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Wine o'clock on the Island

The weather plays a big part in the success of the local grape growing season but after dealing with the vagaries of vintage over the past year, the autumn sun shone brightly on the Purple Hen Winery on Phillip Island for the final days of harvest last week. And loading up the last boxes of plump Shiraz grapes last Friday were Ernie Cara and Adam Corey.

\$30.5M DEBT BOMB

DEBT levels at both the Bass Coast and South Gippsland shire councils are on the way up, with South Gippsland's set to peak at \$14.7 million and Bass Coast's ballooning out to \$30.5 million by June 30, 2025.

The figures are revealed in the draft budgets posted by the two councils last Friday, ahead of their council meetings this Wednesday where councillors are

expected to endorse a proposed rate increase at both councils of 3.5 per cent.

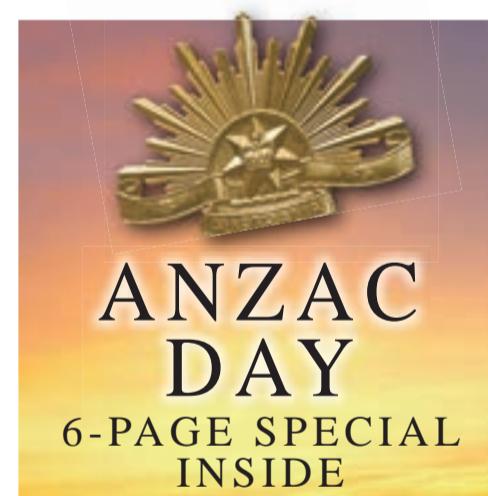
This is in line with the State Government's Fair Go Rates System which approved an increase in the rate cap this year to 3.5 per cent, up from 1.75 per cent last year, but still well shy of a Consumer Price Index (inflation) of 7.8 per cent.

However, while the headline rate is 3.5

per cent, property owners, depending on whether they are farmers, homeowners or commercial property owners, may notice wide variations.

In South Gippsland for example, where farm values are up by 30% in the year, as compared to general residential values, up 16%, rate revenue from farms is estimated to rise 14%.

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Bass Coast Shire drops \$30.5M debt bomb

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In other words, South Gippsland's 3255 rural ratepayers will be shouldering even more of the rate burden next financial year, up by \$1.5 million to \$12.6 million of the \$45 million levied by the shire, so they can expect to see double digit increases in their rates notices.

For South Gippsland homeowners, rates will still be going up across the board, but they are more likely to see an increase around 1.5% in their general rate.

The garbage collection rate in South Gippsland is however rising by 16.47%, up from \$251.65 to \$293.10 for a 120-litre weekly waste collection and a 240-litre fortnightly recycle/green bin collection.

At Bass Coast, the garbage rate for their three-bin system, which includes a 120-litre general waste collection (red bin) fortnightly, is going up by 11.9% from \$492 to \$550.83, almost double the cost levied in South Gippsland.

But property rates in Bass Coast are much lower than those in South Gippsland.

For example, if you own a \$400,000 house in South Gippsland, the property rates component of your rates notice will be \$1135, whereas in Bass Coast it will be \$868.

There's not expected to be a great shift in the rates burden in Bass Coast however, with farm values steady in the new revaluation, and house prices only up by 1.8%. Residential property owners will be contributing 5.3% more in rate revenue, up from \$44.7m to \$47m, but the impact on individual rates notices will be partly offset by 312 new homes being added to the number of assessments.

Farm rate revenue is expected to rise by 3.7% which is a fair guide to the rate increase for individual farmers.

But it's the ballooning debt position at Bass Coast which is concerning some, including Bass Coast Ratepayers and Residents Association President Kevin Griffin.

"Rising debt levels are always a concern, especially at a time of rising interest rates," said Mr Griffin this week.

"And just because it falls



The shire has undertaken to complete the Cowes Cultural and Community Centre as part of its budget plan for 2023-24, but how much is it costing?

within prudential guidelines, shouldn't be a green light to go to the top of those levels."

Mr Griffin also raised concerns about increased operational costs at Bass Coast, where employee costs are projected to rise steady from \$35.2 million next year to \$38m, \$39m, \$41m and \$43m in successive years.

"We'd like to see the shire commit to more savings in administration and for that money to go into capital works and services," he said.

On that score, despite posting details of a \$105.9 million budget this week, Bass Coast has disclosed that it will only be spending \$29.4 million on capital works, funded partly by \$2.37 million in new borrowings, and \$3.4 million in grants; down from \$57 million in 2022-23.

And most of that appears to be for maintenance work on roads, footpaths and bridges, with \$2.7 million for new plant and equipment, and \$800,000 for computers.

There'll be \$230,000 for the old Wonthaggi Secondary College site, \$688,000 for the Cowes Activity Centre, \$361,000 for climate change initiatives, and \$500,000 for the Wonthaggi North East Precinct Structure Plan. Plus there's \$4 million for something called 'Capital Advancement'.

By comparison, South Gippsland with an overall budget of \$80.7 million has

committed \$36.8 million to capital works, partly funded by \$8.1 million in grants.

Bass Coast budget highlights

- \$15.2 million to improve Bass Coast's road and path network, including: Berrys Beach Road, Ventnor \$1.1m, Wonthaggi-Inverloch Overland Trail \$500,000 and Corinella Pathway \$300,000
- \$4 million on Climate Change Actions, including Protecting our Natural Environment \$2.3m, Building Energy Upgrades \$100,000.
- \$16.1 million on Waste Services, including Waste Services \$14.7m, Landfill Rehabilitation \$600,000.
- \$13.4 million on our Leisure and Recreational facilities, including Art Centre Services at WUCAC and Cowes Cultural and Community Centre, \$2.2m Playground works \$900,000, Kilcunda Bass Football Club Pavilion \$500,000.
- \$13.5 million to upgrade community facilities, including Cowes Activity Centre Plan \$700,000, Replacement of various toilet facilities and \$700,000 Inverloch Hub works \$600,000.
- Also, at Bass Coast, they will:
 - Develop and maintain a Significant Tree Register
 - Develop a Mountain Bike/BMX/Pump Strategy
 - Implement 24/7 cat containment policy including community engagement
 - Develop guiding principles for the requirements of

inland dog off-leash areas.

• Advocate for kindergarten expansion in Bass Coast to cater for expanding population

• Finish construction of the Cowes Cultural and Community Centre

• Develop a detailed design for the Wonthaggi Streetscapes Master Plan

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• And adopt and implement the Wonthaggi North East Precinct Structure Plan.

• Commence the development of a Town Plan for San Remo including Structure Plan and Town Centre guidelines.

• Develop a Public Art Plan to provide a clear outline of the Council's approach to public art in the municipality.

• Complete the Woolamai to Nyora rail trail feasibility assessment.

• Finalise design for Surf Parade Shared Path stage 3B.

• Adopt and implement the Economic Development Framework.

• Develop the Farmer Resilience Program, focusing on commercial and business sustainability and mental health.

• Implement a strategic approach to event acquisition including international events, whilst strengthening local events to support economic growth.

• Continue development of the Bass Coast Industrial Land Strategy.

• Finalise the Housing Strategy and Neighbourhood Character Study.

• Develop an Integrated Transport Strategy to support coordinated and linked transport modes across Bass Coast.

• Implement the Communications and Engagement Strategy and Plan including the establishment of a regular e-newsletter.

• Support implementation of the Climate Change Action Plan through the delivery of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure and the purchase of EV for Council's fleet.



POLICE BRIEFS

Trio in trouble

EMERGENCY services were called to San Remo about 2.45pm on Friday, April 14 to reports of people in the water screaming for help. Three young boys got into trouble in the current after jumping from the pier. There were no reports of serious injury or loss of life.

Burn out doesn't pay

ON SUNDAY, April 16 at approximately 2.05pm, the Bass Coast Highway Patrol observed a black Holden Commodore utility doing a 'burn out' at the intersection of Keam Crescent and Phillip Island Road in San Remo.

The driver, a 28-year-old male from San Remo was intercepted by police.

The man didn't have a driver licence due to it being cancelled and had been disqualified from obtaining a licence.

The vehicle had incorrect registration plates affixed to it and was also unregistered.

The vehicle was subsequently impounded for 30 days, at a cost of \$1105.00. The man will be served a summons for multiple offences and will be required to appear in the magistrates' court.

Shoes go flying as car crashes shop

SHOPPERS in Wonthaggi's main street, Graham Street, heard a loud bang and a scream as a VW Golf careered out of control and into the front window of the iconic Wrench's Footwear store in the middle of town last Saturday.

Police have since posted the following report on Bass Coast Eyewitness:

This morning (April 15), at about 11am, your local police from the Bass Coast Highway Patrol, along with paramedics from Ambulance Victoria, volunteer firefighters from Wonthaggi CFA and volunteer rescuers from SES Wonthaggi Unit responded to an incident in Graham Street Wonthaggi.

Police believe that a silver Volkswagen hatch drove over the footpath, and impacted some shop stock displays, with the shop displays then partially impacting the windows of the shop.

Shop staff and passers-by then assisted the driver to exit the vehicle.

The driver, an 80-year-old female from Wonthaggi, was assessed by paramedics, but was not required to be taken to hospital for assessment.

The cause of the incident is still being investigated, but is believed to be the result of driver error.

No persons were injured, and the damage to shop stock and the building itself was not substantial.

Graham Street, and the nearby footpath was closed for a short period of time due to the incident.

Your local police would like to thank those who rendered assistance to the driver.

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Wind AM: N 15-20km/h
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12° 22°



WED | Apr 19

Showers.
Wind AM: W 20-30km/h
Wind PM: Light

11° 17°



THUR | Apr 20

Shower or two.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: NW 15-20km/h

9° 18°



FRI | Apr 21

Shower or two.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

11° 19°



SAT | Apr 22

Cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

11° 19°



SUN | Apr 23

Partly cloudy.
Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

10° 20°

IN BRIEF

ANZAC theme to Leongatha Historical Society lunch

IN the approach to Anzac Day, Leongatha Historical Society is holding its annual lunch on Wednesday April 19, with people encouraged to come along to enjoy food and company followed by an informative talk by local historian Tony Moon.

