

NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN

Billy Caddy assisted police on Sunday in arresting one of a group of young offenders who had stolen a car and bicycle.

Community chase ends in arrest

THERE'S a new sheriff in town tonight after local resident Billy Caddy and his dog Bluey helped arrest a youth offender on Sunday morning on Daryl Avenue.

It was major win for the Wonthaggi community, after a spate of youth vehicle crime has become more prominent in recent weeks – with local police doing everything in their power to combat the unwelcome rise.

In a whirlwind of chaos and bravery, the tranquil streets of Wonthaggi were shattered on Sunday morning by a stolen white Audi A1, igniting a series of events that united community members and local police.

The car, initially snatched from Sale, became the catalyst for a spree of offences through the Latrobe Valley that culminated in a collision at the intersection of White Road and Wentworth Road, beside Wonthaggi North Primary School.

Eyewitnesses reported the stolen vehicle

By Chloe Kent

careening down Fullers Road in Wonthaggi at breakneck speeds minutes before the cacophony of screeching tyres reached a crescendo as the Audi collided with the kerb, inflicting significant damage.

But the drama didn't end there. As bystanders rushed to assess the aftermath, a group of unidentified offenders fled from the scene, abandoning the car with its engine still running and disappearing into the nearby Wonthaggi Bushland Reserve. Their brazen escape was short-lived, however, as their trail of mischief led one of them straight into the arms of justice.

Enter Billy whose quick thinking and unwavering determination helped bring one of the perpetrators to justice. In an exclusive interview, Billy recounted the moments that led to him placing the cuffs on one of the offenders.

"I'd gone out to get my coffee," Billy explained when he incurred the roadblock.

"It upset me because the traffic was blocked, and all I wanted was my coffee, but as I went to detour, I saw a young fella walking away and thought I wonder what he's doing."

Curious given the dramatic scenes that had unfolded at the intersection of Wentworth Road and White Road in North Wonthaggi, Billy followed.

"I went to the rear of the YMCA and here's the four of them sitting there."

"I questioned them – 'are you the four kids that knocked that car off,' – and they denied it."

"I pursued it further and they ran off – I took that as guilt!"

Billy sprang into action giving chase with Bluey, however, the youths got away, and Billy headed back to the scene of the accident.

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"I was conversing with the sergeant when a tip-off came through about a suspect being around the corner," he recounted.

Not wanting the sergeant to go on his own, Billy joined the beat and headed round.

"I didn't know who was around there so went to give him a hand. My own safety didn't occur to me."

Cornering the suspect on Daryl Avenue, the offender challenged the pair in a tense stand-off, before the sergeant managed to get the young male on the ground, and with the assistance of Billy, the cuffs went on the 16-year-old male offender.

"It was a good win for the people," Billy stated, reflecting on the arrest.

"It felt good to get one of these kids. It's a busy intersection with many elderly and children crossing. What would have happened if they had hit or killed someone?"

"We're sick of this behaviour, it's not welcome here.

"If we all stick together, we can get it beat," Billy stated, noting that it was a community effort on Sunday morning.

Multiple local residents played crucial roles throughout the ordeal from roaming the streets to staying with the stolen vehicle, and these individuals deserve as much praise.

"We'd like to thank the local community for their assistance in surveillance and blocking – every one of them contributed to Sunday's fantastic outcome that resulted in an arrest. It was an incredibly positive moment, and a proud moment, to have the community support," Sergeant Ryan stated when asked for comment.

A 16-year-old from Traralgon was arrested and taken back to the police station where he was interviewed and released pending summons.

During the ordeal a bicycle had also been stolen by the offenders from the YMCA, but this was later located by police and returned to the owner.

Police from Cowes, Wonthaggi, San Remo and Foster attended the incident, along with the Crime Investigation Unit.

"It was good to help the police" Billy added. "They're just one of us at the end of the day, busting their guts and doing what they can."

Despite the morning's events, Billy got his coffee – and best yet, it was free.

"I'd saved up all my cards for my 10th coffee at the North Store – a little delayed, but I got it!"

And as for the new sheriffs in town?

"If you want to bring that behaviour here, you'll get apprehended!"



Local Sergeant Ryan thanks Billy, who was one of a number of local residents who assisted police during Sunday's ordeal near Wonthaggi North Primary School.



The white Audi could be seen on the back of a tow truck leaving the scene after colliding with the kerb and closing the road for a period of time on Sunday morning.

Another blow for Mirboo North Golf Course

LOCALS were furious when they learnt that someone tore up the tenth and eleventh greens in their car on Good Friday at the Mirboo North Golf Course, that was severely damaged in the February storms.

Car tyres have created deep tracks in the greens and ripped up grass.

The extent of the damage is put at \$500 - \$600 dollars and will be a full day's work for members to repair and refurbish the greens, according to the club's president, Robert Clarke.

The incident occurred on Good Friday and members are extremely disappointed that someone would do this at the club that is yet to re-

cover from the storm.

The Facebook post received 199 reactions and nearly 40 comments expressing shock, dismay and disgust at this deliberately destructive act.

- So sad to see someone thought this was a good idea. The club has been through enough. All the best to the club and members and I hope your up and golfing in the near future.
- That's disgusting, disgraceful, who ever does this is sick in the head!!!
- What a vile act. The club has suffered enough without this.

The club have reported the incident to police and are hoping anyone with informa-

tion will come forward.

Clean up at the club following the storm has seen delays as the South Gippsland Shire Council continue negotiating with the State Government for funding.

"No one wants to fund it," said Robert.

Members will start the clean up themselves next week, which will likely exhaust the clubs existing funds and Robert is not sure what will happen with the golf course and club after that.

RIGHT: The tenth and eleventh greens were torn up on Good Friday at the Mirboo North Golf Club, costing the club money and time they can ill afford.



POLICE BRIEFS

Sole occupants lucky escape

INVESTIGATIONS are continuing into a single vehicle accident on Inverloch-Venus Bay Road in Pound Creek after a vehicle failed to negotiate a bend in the road. The female driver left the road with the vehicle coming to a standstill in scrub at 5.45pm on April 4.

It's understood the female was the only occupant in the car with police, CFA and paramedics attending. The female driver was taken to Wonthaggi Hospital for observations and is believed not to have obtained any serious injuries.

Burglary and fire in Korumburra

LEONGATHA police responded to reports of a burglary at a property on Radovick Street, Korumburra on April 4 at 8.30pm. Upon attending police located a male inside the premise who was subsequently arrested. Further investigations revealed a small fire had been lit inside of the rooms but had been extinguished prior to police attending. A 22-year-old male from Kilcunda is assisting police with investigations ongoing.

Cash stolen from McKenzie St

UNKNOWN offenders forced open a cash safe from a business premise on McKenzie Street between April 1 and 2. An undisclosed quantity of money was stolen from inside the safe. Anyone with information including CCTV or dashcam should contact Wonthaggi Police Station on 5671 4100 or Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a report online.

Items stolen in Cowes

OVERNIGHT on April 1 and 2 two male offenders rummaged through two cars on Blue Gum Court and one car on Walton Street in Cowes, with items stolen from two of the three vehicles. Anyone with information including CCTV or dashcam should contact Crimestoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a report online.

Thieves target vehicles

FIVE incidents, believed to be linked, occurred between March 30 and 31 in Inverloch. The first involved a stolen car, which collided with another vehicle, a second vehicle was subsequently stolen and then dumped, and three vehicles were entered with items stolen from two of the vehicles. Investigations are ongoing with a male from Wonthaggi assisting police with their enquiries.

Are you missing items?

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IN BRIEF

Wonthaggi's desal plant
will sit idle this year

EACH year the government decides how much water is needed from the desalination plant that began operations in Wonthaggi in 2012.

On April 1, the Minister for Water announced no desalinated water order would be placed for 2024-25.

This decision was underpinned by consideration of current water storage conditions, which are at 91 per cent after recent rain, projected water demands, possible future climate conditions and the balance between managing security of supply and minimising customer impacts.

The desalination plant was announced during the Millennium Drought when water storage levels were critically low and can now deliver up to 150 billion litres of high-quality drinking water a year.

The government have been criticised for the establishment and use of the desalination plant and the cost to Victorians.

Tim McCurdy MP criticised the state government for having invested millions of dollars (at cost to Victorians) in a desalination plant that will remain idle, with decaying infrastructure.

Mr McCurdy also criticised the government's two previous water orders that came when dams were at levels around 90 per cent.

In 2021-22, the government ordered 125 gigalitres at a cost of \$76.7 million and in 2022-23 it ordered 15 gigalitres at a price of \$11 million.

Mr McCurdy argues that orders for the desalination plant should not come into play until water storages fall below 60 per cent and believes these water orders were wasteful, excessive and unnecessary.

Free skin checks for
Aboriginal and Torres
Strait Islanders

IN the first initiative of its kind in Gippsland, members of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities underwent free skin checks.

A mobile skin check clinic visited five Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations.

The organisations described the initiative as an overwhelming success with 154 community members seen in the first round of check and 55 in the second round with some needing follow up treatment.

Gippsland Primary Health Network (PHN) CEO Amanda Proposch said the Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations had suggested the initiative and facilitated the appointments, even organising transport for those people who needed it.

"Cancer screening saves lives and it helps to keep our communities strong, safe and healthy," she said.

"Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Victorians have a five-year survival rate of 59 per cent after being diagnosed with melanoma compared to 71 per cent for other Victorians. An earlier diagnosis means a greater ability to treat and a chance of survival."

The mobile clinic was provided by Your Skin Scan, led by a qualified clinical nurse consultant and nurse practitioner with more than 10 years working in the field of melanoma and skin cancer.

She leads the team who conduct melanoma surveillance and skin cancer detection procedures.

"One of our strategic objectives is to commission for service access," Ms Proposch said.

"We need to ensure people can access services at the right time and in the right place, especially where gaps exist and in hard-to-reach locations."

The free skin checks were delivered under Gippsland PHN's Integrated Team Care (ITC), supplementary services funding which contributes to improved health outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with chronic health conditions through better access to coordinated and multidisciplinary care.

Digital licences rolling
out across Victoria

MILLIONS of Victorians will now have the option to carry their licence on their phone, with the digital driver licences set to begin rolling out across the state next month.

Throughout April, consultation will ramp up with organisations that rely on photo identification including bars, restaurants, retailers, car rental, Victoria Police, and Australia Post to ensure they're prepared for the rollout.

Digital licences have undergone rigorous privacy and security testing to verify authenticity and prevent fraudulent use. The licences can also be updated in real-time if there are changes to licence conditions or personal information.

In May, more than 4.5 million Victorians who are fully licenced drivers, motorcyclists, or heavy vehicle operators will be the first eligible to download digital driver's licences.

Cost of living support
for secondary teaching
students

TO help Victorian students achieve their teaching dreams cost-of-living support will be delivered to 4000 students to create the next generation of skilled, dedicated teachers for the state's education system.

The scholarships are available to all Victorian students who enrol in accredited secondary school or dual primary-secondary teaching degrees in 2024 and 2025 and meet study load criteria.

Graduates are encouraged to work in a Victorian government secondary or specialist school after completing their degree, with further incentives available for two years as they start their teaching career.

To learn more about the Secondary Teaching Scholarships and to access the application portal, visit vic.gov.au/scholarships-secondary-teaching-degrees.

Why do I see and
smell smoke?

WITH fire restrictions easing in some parts of the State, and calm autumn conditions, hundreds of private, agricultural and planned burns are expected to take place in 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.

FFMVIC Chief Fire Officer Chris Hardman said it was crucial fire agencies took advantage of favourable conditions when they presented.

"Planned burning on public land is one of the tools FFMVIC uses to keep Victoria safer from bushfires," Mr Hardman said.

"While we burn to the conditions not the calendar, autumn generally gives our crews more opportunities to conduct planned burns as the weather is more stable and fire behaviour is manageable and generally predictable."

"Victorians can sign up for planned burn notifications to prepare for any impact on their health or activities."

CFA Chief Officer Jason Hefernan is urging Victorians to research and understand permit requirements before conducting private burn-offs.

"While the Fire Danger Period has ended in a few areas, it remains in place across the majority of Victoria."

"It's your responsibility to know what restrictions are in place so if you're in doubt, you can find out what you can and can't do during a Fire Danger Period by referring to the Can I or Can't I? page of the CFA website."

"We have seen a number of private burns escape over recent weeks so if you do intend to conduct a planned burn you will need to apply for a permit and ensure that all burning activities comply with the permit prescriptions and requirements"

For the latest information about when and where planned burns are happening near you, visit plannedburns.ffm.vic.gov.au.

Detailed information about current air quality can be found on EPA's website.

If you see or smell smoke outside, you should reduce your exposure to smoke by staying indoors and closing your windows and doors – but only if it's safe to do so. Tips for looking after your health

when there is smoke can be found on EPA's 'Smoke and your health' webpage – epa.vic.gov.au/for-community/environmental-information/air-quality/smoke/smoke-your-health.

Keep your burn off safe and legal:

- Check fire restrictions in your area and always register your burn at firepermits.vic.gov.au or by calling 1800 668 511
- Check and monitor weather conditions – particularly wind
- To avoid unnecessary calls to emergency services, notify your neighbours beforehand
- Leave a three-metre fire break, free from flammable materials around the burn
- Have sufficient equipment and water to stop the fire spreading
- Never leave a burn-off unattended – stay for its entire duration
- If your burn-off gets out of control, call '000' immediately.

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Council orders rare native forest to be cleared

THE CLEARING of native vegetation which adjoins covenanted land in Glen Forbes, under the order of the Bass Coast Shire will likely cause ongoing detriment to a rare remnant forest and native wildlife.

A detailed report from Trust for Nature has outlined the impacts that may take place on the land made up of riparian vegetation that runs along the Bass River and throughout the area and holds important ecological and biodiverse value.

The vulnerable powerful owl resides in the trees, together with wallabies, koalas, kangaroos, and hundreds of species of birds, along with the indigenous cultural heritage which has now potentially been destroyed and the Bass River has been contaminated.

Impacts include increased weed proliferation, impacts to sensitive microclimates particularly along the creek, increases in siltation of the creek across the covenanted land, and potential introduction of environmental weeds and pathogens to the site.

The adjoining land is owned by Anne and Phil Westwood who have been there for 45 years.

Their property title has been placed under a Trust for Nature covenant, which protects conservation values on their land and is a permanent, legally binding agreement to ensure native flora and fauna are protected forever, preserving this habitat for all Victorians.

The neighbouring property on which the activity has taken place has been owned by Barro Group since the late 1980's.

The concrete giant purchased approximately one hundred acres, with a view to extract sand at the time.

Administrators initially refused the Barro Group a permit, however they subsequently applied to VCAT who approved a permit to excavate the land for sand in 1992.

There hadn't been any activity on the land until late 2022 when the group came in, cleared trees off the land and dumped them in the nearby Bass River.

The Barro Group informed the Westwoods that they were ordered to clear the native vegetation to create a firebreak



Anne and Phil Westwood on their land which has a Trust for Nature covenant, and which adjoins a rare remnant forest that was ordered to have native vegetation cleared by the Bass Coast Shire Council. ob06_1524

and were also ordered to dump logs into the Bass River – by the council.

The firebreak extends approximately 1.5 kilometres long and covers about five hectares all together.

The clearing has also led to unauthorised entry to the site, firewood removal and track damage due to easier access to the cleared site and in turn, contamination of the creek.

When Phil contacted the Bass Coast Shire Council about the removal of the trees which also form part of an important wildlife corridor, the Planning Department claimed, “The Native vegetation removal by Barro Group was exempt from the need of a planning permit. It was undertaken for fire prevention purposes and an exemption under the Planning Scheme is afforded to them to have undertaken these works.”

The Shire did not specify what the fire control measures were supposed to protect and why clearing on the river was not referred to Melbourne Water as required by legislation.

The clearing contravened a specific permit condition that works must not affect the quality or quantity of water in a drainage line on the property which flowed through the Westwood's property and on to the Bass River.

“The frustrating thing is that the Shire just doesn't want to know. They realise what I'm

saying and some of them do realise that it's a problem, but no one wants to stick their neck out and say no, we can't allow this to happen,” said Phil.

Phil is concerned that the permits that Barro Group have are more than thirty years old and the land needs to be reassessed for suitability of sand extraction.

Extensive research has previously been conducted in the area, including a report from Biosis in 1994 that claimed that sand mining is an issue of priority for authorities as vegetation conservation in the area is of significance.

The importance of the vegetation as a wildlife corridor was also identified in the Regional Sand Extraction Strategy, Lang Lang to Grantville in 1996 and is a reference document for council.

This report defined a clear bio link – all the Shire needed to do was implement (and enforce) the Sand Extraction Strategy which is part of its planning policy.

Phil believes that sand extraction will probably go ahead, especially in light of the State Governments determination to complete their big build projects.

“I would like to see the permit withdrawn at this stage and make sure the company go through the process to get a new permit, with new conditions.”

Barro Group have not started any additional work on the

land yet because before beginning extraction they have to obtain a work authority, which Phil believes hasn't yet been issued.

Phil contacted the State Government's Earth Resources Regulation last year, who informed him that until a Work Authority is issued, the Department has no ability to investigate and it is a matter for the planning authority, which is the Bass Coast Shire Council.

“They should have the permit withdrawn, in my opinion, and start again and apply again and go through the whole process,” said Phil.

The Trust for Nature report has requested for activity to be discontinued and the land left to repair, leaving a wide buffer (ideally 50m) to the covenant to help protect it from any future planned works or authorised land clearance activities.

The Westwood's requests to council for reassessment are going largely unheard, but they recently received a letter from council stating that they should consider taking legal action against Barro Group if they want anything done.

Barro Group have visited the property and are working with the Westwoods to remediate the land and were visiting this week to begin undertaking this work.

Council have been contacted for comment but did not respond in time for print.

COURT BRIEFS

Licence cancelled for four months

A MALE has had his licence cancelled for four months after exceeding the speed limit on the South Gippsland Highway in court on Thursday.

The accused was intercepted along the South Gippsland Highway near Loch with the speed camera detecting 114km/h in a 100km/h zone.

The male produced a full licence to police at the time, however, was later advised his licence had been suspended due to failing to comply with an interlock requirement.

The male pleaded with the Magistrate noting he thought he has resolved the prior requirement after having it installed for 12 months, as per court order, and then removing the device once it was 'done and dusted'.

The individual was also charged \$2000 with conviction.

Female driver loses licence

A YOUNG female driver has had her licence cancelled, is disqualified from driving for six months and was ordered to pay \$500 after a hit and run.

The magistrate noted that a penalty was in order after the driver failed to comply with licence requirements.

The event took place on November 7, 2023 at 12.55am. It's understood the 24-year-old driver turned onto Narre Warren North Road and collided with a lamppost.

The driver on her P2 licence at the time failed to stop at the scene, which was witnessed by a member of the public, and continued on as she was running late to collect her sister from the train station.

The front bumper of the vehicle was left at the scene, and it was later revealed the car had been written off.

During remarks the lawyer noted the young offender had since changed her life around and was in stable employment, and at the time had panicked and driven off, amongst other points of note.

Slap on the wrist for thief

ONE male walked out of court on Thursday with a good behaviour order and adjourned undertaking until April 2025 after committing multiple thefts in Wonthaggi.

The first offence was committed in December 2021 at Aldi Wonthaggi whereby the individual stole a bottle of alcohol and bluetooth speaker. The male was caught on CCTV by staff.

In a second incident in September 2022 the male stole Armor All from a petrol station in Wonthaggi.

In March 2022 the male attended a retail store in Wonthaggi and stole three cosmetic items and sunglasses.

In September 2023, whilst on bail, the male was arrested by police with a large backpack. 0.14 grams of a white substance was located in the bag along with a pipe and clothing including two shirts, pants and shorts in new condition from Big W. The individual could not produce a receipt for the clothing.


The male couldn't remember committing the offences and had hoped to be referred to the Korumburra ARC program which was discontinued at the beginning of the year.



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DEAR Bass Coast,
Many of you will be enjoying the school holidays together, either here as residents or visitors. I am delighted to share some exciting opportunities for our community to come together, strengthen social connections, and build lasting memories.

School holidays are a time for families to reconnect and create cherished moments. I encourage everyone to take advantage of this special time by exploring the wonderful offerings Bass Coast has to offer.

Our libraries are brimming with enriching activities and events suitable for all ages. From storytime sessions to creative workshops, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Let's make the most of these holidays by immersing ourselves in the joy of learning and discovery. You can check out more information on the MyLi website or our Bass Coast website.

Our region boasts an array of playgrounds and playspaces that cater to diverse interests and preferences. I urge you to visit these spaces and witness firsthand the fun and excitement they provide for children and families alike.

You may even enjoy sitting on a swing yourself and invoking dreamy childhood memories! Some of these spaces are changing and your feedback is valuable in shaping the future of these play areas, so don't forget to share your thoughts and suggestions on Engage, our community engagement platform.

Beyond the childhood dreams are the necessities of adult life and all the exciting things that go along with that such as finances! We are thrilled to be hosting "She's on the Money" on 18th April at the RACV Club in Inverloch.

This dynamic session, led by finance expert Victoria Devine, promises practical insights into financial success tailored for business owners. Victoria's expertise will empower you with clear strategies for profit and business brilliance. Join us for this invaluable opportunity to enhance your financial knowledge and connect with fellow entrepreneurs.

Finally, I want to acknowledge and commend the bravery of two outstanding members of our community, Samuel Haycroft and Thomas Robinson, who recently received Australian Bravery decorations from the Governor-General.

Their courageous conduct exemplifies the strength and resilience within our community. Let us celebrate their achievements and continue to support each other in building a safe and thriving Bass Coast.



Bass Coast Shire Council announced six new trainees recently.

Council welcomes six trainees

BASS Coast Shire Council is delighted to announce the addition of six new trainees.

They will undertake a 12-month traineeship, each working with a different team within the council.

In their work, they will be contributing to important project within the community, gaining valuable experience for their own careers and strengthening the future labour force for Bass Coast.

The trainees welcomed were Emlyn Blackman (arts, culture, and heritage team), Ruby McGillivray (people and culture team),

Zara Mazzei (building services team), Matthew Keitley (information technology team), Emma Longden (arts, culture, and heritage team), and Julia Munro (tourism and business development).

These trainees will be supported in their development by Westvic Staffing Solutions, with council acting as their host employer.

As well as working with their respective teams, over the course of the next 12 months the trainees will also study a qualification relevant to their traineeship.

It is a successful partnership between council and

Westvic Staffing Solutions, with supervisors and teams actively supporting this valuable pathway for upskilling individuals in the community.

"The trainees have already integrated well into their roles, showcasing enthusiasm and a strong desire to learn and contribute to the work of council," council CEO Greg Box said.

"I'd really encourage any businesses in the region to make contact with Westvic Staffing Solutions and see how they can also support a trainee in the workplace."

Resident welfare fundraiser at Rose Lodge

HOME GROWN plants, handcrafted knits and woodwork were a part of the Rose Lodge annual fete; a welfare fundraiser well-known as the white elephant stalls – selling second hand goods, including pre-loved clothing and books.

Lifestyle Assistants Sue Pupetti and Shannon Burns with Lifestyle Manager Carolyn Thompson shared that the residents and staff of Rose Lodge donated each item on display, including fresh flower bouquets from the Rose Lodge garden, and freshly baked goods generously donated by Jan Brown.

"The funds raised will benefit the resident's well-being," said Carolyn.

"The management and board members meet with residents at the residence meeting and decide on where the funds will go each year – last year raising funds



Acting Director of Care Michelle Denman with Corporate Services Manager Jenny Bonell raising funds for the residents of Rose Lodge. Z14_1524

for a massage chair for Rose Lodge."

Board members and management staff held the annual event at Rose Lodge on Saturday morning from 9am until 1pm – providing residents and their families with Devonshire tea, and a sausage sizzle, whilst they strolled the white elephant

stalls, whilst Acting Director of Care Michelle Denman with Corporate Services Manager Jenny Bonell dressed as clowns – certainly putting a smile to everyone's face – selling raffle tickets.

All donations from the annual event will go towards activities/items to benefit Rose Lodge residents.

Safer footpath for Marine Parade

BASS Coast Shire Council will begin work in coming weeks to replace a section of footpath in Marine Parade, San Remo.

The section of path, located in front of the Westernport Hotel on the corner of Marine Parade and Woolamai Grove, has been significantly impacted by tree roots which have lifted sections of the path creating hazards for pedestrians.

Maintenance has been undertaken over the years to repair the footpath and retain the trees, this included patching, replacing sections and grinding to level sections. The footpath has now reached a point where it requires to be replaced to ensure pedestrian safety.

In this instance three trees will be removed to prevent the footpath lifting in future. Council will install potted trees to replace the trees that have been removed. This supports Council's commitment to maintaining character of our towns and climate change mitigation.

Bass Coast Mayor, Cr Clare Le Serve emphasised safety as a priority for Council.

"Wherever possible we try to avoid removing mature trees but when it comes to our community's safety, we must put this first," Cr Le Serve said.

"The good news is that the trees will be replaced with large potted trees once the footpath is complete."

"It is sad to lose mature trees in San Remo's town centre, but I look forward to a safer footpath for our community as well as seeing the new pots and trees in place when the project is completed."

The replacement footpath will be plain, fibre reinforced concrete, as well as the inclusion of potted trees will ensure pedestrian safety and amenity for many years to come.

While planning the project, Council Officers have met with the adjacent businesses to ensure they are informed with regards to the project and that the impact to their business is minimised. Access to the Westernport Hotel and surrounding businesses will be maintained at all times.

We anticipate that the project will take approximately four weeks to complete with the new footpath ready by mid-May, weather permitting.

During the works there will be traffic and pedestrian control measures in place at times and there will be some noise, vibration and trucks for removal or delivery of materials. Our contractors will work to minimise the impact to pedestrians and businesses.

Further information on this project can be found on the Engage Bass Coast site engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au. This project page will be updated throughout the project so you can stay up to date.



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Robert Murphy, Managing Director of South Gippsland Water is encouraging the public to stay vigilant and report suspicious activities around sewer assets after the water corporation breached their licence in early 2021 due to illegal discharges impacting the treatment plant.

Guilty plea ends legal battle over Korumburra wastewater plant disruption

THE legal matter between the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) and South Gippsland Water (SGW) over a disruption to the Korumburra Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) in early 2021 has been resolved. During the final hearing in the Korumburra Magistrates' Court on April 4, 2024, SGW entered a plea of guilty to a licence breach of ammonia.

The incident, resulting from a series of illegal discharges into the sewerage network, severely impacted the treatment

process at Korumburra WWTP. The source of the illegal discharges remains unidentified, despite extensive investigation by SGW staff.

SGW took several corrective actions at the time to minimise the impact on the environment, including diverting flows into an emergency storage and transporting over 300 truckloads of wastewater to other treatment plants. In all, about eight megalitres (equivalent to four Olympic swimming pools) were transported. Ecological experts confirmed that there

was no measurable impact on Foster Creek during the incident.

The magistrate found that a conviction was not necessary or appropriate in this case. SGW was dispensed on an undertaking to be of good behaviour for 12 months, with a condition to pay a bond of \$10,000 into the court fund. SGW was also ordered to pay the EPA's legal costs of \$6780. SGW will be contributing \$50,000 to the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority for a restoration project in the

Foster/Powlett Creek catchment.

The magistrate remarked that the licence breach was not due to any error or failure of SGW, but rather caused by illegal dumping of an unidentified entity. The contravention occurred with no fault of SGW and SGW's culpability was low.

Ultimately, illegal discharges into the sewer network caused the incident at Korumburra WWTP. Members of the public are encouraged to contact SGW on 1300 851 636 if they see any suspicious activity around sewer assets.

Bass Coast Shire Council highlights night economy

BASS Coast Shire Council has released its latest report showcasing the vibrant night-time economy and stable business landscape across key retail precincts.

Every six months, Council officers conduct extensive surveys covering over 600 businesses across Cowes, Grantville, Inverloch, San Remo, and Wonthaggi.

In the most recent report (December 2023), a key focus was placed on the night-time economy, specifically identifying businesses that operate beyond 6pm at least two nights a week. This data underscores the evolving nature of business operations and the growing emphasis on extending operating hours to cater to diverse consumer needs.

Key findings from the report include:
Night-time Economy: 23 per cent of businesses in Bass Coast are open past 6pm at least two nights a week, reflecting a thriving night-time economy that contributes to the overall vibrancy of our region.

Occupancy Rates: Out of 605 shops surveyed, an impressive 579 are currently occupied, translating to an impressive 96 per cent occupancy rate. This stability underscores the attractiveness of Bass Coast as a business destination.

Turnover Rate: Over the last six months, only 28 shops have experienced turnover, representing a modest five per cent turnover rate.

Mayor Cr Clare Le Serve expressed optimism about the findings, stating, "The data from this report reflects the resilience and adaptability of our local businesses. We are committed to supporting their growth and success as they continue to contribute to the vibrant economic landscape of Bass Coast."

The detailed Precinct Profile Report for December 2023 can be accessed on Council website.

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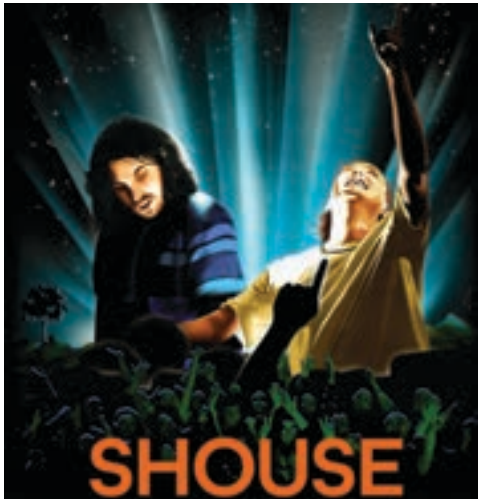
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Coal Creek to celebrate its half century



An early image of Coal Creek's poppet head features in the Turning Points exhibition, which will be launched during the park's 50th Birthday celebration.



'Shouse' features in the musical lineup at Coal Creek's 50th Birthday party.



This information foldout on Coal Creek is among the promotional items that will be on display during 50th Birthday celebrations for the park.

COAL Creek is celebrating its 50th Birthday, with community members invited to join the fun on Saturday April 20 for a packed program of entertainment and heritage demonstrations and the launch of the Turning Points exhibition that provides a look back at the tourist park's history.

"We wanted to make an occasion of 50 years of Coal Creek because it's such an important milestone for South Gippsland and the region," Coal Creek team leader Kim O'Connell said.

The event was designed to appeal to as many age groups as possible, including those who were around when Coal Creek started and young kids visiting the tourist park for the first time.

While celebrating the rich history and heritage of Coal Creek, the day will also feature rides, roving entertainment, face painting, live music, and a great selection of food and beverage.

Heritage trade demonstrations will include blacksmithing, spinners, and wheelwrights.

Two silent era films, one featuring Charlie Chaplain and the other Buster Keaton, will be shown in the Mechanics Institute building, accompanied by a live performance from jazz band 'Sounds of Silent'.

Outdoors, Korumburra Croquet Club will teach attendees how to play.

Music runs throughout the day and into the evening, kicking off with folk duo 'Simple Folk', then working through more modern genres such as rock music and electronica.

'Sand Brothers' will entertain with contemporary Australian Rock, 'Cool Out Sun' will bring a dance vibe and 'Shouse' will finish the program, having headlined dance parties from Majorca to the Paris Fashion Festival.

A long table will be set up in the glade near the slab cottage and wattle and daub hut, with endless tea on offer and

the chance to sit and chat while being entertained by the antics of pop-up Alice in Wonderland appearances from Leongatha Lyric Theatre Group.

Alice and the White Rabbit will be on a mission to find 50 years of lost time.

The Turning Points exhibition includes Coal Creek advertising from the 1970s, footage of Karma the giant worm, and insights into the original design of the tourist park.

South Gippsland Shire mayor Clare Williams encourages people to come and join the celebrations of Coal Creek's major milestone.

"The park has been enjoyed by many children, families and adults who have visited over the years and experienced a taste of our region's rich history, and recently I've enjoyed seeing this space activated with music and contemporary art," Cr Williams said.

Coal Creek was originally envisaged by a group of local residents who urged the then Korumburra Shire Council to establish a place where history and heritage could be preserved.

With support from the broader community, council and the State Government, Coal Creek opened on March 2, 1974.

Many buildings have been added since and the site has hosted an array of events and community celebrations.

The park's heritage buildings provide a snapshot of the local coal mining past.

Coal Creek's volunteers continue to be essential to its existence, manning its buildings, maintaining the grounds and providing heritage demonstrations.

The whole upper park at Coal Creek will come alive for the birthday celebration, which runs from 12pm until 8pm.

There are booking links on the Coal Creek Facebook page and website.

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Silver lining for rescued little penguin

A LITTLE penguin found malnourished on the beach has been identified as one of the oldest penguins ever seen at the Phillip Island mega-colony.

Silver is 22 years old, more than three times the average life expectancy of a little penguin.

The oldest documented penguin at Phillip Island was 25, and last seen in 2001.

Silver was found wandering, in front of the Penguin Parade stands, at risk of being killed by a bird of prey. When rangers rescued her, they found she had a silver band around her flipper, an identification method that ceased in 2004.

Since then, penguins have been microchipped.

