporting their traditional blue uniforms for many seasons, the Sea Eagles will this year don brand new netball dresses covered in an incredible indigenous design.

The new dresses, which were worn by all IK netballers from under 11s, to A grade on Saturday were designed by Safina Stewart.

Safina is a local indigenous artist who has moved to the area from interstate. The move to Bunurong Country made her connection to the design and the club extra special as she was recognising and acknowledging the contribution of the Bunurong Land Council, where IKFNC resides.

She was proud to present the dresses to the reigning premiers at training last Tuesday night and gave a stirring and inspirational speech to the faithful gold, white and blue community and players, as the dresses were officially unveiled.

"When you wear these uniforms I want you to remember the heart of what I'm telling you; to be a good community," she said.

"This will make you inclusive, welcoming and connected if you remember every single day - to actually live it out, don't talk about it, live it out, through your attitudes, through your care and through behaviour, its bigger than sport."

"Sport is powerful, clubs are powerful."

The dresses themselves are striking and eye catching in the best way and looked outstanding on the weekend at 'the Nest', but they're bigger than just a style piece, as Safina mentioned, they're deeply symbolic.

The new uniforms represent inclusion, something that has been a strong focus lately at IK, and has been implemented brilliantly through the direction of head coach Jaz Walker, the committee and the Sea Eagles community.

In 2023, athletes who play netball for IK will have the ability to choose their most comfortable and preferred iteration of the gold white and blue uniforms, being able to choose between the traditional dresses, shorts, tights and singlets.

The inclusive uniforms are set to arrive in coming weeks.

Safina was extremely grateful to be a part of what is an amazing initiative taken by Inverloch-Kongwak.

"For me, being able to paint for a local community is a real gift," she said.

The Sea Eagles played some scintillating netball to begin their flag defence, claiming the 22 point win against Nar Nar Goon in the A grade division, they also picked up wins in the C, D and under 17s grades.

IK's next match will come in the form of a road trip to Phillip Island in Round 2.



Designer Safina Stewart (centre) presents her new design to the Inverloch-Kongwak reigning premier A grade side, their coach Jaz Walker and Bunurong Land Council members Danny and Paul West. B06_1523



The IK netballers new uniforms were officially unveiled at training last Tuesday, in a touching presentation that included a traditional welcome to country and some inspirational words. B07_1523



Inverloch Kongwak 2022 premiership players Tayla Robb and Tayla Smith unveiled their premiership flag to kick off their season opener against Nar Nar Goon on Saturday. B08_1523

Poowong Loch hangs in there despite low numbers

WHILE just eight people attended the recent Poowong Loch Cricket Club meeting, with the outcome not positive for the short term, the intention is to retain the club as an entity.

"It was decided by everybody that it was not practical to try and get a senior team up and running, with lack of numbers the main reason," Poowong Loch president Peter Miller said.

He noted some other clubs in the region are also struggling for players.

While a man new to the area called Miller after the meeting expressing interest in playing for Poowong Loch as an allrounder, that would only have boosted the prospective senior side's numbers to three.

Discussion turned to the prospect of Poowong Loch fielding a junior side in conjunction with the local schools, something that was deemed unlikely in the short term.

However, Peter Ciavarella of Cricket Victoria was on hand offering some positivity for the longer term.

He suggested focusing on establishing Woolworths Cricket Blast in the area, helping foster interest in the sport at local schools.

Miller said the hope is that if that gets up and running, juniors will begin to emerge over the next couple of years, with the possibility of some others moving to the area.

The plan for the club is to hold an AGM in a couple of months' time.

Miller said he hopes that will generate further discussion, with the aim of determining a committee.

"We won't necessarily wind the club up," he said.

"If the club stays as an entity, it will be able to do fundraising events somewhere along the line."

Miller said nobody at this month's meeting expressed a desire to shut down the club, with everyone keen to see it maintained, even if in a non-playing capacity for now.

He said while superficially there appear to be enough youngsters at local schools to get junior cricket up and running, there need to be sufficient numbers in the right age group interested in cricket and parents also need to be onboard.