President of the Historical Society Lynette Skillern has worked with Tony on various projects researching soldiers, particularly those from WWI.

"Lyn's asked me to talk about the research we did with respect to the old Shire of Korumburra and the casualties on the cenotaph," Tony said.

"It's about how we went about our research, what we found, who we found and some of the important statistics we identified."

Both Tony and Lynnette have written books detailing soldiers from the local area.

Those keen to attend the Leongatha Historical Society lunch are requested to call Lynette on 0400 249 048 so she can advise the RSL of numbers.

Anyone just wishing to come for the talk is invited to simply turn up.

The Historical Society event takes place at Leongatha RSL, with lunch at 12pm and Tony's talk from 12.45pm.

Lang Lang RSL service

LANG Lang RSL will commence its ANZAC Day dawn service at 6am at Lang Lang War Memorial Monument (5 Westernport Road). This will be followed by a march led by a contingent from HMAS Cerberus through the township concluding with a free breakfast.

Bunnings is on track

BUNNINGS new site in Wonthaggi on the corner of McKenzie Road/Bass Highway and White Road, is still on track to open mid-year. The build continues to progress as planned for the retailer.

Being safe online

DELIVERED by Cybercrime expert Marnie Lyon of Victoria Police and Community Liaison Education Coordinator Alisha Gilliland of Gippsland Centre Against Sexual Assault, join the pair on Tuesday May 2 at 7.30pm, as they discuss and provide insight for parents and carers about Cybercrime and online safety.

The discussion will cover who the cybercrime squad are and what they do, the current trends, social media and online spaces, common misconceptions around online cyber safety, how to support young people to stay safe online, how young people can report

online cyber issues and top tips for adults, parents and carers.

Parents and carers can register at eventbrite.com.au/e/gippsland-centre-against-sexual-assault-prevention-education-calendar-tickets-518243017817

Remembering those taken by family violence

THIS year Gippsland will come together again for the annual candlelight vigil to remember the women and children whose lives were taken due to family violence.

In 2022, 63 women were killed from family violence and to date, 14 women in 2023 have lost their lives with Gippsland consistently facing some of the highest family violence reporting rates in the state.

Observed on the first Wednesday in May around Australia, this national day of remembrance brings communities together to light a candle while they stand in solidarity to mourn the loss of lives.

In Australia over the past 10 years, one woman has been killed nearly every week and one child each fortnight with Bass Coast rated number 16 and South Gippsland number 26 for family violence in Victoria.

On May 3 light a candle or light up your business purple – remember and honour those who have been killed by domestic and family violence.

Local event locations to be advised.

This year #lightacandle2023

Aerial inspections

HEADS up Almurla, Bass, Corinella, Coronet Bay, Dallyston, Fish Creek, Kardella, Kongwak, Leongatha, Loch, Phillip Island, Port Welshpool, Ryanston, Wattle Bank, Woolamai, and Yarram, AusNet will be undertaking aerial inspections of the powerlines in these areas from Monday, April 17, to Friday, April 21.

Make a difference for people impacted by cancer

OVER the past three years Deery Consulting in Inverloch have rallied the community together to host Australia's Biggest Morning Tea for the Cancer Council, and this year local artist Fiona Kennedy will join as a guest speaker.

The event will take place on Thursday, May 25 from 10am until noon at Deery Consulting – 1/54 Dixon Street, Inverloch, where artwork 'Women with Feathers' will be an auction item.

Raffle items and door prizes will also be available on the day.

Organiser Robyn Hodson said at last year's event they managed to host around 55 people and collectively raised \$4,620.

"This year we are hoping to host around 80 people and have a goal to raise \$5,000. We have had amazing support from local businesses, individuals, and organisations with donations to help make the day a success."

"Personally, I have lost five friends to cancer since we hosted last year. I have also seen two friends fight and win their battles," she said.

"As a company we host this event to bring the community together for a common cause. It provides an opportunity for people to connect, as it is a very worthy cause that touches so many people."

"The latest Cancer Council statistics tell us one in two Australians will be affected by cancer by the age of 85."

So come along and enjoy some delicious food and drinks whilst raising funds and awareness for the Cancer Council. Entry is a \$20 donation per person and numbers are limited, so get in early to secure your spot.

RSVP to robyn@deery-consulting.com or call 9134 6863. To donate prior to the event visit <https://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/fundraisers/DeeryConsulting/biggest-morning-tea-vic>

Loch RSL service

THERE will be a brief dawn service at 6am at the Cenotaph on the corner of Smith and Victoria Streets, led by Vietnam veteran Tom Loughridge.

There will be a 10.30am service at the Cenotaph, with Legatee Jane Ross the guest speaker.

She is an executive member and past president of the South Gippsland Legacy Group that was co-founded by her father Bill Ross, a proud Desert Rat.

The wider Legacy organisation marks its centenary this year and Jane will talk about its history and planned celebrations.

Local artists open exhibition

ARTSPACE Wonthaggi, block three, will be open to the many talented artists and artisans who will be presenting in the Artists' Open Exhibition.

There will be a wide range of unique, stunning and varied work and some of the works from Carol Mercer and Meg Viney, from the most recent exhibition will still be available.

So go along and enjoy the wonderful creations of ArtSpace's renowned local artists.

ANZAC Day story time

ON MONDAY, April 24, the day before Anzac Day, the Wonthaggi Library is hosting a family ANZAC Day story time at 4pm at the library in Murray Street, Wonthaggi.

This activity is suitable for school-aged children and their families.

Please call Wonthaggi Library on 56721 169 for more information.

D-day for Wonthaggi business

IF YOU think the Wonthaggi business community needs a seat at the table, when decisions are being made about the future of the town, then get along to a meeting of the Wonthaggi Business and Tourism Association, the Wonthaggi Hotel, this Thursday night April 20.

Doors open at 5:30pm for a 6pm start to the WBTA Networking Night, with the annual general meeting to follow at 7pm.

But, according to secretary of the WBTA, Steve Curtis, if the group doesn't attract upwards of five people to take on leadership roles in the group, it will fold.

"The representative role is important but so is organising activities for the benefit of members, networking nights, and also events in the town like the Laneway Festival from which everyone benefited," said Steve.

"But we do need people to step up, with their various skills, and help."

Shocking burn out

POLICE from Wonthaggi Police Station were patrolling Griffiths Street in North Wonthaggi, due to public complaints about hoon driving activity in the local area recently.

Police couldn't believe their eyes when a 19-year-old female from North Wonthaggi drove by in a blue coloured Holden Commodore sedan, and allegedly did a large 'burn out'.

Police then intercepted the vehicle and interviewed the driver, with the driver found to be a 'P' plate driver.

The vehicle was then impounded for 30 days at a cost of \$1290.

The driver will appear at the magistrates' court soon, as will be charged with offences relating to improper use of a vehicle and causing unnecessary noise and smoke.

Local police are committed to ensuring road safety in Bass Coast and South Gippsland, and there is zero tolerance to hoon behaviour.

Any information can be reported to Crime Stoppers on telephone on 1800 333 000 or online at: <https://www.crimestoppersvic.com.au/report-a-crime/>

Why Cape Paterson is on the wrong path

PUT simply, the plan to almost double the size of Cape Paterson, by a further 1000 houses, is a mistake.

In fact, if you accept what the members of the Cape Paterson Residents and Ratepayers Association (CPRRA) said at a planning panel hearing last Thursday, it's a mistake compounded by mistake after mistake.

There's even a name for such a tragically mistaken process - 'Path Dependence'.

Path dependence is a concept in economics and the social sciences, referring to processes where past events or decisions constrain later events or decisions.

In other words, having committed the original sin, authorities are reluctant to acknowledge their wrongdoing for fear of fallout and either kick the can down the road or continue to follow the erroneous "path".

It was a concept introduced by a member of the CPRRA and a resident of Cape Paterson, Dr David Hayward, last Thursday, April 13, on Day 20 of the public hearings before the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Standing Advisory Committee.

As an Emeritus Professor of Public Policy and the Social Economy at RMIT, Dr Hayward knows what he is talking about.

In the case of Cape Paterson, the original mistake by the Bass Coast Shire Council, of identifying Cape Paterson for future urban expansion north, through the Bass Coast Strategic Coastal Planning Framework of 2005, was compounded in May 2011 when the State Planning Minister Matthew Guy gave the green light to the Cape Paterson Ecovillage project, against the recommendations of an independent planning panel in 2010.

It was at the same time as he announced that 24 hectares of land near Ventnor on Phillip Island, the ill-fated "Cadogan Land", would be rezoned for residential development, which subsequently did not go ahead.

The Ecovillage did go ahead, however, with the addition of 230 new blocks, adjacent to the foreshore in Cape Paterson, west of the existing township.



According to Professor David Hayward, the move to almost double the size of Cape Paterson is a decision based on mistake after mistake.

As well as being opposed by the independent panel, by council and the local community at the time, the location of the Ecovillage was also against a key recommendation of the Coastal Spaces Landscape Assessment Study (2006) to "avoid linear urban sprawl along the coastal edge and ribbon development within rural landscapes" as a way of protecting the coast and areas between settlements for non-urban use.

However, despite the fact that the Eco Village went ahead, and has since gained wide public acclaim for the ground-breaking nature of its sustainable design, the Bass Coast Shire Council decided in March 2018, on a vote of 7:2, to seek Ministerial approval for Amendment C136, which would have seen 53 hectares of the 97 hectares included in the Cape Paterson settlement boundary to the north, rezoned for residential development.

Planning Minister Richard Wynne subsequently stepped in and paused the process early in 2019, announcing that the decision would be deferred "until the Bass Coast Distinctive Area and Landscape (DAL) project is

significantly advanced".

That's where are now.

But as Professor Hayward told the panel on Thursday, the DAL process should be seen as an opportunity to apply a circuit breaker to the litany of planning mistakes made at Cape Paterson and finally put the fragile marine and coastal environment, and significant landscapes of the area adjoining Bunurong Marine and Coastal Park, ahead of new residential development that would create far more problems than it solves.

"It won't provide affordable housing. It's not a solution for social housing, with no services or transport available, it doesn't offer long-term rentals, and it's not going to add to the diversity of housing stock given that it's all about detached housing.