Silver was first seen and originally banded in 2002 when she was around six weeks old. She was last seen by Phillip Island Nature Parks rangers in 2007.

Silver was taken to the Phillip Island Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre for assessment. She was found to be a post moult penguin who was struggling after fasting for three weeks and did not have enough energy to swim for more food.

After slowly putting on

weight, Silver was swim tested and found to be fully waterproof. At the Wildlife Clinic, little penguins must be able to swim for three hours and still have dry feathers to be considered ready for release back into the wild.

After five weeks Silver had a final weigh-in, feed, and swim in the rehabilitation pool, and was ready for release on the beach where she was found.

Silver was successfully returned to the ocean over the Easter break.

Despite her age, rangers say Silver is well equipped to continue her life in the wild, having already defied the odds and outlived tens of thousands of other penguins.

"The sad reality of nature is that most penguins don't survive their first year of life. When we first met Silver back in 2002, she weighed more than a kilo at six weeks of age," Phillip Island Nature Parks Research Officer Paula Wasiak said.

"Being so well fed served her well in the wild, and Silver is obviously tenacious.

"The best place for her to be is out with the colony at sea."



Cared for at the Wildlife Clinic, Silver spent five weeks putting on weight.



Before being release and returned to the wild, Silver had to remain waterproof for three hours.

Gippsland Food and Fibre Awards entries closing

GIPPSLAND food and fibre businesses have until April 14 to submit an entry to this year's premier industry awards.

The Gippsland Food and Fibre Awards is a program which showcases the region's productive agribusiness sector by recognising, celebrating and rewarding outstanding leadership within the food and fibre industry.

Applications across seven categories are invited, with all eligible entries considered for the top award of Gippsland Agribusiness of the Year.

Category awards include innovation, excellence in collaborative partnerships, sustainability, and adaption to change. Businesses that have provided services to the food and fibre industry are also invited to submit an application, with a category tailored to those who support food and fibre supply and production within Gippsland.

Two premier awards, Female Agribusiness Leader of the Year and Young Agribusiness Leader of the Year, will see prizes awarded to those judged as achieving excellence in their field.

Food&FibreGippsland CEO Ben Gebert describes agribusiness as a broad industry which covers the entire value chain, from raw materials and production to marketing and distribution.

"These awards provide an opportunity for the sector to showcase industry excellence, from source to consumer," said Ben.

"Encompassing the whole supply chain, the awards program is an important vehicle for recognising success, sharing achievements, and inspiring others within our region. By showcasing our sector, we create an opportunity to position Gippsland's food and fibre industry as a key player in both national and international markets."

"Businesses that contribute to the region's food and fibre value chain are encouraged to apply."

Information about the awards, including how to apply, can be found on Food & Fibre Gippsland's website: foodandfibregippsland.com.au/awards or by contacting Deanne Kennedy via email: deanne@jaydee.net.au or mobile 0419 878 055.

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An update from VicGrid

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School Holidays in South Gippsland

With the weather still mild, autumn is the perfect time to explore the unique charm and character of South Gippsland. From the many local cafés and eateries to the abundance of playgrounds, walking tracks and trails, our region offers a school holiday activity for everyone.

Feel the crunch of vibrant autumn leaves under your feet as you explore the now amber tone parks, gardens and reserves. The seasonal air carries the sweet scent of native bush, setting the perfect backdrop for a gentle stroll or a picturesque picnic.

Our many townships boast a rich heritage dating back to the 19th century. Throughout the main streets, buildings like the original Post and Telegraph Office in Mirboo North and the red brick Bank in Loch, showcase the Victorian architecture of the time. A visit to Coal Creek Community Park and Museum is also a must these school holidays. The historic village offers visitors a unique experience to step back in time and become immersed in the rich heritage of our region. Promising a day for children, families and adults to enjoy.

An outdoor adventure is not hard to come by in South Gippsland. Our regions natural parks and attractions are a great place to start. Here are just a few recommended activities and places to see these autumn School Holidays:

- Picnic at Agnes Falls.
- Visit Cape Liptrap Coastal Park.
- Choose a walking trail to embark on at Wilsons Promontory National Park.
- Walk or ride your preferred section of the Great Southern Rail Trail.
- Cast a fishing line from the Port Welshpool Long Jetty.

Entertainment for littlies, teens, tweens and big kids is limitless here in South Gippsland.

For more holiday activity ideas, check the Visit South Gippsland website. Here you'll find upcoming events, entertainment, attractions and so much more!

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FREE: Money Saving Community Workshop



Join us for an informative event on how to save money and stay cozy this winter! Learn practical tips and tricks to make your home more energy efficient. From insulation to smart thermostats, we'll cover it all. Don't miss out on this opportunity to save money on your energy bills.

The workshop will take place Tuesday 16 April from 6.00pm to 8.00pm at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre.

Spaces are limited, so be sure to secure your spot. Register now and take the first step towards a more energy-efficient home!

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 17 April 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:

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

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The South Gippsland Jobs Expo gives employers and job seekers the opportunity to meet in person to discuss jobs available in the local area.

Book a stand to meet job seekers face-to-face or post a job on the job board.

The South Gippsland Job Expo will take place Tuesday 2 May from 9.30am to 2.30pm at Leongatha Memorial Hall.

To register your attendance or post your jobs on the jobs board, please visit:

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REQUEST FOR TENDER

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

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Tender closes 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 16 April 2024.

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal:

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Grow Lightly looks to ensure its future

By Andrew Palocz

KORUMBURRA'S Grow Lightly supplies customers in South Gippsland and Bass Coast Shires with fresh organic produce and those in charge of the not-for-profit organisation are keen to find a solution after being advised it needs to vacate its current premises by the end of June.

Board Chair Becky Banks said that since receiving a letter to that effect from South Gippsland Shire Council, it has been explained to her that council has too many buildings to maintain.

"They're encouraging different groups to consider sharing buildings, which may or may not work (for Grow Lightly) because we need specific things like cool rooms and lots of storage," Ms Banks said.

While open to the prospect of moving if a suitable alternative can be found, the Grow Lightly team is hopeful they can remain at their current home alongside the Coal Creek carpark.

Ms Banks explained the group has a good relationship with council and is in communication with it to gain an understanding of what Grow Lightly can do to help make their current tenure viable into the future.

"We want to work out what's wrong with the building and see if we can get our community to rally behind us and do the maintenance required," she said.



Grow Lightly's Helen Willison and Sharelle Herrington enjoy packing duties. A04_1524

Grow Lightly has previously installed a cool room, refurbished the kitchen by replacing all cupboards, the oven and stove top, having painted the building, pulled up old floor furnishings, erected shelving and installed solar panels.

South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Kerryn Ellis said council is working closely with Grow Lightly to explore alternate sites and has allowed extra time for the group to vacate its current building, with the lease to have ended in April.

Ms Ellis explained why a new arrangement is required.

"Council is endeavouring to consolidate its large building portfolio in an effort to reduce maintenance and renewal costs, especially on the

older structures; it is difficult for council's limited budget to sustain individual premises for groups and we are encouraging organisations to share existing facilities to maximise use," she said.

Cr Jenni Keerie also runs Korumburra's Milpara Community House, which receives unsold produce from Grow Lightly to be distributed to those in need, and appreciates the organisation's community contribution.

She is hopeful the current situation can be resolved, believing there are potentially good sites Grow Lightly may be able to use should it be unable to remain at its current home, with discussions needed to determine how those

options may work.

Cr Keerie stressed that the challenges of maintaining buildings is not unique to South Gippsland Shire Council.

"It's becoming a huge issue for all councils with the rate capping environment," she said, adding that utilising shared resources is an option to ensure maintenance costs are more reasonable to manage.

Grow Lightly was established by Gil and Meredith Freeman and is run almost entirely by volunteers, including its board members.

It has just a couple of paid employees who work a total of 12 hours a week between them.

One of those employees looks after online communications while the other is in charge of ordering, visiting growers and establishing what is available, then uploading available items to the organisation's online shop.

Customers place orders which are packed by volunteers for delivery or pick up from designated collection points.

There are pickup points in Korumburra, Inverloch, Wonthaggi and Foster.

Home deliveries have recently been extended to include Venus Bay, Loch and Cape Paterson.

Grow Lightly's produce is sourced from farms and home gardeners and generally comes from within 60-70km of Korumburra with a couple of exceptions such as dry goods.

Mayor's Message



Cr Clare Williams



HELLO South Gippsland.

Autumn is a beautiful season in South Gippsland. As the leaves change colour and we transition into the cooler months, it is a great time to consider getting in the garden to get ready for winter. For those in town, don't forget to take advantage of your green waste bin for things like fallen leaves that can clog drains and cause further issues. To check out what can and can't go in your green bin, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/wasteandrecycling and click on 'Kerbside Garbage, Recycling and Green Waste'.

Continuing on with the environmental theme, Councillors recently attended a Community Day where we all learned more about Landcare and the sustainability practices of some of our farmers. It was really interesting to hear about the innovative work being done in South Gippsland, as well as the terrific work of our local Landcare groups.

I strongly encourage you to find your local Landcare group, check out their resources and join. Knowing how we can all better support our beautiful region is a great thing.

Motions

At the March Council Meeting, Councillors endorsed motions that will be going to both the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) State Council Meeting in May and the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA) National General Assembly in July.

Lodging motions to both state and national bodies is a great way for us to work alongside other councils and show the unity we have in issues that affect us.

If you would like to read the motions, you can do so in the Council Meeting Agenda here: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings

Community Training Opportunities

Wanting to make sure your home is toasty during the cooler months, but you don't want your electricity or gas bill to bite you as a consequence? Register for our 'Save Money in the Home this Winter: How to be Energy Efficient' workshop that will be held on Tuesday 16 April from 6.00pm to 8.00pm at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre.

To register for this and all of our community training opportunities, please visit: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitytraining

Events

Even with the weather cooling off, there is plenty still on offer in South Gippsland!

The CWA Gippsland Hills Group celebrated their 69th exhibition in style at the Poowong Public Hall on Saturday and Sunday. Over 520 entries were received across 18 categories such as photography, knitting and preserves.

The CWA Bass Group are holding their annual Creative Arts Exhibition at the Loch Hall on 13 and 14 April. Not to mention an array of monthly markets, and Coal Creek's 50th Birthday celebration – A Birthday at the Park.

To check out more events or to list your event, please visit: www.visit-southgippsland.com.au/events

Federal Liberal candidate for Monash takes a visit around town

FEDERAL Liberal Candidate for Monash Mary Aldred was in Korumburra for the first in a series of listening posts across the electorate to better understand what issues are most important to the local community.

Some of the key topics that people raised going into Michael's IGA supermarket on Saturday morning included the cost of living, energy prices, improved support for local healthcare services, better funding for roads, protecting prime agricultural farmland and mobile black spots.

"As the Liberal candidate for Monash, I am particularly keen to engage with as many local people as I can on what's most important to them, so that I can fight hard for the funding and services that we need," said Ms Aldred.

As part of the listening post, Ms Aldred also distributed copies of her one-minute community survey, which encourages residents to take one minute to complete the one-page survey nominating what is most important to them. If you

would like a copy of the survey, you can request one via mary.aldred@vic.liberal.org.au

Ms Aldred also visited the Country Women's Association's 69th Gippsland Hills Group Exhibition on the weekend in Poowong. Ms Aldred commended all the exhibitors on their high quality of work across cooking, crafts, and art.

"The artistic talent, craftsmanship and quality of baked goods and preserves was just outstanding. There is a huge amount of work that goes into preparing for the exhibition, and it shines such a bright light on the talent and community spirit of our region.

"Well done to the CWA committee members and all the volunteers involved in putting together such a huge effort. Speaking with some of the committee members, I know they are always keen to welcome new members of all ages, so I would encourage women to think about getting involved in their local CWA branch as a way of making new friends and putting back into the community."



Federal Candidate for Monash Mary Aldred with the one-minute community survey.

Energy Efficiency guidance workshop providing practical tips

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council is helping community members save money and stay warm this winter, running a free energy efficiency workshop in Foster on Tuesday April 16, and is teaming with Bass Coast Shire Council and a not-for-profit organisation to run free webinars on sustainable living.

With energy costs on the rise, the workshop will provide practical tips to enhance the energy efficiency of a home, leading to lower

utility bills and a reduced carbon footprint.

Key topics that will be covered include effective insulation techniques for maintaining a comfortable indoor temperature, the different types of insulation materials and the most effective ways to install them in various areas of the home.

Workshop attendees will learn about technology advancements and how to get greater control over heating systems to avoid unnecessary

energy consumption.

Energy-efficient lighting, appliance upgrades, and renewable energy options will also be discussed.

The 'Save Money in the Home this Winter' workshop will be held on Tuesday 16 April from 6pm to 8pm at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre.

The free webinars will be run by Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shire Councils and not-for-profit organisation 'Renew'.

The first session, 'Winter

Comfort at Home' is on Wednesday May 1, followed by 'Winter Comfort for Renters' on May 8.

The free webinars will deliver valuable expertise and guidance about innovative ways to conserve energy, recycle effectively, and make environmentally conscious decisions.

For more information and to register for the workshop and webinars, visit southgippsland.vic.gov.au/communitytraining

Demand increases for telehealth support

DEMAND is growing for a free telehealth medical service offered across Gippsland. Gippsland Primary Health Network (PHN) commissioned HealthAccess 12 months ago to provide an after-hours service free to people who live in a Gippsland postcode and, since then, it has delivered 389 consultations with positive feedback from patients.

“We know people don’t always get sick or need medical advice during the day when their usual general practice is open,” Gippsland PHN CEO Amanda Proposch said. “This service is helping fill that gap.”

HealthAccess is a designed solution to support community, general practices, local hospitals, residential aged care homes, and ambulance services to manage increasing volume of GP type presentation in the after-hours period.

It supports people who need low acuity care, when it’s not an emergency and their usual GP is closed. The patient’s regular GP is sent a summary of the consultation to ensure continuity of care.

Ms Proposch said the after-hours telehealth service was designed to support existing GPs, enabling their patients access to medical services after-hours if required.

“Medical needs after-hours don’t always require a visit to the hospital emergency department,” she said.

“With HealthAccess, people can speak to a GP from their own home and will be triaged if the issue is urgent.”

People from all parts of Gippsland have used the service and provided positive feedback.

Patients have been appreciative of the service, describing it as “tremendous and caring”, and have indicated they will use the service again.

To use the service, people can call 1800 272 767 from 6pm to 10pm on weeknights, 12pm to 10pm on Saturdays, and 8am to 6pm on Sundays and public holidays.

You can find out more details on the Gippsland PHN website at gphn.org.au/what-we-do/programs/after-hours-program.

Rock n’ roll fundraiser supports the aftermath of the devastating storms

THE Mirboo North community are heavily feeling the aftermath of the catastrophic storms that swept through their town in February; with many still working tirelessly to repair their homes and rebuild their businesses – including owners of the Mirboo North Garden Centre, Gino Castellano and Karen Haw.

Gino and Karen have owned the local nursery for over 20 years and in an interview with the Sentinel Times, they devastatingly expressed that they lost everything.

“When I returned to the nursery after the horrific hailstorm, everything was destroyed. There wasn’t a leaf in place,” said Gino.

“The force of the wind broke pots, destroyed established plants, and pushed over a truck. The power lines and trees were down across the streets - blocking the road to the nursery for five days.”

The community rallied around each other during the initial impact, setting up working bees to clear nearby properties and Gino and Karen’s staff volunteered their time in the clean-up despite also losing their employment during this time.

The community support has played a crucial role in the recovery process, and to show their support for Gino and Karen is Jenny and John Kerville – rock n’ roll dancing instructors at the Dakers Centre, Leongatha.



John and Jenny Kerville organised a community rock n’ roll dance fundraiser for Gino Castellano and Karen Haw after the Mirboo North storms caused devastating damage to their nursery – The Mirboo North Garden Centre. Z35_1524

Also known as J & J, the couple provide rock n’ roll lessons to the community every Thursday night - a social club that Gino and Karen joined six years ago, when they decided to learn to dance.

Jenny and John hold two open rock n’ roll dance nights every year, and on Saturday, April 6 the pair invited the community to not only join a night of dance but collaborated with local businesses

to hold a major fundraiser in support of Gino and Karen to help re-build the Mirboo North Garden Centre.

“We have seen tremendous support from local businesses donating raffle prizes, and items for a silent auction,” said Jenny.

“The wonderful support resulted in us raising \$3863.25 for Karen & Gino.”

The Dakers Centre, Leongatha was vibrant on Saturday evening, with everyone

dressed to impress – the music loud and all up on their feet dancing to live music for a night of rock n’ roll.

The severity of the storms impact caused devastation to homes and small businesses and without the generous support from their local community, Gino and Karen said they would have had to say goodbye to their nursery.

“Dancing brings people together and we’re just so grateful for this community.”

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The dazzling magic of Kaleidoscope creation

CHILDREN got to experience a world of optical illusion at Poowong library when they made their very own kaleidoscopes last week.

The kids got to explore light, reflections, and symmetry and practiced some maths and geometry.

Using reflective paper, the children made a long triangle which they then fitted into a cardboard tube.

Next they got busy with coloured textas creating their kaleidoscope designs on four round paper templates.

These were then laminated by expert kaleidoscope maker and Myli library Programs Officer Shannyn Matlock and cut out by the children.

The unique designs were secured in place with pipe cleaners and the

clever kaleidoscope makers got to experience their very own personalised world of illusion.

All the participants enjoyed the process and were particularly delighted to be able to see their own and one another's designs reflected in the kaleidoscopes.

The Poowong library are also holding a 'How to train your Dragon' activity all school holidays.

Ten characters from the popular animation are hidden throughout the library and if all ten can be found, children will be able to collect a prize.

The kaleidoscope program is part of Myli's Autumn 2024 school holiday events and provides a safe space in which children can be inspired, learn, connect and join in.



Hadley was visiting his Grandma in Poowong all the way from Brisbane and was excited to finish off his kaleidoscope and see the patterns. ob03_1524

Holiday fun at Myli Libraries

KORUMBURRA Library was a hive of lively industry on Wednesday as a large turnout of children and accompanying adults made stickers and books in which to display them.

The 'DIY Sticker Book' session, part of Myli Libraries' school holiday program, was designed to allow kids to be as creative as they want, library programs team member Rochelle Quigley said while running the session.

The flexible approach meant some participants, such as Lily Wyhoon and Charli MacDonald, created their own sticker designs, while others cut out provided images, with Rochelle explaining either approach is beneficial for improving young people's motor skills.

Young local Harlen Greaves took the cutting out approach to sticker creation, his mum Erin pitching in to help with sticker selection and placement in the book.

Proudly holding up his book, Harlen pointed to a red car when asked which sticker is his favourite.

He also took a fancy to the dinosaurs.

Page 42 of the Sentinel-Times recently released Discover guide details the various Myli Library sessions and other school holiday activities, with library sessions including Clay Mosaics, Cordial with a Cop, Make a Wiggly Worm Puppet, and a Disney Sing-Along-Athon.



Harlen and Erin Greaves are happy with his sticker book after a team effort. A01_1524

Tim's pumpkin joy in Meeniyan

A QUIRKY and fun pumpkin display in Meeniyan conveys a simple call for 'peace', with local Tim Gorman building on his recent tradition of delivering messages in pumpkin form.

Coming from California, he has long carved pumpkins, although using them to create messages is a more recent idea.

"It's a way to make a statement and do a cute scene in town for people, and they seem to enjoy it and I enjoy doing it," Tim said.

He also wants to celebrate the harvest period, recalling an Autumn competition that used to occur in Meeniyan at which people displayed their garden produce in the town hall.

The event, which also included photography and painting

sections, reminded him of the county fairs at which produce is displayed in the United States.

With pumpkin growing proving challenging this season due to overcast and at times wet weather, Tim decided a brief word was ideal. Last year's display featured the word 'community', necessitating a few more pumpkins.

Tim spoke of why he chose the word 'Peace'. "I'm old enough to have been part of the peace movement in the States," he said.

While not religious, Tim was mindful when creating his display that Easter offered a chance for people to pause and consider what's going on in the world.

He encourages others to grow their own pumpkins, providing a container of seeds.



Tim Gorman delivers a creative call for peace.

Leongatha SES learn about air rescue response

AS PART of their training the SES undertake road, air, industrial and rail (RAIR) response, and Leongatha Unit members visited the Leongatha Airport last week.

While the crews don't often get a chance to attend air rescues, they do happen, and they were talked through what would be involved in such a rescue.

"We have attended a few accidents with ag' clients crop dusting and things like that," explained Training Officer, Ben Graham.

"The last one that we had was unfortunately one of the locals, which was about a year or two ago, and he passed away sadly."

With a few of the SES members being pilots or gliders, the crew took the opportunity to get to the South Gippsland Gliding Club and get familiar with a Cessna Piper and the club's tow plane, which is similar to a crop duster.

"We were able to have a look and discuss where the batteries are, what kind of fuel they run on, if there's any emergency operations and the stuff around it, and bits and pieces like that. We were talking about what sort of equipment or tools we would end up using in order to gain entry, if we had to, or depending on where it is as well," explained Ben.

The unit is also trained to work with Air Ambulance Victoria (AV) and during the introductory session went over how AV motor or taxi when landing a helicopter and how the SES assist if they have to transfer a patient from road to the helicopter or vice versa.

The unit is also looking to organise further training with Ambulance Victoria to go over air operations and procedures.

This will also involve Leongatha's local counterparts and the local CFA units, in an effort to create a cohesive and coordinated response team.

The Leongatha Unit generally train for one to two hours on a Wednesday night and cover both rescue and search across a broad range of situations.

All training provided is free and there are many nationally accredited courses volunteers can do with the SES, including first aid, chainsaws, truck and boating licences, urban search and rescue and they also offer a junior program for those aged between 16 and 18.

Theres also lots of non-operational roles and the unit is always happy to welcome new volunteers to the team.

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Registered Nurses looking for an enjoyable work environment

ADAM Support is a small innovative organisation supporting a gentleman with complex disabilities living in South Gippsland. The organisation is about to undergo a two-day workshop to review and restructure the organisation. All staff will be involved and contribute to the forward planning and team building addressed at the workshop.

Currently Adam Support is looking for interested Registered Nurses to join the team and it would be beneficial if those employed could be part of the upcoming workshop. The RN's input would be very important and would really assist the organisation in the building of a forward thinking, friendly and co-operative team.

Adam Support employs

both Registered Nurses and Support Workers who work together to support the gentleman to live a healthy, happy, creative and enjoyable life in his community. The staff support the client when he attends many activities, of which he enjoys swimming, horse riding, writing poetry, attending concerts, music festivals and art galleries, sometimes locally and sometimes in the city.

Current staff really enjoy getting to attend activities they have not had the opportunity to do before. This is a great way to try new things while supporting the client and helping him enjoy his life. Staff can enjoy a different, interesting, fulfilling role while providing wholistic care and support. There

are not many, organisations working in this way.

The gentleman is supported by the NDIS and lives in his own home; most organisations support a number of clients who live in group settings. This means that they are often unable to follow their dreams and interests. It is unusual for a client with complex, high needs, to live by themselves and to be able to pursue a range of different interests, but Adam Support thrives on breaking barriers and focusing on this gentleman's needs, interests and aspirations.

For more information or to apply for a Registered Nurse or a Support Worker position refer to the advertisement from Adam Support on page 42 for contact details.

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Exciting new offices for an expanding team

BJS Insurance Brokers (Gippsland) is back under one roof after seizing an opportunity that would transform their workspace and expand their business in the 'old home of Coles' on Watt Street in Wonthaggi.

"There's a fantastic energy having the team back together under one roof," director, Adam Ware smiled.

"It's exciting as not only are we more accessible from both a car parking and disability access perspective now, when our previous offices were not as accommodating, but we are all in one location, which means our clients can book appointments to see different Wonthaggi-based team members without needing to travel between offices."

A bustling team that was previously housed along Graham Street, BJS found themselves in need of more space as operations expanded. This resulted in them leasing a temporary office for their Holiday Rental Insurance team in Murray Street, above Connell's Bakery, as the overall team grew.

"The move to Watt Street was opportunistic," Adam explained of the recent move.

"Prior to COVID we had about 26 people working in our Graham Street office, that has since grown to 36 people.

"We noticed the building was up for lease when the diner/pool hall vacated, but it was far too large. We really needed somewhere bigger, so on a whim, we reached out to the property manager and asked them if the landlord would consider cutting the vacant space in half and they agreed."

The strategic move aligns with BJS Insurance Brokers commitment to providing comprehensive coverage and exceptional service.

BJS have 3 divisions within their Wonthaggi Branch. Their commercial team specialises in business, farm, and professional insurances, while the domestic team caters to homes, cars, body corporate, caravans, boats, and more. Notably, their Holiday Rental team serves the largest client base, looking after thousands of Airbnb and Professionally Managed Holiday

properties all across Australia, reflecting the company's national reach from their local base.

"It's also opened the doors for our team members – pretty much everyone here is a local whose first job in insurance was with BJS. We understand people have different interests, and if someone wants to move into a different area of the business, for example from holiday rental to commercial insurance, they only have to move desks now, and not to a different location."

The open plan space is welcoming and abuzz with a new enthusiasm, unrecognisable from the old Coles days with the fit-out creating a functional and adaptable space with breakout offices and a spectacular meeting room.

"More than anything we'd like to welcome people to come and have a look (at the new space), regardless of whether they are a current BJS client or not," Gippsland Operations Manager, Alex Pizzol said.

"We're aware the building has sat empty for nine of the last 10 years and we understand it's significant and we hope we can add some life back into this end of town."

And whilst you're at it, why not book an appointment for an obligation free insurance review.

"We are seeing a lot of new enquiries for business, farm and professional insurances at the moment, while the recent Easter period saw our Holiday Rental team busier than ever" Adam explained.

What sets BJS Insurance Brokers apart is not only their wide-ranging expertise but also their dedication to personalised service. Every client, whether a long-standing business or a newcomer, receives the same attentive care and review of their needs.

"We pride ourselves on providing the big city product coverage, but with the small country town service, and we are really proud that we can provide ease of access to all our clients now," Alex stated.

For more information or to book an appointment call 03 5671 3600 or pop into 2/88-98 Watt Street, Wonthaggi (the old Coles building).

Protecting what matters most just got easier.



BJS Insurance's Alex Pizzol, John Phillips and Adam Ware are excited by the recent move and looking forwards to breathing new life into the building. C01_1524



The BJS Insurance team are flourishing in the vibrant atmosphere of their new open-plan workspace.

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Check your smoke alarm this weekend

AS LAST weekend marked the end of daylight savings Victorian firefighters are asking all people to test their smoke alarms after concerning new data revealed 14 people died in preventable house fires last year.

Discarded smoking materials, lighters and matches were the most frequent cause of the fires, resulting in five incidents and seven deaths. Of the victims, five were female and nine were male. There were 11 single fatality incidents and one incident that resulted in the deaths of three people.

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

"The number of fatalities in the last year is very alarming and devastating to know they could have been prevented," CO Heffernan said.

"In the past 10 years, CFA have responded to more than 13,000 residential fires that have seen more than 330 casualties.

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

Fire Rescue Victoria Deputy Commissioner, Community Safety, Joshua Fischer said every fire fatality was a tragedy.

"This heartbreaking data reveals that in the past year, 14 people's lives were tragically cut short in incidents that could have been prevented," Deputy Commissioner Fischer said.

"The best way to protect yourself and your family from fire is by installing smoke alarms in all bedrooms, living areas, hallways and garages and to test that they are working."

"When you sleep you lose your sense of smell, and smoke will put you into a deeper sleep, rendering you unconscious."

"Only a working smoke alarm will wake you up and give you time to escape."

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

- Only working smoke alarms save lives.
- Choose smoke alarms powered by a 10-year lithium battery.
- Smoke alarms should be installed in every bedroom, living area, hallway and garage.
- Smoke alarms should be installed on the ceiling at least 30cm from the wall, or installed on the wall at least 30cm from the ceiling to avoid dead air space.
- Smoke alarms should be interconnected, so that when any alarm activates, all smoke alarms will sound.
- Smoke alarms should be tested monthly by pressing the test button on the alarm and waiting for the test alarm to sound.
- Smoke alarms should be cleaned with a vacuum cleaner or dusted at least once a year to remove particles that will affect smoke alarm performance.
- Replaceable batteries in a smoke alarm need to be changed yearly.
- Smoke alarms, including those attached to mains power, should be replaced every 10 years.
- To check your smoke alarm, press 'test' and wait for the beeping sound, then each month continue to test, vacuum, and dust your alarm to remove any particles that may affect its performance.

'Garden Gems' workshops launched

BASS Coast Shire Council in partnership with Bass Coast Adult Learning (BCAL) is thrilled to announce the launch of its 2024 productive gardening workshop series, "Bass Coast Garden Gems".

This exciting initiative aims to foster a culture of sustainability, health, and community connection through the joy of gardening.

The workshops will be hosted across Bass Coast's eight community gardens, offering residents an opportunity to learn essential gardening skills while nurturing a deeper connection to their local environment.

With a strong emphasis on sustainable practices, the program will empower participants to cultivate their own food, contributing to healthier lifestyles and a more resilient community.

Councillor Clare Le Serve, Mayor of Bass Coast Shire Council, expressed her enthusiasm for the project, stating, "Bass Coast Garden Gems embodies our commitment to promoting health, social cohesion, and environmental stewardship within our community. By providing residents with the knowledge and resources to grow their own food, we not only enhance individual well-being but also strengthen the fabric of our neighborhoods."

In partnership with Bass Coast Adult Learning, the



Garden Gem workshops will run until November with residents urged to join a workshop to learn more about gardening and fostering a sustainable future.

program will feature expert trainers Frances Saunders and Rick Coleman. Frances brings a wealth of experience in horticulture and sustainable landscape design. Meanwhile, Rick, a renowned permaculture teacher with over three decades of experience, is dedicated to empowering participants with lifelong gardening skills.

"Through Bass Coast Garden Gems, we aim to inspire a new generation of gardeners who are not only capable of growing their own food but also committed to fostering a more sustainable future," said Mayor Le Serve.

The workshops will cover a range of topics, including soil health, composting, organic pest management, and

permaculture principles. Participants can expect hands-on experiences and valuable insights from expert trainers, all within the vibrant setting of Bass Coast's community gardens.

Bass Coast residents are encouraged to find their nearest community garden and 'Garden Gem' workshops via thecap.com.au/garden-gems.

Thirty-one workshops will run from April 4 at PICAL "Family Friendly Gardening" during school holidays to November across the bass coast.

Garden Gems ~ Corinella

The Corinella and District Community Centre (CDCC) will be hosting a series of four free gardening workshops this April and May.

The garden gems program covers a variety of gardening based activities including home composting and worm farming, healthy soils, veggie patch to plate, water resilience and drought proofing.

The CDCC run a small community garden where they grow fresh produce, and when their doors are closed people can take advantage of the garden; picking fruit or veggies as they need.

"We do think sustainable living and fresh fruit and veggies is always a great thing to have and knowledge, knowing how to do all that stuff is really valuable," said CDCC Manager Kerry Ladell, who is excited about the upcoming workshops.

"We love to put our hand up for anything that's got education or that is participating in activities that involve the community," explained Kerry.

"I have got my fingers crossed that it's well received within the community and that they do come and want to be part of it as well."

All workshops are free but bookings are essential.

The first workshop to be held at Corinella & District Community Centre will be on Saturday April 20 at 1pm and bookings can be made at trybooking.com/CQKFV.

Additional workshops and information can be found at thecap.com.au/garden-gems.

What new skills do you want to learn this year?



Bass Coast Adult Learning horticulture class with teacher Frances Saunders.

WHAT new discoveries have you made this year? For over 25 years, Bass Coast Adult Learning (BCAL) has been the initial stepping stone for many. Whether it's gaining industry-specific qualifications, support with basic English and Maths, exploring music, or mindfulness, the supportive team at BCAL is ready to assist you in taking that first step.

BCAL also offers short courses covering a range of skills. These courses include hospitality skills such as Safe Food Handling, Responsible Service of Alcohol, and Barista Skills. Moreover, courses like White Card and Traffic Management are available for those interested in careers in building and construction. First Aid courses are also highly sought after.

In Term Two, the Certificate III in Information Technology will kick off, covering various subjects such as coding, cloud computing basics, digital media skills, cyber awareness, and IT support services. Students will

gain essential knowledge in critical thinking and customer support skills, preparing them for roles in the IT support field.

For hands-on learners, the Certificate III in Horticulture is an excellent option and it's a nationally recognised qualification. This program teaches students about managing plant pests, diseases, and disorders, developing a plant establishment plan, implementing environmentally sustainable practices, and carrying out specialised amenity pruning. Practical training is provided in the BCAL training garden, along with industry work experience.

For those looking to work as a support worker in the disability care sector, a six-week course starting in May will provide comprehensive support, fundamental knowledge of the disability sector, and insights into establishing and managing a personal business.

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Newhaven College students fundraise for Cancer Council

AN IMPORTANT role for the Newhaven College Year 12 Leadership is to select a charity to support throughout their final year of school. This year, the Cancer Council has been selected. Funds are raised throughout the year with students and staff participating in dress-up days, bake stalls, sausage sizzles, a trivia night and other activities everyone can enjoy.