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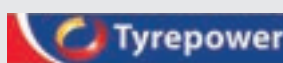
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PHILLIP ISLAND	WARRAGUL IND			
Phillip Island	1.3	7.5	9.6	9.8 (62)
Warragul Ind.	2.2	4.2	4.4	5.6 (36)
GOALS, Phillip Island: Cameron Brown, Hayden Bruce, Jack Taylor 2, Max Blake, Jack Opitz, Cameron Pedersen 1 each				
BEST: Eli Richards, Tarquin McMillan, Alex Duyker, Jack Taylor, Max Walton, Travis Woodfield				
GOALS, Warragul Ind.: Mitch Papas 2, Bailey Beck, Shane Brewster, Travis Ogden 1 each				
BEST: Jackson Mockett, Kyle Beveridge, Todd Beck, Travis Ogden, Bailey Beck, Michael Debenham				
RESERVES				
Phillip Island	3.1	7.8	8.8	11.12 (78)
Warragul Ind.	2.1	2.3	5.5	6.6 (42)
GOALS, Phillip Island: Jesse Patullo 3, Tully Dickie, Matthew Jones 2, Harry Anderson, Liam Dayson, Ben Taylor, Jeremy van Strijp 1 each				
BEST: Tully Dickie, Leigh Woolford, Damien Holmes, Ben Taylor, Matthew Jones, Kirby Fuller				
GOALS, Warragul Ind.: Matthew Herbert, Ben Nichol, Tom Turner 1 each				
BEST: Matthew Herbert, Kyan Willis, Ben Nichol, Declan Burton, Zac O'Hara				
THIRDS				
Phillip Island	3.6	4.7	9.9	12.10 (82)
Warragul Ind.	1.0	3.2	3.2	5.3 (33)
GOALS, Phillip Island: Brady Ross 4, Jack Huther 3, Jack Johnston, Zac Walker 2, Finn Cashman 1				
BEST: Brady Ross, Brayden Kleverkamp, Zac Walker, Sonny McMillan, Kohen Beaumont, Darcy Thompson				
GOALS, Warragul Ind.: William Brewer 3, Toby Goswell, Jed Pinkerton 1 each				
BEST: Jed Pinkerton, Brody Turner, William Brewer, William Grummisch, Ethan Nalder, Josiah Wells				
FOURTHS				
Phillip Island	0.3	1.6	3.8	5.10 (40)
Warragul Ind.	1.3	1.4	2.5	4.6 (30)
GOALS, Phillip Island: Benjamin Chihotski, Isaac Savona 2, Charles Martus 1				
BEST: William Hill, Bailey Hennessy, Benjamin Chihotski, Jeremy Kelly, Oliver Duggan, Harry Arceo				
GOALS, Warragul Ind.: Thomas Cornwall 2, Nathan King, Damian Leslie 1 each				
BEST: Rylan Butler, Noah McDonald, Stephen Oling, Nathan King, Regan Awty, Cody Templeton				

NETBALL	
A Grade:	Phillip Island 81 d Warragul Ind. 30
B Grade:	Phillip Island 45 lt Warragul Ind. 50
C Grade:	Phillip Island 26 lt Warragul Ind. 28
D Grade:	Phillip Island 24 lt Warragul Ind. 38
17 & Under:	Phillip Island 69 d Warragul Ind. 10
15 & Under:	Phillip Island 19 d Warragul Ind. 14
13 & Under:	Phillip Island 31 d Warragul Ind. 5
11 & Under:	Phillip Island 6 d Warragul Ind. 4

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Brendan Kimber manages to get handball away to Hayden Bruce which results in a goal. Photos: Carol Ratcliff

Bulldogs overcome plucky Dusties

PHILLIP Island welcomed Warragul Industrials for the Annual Easter Saturday Block Buster and despite an ordinary weather prediction throwing a bit of doubt over how many people would brave the elements, tradition won out.

The Dusties and the usual tourists, along with the Bulldog diehards saw a huge crowd turn out.

Quarter one began with a rain downpour and a slog out in the middle.

Dusties were up for this and after downing PI during the regular season last year, before having their hearts ripped out after the final siren in the prelim, they were playing like they've been waiting for this. Tough, but in the right spirit they attacked relentlessly.

The back half was busy re-pelling and Dyker was prominent, along with Tarquin McMillan.

Eventually the dam wall cracked and the Dusties sharked a ball at ground level from a marking contest and they were on the board.

Going to end of the ground being supported by a 35 knoter, the D's looked ominous.