"It won't lead to a more efficient use of infrastructure or lead to more active transport, in fact the added traffic will make it less safe to walk and ride around," Professor Hayward said.

And following on from separate submissions about the significance of local flora and fauna, including the presence of rare orchids and the diversity

of marine life, he said opening up residential development to the north would result in over-development of the town and a serious threat to the environment, especially from stormwater runoff into the marine park.

He also claimed that growth projections and assumptions about the number of houses needed had been disrupted by the unanticipated number of people who moved to the area permanently, simply to occupy existing holiday houses or houses they owned as second residences.

"They set up a problem (the need for a high number of dwellings) that didn't exist," he said, also submitting that Wonthaggi was the best place to provide for residential expansion in Bass Coast.

But the CPRRA didn't have it all its own way with the chair of the panel, Kathy Mitchell saying that it was a fact that everyone supported the idea of additional housing so long as it wasn't near them.

She also indicated that the panel wasn't so much assessing the appropriateness of existing settlement boundaries as submissions for and against expansion.

Stop treating Bass Coast as the poor cousin, DAL panel told

THE opening remarks of Save Western Port Woodlands (SWPW) submission into the Distinctive Area and Landscapes policy were clear that its time for the woodlands to be preserved.

SWPW, as well as South Gippsland Conservation Society and Victorian National Parks Association, had two full days of hearings to present their submissions last week at Cape Paterson Surf Life Saving Club on Wednesday and Friday.

The first day of their hearing was well attended by supporters including Bass Coast Shire councillors, who showed their support for the woodlands to be recognised as a significant landscape and be protected from sand mining.

SWPW made a substantial submission during the feedback period of the draft Statement of Planning Policy (SPP), after discovering the woodlands was not highlighted as a 'distinctive area'.

Ultimately, they hope it will be created into the 'Western Port Woodlands National Park' co-managed by the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation and Parks Victoria.

According to their submission to the SPP, Western Port Woodlands is the name for the forest corridor of conservation reserves and remnant vegetation on private land running roughly parallel to the bay between Lang Lang and Bass.

There are currently 10 sand mines operating in the Western Port Woodlands. There are 19 current extractive industry work authorities (WAs) within the woodlands, and another seven under application. Around 70 per cent of the Western Port Woodlands area has been designated 'Extractive Industry Interest Area,' their submission states.

Yet a proposed Significant Landscape Overlay (SLO1) incorporating the Bass Hills, the Bass River Valley and the Coastal Plains deliberately excludes the Western Port Woodlands.

Opening remarks

Represented by Barnaby McIlrath of PE Law, the advisory panel heard that the issue of the woodlands was likely to be 'an enduring one that could determine political fortunes'.

"What we hope in relation to the role of the SPP is that it will be an enduring document that the community feel they will have some ownership over," their representative stated.

"And that it provides enduring support for the woodlands, so this issue doesn't constitute a thorn in the side of the government into the future."

It was argued that following the recent approval of the Dandy Premix expansion, there was no basis that there would be a supply shortfall in Bass Coast for sand or gravel to 2050.

"The draft statement planning policy was eerily silent on the Western Port Woodlands."

In a scathing remark, it was stated to stop treating Bass Coast as the 'poor cousin of Mornington Peninsula and Surf Coast Shire', when it comes to planning protections and that the time has come to address the 'past legacy of excessive land clearing'.

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Shire takes on Rhyll community feedback for shared path

THE Bass Coast Council are asking the community to provide comment on the proposal for the Cowes to Rhyll Shared Path (Stage 4) project, with feedback now open until Sunday, May 14 and the Rhyll Community Association are urging the community to have their say.

This project was previously identified in Council's Aspirational Pathways Plan and is now part of Council's newly adopted Track and Trails strategy.

Stage 4 of this trail connects the top of McIlwraith Road in Rhyll into the Rhyll township.

The Cowes-Rhyll trail aims to connect Rhyll to the main township of Cowes and improve pedestrian access in the community.

Council is seeking feedback on three possible options for the Stage 4 alignment:

* Option 1: Travel south down McIlwraith and through Rhyll Park

* Option 2: Similar to Option 1, but rather than going through Rhyll Park, the alignment will be along the eastern boundary of the reserve along Walton St

* Option 3: From the top of McIlwraith Road, continue the path around the headland.

Jim Kiley of the Rhyll Community Association said, 'this is very important for the community to have their voice and to choose the option they'd prefer.'

"The Rhyll community would prefer

the third option which is what we have pushed for in our letters to council all this time, a shared path through local streets could never be sold as a tourist attractor, whilst the headland trail could become a significant attraction," said Jim.

The association received correspondence from the Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, stating "It is Council's responsibility to consult broadly with the community, and whilst I acknowledge a number of people have already corresponded, Council's engagement will follow its usual process through Engage Bass Coast. It will be published just after Easter and will include a survey - your members can then participate and convey their view in the formal process that will inform Council in making its decision."

Each of the options will require varying levels of work and require funding to progress to construction readiness.

Bass Coast Shire welcomes all members of the community to vote on the pathway they prefer plus offer any commentary now at Engage Bass Coast page Cowes Rhyll Pathway - Stage 4 | Engage Bass Coast

Council will use information collected during this consultation period to inform a decision on the preferred alignment, then advise the community of the next steps accordingly.

Visit www.engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/cowes_rhyll_stage4 to have your say.



Guy Road shared pathway delayed again

THE Guy Road Shared Pathway has again been delayed and is now scheduled for completion in May this year.

The project has been plagued with delays since it began in 2021, and was supposed to be finished this month.

Works completed as of March include:

Gravel Path

- The section between Tenby Point and Argent Road has been completed.
- The section between Cemetery Road

and the School has been completed.

- The section between Joseph Road and Argent Road nearing completion.
- The section between Brick Kiln Road and Joseph Road nearing completion.
- The section between Cemetery Road and Tenby Point is underway.

Footbridge and approach ramps

- Footbridge completion is delayed due to a supply issue of the bridge deck.
- Footbridge abutments are complete.

Mayor's message



Cr Michael
Whelan



Council passionately believes the Masterplan is necessary to deliver better facilities for the local Bass Coast community, fans and encourage more women and girls to get into sport.

I have invited Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos to attend the double-header to showcase Bass Coast's passion for footy and fairness.

We are committed to promoting Australian Rules football in the region and in particular women's participation, which is why games like this are so important to stage.

As Victoria's fastest rising regional population per capita, this investment would not only be an important recognition for Bass Coast but reflects our deep commitment to gender equality, inclusion and diversity.

Beach House Hunters Australia film on Phillip Island

UP AND COMING Channel 9 television series Beach House Hunters Australia, hosted by Shelley Craft, hit the road for their first season of filming, stopping over in Phillip Island to take a city couple, Brett, and Kate, through three beach houses across the Bass Coast.

The Abode Entertainment crew filmed in Cape Woolamai, Sunderland Bay and finished recording in Surf Beach.

Potential buyers, Brett, and Kate were warmly welcomed by Alex Scott and Staff sales manager Brian Silver and owner of 10 Dunvegan Crescent, Surf Beach, Simon Adams.

Simon opened his home to the film crew on Wednesday afternoon to showcase his 1920s homestead, a unique beach house situated on 1,956m² of land, just 100 metres from the ocean.

"The property is dated back to 1921; the estate was developed in 1928 and before that this property was here - surrounded by paddocks with direct views across the bay and farmland.

"I then purchased the property in 1999 when I was working overseas as a professional sailor; about 200 people had gone through the home and thought it was too much work, but I saw the potential. It was hidden by trees, so it was dark and dingy but after six months of renovating, new wiring, new roof and having the home restumped - I gave it life again and it has been a short stay rental ever since," said Simon.

Having holidayed on the Island since the 60s, and now



Host of Beach House Hunters Australia Shelley Craft was warmly welcomed to the Surf Beach home by Alex Scott & Staff Sales Manager Brian Silver and homeowner Simon Adams. Z01_1623

based in Newhaven, Simon fell in love with the homestead but knew it would be a short stay rental for visitors and tourists alike.

In the past the house was booked out 50 weeks of the year with Simon furnishing the interior to accommodate for 18 people.

The unique home is situated at the narrowest point of Phillip Island and has been designed to take in views of Swan Bay to the North, Churchill Island and the ocean views of Bass Strait and Cape Woolamai to the South.

Despite not living in the property, Simon has made some special memories on the grounds

of the homestead, celebrating his 50th birthday with family and friends, and sharing many memories with his children.

The Beach House Hunters Australia crew were shooting the home on Wednesday afternoon with Shelley Craft, speaking with potential buyers Brett and Kate on what seaside living means to them.

The crew shot from the large entrance under the verandah that runs across the length of the property, before taking the buyers inside - allowing them to get a feel of the true character of the home.

During Simon's renovations, he extended the house to



Host of Beach House Hunters Australia Shelley Craft tours inside the Surf Beach home filming season one with potential buyers, Brett, and Kate.

incorporate a large modern kitchen domain that overlooks the rear yard and dining room; but a distinct element of the home is the original open fireplaces in the centre of the rear and front lounge rooms - giving a sense of warmth and comfort to the original homestead.

During the tour of the property, whilst the crew were shooting for the first season of the television series, Simon directed the attention to the rear 'shed' that has been restored into an extra bedroom - a space large enough for a queen size bed - a little outside retreat for visitors, as well the expansive outdoor kitchen area that Simon has

displayed his array of flags from his travels as a sailor.

A historic property on a large parcel of land is rare in the town of Surf Beach and potential buyers Brett and Kate have had the luxury of touring the home with host Shelley Craft before they make their final decision on which property on Phillip Island will be their beach side home.

Host Shelley Craft said, "It's so beautiful on Phillip Island we could do an entire series here, but we do have these brand-new residents that are just going to slide on into the community."

Beach House Hunters Australia season one is coming soon to Channel 9.

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The pick of the crop at Purple Hen

AS THE last rays of autumn sunshine dipped towards the horizon last Friday, backlighting the rows of yellowing leaves, the final bunches of blue-black Shiraz grapes are clipped from the vines at Phillip Island's Purple Hen Winery.

It was all over for another year. And what an eventful vintage it has been.

All that remains now is the processing and bottling, nonetheless a crucial stage in the process.

So, is the wine going to be any good?