College Captains Max Arceo, Tahlia Williams, Tom Bird and Alice Mabilia say are “excited to be supporting a charity that does such important work including cancer research, treatment and supporting families affected by cancer. We also feel that the charity is a great fit for our school community and that in partnership we can work to maximise our fundraising efforts this year.”

Rather than the usual blue of the College uniform, Newhaven turned ‘Pink’ on Wednesday March 20 in support of Breast Cancer awareness. Pink hair, pink PJs, pink clothes – the uptake and participation across all sub-schools was heart-warming. The day raised over \$1500 with gold coin donations, a bake sale and generous donations via the QR Code from our College and Parent Community.

College Captain Alice Mabilia spoke about the success of the day, “We are so happy everyone got involved and dressed up in pink to raise awareness for Breast Cancer! Our main fundraiser, a bake sale was a great success, selling out in 10 minutes! A special thank you to our Year 12 Bass students for baking the delicious cupcakes. We can’t wait for our next fundraising day, to raise more money and awareness for our charity, Cancer Council!”

Donations are welcome from the entire Bass Coast community and can be made through the Newhaven College Fundraising page: fundraising.cancervic.org.au/fundraisers/NewhavenCollege or via the QR Code.



Newhaven Year 6 students enjoyed getting into the spirit of ‘pinking up’. From left, back, Evie Kimber, Lulu van der Walt, Ms Melanie Flower, Alice Martindale; front, Heidi Szymanski, Ella Herbert, Addison O’Connor, Frances Leary and Ivy Addison.



Everyone got into the spirit of the day. Year 12 students Nate Anderson, Beau Davies, Finn Russell and Daniel Caffieri.



Year 12 student Kiera Rowe was impressed with the pink outfits worn by Year 2 students Mieka Gale, Benji Ellery, Oscar Wright, Harley Filsell, Eden Bennett and Sophie Phillips.



Newhaven College Captains 2024, Max Arceo, Tahlia Williams, Alice Mabilia and Tom Bird are “excited to be supporting a charity that does such important work.”

POOWONG

1874

150th Anniversary

2024

19.20.21 APRIL

Co-ordinated by Poowong Community Consultative Committee Inc.

FRIDAY 19 APRIL

150th Anniversary Old Time Dance 8pm to Midnight - Sillouhettes

Poowong Public Hall

SATURDAY 20 APRIL

Football and Netball - Poowong v Nyora

Poowong Recreation Reserve

Open CFA Fire Station 10am - 2pm
Mya Mya Café 10am - 1pm
Com Garden open with BBQ

Poowong Library 10am - 12noon
Tennis Club open during Netball games
Historical Group Items on display
Pioneer Chapel 10am - 12noon

BYO Basket Dinner/Drinks, Book Launch, Anniversary Cake, Art work unveiling

7.00pm Poowong Public Hall

From 5pm Lions BBQ and Danish Bake & Smokehouse available outside the Hall & [also Sunday lunch]

SUNDAY 21 APRIL

RSL Flag raising & wreath laying at the Cenotaph - 9.30am

Combined Churches Service with morning tea - 10am

Poowong Public Hall

School tours 11.30am - 1.30pm Poowong Consolidated School

Historical Group historical Items/vehicle /farm machinery Pioneer Chapel 10am - 3pm

CFA Fire Station 10am - 2pm

Kindergarten 11.30 - 1.30pm

Landcare at CFA 11am - 2pm

Poowong Hotel Music “HARPIN’ On” 2pm

Community Garden

Sports Centre open from midday

Contact: Jenny Watson 0407 675 685 or Jim Forbes 0418 561 807

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FRIDAY 3 MAY

SATURDAY 4 MAY

SUNDAY 5 MAY

WONTHAGGI UNION COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

To book tickets go to: trybooking.com/1194329 (or scan QR code below)

Based on the film by Roger Corman. Screenplay by Charles Griffith

Book and Lyrics by HOWARD ASHMAN

Music by ALAN MENKEN

Originally produced by the WPA Theatre (Kyle Renick, Producing Director)
Originally produced at the Orpheum Theatre, New York City by the WPA Theatre, David Geffen, Cameron Mackintosh and the Shubert Organization

Scan QR code to book tickets

Celebrating Women for Change

SOUTH Gippsland Rural Australians for Refugees, SGRAR, a local refugee support group, held a fundraiser for 'Women for Change' to raise much needed cash and to celebrate women in March, the month to make the world aware of women's issues.

We were able to present Lida and Nasima from 'Women for Change' with a cheque for \$2000 with all money to go to education, especially post primary girls as well as food for the desperately poor in Afghanistan.

The food at the function was delicious, many guests complimented the chef, Cindy Caleira.

The environment was delightful in a beautifully decorated Victorian home with high ceilings and huge windows, set on several treed and flowered acres. The setting added to the joy of the guests through the afternoon. Thank you, Anny Bevan.

The Afghan ladies, Lida and Nasima informed the audience of 42 of abominable treatment of girls and women under the Taliban rule as well as the ruthless treatment of the Hazara minority in Afghanistan. Girls are forbidden education post primary school, or work in most professions, women need to wear a burqa, a loose garment that covers the head, face and body, are not allowed to leave the house without a male chaperone and in some places need to carry a marriage certificate to show that the male is their husband. Hazara women and girls are in danger of being abducted to become brides for Taliban fighters.

In some cities where the Taliban is more on the prowl, especially in the capital, Kabul, the group has transitioned to using USBs. The teachers save lessons onto USBs and distribute them to students. This method is safer than face to face meetings. In regional areas such as Waras and Panjaw for the time being it is safe to continue face to face classes.

In total the group pays 27 teachers to teach 1200 students and buys food for some of the poorest people.

As well as helping Women for Change, SGRAR has proposed a family of Afghan musicians who are in hiding in Pakistan, to come to Australia. Under the Taliban, playing music and singing are forbidden. The family had to move from house to house to avoid being imprisoned in Afghanistan. As a singer the mother of the family had made a number of youtube videos which the Taliban saw and accused her of sinning.

Shabnam (not her real name) fled to Pakistan with her family two years ago after receiving the phone call from the Taliban threatening to kill her and her husband, and threatening that their daughters will be taken as brides for Taliban fighters.

There are 26,500 places earmarked for Afghans within the offshore humanitarian migration program to 2026. This comprises 2000 a year, starting in 2021, as part of the regular humanitarian intake – which was recently increased from 17,500 to 20,000 a year – plus an extra 4125 a year on top, from 2022. SGRAR members are raising funds and sincerely hoping that the family of musicians will be awarded a Humanitarian Visa. We look forward to the first concert the family can put on in Wonthaggi.

SGRAR members help to support the Afghan family of musicians financially with all donations gratefully accepted and 100% of the money going to the refugees.

You are welcome to join SGRAR or to donate any amount with bank account details available by emailing Felicia on: sgrar07@gmail.com.



The Country Women's Association (CWA) of Victoria Inc. Gippsland Hills Group 69th exhibition officials with branch award winners. Z15_1524

Gippsland Hills Group 69th exhibition

THE Country Women's Association (CWA) of Victoria Inc. Gippsland Hills Group held their 69th exhibition at Poowong Hall on Saturday, April 6, recognising the 708 entries of handicrafts, art, and home industries.

South Gippsland Shire Deputy Mayor Cr. Nathan Hersey was in attendance for the official opening of the event, addressing the branch members and officials, acknowledging CWA as a platform for people to come together through craftsmanship and community. Highlighting the skill, history, and knowledge present in the room, and the importance in fostering fellowship among older people.

Past State President of the CWA of Victoria Marion Dewar officially opened the event.

"It gives me great pleasure to thank the conveners and chief steward the members of Poowong and district branch and all members of Gippsland Hills Group who have contributed to the success of the 69th exhibition of handicrafts, art

and home industries," said Marion.

"The question rises, why would we enter, and I can answer: A sense of satisfaction, of pride of achievement and understanding that every entry sustains and increases knowledge in the creative arts with handwork, art, photography, cookery and horticulture, and uplifting of the spirit as we imagine the aroma and taste. See the vibrancy of color and light and marvel at the intricacy of design and beauty of execution."

Gippsland Hills Group President Beronia Jarvis of the Poowong and District branch then welcomed Deputy Mayor Cr Nathan Hersey to present the branch awards to the following members:

Aggregate:

- First place with 620 points: Meeniyen Branch
- Second place with 436 points: Poowong and District Branch
- Third place with 398 points: Woorayl Branch

Award for the branch with the

highest points as a percentage of the branch membership. First awarded to Meeniyen Branch with 39 per cent.

Special Commendation: Awarded to Kardella and Poowong and District branch who had every member participate in the exhibition.

Branch Exhibits:

Five handicrafts' articles:

- "Transport"
- First place: Mirboo North Night Owls.
- Second place: Leongatha Twilight.
- Third place: Mirboo
- Presentation award: Mirboo North Night Owls.

Five home industry items:

- "Spice it Up"
- First place: Mirboo North Night Owls
- Second place: Inverloch
- Third place: Mirboo
- Presentation award: Woorayl

Three "Horticulture" items of edible plates:

- First place: Meeniyen
- Second place: Inverloch
- Third place: Woorayl
- Presentation award: Inverloch

Aggregate:

Elinor Scott Individual Aggregate Cup:

- First place: Maryke Dann of Bena Branch
- Second place: Vanessa Fisher of Meeniyen Branch
- Third place: Marilyn Mackie of Meeniyen Branch

Junior Aggregate:

- Savannah Facey of Meeniyen Branch

Best Exhibit Awards for the best piece of work in each class were presented to:

- Knitting, Crochet, Lace & Handkerchiefs: Sharon Melbourne
- Sewing, Patchwork, Applique & Quilts: Leanne Tilson
- Embroidery and Canvas Work: Maryke Dann
- Toys and Dolls: Vanessa Fisher
- Craft: Maryke Dann
- Art: Laura Sullivan
- Photography: Beronia Jarvis
- Jams, Jellies and Preserves: Maryke Dann
- Cookery: Vanessa Fisher
- Floral Art: Lesley Beakley
- Cut Flowers and Container of plants: Anne Fries

Inverloch Winukes play at Melbourne Ukelele Festival

THE INVERLOCH Winukes, a local ukelele group were invited to perform at the annual Melbourne Ukelele Festival, on March 17.

The group were very excited and headed off at sunrise to travel to Northcote for the performance.

The group entertained the audience with many songs and were the only ones to adorn green hats and play a couple of Irish songs in honour of it being St. Patrick's Day.

It was a great opportunity for the players to experience playing at a bigger Festival and according to a group spokesperson, all players grew in confidence and enjoyed the event.

The group are 100 members strong and often perform at the Warrawee club in Inverloch, at the Rotary Market, the Cape Paterson Festival and will be strumming up a storm at the Emerald Festival this May.

Interest and recognition of the growing in the group and they are looking to plan a mini



The excited members from Inverloch Winukes heading off to the Melbourne Ukelele Festival to perform and are grateful to all their sponsors.

festival in Inverloch later in the year.

Tuition is held every Tuesday morning and a beginners class is held three times a year on a Monday for new members who want to learn to play the uke'.

While the group weren't eligible for a council grant to go to

Melbourne, they raised money themselves and received sponsorship from a number of local businesses to help get them to the event.

Inverloch Winukes would like to thank these sponsors, Greg - Zilzie Wines, Jordan Crugnale MP, Warrawee Senior

Citizens, Christina Laws Physio, Inverloch Lions Club, Woolworths Wonthaggi, First National Real Estate Inverloch, Terry White Chemist Inverloch, Dan Murphy's Wonthaggi, Espy Hotel Inverloch, Paul the Pie-man, Bunnings Wonthaggi, and Harvey Norman Wonthaggi.

Multi award-winning women’s fiction author to grace Meeniyan Town Hall

JOIN a multi award-winning women’s fiction author when Nice Stack of Books presents An Evening with Anne Freeman at Meeniyan Town Hall on Friday May 3 at 7pm.

Anne Freeman will be in conversation with Marion Osmond, discussing her latest novel, Me That You See. Tickets are \$45 and include supper and a copy of Me That You See or Freeman’s debut novel, Returning to Adelaide.

Me That You See follows Lexi, a Melbourne barista whose burgeoning relationship with single father, Ethan, is growing cold before it’s had time to sizzle. When a mysterious friend from Lexi’s past emerges in startling circumstances, she glimpses the world of online sex work. Ditching espressos for the express lane to sexual empowerment and financial freedom, Lexi is lying to everyone, including herself. When Lexi meets Travis, a charming cybercrime cop free from emotional baggage, her new life shapeshifts at a dizzying rate. Lexi becomes ensnared and, this time, no amount of lying can set her free.

Emma Trotman from Nice Stack of Books said, “I am over the moon to have Anne Freeman visit us in Meeniyan. I have followed Anne since her first release and am so excited for local readers to discover her. She writes such real, relatable characters we can all connect with and is funny to boot. It’s sure to be a very entertaining evening!”

Award-winning, bestselling author of The House of Now and Then and A Shadow at The Door describes Me That You See as,



In conversation with Marion Osmond, Anne Freeman will be visiting Meeniyan Town Hall on May 3 as she showcases her latest release.

‘A spicy delight of a story that hooked me from the first page. Me That You See gives a peek behind the cameras into a world of both empowerment and challenge. With a diverse and well-defined cast of characters, there are powerful moments around friendship, trust, and love, with a creeping threat that will leave you shuddering. This book was satisfyingly unexpected, with plenty of surprises that shunned any predictability.’

Me That You See is a thrilling glimpse into online sex work packaged for book club banter

and voyeuristic pleasure. It explores themes of feminism in sex work, living your truth, women supporting women, toxic masculinity, and our desire to connect. It was longlisted in the 2023 Grindstone Literary International Novel Prize and shortlisted in the 2022 Hawkeye Manuscript Development Prize. In 2021, Freeman’s debut novel, Returning to Adelaide, was a finalist in Australia’s most prestigious romance writing prize, The Romance Writers of Australia Valerie Parv Award.

Me That You See was released by Hawkeye Publishing on March 24.

Coronet Bay Community Association elects full committee

THE Coronet Bay Community Association is pleased to announce the appointment of a full committee at its recent Annual General Meeting. The new committee brings a wealth of experience and dedication to community engagement, making them an excellent choice to lead the organisation into its next chapter.

In a significant development last October, members of the Coronet Bay Ratepayers and Residents Association, alongside members of the Coronet Bay Combined Community Group, reached a historic decision to merge the two groups. This merger resulted in the birth of the Coronet Bay Community Association, a unified platform aimed at fostering greater community cohesion and involvement.

The newly formed committee is poised to expand its outreach efforts and engage community members more comprehensively. Initiatives include the formation of specialised teams to handle communication, marketing, grant applications, events, fundraising, environment and volunteer support, among others.

“The Coronet Bay Community Association is dedicated to empowering every member of our community,” remarked Chris Petrie, the newly elected President.

“We are committed to fostering an inclusive environment where all voices are heard and valued. Together, we will continue to build upon the legacy of our predecessors, driving

positive change and the continued improvement of Coronet Bay.”

The Coronet Bay Community Association extends its heartfelt gratitude to all former committee members and community volunteers whose dedication and tireless efforts have been instrumental in shaping the association’s journey thus far. Their contributions have laid a strong foundation upon which we will continue to build a vibrant and inclusive community for generations to come.

Membership in the Coronet Bay Community Association is open to all ratepayers, residents, volunteers, and local businesses associated with Coronet Bay. For an annual fee of \$10, members gain access to regular updates, correspondence, and the opportunity to participate in the association’s activities. The association hosts four General Meetings and one Annual General Meeting throughout the year, providing members with opportunities to engage directly with the committee and contribute to community decision-making.

For those interested in joining or seeking further information, please visit our website coronetbayca.au or contact the association’s secretary at secretary@coronetbayrra.org.au.

The Coronet Bay Community Association looks forward to a vibrant future as it continues to serve and strengthen the Coronet Bay community.

The next General Meeting will be held at 10am on Saturday, June 15 at the Coronet Bay Community Hall.

Year 7 Information and Open Morning



LEONGATHA
Secondary College

MONDAY 29th APRIL - 9AM START

To begin in the Performing Arts Centre (PAC)

Students will assist with directions (as you arrive)

All Grade 4, 5 and 6 students and their families are warmly invited

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Sentinel-Times

COMMENT

How the government is scamming us on scam control

IN FEDERAL Parliament recently, the government made the claim that the number of scams in Australia is down by as much as 43 per cent for the December quarter but that certainly doesn't ring true for personal experience.

Many of us are in fact getting several scam attempts-a-day and with the average loss from a scam at a staggering \$20,000, it's a significant loss, especially considering the average Aussie household has about \$34,000 in savings.

Equally bad is that the fear of being scammed stops us from responding to otherwise legitimate contact from authorities to avoid being scammed.

One of the latest scams going around is a text message that claims "your road toll bill is overdue" and the way the road toll companies escalate the fees and charges associated with unpaid tolls, it has prompted many hundreds of people to click the link and lose their money – don't click the link!

Two issues there; it's too easy for criminals to take people down using messages on their phones and in the unregulated world of social media, despite what the government has claimed to achieve.

And two, how are the toll companies allowed to get away with the extortionate penalties they apply for unpaid tolls, often taking individuals to the magistrate court to recover debts that have ballooned out to thousands of dollars by late payment.

The government claimed recently that the National Anti-Scam Centre's second quarterly report shows that scam losses from October to December 2023 reduced by 43 per cent from the same quarter in 2022, and 26 per cent from the July to September 2023 quarter.

They gave themselves a big pat on the back for the results of an "\$86.5 million in a coordinated, whole-of-government approach" to reducing the number of scams.

However, on the National Anti-Scam Centre's own website today it says "scams are getting harder to spot. Australians reported a record \$3.1 billion lost to scams last year. That's 80 per cent more than the year before".

That's more like our experience.

Local MP Russell Broadbent spoke during the debate, saying his brother-in-law was prompted to make a progress payment on a new house he was building, a considerable amount, the name of the builder was right, the address, everything but the bank account details. Thankfully he checked with the builder first.

Mr Broadbent said that with more than three billion being ripped off each year, there needed to be "a whole-of-government, whole-of-banks, whole-of-telcos and whole-of-everybody-else-involved-in-it thing to make the difference."

And we should take the advice of the Member for Kooyong, Dr Monique Ryan, who said "that only 8.7 per cent of people who experience a scam report it to a government organisation or department" and make a report online to the National Anti-Scam Centre on its Scamwatch website at scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam

Vox Pop

Where would you like more money to be spent by council?



Joe Licciardi

Leongatha

"I'd like to see more country roads get fixed for the long term, not just patching."



Anton Valionis

Leongatha

"I'd like to see more spending on the maintenance of roads as the roads around the area are deteriorating."



David

Leongatha

"I'd like more carparks and more public toilets; it's chaotic trying to get a parking spot."



Ali Baumgartner

Kardella South

"I'd like to see more spent on roads to fix the potholes and dangerous driving conditions instead of speed reduction and rough surface signs."

Dangerous street trees

I RECENTLY contacted the Bass Coast Council regarding what I consider to be a dangerous tree on my nature strip. A lemon scented gum, over 40 feet high presents a clearly identifiable risk to my property and possibly a neighbour.

The council response was pathetic. It was claimed the tree is not dangerous, healthy, and could not be replaced with a more suitable species because "it was in the planning scheme for that subdivision".

The tree is certainly healthy despite several large branches having snapped off as the rampant growth continues. The recent example of massive trees being uprooted in Mirboo North demonstrates the health of the tree does not stop it being uprooted.

In addition to the risk to property, the amount of leaves and twigs shed by such trees also presents the potential for drains to be blocked, a matter which should concern council.

The council officer confirmed the tree was a council responsibility and I informed him that my e-mail and letter registered my formal advice of the danger. I suggest any property owner with similar risk from council trees registers their concerns with council.

Ken O'Connor, Inverloch

Shame on you Councillors

THE Bass Coast council approved a planning permit last December approving in a noticeably short time for the 20th tv series of "The Block". This application was not tabled at an open monthly council meeting for councillor's discussion. Councillors were full of praise to what it would do in showcasing Phillip Island worldwide for free, and the almighty dollar it would attract.

In the March council meeting a motion was tabled for a permit to erect a house at 42 Bruce Avenue Silverleaves, the council planning officer report recommended that a permit to be granted after all necessary bodies had agreed. As the motion failed to attract a mover, Cr Michael Whelan moved an alternative motion of refusal. Cr Whelan's motion of refusal was initiated by protecting the community against climate change disasters. I have news for the councillor you cannot control climate disasters. Six Bass Coast councillors supported Cr Whelan's motion in refusing this planning application.

Did any the six councillors read the one-hundred-page addendum to this application and evaluated the extensive abarticular report attached to this application, it may also be of help to the six councillors if they had read the "Melbourne Waters" Sea Level Rise Guidelines Interim Development Assessment Principles February 2023. This refusal will have no effect on the world climate change and Cr Whelan and Bass Coast councillors should spend their time

on roads, garbage and homelessness; councillors, please note one family is homeless by your actions.

Here we have the potential of another trip to VCAT using ratepayers' money for councillor lawyers and more cost for owner of the property in these tough economic times.

The community elects' councillors to represent them, did the six councillors let their community down? Yes.

Will any off these six councillors have the courage to table a motion to rescind this motion before it goes to VCAT and save ratepayers' money.

Bass Coast ratepayers and residents should carefully consider which candidates they wish to represent them on the Bass Coast council over the next four years. Candidates who listen to the community and are transparent or candidates that are there to serve their own self-serving ego.

John Trigt, Surf Beach

Regional crime surge sparks urgent action

THE recent surge in crime rates across regional Victoria demands urgent attention from the Allan Labor Government.

Figures released recently are damning, with rises at all corners of the state - from Mildura to Morwell and to Horsham.

Premier Jacinta Allan's own backyard Bendigo also recorded a lift in crime of almost 10 per cent.

With crime rates soaring and public safety at stake, it's imperative that regional Victorians are allocated much needed resources where they are required most.

The upcoming State Budget, now only six weeks away, presents an opportunity for the Government to wake up and demonstrate its commitment to protecting Victorians.

It's simple: more funding, for more police. Mildura has suffered a 15 per cent rise in criminal incidents, the Latrobe municipality based in Morwell is up 10.5 per cent and Horsham has been hit by a 15.3 per cent rise in recorded offences.

It's frightening to note that despite repeated calls for increased resources and police presence, the situation continues to deteriorate.

The closure of police stations, weakening of bail laws, and a significant number of vacancies with Victoria Police only exacerbate the problem. Residents should not have to live in fear due to rampant anti-social and criminal behaviour.

Only this week in Lang Lang, residents launched a petition calling on Labor to improve community safety through a stronger police presence and the funding of CCTV in the town centre. That is just one example. It's become too common.

The upcoming budget presents an opportunity for the government to wake up and demonstrate its commitment to protecting regional Victorians.

Peter Walsh MP, Leader of the Nationals

Thank you to a stranger

ON Wednesday last week, my son and I were approached by a lovely stranger in Ritchie's IGA Wonthaggi who explained that she loves to knit in her spare time, and proceeded to gift him a beautifully knitted blue beanie – perfect for winter.

Random acts of kindness are so few and far between that whilst I said thank you at the time, the lady disappeared before I could fully appreciate what had happened.

To the lovely lady in IGA Wonthaggi – your gift was truly appreciated and fits perfectly ahead of the cold weather that is around the corner.

Chloe Else, Wonthaggi

Other side to hunting

THERE is a whole other side to the duck hunting debate that is neither science nor ideology that seems to have been totally disregarded in the government's announcement.

This relates to the serious issues that regional residents and landowners are forced to live with as a result of the shooting. Some of these issues include trespass (by armed offenders whose acts cannot be prosecuted as they aren't able to be identified), theft of firewood (most often habitat timber), littering and contamination to what is often food producing land (plastic shot guns shells and wads, lead, human excreta), dead and injured birds washing up that have to be then managed by landowners and the very loud and disturbing gunfire noise at all times of the day and night that scares animals and children, not to mention if you are working from home and trying to conduct a Zoom meeting. Can you imagine for a minute trying to go about your daily business with this occurring in your backyard?

Regional Victorians have been ignored in this decision to continue the killing of native birdlife for recreation. Regardless of many invitations no MP has bothered to visit these people to experience it for themselves. If they did while they are there, they can see the wonderful work these landowners are doing for regeneration of the natural environment on their properties using their own money. This is clear evidence that no, Minister Dimopoulos, you have not listened to regional people when making a decision that affects these people's livelihood, safety, homes, recreation and peace for a quarter of the year. Regional folks are now left feeling helpless, abandoned and unworthy. It would appear the hypothetical decline in mental health of city-based union members, (who have a choice to move on to many other recreational activities) is more important than regional landowners who cannot simply pack up and move on. All this at a time when we have a worsening mental health crisis in the bush for farmers dealing with everything from extreme weather events to price gouging.

Elizabeth McCann, Regional Victorians Opposed to Duck Shooting Inc.

Wonthaggi Toyota

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2012 Kia Sorento Si
17,990 DRIVE AWAY

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SN: W101715



FINANCE
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2013 Mazda 3 Maxx BM Series
17,990 DRIVE AWAY

118,999kms, 6 speed sports auto
sedan SN: W101722



FINANCE
AVAILABLE

2015 Hyundai ix35 SE
18,990 DRIVE AWAY

115,378kms, 6 speed sports auto SUV
SN: W101691



FINANCE
AVAILABLE

2012 Holden Colorado LX RG
23,990 DRIVE AWAY

134,406kms, 5 speed sports auto 4x4
Cab chassis SN: W101625



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2017 Holden Trailblazer LT RG
27,990 DRIVE AWAY

168,291kms, 6 speed sports auto 4x4
SUV SN: W101708



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2019 Honda HR-V VTi-LX
34,990 DRIVE AWAY

55,570kms, CVT auto SUV
SN: W101661



FINANCE
AVAILABLE

2020 Toyota Hilux SR5
59,990 DRIVE AWAY

30,955kms, 6 speed sports auto 4x4
double cab SN: W101707

Leongatha Toyota

USED VEHICLE SPECIALS



MANAGERS
SPECIAL

2003 Ford Performance Vehicles GT BA
49,990 DRIVE AWAY

134,813kms, 4 speed sports auto
sedan SN: L101035



FINANCE
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2023 Ford F-150 Lariat
145,990 DRIVE AWAY

15,040kms, 10 speed CVT auto 4x4
LWB crew cab CTS 244



DEMO

2023 Ford Ranger Raptor
98,990 DRIVE AWAY

16,721kms, 10 speed CVT auto 4x4
double cab CID 688



DEMO

2023 Toyota Kluger GXL
69,990 DRIVE AWAY

4,057kms, 8 speed CVT auto 4x4
SUV CQX 032



FINANCE
AVAILABLE

2018 Hyundai Tucson Active X
17,990 DRIVE AWAY

151,796kms, 6 speed CVT auto SUV
SN: L101135



FINANCE
AVAILABLE

2019 Nissan Qashqai ST-L J11 Series 2
23,990 DRIVE AWAY

101,287kms, CVT auto SUV
SN: L101134



FINANCE
AVAILABLE

2022 Ford Ranger XL Hi Rider
42,990 DRIVE AWAY

31,156kms, 6 speed CVT auto
double cab CET923



FINANCE
AVAILABLE

2021 Toyota Landcruiser Prado Kakadu
79,990 DRIVE AWAY

66,383kms, 6 speed CVT auto 4x4
SUV L101140

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Life Membership presented to Ted Cross

AT THE most recent meeting of the Anderson's Inlet Probus Club Mr Ted Cross was awarded a "Life Membership" citation. Ted Cross has been a member of Anderson's Inlet Probus Club for over 31 years and during that time he has held the position of President of the Club five times. Ted supports the committee and the running of the club in numerous ways, and this award was very much deserved. The Anderson's Inlet Probus Club holds their meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Inverloch R.S.L. Club rooms in Bolding Place at 10 am and welcomes visitors regularly. Please contact Jill Widmer (secretary) on 5674 3910 if you would like to come along and find out more about the Club. Pictured is Ted Cross (Life Member recipient) and David Paroissien committee member presenting the award.

• FAITH FACTOR

What does Easter mean to you?

By John Williams,
Wonthaggi Christian Life Centre

TO SOME it's nothing more than a four-day break; a time for well-earned rest with family or friends. However, to Christians, it's a time of celebration. A time in which we bring to mind the crucified (Good Friday) and resurrected (Easter Sunday) Lord Jesus. Easter is a time foundational to the faith of all Christians. As Christians we believe, in faith, that all humankind was created in love and to have relationship with God. We were created to be God conscious and God centered. When we speak of sin it is that part of us that is self-dependent, self-focused and self-conscious. Our quest to be in control puts us as the god in our lives and thus creates a separation between God and mankind. Easter is about God's rescue plan for us – God sent His son Jesus Christ. The curse of our self-centeredness is broken by Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross. He pays the price for our self-centeredness to restore relationship with God. This is surely a message of Hope! Easter Sunday signifies the time over 2000 years ago when Jesus rose from the dead, proclaiming His victory over death. As followers of Jesus it becomes the foundation of our hope and faith in the future. Having faith in what Jesus did for us reverses the problem of self because in doing so we acknowledge our self-centeredness, our broken relationship with our Creator and in obedience we become reliant on God and His love and plan for us. This Good News is still for us today, no matter what we are facing. Instead of feeling vulnerable and downcast, we can look up and see the Resurrected Saviour of the world. Easter is also a time in which we witness and share this Good News with others. There is a need to talk about the event and a need to express our emotions. The blessings we receive from the Lord are meant for us to bless others by sharing with them the deeds of the Lord in our lives and the lives of those around us. Romans 5:8 NLT [8] But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners.

Help support Victorian students keep up with their education

NATIONAL children's education charity, The Smith Family, is calling on the community to help support its out-of-school learning clubs across the Gippsland region, aimed at helping young people experiencing disadvantage keep up with their education and stay engaged at school. Volunteers have always been an integral part of The Smith Family, and today are helping to support the education of more than 14,000 students across the state. Last financial year, more than 4600 Smith Family volunteers across every state and territory donated more than 116,000 hours of service, with an estimated equivalent value of \$3.7 million. But a lull in volunteers across some communities in Victoria means some of The Smith Family's evidence-based learning and mentoring support programs, such as Learning Club, may not run this year. "Learning Club is a vital program designed at helping students get the extra support they need outside of school hours," The Smith Family's Victorian general manager Anton Leschen said. "Our long-running clubs based in Morwell and Churchill, in particular, are in need of local support to ensure the young people we support are given every opportunity to keep up with their peers and stay engaged in their learning," he said. The Smith Family is



The Smith Family are on the hunt for volunteers in South Gippsland to help support their out-of-school learning clubs. currently searching for volunteers to help support local learning clubs in Morwell and Churchill. Traditionally Learning Club has attracted volunteers each week and are run over 18 weeks. With both clubs set to resume in term 2, it's vital that The Smith Family has support to help fill volunteer vacancies

in these communities. "All Smith Family Learning Clubs offer a safe and supportive environment, so students may take the opportunity to practice and rehearse new or recently developed academic skills or choose to build their collaboration and communication skills through a range of more social learning opportunities," Mr Leschen said. The Smith Family welcomes the donation of time through a variety of roles around the country, with the opportunity to commit as little as an hour a week or engage in longer-term roles. Volunteers can support children in need through The Smith Family's range of proven learning and mentoring programs - such as Learning Club, iTrack and the Growing Careers Project - as well as administration roles that help the organisation's broader operations. For more information on volunteering at The Smith Family and to see available opportunities in your area, please visit www.thesmithfamily.com.au/get-involved/volunteer.

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~

YES YOUTH HUB

THE "YES Youth Hub Drop-In" is open on Monday to Wednesday between 2.30pm – 5.30pm. Young people are always welcome to come down and check out the space during Drop-In. We would like to thank our new members of the Bass Coast Youth Advisory Council on their recent appointment and first meeting for 2024. The YAC, as they are fondly known, have already identified a number of interests and issues they would like to focus on in 2024. With Youth Homelessness Matters Day just around the corner they have requested that we promote our services heavily across the region.