Positive play from a back-half switch through Noah BH, back in a Bulldogs jumper, saw him find new forward Woodfield for a set shot. Missed the conversion but it



Max Walton looks for options.

looked pretty into the gale. It didn't take long before the ball was again rushed forward and this time Coach Pederson marked strongly and goaled to level the scores, 17 minutes in.

Not denied, the Dusties kept pushing forward and scored two majors late, both from crumbing opportunities despite the good work of the defenders. Woody got another couple of opportunities late in the quarter but could convert into the wind.

The Bulldogs went to the first break of the season behind on the scoreboard but with a sense that they were

playing the more organised footy.

Quarter 2 commenced in the same way. In blinding rain. A Phillip Island snap from the boundary sailed through which led to a barrage of attack on the Phillip Island forward line that saw goals to Snake Blake, Captain Taylor and Hayden Bruce.

The Dusties back line had been broken open like an Easter Egg and let's not forget, every time it went down back Dyker, Pearce, McMillan, Walton and co just kept sending it back. A late 50 metre penalty against Pappas saw the D's convert late and go

into the half time break trailing 4.2 to 7.5.

During the break Coach Pederson re-enforced to the group that 3 of the 4 goals against were from crumbing opportunities, from the defenders doing their job but they needed more support from the ground fleet to dry up opportunities. Sort that out and no reason why they wouldn't be holding the Dusties at bay.

Not sure if he believes in Genies but he got his wish and the ground fleet rolled their sleeves up.

Not a day of high possession for many players but everyone was doing their roll and preventing scoring opportunities for the Dusties.

Wiz Richard's was proving he'd moved on from the cricket celebrations with a polished display.

The HB pencil was prominent and showed he was over last year's knee injury.

The second half was a bit of a low scoring slog between typhoons and sideways rain (bet the black puffer wearers were smiling like Cheshire cats) but saw the Island comfortably keep the Dusties at bay, running away with a comfortable winners.

A week off and then Inverloch, which would be a good indication of where we are truly at.



Inverloch-Kongwak co-captain Lewis Rankin receives the handball from Josh Williams. B02_1523

Sea Eagles off to a flyer

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The sun came back out to end the first half and it was the host's tackling pressure that was the catalyst, helping them open up a 42-point lead going into the main break.

Those that made the trip down to Inverloch on Saturday really got to experience a rollercoaster of conditions and in the second half they started to deteriorate, leading to an eight minute stalemate as the two sides slogged it out trying to mount efficient drives downfield.

The drought was then broken by young recruit Liam O'Neill, much to his teammate's delight, getting the scoring back underway.

The Goon finally replied thanks to sheer persistence inside 50, but it was still tough to pull off any sort of effective disposals as both teams reverted to the hack it forward and hope strategy.

The lead then kept seesawing between 39 and 45 points as they went goal for goal and the weather went wet to dry.

Eventually the visitors were able to scrap it out a touch better than their hosts and ended up winning the quarter, finishing with three in a row to cut the lead to 32 points going into the final break.

As the siren went and they turned for home, play remained quite even across the board, The Goon drew first blood for the term but it came some 13 minutes in, which ultimately was a win for their opponents.

They were able to make it two goals to one and once again win the period, but it was too little too late, the damage had been done, the Sea Eagles coasting home to a comfortable win in tough conditions after another scrappy quarter.

The Hams era's first chapter, a 27-point win at home on Easter Saturday, the next will come Saturday week in Cowes in a blockbuster against Phillip Island.

As for Nar Nar Goon, they'll too take to the road to face Koo Wee Rup.



Nar Nar Goon spearhead Dermott Yawney crashes the pack at full forward in his side's loss to IK. B03_1523



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INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB



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INVERLOCH-K	NAR NAR GOON
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Inverloch-K	3.1	9.7	11.7	12.9 (81)
Nar Nar Goon	2.7	2.7	5.11	7.12 (54)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Toby Mahoney 4, Thomas Wyatt 2, Will Hams, Clinton McCaughan, Liam O'Neill, Tate Short, Oscar Toussaint, William Turner 1 each

BEST: Andrew Soumilas, Tom Hams, Nicholas Baltas, Ethan Park, Jordan Tomas, Joe Soumilas

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Cooper Pursell, Dermott Yawney 2, Luke Bettio, Jack Gribbin, Brenden Hermann 1 each

BEST: Trent Armour, Tex Marsham, Sam Blackwood, Jeconiah Peni, Eamon Trigg, Jack Gribbin

RESERVES

Inverloch-K	3.4	4.4	4.8	4.8 (33)
Nar Nar Goon	0.0	2.4	2.4	2.6 (18)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Lucas McMillan 2, Jamieson Soumilas, Dylan Taylor 1 each

BEST: Matt McCaughan, Lachlan Crook, Dylan Taylor, Barry Withers, Jordan Teakle, Lucas Harmer

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: No players named.