We asked award-winning vigneron Rick Lacey how the vintage of 2022-23 has been.

"All things considered, it's been pretty good," said a relieved Rick, as the last crates of plump grapes come in, piled high on the trailer of his trusty blue Ford tractor.

"With the weather we had at the time, we weren't confident about the fruit set but we came through that surprisingly well, although we didn't get as much Pinot Noir and Chardonnay as we would have liked.

"But it's been pretty hit and miss across the region, so overall we're pretty happy."

The dry weather through January and February was welcome, for ripening, according to Rick, but it could have been warmer.

"That's why the picking has been fairly drawn out, from late February right through to now, waiting for the varieties to ripen, and for the sugars to rise above the acids but we're there now and it's great to get that finished."

But the proof will be in the tasting, and we won't have to wait long. The first of the wines from the 2023 vintage will be available later in the year.

For now though, there have been plenty of Phillip Island visitors and locals, out and about over the Easter, and school holidays, enjoying the autumn sunshine and a glass of the very best from Purple Hen and the other Bass Coast and South Gippsland wineries.

Toxic sand wash threatens Western Port, says expert

'HELP protect the future of the Bass Coast'. That is the overall aim of the Bass Coast Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) process.

And accordingly, Professor Richard Wettenhall, resident of The Gurdies and a professor of biochemistry, crafting planning controls which properly protect the environment and the region's distinctive landscapes, including the Western Port Woodlands and the Western Port waterways should be a key focus.

Which is why he appeared before the DAL planning panel last Friday when it convened at Cape Paterson, to express concern about an environmental disaster that's waiting to happen, or is already in the process of happening, as a result of the sand mining activity on his doorstep.

"I am concerned that these environmentally sensitive and highly precious remnant forests are being threatened by the expansion of sand mining operations in the area. I am also concerned that the unique Western Port Ramsar-accredited wetlands are being threatened by the leaching of potentially toxic pollutants from sand washing operations into the ground water and downstream aquatic environments," he told the panel.

"I am strongly of the view that these precious nature reserves and wetlands should



The State Government's Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) process has focussed attention on the potentially toxic nature of industrial sand-washing at Grantville.

be protected and conserved for future generations," he said, saying it was well within the scope of the DAL committee to recommend placing more stringent conditions on the sand mining process in The Gurdies-Grantville area, especially monitoring the impact of the sand washing on groundwater and Western Port.

"At least two of the sand mining operations in the Western Port region wash sand on site.

Of major concern is the possibility that the toxic chemicals leached into ground water

eventually enter the downstream Pioneer Bay creek and Bass River estuarine zones of Western Port.

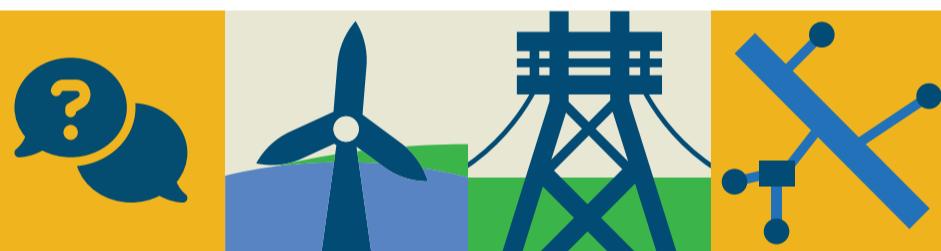
"These pollutants can also enter sub terrarium aqua systems that flow directly into the offshore mudflats. This pollution could harm the highly sensitive microbial and small animal ecosystems of the creek/river and mud flats, which sustain the higher order life of the Western Port wetlands."

Speaking to the Sentinel-Times this week, he said his particular concern revolved

around a 10-hectare sludge dump, in the middle of the sand mine, which he said posed a significant risk to the local environment.

Further expansion of sand mining activity, he said, would only exacerbate the issue.

Professor Wettenhall, a resident of The Gurdies, whose entire career has been spent as a research biochemist in various Australian and overseas universities, is an expert in analysing and testing small quantities of various elements, and their impact on the environment.



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Proudly displaying the new nutritious ice-cream they created for patients and aged care residents are, from left, Bass Coast Health Speech Pathologist Yas Kakracan, Speech Pathology and Dietetics Team Leader Hannah Toose, Food Services Assistant Georgine Trifile and Dietitian Christopher Duff.

Bass Coast Health team invents nutritional ice-cream

THE talented team at Bass Coast Health (BCH) has invented a new, nutritious ice-cream for patients and aged care residents on modified diets.

The achievement is unique for a health service as most health services outsource the preparation of thickened products.

BCH Dietitian Christopher Duff joined with BCH's Kitchen staff to create a new recipe for a high protein, no melt ice-cream after an inpatient did not like the taste of thickened supplements he was

being served.

"The patient was on a modified diet so could not have regular ice-cream. After we did some research, we created a recipe and after several attempts in the kitchen, our final product was approved by our Speech Pathology team as safe for all patients regardless of their diet code due to a swallowing condition," Christopher said.

"Our new ice-cream is also more nutritious, with each serve providing our patients with 10 grams

of protein and 1000 kilojoules of energy.

"As the ice-cream is made in-house, we're also able to offer a greater variety of flavours – chocolate, vanilla, strawberry, banana and coffee – and our patients are loving it."

The ice-cream will be served to hospital patients and aged care residents at Kirrak House, Wonthaggi, and Griffiths Point Lodge, San Remo.

It's made from Sustagen, milk, custard and a mousse mix.

Pivotal period for PICAL as president steps down

JEFF Floyd will be stepping down as president of Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre (PICAL) at their upcoming AGM this week.

During his time as president, Jeff has been instrumental in guiding PICAL during the pandemic and their transition to Warley Avenue in what has been one of the most challenging periods for the organisation.

"I've done three years during a pretty interesting time so I thought it was time for someone else to have a crack," he told the *Sentinel-Times*.

"So I won't be standing again for president and we've called for nominations.

"It's been really tough on our funding (this period) but we're pretty well settled in at Warley Avenue and we'll be back to normal soon."

Due to the construction of the Phillip Island Community Hospital at Church Street in Cowes, PICAL was forced to relocate with their new site officially opened earlier this year.

Their AGM will be held in person at 16 Warley Avenue, Cowes, on Thursday, April 20, at 4pm and via Zoom for anyone wishing to join remotely.

Community Garden

Due to PICAL's transition, unfortunately their community garden was unable to be located at their current site and is being developed at Blue Gum Reserve.

According to Bass Coast Shire, their new garden will be completed by May this year.

The garden was used to supply their food relief program, which Mr Floyd is looking forward to resuming.

"That's something we're looking to keep going and our cooking team use the produce from the garden to also cook meals for the relief program," he said.

"We're using a quarter of it (garden) currently, but we can't use it all until it's finished."

"But when it's open, it will be an opportunity to rev up community interest it and get more volunteers involved."

However, Mr Floyd noted the community garden may not be fully operational for quite some time after its completion in May.

Council has been working with the garden volunteers and were expecting the shed and accessible toilet to be installed by the end of March/early April 2023.

From there, the perimeter fencing, some pathways and water tanks will be installed. Overall, it will consist of:

- a main shed for storage of equipment
- Coels shed (relocated to be used for workshops)
- tool storage shed
- garden beds (including wheelchair accessible beds)
- perimeter fencing (utilising recycled timber from the Cowes Jetty)

The total project cost was \$365,343 funded by Council contribution of \$239,343, RSL contribution \$106,000 and PICAL grant from Bendigo Bank at \$20,000.

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

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RFT/365 – Management and Operation of Selected Aquatic Venues within South Gippsland

Tenders close at 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 9 May 2023.

RFT/357 – Construction of Meenyan

Community Hub and

RFT/366 – Panel of Civil, and Road Surfacing, Works, Equipment and Products

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

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal
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Dale Callahan relishes his newfound pursuit of hairdressing, going to work on Hayden Bowler. A04_1623



Carpenter Dale Callahan gives hairdressing a go, with senior ruckman and Under 18s coach Ben Willis in the chair, while Under 18s player Robbie Reardon is styled by 'Bub' Clark. A02_1623

Parrots shed feathers for a cause

A NEST full of Leongatha Parrots will be getting about with cold heads after a Thursday night shearing session, but it's all for an important fundraising drive inspired by young player Xavier Bolge who is currently battling lymphoma.

"All three of his coaches are shaving their heads, along with a few of the senior players and about 10 of the Thirds kids," Blake van Rooy said prior to the event, having long known Xavier.

However, such was the wave of enthusiasm on Thursday evening to show support for Xavier, numbers skyrocketed.

Eighteen of his Under 18s teammates happily underwent buzz cuts, with 20 Under 16s and eight senior players

also opting for a close trim.

Blake shed his hair for the cause, along with others such as Ben Willis, Tom Marriott and Sam Forester.

"The whole club has rallied behind him and showed our support," Blake said.

Xavier's friend and teammate Beau Grabham organised a GoFundMe page, raising money for the Leukaemia Foundation, noting that organisation also looks after lymphoma patients.

Beau said any donation will be appreciated.

People have been quick to support the cause, with almost \$10,000 raised by Friday morning.

Xavier co-captained Leongatha's Thirds side last year.

Under 18s coach Ben Willis spoke of the significance of players sacrificing their locks in addition to raising important funds for the Leukaemia Foundation.

"Hair loss is a big deal and it's awesome the boys are stepping up and making Xav feel comfortable, and there are a lot of boys here who love their hair," Ben said.

He spoke of Xavier's versatility as a footballer, able to play lots of onfield roles, and his character.

"He's courageous, a good listener and allround good kid," Ben said.

Xavier's Under 18s teammate Robbie Reardon explained why he was happy

to part with his hair, saying it is about raising awareness and showing support for Xavier so he doesn't feel alone in dealing with his current situation.

Carpenter Dale Callahan was enjoying his new role as a hairdresser so much he appeared to be pondering a career change, although some clients may prefer a little more hair left on.

Lymphoma is a form of cancer that begins in the lymphatic system, often affecting young people.

There are two types of the disease, Hodgkin's Lymphoma and Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

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Venus Bay General Store owners boosted by local support

VENUS Bay General Store owner Rupy Multani is grateful nobody was injured when a car was accidentally driven into the front of the business on Wednesday, expressing his appreciation of the community support he has received since.