Over the next few weeks you will be hearing plenty about how on Monday evenings our staff are funded by YMCA Open Doors to provide a community meal for young people. So, if you or a young person you know need a free feed next Monday and are aged between 12 – 25 years old, we highly recommend popping down to the YES Youth Hub between 4.30 pm – 5.30 pm. We also be promoting that the YES Youth Hub also has a free youth pantry, laundry and accessible bathroom. We are also excited to announce that the YES Youth Hub's Drop In will be opening an extra afternoon in May

2024. This will mean that it is open from Monday to Thursday between 2.30pm – 5.30pm. We would like to that the Bass Coast YMCA for their support and will be welcoming new staff and more activities for the young people of Bass Coast. Gig alert! In partnership with Bass Coast YMCA FReeZA, there will be an "Under 25's Open Mic" at the Kilcunda Community Centre – 3513 Bass Hwy, Kilcunda. Join us between 4pm to 6pm on Sunday April 21 for some live music or for the opportunity to perform in front of folk. Free entry. Snacks and drinks included. If you're thinking of performing feel free

to pop into the YES Youth Hub Monday to Wednesday 2.30-5.30pm to check out the space. All performers will receive a \$30 gift voucher. Although the event is free we do ask that people get a ticket online via Eventbrite, especially performers (bit.ly/3TNDkUB) or follow our socials for more info). You can find us on Instagram or Facebook on the following handles @YESYouthHub @basscoast.freeza @basscoastskateparks @basscoastymca



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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

WHOOSH! "What was that?" That was Term 1! "Wow, that was quick!" It sure was! And yet BCAL packed a huge amount into a short nine weeks. There are a record number of enrolments in the Hairdressing Certificate course. Certificate III in Horticulture welcomed a new trainer, Frances. There were also full groups in the Migrant English, Adult Literacy & Numeracy, and Computer Basics courses. Over forty people did their CPR Update, Responsible Service of Alcohol courses were presented in Wonthaggi, Foster, and Cowes. A newly developed course in Workplace Communications made its debut with a major local business and will be offered to the public soon. Plus, the award-winning Practical Music group combined with Mitchell House's

ukulele group last Thursday for a combined concert and jam. They're sounding tighter than ever! What does Term 2 hold? Well, the Horticulture course will be open to new enrolments, and BCAL will be presenting a series of free gardening workshops right across Bass Coast. This will be a follow-up to the highly successful Edible Gardens weekend held in February. That's in addition to the regular First Aid, Hospitality, Information Technology and Work Safety courses. Why not be a part of it? The complete list is on BCAL's website right now. For more information on all BCAL's courses and services, please visit bcal.vic.edu.au or call 5672 3115 to learn more. ■ **WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN** Autumn has arrived at the

garden, bringing with it a bumper pumpkin harvest. Thanks to some TLC, and despite the recent dry, volunteer and founder garden member, Lorraine, has produced a prize-winning array of pumpkins on just a few vines, all flowing from her medium sized plot. The regular volunteers are also enjoying Kevin's famous carrots; lovely bright orange beauties with very little forking and great flavour. There are also chillis, radish and the last corn cobs to take home. Volunteers are planning their cool season planting and made a start, last week, with some donated local garlic. Many thanks to the donor. Autumn is always busy in the garden. To find out more contact tgordon@westnet.com.au or drop in on a Thursday between 10 and noon. All are welcome.

■ **WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS** The Woodies had a great Easter weekend with their surprise gift sale. Visitors came via the website, social media, South Coast FM and this very column. There was a mix of first-time customers and regulars from the Christmas sales. Over 150 items were sold, each with a card naming the creator and the timber. All pieces were effectively donations with all proceeds going towards upkeep of the workshops, equipment and timber stocks. For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit wonthaggiwoodcrafters.com.au or visit workshop.



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Inverloch Art Auxiliary Committee members including, from left, Lyne Hodges, curator Susan Hall, curator Ursula Theinert, Jane Hudson, Lynne Jansen, Maria McDonald and President Deb Watson with the major art raffle prize, *Clouds over Bass Coast*, by Adrian Johnson. Absent: curator Karen Ellis, and committee members Sarah Spencer-Smith, Amanda Watts and Tessa Hubble.

Record-breaking art show supports community

THE 36th Inverloch Art Show broke a new record for sales, raising funds for Bass Coast Health's (BCH) food box program that provides essential groceries for people in our community.

The show featured 310 entries from far and wide, and drew a record crowd to the Inverloch Hub over the Easter long weekend.

The show is organised by the Inverloch Art Auxiliary, a voluntary committee that works year-round to hold the amazing annual show every Easter.

Auxiliary President Deb Watson said many visitors described the show as the best yet.

"It's the support of a broad range of sponsors, community members and volunteers that has helped to make the art show happen and in turn, enabled us to support Bass Coast Health's food boxes program, which is so valuable to our community," she said.

"We are fortunate to have great curators among our volunteers who know what they are doing when setting up an art show."

BCH CEO Jan Child was grateful to the volunteers, artists, sponsors and visitors who combined to make the show a success.

"I'm so impressed by the dedication of the art show auxiliary who work hard to bring together this wonderful community event that benefits our food box program," she said.

"These food boxes are put together by Inverloch Foodworks and provided to people in need, by the Bass Coast Health social workers. Sadly, there are people in our community who are struggling to meet basic day-to-day commitments, and the gift of these food boxes makes a massive difference to many of these families. We are so grateful to have this community support to help people in need."



Artist Jill Rogers of Rhyll won the major award – the \$2000 Blair Art Prize – with her acrylic work *No Man is an Island*.

A poorly named men's club if ever there was one

THE Handsome Men's Club held its bi-annual luncheon at The Westernport Hotel last week, raising funds for community groups and awareness for men's mental health.

The Handsome Men's Club was formed in 2019 and meets twice yearly at the Westernport Hotel. It was formed as most good ideas are – over a beer on a Friday night.

"It was something we'd been doing for a few years, getting a bunch of mates together," says local resident Alan Byrnes.

"When I mentioned it to Nick from The Westernport, we decided to turn it into something a bit more regular."

The Handsome Men's Club is not an official club, rather an opportunity for men to meet regularly with a view to shine a light on men's mental health. This is usually over an activity such as go-karting, or a three-course lunch at The Westernport, a beer or a glass of red wine.

"It's a great opportunity to get a diverse group of blokes together and remind them they're not alone, but in a relaxed setting," says Nick Say, Westernport Hotel publican.

"It's a subtle reminder that whatever anyone is going through, there's someone in



The Handsome Men's Club meets regularly to shine a light on men's mental health raising \$1500 at their last event which has been split between local groups and the McGrath Foundation.

that room that they can lean on.

"In addition to highlighting the importance of mental health and fostering good relationships amongst a great bunch of blokes it's also a great opportunity to learn a bit about others in the community, with a guest speaker presenting at each event. They

generally speak about their journey, be it professional or personal, with a few tall stories thrown in. The important thing is they're talking, which gets everyone talking."

The events also raise valuable funds for local community groups and fundraising efforts. "This event raised \$1500, of which we as a group

decided to split evenly between Free 3D Hands, PICAL and the McGrath Foundation," says Alan.

"All worthy causes doing amazing work in our community."

The club is currently planning its next event for late September. Stay tuned for more details.

CONVERSATION with Claire



Children...

By author Claire Chitty

GAZE into the eyes of a newborn and you feel your heart melt in wonder at the promise and innocence they hold. Each generation is the future, and as every parent knows, it takes a village of caregivers, extended family, teachers and mentors to raise a child.

These children are born into a time of great change, and listening to many mums, I'm hearing a growing trend of school refusal attributed to a combination of lockdowns, outdated subjects, bullying and technology addiction.

For years, I've maintained its imperative children learn practical life skills including mental health strategies, healthy communication, respectful interactions, the mind/body/spirit connection, and budgeting in fun engaging ways. They also need a healthy connection with food choices, physical activity and creative endeavours. At Powlett River recently, we witnessed the laughter and joy of students canoeing or fishing, whilst taking personal responsibility and learning consequences. Bring on more hands-on experiences, I say!

I can't image what it's like growing up in today's digital society, where the younger generation are born into an era of technology with instant access to information that they many not emotionally or mentally be prepared for. And it's not easy for parents, either as they juggle jobs, finances, homes, relationships, raising a family and setting boundaries in today's world.

So how do we change the education system and provide safe homes where kids master respect for themselves and others, without getting hooked on drugs or drop out of school?

As an early childhood educator, I'm an advocate for nurture and nature to foster open minds. Give a child a secure start in life for the first seven years, and it sets the foundation for the rest of their lives. In conjunction with Willow Way Imaginative Play, I hold workshops where children learn about body confidence and relaxation through yoga, movement and guided meditation. And the outcome is simply stunning both for the child and for the parents.

The most important thing I learnt raising my daughters singly handedly, was children need secure relationships where they feel safe, seen, heard, valued and loved, whatever culture, nationality or environment they are born into. We need to remove screens from prams and toddlers, and engage them in the environment around them.

How do we do this? Remember the Mastercard ad on TV depicting a child playing with an empty box rather than the toys? Imagination retains intuitive knowing and stimulates problem solving, inspiration, inventiveness and socialisation without a financial outlay. Coloured pencils, paper, boxes and other materials, dance and music are endless creativity possibilities in the making. Interactive board games and reading books sourced from Op Shops or Facebook giveaways are heartfelt ways to spend quality time together.

We live in a beautiful area of the coast so take advantage by connecting with nature using all five senses. Watch clouds float by, feel the sand beneath your feet, count different bird species, look for insects, splash in the water, stand in the rain, blow bubbles, ride a bike, plant seeds and harvest vegetables. Your children will thrive as kids are free to be kids. Have fun, your inner child needs to play, too.



Renee Winterton is raising funds for Gippsland Cancer Care Centre.

Renee's close shave for a good cause

FUNDRAISING efforts come in all shapes and sizes but when it concerns raising funds for cancer and the person raising the funds has a family member affected by the disease, those efforts carry extra emotional weight.

Renee Winterton's dad Geoff is being treated for cancer at Latrobe Regional Health (LRH) and as Renee says, "cancer really sucks!"

"Dad was diagnosed in September 2022 and has been getting treatment at LRH since then. Having worked in different hospitals as a nurse and being in different hospitals with my son, you know when you're being treated really well and the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre (GCCC) has been amazing," Renee said.

As a result of the care her dad has received and in that position of 'wanting to do something', Renee has enlisted the support of the Rosedale and Inverloch communities to support her goal of raising funds for the GCCC.

"Initially I was looking at \$5000, but we've already passed that figure so now I'm thinking of \$10,000!"

To achieve that goal Renee has recruited her hairdresser from 15 years ago to shave off her hair on April 21 at the Rosedale Hotel, a pub recently renovated by locals in her childhood home town where mum and dad have lived for more than 40 years.

"I started thinking about it around six months ago. It was something I could do, and it is something that will make a difference to patients receiving treatment at LRH," Renee said.

The money raised will be used to renovate the oncology patient waiting room in the GCCC.

"It's pretty clinical and not very warm or inviting. And when you think it is where patients wait to see their doctor when they are anxious and might be about to get not great news, well if I can help make it better then that's a good result," Renee said.

"I didn't want to raise the money for it just to go into a general pool of funds. I wanted it to be tied to a particular project that will aid local people and regional patients, like my dad."

It would be fair to say that while excited by the prospect of fundraising, Renee is also slightly anxious about losing her locks with family and some of the students she works with as a school nurse in the Bass Coast most present in her thinking.

"I've started putting posters about the fundraising around school so the students know what's going on and my kids have been a bit funny: 'mum don't shave your head'. But it's been good because I can explain to them I'm doing it for poppy's hospital, so it's a good thing and it helps them understand what's going on a bit more."

So, with the fundraising effort well and truly underway and the date set, what is Renee looking forward to?

"We want it to be a good day. The family will be there, a lot of friends will be there. I want it to be fun. While dad has cancer it reminds you that none of us are here for ever and having more fun isn't a bad goal to have, especially when it's combined with raising funds for such an amazing cause as the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre."

Donations to Renee's fundraising page can be made at mycause.com.au/p/338013/renees-shave-for-the-gippsland-cancer-care-centre



Bass Coast Health Operations Director Jess Jude and CEO Jan Child receive the \$120,000 cheque from San Remo Opportunity Shop volunteers, from left, Judi Leece, Tricia Jebson, Nancy Brain, Lorraine Ingbritsen, Janine Morris, Marj Wagland, Helen Andrews, Joan Ray, Sandra Thorley and Caroline Talbot.

San Remo Op Shop gives \$120,000 to Bass Coast Health

BASS Coast Health (BCH) is extremely grateful to the San Remo Opportunity Shop for their tireless work which has seen another \$120,000 donated to the health service.

The funds will be spent on new equipment for the expanding Women's and Children's service at Wonthaggi Hospital.

Op Shop President Sara Fleisner said the op shop

volunteers were proud to donate such a significant sum to such a worthwhile cause.

"The volunteers of the op shop work tirelessly to raise funds for our health service and to know these funds will go towards vital equipment for this wonderful service warms our hearts," she said.

"We thank members of the community, as well as holidaymakers, for shopping with us and in turn supporting our

public health service."

BCH CEO Jan Child was touched by not only the size of the donation but also the dedication of the many op shop volunteers.

"This amazing group of volunteers gives their time so generously, to support our health service. We are truly grateful to have our Volunteer Op Shop, and our community, supporting the growth of Bass Coast

Health," she said.

"We are able to provide so many more services and state-of-the-art equipment because our volunteers and our community care for their local health service. We are truly grateful!"

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

GSHS lauded for environmental and water performance

GIPPSLAND Southern Health Service has been lauded for its superior environmental and water use performance.

The health service has finished among the top-ranked hospitals across Victoria in the most recent environmental survey covering 2022-23.

The National Australian Built Environment Rating System (NABERS) is a Commonwealth initiative that measures the environmental performance of Australian buildings. It provides a rating

from one to six stars.

Both Korumburra and Leongatha hospitals achieved a four-star NABERS energy rating and five-star water ratings.

Only 29 Victorian public hospitals achieved a five-star water rating, which is considered a superior performance. In total, 86 per cent of Victorian public hospitals scored an average or above average rating of three or higher for water performance and 82 per cent were three stars or

higher for environmental performance compared to other commercial buildings.

NABERS measures a building's energy efficiency, carbon emissions and water use using actual environmental performance data. Performance is compared to similar buildings across Australia and provides a nationally consistent benchmark.

GSHS CEO Lou Sparkes said the health service was proud of its high environmental rating but wasn't resting

on its laurels.

"We all want to play a part in creating a sustainable future and we will continue to seek opportunities to improve our environmental performance," she said.

Ms Sparkes added that the focus on sustainability didn't compromise care.

"Our focus is the health of our patients, but if we can provide this even more sustainably, then that is a positive outcome for everyone," she said.

Better care for Gippsland neuroendocrine tumour patients

LATROBE Regional Health has hit a milestone in a collaborative partnership with Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre to oversee patients with rare and complex neuroendocrine tumours (NETs).

LRH had previously been referring NET patients to the Peter Mac neuroendocrine unit in Melbourne, but now these patients can be seen locally.

The Peter Mac neuroendocrine unit is the largest in Australia and is a certified European Neuroendocrine Tumour Society Centre of Excellence – the first established outside of Europe.

Peter Mac Neuroendocrine Unit Co-Chair Professor Michael Michael held his inaugural clinic at LRH this month.

His visit consolidated a three-year project to formalise a framework between the two hospitals and train local nurses.

Prof Michael plans on visiting LRH every year to co-share physicians, treatment guidelines, and hold monthly meetings to discuss NET patients with the Peter Mac multi-disciplinary specialists.

LRH medical oncologist



Medical oncologist Dr Joshi Sachin, Medical Oncologist Dr Bhavani Shah, medical oncology nurse Cassandra Moore, and Peter Mac Neuroendocrine Unit Co-Chair Professor Michael Michael have formalised the framework for complex neuroendocrine tumours at Latrobe Regional with Gippslanders no longer needing to travel to Melbourne for treatment

Dr Sachin Joshi said the partnership means Gippsland patients can access the same standards of care as at a major metro hospital like Peter Mac.

"This can give patients confidence that their care is being streamlined and linked between the two hospitals with no fragmented information," Dr Joshi said.

"It means we can give quality of care closer to home while also up-skilling our capabilities and linking patients to the centre of excellence for complex

treatments as the need arises."

The neuroendocrine system is a network of glands and nerve cells that make hormones and release them into the bloodstream to help control body functions such as digesting food.

Neuroendocrine tumours are rare and form mainly in the gastro-intestinal tract, including large and small bowel, pancreas and lungs.

Prof Michael said diagnosis was often delayed and detected at advanced stage four of

the disease.

But he said survival rates were good depending on their growth rate, disease extent and how patients responded to treatment. He said Peter Mac was planning to expand its neuroendocrine partnership to other regional hospitals.

"We give our opinion for the best options for patients to be managed locally at LRH, then they can be sent to Peter Mac if they can't access specialised treatment at LRH," Prof Michael said.



Celebrating the success of the All Auxiliary Raffle for Women's Health and Maternity services at Bass Coast Health were Auxiliary members and BCH staff, from left, Leonie Thomas, BCH Volunteer and Fundraising Manager Vicki Riley, Gill Scrase, Deb Watson, Marg Hender, Raye Tucker, BCH CEO Jan Child, Barbara Culph and BCH Community Relations Manager Steve Fuery, with raffle prizes.

Raffle raises more than \$6,670 for women's health

A RAFFLE run by Bass Coast Health's (BCH) volunteer Auxiliaries has raised \$6672 to help expand Women's Health and Maternity services at Wonthaggi Hospital.

The All Auxiliary Raffle featured amazing prizes, including travel, pamper, homeware and art packages, and was well supported by the community.

Every BCH Auxiliary was involved in the raffle: BCH Ladies Auxiliary, Phillip Island Health Hub Auxiliary, Inverloch Fundraising Auxiliary, Inverloch Art Show Auxiliary and San Remo Op Shop Auxiliary.

BCH CEO Jan Child said, "We are so grateful to our Auxiliaries for organising this raffle and for giving so much

of their time in sourcing prizes and selling raffle tickets, on top of all the other fundraising they already do for our health service.

"We're also so thankful to those businesses who gave prizes for the raffle. Their support has enabled this raffle to be a success, while raising awareness of our Women's Health and Maternity services and why they're needed.

"Thank you also to the many people who bought tickets. Your support will help more local families to stay locally when they have a complex birth."

Scott Rae won the first prize of a Bass Coast travel package valued at \$1600 but BCH is still trying to contact him. Anyone who can help

us find Scott is asked to ring Vicki Riley, BCH Volunteer and Fundraising Manager, on 0439 367 129.

Second prize of a pamper package valued at \$1496 was won by Robyn Noone.

Third prize of a homeware package valued at \$690 was won by David from Melbourne.

Fourth prize of an art package valued at \$450 was won by Anne Cherny from Camberwell. The artwork was created by BCH staff member Garry Doncon.

BCH wishes to thank the following people and businesses for donating prizes to the raffle: Garry Doncon, Getaway Phillip Island, Wildlife Coast Cruises, Silverwater Resort, Anerie General Store & Cafe Silverleaves, Phillip Island

Winery, San Remo Hotel, Clip 'n' Climb Phillip Island, Tides of Rhyll Fish & Chips, Grumpy's Crazy Golf, Peter Fogarty Photography, Purple Hen Winery, Folks Coffee, Wonthaggi Meats, Little Wren Café, Connells's Bakery, Travel World, Seabreeze Screens, Tyrepower, Julie Wade Clothing, Illa May Clothing, Amcal Pharmacy Wonthaggi, DEE Hair and Beauty, Miners Dispensary, Deb Watson's Jewellery, Island Glow, Turn the Page Phillip Island, San Remo Nails, Garden of Thoughts, Enter Hair, Headlines Hairdressing, Foon's Photographics, Parry's Jewellery and Watches, Wonthaggi Fabric and Yarns, Bunnings, Hello World Travel, Home Cook and BBQ Wonthaggi, and Sylk Skin and Beauty.

Sugarcane extract: Can it improve gut, heart, and mental health?

A NEW Australian study is looking at the powerful properties of sugarcane extract and its potential to improve not just our gut and heart health but our mental health too.

The Deakin University research team is currently recruiting participants to take part in the innovative fully remote trial, with the aim to encourage people who normally have difficulty accessing clinical trial sites.

Dr Dan Dias from Deakin's CASS Food Research Centre said the sugarcane derived extract developed by Human Health and Wellbeing Pty. Ltd. is high in natural polyphenols which are known to have antioxidant and anti-inflammatory properties.

"Previous research has demonstrated the benefits of polyphenols, which are naturally found in highly coloured fruits and vegetables as well as tea, coffee and dark chocolate, and surprisingly high levels of polyphenols are found in sugarcane extract too," Dr Dias said.

"The extract is a natural by-product from sugarcane; with less than five per cent sugar remaining in the product after the patented extraction process.

"We think there may be broader benefits of including the unique polyphenols found in sugarcane into the human diet, but this trial is an important step forward that evaluates these potential benefits with a world-class scientific study.

"Polyphenols have been shown to reduce oxidative stress and inflammation which may prevent or alleviate chronic diseases such as cardiovascular diseases, osteoporosis, diabetes, and neurodegenerative conditions like Alzheimer's disease.

"In this study, we hope to see an improvement in people's overall health, including gut microbiota, blood glucose control and heart health, as well as self-described mental health."

Dr Dias said the fully remote randomised control trial will require participants to take a daily dose of sugarcane extract or a placebo for three months, followed by a subsequent three-month period where conditions are reversed. Throughout the trial, participants will collect all their own samples in the convenience of their own home.

The researchers are looking for participants aged 18 to 55 years with no history of heart disease, high blood pressure or diabetes.

Dr Dias said it was the first time the benefits of a supplement had been investigated in this way.

"We hope this study points a way forward for clinical trials, so they are no longer just for people living in cities, who have the time and availability to participate. We believe this approach will drive the future of health and wellbeing."

Participants will receive a \$50 gift voucher and a final report on their health markers valued at \$700.

Functional defibrillators at Men's Shed and Rotary Club

WITH Wonthaggi Men's Shed receiving a Men's Shed Victoria grant to buy a new Automated External Defibrillator (AED), Wonthaggi Rotary Club was given the shed's revitalised previous unit.

Retired paramedic and Wonthaggi Men's Shed member Bert Orr carried out the refurbishment and handed the now fully operational defibrillator to Wonthaggi Rotary Club's Ray McCurry.

President of Wonthaggi Men's Shed Robert Mesley and the organisation's committee were happy to assist another service organisation when Bert pointed out the Rotary Club's defibrillator was no longer operational.

"You have to buy new batteries, new pads, reprogram it and check all the connections are secure and everything is in place," Bert said of the refurbishment process.

He explained that while it was quite straight forward to return the Men's Shed's previous defibrillator to service, the biggest challenge was a three-month wait for a new battery.

Bert spoke about how an AED works.

"They analyse the cardiac rhythm; there are two



Ray McCurry of Wonthaggi Rotary Club is delighted with the defibrillator presented by retired paramedic, and member of the Wonthaggi Men's Shed Bert Orr. A01_1424

rhythms that are shockable that the machine will recognise and say 'press shock', and it will hopefully restore a normal cardiac output," Bert said.

He added that if there is no cardiac electrical activity for the defibrillator to detect, it will recommend CPR rather than a shock.

"They're so simple to use

and generally only have three buttons, and they speak to you in English and tell you what to do; the biggest pitfall with these things is people are frightened of them, and you shouldn't be," Bert said.

Ray said those at Wonthaggi Rotary Club are grateful to receive a functional defibrillator and thanked the members of Wonthaggi

Men's Shed.

He noted that members of the Rotary Club raised funds a few years ago to pay for three core pulse machines for the ambulance service, which are automated devices that deliver chest compressions, freeing up paramedics to provide other required care to the patient.

While Wonthaggi Rotary Club's now replaced defibrillator is currently out of action, it will be brought back into service, with Bert set to refurbish it at his own expense so he can have it at hand in his car to assist in his role as a community responder.

Bert stressed the importance of checking defibrillators every six months to ensure there is plenty of charge in the battery and that the pads remain in date.

He explained that the pads contain a gel that eventually hardens, resulting in a loss of adhesiveness and conductivity.

With both Wonthaggi Men's Shed and the local Rotary Club having predominantly senior-aged members, it is particularly important that each organisation has a functional AED available.

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Meeniyan's internationally acclaimed French connection

A BEAUTIFUL melange of music with a French connection at its heart will fill the Meeniyan Town Hall this May.

The concert, titled 'The French Connection', has been organised by Prom Recitals – a local group of volunteers from South Gippsland and Bass Coast who have a passion for the live performance of classical music.

The Meeniyan concert will see internationally-acclaimed ensemble Trio Anima Mun perform compositions from:

- Sergei Prokofiev - Sonata for violin and piano No. 2 in D Major, Op. 94a.
- Maurice Ravel - Sonata for violin and cello, M.73.
- Theodore Dubois - Piano Trio No.1 in C minor

Trio Anima Mundi stands out as a beacon in Australia's chamber music scene since its establishment in 2008.

The trio's members – Kenji Fujimura (piano), Rochelle Ughetti (violin), and Noella Yan (cello) – are seasoned performers and have gained a reputation for their sumptuous sonorities, immaculate ensemble, and masterly interpretation.

Celebrated for its innovative approach and Piano Trio Archaeology, the trio unearths and performs forgotten gems alongside iconic piano trio masterpieces and contemporary compositions.

Praised as a "trio of vitality, charm and aplomb", according to The Age, recordings of their performances are regularly broadcasted to global audiences.

The trio are a sought-after presence at festivals and masterclass events, appearing in renowned gatherings such as the Castlemaine State Festival, Organs of the Ballarat Goldfields Festival, Melbourne Chamber Music Feast, Montsalvat Chamber Music Series, Ballan Feast, 3MBS



Trio Anima Mundi will be performing in Meeniyan in May.

Marathons, and others.

They're currently serving as Ensemble-in-Residence at the International Academy of Musical Arts.

Their debut CD, Romantic Piano Trios, received the prestigious Musicweb International Recording of the Year in 2013.

Their latest recording, English Piano Trios, released in January 2020, earned the distinction of being an Audiophile Essential by Hi-Res Audio (Germany), claimed Musicweb International Recording of the Month, and a featured Classical Album on Apple Music.

The trio's ongoing projects include The Reissiger Project, a groundbreaking survey of the 28 piano trios of Carl Reissiger for the Toccata Classics (UK) label. For more information, visit trioanimamundi.com.

The upcoming concert in Meeniyan will be held on Sunday May 5. Doors open at 1.30pm and the concert starts at 2.30pm. Tickets are \$60 for adults and \$20 for under 18s and are available online at trybooking.com/CPYPT

Prom Recitals has a passion for bringing talented artists to the village halls of

South Gippsland and surrounds.

They also aim to make a small profit on their concerts which they use to support the music program in local secondary schools. In 2023, the Prom Recitals Schools Program worked with more than 500 students involved from five schools across the region – Mirboo North SC, Foster SC, Leongatha SC, Korumburra SC and Bass Coast College – to run workshops and performances that culminated in an end of year concert involving all vocal and instrumental ensembles from the five schools.

Let's go... FANDANGO !!!

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Guitar Concert by Tom Chalko

**Mt Best Community Hall,
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The renowned *Fandango*, composed by Boccherini in 1798 for guitar, strings and castanets is a testament to the timeless charm of Spanish folklore. It combines a classical string orchestra with the lively flair of flamenco guitar and castanets.

Tom will perform the *FANDANGO* with his own cyber-orchestra.

To add a touch of serenity, Tom will enchant you with the beloved *Cavatina*, skilfully arranged for guitar and orchestra. The remainder of the program includes widely admired guitar music from Spain and Brazil, along with Tom's recent compositions.

Best wishes from Mount Best and welcome !

The event is **FREE**, but donations are welcome. Please make a booking, because the number of seats is limited and we need to plan catering.

RSVP: TICKETS@MTBESTHALL.ORG
or text Trish Newby on 0402 893 475

The Hall opens at 1:30

For more information visit mtbest.net/concert-21-april-2024/

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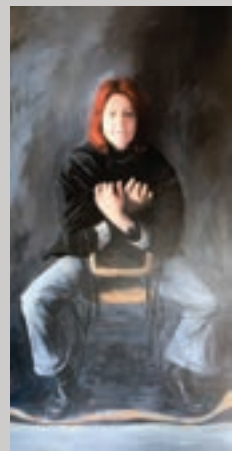
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VANCRYNES and Andrew Murray transform Meeniyan

THE award-winning Art Cubes in South Gippsland Shire have been an innovative way to give local artists the opportunity to present their work in the community. They are a bright and colourful reminder of the amazing local talent we have in our region.

The Cubes are currently based in Meeniyan which is known as a home for high quality live music with the Lyrebird Arts Council leading the way.

Meeniyan has been putting on unforgettable live shows that have brought the best across Australia and the world to our doorstep to perform for our community as well as boosting local tourism. Over the Easter holidays the cubes are providing a home for local songwriting talent.

VANCRYNES is based out of Walkerville where he has developed a staggering portfolio of work with more than 150 songs written, recorded and produced in his home studio.

"I like to explore themes in my songs that are all about modern life. Sometimes the banal and other times the deeply emotional but all of my songs are about reflecting on this amazingly strange time in history where we have so much but still struggle."

VANCRYNES has converted one of the Art Cubes into a

mini recording studio and will be creating new work during the Easter Holidays.

"I have a bunch of ideas that I've been storing away just for this moment. Really excited to be able to work in view of my community."

VANCRYNES' Art Cube neighbour is local composer, arranger and conductor extraordinaire Andrew Murray. Murray's work as a musician has led to collaborations with Sarah Blasko, The Teskey Brothers, Missy Higgins, Jade MacRae, and C.W Stoneking just to name a few. He spent time abroad where he also received multiple Jazz music awards including winning Sweden's International Composition Contest. Locally he has also been recognised as the winner of Australia's National Big Band Composing Competition featuring the Jazzgroove Mothership Orchestra.

Both artists will be sharing their approach to songwriting and offering opportunities for the audience to interact with works in progress. Weekends will also feature some intimate live performances so keep an eye out for those.

You can also stay updated on the remaining Meeniyan residencies in the art cubes via the website meeniyan.org.au/art-cubes



Andrew Murray, the acclaimed composer, will engage with audiences inside his Art Cube in Meeniyan.



VANCRYNES has transformed an Art Cube into a studio and will be crafting new works during the school holidays.

Korumburra CFA to celebrate milestone year

THE Korumburra Fire Brigade will soon be marking 125 years.

The celebration will take place on April 21 with an open day and lunch.

Doors will open at 11am, with a lunch at 12pm and formalities set to start at 1.30pm.

Honoured guests will include CFA board member Peter Shaw, deputy chief officer Trevor Owen, assistant chief fire officer Ben McKie, South Gippsland Shire Council deputy mayor Cr Nathan Hersey and local politicians.

Community members will be welcomed to view historical displays, memorabilia, and the vehicles.

Brigade members will attend the special event to have a chat and take questions from the public.

The Korumburra Fire Brigade was informally created around 1896 when a fire broke out in the town.

The brigade was officially established and registered in 1899.

It's first station was set up at the top of Commercial Street, next to the current BP petrol station.

The brigade made the move to Mine Road in 1963, where it still operates today.

Though the location remains the same, it has undergone a few changes over

the years.

A significant extension was built in 1995, and renovations and modernising has taken place over the years.

The brigade is now 28 members-strong, with quite a few new members joining recently.

Korumburra received almost 70 calls during the last calendar year, with that number expected to increase by the end of 2024.

The brigade has received 35 calls within the last three months.

"We have had a pretty busy start to the year. During the storm event in February, we had around eight or nine calls in two hours," Korumburra CFA captain Shane Maskell said.

"We've also sent out members away to places like Queensland and Western Victoria. Often this can be at the expense of work or family commitments, but we always do whatever we can to do our bit."

"Our members look forward to celebrating our 125th year with the community and we hope the weather behaves on the day."

RIGHT: Korumburra Fire Brigade are marking 125 years on April 21 and are opening their doors to celebrate the memories and history of the brigade.



WHAT TO DO THIS WEEK...

For the kids...

Disney Sing-Along-Athon
Wednesday April 10, 2.30 pm
Leongatha Library

Make a Wiggly Worm Puppet
Thursday April 11, 10.30 am
Korumburra Library

Easter bilby craft
Thursday April 11, 10.30 am
Inverloch Library

Cordial with a Cop!
Friday April 12, 11 am
Wonthaggi Library

Clay Mosaics
Friday April 12, 11 am
San Remo Library

For all...

CWA Bass Group Creative Arts Exhibition
Saturday April 13 and Sunday April 14
Loch Public Hall

Coal Creek Farmers Market
Saturday April 13, 8am
Coal Creek Community Park & Museum

Loch Village Summer Market
Sunday April 14, 9am
Loch Railway Reserve

A celebration of art and culture

THE 69th annual Creative Arts Exhibition hosted by the CWA Bass Group promises to be a vibrant showcase of talent and creativity. Taking place this weekend, April 13 and 14, this much-anticipated event will transform the Loch Public Hall into a hub of artistic expression.

From intricate patchwork to captivating crochet, embroidery and floral arrangements, the exhibition will feature a diverse range of works by talented members, family, friends and juniors.

Visitors can explore various crafts and styles, each reflecting the unique perspectives of the creators with baked goods also on the judging table.

Enthusiasts can browse the trading table, where handcrafted treasures await. Whether you're seeking a one-of-a-kind piece or a thoughtful gift, this is the place to find it.

There will also be demonstrations on offer.

Last year's event was an overwhelming success, and this year promises no less. Pop the coins into the wallet (cash only no eftpos) and pop along to Loch Hall on Saturday from 10am to 4pm and Sunday from 9.30am to 3.30pm – don't forget to grab some delicious light refreshments whilst you're at it.

The Country Women's Association of Victoria Inc.