BEST: No players named.

THIRDS

Inverloch-K	0.0	1.5	2.6	3.6 (24)
Nar Nar Goon	0.2	0.2	1.4	1.4 (10)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Jai Williamson 2, Rem Dal Pozzo 1

BEST: Harry Butcher, Jai Williamson, Callan O'Flynn, Zak Box, Jordan Bertacco, Lucas Allen

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Billy Williams 1

BEST: Billy Williams, Lachlan Pryor, Jesse Smith, Tadhg Manning, Harrison Waters, Daniel Cross

FOURTHS

Nar Nar Goon	1.1	1.2	4.5	4.5 (29)
Inverloch-K	0.2	1.4	1.4	3.5 (23)

GOALS, Nar Nar Goon: Dean Bailey, Matthew Cross, Xavier Ladbroke, Oliver Ratten 1 each

BEST: Matthew Cross, Kaelen Henry, Oliver Ratten, Bailey Hill, Archer Shorey, Oscar Henwood

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Frole Anderson, Leni Jacobs, James O'Neill 1 each

BEST: Lucas Allen, David Newman, Patrick Dwyer, Noah McLennan, Andot Mankhong, Mitchell Ward

NETBALL

A Grade: Inverloch-K 50 d Nar Nar Goon 28

B Grade: Inverloch-K 37 It Nar Nar Goon 40

C Grade: Inverloch-K 28 d Nar Nar Goon 23

D Grade: Inverloch-K 28 d Nar Nar Goon 22

17 & Under: Inverloch-K 30 d Nar Nar Goon 23

15 & Under: Inverloch-K 4 It Nar Nar Goon 36

13 & Under: Inverloch-K 5 It Nar Nar Goon 27

11 & Under: Inverloch-K 8 It Nar Nar Goon 11

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Sea Eagles off to a flyer

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK welcomed fellow 2022 top four finisher Nar Nar Goon down to the Inverloch Recreation Reserve as the home side kick started a new era, under playing coach Tom Hams.

The Hams era started well initially for the Sea Eagles, winning the opening clearance with ease but unfortunately couldn't find any clean disposals inside 50 and the Goon soaked up the early pressure well.

The visitors then marched the ball down the other end and found repeat entries, putting the first two scores on the board with a behind and then a beautifully executed goal of the boot of Luke Bettio from 45 metres out.

The Goon began to set up quite well behind the ball, but IK young prodigy Taite Cumming continued to provide a contest for his side, even against two, or even three opponents in the air on multiple occasions.

The Sea Eagles eventually found some ferociousness at the contest and co-captain Toby Mahoney drilled through their first after catching his Goon opponent holding the ball.

It was then Hams, in his head coaching debut for the club, finding the middle of the big sticks to ignite the bumper crowd at the Nest.

However, the jubilation and raucous cheers for Hams' goal were nothing compared to that after Mahoney's second, a sensational snap finish after the ball got over the back thanks to another IK centre break.

This time courtesy of the Toussaint brothers Marcus and Oscar.

The first term ended with the scores

locked at 19 apiece, with control of play being spread evenly as well.

The second quarter began and the hosts lifted the pressure gauge with even more ferocious attack at the coal face, including some terrific tackling, one exponent of which was Clint McCaughan, who slammed home a major from outside the arc after a holding the ball whistle went his way.

The Sea Eagles now had the lead back and looked determined to keep it that way with Cumming presenting out of full forward again and again, this time bobbing up to take a diving mark and flicking the handball receive to star recruit Tate Short who slotted his first for the club on the run.

The Sea Eagles recruits began to show the gold white and blue faithful what their made of, this time Will Hams taking the intercept mark and hitting Mahoney lace out, the captain made no mistake kicking truly from about 30 out.

All of a sudden, IK had kicked six unanswered goals in 20 minutes of play, battling strong winds and on and off rain along the way.

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RIGHT: Fists and arms fly as Inverloch-Kongwak and Nar Nar Goon opponents contest the ball in the air. B04_1523



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