Three four metre windows were destroyed, with frames needing to be replaced.

A couple of local cleaners sprang into action, helping to tidy up, while Glen of South Gippy Signs erected aluminium screens to secure the damaged section of the store.

Dan Lawrie and Bruce Leonard of the Tarwin Lower-Venus Bay Tourism and Local Commerce (TALC) association also arrived to offer support to Rupy.

There was no damage to stock.

In the aftermath of the accident, Rupy called for South

Gippsland Shire Council to install bollards to protect businesses from such incidents.

A council spokesperson responded to a request for information on whether that safety measure is being considered.

"A tender for the development of a new streetscape for Venus Bay has recently closed; the new design includes bollards and trees in the vicinity of the Venus Bay General Store, as well as other measures to help improve pedestrian safety and slow traffic through the commercial area."

In his capacity as TALC president, Bruce said he understands work on the streetscape is due to start in the middle of this year.

He was pleased to hear news of council's plan to include bollards in the design, along with other planned safety

considerations he's noted such as widening the footpath, reducing speed limits, having a raised area and creating a pedestrian crossing.

"A big part of the community feedback to the Shire concerned safety around the commercial precinct for both pedestrians and cars, so if the bollards are going in, that's a positive in terms of safety," Bruce said.

He expressed confidence the bollards will be incorporated in a manner that is as aesthetically pleasing as possible.

Community members have extended their best wishes to Rupy and family and have made it clear the Venus Bay General Store is a much-valued part of the town.

"Their support is really good in this difficult time," Rupy said.



Venus Bay General Store's front was extensively damaged when hit by a car, but fortunately nobody was injured.

Calls to scale back Victorian energy costs as increases beckon

VICTORIA'S leading social, legal, financial and consumer rights' bodies have united to oppose a dramatic planned rise in power prices across Victoria.

The state's independent energy regulator, the Essential Services Commission, is proposing a 31% increase to basic power bills this winter.

Such an increase is both unjustified and dangerous, according to an alliance of groups including the Victorian Council of Social Service, Good Shepherd, Uniting, the Brotherhood of St Laurence, the Consumer Action Law Centre, Financial Counselling Victoria and CISVic.

In separate formal submissions and representations to the ESC, the groups

argue deliberately driving up power bills this winter — during a rental and cost-of-living crisis — will force thousands of Victorians into poverty, hardship and ill-health.

The proposed 31% increase is part of the ESC's review of the Victorian Default Offer, which is a baseline, 'no-frills' power deal

available to all Victorians.

The ESC regularly reviews the VDO price, considering cost and market factors facing energy retailers.

In their submissions, the bodies critique how the ESC calculates the energy companies' expenses, and what level of profit the companies deserve to make selling a 'no frills' power plan.

Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey

is important to South Gippsland.

Mayoral Advisory Panel

Congratulations to Councillor Annemarie McCabe from Baw Baw Shire Council for being appointed to the State Government's Mayoral Advisory Panel.

Relationships with our neighbouring councils are extremely important, and I look forward to having constructive conversations with Councillor McCabe on matters impacting our region that can be brought to the attention of the Victorian Minister for Local Government.

Congratulations Deputy Mayor Williams

Deputy Mayor Clare Williams has been appointed as a member of the Executive Committee for the Australian Local Government Women's Association

— Victorian Branch. I am confident that Councillor Williams will use this opportunity to represent the Gippsland region on this important Committee.

School Holiday Activities

Despite the weather, there is plenty to do in South Gippsland to keep the kids entertained over the school holidays.

From markets and galleries to scenic walks and spectacular beaches, we have a lot on offer.

Looking for ideas? Head over to the Visit South Gippsland website for inspiration: <https://visitsouthgippsland.com.au>

Smoke Detectors

Smoke detectors are vital for the early detection of fire in your home. If you didn't remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors when you changed your clocks for daylight savings — this is another reminder. The battery you might have bought and is still in the cupboard or on the bench is a good step in the right direction, but only working smoke alarms save lives.

Also make sure you test them each month by pressing the 'test' button and replace any devices that are not working as they should.

Donate blood

GOT A BIT of time next month? Time to give blood and change lives? 1 in 3 people in Wonthaggi will need blood, and they need people like you to give it. We're rolling into town from May 2 to 12. Don't forget to pre-book your spot at lifeblood.com.au, on the app or on 13 14 95.

Migraine and light sensitivity lenses now available

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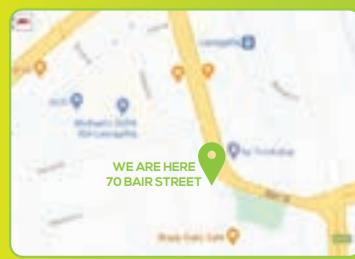
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Phillip Island writer releases award winning crime fiction

ACCOMPLISHED true crime author and now crime fiction writer, Vikki Petraitis spoke to an audience of over 80 people at Wonthaggi Library on Saturday April 1.

Vikki won the Allen and Unwin Crime Fiction Prize 2022, for *The Unbelieved*, her first fiction novel.

Although Vikki has a 30-year career writing true crime books, she decided to turn her hand to crime fiction.

"I was doing a PhD in creative writing, so I wanted to challenge myself on something completely different to what I'd ever done... I took a lot of the injustice and a lot of the unfairness that I had come across in writing true crime and funnelled it into a work of fiction."

Vikki said that capturing the element of human emotion apparent in everyone closely impacted by crime and transferring that to her first work of fiction was key for her.

"Writing fiction is a little bit easier because you don't have to check all your sources, but you have to... really capture the human emotion and reaction behind crimes... when you spend years talking to people directly affected by it, you understand this ripple effect. That it doesn't go away for these people, and it is a really difficult thing to have to deal with, and have to live with forever, and it's very raw



True crime writer and award winning crime fiction writer **Vikki Petraitis spoke to a captivated audience at Wonthaggi library.** Photo: Myli Library Wonthaggi

and it hurts, so I hope that in my fiction, I catch some of that."

Vikki's novel, *The Unbelieved*, is based around a female detective who moves back to her hometown after a case goes wrong, and is faced with a town full of lies, secrets and silence around a local rapist.

Vikki comments that the work of fiction is based on much of what she experiences when researching real crime stories - the assumptions and the cover ups - and a factor that was evident with *The Phillip Island Murder*.

"This is what I was up against the whole time, that conclusions

(about the crime) were made with the briefest of overviews.... this is what the case for me is as a writer."

Vikki published *The Phillip Island Murder* in 2018, and in 2020 released a 10-part podcast on the murder, titled, *The Vanishing of Vivienne Cameron*.

"I think since the podcast came out about two years ago... people that have listened to the podcast, people that live on the island, people that were in the podcast, came, and I think it's their way of showing solidarity."

There remains a high degree of interest around the case, as it is unsolved, and many

members in Saturday's audience were interested to hear if there had been further revelations since the release of the podcast.

"I think they won't rest, and I won't rest, until we get some answers, and so they're very, very keen to hear about what has happened since the podcast. I was able to share new information that had come forward from people after listening to the podcast."

The story has also sparked interest within the film and television industry.

"We got approached by a production company who want to do a long form documentary series on the case, which I think would be perfect... we did some filming last July, we interviewed people on the island, and then the production company is in the process of... getting funding... We're really excited about the possibility of bringing that story to the world."

In the meantime, Vikki also continues to have success through podcasting other true crime stories she has written about.

"I just released my new podcast series on the Frankston Murders, and that hit number one on the Apple podcast Australia chart. It seems like I just need to keep telling the stories. I need to keep telling community stories, where people just need a voice."

Bass Coast welcomes motorsport boost

THE Avalon Airport Precinct has been named as the site of the state's proposed Home of Motorsport.

Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events Steve Dimopoulos made the announcement on Sunday, which was nominated as the preferred location by Motorsport Australia.

A \$1.6 million government investment will help with the design and planning, which will see the 150ha plot at Avalon earmarked for the new home of an elite multipurpose motorsport precinct.

Motorsport in Victoria supports more than 4300 jobs and the number of events each year can top 1000, including international drawcards such as the Formula 1 Australian



Bass Coast Shire has welcomed the announcement that the Avalon Airport Precinct has been named as the site of the state's proposed Home of Motorsport, believing it will complement the Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit.

Grand Prix and the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix.

Bass Coast Shire Council has welcomed the announcement

that will complement the world-famous Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit, stating the Phillip Island MotoGP is the largest

regional international sporting event in Australia and contributes \$42 million to the local Bass Coast economy each year.

A new Home of Motorsport is listed as a priority in the recently announced 2022-32 Victorian Motorsport

Infrastructure and Participation Strategy.

Bass Coast Shire Council Mayor Cr Michael Whelan said the State Government have always been huge supporters of the Phillip Island race, and have strongly endorsed the 2022-2032 Victorian Motor Sport Infrastructure and Participation Strategy.

In partnership with Bass Coast Shire Council and the Australian Grand Prix Corporation, the Australian round of the MotoGP is currently under contract to Phillip Island until 2026, with Council advocating to the State Government on securing the MotoGP at Phillip Island for another 10 years.

This year's MotoGP will be held at Phillip Island from October 20-22.

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From rural health to community strengthening

ON SUNDAY, April 2, the Mirboo North & District Community Foundation (the Community Foundation) launched a book telling the story of its origins to an audience of almost 100 locals.

"It was important to the Board of the Community Foundation to tell this story because our organisation would not be here today, with \$8 Million in assets, including a medical centre, were it not for the people of this district," explained Rob Kiddell, Chair of the Board.

"As an organisation we stand on the shoulders of many community members, and we wanted to honour and celebrate their huge contribution."

The Community Foundation's story has three parts, as illustrated by the title 'From Rural Health to Community Strengthening'. The first part being the creation of the Bush Nursing Hospital back in 1932, the second being the transition to and operation of an Aged Care facility from 1989 to 2008 and the third part being the creation of the Community Foundation to hold the \$5 million proceeds of the sale of the Aged Care facility and the use of that to benefit the community.

"It became clear as the story was documented that the community's generosity was critical in every part of the story," noted Ruth Rogan, Executive Officer. "It was this generosity which ensured the longevity of the organisation, enabling it to weather the transitions."