2023 CWA BASS GROUP 69th

Creative Arts Exhibition



Saturday & Sunday, April 13 and 14, 2024

Public Hall, Smith Street, Loch
Member's exhibits & demonstrations.
Open: Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 9.30am-3.30pm
Admission: \$5 adults, children with adults free
Contact: Jacky Dow 0410 416 805



Sharon Van Vliet and Christina Dubignon at the Dakers Centre for the rock n' roll fundraiser. Z30_1524



Henry and Susan Mueller supporting Karen and Gino at J & J's rock n' roll fundraiser. Z31_1524



Josie and Tony Vitetta supporting their fellow dancers at the J & J's rock n' roll fundraiser in Leongatha. Z33_1524



Gary and Marilyn Hill attended the Dakers Centre in Leongatha to raise funds for Karen and Gino. Z34_1524



Residents of Rose Lodge and good friends Betty Pullin and Margory McDiarmed attended the annual fete in support of their fellow residents. Z01_1524



Acting Director of Care Michelle Denman with Louise Sibley and Nancy Tuddenham at the Rose Lodge fete. Z02_1524



Tony Burns, Donna Watson and Graeme Watson volunteer their time at Rose Lodge raising funds for the residents. Z03_1524



Marlene Talbot and Gail Huitema volunteer their time selling Jan Brown's baked goods at the annual Rose Lodge fete. Z04_1524



Corporate Services Manager Jenny Bonell with Shirley Allan and Lorraine Loughran. Z05_1524

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Rose Lodge Annual Fete, J & J's rock n' roll fundraiser and CWA Gippsland Hills Group 69th exhibition at Poowong Hall.



Edith Spencer, Glenda Pitkethly and Carolyn Warn enjoy a dance at the rock n' roll fundraising evening. Z32_1524



Convenor Thelma Hutchinson and Lynn Missen at the Gippsland Hills Group 69th exhibition at Poowong Hall. Z06_1524



South Gippsland Deputy Mayor Cr. Nathan Hersey with son Hugo, Past State President of the Country Women's Association of Victoria Marion Dewar, and Cr Jenni Keerie at the 69th exhibition. Z07_1524



Junior Aggregate Savannah Facey of Meeniy Branch with Meeniy Branch Secretary Vanessa Fisher. Z08_1524



Poowong and District Branch President Sarah Sullivan with Chief Steward Laura Sullivan of the Leongatha Twilight Branch at the 69th exhibition. Z09_1524



Joyce Harley and Marge Woolley attended the 69th CWA Gippsland Hills Group exhibition. Z12_1524



Marilyn Mackie of the Meeniy Branch with Ellen-Jane Browne of the Leongatha Twilight at the 69th exhibition in Poowong. Z11_1524



Gippsland Hills Group President Beronia Jarvis of the Poowong and District Branch with exhibit winner Sharon Melbourne. Z10_1524

‘Scottsdale’ Stony Creek

‘SCOTTSDALE’ offers a unique opportunity to secure a quality cattle fattening or breeding property in the heart of South Gippsland. Situated on the renowned Stony Creek flats ‘Scottsdale’ boasts productivity, ease of management and lifestyle attributes rarely afforded in a rural property.

An exceptionally well-maintained home exists on ‘Scottsdale’ comprising of a four-bedroom home with an additional games/entertaining room and is positioned in a lovely garden parklike setting. The home includes a timber kitchen and open plan living, boasting views of the paddocks and compliment the country living style.

Working improvements consists of machinery, hay, workshop and other storage shedding. There are heavy-duty stockyards which include an undercover race and crush area plus holding and drafting pens.

The property comprises of highly productive flats with some gentle rises. There are excellent bands of natural bush and shelter belts for stock shelter and aesthetic appeal. A secure water supply is via dams to troughs plus a reliable 40-inch annual rainfall plus frontage to Stony Creek. ‘Scottsdale’ is fenced into 13 main paddocks accessed via an all-weather laneway system.

Just through the Stony Creek township ‘Scottsdale’ is also just four kilometres to Meeniyan and 15 minutes to Leongatha. The property is only 15 minutes to the Koonwarra livestock selling centre. The Great Southern Rail Trail and Stony Creek Racecourse are also close by.

‘Scottsdale’ is an exciting prospect combining productive grazing along with lifestyle and a great location.

An opportunity not to be missed.



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new listing

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- Gently undulating land with stockyards
- Superb views with sealed road access

Web ID: 300P6327**\$500,000**

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Fantastic acreage retreat, shedding heaven!

NESTLED amidst the rolling hills of South Gippsland, just a short 3.5 kilometres drive from the township of Korumburra, awaits this fantastic 2.47-acre property offering the perfect blend of comfort, style, and functionality.

Interior glance:

Step into a home adorned with freshly painted interiors and a brand-new Colorbond roof featuring bubble insulation for maximum climate control.

The three generously proportioned bedrooms offer ample space and comfort, each with brand new ceiling fans for optimal airflow.

Discover the original yet functional bathroom, central and convenient.

Entertain in style within the open-plan kitchen, meal, and lounge area, featuring a raked ceiling and a large ceiling fan for added ambience.

Enjoy the brand-new kitchen, boasting sleek laminate benchtops, a stunning glass splashback, soft-close cabinets, and top-of-the-line appliances including an upright induction cooktop stove with fan-forced oven and a convenient dishwasher, plus walk in pantry.

Every detail has been meticulously attended to, from the replacement of doors with new hinges and handles to the installation of new fly screens, ensuring a seamless living experience.

Relish in the comfort provided by the near new carpeting, which is just three years young.

Stay connected and in control with the ducted reverse cycle heating and cooling system, conveniently operable via a smart-phone app.

Embrace the outdoors on the expansive north-facing undercover deck, the perfect setting for alfresco dining or hosting memorable BBQ gatherings with loved ones.

Shedding sanctuary:

Prepare to be amazed by the sheer magnitude of the shedding facilities, catering to the needs of home mechanics and aspiring entrepreneurs alike.

The crown jewel of the property is the newly constructed 9m x 18m shed, boasting three-phase power, impeccable thermal insulation with spray foam, and lined walls.

Revel in the beauty of the polished concrete flooring, which lends an air of sophistication to the space, while a 9.5kw reverse cycle unit ensures year-round comfort.

With a 3.6m auto roller door clearance, an office space, a sprawling 22m² mezzanine storage area and a 5000-litre water tank, this shed is a testament to both form and function.

Additionally, a second 6m x 12m shed provides ample storage and workspace, complete with a new roof and insulation.

Supplementary storage needs are met

with a small 4m x 2m garden shed and two expansive shipping containers, offering versatility and convenience.

Rest easy knowing that your property is safeguarded by a comprehensive security system and CCTV encompassing both the main residence and auxiliary sheds.

Hot water supply courtesy of the new electric 325-litre hot water service, ensuring comfort and convenience for all occupants.

Additionally, the property boasts a brand new Kompak Inverter 7500w generator with direct electrical feed-in to support approx. 60 per cent of the property in the event of power outage.

Outdoor oasis:

Well-fenced flat land, spanning 2.47 acres, this property presents an unparalleled opportunity for hobby farming or simply enjoying the great outdoors. Whether you envision a thriving vegetable garden, a sanctuary for small farm animals, or simply a vast expanse for recreational pursuits, the possibilities are endless within this property.

As an added bonus, and an inclusion in the sale is a working 1964 Massey Ferguson tractor and X300 John Deere ride on mower to help manage and maintain this stunning property.

Contact Matt Redmond from Harcourts Leongatha to arrange your private inspection.

3 1 8 2.47 acres

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Breathtaking views on 305-acre grazing haven

SITUATED in the renowned Krowera/Loch district of South Gippsland, this highly productive 305-acre grazing enterprise is being offered for sale. Ideally suited to cattle and sheep, the property boasts a good mix of sheltered, undulating and hill country.

Together with panoramic views from the coast to the city lights of Melbourne this long-held family property is centrally located to the wonderful attractions of our region, offering the perfect combination of farming and lifestyle.

- Features of the property:
- 305 acres (in two titles 143 ac and 162 ac) of heavy carrying 'Bluegum' grazing country.
 - Excellent water security by way of dams (19), springs, winter creek and supported by an annual reliable 40-inch rainfall.
 - Well fenced for both sheep and cattle with 15 paddocks.
 - Two stand shearing shed with 10mx9m pens/slat floors plus a 10mx9m slat floor holding shed.
 - Assorted shedding with 10mx8m machinery shed, 12mx8m workshop, and

- two hay sheds.
 - Stock yards for cattle and sheep.
 - An ideal property for fattening or breeding cattle and sheep or dairy turnout – options for an income stream.
- The home:
- Traditional brick veneer home with modern updates.
 - Four spacious bedrooms all with built-in robes.
 - Well-appointed kitchen and dining with large walk-in pantry.
 - Separate lounge with an additional two living areas.
 - Polished timber floors, wood heater and views from every window.
 - The bathroom is modern and stylish, featuring walk-in-shower, vanity plus two toilets.
 - Double garage with internal access.
- Excellent road frontage on a quiet country road separates the two titles that form the property. With options to purchase as a whole or separately (143 acres and 162 acres). The two titles combining for the 305 acres provides an ideal mix of grazing topography for hay production and grazing in addition to future income earning

capabilities with options to build (STCA) on magnificent homesites, or agist, lease part thereof to supplement your income.

The property is being sold in conjunction with Elders Real Estate.

If you would like to discuss this farm purchase in its entirety or in two titles, please do not hesitate to contact the selling agents for further information. To arrange a personal inspection, please call Irene Walker at SEJ Real Estate 0429 045 632.

For a Due Diligence Checklist go to: consumer.vic.gov.au/duediligencechecklist

The price:

\$2,500,000 for the whole property on both titles, or:

\$1,450,000 for 162 acres and the home, and \$1,050,000 for 143 acres.

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Kite Haven, your dream retreat!

INTRODUCING Kite Haven, set on 3.2ha nestled in the highly coveted locale of McFees Road, this property epitomises the essence of premium rural living. Encompassing breathtaking panoramic views of sweeping farmland and serene waters, Kite Haven offers an unparalleled sanctuary amidst nature's embrace.

As you step through the entrance adorned with a striking timber and glass door, the meticulous attention to detail becomes apparent. A bespoke timber and glass staircase sets the tone for the contemporary elegance that defines this two-storey abode.

Designed with a focus on modernity and functionality, the custom floorplan boasts soaring ceilings, sun-drenched interiors, and expansive floor-to-ceiling windows that frame the picturesque surroundings. Equipped with top-of-the-line appliances, including a wood burning fireplace, and enhanced by reverse cycle heating and cooling, the home effortlessly combines luxury with comfort.

The ground floor encompasses three generously proportioned bedrooms, adorned with soft timber flooring and lofty ceilings, offering a peaceful retreat for family and guests alike.

Venturing upstairs reveals the pièce de résistance – a sprawling parents' retreat that transcends ordinary expectations. Featuring a standalone living space complete with a kitchenette, this sanctuary

provides ample room to unwind and indulge in culinary delights while soaking in the mesmerising water vistas stretching towards Cape Woolamai.

Expansive decks and balconies beckon outdoor relaxation, providing both covered havens and open-air spaces to bask in the tranquillity of the surroundings. Additionally, the property boasts an established Olive Grove of over 400 mature trees, that produce one of the regions finest Virgin Olive Oils. There is excellent shedding facilities and ample room for equestrian pursuits, making it ideal for horse enthusiasts or those seeking a rural lifestyle.

Conveniently situated adjacent to the renowned Purple Hen Vineyard and winery, Kite Haven presents a rare opportunity to experience a lifestyle of unmatched luxury and serenity. With its unique blend of sophistication and natural beauty, this property is truly a must-see for discerning buyers seeking an extraordinary living experience.

Call Alex Scott and Staff on 5952 2633 to schedule your inspection today and step into the lifestyle you've been longing for at Kite Haven.

Disclaimer: Whilst every care has been taken in preparing the above information, it is to be used as a guide only. Please refer to the appropriate legal documentation to complete your due diligence.



3 3 4 3.2ha

110 McFees Road, Rhyll
For Sale By Set Date ending Thursday, May 16 at 4pm
Agent Alex Scott & Staff
Cowes Office 5952 2633

Space for the whole family

LOOKING for a large family home? This one ticks the boxes with multiple living areas, four great sized bedrooms, two bathrooms on a large 872sqm approx. block of residential land! Located in a sought-after area only a short drive into town, this property is waiting for the right buyer to move in and enjoy all the updates since it was built in 2003. Packed with upgrades, you won't want to miss the opportunity to inspect.

Arriving at the property you are welcomed with a unique portico façade with many established plants adding to the overall charm. Stepping into the large entrance you get a feel for how large the home is with one of the living spaces branching from here along with a separate seating area/study and the master bedroom completing the front of the home featuring a full ensuite with double vanity and roomy walk-in robe.

Down the hallway you enter a light filled open plan kitchen living area with a beautiful raked window allowing natural light to flood in. Two undercover outdoor areas are accessible from this space providing a lovely area to entertain family and friends or enjoy meals during nice weather.

For the kids or guests, the second bedroom is located off the hallway whilst the third and fourth bedrooms

are located in a separate wing of the home all including built-in robes and share the family bathroom (semi ensuite to bedroom three). The home is serviced by two reverse cycle air conditioners and solar panels to help with energy savings.

Key points include:

- Custom kitchen designed and installed in 2013 featuring a stainless-steel freestanding 900mm oven, dishwasher, microwave slot, wide fridge cavity, ample soft close drawers, large island bench with glass fronted display cabinet.
- Renovations to both bathrooms in 2018 with a modern black and white theme.
- Solar hot water service installed in 2019.
- Tinted windows throughout.
- Double car garage with single rear roller door for access into the yard.

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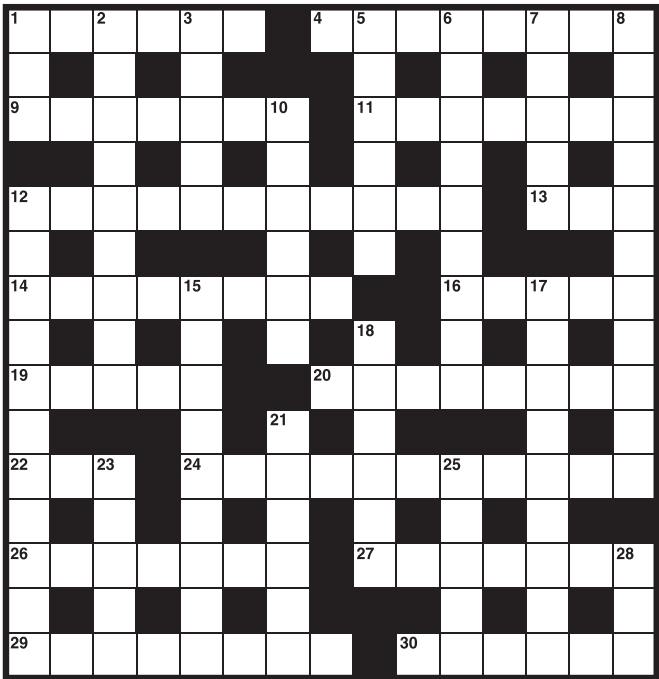
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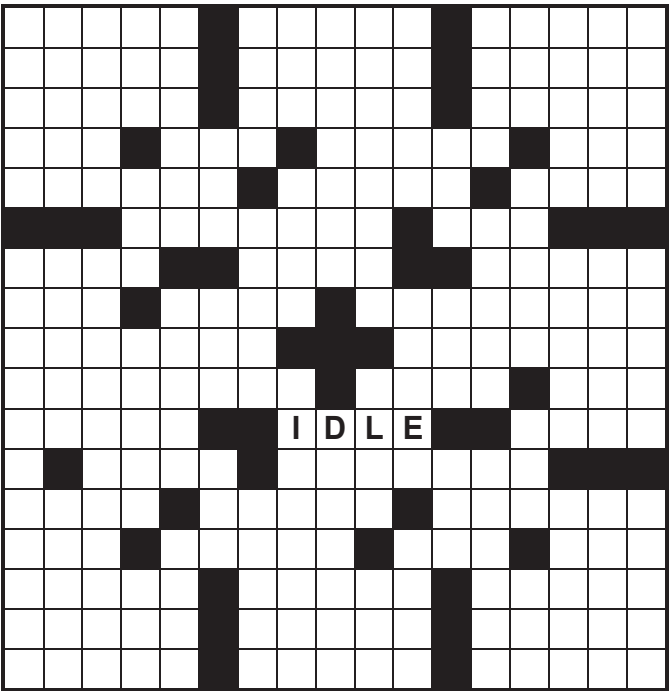
- ACROSS**
- 1 Eight-legged animal (6)
4 A board game with letter tiles (8)
9 Mosquito-borne disease (7)
11 Inhabitant of Tel Aviv, say (7)
12 Level of hot or cold (11)
- 13 Biological blueprint (1,1,1)
14 Food of the Olympian gods (8)
16 Banish (5)
19 Teams (5)
20 A golden anniversary (8)
22 Dazzle (3)

- 24 English scientist who explained gravity (5,6)
26 Territory ruled by an Islamic monarch (7)
27 Princess Diana's maiden name (7)
29 Grotesque imitation (8)
30 For blinking (6)
- DOWN**
- 1 Total (3)
2 Pakistani capital (9)
3 Spooky (5)
5 Intercourse (6)
6 Contract (9)
7 Bakery item (5)
8 Period of 17th-century English queen (11)
10 A Middle Eastern language (6)
12 Clear (11)
15 Stubborn (9)
17 Exactly the same (9)
18 Carnival (6)
21 Aptitude (6)
23 Nickname of Eva Perón (5)
25 Dirge (5)
28 Colour of strawberries (3)

WORDFIT

No. 132

- 3 LETTERS**
- AVO
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- 5 LETTERS**
- ABACK
ABOVE
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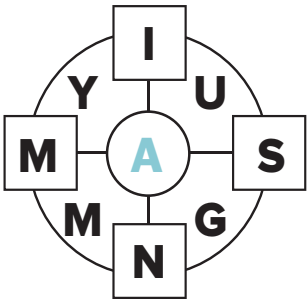
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- TONIC
TYING
VENUE
- SEARING
SEASIDE
TROOPER
- DISEASED
HAMPERED
- 11 LETTERS**
- COMMISERATE
VACATIONING
- 6 LETTERS**
- CEDARS
DETACH
EDGIER
STEREO
- 7 LETTERS**
- COMFORT
DECLINE
ROOMIER
- 8 LETTERS**
- ARMOURED
DISALLOW

9-LETTER

No. 222

Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural words ending in "s".

- Today's Aim:**
- 14 words: **Good**
21 words: **Very good**
28 words: **Excellent**

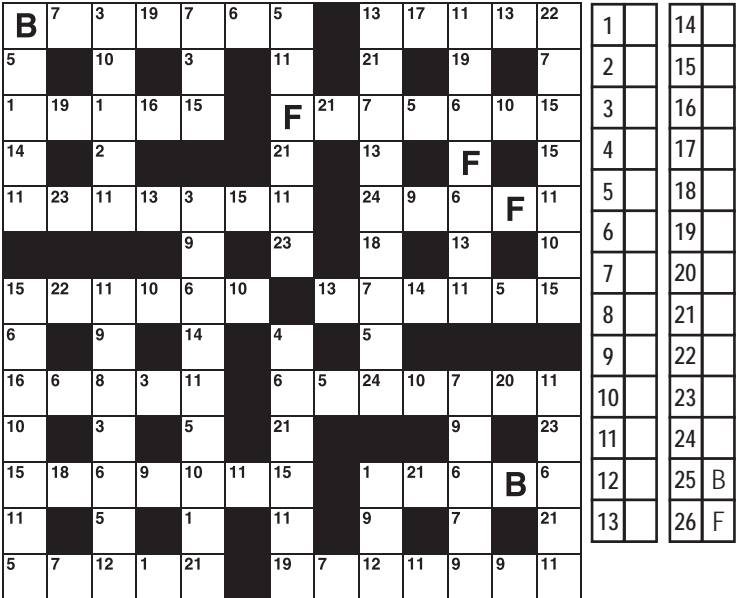


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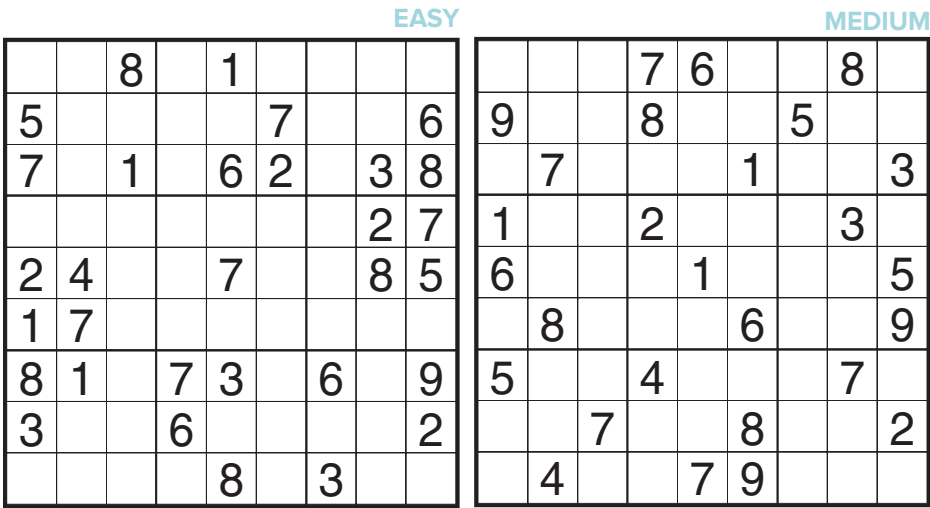
Each number corresponds to a letter of the alphabet. Two have been filled in for you, can you work out the rest?



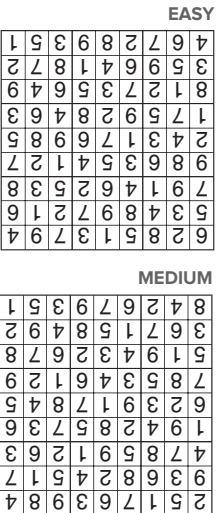
SUDOKU

No. 222

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every number from 1 to 9 must appear in: each of the nine vertical columns, each of the nine horizontal rows and each of the nine 3 x 3 boxes. Remember, no number can occur more than once in any row, column or box.



SOLUTIONS



QUICK QUIZ

- What is the largest train station in the UK?
- In relation to trees, what does deciduous mean?
- Pedro Pascal (pictured) starred alongside Nicolas Cage in which 2022 film?
- Which continent are capybaras native to?
- What type of food is a chimichanga?
- The book cataloguing website Goodreads was launched in which year?
- Is Paraguay a landlocked or coastal country?
- True or false: Ötzi the Iceman, a natural mummy from 3105 BC, had tattoos?
- The world's first electric tram line operated in which country?
- Hazard signs are typically black symbols on what colour triangular background?



ANSWERS: 1. Waterloo 2. Shedding (leaves) seasonally 3. The Unbearable Weight of Massive Talent 4. South America 5. A deep-fried burrito 6. 2006 7. Landlocked 8. True 9. Russia 10. Yellow

WORD SEARCH

No. 132

Can you find all the words listed? The leftover letters will spell out a secret message.



- ANTONIO
ARIEL
BASSANIO
BEATRICE
CALIBAN
CORDELIA
DESDEMONA
DUNCAN
FLEANCE
GERTRUDE
GONERIL
GUILDENSTERN
HENRY
HERMIA
HORATIO
IAGO
- JULIET
LADY MACBETH
LAERTES
MERCUTIO
OTHELLO
PERDITA
PISTOL
POLONIUS
PORTIA
PROSPERO
ROMEO
SYCORAX
TITANIA
TYBALT
VIOLA
YORICK

SECRET MESSAGE: Now is the winter of our discontent



Penguin parade boardwalks project: stage 2

THE Phillip Island Nature Parks Board was pleased to announce the appointment of Simpson Construction following a competitive tender process, which concluded in December 2023.

Simpson Construction is off to a flying start and provided an update to the Board on the final design and construction methodologies for Stage one of the Penguin Parade Boardwalks project, in conjunction with the design team, led by Terroir Architects, who designed the Penguin Parade Visitor Centre.

The construction of the new boardwalk was scheduled to begin early May 2024 following the penguin breeding season and departure of short-tailed shearwaters. The Board also confirmed its commitment to redesign the Penguins Plus viewing stands in this stage of works and noted this component of the project was on track to commence in July 2024.

At the March planning day, the Board and Leadership Team considered the future stages required to fully refresh and replace the Penguin Parade boardwalks and stands. This whole project remains a very high priority.

Reconciliation action plan

The Nature Parks commitment to reconciliation and recognition includes having a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) with deliverables set out against the three pillars of reconciliation: respect, relationships, and opportunities. The fourth draft Reconciliation Action Plan (Stretch) June 2024 - June 2027 has been developed with input from Reconciliation Australia and Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal



The Phillip Island Nature Parks Board met on February 29 and March 21, encompassing both a formal meeting and a planning day with the Leadership team and were delighted to hear the positive and successful peak period visitation results.

Corporation and was provided to the Board for feedback and noting.

This revised Reconciliation Action Plan provides an opportunity for the Nature Parks to deepen its understanding of Country through meaningful relationships, enable Bunurong to drive outcomes for Country through shared responsibility, and drive positive social change by supporting our team to be truth tellers and allies for self-determination, voice, and treaty.

In addition, a review of the Nature Parks Reconciliation Advisory Committee (RAC) was undertaken to ensure that the organisation's plans are well guided by community input and well-resourced within the organisation. We will soon be seeking interest from First Nations Commu-

nity Members willing to be involved.

Future planning

The Nature Parks is looking to develop its next long-term strategy and commenced this work with early ideas and workshops conducted with the Community Environment Advisory Committee, Nature Parks volunteers and the Leadership group. This work will continue in the coming months and ideas will be further tested with community towards to end of the financial year. The Board look forward to engaging with our community and key stakeholders throughout this journey.

Waste contractor

In 2023 the Nature Parks started the tender process for the delivery and management

of its waste services to meet government compliance standards and to make progress against the Nature Parks own sustainability targets. The Board considered the various tender submissions and options available for the waste contract and endorsed Veolia and Bass Highway Waste as the preferred tenderers for its waste management services.

One of the key improvements the Nature Parks is looking to implement in waste management will be the introduction of an effective green waste system across all sites and improved education and management of waste and recycling streams across attractions and reserves. These improvements are expected to roll out in 2024-25 and were a key component of the planning day discussions.

Wetlands closed to hunting

THE Victorian Government has closed or partially closed thirty-two wetlands to hunting for the 2024 duck season to prevent losses or disturbance to significant numbers of threatened species and breeding waterbirds.

The number of wetlands closed to hunting in 2024 is partly due to an increase in the presence of threatened species currently present at Victorian wetlands.

The increase in the presence of threatened species is due to favourable environmental conditions, including extensive flooding in late 2022, resulting in increased waterbird habitat and breeding activity. As wetlands dry, birds are concentrating on remaining wetlands.

Wetlands have been closed to duck hunting to protect significant concentrations of threatened species including the Blue-billed Duck, Blue-winged Shoveler, Freckled Duck, Curlew Sandpiper and Brolga.

Signage will be installed to alert hunters to the closures and wetlands will be monitored throughout the season.

Closing wetlands or regulating hunting methods at wetlands ensures that threatened species are protected, and duck hunting remains sustainable. Andersons Inlet in Inverloch is closed due to the orange-bellied parrot being a current threatened species.

Other wetlands may be closed or further regulated if significant concentrations of threatened species are found.

Hunters are reminded that the hunting start time is 8am every day of the season, from Wednesday, April 10, 2024, to Wednesday, June 5, 2024 (inclusive). Hunting must stop 30 minutes after sunset. The daily bag limit is six game ducks.

The Blue-winged Shoveler and Hardhead must not be hunted in Victoria this year.

Hunters are responsible for understanding their legal, ethical and safety obligations when hunting, including knowing where it is legal to hunt.

GMA Game Officers, Victoria Police and Authorised Officers from DEECA, DJSIR and Parks Victoria will be patrolling wetlands across Victoria.

For more information on game hunting in Victoria, visit gma.vic.gov.au.

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18-year-old has sights set on farm ownership

KIARNA Murfett might only be 18, but she already has eyes on running her own farm.

Kiarna is working on dairy farm at Panmure as she completes her agricultural studies with support from a DemoDAIRY Foundation school scholarship.

It's all part of a long-term plan to take over her family farm at nearby Framlingham.

Kiarna secured a job with Danielle and Tom Wright at their Panmure dairy farm after completing her Certificate II in Agriculture with Danielle as her teacher.

"I finished Year 12 and was looking for work and I was offered a job on their farm, so it was perfect," she said.

Already well versed in dairy farming from her family background, Kiarna is now enjoying the variety of work the industry offers, from milking cows to drilling and fixing fences to feeding calves.

She is now studying a Certificate III and will start a Certificate IV in July.

"I'll stay here for a few



Kiarna has her sights set on running the family farm but first she's undertaking her agricultural studies thanks to a DemoDAIRY Foundation scholarship.

years and hope to go back to work on the farm with Dad and Mum and take over the family farm when they're ready to retire," she said.

While that's a few years down the track, Kiarna is enjoying her current experience.

"I like how you're doing something different every day," she said.

"You're always outside and I have a passion for working with animals."

The DemoDAIRY Foundation scholarship has been a big help as she

transitions from school to work and further study.

"Because I'm straight out of school, it has allowed me to afford the further study and helped with clothing and to buy a computer for my schooling," she said.

"It's helping me to reach my goals."

Visit the DemoDAIRY Foundation website demo-dairy.com.au or contact DDF secretary Ian Teese on 0427 358987 or itag@bigpond.com for more information on DDF or the Powell Legacy Fund.

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Hand Tools: Pramac S6500 generator (motor needs putting back together), 3 bike motorbike trailer, Baumr AG BM-X201 generator, Echo chainsaw, Stihl MS170 chainsaw, Ferrex whipper snipper, Shindaiwa whipper snipper, Cigweld welder, Stanley air compressor, elec. Cordless drill, Solo backpack sprayer, Silvan 50L sprayer, wire spinner with new roll of wire, old 6x4 trailer.

Sundry Items: Portable cattle yard panels, hay ring, smudger, 6ft treated pine fence posts, pine firewood logs, Kings car awning, ride on mower trailer, wheel barrow (steel), car jacks, old wind propellers, plastic fuel drums, bailey ladder, solar panels x 2, trolley jack, steel calf feed troughs, 2 steel raised garden beds, camp stove, swag double mattress, double swag, snatch straps, outdoor table & chairs (glass top), camping gear (tents/sleeping bags), car battery operated air compressor, electric wheel chair, portable puppy run, portable sheep drafting race, 5 teat poly calf feeders x 2, numerous cattle drenching/tagging gear, cattle dehorners, old wagon wheel, guitars, French made double bed & numerous other sundry items.

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Loss of crab apples presents an opportunity

THE LAST year has been a wild unpredictable ride in terms of the weather and according to forecasts it looks to continue, but how have conditions affected one small batch operator?

The 24-acre Strathmore Farm lies in the rolling hills of South Gippsland.

Jams, jellies, chutneys, pastes, syrups, cordials and sauces are made from fruit grown on the small farm and from neighbouring, where possible, farms and suppliers.

The majority of blackberries and young berries were successfully harvested in late December and the wetter summer had little effect on the quality or quantity of the farms yield or suppliers yields.

However, when the February 13 storm tore through the area, it stripped the crab apples from the only tree on the farm.

"It was a disappointment because we normally get a good harvest out of it and we lost them all because they weren't ripe," said co-founder of Fruits of Strathmore, Doug Park.

"We make a crab apple jelly, which is very traditional and unless we can find somebody who's harvested some, frozen them or something like that locally, there's almost no chance of actually making crab apple at all until next year."

Doug explains that



Fruits of Strathmore lost all their crab apples this year after the February storm ripped through, but it leaves room on the shelf for another product. The crab apples days before the storm.

customers who buy the jelly from them may be disappointed because of the lack of supply and he fears they may go elsewhere, but that is the nature of being a small batch operator.

"Although I have to say some of these traditional recipes like quince and crab apple jellies, they're not made by many people, but we're just going to have to react to conditions as we find them," he said.

As the business sources from other producers, one of their biggest issues, rather than the volatile weather is regularity of supply and sourcing good quality fruit to be added to their products.

Strathmore Fruits sells at many of the South Gippsland and Bass Coast markets and it is there that they often find other suppliers and then buy directly, and without this year's crab

apples there's potential for a different product to go on the shelf.

The loss opens up an opportunity for the operators to introduce or reintroduce recipes that have been popular in the past or may prove popular.

"We're constantly on the lookout for recipes that either our customers are asking for or that really take off or turn their heads," explained Doug.

One of the these in the past was their Jamaican jam, made with bananas, limes, raisins and rum.

"It's developed quite the eclectic following actually. It's not one of our most popular jams but we have a solid little business of return people particularly at markets and online who just keep ordering it."

And apparently its goes very good on pancakes with maple syrup.

EOI for on-farm demonstration opportunity open

IS THERE a technology, innovation or research finding that your producer group is keen to test on-farm?

Agriculture Victoria, in partnership with Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA), is conducting a new producer demonstration program with the opportunity to establish five new on-farm demonstration projects.

Agriculture Victoria Project Leader Farming Systems, Bindi Hunter, said the program is inviting expressions of interest from Victorian sheep and beef producer groups to design and conduct their own three-year project.

"The demonstrations are conducted on group members' farms (preferably three sites per project per year) and involve participation by members in group activities, including skill development, site monitoring and discussion of results.

"Projects must be focused on increasing adoption of key management practices or commercially available technologies that improve business profitability, farm productivity and sustainability," Ms Hunter said.