The Mirboo North & District Community Foundation launched a book detailing the origins of the foundation.

On the day stories were shared of this generosity: of community volunteers who fundraised through catering, sewing and preserving food to provide equipment and resources, others who door knocked with raffle drives etc; others who donated food for the patients and residents from potatoes to apples, others who gave their time as committee members supporting the various operational teams, overseeing financial viability and making difficult decisions about transition, and yet more who donated money or left gifts in their wills which allowed for building expansion.

This is also a story of three difficult decisions. These decisions were difficult but necessary to ensure the survival of the health or aged care services and to protect the value created by the community. However, these decisions which were not always popular in the broader

community, and it is a testament to the volunteers who diligently and strategically found a way forward, despite the stress that involved.

The first decision was in the late 1980s: the decision to shift from hospital to aged care; the second in the late 2000s, to sell the aged care, so that a privately owned aged care facility would continue to care for our elderly in place as the largest employer in the town; and the third was how best to use the \$5 million, to honour the effort and the giving by the community over decades.

It was this last decision that led to the Community Foundation. The Aged Care Committee considered whether to use the \$5 million on one or two significant projects, but quite early they agreed that a perpetual model would be more powerful and bring more benefit to the community. The concept

of a perpetual model is that it invests the \$5 million and only uses the earnings to strengthen the district through grants and sponsorship. In a sense it is the community's superannuation fund, giving benefits to the community every year.

The Community Foundation structure was chosen because it was perpetual and because it focused on strengthening the community which had created that value. Initially the community were a little unsure of this structure as the value was not as tangible as a piece of infrastructure.

But as Walter Aich, Vice Chair of the Board, noted at the launch, it is with the advantage of 13 years of hindsight, that the power of the perpetual model becomes clear.

"The \$5 million that was invested has grown in value to \$8 million, \$1.6 million has been given out in grants, including \$550,000 to the redevelopment of the Mirboo North Pool, and we have invested in a medical centre facility to provide strong health outcomes for our district."

It is this most recent investment in a medical centre which has given the organisation a sense of coming full circle, 90 years later, reconnecting with healthcare.

The only question which remains is what benefits will this perpetual community foundation, and the ongoing community generosity bring to this community in the next 90 years.

Calls to put the 'service' back into public service

NATIONALS Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien has called on the State Government to do better to ensure that Victorian public service departments are meeting the needs of residents.

Mr O'Brien said that despite Victorian public service numbers having risen around 60 per cent since the Government came to office, it was evident that there is a clear lack of front-facing service available.

"Based on complaints to my office the frontline service of many government agencies has been terrible, some of it the under the cover of COVID, but not getting much better in recent months," Mr O'Brien said.

"Births, Deaths and Marriages Victoria has been one of the worst offenders, with constituents struggling to get hold of BDM for birth and death certificate inquiries. It took one Gippsland family in my electorate eight months to register a baby born outside the hospital system."

"In recent months I have had constituents with similar problems contacting anyone at Aboriginal Housing Victoria and the Working With Children Check hotline, and we have seen reductions in office opening hours at Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action offices (DEECA)."

Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Public Land Use and The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria Region, Melina Bath, has also noted the slashed opening hours of DEECA offices, with some Gippsland offices listed as temporarily closed.

Since January 3, 2023, offices across Gippsland in Traralgon, Bairnsdale, Ellinbank and Orbost are operating with amended public hours and that these changes have not impacted regional staff employment, according to DEECA.

"Delivery of services to regional community remains a priority for DEECA and the new face-to-face hours align with the increasing number of customers choosing to access services via phone and online," A Victorian Government spokesperson from DEECA said.

DEECA also stated that these changes are reflective of community need, with the majority of DEECA customers now accessing services via the website and the Customer Contact Centre.

Customers can also continue to access information and customer support by phoning 136 186 between 8.00am - 6.00pm or email their enquiry to customer.services@delwp.vic.gov.au.

Local author a catalyst for change with first book

MARGARET Cummins, Yarram local has written and published her first book, Catalyst for Change.

The story is based in the local landscape of Gippsland and Melbourne and is set against a backdrop of global events and calamity.

While the book does not have a specific genre it encompasses the world of politics, thrillers, and technology and according to Margaret could appeal to a wide section of readers.

"There's a number of different layers to it. So, you can read it as a thriller, you can read it if you're interested in

things that might be happening in the next few years in terms of technology, you can read it as an intergenerational story about three women, and then there's a global calamity and everyone is sort of affected by it."

The book weaves together action, suspense, mystery and intrigue, told from the viewpoints of multiple engaging characters in varying situations within the 2030s.

The plot is based around suspicious medical trials, with the impact of technology and formidable world events threatening characters' lives.

There are many interesting and thought-provoking ideas, combined with twists to keep readers guessing, eventuating in an unexpected outcome.

With a history as an academic, a lecturer in information systems, and masters research in artificial intelligence together with qualifications in genetics, Margaret is well positioned to create such a compelling work that so brilliantly weaves these elements together.

The inspiration for Margaret to write the book was borne out of a desire to explore what could become of society if

such events were to occur, and in short, wanting to see a better society to live in.

A book launch was held in March in Yarram and the book is available from bookstores and Newsagents in Meeniyan, Inverloch, Leongatha, Korumburra and Sale and can be ordered online through Amazon.

Some readers have even suggested that a sequel should be written and while Margaret is thinking through and has a lot of different ideas, she says she is currently enjoying promoting Catalyst for Change, and a sequel or a second book is yet to be determined.

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The committee is pictured with president Maggie Wallis, treasurer J Allan, secretary Sue Burns.

Outgoing president Len outlined the years achievements and thanked those concerned for the many enjoyable speakers, dine outs and tours.

This year these events included members from other clubs. Interested in joining our club? Phone Len 0407857126.

We were well entertained by the first professional appearance of "Treble F" choir originating from Leongatha Probus, and we were fed by the ever popular Brett Sinclair.

New container deposit scheme underway

MINISTER for Environment Ingrid Stitt announced the start date for Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme, CDS Vic, and named the organisations that will be responsible for delivering the scheme.

VicReturn will be the Scheme Coordinator and Visy, TOMRA Cleanaway and Return-It will be Network Operators.

CDS Vic will allow Victorians to return their used drink cans, bottles and cartons for a 10-cent refund. This will reduce Victoria's litter by up to half, create new economic opportunities, generate 645 jobs and turn drink containers into new recycled products.

CDS Vic also offers Victorian charities, community groups, environmental groups, sporting clubs and educational organisations new ways to raise funds. These groups and organisations will be able to receive container donations from the community, run a refund collection point or host a container collection drive.

The Network Operators will establish and maintain a network of more than 600 refund collection points across the state, making the scheme accessible to all Victorians.

Within 12 months of the scheme starting, the network operators will be required to have a minimum of one collection point per 14,500 people in metropolitan areas, at least one per town of 750 people in regional areas, and at least one per town of 350 people in remote areas.

CDS Vic is part of the State Government's \$515 million investment to transform the state's waste and recycling sector. This includes the new standardised four-stream waste and recycling system, which will help meet our target of diverting 80 per cent of all material away from landfill by 2030.

More information can be found at vic.gov.au/container-deposit-scheme.

Masterplan to transform Gippsland infrastructure

FEDERAL Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories the Hon Kristy McBain was formally presented with the Gippsland Freight Infrastructure Master Plan at its official launch in Morwell earlier this month.

The Gippsland Freight Infrastructure Master Plan (GFIMP) offers a roadmap to strengthen infrastructure of the region's roads, rail, air and seaports, which in turn will bolster the future of Gippsland's economy.

The 2023 GFIMP is a refresh of the 2013 edition which was born out of a partnership between The Committee for Gippsland (C4G) and Regional Development Australia Gippsland Committee (RDA Gippsland).

GFIMP identifies a total of 34 priorities developed with industry feedback, including 30 infrastructure type projects and four supporting initiatives and strategies.

There are five high priority projects identified for South Gippsland.

These projects cover, township congestion, major works projects on arterial roads, arterial road upgrades and infrastructure for rail and air opportunities.

These projects require a combination of either advocacy for funding or funding to appropriate industry body to further develop a strategy, and planning for, or progress of projects which have commenced or require upgrading.

These include:

- The planning and delivery of stage two is needed for the Leongatha Heavy Vehicle Bypass as it is increasingly becoming a point of delay and the impacts on the township are worsening.
- The South Gippsland Highway duplication, which would see a dual carriageway developed between Lang Lang and Leongatha to provide better access to the Ports of Melbourne and Hastings from food processing manufacturers in South Gippsland



Pictured is The Nationals Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien with Leader of The Nationals Peter Walsh who have long been calling for funding to deliver the Leongatha Heavy Vehicle Alternate Route Stage 2.

and support the emerging /booming extractive industries.

- The South Gippsland Highway, east of Bairnsdale, would benefit from additional overtaking lanes and realignment of heavily curved sections together with continued improvements.
- The Gippsland Railway Line would get additional turn outs and sidings, to manage the increased line (single gauge) demand that will support freight.
- A third international airport in Gippsland, to create Gippsland-centric opportunities in the food and manufacturing industries via air freight, and the decentralisation of congestion through Melbourne and growth away from Melbourne.

GFIMP have identified other important arterial road upgrades projects that require a commitment and advocacy for long-term funding and or planning for contin-

ual upgrades to bring these roads or sections of roads to a higher standard.

This may include passing lanes, realignments, widen shoulders, tree clearing, and safety works.

The Loch/Wonthaggi Road to Bass Highway needs improvement to address congestion through Wonthaggi CBD, as it provides an alternate heavy vehicle route around Wonthaggi.

The Strzelecki Highway, north east of Leongatha is the principal connection between Gippsland's two main sub-regions of South Gippsland and the Latrobe Valley and requires improvements.

The Warragul/Korumburra freight corridor provides a link between north and south for many agricultural businesses and services and the potential for future extractive industry opportunities, and requires improvement for greater efficiency.

The Phillip Island Road corridor requires further

upgrades, including intersections and duplications to manage major congestion issues.

The Bass Highway (Anderson to Leongatha) connects Wonthaggi, Inverloch and Leongatha and is a single lane, undivided highway with no overtaking lanes for more than 50km and services the local agriculture, commercial and tourism industry and requires upgrades.