Selected projects will focus on demonstrating systems or technologies in one of four priority areas: 1. Manage and adapt to a changing climate or specific regional conditions (e.g. addressing feed gaps, grazing system, enterprise mix), 2. Reduce emissions or emissions intensity, (e.g. reproductive efficiencies, feed types and quality, soil fertility management), 3. Manage animal health and welfare risks resulting from increasing/ emerging biosecurity threats in a changing climate, 4. Implement on-farm innovations that improve production and management efficiencies (e.g. recent research findings, genetics, ag tech).

Expressions of interest close on Monday May 13, 2024.

For more information and to receive an expression of interest form, go to go.vic.gov.au/3fTKvdu or contact Bindi Hunter, Project Leader Farming Systems on 0428 589 016 or at bindi.hunter@agriculture.vic.gov.au

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Jersey & Jersey x\$12 to \$45
 Friesian Bulls\$22 to \$63
 Friesian Heifers\$35 to \$90
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 Beef Heifers\$30 to \$175
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A/c Mrs C Jeffrey (ELDERS)
40 Hereford & Hereford x steers, 18-20 mths, by Bowman bulls, NE Accred

A/c SJ & LJ Campbell, Mardan (SEJ)
40 Angus steers, 18-19 mths, 2 x 5 in 1, Leawood blood

A/c Stonewarra, Koonwarra (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus steers, 18 mths

A/c T & S Missen, Denison (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus steers, 18 mths

A/c Ponderosa Herefords, Meeniyen (NUTRIEN)
40 Hereford steers, 14-16 mths

A/c Ben Cruachan Station (ELDERS)
35 Angus steers, 15 mths, VB, GF & ABF

A/c Koonwarra Pastoral, Koonwarra (ELDERS)
30 Angus steers, 2 yrs, GF & ABF

A/c AR Chomley, Fulham (NUTRIEN)
22 Hereford steers, 20-22 mths

8 Angus Hereford steers, 20-22 mths

Alendale & Mawarra blood

A/c E Gloster, Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
30 Angus steers, 16 mths

A/c Chester Shorthorns (ELDERS)
30 Shorthorn steers 15 mths, Royalla & Bayview blood

A/c S Edney, Dollar (ELDERS)
25 Angus/Hereford steers, 18-20 mths, East Gippsland bred GF, ABF

A/c JW & BJ Dunbar, Traralgon (NUTRIEN)
22 Angus steers, 18 mths, NE Accred, Leawood blood, VQ

A/c T Croke, Boisdale (NUTRIEN)
21 Angus steers, 18-20 mths, Innesdale blood, VB, NE Accred, ABF, GF

A/c Waites & Lillicrapp, Mount Taylor (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 2 yo, East Gippsalnd bred, forward condition

A/c B & L Rayner (ALEX SCOTT)
20 Angus steers, 18-20 mths, by Kunuma Stud Angus Bulls

A/c A Walker, Warragul (ELDERS)
20 Angus steers, 14-16 mths, by Fernleigh bulls

A/c SP Dunlop, Middle Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 16 mths, By Black Spur Angus

A/c Kingloch Angus, Hedley (ELDERS)
20 Angus steers 15 mths, VB, GF, ABF, NE Accred

A/c Yeerung Pastoral (NUTRIEN)
17 Angus steers, 18 mths, Leawood blood

A/c C Rawson, Stratford (NUTRIEN)
13 Angus steers, 16 mths

3 Angus & Hereford steers, 2 yo, GF & ABF

A/c J & L Holmes, Boolarra (NUTRIEN)
16 Hereford steers, 15-16 mths, Mawarra & Newcomen blood, Drenched Dectomax & Multimin 27/3

A/c Frenchs 4 P/L, Munro (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus steers, 20-22 mths

A/c M Braby, Glengarry (ALEX SCOTT)
13 Angus steers, 16-18 mths, by Pinora Angus Bulls, very good cattle

A/c A & A Missen, Woodside (NUTRIEN)
12 Angus steers, 15-18 mths

A/c M + C Stone, Stony Creek (SEJ)
12 Angus steers, 15-16 mths

A/c M Hayman (ELDERS)
8 Angus steers, 2 yo

A/c Argyle Farm (ELDERS)
8 Angus & Angus X steers, 17 mths, VB, GF & ABF, Wattlewood blood, quiet

A/c S Membrey (ELDERS)
8 Angus steers, 15-16 mths, VB, GF & ABF

A/c RJ Campbell, Leongatha (SEJ)
7 Angus steers, 18 mths

A/c M Zenz, Nyora (NUTRIEN)
6 Angus steers, 18 mths

A/c D Jerram, Leongatha (NUTRIEN)
5 Angus steers, 20 mths, NE Accred

GROWN HEIFERS

A/c Northside Pastoral, Inverloch (NUTRIEN)
54 Angus heifers, 16 mths

A/c SJ & LJ Campbell, Mardan (SEJ)
40 Angus heifers, 18-19 mths, 2 x 5 in 1, Leawood blood

A/c Elm Valley, Tarwin (NUTRIEN)
40 Angus heifers, 18 mths

A/c A Walker, Warragul (ELDERS)
40 Angus Heifers, 14-16 mths, by Fernleigh bulls

A/c Radvenjoy (ELDERS)
35 Angus heifers, 18 mths, Battersby blood, VB, GF, ABF & NE Accred

A/c Malabar Farm, Tarwin Lower (SEJ)
16 Poll Hereford heifers, 17-18 mths, Wirruna blood lines

6 Angus heifers, Weeroona blood, 17-18 mths

A/c A & A Missen, Woodside (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus heifers, 15-18 mths

A/c P Bloomer, Poowong East (SEJ)
20 Angus heifers, 16-17 mths, Braidwood Dist bred

A/c C Lord, Heyfield (NUTRIEN)
11 Angus heifers, 18 mths

A/c BD & MM Walpole (ELDERS)
10 Poll Hereford heifers, 2 yo, VB, GF & ABF

A/c S Membrey (ELDERS)
8 Angus heifers, 15-16 mths, VB, GF & ABF

A/c J&M Ainsworth, Stradbroke (ELDERS)
5 Angus heifers, 20 mths, By Innesdale Prospect & Innesdale Equator, 7 In 1, Worm & Fluke Drenched, VB, GF & ABF, quiet

WEANERS

A/c CJ Pendergast “Omeo Station” Benambra (ELDERS)
250 Angus & Angus hereford X mixed sex weaners, 8-10 mths, 5 Mile Creek blood, VB, GF, ABF & NE Accred

A/c H & N Fox, Flynn (NUTRIEN)
55 Hereford steers, 14 mths

40 Angus mixed sex, 14 mths

East Gippsland bred

A/c M & S Hunt, (NUTRIEN)
82 AA / Hereford & Charo mixed sex, 14 mths

A/c S Fahey & Son, Tyers (ELDERS)
80 Angus mix sex weaners, 12 mths, weaned, By Banquet Bulls, Piliguard, 2 X 7in1, NE Accred

A/c Lorstan Nominees, Bengworden (SEJ)
40 Angus steers, 12-13 mths

40 Angus heifers, 12-13 mths

Weaned, VB, GF & ABF, Tambo Valley blood

A/c B Phillips (ELDERS)
70 Angus mix sex weaners, 10 mths, weaned, Merlewood & Harris blood, GF & ABF

A/c Kruber Nominees (ELDERS)
70 Angus mix sex weaners, Innsdale blood, 8 mths

A/c Meadowra Past (ELDERS)
60 Angus Mix weaners, 10-12 mths, Lawson blood, GF & ABF

A/c Mrs C Jeffrey (ELDERS)
50 Hereford x mixed sex, 8-12 mths, weaned, by Bowman bulls, NE Accred

A/c F+H Colaciello, Tyers (ELDERS)
45 Angus mix sex weaners, 12 mths, weaned, NE Accred, by Bowman Bulls

A/c RF, VM & RJ Dowel, Leongatha South (SEJ)
45 Poll Hereford steers, 11-13 mths , Karoonda, Injemira, Newcomen blood, weaned, Dectomaxed, Cobalife 9/1/23, NE Accred

A/c BD & MM Walpole (ELDERS)
45 Poll Hereford steers, 10 mths, weaned, VB, GF & ABF

A/c Kiani Eden (ELDERS)
20 Hereford heifers, Karoonda blood, 12 mths

20 Angus heifers, 12 mths

A/c D & P Whiteley, Mirboo (NUTRIEN)
14 Angus & BB steers, 12-14 mths

24 Angus & BB heifers, 12-14 mths

A/c PJ Hollonds & Mrs L Hollonds, Cowwarr (ELDERS)
30 Hereford & Angus x steers, 12-14 mths

8 Hereford & Angus x heifers 12-14 mths

A/c DA Blundstone, Flinders Island (NUTRIEN)
38 Hereford mixed sex, 9-10 mths, GF, AF, NE Accred

A/c J&M Ainsworth, Stradbroke (ELDERS)
17 Angus steers

17 Angus heifers

8-9 mths, By Ben Nevis Nirvana, weaned, 7 In1 Vacc, VB, GF & ABF, very quiet

A/c Kings Park, Pound Creek (SEJ)
10 Angus steers

25 Angus heifers

By Dunoon & Fernhill Bulls, weaned, 12 mths

A/c Mirawah Pty Ltd, Wattlebank (ALEX SCOTT)
35 Angus steers, 9-10 mths, by Fernleigh Bulls out of Millah Murrah, Banquet and Te Mania blood cows, Eprinex on 28/2/24, Ultravac 5in1 booster and yard weaned

A/c C&J Moore, Jack River (ELDERS)
35 Hereford steers, 8-10 mths, Yarram Park, Mawarra and Karoonda Park blood, weaned, VB, GF & ABF

A/c BW, R & S Knee, Foster (SEJ)
20 Angus Charolais X steers

15 Angus Charolais X heifers

Weaned, VB, GF & ABF

A/c S&L Storti (ELDERS)
30 Angus yearlings, 15 mths, Battersby blood, quiet, VB, GF & ABF

A/c G Jones (ELDERS)
30 Hereford mix sexes, 14 mths

A/c GM Kensley, Nerrena (NUTRIEN)
24 Angus mixed sex, 12-13 mths, Sires Inc Prophet & Quantum, Drenched Dectomax 11/2

A/c Boxbank Pastoral, Woodside (ELDERS)
24 Murray Grey/Speckle Park steers, 8-9 mths, very quiet, VB, GF & ABF

A/c Richard Hollands (ELDERS)
20 Angus steers, 14 mths, GF & ABF

A/c T & N Pouw, Hallston (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 14 mths

A/c J & J Beamish, Boolarra (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 13-14 mths, Merlewood & Harris blood

A/c L Thompson (ELDERS)
15 Angus steers, 13-14 mths, VB, GF & ABF

5 Angus heifers, 12 mths, VB, GF & ABF

A/c T Brusamerallo (ELDERS)
20 Angus weaners, 12 mths, Harris blood, weaned 12 weeks, quiet, VB, GF & ABF

A/c SJ Conway, Traralgon (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 10-12 mths, Latrobe Park blood, weaned

A/c Kingloch Angus, Hedley (ELDERS)
20 Angus steers, 9-10 mths, VB, W, GF, ABF, NE Accred

A/c JB Drewett, Yinnar Sth (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus mixed sex, 12 mths

A/c Keenage Past, Alberton (NUTRIEN)
20 Hereford & BB steers, 10-12 mths, weaned Dec, GF & AF, Vacc, 2x5in1, drenched @ weaning

A/c B & M Russell, Krowera (SEJ)
10 Angus steers

10 Angus heifers

10-11 mths

A/c JT & PJ Fleming, ‘Mertonval’ Willung (NUTRIEN)
20 Angus steers, 9-11 mths, Roskin blood

A/c Kennedy Lake, Kardella (SEJ)
20 Angus & Hereford, mixed sex, 6-8 mths

A/c P & V Milner (ELDERS)
15 Angus heifers, 12 mths, Battersby blood

A/c M Zenz, Nyora (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus steers, 10 mths

A/c A Pigot, Pearsondale (NUTRIEN)
15 Angus mixed sex, 9-11 mths

A/c Leebrook Livestock, Stratford (NUTRIEN)
12 Angus X Angus/Hereford X steers, 12-14 mths, Pinora & Mawarra blood, Double Vacc & Drenched, NE Accred

A/c Hobson & Jones (ELDERS)
10 Angus steers, 14 mths

A/c D Phelps (ELDERS)
10 Angus steers, 12 mths, weaned, GF & ABF

A/c R Stipani, Willung Sth (NUTRIEN)
10 Speckled Park mixed sex, 12 mths

A/c C Rowley, Newry (NUTRIEN)
9 Angus mixed sex, 10 mths

A/c G & J Paterson, Melrose (NUTRIEN)
6 Angus Heifers, 6 mths, weaned, GF & ABF

A/c J Horrigan, Churchill (NUTRIEN)
4 Angus steers, 12 mths

XBRED & DAIRY

A/c P & A Drew and B & K Drew, Mt View (ALEX SCOTT)
35 Hereford / Friesian x steers

35 Friesian steers, rising 2 yrs

A/c R&L Egan (ELDERS)
30 AA/FF X steers, 18 mths

30 AA/FF X heifers, 18 mths

A/c KD, SE & BE Harris, Pound Creek (SEJ)
19 Angus Friesian X steers

17 Angus Friesian X Heifers, Unj

18-20 mths, bucket reared, By Dunoon Sires

A/c CJ Rhodes, Flinders Island (NUTRIEN)
29 Angus Heifers

4 Angus steers

Mixed ages, NE Accred, GF & ABF

A/c R & J Kimber, Buln Buln (NUTRIEN)
14 Angus X steers, 2 yo

7 Hereford X steers, 14 mths

A/c M&J Cecil (ELDERS)
18 Angus/FF X steers, 18 mths, VB, bucket reared & quiet

A/c R,B, P & C Carmichael, Woolamai (NUTRIEN)
18 Speckle Park X steers, 15-18 mths

A/c R Marx, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)
13 Angus mixed sex, mixed ages

A/c G Davis, Heyfield (NUTRIEN)
12 X bred steers, 2 yo

A/c Argyle Farm (ELDERS)
8 Angus X steers, 17 mths, VB, GF & ABF, Wattlewood blood, quiet

A/c S&J Bland, Alberton (ELDERS)
12 Speckle Park/Friesian steers, 19-20 mths

20 Friesian steers, 19-20 mths

A/c R & K Lamb, Denison (NUTRIEN)
50 Friesian steers, 18 mths

A/c Avon Farms (ELDERS)
18 Friesian steers, 15 mths

A/c A Waltham, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)
15 Aussie Red Angus X steers, 9-10 mths

A/c J Copeland (ELDERS)
6 Xbred mix sexes, 18 mths

COWS & CALVES / JOINED FEMALES

A/c K & L Holmes, Boolarra (NUTRIEN)
12 Hereford cows & calves, cows mixed ages with Brislin blood, calves 5-6 mths at foot, Redepastured to same Bull, due 1/9

A/c NA & EJ Campion, Flinders Island (NUTRIEN)
47 Angus heifers, 18 mths

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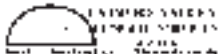





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<div><div>DEATHS</div><div><p>BOWLER, Michael, John (John):</p><p>22.02.1947 - 04.04.2024.</p><p>Passed away peacefully aged 77 years.</p><p>Loving father of Matt, Shaun (dec.) Paul, Jo, Lou, Beth, and Tim.</p><p>Grandfather of ten, partner of Judy and friend.</p><p><i>Will be greatly missed.</i></p><p>Funeral information to be advised.</p></div></div>	<div><div>DEATHS</div><div><p>COLEMAN, Wesley James:</p><p>20.12.1939 - 27.03.2024.</p><p>To my Darling, The day has come, we can't be together.</p><p>I will keep you in my heart, there you'll stay forever and ever.</p><p>Until we meet again your loving wife, Heather.</p><p>Dad, Grandpa, I will miss our weekly mornings, just you and I.</p><p>You will always be in my heart.</p><p>I love you.</p><p>-- Alison.</p><p>Our Grandpa, our hero, our clown, the rock of the family.</p><p>-- Alex and Amy, Jake and Katie, Leah and Tommy.</p><p>Our Grandpa - hero, clown, caring, chatty and quiet, who loved kiss and cuddle.</p><p>Grateful and proud to have had him in our lives and our children's.</p><p>-- Alex and Amy, Jake and Katie, Leah and Tommy, Tyler, Talia and Bridie, Katara and Fox.</p><p>The Celebration of Life for Mr Wesley James Coleman will be held at the Woolamai Race Track, Trew Road Woolamai, on Tuesday April 23, 2024, commencing at 11am.</p><p>BASS COAST FUNERALS</p></div></div>	<div><div>DEATHS</div><div><p>ILLINGWORTH, Audrey:</p><p>Dear Audrey, thank you so much for sharing your company, by working voluntarily for so many years at Terraflora and later at Koorooman Nursery's, since the 1990's.</p><p>You shared with us your love of the land and your love of nature and you were such a valued and generous friend and worker. We all reminisced about your life in England, the beautiful Isle of Arran, your garden, and family farm life at Wooreen and your love of Scottish dancing, shortbread and Robbie Burns.</p><p>You were a keen observer of nature, and you loved to welcome and share your excitement when birds came to your garden and birdbath. You loved your plants, but when you asked, we assisted, to make sure they didn't spoil your spectacular view, prune and pull some weeds.</p><p>Until recently, we caught up for a chat over a meal and renewed our friendship.</p><p>Thank you Audrey, you are our special, loyal and spirited friend, for about 20 years!</p><p>Love, Dick Lester, Ian and Aiko Starkey and Kaye Tiesler.</p></div></div>	<div><div>DEATHS</div><div><p>EVISON (nee Kurrle), Gwen:</p><p>04.11.1935 - 05.04.2024.</p><p>Passed away peacefully at Abbey Gardens, Warragul.</p><p>Formerly of Korumburra.</p><p>Dearly loved wife of Don for 67 years.</p><p>Much loved mum and mother-in-law of Janine and Mark, Greg and Jenny.</p><p>Adored nana to Nathan and Jess, Bridget and Josh, Courtney and Sam, Ryan and Mae.</p><p>Great Nan to Sadie and Maggie.</p><p><i>Forever in our Hearts</i></p></div></div>	<div><div>DEATHS</div><div><div></div><div><p>SELLERS, Julian:</p><p>02.04.2024.</p><p>The President and Executive Committee of the RSL Inverloch on behalf of all members extend their sympathy to Jennifer and family on the passing of our Service member Julian Sellers.</p><p>LEST WE FORGET.</p><p>VERDON, Barbara Lorraine:</p><p>Passed away peacefully at the Dandenong Hospital, surround by family. Aged 83.</p><p>Dearly loved mother of Leeanne, Donna, Julie-anne (dec.), Robert, Wendy and their partners.</p><p>Adored nanna and great nanna to many.</p><p><i>Will be sadly missed.</i></p><p>WYNNE, Norman Ernest:</p><p>Passed away peacefully at home on April 4, 2024. Aged 89 years.</p><p>Dearly loved husband of Beryl for 66 years</p><p>Loved father and father-in-law of Sandra, Peter and Maureen, Matt and Tomomi.</p><p>Much loved Pop of Cindy, Kelly, Tim, Paul, Elsa, Tallulah, Fletcher and grand Pop of Charlotte</p><p><i>He will be remembered forever, a life well lived.</i></p></div></div></div>	<div><div>FUNERALS</div><div><p>EVISON:</p><p>A Memorial Service to Celebrate the Life of Mrs. Gwen Evison will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church, Korumburra on Monday April 15, 2024, commencing at 1:30pm. A Private family burial will precede this service.</p><div></div><p>READ:</p><p>The Funeral Service of Mr William (Maurice) Read will be held at Latrobe Valley Funeral Services Chapel, 437A Princes Drive, Morwell on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, commencing at 1pm.</p><p>Following the service, the funeral will leave for the Hazelwood Cemetery.</p><p>To view the livestream of the service, please visit our website and follow the prompts.</p><div></div><p>SELLERS:</p><p>The Funeral Service for Mr. Julian Peter Sellers will be held at Handley & Anderson Chapel, 3085 Loch-Wonthaggi Road, Wonthaggi on Friday, April 12, 2024, commencing at 3pm. Ex Service Personnel are respectfully invited to attend.</p><p>A Private Cremation will follow.</p><p>For live-streaming link go to www.handleyandandersonfunerals.com.au</p><div></div><p>VERDON:</p><p>A Graveside Funeral Service for Mrs Barbara Lorraine Verdon will be held at the Leongatha Cemetery, Corner McCartin St & Begg St, Leongatha on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, commencing 11am.</p><div></div></div></div>	<div><div>FUNERALS</div><div><p>VAGUE:</p><p>The family of Dennis Gerald Vague warmly invite family, friends and colleagues of Dennis to join them on Friday, April 12, 2024 at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, in the Members Dining Room, Brunton Avenue, Yarra Park for a Celebration of and thanks for Dennis's life. Please arrive at 1.00pm for a 1.30pm commencement.</p><p>Refreshments will follow.</p><p>Dennis's Celebration of Life will be Webcast live via Tobin Brothers Funerals Webpage.</p><div></div><p>Rosebud (03) 5986 1200 Member AFDA</p><p>WYNNE:</p><p>The Funeral of Mr Norman Ernest Wynne is appointed to leave St John's Anglican Church, cnr Church and Thomson St's Maffra after a service commencing at 1pm on Friday, April 12, 2024 for the Maffra Monumental Lawn Cemetery.</p><p>COL & PAL SEMMENS Servicing Gippsland MAFFRA 5147 1954 semmensfunerals.com.au AFDA Member</p></div></div>	<div><div>BEREAVEMENT THANKS</div><div><p>WRIGHT, Barbara:</p><p>We would like to thank everyone who attended our celebration of Barb's life and the cards and thoughts of our friends.</p><p>Also special thanks to the Palliative Care Team at BCH and the district nurses for their care and assistance throughout.</p><p>Emma, Kate, Kirsty, Elise, Jason, and Charlie.</p></div></div> <div><div>FOR SALE</div><div><div></div><div></div><p>AFL 2024 FOOTY CARDS:</p><p>AFL 2024 Footy Stars or AFL 2024 Team Coach.</p><p>Commons 50 cents each or Silvers 75 cents each.</p><p>100's of swaps.</p><p>If interested contact Wayne Hill on 0435 959 387.</p></div></div>
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God Bless you.

STRONG, Nan:

The family of Nan Strong would like to thank you all for attending her memorial on Tuesday.

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Call for applications for the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

The Minister for Treaty and First Peoples the Hon. Natalie Hutchins MP (Minister) is calling for applications from Victorian Traditional Owners to become members of the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council.

What is the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council?

The Council protects Aboriginal Cultural Heritage for the enjoyment and benefit of all Victorians.

The Council's principal functions are:

- advising the Minister for Treaty and First Peoples on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in Victoria
- making decisions about applications from Traditional Owners to become Registered Aboriginal Parties
- overseeing the reporting and return of Ancestral Remains and Secret or Sacred Objects
- promoting awareness and understanding of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage.

The Council was created under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*. The Act protects Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in Victoria, just as other forms of heritage are protected under Victorian law.

The Council is comprised entirely of Traditional Owners, in line with the principle of self-determination.

Expressions of Interest are sought to fill vacancies on the Council

The Minister is seeking Expressions of Interest from Aboriginal people who:

- are Victorian Traditional Owners
- live in Victoria
- have relevant experience and knowledge of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in Victoria.

Consideration will also be given to experience in governance and previous work under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*.

The Minister welcomes applicants from a diverse range of backgrounds and experiences, including people of different genders, people of all ages, people with disability, and LGBTIQ people.

Council members are expected to have adequate time to commit to Council. They are paid a sitting fee and are reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with Victorian Government guidelines.

Please email your written Expression of Interest addressing the above criteria to:
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Alternatively, please post your written Expression of Interest addressing the above criteria to:
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Expressions of Interest must be received by 5pm on Monday 6 May 2024.

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Meet the artists in Meeniyan

MEENIYAN Art Gallery's (MAG) latest trio of exhibitions is underway, running until Monday April 29, with the chance to meet the artists Meg Viney, Bill Binks and Jenny Peterson on Sunday April 14.

Attendees will enjoy paintings, prints, sculpture and intricate creations as they explore MAG's display spaces.

'Scrolling Through Time' by Wooreen fibre artist Meg Viney is inspired by traditional Japanese packaging and by the handwritten scrolls widely produced prior to the introduction of the printing press, with the artist using materials such as her hand-felted lace, and handmade paper.

"Japanese packaging manifests the Japanese love of spiritual things," she said, noting the package honoured the spirit of the person receiving it, with the packaging often more valuable than the gift.

Meg reflected on the "beauty of scrolls, wherein handwritten messages are concealed, and unseen", holding a demure secrecy and embodying their own spirituality.

"In this body of work packaging and scrolls are



Scrolls contained as gifts by fibre artist Meg Viney is one of the works currently at Meeniyan Art Gallery.

seen as timeless containers of a spirit worthy of consideration," she said.

Boolarra's Jenny Peterson has over 40 years' experience as a printmaker, with her exhibition 'One Walk' a collection of prints based on a landscape observed during a morning walk last September, including Pike's Track and Circle Track in the vicinity of Boolarra's Old Mill.

"Organic objects were collected that morning from the detritus of the bush tracks, (including) leaves, bark, feathers and weeds," Jenny said.

"The resulting works on paper use layers of printing ink, with repeated

passes through the press to build impressions of positive and negative surfaces."

Each print is unique in the choice of colours and the placement of the objects.

Phillip Island based painter and sculptor Bill Binks is inspired by his location alongside the ocean.

"The constantly changing moods of the sea and the sky, the strident colours of dawn, the warmth of a sunset and the power of the wind and the waves, all help to shape my vision," Bill said.

The Meet the Artist session at MAG runs from 2pm on April 14.

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Gippsland PHN is seeking expressions of interest for the following Clinical Council positions:

- Chair (General Practitioner)
- Deputy Chair (General Practitioner)
- Members

These positions will commence on 1 July 2024 for up to three-years.

We are looking for individuals who would like to provide input and advice on improving healthcare services in Gippsland.

Gippsland PHN is seeking clinical council representatives from a range of backgrounds, with different perspectives of the health system.

- Are you a clinician, allied health professional or other health champion of the primary health care system?
- Do you have experience working with Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander individuals?
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PIBC 23/24 Committee 11 of 20 members. From left, Tate Russell, Andy McHenry, Mel Wright, Helen Kelly, Jo O'Reilly Stubbs, Hannah Eisen, Emily Scott, Abbey Clarke, Deb Leonard, Nat Van Der Heyden, and Geoff Russell. Photo: Jo O'Reilly Stubbs.

PIBC committed to inclusivity

PHILLIP Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) have submitted their response to the Bass Coast Shire's draft Fair Access Policy and Action Plan.

PIBC have stated that they are committed to increase and improve opportunities for women, girls and diverse groups in surf sport and recreation within Bass Coast and beyond.

From an organisational structure, PIBC consider themselves leading the field with female representation on the board, executive committee, governance and in sporting competitions participation.

Once described as a "boys club" this season's PIBC's president, treasurer, secretary, media coordinator, facilities

coordinator and supergroms captain all identify as female. Of PIBC's 20-person main committee, 11 identify as female and nine male.

PIBC have recently adjusted their membership forms to include nominated pronouns instead of gender, as another step to improved inclusivity. Treasurer, Jo O'Reilly Stubbs, shared from next financial year and season the club will have more accurate data on the membership base, and progress to further work towards the inclusivity goals.

"This action was recommended by one of our committee members Alisha Hill, who is also a mother of one of our 23/24 Supergroms."

PIBC recognise that by creating a welcoming environment

for women, girls and other diverse groups – this can remove barriers to participation in sports clubs, increase membership and maintain a positive culture.

PIBC have many options for women in club competitions:

- Supergroms (5yr to approx. 14 yrs)
- Cadet Females (Under 16)
- Junior Females (Under 18)
- Senior Women's (35+)
- Open Women's
- Longboarding events

In addition PIBC have also created girls' development under the youth development program, a health wellbeing program (surf and yoga), and in partnership with Surfing Victoria and Surfing Australia offer subsidised surf

industry courses such as judge and contest director accreditation to enable regional youth career pathways.

PIBC always welcome new members for committee, surfing, and social membership. Further information on to be involved with PIBC is at pibc.com.au or email contact@pibc.com.au

All Victorian Councils are required to have a Fair Access Policy in place by July 1, 2024, under the State Government's Fair Access Roadmap. Bass Coast Shire Council's community feedback is currently open until April 21, to ensure their Policy and Action Plan meets the needs and expectations of the Bass Coast community, engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/fairaccess

Supergroms finish up their season

AT the end of March Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) ran their final Supergroms program for their 23/24 Season.

This season has seen the highest enrolments ever for PIBC, thanks to the work of Super Groms Captain Deb Leonard, and support team Steve Lock, Alisha Hill and Mel Wright. This was the third season that Deb Leonard has taken the lead on the Supergroms program.

Phillip Island RSL also sponsored this season's program with a generous donation of \$2000 to create high quality rash vests, to ensure the kids and volunteers were kept safe in the water.

"Everyone finished the season with a few new friends, some great memories, and a real sense of belonging

within the Phillip Island Boardriders Club," said Deb.

"We also want to thank the PIBC committee, club members and local businesses who donate their products, services, and time to help make this program, our presentation nights and fund-raising raffle a huge success.

"We will be posting dates and info for the 2024/2025 season in the coming months. Please sign up to our newsletter or follow us on socials to stay up to date."

For more information on the Supergroms program check out their website at pibc.com.au/supergroms

RIGHT: Groms practice their pop ups at their SuperGrom session with PIBC. Photo: Andrew Guy Merefield.



Table tennis battle ahead of Easter

THE pre-Easter round proved too distracting for some players as they summoned their inner Augustus Gloop instead of their Ma Long.

Results were biased against those who prefer eggs instead of balls.

Yellow defeated White 6 to 5; Blue defeated Brown 7 to 4; Black defeated Green 8 to 3.

Yellow v White included the much-anticipated match-up between Luke the Nuke and Jay the Slay.

A rivalry to match any other that had the punters licking their ping pongs.

However, Jay was called away to a live-stock emergency which allowed Luke to breathe again.

Jay won his only match before his early exit, which proved the difference for the Yellows.

Local bridge results

SOUTH GIPPSLAND

RESULTS:

April 2 at Wonthaggi RSL:

Six tables competing in Nationwide Contest – 25 clubs contesting.

Master point winners at club level – overall nationwide results available next week.

First: Alan Johnston and John Sutton with 63.89 per cent. Second: John Quale and Matti Shubb 59.90. Third: Hannah Martin and Maureen Stiles 58.85. Fourth: Clive Hope and Lois Clifford 51.56. Fourth: Nev and Phillip Chapman 51.56.

April 5 at Inverloch Fishing Club:

A good roll up with eight tables competing.

North South winners by a good margin:

First: John Currier and John Sutton with 63.69. Second: Alan Johnston and Clive Hope 55.65. Third: Hannah Martin and Ruth Stevenson 53.27. Fourth: John French and Debbie Anglim 51.19.

East West winners:

First: Moya Crowley and Mike Dooley 57.44. Second: Julie Perriam and Anne Gibson 56.85. Third: Sue Edwards and Ruth Harvey 54.17. Fourth: Maureen Stiles and Penny Loughran 52.98.

It was great to see the ex 500 and solo whist players attending the teaching and supervised play sessions on Thursday mornings, starting at 9.30 am at the Wonthaggi RSL. All most welcome.

PHILLIP ISLAND

RESULTS for Monday, April 1:

Greg Nicholson and Shirley Stewart finished third on 56.02 per cent. In second place were Paul Waylen and Marnie Myall on 58.33 per cent. Clare and Jim Murphy proved to be no April fools and won the day on 59.72 per cent.

Results for Wednesday, April 3:

Marnie Myall and Caroline Shaw were in the winner's circle on 56.02 per cent. Robert Maclellan and Molly Downing had a good day and finished on 59.03 per cent. Line honours went to Paul Waylen and Karen Klym on 65.97 per cent.

Congratulations to Bron Sund and John Farr for winning the mid-week pairs.

Phillip Island Bridge Club GNOT will be held on May 5.

Get your teams together!

Free bridge lessons are held at the club every Tuesday morning at 10.30am. New players or those wishing to refresh their skills are very welcome.

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woolamai (Same), Torradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

TUESDAY April 9	WEDNESDAY April 10	THURSDAY April 11	FRIDAY April 12	SATURDAY April 13	SUNDAY April 14	MONDAY April 15
▼ 5.24am 0.51m	▲ 12.30am 1.51m	▲ 1.17am 1.56m	▲ 2.01am 1.59m	▲ 2.44am 1.60m	▲ 3.24am 1.58m	▲ 4.04am 1.54m
▲ 12.18pm 1.55m	▼ 6.22am 0.35m	▼ 7.14am 0.23m	▼ 8.00am 0.16m	▼ 8.46am 0.14m	▼ 9.30am 0.17m	▼ 10.14am 0.24m
▼ 5.59pm 0.61m	▲ 1.20pm 1.70m	▲ 2.14pm 1.80m	▲ 3.03pm 1.85m	▲ 3.49pm 1.83m	▲ 4.33pm 1.77m	▲ 5.17pm 1.68m
	▼ 6.58pm 0.61m	▼ 7.47pm 0.61m	▼ 8.32pm 0.61m	▼ 9.14pm 0.63m	▼ 9.54pm 0.65m	▼ 10.34pm 0.68m

Email us your fishing photos

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The South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group winners were Robyn Dall (3), Peter Gratton (S), Max Williams (2) and Jim Nunen (L).