Further rail, sea and port freight development and opportunities have been identified.

Funding is needed for a feasibility study into a Gippsland line freight terminal (located to the east of Melbourne) which can transfer freight from truck to rail for the passage through Melbourne to the Port of Melbourne.

Port Welshpool is currently used for stock transfer and facilities need to be improved and maintained via advocacy and a commitment to funding.

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Lights off as shearwater chicks take off

PHILLIP Island Nature Parks has called for extra community support to help protect about 700,000 Short-tailed shearwater chicks preparing to embark on their first migration.

Phillip Island Nature Parks Deputy Research Manager Dr Duncan Sutherland said this breeding season had produced the second highest number of chicks on the island in the past decade.

"This year, there has been an 80 per cent hatching success rate for the shearwater eggs, which is on par with most years," Dr Sutherland said.

"But given the season started with the second highest number of eggs laid over the last 10 years, we have ended up with a good crop of chicks – equal second highest with two other years."

Each year, shearwater chicks make their 16,000km first flight to Alaska in late April or early May. But bright man-made light sources can be a fatal attraction for the fledgling seabirds as they learn to fly for the first time. Many shearwaters are drawn to street lighting and land on roads, presenting a danger to themselves and motorists.

The annual campaign, Dark Sky so Shearwaters Fly, asks residents and businesses in the bird flight path to switch off their lights at night to minimise risks to the seabirds and to motorists.

In an effort to minimise casualties and fatalities of the chicks, Phillip Island Nature Parks has partnered with Bass Coast Shire Council, Regional Roads Victoria, AusNet Services, Bunurong Land Council



Short-tailed shearwaters undertake one of the most incredible migrations, flying approximately 16,000km to feed in waters around Alaska during our winter.

Aboriginal Corporation, the Victorian Ornithological Research Group and the local community as part of the Shearwater Rescue Program.

So far, 30 businesses have signed up to switch off their lights during migration season.

Short-tailed shearwaters migrate to Phillip Island to raise their chicks every year. In early April, the adult seabirds start the journey back to the Northern Hemisphere, leaving behind their chicks to grow 'adult' feathers and begin their independent migration weeks later.

As they learn to fly, the shearwater chicks can become disorientated and attracted to lights at night. This has been a particular issue with shearwaters flocking to the San Remo bridge lights, so AusNet

Services will switch off the lights for up to 10 nights during the peak departure period.

In addition, Nature Parks has already installed cutting edge technology and environmentally sensitive WE-EF Lighting illumination for the Penguin Parade Visitor Centre carpark to help protect both little penguins and shearwater birds.

For more information on how to get involved in the campaign visit penguins.org.au/about/local-community/news/short-tailed-shearwater-great-migration

To report sick or injured wildlife on Phillip Island, contact the Nature Parks on 5951 2800 and select Option 2. This phone line is open 7.30am to 4pm daily. If it's after hours, call Wildlife emergency response line on 8400 7300 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Go digital

VICTORIANS are now able to apply for and display a digital version of the Working with Children Check card on the Service Victoria app.

More than 2000 Victorians have already taken advantage of the digitisation of the Working with Children Check card since it was introduced in late February, meaning they will no longer need to carry a physical card.

It also means people can easily and securely apply for, update, and renew their clearance through the app – with an application process as robust as ever.

Organisations can scan the QR code on the digital card on the Service Victoria app to see if the Check is valid, showing the person's status in real time, although clearance holders can continue to use their physical card if preferred.

If you are a current clearance-holder and wish to obtain a digital Working with Children Check card, go to service.vic.gov.au or download the app at the App Store or Google Play Store. The Check's Customer Support Line is open 9.00am – 3.00pm weekdays.

Article correction

AN article with the headline 'Lyn's latest history piece is a must read' that appeared in the April 4 edition contained an error.

In the article, it was stated that: 'Peter is a Gippsland local, and Lyn met him when they were both in Canberra last year at a special service for the 80th anniversary of the sinking of the HMAS Canberra.'

However, the vessel, HMAS Canberra, was incorrect, and should have said 'the Montevideo Maru, a Japanese vessel which was carrying 1053 Australian POW.'

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Zara McKenzie won a gold medal at the AusTafe Regional Competition and is pictured with her stage Teacher Jacki.

Apprentice chef wins gold

ZARA McKenzie, third year Apprentice Chef with Leongatha RSL, has won a gold medal at the AusTafe Regional Competition.

Zara competed against other students from Leongatha and Morwell TAFE Campuses on Thursday, April 13 in Morwell.

The winning dish Zara put together was a Lamb back strap with a red wine jus, potato and parsnip purée and green winter veg, followed by a dessert of mojito inspired, panna cotta.

Zara will now go on to compete at the State championships in June in Footscray, where she will be recreating the same meals, "with a few improvements and a lot more practice."

Zara has completed her apprenticeship at the Leongatha RSL and will become fully qualified in November.

Once she becomes qualified, Zara commented that she would like to teach others.

"I'd like to eventually either teach some sort of cooking (possibly at a high school level) to share the art of cooking and the importance of being able to cook for yourself or family, or to write a recipe blog/book."

"I really just like to share my cooking with family and friends when possible."

Gippsland community drop-in sessions

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Meeniyana

- ◊ **Friday 28 April, 5pm-7pm**

Meeniyana Town Hall,
97 Whitelaw Street

Fish Creek

- ◊ **Saturday 29 April, 10am-12noon**

Fish Creek Hall, 13 Falls Road



The Marinus Link will run through various South Gippsland towns if constructed.

in Mirboo North, Dumbalk, Meeniyana and Fish Creek.

The ML engagement team will provide experts, maps and materials to help landowners understand the project and the assessment and planning processes.

Under the ML conditions of easement for landowners, land ownership doesn't change on the land that contains the easement, and land can continue to be used by both parties in a way that avoids damage to both the landowners and ML assets.

It is anticipated that easements will be 20 metres wide, with up to an additional 16 metres of working area, during construction.

Open trenching will be used wherever possible to install the cables and

horizontal directional drilling will be used where sensitive areas exist.

The cables used will be high voltage direct current (HVDC) cables and fibre-optic cables, in lengths ranging from 800 to 1,300 metres.

Cables will be connected at joint bays, which are concrete pits buried at least 0.5 metres below the surface, approximately 12 metres long, 2.5 metres wide and 2.5 metres deep.

Access to the land will become shared between landowners and ML, and will largely be the same, although with some restrictions.

While access to the easement will be available for agreed purposes. An agreed on, and fair payment will be made with landowners and reasonable legal expenses paid.

Duffy & Simon Lawyers have previously held free seminars for impacted landowners and can be contacted for further information.

The construction corridor and other access areas will be reinstated and rehabilitated following construction.

According to ML, a final investment decision on the 1500-megawatt interconnector, will be made in late 2024 and the plan is for the link to be built in two stages from early 2025.

The projected cost is \$3 billion to build and will deliver 2800 direct and indirect jobs and about \$2.9 billion in direct economic investment in Tasmania and Victoria.

In October 2022, the Australian, Tasmanian and Victorian Governments entered an historic agreement for joint ownership of Marinus Link, securing it as a critical transmission project for the nation.



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OH WHAT A FEELING



Dumbalk Fire Brigade's Rob and Barry Auchterlonie, Walter Aich and Robert Fisher. (Medals were also collected on behalf of Sue Collins, Nicholas Hill, Janet Auchterlonie and Ian Hasty). A18_1623



Koonwarra Fire Brigade members Tim Stephens, David Corrigan, Colin Stockdale (also collected a medal on behalf of Greg Carruthers of the Leongatha South Fire Brigade) and Wayne Walker. A20_1623



Yanakie Fire Brigade's Mark Wrigley. A32_1623



Pound Creek Fire Brigade's Joe Busutil, Darryl Mullett, John Dale and Ivan Smith. (Medals were also collected on behalf of Allen Archbold and Jordan Crugnale). A24_1623



Allan Schafer, Dave Calder, Colin Murray, Trent Venten and Amie and Andrew Salinger of Mirboo North Fire Brigade. (Medals were collected on behalf of Patrick Gunia and Matthew Polglase). A27_1623



Welshpool Fire Brigade's Alan O'Neill. A31_1623



Robert Higgins and Hayden Tipping of Inverloch Fire Brigade. (A medal was collected on behalf of Shane Frogley). A30_1623



Denis McGrath and Brian Mellor of Foster Fire Brigade. A19_1623



Berrys Creek Fire Brigade's Dannielle O'Loughlin and Mark Bourke. A17_1623



Ray Argento (collected medal for the late Rodney Martin) and Tim Wright of Toora Fire Brigade. A33_1623



Tarwin Lower Fire Brigade members Jo Wainer, Michael Moore and Robyn Langford. A29_1623



Ruby Fire Brigade's Tim, Darren and Nathan Hardacre. (Medals were collected on behalf of Corey Adams and Emma Lynch). A34_1623



Poowong Fire Brigade members Geoff Douglas, Cole Attenborough and Fiona Hogan. A28_1623



Meenyan/Stony Creek Fire Brigade members Natalie and Charlie Young and Geoff Cooling. A23_1623



Korumburra Fire Brigade members Ken Griffiths, Shane Maskell (collected medals on behalf of Andrew Shuttleworth and Joe Sheppard) and David Barton. A25_1623



Kongwak and District Fire Brigade's Gary Dorling, Nigel Braithwaite, Tony Reade and Terry Bray. (A medal was collected on behalf of Ross Olden) A26_1623

Selfless CFA service recognised

THE SERVICE of CFA District 9 Fire Brigade members during the Black Summer bushfires of 2019/2020 was recognised during a major awards presentation at Lardner Park, with the issuing of National Emergency Service Medals.

Those honoured were deployed to locations around Victoria during that horrific season.

As the ceremony got underway, CFA Board member Peter Shaw highlighted the fact that while District 9 is someway from the fire fronts of East Gippsland and the North East, members from that district's many brigades rose to the occasion to help other communities in a time of need.

He reflected on the tragedy of lost lives and homes, but also noted the positive changes implemented in the decade between the Black Summer fires and 2009's Black Saturday.