Frank Verco (L), Luke Monckton (3) and Steve Bakker (S) were the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group runners up.



The best one game winners were Amanda Bozelle (L), David Talbot (3), Phil Wright (S) and Ron Fenton (2) for the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group.



The Inverloch Bowling Club social bowls winners were Malcolm Marshall (skip), Nell Van Grunsven and Graham Turton.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Turkey Triples winners were Chris Fricke, Pat Ryan and Bob Hurst.



The Wonthaggi Senior Indoor Bowls winners were Judy Sweetnam, John Postlethwaite and Jeannie Slocombe on Friday.



Winners of the Monthly Triples sponsored by South Gippsland Transmission and South Gippsland Optical were Scott Miller, Rob Sund (Triples organiser), George Pargeter and Tony Marotta at the Korumburra Bowling Club.



Korumburra's B Grade Championship grand final runner up Ross P Lomagno and winner Neil Green.

INVERLOCH

A REMINDER that the annual general meeting will be held on April 17 at 7.30pm in the clubroom.

Light Up with Bowls: Starting April 9, and running over eight 8 weeks on a Tuesday night, Inverloch Bowling Club will be running a three bowls Pairs events.

There will be no charge on the first week but thereafter it will be \$10 a person with a \$50 prize for the winning pairs.

Single entries and pair entries are welcome. The time slot is 7-9pm.

Bowlers should arrive at 6.30pm on the first night. Names need to be registered by 5pm on the Monday before the Tuesday match. Fifty-six bowlers is the limit for each night. Register early so you don't miss out. The entry list is in the classroom or leave a message on club answering machine.

Hop to it over Easter:

Inverloch Bowling Club offered Barefoot Bowls over the Easter weekend break.

The three days on average were well attended with barefoot bowlers really enjoying themselves.

Many thanks to all the volunteers that made this happen.

Thursday Social Bowls saw a number of avid bowlers roll up to test their skills.

Runners up on the day were Rob Black, Jon Justin, Laurel Lee and John Duthie (skip) on 22 points.

The eventual winners on 32 points were Nell Van Grunsven, Graham Turton and Mal Marshall (skip).

New starting time for Thursday Social Bowls is 11am with names to be in by 9.30am.

A break for lunch then onto the second game.

Bread and soup will be available or BYO lunch.

cloud cover to shield us from the sun, and no wind to speak of.

Forty-five of the members turned up to once again fight it out for team of the day.

Some excellent bowling by some excellent bowlers, with a few wild shots from time to time.

The green was in excellent condition and as always Marianne from Lang Lang attended to look after everyone in the bar – this is always much appreciated by the members.

Didn't see too many wrong bias bowls today but bowlers are once again adding to the Royal Children's Hospital tin.

A fair amount of friendly sledging as well as a lot of laughter could be heard across the green which makes the day so much fun for all.

It was fantastic to see such happy bowlers on such a great day.

It seems a pity that everyone can't win the day, but, as always, there can only be one winning team.

The winners on 36 points were Peter Gratton (S), Robyn Dall (3), Max Williams (2) and Jim Nunan (L).

Runners up on 34 points were Steve Bakker (S), Luke Monckton (3) and Frank Verco (L).

Best one game on 24 points went to Phil Wright (S), David Talbot (3), Ron Fenton (2) and Amanda Bozelle (L).

Congratulations to all the winners.

Thanks to David and Vern for cleaning up the greens before and after play, as well as Jenny for her hard work in the kitchen.

Also a big shout out to Marianne for putting out the chairs for all the weary bowlers to sit down on between shots.

Thanks also once again to Peter and Pauline, John and Rob who keep the members coming back again and again.

Next week, the bowlers look forward to playing at Corinella. See you all at 10am.

Please be on time to allow the wonderful team to arrange all players before 10:30am.

I hope everyone has a great week and look forward to seeing everyone at Corinella.

Wonthaggi – Frank Seaton, Jan Jeeves and Mike Yeats – with a score of four wins and 31 points but less ends.

The best game went to a Wonthaggi team.

They were Tony Marotta, Scott Miller and George Pargeter with a score 15 shots up.

The naba award went to a team from Tarwin.

They each received a cap from the Wonthaggi Club.

Thursday social bowls went off well once again, the weather being the key.

Saturday social bowls saw 24 bowlers grace the greens on a fine day with a slight breeze with an event at another local club, which took a number of the Wonthaggi bowlers.

Triples were the order of the day with two games over 10 ends.

The winners were Syd Gosling, Rob Aitken and Ken Gage with a score of two wins and 36 points.

The runners up were Rob Allan, Ray Hin and Rob Shaw with a score of two wins and 31 points.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 1pm, Thursday social bowls at 10am, Friday coaching at 10am and Saturday social bowls at 1pm.

Don't forget the Basket Cabaret on Saturday, April 27, at the clubrooms.

There is a list in the clubhouse.

Make sure you write your name down and make up a table.

There will be a live band playing good music.

Positions are available on different committees for the next season.

Be sure to put your name on the list and be part of the club.

Have a good week and good bowling.

WONTHAGGI INDOOR

WONTHAGGI

KORUMBURRA

KORUMBURRA held its monthly triples with 20 teams from throughout the area last Monday.

Winners on the day were Scott Miller, George Pargeter and Tony Marotta.

Runners up were Alan Jordan, Alan Ireland and Frank Cimino with best last game going to Denise Silver, Gulio Marcolongo and Ron Burge.

Thanks go to joint sponsors South Gippsland Transmissions and South Gippsland Optical.

The B Grade final was played this week with Neil Green taking the honours over Ross Lomagno, who seems to be the permanent runner up.

Club members are reminded to nominate for positions for the board and other committees at the annual general meeting in May.

MIDWEEK BOWLS

LANG Lang turned on a near perfect day for the members today. Mild to warm temperatures,

KORUMBURRA

Ladies

THE wet weather on Wednesday didn't deter all the golfers.

Jenny Blackmore (25) won, 30 points and Diarne Maskell (32) was runner up 28 points.

The nine-hole comp winner was Kerri Besley (15), 18 points.

Next best was Johanna van den Heiligenberg (9), 17 points and third was Kellie Walker (54), 15 points.

The Korumburra Golf Club was delighted to welcome visitors for the 46th Moulton Bowl on Friday.

Most found the greens very slick but by the scores recorded there many who managed them well.

The club extends a huge thank you to the Moulton family for their generous sponsorship for over four decades and it was wonderful to have Margie Moulton-Ware and her teammates, from Wodonga, playing in this event.

Margie donated a huge array of very interesting trophies, and the club thanks her for this support.

Congratulations to the three teams finishing with 95 points requiring a count-back decided by the team with the closest margin in their results.

Well done to Korumburra 1, Johanna van den Heiligenberg, Trudi Mantell and Karen Sorrell who are the 2024 Moulton Bowl winners.

Runners up were Trish Owen, Chris Lay and Maxine Eabry from Leongatha and third were Korumburra 3, Kerri Besley, Deb Wrigley and Pam Eyers.

Judy Webb won A Grade 36 points and Irene Holm (Meeniyar) was close behind 35 points.

The B Grade winner was Deb Wrigley 38 points and Jenny Blackmore was runner up 36 points.

Maree Wittingslow won C Grade 37 points and Diarne Maskell was runner up 35 points.

BDTL went to Heather Grist and Trish Owen (Leon), both 34 points, Merrissa Cosson, Beryl Brown, Kerri Besley and Maxine Eabry (Leon), all with 31 points.

NTPs on first was Maree Wittingslow, 10th Marg Johnson (Wont), and 13th Deb Wrigley.

Straightest drive on the 12th was Faye LePage (Meen).

Longest drives on the eighth were A, Deb Orr (Phil Is), B, Deb Wrigley and C, Patsy Britt (Wont).

Thank you to all the participants as it is a pleasure to play along-side golfers from our region and beyond.

The curators and volunteers have done wonders to improve the course and it looked spectacular.

Many thanks to captain Merrissa for her hours of organisation and the many people who contributed to ensure the day was enjoyable and went smoothly.

Saturday's RB Monthly Medal and best Scratch Score was won by Merrissa Cosson 83 (10) 73 and the club thanks Luscious Café for sponsoring this event.

Runner up was Heather Grist (21) after a c/b with Kerri Besley (16), both finishing 77 net.

NTPs were Heather first and Merrissa 13th.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, April 2: Stableford. Twenty-two members braved Tuesday's forecast wet conditions to play in a Stableford round.

Some made it round without getting drenched.

A Grade winner: Greg Ellt (17) with 38 points.

NTP 16th: Sean Munley at 507cm.

NTP 2nd Shot 5th: Gary McGrath at 155cm.

Thursday, April 4: Burra Brewery Stableford.

Eighty-one members and guests played in the Stableford event with more great scores returned.

A Grade winner: Peter Hodder (13) with 38 points. Runner up: Gordon Morrison (13) with 37 points on a countback.

B Grade winner: Paul Richardson (16) with 36 points on a countback. Runner up: Jon Smith (17) with 36 points.

C Grade Winner: Ian Trease (20) with 34 points on a countback. Runner up: Alan Black (20) with 34 points on a countback.

D Grade Winner: Hans Hoefler (28) with 39 points on a countback. Runner up: Oscar Baker (Eagle Ridge GC) (25) with 39 points.

NTP 14th: Ken Smirk 332cm. 16th: Peter Hodder at 223cm.

NTP second shot fifth: Ron Findlay at 216cm.

Saturday, April 6: Monthly Medal and Combined Stableford.

A great field of 100 members and guests played in the second round of the McMicking Plate (Monthly Medal) which was also included a combined Stableford event with more great scores returned.

In the Monthly Medal, Chris Indian scored 64 net to be the club house leader with next Wednesday's round yet to be played.

A Grade winner: Tony Morganti (13) with 40 points. Runner up: Glenn Marsham (13) with 39 points.

B Grade winner: Chris Indian (17) with 42 points. Runner up: Peter Walsh (15) with 36 points.

C Grade winner: Rene Zeller (24) with 38 points. Runner up: Gary McGrath (20) with 37 points on a countback.

D Grade winner: Jessica Harry (32) with 38 points. Runner up: Alison Strong (30) with 35 points on a countback.

NTP 14th: Michael Rowe 316cm. 16th: Craig Hutchinson at 294cm.

NTP 2nd Shot 5th: Daniel Jolley at 83cm.

Ladies

DUE to a few scattered showers that threatened, a relatively small field competed in a Stableford event.

The April Monthly Medal will now be held Saturday April 6 and Wednesday April 10.

Despite the rain and recently sanded greens, there were some excellent scores.

Cheryl Borg (40) is definitely on a roll, with 41 points last week and another great score of 40 this week.

Balls down the line went to women's captain Bec Thomas 38 points, on a count back from Neryl Hopcraft, Bronwyn Debenham had 35 points and Michelle Richards 33 points.

Nearest the pin on the 16th, and second shot on the fifth were won by Rebecca Thomas.

MEENIYAN

Ladies

AFTER perfect rain, the April Medal Day was played on Wednesday.

Faye LePage won the day with a lovely 74 net from Lyn Jennison also with 74 net.

Down the line balls went to Dot Christie 75 and Heather Poletti with 77.

Sue Hoskin and Heather Poletti won the putting with 30 each.

Thanks to Tanya Thorson who sponsored the day.

The ladies' wonderful Beyond Blue Day sponsored by Veronica Park is happening on Friday, April 19, where all proceeds from the raffles are forwarded to Beyond Blue.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: April 4, SR. 71.

Competition: Stableford 18 hole.

Winner: Joshua Kilgour 38.

Runner up: Graeme Campbell 37.

BDTL to 33.

Ball sweep: Ian Johnson 36, Peter Magnussen 34, Martin Cox 33, Bruce Betts 33 and Stephen Kane 33.

Results: April 4, SR. 36.

Competition: Stableford back nine holes.

Winner: Graham Ryan 19 and Norm Burne 18.

BDTL to 18.

Ball sweep: Blake Cornelis 18 and Ray Hender 18.

Results: April 6, SR. 72.

Competition: MM stroke and putting 18-hole.

Winner:

A: Brad Pinel 69. B: Bailey Harvey 68. C: Shaun Stirton 67 (Monthly Medal).

BDTL to 71.

Ball sweep: Bill Fennell 68, Douglas Wain 68, Stephen Judd 69, Greg Sutherland 70, Graeme Rogers 70, Ken Cuman 70, Michael Scott 71, Ian McDonald 71, Andy Horvath 71, and Miles Foster 71.

NTPs: Michael Scott second, Alex Geyer eighth propin, Jim Jordan 13th and Heath O'Farrell 17th money hole.

Putting: Brad Pinel 26 putts C/B.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY was a busy day with April Monthly Medal, Silver Spoon round and Singles Knock out Qualifying round.

The daily winners were A Grade and Scratch Marg Johnson 88 (13) 75 net, B Grade Pam Hanley 104 (30) 74 net, and C Grade and round of the day and medal winner Donna Brosnan with a lovely 102 (33) 69 net.

Putting went to Robyn Wilkinson 27 puts (with two chip ins).

No one claimed any NTP.

BDL went to Irene Walsh 75, Betty Bowmar, Patsy Britt, Anne Tschiderer and Robyn Wilkinson (all 77).

WOORAYL

Ladies

THE welcome rains over the last couple of days lingered around Wednesday morning, April 3, for the players who arrived for the April Monthly Medal.

The course had 'absorbed' the 60mm of rain, but persistent showers had the greens slowing as the rain tumbled down at times.

Thanks was expressed to Jo and Col Graeme for their sponsorship of the day.

The Monthly Medal and A Grade winner was Elly Berryman with a great 72 net (12) and Janet Thompson was the B Grade winner with 86 net (30) on a countback from Bev Bridge.

Down the line balls went to Jean Hayes net 78 (22) and Heather Sullivan net 86 (20) on a countback from Bev Bridge.

The nearest the pins went to eighth Elly Berryman, and the 11th and 17th to Jean Hayes.

Best putting for the day was Heather Sullivan 29 putts on countback from Elly Berryman.

Special mentions Gobblers to Barb James first and Joan Smith 17th and a birdie to Elly Berryman seventh.



April Medal winner Faye LePage with runner up Lynn Jennison at the Meeniyar Golf Club.



Wonthaggi Golf Club's daily winners Marg Johnson, Donna Brosnan and Pam Hanley.



Winners of Korumburra's Moulton Bowl were Trudi Mantell, Karen Sorrell and Johanna van den Heiligenberg with the event's sponsor Margie Moulton-Ware.



Grade winners in the Korumburra's Moulton Bowl Judy Webb, Deb Wrigley and Maree Wittingslow, with Margie Moulton-Ware, the day's sponsor.



Woorayl Golf Club's A Grade and Monthly Medal winner Elly Berryman with B Grade winner Janet Thompson.

Leongatha & District Cricket Association Presentation Night



Clark-Wyatt Under 18GCL Medal – Matthew Dakin (Glen Alvie) and Isaac Seuren (Inverloch), absent. A18_1524



Fred Zeuschner Award for Best Under 18 Cricketer – Jesse Dugard (Inverloch). A19_1524



Melbourne Country Week Best Player Award – Joel Brann (Wonthaggi Club). A20_1524



Charltonian Trophy for Best Presented Club – Imperials (Kristian Gray). A22_1524



T20 A Grade Knockout Championship – Phillip Island (Daniel Mock). A23_1524



Team of the Year B2 – Ben Rookes (Kilcunda Bass), Russ White (OMK), Andrew Tolley (Phillip Island), Brian Gannon (Nerrena), Tharidu Asurumuni (Phillip Island), Darren Scott (Korumburra) and Scott Checkley (Nerrena). Absent: Daniel McCausland (Phillip Island), Michael Croatto (Nerrena), Rohan Duff (Kilcunda Bass) and Alister McBride (Kilcunda Bass). A30_1524



Cricketer of the Year – B2 (Russ White, OMK), C Grade (Ben Pugh, Nyora), A2 (Aaron Kaddatz, Nyora), A1 (Shiran Rathnayake, Phillip Island), B1 (Kurt Lane, Phillip Island, absent). Other winners (absent): Sempkin-Wood Under 15 GCL Medal – Louis Read (Leongatha Town) and Gray-Moore Senior GCL Medal – Ethan Lamers (OMK). A28_1524



Under 17 Bowling Award - Archie Casey (Imperials), Under 17 Batting Award – Aydan Williams (Imperials) and Under 17 Cricketer of the Year – Jesse Dugard (Inverloch). A17_1524



Bowling Award Winners – C Grade (Cameron Butler, Inverloch), B2 (Scott Checkley, Nerrena), A2 (Aaron Kaddatz, Nyora), A1 (Shiran Rathnayake, Phillip Island), and B1 (Kurt Lane, Phillip Island, absent). A26_1524



Team of the Year B1 – Colin Bruce (Leongatha Town), Michael Thomas (Koonwarra Leongatha RSL), Riley Harris (Inverloch), Campbell Reid (Imperials), Jobe Williams (Phillip Island). Absent: Brett Debono (Inverloch), Shane Dole (Korumburra), Kurt Lane (Phillip Island), Isaac Seuren (Inverloch), Paris Buckley (Koonwarra Leongatha RSL) and Hayden James (OMK). A31_1524



Captains Award – Wonthaggi Club A2 (Jason O'Reilly), Phillip Island A1 (Daniel Mock) and Imperials A1 (Jack Ginnane). A21_1524



Batting Award Winners – A2 (Paul Le Page, MDU), B2 (Russ White, OMK), A1 (Daniel Mock (Phillip Island), C Grade (Colin Knox, Nyora, absent), B1 (Brett Debono, Inverloch, absent). A27_1524



Team of the Year A2 – Todd Smith (Kilcunda Bass), Josh Toner (Foster), Aaron Kaddatz (Nyora), Henry Dolphin (Nyora), Paul Le Page (MDU), Matthew Donohue (Glen Alvie), Mitchell Jones (Foster) and Zack Trease (Nerrena). Absent: Jake Hackett (Nyora), Jason Kennedy (Koonwarra Leongatha RSL) and Ben McRae (Glen Alvie). A32_1524



Team of the Year A1 – Ron Abeysinghe (Leongatha Town), Ryan Thomas (Wonthaggi Club), Lachlan Cleeland (Phillip Island), Amila Ratnaike (Leongatha Town), Daniel Mock (Phillip Island), Mitch Thomas (Wonthaggi Club), Tim Wightman (Nerrena), Shiran Rathnayake (Phillip Island) and Mudassar Riaz (OMK). Absent: Lachie Wright (Imperials) and Ethan Lamers (OMK). A33_1524



Premiers – Under 15: Phillip Island (Jobe Williams), Under 17: Inverloch (Riley Harris), Open Women's: Inverloch (Jackie Newman), A1: Phillip Island (Daniel Mock), C Grade: Kilcunda Bass (Paul Cornelis), B1 & B2: OMK (Russ White), A2: Koonwarra Leongatha RSL (Callum Buckland). A34_1524



Team of the Year C Grade – Keith Maclure (Nyora), Peter Francis (Phillip Island), Ian Thorn (Glen Alvie), Dale Thomas (MDU), Wayne Chapman (Inverloch), Cameron Butler (Inverloch), Ben Pugh (Nyora), Stephen Riley (MDU). Absent: Colin Knox (Nyora), Tim Cashin (Leongatha Town) and Nigel Hodges (Leongatha Town). A29_1524



A Grade Division 2 One Day Champions – Nyora (Henry Dolphin). A24_1524



LDCA A1 One Day Premiers - Leongatha Town (Ron Abeysinghe). A25_1524



Leongatha & District Cricket Association secretary Ken Scrimshaw and president John Schelling at Cricket Victoria's Community Cricket Awards at which LDCA was named Cricket Association of the Year for 2023/24.



LDCA Female Chairperson Jess Bohn was named Best Young Leader at Cricket Victoria's Community Cricket Awards.

Ben receives
Gippstar award

THE January Open Gippstar award winner is Benjamin Beischer of Wonthaggi for his achievements in his sport of cross country running. Ben has just returned from Muscat, Oman, where he represented Australian Universities in the FISU World University Cross Country Championship - a 10km race around an Arabian desert.

In a strong field featuring African and European runners, he finished 17th in a time of 30min 39sec, in the top half of the field and just behind his teammate (14th).

The Australian team finished fourth in the event.

He started athletics with the Wonthaggi Little Athletics Club and then with the local South Coast Athletics Club.

His big break came last year at 21 years old, with a top ten placing in the open men's race at the Australian Cross Country Championship.

Combined with breakthrough times over 15km (45:48) on the road and 10km (30:02) on the track he sealed a spot in the Unirooms team.

March/April nominations for Gippstar will close on May 2.

Please note that you can nominate for the following categories as well – Team of the Year, Club of the Year, Special Achiever Award and Gippsland Sporting Champion.

These annual awards can be nominated at any time during the current Gippstar year.

If you would like to recognize the sporting achievements of a Gippsland athlete or any of the above categories, nominations can be made online at the Gippsland Sports Academy website sportgippsland.org.au.



Park run participants run the Grand Ridge for the second time since the storm.

Grand Ridge Park Run

SATURDAY, April 6 was the second parkrun after the storm that closed the rail trail for six weeks.

Thirty participants including three first timers came together with a lot less pine trees and a bigger car park.

The new scenery reminded participants of the lyrics to a Joni Mitchell song “they paved paradise and put up a parking lot.” The change that all noticed when they walked over to parkrun this Saturday was the open gate which made them wonder if this was only to let the machinery complete the clean-up work that was still as extensive as other parts of Mirboo North.

One thing everyone always enjoy about parkrun is the encouragement of their fellow park runners or walkers give to one another when they pass – regardless of the position they find themselves along the 5km journey.

The post run café was Jimmy Jams.

Wright takes home prized
jacket and medal for imperials

THE Imperials Cricket Club held its presentation night on Thursday, March 28 at Brent Sinclair Catering – Space 47 Function Room in Leongatha.

With approximately 70 people attending over the course of the evening, it was an enjoyable night. Starting with the junior presentations in the early evening and culminating with the senior awards and Fennell / Sauvarin Medal vote count.

Lachie Wright taking home the prized jacket and medal for the second year in a row.

President Kristian Gray thanked all the players, coaches, parents and volunteers for their fantastic efforts throughout the year, which help the club run so efficiently.

The club is looking forward to a strong showing in both senior and junior grades in season 2024/25.



Fennell/Sauvarin Medallist, from left: Gary Sauvarin, Lachie Wright (Winner) and Greg Fennell.



Kristian Gray (B Grade Bowling & COTY), Francois Botha (Bowling Award), Lachie Wright (A Grade Bowling, COTY & Fennell/Sauvarin Medallist), Gary Sauvarin (B Grade Batting), Tim Sauvarin (Wreckers Club), Aydan Williams (Club Champion), Mark Lafferty (A Grade Batting), and Martin Reidy (Batting Award).

Imperials Junior Cricket Awards



U/17's From left, back, Aydan Williams (Batting & COTY), Campbell Reid (Rising Star), Archie Casey (Bowling & Hat Trick), Troy Williams (Coach). Absent: Cameron Bruce (Brian Gray Most Dedicated).



U/13's From left, back, Kristian Gray (Coach), Oliver Dunlop (Most Improved), Cooper Rogers, Oliver Bolge, Ryder Treloar-Hoffmann, front, Taj Houston.



U/11's From left, back, Geof Forrester (Coach), Tyson Houston, Jaxon Eddy (Coach's award), Tyler Stevic, Spencer Ozols and Hugo Fennell, front, Hugh Dunlop (Coach's award), Mason Eddy, Nick Eddy (Coach).

Korrine and District junior tennis grand final

THE Korrine and District Junior Tennis Association summer competition has now concluded. A great display of tennis on show and some very close matches for the final games held at Wonthaggi and Inverloch.

Pennant Winners: Westernport Alcott. Ed and Flynn. Runners Up: Zac and Macy.



Section 4 Winners: Inverloch – Charlie, Aylah, and Zeke.



Section 5 Winners: Phillip Island – Leith, Anton, Ollie, and Sam.



Wonthaggi – Runner-Up: Hannah Montgomery, James Montgomery, and Joe Brusamarello. Inverloch – Winner: Cole Hawkins, Ted, and Ines.



Korumburra – Runners-Up: Eamon O'Neill-Archibald, Toby Nicolls, Eddie Ham, Marty Crooks, Poowong – Winner: Jake Churchill, Natalie Churchill, and Jess Churchill.



Korumburra George – Winner: Cody Armor, Angus Wilson, Archer Hughes, and Kynana Staley. Korumburra Radovick – Runner-Up: Milla Walker, Averie Hughes, and Madi Van Den Broek.



Jenna Russo of the Breakers has eyes on the ball.

Tough start for Bass Coast Breakers against Pearcedale

WITH a number of retirements over the off-season the Breakers went into Round 1 with a very different line up but maintained the same good vibes as they took on Pearcedale.

The Breakers contested well in the middle and it was midway through the first quarter before Pearcedale found a way to score, with another couple of goals following in quick succession.

The second quarter was much more even with Pearcedale kept to two goals and the Breakers getting a few good forward 50 entries.

The first gamers Gaby Hynes and Lucy Phipps along with Lily-May Hope and Vic Jaskula returning to the game after a few years off, started to find their feet and continued to improve as the game went on.

The goals piled on again for

By Tess Angarane

Pearcedale in the third quarter, however none of them came easily with the backline led by Nico Randall and Jen Pomphrey doing a great job to bring the ball to ground and force second and third efforts.

While not reflected on the scoreboard, there were plenty of positives to take from the match. Taking to the field with only 16 players with their opposition having fresh legs on the bench the Breakers kept fighting until the end, conceding just two goals in the last quarter.

Final Score: Pearcedale 14.15-99 def Bass Coast 0.1-1

Best: Sophie Bolding, Tess Angarane, Nicole Randall, Jenna Russo, Tayla Tatterson, Tess Wingfield

This week the Breakers are at home under lights at 7pm on Friday in Dalyston, taking on Mornington Blue.



Tess Angarane clears the ball out of the centre.

Tigers gear up for round one

by Rover

MIRBOO North journeys to Boolarra this Saturday to launch its 2024 Mid Gippsland Football Netball League season.

Many members of Mirboo North's yellow and black army of supporters are expected to flock to Boolarra to watch the mighty Tigers' footballers and netballers in action.

In the Seniors football, both clubs have appointed new playing coaches, with Damien Turner leading the Tigers and Brendan Mason in charge of the Demons.

It's understood Turner has mapped out a game plan for Mirboo North that centres around pace, precision, and purposeful ball movement, with plenty of tenacious tackling thrown in for good measure.

Perhaps, Mason's maiden pre-match address to the Demons will contain just one plea: "Win the contested ball, deliver it effectively and you will satisfy me."

Boolarra will unfurl its U15 2023 netball premiership pennant, following the Demons' 46 – 33 victory over Mirboo North in last year's grand final at Morwell East.

Mirboo North's thirds footballers play Yinnar at Yinnar at 10am in a replay of last year's grand final – that was won by the Magpies.

Former Sandgroper, Jasan Hysen, who coached Mirboo North's Under 10s to the 2023 Central Gippsland Junior Football League premiership, is coaching the Tigers this season.

Rover's timely tips to kick start the 2024 Mid Gippsland Football Netball League season:

1. When passing a football or netball, in exactitude counts for nothing but trouble.
2. It's important to have an encyclopaedic understanding of the game plan.
3. Never curb your zest for the contest, lest a curve ball tests your resolve.
4. Players can't disguise what's written in their eyes; there lies the window of the soul.
5. Just as there is no give in concrete, never, never, never, give in on a footy field or netball court.

Calls continue for new Mirboo North stadium

GIPPSLAND South MLA Danny O'Brien is continuing to call on the State Government to provide funds to build a much-needed sports stadium for the Mirboo North community.

Mr O'Brien said while much of the focus has understandably been on storm recovery of late, the community has been in desperate need of an updated sports stadium for years.

"With the support of the Mirboo North community, I have been lobbying the Labor Government over the Mirboo North community's desire for a new basketball stadium for years now," he said. "It is very evident to anyone who cares to take a look that the current stadium, which is shared by Mirboo North Secondary College and Primary School, and the wider community, is not fit for purpose."

"I was pleased to host the Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence to visit the stadium recently and impress upon her the next funding for a new one."

Mr O'Brien said the current stadium is clearly a well-used and important community asset used by not just schools, but by the basketball association, Mirboo North Football Netball Club and a number of other sporting and community groups as well.

"This is a well-loved facility that sees a lot of usage between the schools and community groups, but it is old, falling apart and not up to current standards. Indeed, for sporting purposes, the facility doesn't even meet current competition standards – particularly with respect to size and run off areas."

Mr O'Brien said the previous petitions he had presented had fallen on deaf ears.

"I have spoken with both schools and the various sporting organisations over the years, and they have always demonstrated that they are keen to work together to deliver the best outcome," he said.

"We are now just waiting for the Allan Labor Government to get on board and fund the project."

Mid Gippsland coaches prepare for season launch

By Rob Popplestone

MID Gippsland Football Netball Club will launch its 2024 season this Saturday, April 13.

Seniors premier Fish Creek will unfurl its flag before an exciting grand final rematch against Newborough.

The highly anticipated season opener will see the Kangaroos strive to maintain its winning way against the Bulldogs.

A Grade grand finalists Yinnar and Toora will also face off in round one on the netball court.

Tarwin has the bye.

Here is what the Seniors coaches had to say ahead of round one:

Fish Creek v Newborough: Jarrod Walker, Fish Creek

"A really exciting year for the club ahead with a number of local boys coming back to play their footy, bringing an injection of enthusiasm. After a whirlwind of emotions since grand final day last year, we are all super excited to get back on the field and court with the community down to support. For round one against Newborough, it's going to be a

really proud and emotional day to watch the flag unfurling and look forward to a full crowd of Fish Creek faithful. With Newborough looking primed to be another strong force, it'll be great to test ourselves early in the season to see where we sit. With a few out from our grand final team, but then a number of inclusions, it will be interesting to see how we all play together."

MDU v Thorpdale: Nathan Allen, MDU

"We come up against Thorpdale first up – a side last year we had two really tight contests with, both times they got us, including in the finals. It will be a great game straight up to see where we are at as a side. I'm really looking forward to getting out, putting in a good performance and aiming to build on what we achieved last season."

Yinnar v Toora: Jack Weston, Toora

"A new season always brings new hope. With numerous new

players, we appreciate it will take some time to gel offensively. In the contest and defensively, I expect our players to bring effort regardless of the situation. Early season games are always hard to get a read on. After a tough run with injuries last year, I expect Yinnar to bounce. So our round one contest will be a good test to see where we sit against a club who traditionally don't stay out of contention too often."

Boolarra v Mirboo North: Damien Turner, Mirboo North

"We have our cross town rivals in Boolarra round one – always a huge day. Boolarra has recruited some good names, so all the best to Brendan and his club for 2024. Our boys have had a huge final month of pre-season and are ready to go. It's going to be exciting watching this list develop over season 24' and beyond. They will bring great energy in offence and defence each week. All the best to all the other clubs. Excited to get started."

Hill End v Stony Creek: Chris Verboon, Stony Creek

"Looking forward to the first game of the year against Hill End away. We hope to build on last year's performance and early wins are crucial. With a few new names added to our list this year we will have better depth. We have just finished our third practice match and will go into round one with good match fitness. Good luck to all teams."

Foster v Morwell East: Sam Davies, Foster

"Round one is always an interesting time for us with school holidays, weddings and so on affecting player availability - I'm not sure what our team will look like just yet and there will be plenty of phone calls made over the week as well as bleeding some kids out of the 18s. I'll be asking the boys to just be competitive and have a crack. I watched East play their final last year and they should've won by five goals so I'm sure they'll be primed after three practice matches and raring to go chasing some redemption."

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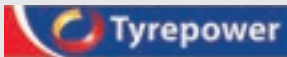


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Catani 54 d Longwarry 25
Poowong 38 d Yarragon 37
Buln Buln 37 It Nerrim Sth 45
Lang Lang 30 It Trafalgar 34

C GRADE

Nilma Darnum 67 d Nyora 2
Catani 34 d Longwarry 17
Poowong 16 It Yarragon 30
Buln Buln 16 It Nerrim Sth 41
Lang Lang 38 d Trafalgar 18

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts
Neerim South	190.48	4
Yarragon	117.95	4
Lang Lang	105.56	4
Trafalgar	94.74	0
Poowong	84.78	0
Buln Buln	52.50	0
Catani	0.00	0
Ellinbank	0.00	0
Longwarry	0.00	0
Nilma Darnum	0.00	0
Nyora	0.00	0

B GRADE

Catani	216.00	4
Neerim South	121.62	4
Nilma Darnum	115.63	4
Trafalgar	113.33	4
Poowong	102.70	4
Yarragon	97.37	0
Lang Lang	88.24	0
Nyora	86.49	0
Buln Buln	82.22	0
Longwarry	46.30	0
Ellinbank	0.00	0

C GRADE

Nilma Darnum	3350.00	4
Neerim South	256.25	4
Lang Lang	211.11	4
Catani	200.00	4
Yarragon	187.50	4
Poowong	53.33	0
Longwarry	50.00	0
Trafalgar	47.37	0
Buln Buln	39.02	0
Nyora	2.99	0
Ellinbank	0.00	0

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A GRADE

Bairnsdale 39 It Drouin 50
Moe 53 d Morwell 38
Warragul 58 d Wonthaggi 36
Leongatha 32 It Traralgon 42
Maffra 33 drew Sale 33

B GRADE

Bairnsdale 30 It Drouin 45
Moe 54 d Morwell 41
Warragul 45 d Wonthaggi 38
Leongatha 47 d Traralgon 31
Maffra 33 drew Sale 33

C GRADE

Bairnsdale 13 It Drouin 37
Moe 19 It Morwell 42
Warragul 20 It Wonthaggi 33
Leongatha 29 It Traralgon 30
Maffra 34 d Sale 30

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts
Traralgon	128.79	8
Warragul	161.11	4
Moe	139.47	4
Drouin	128.21	4
Maffra	100.00	2
Sale	100.00	2
Bairnsdale	78.49	0
Leongatha	76.19	0
Morwell	71.70	0
Wonthaggi	62.07	0

B GRADE

Leongatha	151.61	4
Drouin	150.00	4
Moe	131.71	4
Warragul	118.42	4
Traralgon	106.58	4
Maffra	100.00	2
Sale	100.00	2
Wonthaggi	84.44	0
Morwell	75.93	0
Bairnsdale	62.11	0

C GRADE

Traralgon	120.63	8
Drouin	284.62	4
Morwell	221.05	4
Wonthaggi	165.00	4
Maffra	113.33	4
Leongatha	96.67	0
Sale	88.24	0
Warragul	60.61	0
Bairnsdale	56.63	0
Moe	55.60	0

17 & UNDER

Nilma Darnum 61 d Nyora 2
Catani 38 d Longwarry 21
Poowong 32 drew Yarragon 32
Buln Buln 32 d Nerrim Sth 15
Lang Lang 27 It Trafalgar 31

15 & UNDER

Nilma Darnum 27 d Nyora 3
Catani 41 d Longwarry 6
Poowong 26 d Yarragon 16
Buln Buln 36 d Nerrim Sth 28
Lang Lang 32 d Trafalgar 21

13 & UNDER

Nilma Darnum 54 d Nyora 4
Catani 6 It Longwarry 25
Poowong 11 It Yarragon 18
Buln Buln 31 d Nerrim Sth 2
Lang Lang 19 d Trafalgar 12

17 & UNDER

Nilma Darnum	3050.00	4
Buln Buln	213.33	4
Catani	180.95	4
Trafalgar	114.81	4
Poowong	100.00	2
Yarragon	100.00	2
Lang Lang	87.10	0
Longwarry	55.26	0
Neerim South	46.88	0
Nyora	3.28	0
Ellinbank	0.00	0

15 & UNDER

Nilma Darnum	900.00	4
Catani	683.33	4
Poowong	162.50	4
Lang Lang	152.38	4
Buln Buln	128.57	4
Neerim South	77.78	0
Trafalgar	65.63	0
Yarragon	61.54	0
Longwarry	14.63	0
Nyora	11.11	0
Ellinbank	0.00	0

13 & UNDER

Buln Buln	1550.00	4
Nilma Darnum	1350.00	4
Longwarry	416.67	4
Yarragon	163.64	4
Lang Lang	158.33	4
Trafalgar	63.16	0
Poowong	61.11	0
Catani	24.00	0
Nyora	7.41	0
Neerim South	6.45	0
Ellinbank	0.00	0



Jess Blair passes to Courtney Brann in a fast pace first quarter against Warragul. Z21_1524



Wonthaggi Power's Ellie Bates takes a shot at goal in the first quarter against Warragul's Ella Rees. Z23_1524



Leongatha's Alicia Marshman battles her Traralgon opponent for the ball during the Maroons' A Grade win. A15_1524



Ashlee Ferguson looks down court for options for Nyora on Saturday afternoon.



Power's Joanne Duscher's side throw in against Gulls in the third quarter. Z16_1524



Stacey Giliam takes possession for Leongatha during its B Grade win over Traralgon. A11_1524



Leongatha's Kasey Rump looks for an option during the Parrots' B Grade clash with Traralgon. A13_1524



Poowong's Georgia Chiavaroli defends against the Yarragon wing attack during Saturday's A Grade match. Photo: Jeff Tull.

New faces, new hopes and a thrilling clash against Yarragon

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG opened the 2024 season against Yarragon at home with the Club having teams available at all levels with good numbers in football and netball, juniors and seniors.

The Club has a new President in Matt Henshall following the retirement of Ted Attenborough and a new Senior Coach in Dale Carroll replacing Rod Gundrill who has moved interstate. During the off season the Club has carried out a lot of work at the club rooms with a new kitchen and the upgrading of the bar facility including new computer systems showing their commitment to local country football in the future.

On the field under the new Coach Dale Carroll they have seen the return of Jake Cochrane, Josh Chiavaroli and Jye Loughridge and the promotion of juniors Rory Nettle, Gavin Monson and Ben Fowler all very promising footballers. The Seniors have a young side but there is a lot of potential among the ranks, and we are looking forward to the 2024 season with the team growing in stature in this the 150th year of the Poowong Community.

The game started with Poowong kicking to the Nyora end in the first quarter of the 2024 season and were first on the board with a point. Both sides defences were controlling the game, play was scrappy whether it was the clash of jumpers especially from the back that caused a lot of turnovers. Both sides added points until Yarragon kicked the first



Mitch DeKleuver boots the ball in Poowong's clash against Yarragon. Photo: Jeff Tull.

goal from the pocket, Poowong broke the ice with a good goal to Josh Chivaroli and a second from Alex Henshall from tight on the boundary. Poowong led 2.5.17 to Yarragon 1.2.8.

Poowong had opportunities but failed to make the most of them where they could have been in a solid position at quarter time having seven shots to three.

The second quarter started with Poowong adding a point, play was continually on the far wing from the rooms, until Yarragon went forward from a series of passes and goaled.

Poowong's defence was holding strong with some good marks. Zac Gray added

Poowong's third from the forward pocket but unfortunately Steven McInnes went down with a knee holding up the game. Yarragon took advantage of the stoppage with three goals. The first a free kick, the second a running goal and on the siren their third to go in at half time two points up.

The game was up for grabs, Poowong's young players Rory Nettle and Gavin Monson were holding their own in their debut games and Poowong's defence were working hard but the forwards were failing to take advantage of their opportunities.

The game did not reach any great heights as both defences

were controlling the game, Yarragon's snap added a point, before Yarragon off the pack ran in for a goal their fifth. Poowong went forward but the kick fell short, Yarragon went forward from a free kick on the boundary with the kick across goal being knocked out of bounds, from the throw in Yarragon kicked their sixth to open up fifteen-point lead. Jack Hazendonk's kick for goal was out of bounds. Yarragon had a couple of opportunities failing to score. Three quarter time Yarragon 6.4.40 to Poowong 3.8.26.

The last quarter started with both sides hitting the post until Yarragon goaled from a free kick on the boundary. A good pass from Mitch van't Hof to Alex Henshall resulted in Poowong's fourth unfortunately Yarragon added a further goal from a snap. Poowong were still working hard and added their fifth with Mitch DeKleuver goaling, Yarragon scored a couple of late points then lost a player with a late yellow card.

When the siren sounded Yarragon home by 24 points 9.9.63 to Poowong 5.9.39. Poowong were disappointed with the loss after some solid preseason games, they will be competitive and will only improve from this game as their young players gain match experience.

Next week we travel to Trafalgar for round two who also lost their first game, the thirds will play their first game after Yarragon forfeited, the fourths will be looking for their second win and the reserves are hoping to break the ice, all the best.

Bombers outclass Nyora

ENDURING a 144-point loss to open the 2024 season, Nyora will be putting round one behind it and looking to put in a competitive four quarters come round two.

Nyora travelled to Nilma Darnum's home ground to battle out the first match under the Bombers' new lights.

The ground was in good condition and a decent crowd turned out to watch the first match of the season.

The match saw Nyora debut new Senior players Luke Forscutt, who gave a solid performance down the back, and young gun Charlie Moller, who performed well under the pressures of a tough opposition.

The Bombers had the jump on Nyora kicking six goals in the first term.

Lucas Lee put Nyora on the

board with one goal in the first quarter, but the score was to remain unchanged until the fourth quarter.

Nilma Darnum continued to flex its muscle, creating a 12-goal distance by the half time siren.

The Bombers extended its lead to a whopping 115-point margin heading into the last quarter.

Nyora showed its grit and continued to fight in the last quarter, adding one more goal from Jono Hewitt and four behinds.

However, the damage was done with Nilma Darnum claiming an impressive victory.

Nyora will work hard and take the opportunity to reflect over the week before facing Lang Lang at home this Saturday to turn the season around early.



Charlie Moller contests the ruck against Nilma Darnum's Nick Carrigy.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 1

POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB

 39  63

POOWONG	2.5	3.7	3.8	5.9 (39)
YARRAGON	1.2	4.3	6.4	9.9 (63)

GOALS, Poowong: Alex Henshall 2, Joshua Chiavaroli, Mitch De Kleuver, Zac Gray 1 each
BEST: Joel Norton, Zac Gray, Mitch De Kleuver, Joshua Chiavaroli, Rory Nettle, Gavin Monson
GOALS, Yarragon: Corey Binzer, Trav Davis, Nathan Mazza 2, Brayden Hefford, Riley Kop, Bradley Morgan 1 each
BEST: Mitchell Jolly, Brayden Hefford, Trav Davis, Dean Kelly, Sam van der Zalm, Nathan Mazza

RESERVES

POOWONG	0.0	1.2	1.2	3.2 (20)
YARRAGON	4.5	7.8	9.13	12.16 (88)

GOALS, Poowong: Jake Lewis 2, Tarkyn Taylor-Wilton 1
BEST: David O'Neill, Bryce Broadmore, Jake Lewis, Jack de Kock, Jake Peacock, Michael Robertson

GOALS, Yarragon: David Bates 4, Blake Mooney, Bradley Thomas 2, Dylan Binzer, Kallym Canobie, Oliver Marek, Chris McCallum 1 each
BEST: Brett Coghill, Bradley Thomas, Zak Keeble, Keegan Hewitt, Lachlan King, David Bates

FOURTHS

POOWONG	3.2	5.3	5.5	7.8 (50)
YARRAGON	1.1	1.3	3.5	4.5 (29)

GOALS, Poowong: Lachie Moriarty 5, William Dourley, Troy Nieuwerth 1 each
BEST: Lachie Moriarty, Kohen Mandemaker, Ryder Dowlan, Lockie Hulse, Daniel Waide, Kohen Gilliatte
GOALS, Yarragon: Matthew Balfour 2, Thomas Bastin, Ayden Frost 1 each
BEST: Matthew Balfour, Ayden Frost, William Kemp, Ty Keeble, Rhys McDonald-Flegg, Corey Smith

NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB

 160  16

NILMA DARNUM	6.2	13.3	19.7	25.10 (160)
NYORA	1.0	1.0	1.0	2.4 (16)

GOALS, Nilma Darnum: Lucas Maffei 6, Luke James, Thomas Young 3, Ben Campbell, Sebastian Crowle, Malcolm Hunter, Patrick Oyee 2, Dylan Alberni, Jake Barnard, Nathan Campbell, Nathanael Dungey, Oxley Huson 1 each
BEST: Sage Tapner, Rickie Crockett, Oxley Huson, Nick Carrigy, Thomas Young, Patrick Oyee
GOALS, Nyora: Jono Hewitt, Lucas Lee 1 each
BEST: Lucas Lee, Charlie Moller, Luke Forscutt, Jordan Anderson, Jono Hewitt, Blake Boyd

RESERVES

NILMA DARNUM	5.6	6.10	10.10	13.13 (91)
NYORA	0.0	1.2	1.3	2.5 (17)

GOALS, Nilma Darnum: Stanton Till 4, Korey Carrison, Riley Feil 2, Sam Anderson, Rob Campbell, Matt Cheyne, Boeden Fries, Brandon Smith 1 each
BEST: Boeden Fries, Blake Roberts, Sam Anderson, Christopher Demicoli, Stanton Till, Paul Cameron
GOALS, Nyora: Joel Anderson, Brayden Browne 1 each
BEST: Aiden Cumberland, Luke Ferguson, Lincoln Brock, Jye Shaw-Remy, Kobe Boswell, Rob Moxon

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS	Lang Lang	10.5.65	d Trafalgar	5.8.38
	Buln Buln	14.11.95	d Neerim Sth	9.7.61
	Longwarry	13.10.88	d Catani	6.10.46

RESERVES	Lang Lang	2.8.20	d Trafalgar	0.6.6
	Neerim Sth	7.6.48	d Buln Buln	4.8.31
	Longwarry	14.40.104	d Catani	2.3.15

THIRDS	Lang Lang	6.9.45	d Trafalgar	6.6.42
	Neerim Sth	7.8.50	d Buln Buln	1.7.13
	Catani	6.8.44	d Longwarry	4.5.29
	Ellinbank	17.10.112	d Nilma-Dar	1.3.9

FOURTHS	Trafalgar	5.7.37	d Lang Lang	5.2.32
	Neerim Sth	9.9.63	d Buln Buln	5.6.36
	Nilma-Dar	11.11.77	d Longwarry	5.8.38



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ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 1

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	% WON	FOURTHS	W	L	%	% WON
Nilma Darnum	1	0	1000.00	4	Longwarry	1	0	693.33	4	Ellinbank	1	0	1244.4	100	Nilma Darnum	1	0	202.63	100
Longwarry	1	0	191.30	4	Nilma Darnum	1	0	535.29	4	Neerim South	1	0	384.62	100	Neerim South	1	0	175.00	100
Lang Lang	1	0	171.05	4	Yarragon	1	0	440.00	4	Catani	1	0	151.72	100	Poowong	1	0	172.41	100
Yarragon	1	0	161.54	4	Lang Lang	1	0	333.33	4	Lang Lang	1	0	107.14	100	Trafalgar	1	0	115.63	100
Buln Buln	1	0	155.74	4	Neerim South	1	0	150.00	4	Trafalgar	0	1	93.33	0.0	Lang Lang	0	1	86.49	0.0
Neerim South	0	1	64.21	0	Buln Buln	0	1	66.67	0	Longwarry	0	1	65.91	0.0	Yarragon	0	1	58.00	0.0
Poowong	0	1	61.90	0	Trafalgar	0	1	30.00	0	Buln Buln	0	1	26.00	0.0	Buln Buln	0	1	57.14	0.0
Trafalgar	0	1	58.46	0	Poowong	0	1	22.73	0	Nilma Darnum	0	1	8.04	0.0	Longwarry	0	1	49.35	0.0
Catani	0	1	52.27	0	Nyora	0	1	18.68	0	Poowong	0	0	0.00	0.0	Ellinbank	0	0	0.00	0.0
Nyora	0	1	10.00	0	Catani	0	1	14.42	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0.0
Ellinbank	0	0	0.00	0	Ellinbank	0	0	0.00	0	Yarragon	0	0	0.00	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0.0

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Toora Magpies selected for The Carlton Draft 2024

CARLTON Draught last week announced the five lucky Victorian clubs that will be granted a pick to select a footy legend to run out with their senior team as part of the 2024 'The Carlton Draft'.

The star-studded 2024 draft crop consists of Trent Cotchin, Isaac Smith, Matthew Lloyd, Dylan Buckley and Leigh Montagna, comprising over 1100 AFL games and eight AFL Premier-ships collectively.

Amongst the five selected clubs with a pick in this year's draft were Mid-Gippsland's Toora Magpie's.

"It's really exciting," club president Linden Dyson stated.

"The club is a hive of activity at the moment, we've had a few changes, with enjoyable numbers and fantastic quality recruits, lifted by local support."

"Everything has fallen into place and (the Draft) is really exciting and will bring another level of energy."

The other four clubs selected were:

- Ballan Blues – Central Highlands
- The Castlemaine Football & Netball Club – Bendigo Football & Netball League
- Old Collegians FNC – Warrnambool District Football Netball League
- Bunyip Bulldogs – West Gippsland Football Netball Competition

Across the first two seasons of the campaign, The Carlton Draft matchdays have created unforgettable memories for players, coaches and local communities, with appearances from footy



Toora Magpie's have been selected as one of the five lucky clubs to pick a legend in this year's The Carlton Draft.

legends drawing huge numbers through the gates and assisting the struggling clubs who need it most.

This year's campaign saw over 175 clubs nominating for a chance to be a part of the action in 2024.

The 2024 Carlton Draft playing pool includes:

- Triple premiership Tigers captain Trent Cotchin
- Four-time flag hero across the Hawks and Cats and 2022 Norm Smith Medallist Isaac Smith
- AFL Hall of Famer and 2000 Bombers premiership player Matthew Lloyd
- Former Blues and Giants player and popular podcaster Dylan Buckley

• Saints legend and 287-game AFL player Leigh Montagna

The Carlton Draft Commissioner, Jonathan Brown, thinks this draft crop might be the most talented yet, and anticipates some huge performances from the former stars. "We've had some big names across the first two seasons of the campaign including Nathan Buckley, Eddie Betts and Alex Rance, but I think this draft class may be the most talented we've seen to date," Brown said.

"You've got the opportunity to put Lloyd one out in the square on a local full-back, Cotch and Joey [Leigh Montagna] to put straight in the guts, or outside stars in Smithy and Dyl who will run rings around opposition teams."

"Any of these players lining up for your local team will be a tantalising prospect, not only bringing a huge boost to clubs on the field, but hopefully bringing plenty of foot traffic through the gates and cash behind the canteen and bar."

CUB's Head of Classic Beer, Sarah Wilcox, said the first two years of the campaign have created memories for the clubs that they will never forget, and she can't wait to see more clubs get the same opportunity.

"We would like to congratulate the clubs that have been selected in the 2024 Carlton Draft, but also thank the 170 plus clubs who entered this year but were not as lucky," she said.

"The Carlton Draft has provided

a much-needed boost over the last two years for struggling clubs both on and off the field, as well as their surrounding towns, and I can't wait to see the smiles on the faces of those from the clubs and communities involved this year."

And whilst Toora is happy to have any of the incredible legends on field, there is a soft spot for Issac Smith.

"A few of us are keen on Triple M and Smithy is pretty funny, so he would have the crowd laughing, but they're all fantastic and we would be happy with any."

The Carlton Draft draft night – where the participating clubs select their player - will be held at The Pub at Crown Melbourne in late April, with matchdays to commence from late May.

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW	
SATURDAY, APRIL 13	
ELLINBANK	ROUND 2
Yarragon v Neerim South	
Trafalgar v Poowong	
Longwarry v Nilma Darnum	
Buln Buln v Ellinbank	
Nyora v Lang Lang	
Catani - BYE	
GIPPSLAND	ROUND 2
Sale v Warragul	
Drouin v Maffra	
Morwell v Bairnsdale	
Wonthaggi v Leongatha	
Traralgon v Moe (N)	
MID GIPPSLAND	ROUND 1
Fish Creek v Newborough	
MDU v Thorpdale	
Yinnar v Toora	
Boolarra v Mirboo North	
Hill End v Stony Creek	
Foster v Morwell East	
Tarwin - BYE	
WEST GIPPSLAND	ROUND 1
Warragul Industrials v Inverloch-Kongwak	
Cora Lynn v Tooradin-Dalmore	
Koo Wee Rup v Dalyston	
Garfield v Bunyip	
Kilcunda-Bass v Korumburra-Bena	
Nar Nar Goon v Phillip Island	

Leongatha holds off Traralgon



Cam Olden beats off a flying tackle from his opponent on Saturday's match against Traralgon. Photos: Tracey – Skewesme Photography.

Cooper Alger finds an open player for the Parrot's on Saturday.

Wonthaggi Power beaten by resurgent Gulls

LAST year's grand finalists, Wonthaggi Power, had their colours lowered by a resurgent Warragul at Western Park on Saturday with the Gulls getting away with a hard-fought nine-point victory.

There was nothing between the sides, in a low-scoring affair with Wonthaggi leading 3.4 to 2.6, by four points at half time.

Wonthaggi Power got the first goal of the third quarter when Harry Dawson was dumped after taking a mark and awarded a 50-metre penalty for his trouble.

But after that, the home side came on strong with goals to Bayley Paul and then Tom Stern with two to take a decisive 14-point lead.

Ryan Sparkes, coming back from the Collingwood VFL side, was in everything on the ball, and together with tackling machine Aiden Lindsay, was trying to ignite the Power. The two rucks, Toma Huther of Wonthaggi and Mitchell Smart of Warragul were having a ding-dong battle but Warragul was up for the fight and went to the last change, with a big huddle of supporters gathered around, looking to take a key scalp in the opening round of the 2024 season.

Wonthaggi cut the margin to 8 points when Josh Bates won the first centre break and found Cooper McInnes, who snapped truly.

Warragul then locked down on their opponents for the next five minutes and finally produced a goal of their own when Stern took a contested mark in the goal square and made no mistake.

There was a rolling maul on the Warragul forward line for the next five minutes until Lindsay forced the ball forward to where Noah Anderson kicked a point.

New Power player Brayden Duve was adding plenty of forward pressure and Lindsay continued to stop his Gulls' opponents in their tracks but it was Warragul which kicked the decisive goal when one of their onballers hit the Sher-rin at speed, took a bounce and kicked towards the open goal square to where Isaac Wallace arrived in a rush and soccered the contested ball through for what amounted to the winning goal, the Gulls up by 19 points at the 20-minute mark.

Jack Blair raised hopes when he earned a free kick the hard way, played on and kicked a goal and there was only nine points in it when Anderson got the ball forward to McInnes for a goal at the 28-minute mark.

The Power were coming on strong at the end, but time ran out and Warragul

maintained its nine-point margin for the best possible start to the new season.

Wonthaggi Power certainly had enough of the play to get closer, if not win it, but their kicking to position left a lot to be desired, especially when entering the forward 50.

Some of that was down to the Gulls' pressure but Power forwards in good position to mark often had to fight for the ball on the ground, or chase back when passes went over their heads.

On the positive side, the Power switched the play well out of defence and there were all the signs that their much-vaunted backline of the past few years remains intact providing a good foundation for the year ahead.

Warragul has promised much in recent seasons and on the face of it, might be ready to take their place in the upper echelon of the league this year.

Other games
Reserves: In other games on the day, Wonthaggi Power demonstrated good depth in the senior ranks by starting well against Warragul with a three goal to one opening quarter and they never looked back.

Cade Brown was in everything up forward and around the flanks, Adam Pugh controlled the play through the centre, Ryan Cornell continued on from his good season last year in the ruck, Reeve Moresco continued his progress in the Power's senior ranks, working hard up forward, Wayne Luke was a mobile target in attack and Blake Cornelis kicked three in a complete game by an on-baller.

The Wonthaggi's defence did a great job on the day, limiting Warragul to just one goal for three quarters in a good sign for the season ahead.

Thirds: Unfortunately, the shortage of Under 18 players at Wonthaggi in the pre-season flowed over into the season proper with the Power unable to field a Thirds side at Warragul on the day.

They're not the only club having trouble putting together Under 18 teams especially with the early starts and distances to be travelled in the Gippsland League.

Fourth's: As expected, the Power Under 16s had a strong start to the season with a 12-goal win over Warragul and with a solid squad, they should enjoy a promising season.

The team's 14 goals were shared around with both Jasper Shone and Jackson Glen capping off good overall performances with three goals each and Jaxon Brouwers having a day out with six.



Jye Gilmour takes a mark in defence despite the close attention of his Gull's opponent. Z27_1524



Fergus O'Connor gets the ball down the line against Warragul. Z28_1524

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND
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LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

	49		44
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LEONGATHA	TRARALGON
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Leongatha 0.8 0.10 5.11 6.13 (49)
Traralgon 3.2 3.4 5.5 6.8 (44)

GOALS, Leongatha: Cameron Olden 2, Noah Fixter, Jensen Garnham, Jack Ginnane, Thomas Marriott 1 each
BEST: Jake van der Pligt, Cameron Olden, Sam Forrester, Jack Hume, Mitchell Bentvelzen, Cade Maskell

GOALS, Traralgon: Luis D'Angelo 2, Tom Hamilton, Max Jacobsen, Harvey Neocleous, Jacob Van Iwaarden 1 each

BEST: Tye Hourigan, Max Jacobsen, Tom Hamilton, Connor Ambler, Luis D'Angelo, Joel Scholtes

RESERVES

Leongatha	3.3	4.7	6.12	11.12 (78)
Traralgon	1.0	3.1	4.1	4.4 (28)

GOALS, Leongatha: Trent McRae 5, Jesse Burns 2, Matthew Borschman, Ben Fort, Ned Hanily, Jay Walker 1 each

BEST: Matthew Borschman, Trent McRae, Jay Walker, Ned Hanily, Jacob Lamers, Darcy Hume

GOALS, Traralgon: Poshang Akram, Adam Jaensch, Jarn Macumber, Cohen Ruyters 1 each

BEST: Liam Hahn, Alex Lovison, Lachlan McDonald, Poshang Akram, Flynn Kennedy, Adam Jaensch

THIRDS

Leongatha	3.1	3.3	4.4	4.4 (28)
Traralgon	2.2	4.6	5.9	6.12 (48)

BEST, Leongatha: Finn Donohue, Klayton McGrath, Nathan Skewes, Ben Fort, Sam Bradley, Mitchell Croatto

BEST, Traralgon: Jake Zappulla, William Ambler, Tyler Lapenta, Jai Moloney, Ethan Roscoe, Campbell Booth

FOURTHS

Leongatha	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1 (1)
Traralgon	4.2	6.6	8.7	9.12 (66)

BEST, Leongatha: Alby Logan, Archie Gannon, Angus Livingstone, Clayton Quaife, Thomas Geary, Noah McLennan

BEST, Traralgon: Brodie Adams, Blair Roscoe, William Hamilton, Archie Woodall, Lucas Nicholls, Ford Gore

WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB

	57		48
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WARRAGUL	WONTHAGGI
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Warragul 1.4 2.6 6.7 8.9 (57)
Wonthaggi 1.3 3.4 4.5 7.6 (48)

GOALS, Warragul: Bayley Paul 3, Tom Stern 2, Tom Hobbs, Riley Senini, Isaac Wallace 1 each
BEST: Mitchell Smart, Tom Stern, Jack Lewsey, Sean Masterson, Isaac Wallace, Patrick Mulqueen

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Cooper McInnes 3, Noah Anderson, Jack Blair, Harry Dawson, Jai Williamson 1 each

BEST: Jack Blair, Jakeb Thomas, Toma Huther, Ryan Sparkes, Cooper McInnes, Brayden Duve

RESERVES

Warragul	1.1	1.2	1.3	3.5 (23)
Wonthaggi	3.1	4.4	6.5	9.8 (62)

GOALS, Warragul: Ty Ward 1

BEST: Caleb McIntosh, Charlie Dore, Scott Kelly, Will Hatfield, Ty Ward, Vincent Kuol

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Adam Busana, Blake Cornelis 3, Wayne Luke, Noah Martin, Reeve Moresco, Rodney Tack 1 each

BEST: Cade Brown, Adam Pugh, Ryan Cornell, Reeve Moresco, Wayne Luke, Blake Cornelis

THIRDS

Warragul won by forfeit

FOURTHS

Warragul	0.1	0.3	1.5	2.7 (19)
Wonthaggi	6.0	10.0	12.4	14.10 (94)

BEST, Warragul: Cooper Beckley, Fraser Aubrey, Cooper Leighton, Jake Boote, Walter Phillips,

BEST, Wonthaggi: Jackson Glen, Angus Sutton, Jasper Shone, Archie Luke, Billy Wyhoon, Jayden Burns

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS				
Bairnsdale	9.11.65	d Drouin	6.13.49	
Moe	7.14.56	d Morwell	7.5.47	
Sale	16.15.111	d Maffra	12.7.79	

RESERVES				
Bairnsdale	10.17.77	d Drouin	5.4.34	
Moe	7.6.48	d Morwell	4.6.30	
Maffra	7.3.45	d Sale	1.4.10	

THIRDS				
Drouin	12.5.77	d Bairnsdale	6.2.38	
Moe	15.9.99	d Morwell	1.1.7	
Maffra	4.6.30	d Sale	4.4.28	

FOURTHS				
Bairnsdale	7.10.52	d Drouin	7.9.51	
Moe	25.18.168	d Morwell	4.3.27	
Maffra	10.15.75	d Sale	1.2.8	

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 1

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Sale	1	0	140.51	4	Bairnsdale	2	0	159.46	8	Traralgon	2	0	181.82	8	Traralgon	2	0	21000.0	8
Traralgon	1	1	124.79	4	Maffra	1	0	450.00	4	Moe	1	0	1414.29	4	Maffra	1	0	937.50	4
Moe	1	0	119.15	4	Leongatha	1	0	278.57	4	Drouin	1	0	202.63	4	Moe	1	0	622.22	4
Warragul	1	0	118.75	4	Wonthaggi	1	0	269.57	4	Maffra	1	0	107.14	4	Wonthaggi	1	0	494.74	4
Leongatha	1	0	111.36	4	Moe	1	0	160.00	4	Warragul	1	0	0.00	4	Bairnsdale	1	1	26.67	4
Bairnsdale	1	1	87.82	4	Morwell	0	1	62.50	0	Sale	0	1	93.33	0	Drouin	0	1	98.08	0
Wonthaggi	0	1	84.21	0	Traralgon	0	2	57.14	0	Leongatha	0	1	58.33	0	Warragul	0	1	20.21	0
Morwell	0	1	83.93	0	Drouin	0	1	44.16	0	Bairnsdale	0	2	51.01	0	Morwell	0	1	16.07	0
Drouin	0	1	75.38	0	Warragul	0	1	37.10	0	Morwell	0	1	7.07	0	Sale	0	1	10.67	0
Maffra	0	1	71.17	0	Sale	0	1	22.22	0	Wonthaggi	0	0	0.00	0	Leongatha	0	1	1.52	0



Cam Olden excelled for Leongatha, on this occasion taking an important mark as the Parrots clear defence. A06_1524

Leongatha holds off Traralgon

LEONGATHA held off a strong Traralgon challenge, a burst of third term goals and determined last quarter defence proving key factors in the Parrots' success.

VFL-experienced Cam Olden was instrumental for the defending premier, winning the Sherrin all over the ground and booting two majors to be the Parrots' only multiple goal scorer.

However, the club rated the performance of another prolific ball winner and effective user Jake van der Pligt its best for match, with Olden next.

After the clubs lined up for the unfurling of Leongatha's 2023 Reserves and Senior flags, the match didn't begin as anticipated.

A mixture of impressive Traralgon defensive pressure and poor goal kicking from Leongatha resulted in the Parrots registering just eight behinds in the opening term and a couple more up to halftime.

The Maroons held a couple of goals advantage at that stage, adding another from close range five minutes into the third stanza to skip three goals ahead before the Parrots hit back three minutes later through Olden.

His mark and goal was soon followed by a free kick and 50 metre penalty that ensured a Jack Ginnane major, with teammate Jensen Garnham then winning a one-on-one contest near goal and snapping truly to bring Leongatha level.

Ever-reliable captain Tom Marriott continued the purple patch for the Parrots, taking a clean overhead grab in damp conditions, following persistent drizzle, and nailing his set shot to put his side over a goal in front after an earlier behind returned it to the lead.

While Traralgon responded through a Max Jacobsen mark and goal, Noah Fixter soon marked up forward for Leongatha, feeding the handball to Cade Maskell who goaled on the run, the Parrots taking a one goal advantage into the final term.

"We got the ball first that quarter and it shows," Leongatha ruckman Ben Willis

said during the three quarter time break.

The Parrots also used the footy better during the third term, moving it more effectively, something coach Trent McMicking noted during his address, asking his players, "How much better did we look when we started to move the ball with pace?"

He urged his side to control the footy in the last stanza, hitting marking targets, having earlier called for a reduction in "little handballs in the backline" during his quarter time speech.

At that stage, McMicking was pleased with the positions the Parrots were getting into and their ball winning ability but called for greater polish in terms of execution.

Both sides appeared to overuse the footy in the moist conditions for much of the day, although there was often pressure on whoever had the ball in hand.

Olden stepped up again in the final term, booting a goal 10 minutes in after getting a free kick to put the Parrots 13-points up, and it looked like Leongatha may build a comfortable advantage.

However, Traralgon refused to let up, a great passage of passes enabling co vice captain Luis D'Angelo to goal on the run.

As it transpired, that major, 13 minutes into the term was the game's final goal, with Traralgon managing to cut its deficit to five points before Leongatha recruit Cooper Alger stood tall in the dying seconds to mark well inside Traralgon's forward arc.

The Maroons' ability to cause a near upset was aided by skipper Tye Hourigan who continued to be prominent in defence and mark strongly, seeing him named the side's best ahead of Jacobsen.

McMicking praised his players for grinding out the win.

"It's a huge tick," he said of his side's determined effort as the Parrots set their sights on an away clash against last year's Grand Final opponent Wonthaggi, the Power looking to bounce back from a Round 1 loss to Warragul.

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