Mr Shaw made it clear those receiving the National Emergency Medal served in a variety of ways during Black Summer.

"Whether you jumped on a strike team, managed rosters and resources, worked in the district office or ICC, or provided other assistance, formally recognising that service is what today is all about," he said.

The National Emergency Medal was established by Her Majesty the Queen in

2011 and is an operational medal recognising notable or sustained service to others in a nationally significant Australian emergency.

Deputy Chief Officer Trevor Owen also spoke prior to the presentation of medals.

"For CFA, every so often there is a fire season that enters into the legend of our organisation, that shapes what CFA is and what CFA means to our members and our communities and the 2019/2020 summer was one of those seasons," Mr Owen said.

He recalled November 21, 2019, a day on which Victoria's first Code Red in almost a decade was declared and on which lightning strikes in the mountains of East Gippsland triggered one of Victoria's worst fire seasons on record.

Mr Owen spoke of the impact on towns such as Sarsfield, Buchan, Mallacoota and Corryong and of the prolonged firefighting campaign.

"Our people worked alongside our emergency service and community partners for months on end, doing whatever it took to care for lives and property," he said, noting the final fire ground at the Snowy Complex was not declared contained until February 27, 98 days after the first fire started.



Leongatha Fire Brigade members Paul Pitkethly, Scott Cameron, Dean Pitts, Peter Quill, Scott Hillis and Mick Wight. (A medal was also collected on behalf of Charlie Preston) A21_1623



Dylan Baido, Charlie Tagliaferro, Jay Pepperell, Alison Tagliaferro, Greg Hodge and Len Wyhoon of Loch Fire Brigade. (Medals were also collected on behalf of Barry McGann and Michael Wyhoon) A22_1623

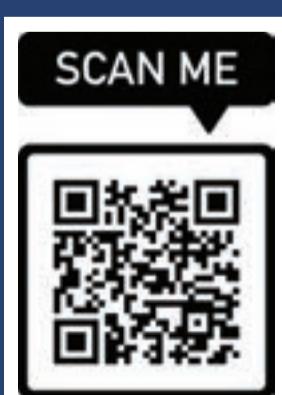
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COMMENT

Questions to be asked about shire budgets

BOTH the Bass Coast and South Gippsland shire councils have come out this week with their draft annual budgets.

The documents can be read online within the two councils' meeting agenda papers.

And as much as they are about financial reporting and compliance, there's also plenty of useful information in there and an indication of how our councils are performing, and more importantly how they are spending our money.

At a time when our councils are disclosing less and less about what they do, it's an opportunity to get some primary information about where they are getting their money from and where they are spending it.

And making a comparison between the two local shires can be useful as well.

For example, despite the fact that Bass Coast will collect \$100.7 million in income, from all sources in 2023-24, they have only found \$29.4 million for capital works. By comparison, South Gippsland will get \$80.7 million in revenue, but has committed \$36.8 million to capital works.

One reason why Bass Coast could be committing \$6 million less to capital works while receiving \$20 million more in revenue is because they are projecting to have spent \$57 million on capital works this year.

Another might be that South Gippsland has attracted \$8.1 million in grants towards capital works, against Bass Coast's \$3.4 million.

Bass Coast may also be carrying forward funding for unfinished works that haven't yet been disclosed. A full explanation about capital works from both is required.

Also, while South Gippsland is planning to spend \$31 million on 274 (EFT) staff, Bass Coast is spending \$38 million on 345 (EFT) staff. This could relate to how much extra effort it takes for Bass Coast to provide services to visitors, as one of Melbourne's most popular and growing destinations, but again, it's worth a question and an explanation.

One thing that isn't in the Bass Coast Shire Council's budget is a full explanation about the overall cost of the Cowes Community and Cultural Centre, officially at \$27.2 million.

Credible information from those involved in the project suggests that there has already been a considerable over-run in the cost, and the community deserves to know all of the costs associated with what many now view as an excessive project.

From South Gippsland, we want to know how much cash the shire has in reserve and whether or not they need to keep our rates so high.

It's also worth noting that the only thing mentioned, besides financial matters, in the Executive Summary of the Bass Coast Shire Council's Budget 2023-24, is what the council is doing in response to the "Climate Emergency" it declared in 2019.

Is that where the emphasis should be?

Or should Bass Coast simply stay in its lane, get the basics right first, like funding weekly red-bin collections and protecting neighbourhood character from excessive development, before taking on the problems of the world.

Vox Pop

What was your most memorable pet?



Ross McPhie

"My dog Speedo. He was born in South Australia, I rescued him from two backpackers who regrettably couldn't take him overseas with them. He's now 12 years old."



James Stevenson-Dean

"My dog Copper. He was my childhood pet and he lived to be about 14 years old. He had a massive underbite and it made him look like he was always smiling."



Cheryl McLachlan

"My dog Sheena. She was a Bull-terrier x Doberman. I rescued her when she was two years old, and she lived until she was 12 and half."



Lily Roskam

"My cow Milkway. We raised her as a poddy calf, and she went through and had calves. Sadly, she was injured and we had to say goodbye to her."

Come on Wonthaggi businesses

So, Wonthaggi Business and Tourism Association are in trouble again and fighting for survival. This is nothing new to Wonthaggi and it beggars' belief as to why businesses cannot see the benefits of a representative organisation to act on their behalf in all manner of directions.

Has anyone asked the business owners directly why they are not involved? Is it because they think they don't have time, or they have nothing to offer. What is their reason? Why the layback attitude? Is it because businesses are so successful, they can't see the need. My experience tells me that is not the case. Someone should ask them the questions and then perhaps you may get to the crux of the problem.

I have been involved in such matters, so I have an understanding, of the benefits of a good working business association.

Having been involved with a business association in the past that had only 9 businesses turn up for their Christmas breakup I wondered why. The following Christmas 75 businesses turned up. What changed? Businesses agreed to give a small amount of time to give a working body of people some direction to encourage benefits to their business and the town.

They ran a very successful event that brought 12,000 shoppers into the town for a few hours. It was run by one or two people under the direction of the business owners.

What benefits are there to be gained?

Get very friendly with your Council as there is always State and Federal funding floating around that may allow you to develop a project to suit your town. Don't wait for Council to come to you. Why would Council assist if you don't have a seriously considered project in mind. Get your project together then ask relevant Council people how or if they can help you to achieve it. Get a council representative to come to your meeting to view the project.

Create a social community with like-minded business people. Sometimes it is as simple as a round table discussion that brings the best ideas to the fore and kick starts a new venture. Form sub-committees to lighten the load on everyone.

What will all this take? The involvement of all businesses in the Wonthaggi township to participate in a small capacity. The old saying "Many hands make light work" applies here so C'mon Wonthaggi businesses get your tail into gear. You have a lot to offer but there could be more. Negative attitudes get you nowhere. Enthusiasm builds enthusiasm.

Margaret Murray

Debate matters

Like Kevin Walsh (Sentinel-Times 12/4/23) I value our democracy which respects the right of others to express different opinions from each other.

So I thank him for his explanation as to why he supports the YES campaign for the Voice proposal.

His openness is something which has been missing from the stance of some politicians, sportspeople and the local council who have voiced their support for the YES campaign without justification other than perhaps the assumption we should feel guilty for the effect of colonisation on traditional Aboriginal tribal culture.

Kevin Walsh's more detailed explanation focuses on why he believes Aboriginals deserve affirmative action.

However, past programs have achieved a situation where Aboriginals range from those having university qualifications in medicine, law, science, journalism, as well as musicians, entertainers, tradespeople, public servants, artists and tourism operators etc. to others who find themselves in remote areas with sub-standard housing and health services while also lacking educational opportunities.

It is unclear how and which Aboriginals will benefit and what vision of those persons to be elected to give an Aboriginal Voice to Parliament will be promoted. Also, what accountability to the taxpayer will they accept?

If one assumes that colonisation was inevitable, and that not all of today's Aboriginals would choose the tribal life and hierarchy existing in 1788, it could be said that western technology and Australia's actions to integrate/assimilate has not been a total disaster for Aboriginals.

Even their culture in the form of painting and music and fashion have been enhanced by western technology.

The introduction of one language instead of approximately 250 distinct languages at the time of colonisation has also enabled Aboriginals to be involved with local and global opportunities.

Affirmative action based on a genealogical connection to inhabitants in Australia prior to colonisation by the British resembles "one Upmanship" which is inappropriate in our multicultural Society.

Aboriginal culture holds a significant claim in terms of antiquity, but we need to honour it in the same way as we do when sharing the cultures of Australia's British settlers in 1788 and later multicultural migrants.

I think that Kevin's analogy linking the VOICE with the apology in regard to the latter's effect on mainstream Australia is debatable in terms of the different complexity and potential of each of those proposals.

The comment regarding WWI Aboriginals enlisting despite not having the right to vote needs to be taken in context of why voting rights were not considered practical around 1917.

Rosemary Hutchinson, Inverloch

Snow Gum significance

Ian Starkey from Koorooman Native Nursery at Leongatha North was contacted by Dr Alec Bennett of Leongatha, who owned a property at Five Mile, between Tarwin Lower and Walkerville, regarding a small stand of Snow Gum growing on his grazing property, on the coastal dunes, close to ancient Aboriginal mounds.

Quite a mystery, as the name implies, Snow Gum is renowned as an Alpine species?

Further field study has found small stands along the South Gippsland coast, from Five Mile to the Powlett River, near Tooradin at Five Ways and also the Mornington Peninsula, around Arthur's Seat.

At this timely, historic time for the proper recognition of our First Australians, we are formally acknowledging and understanding the influence our indigenous First Australians have had contributing to ancient and modern Australian culture, landscapes and economy. The oldest, surviving human culture in the world today!

I believe the historical occurrence of the "mysterious" Snow Gum is living evidence in South Gippsland of the ancient, seasonal expeditions Aboriginal clans made to the coast for seafood, cultural and recreational activities.

South Gippsland was likely a meeting place for tribal ceremony interaction and trade, and I believe Snow Gum seeds were carried on those journeys.

Our family farm is in the Parish of Koorooman, which interestingly was noted by renowned local historian John Murphy, that the community were once concerned the name Koorooman was too associated with savages, when the name of the Leongatha township was decided.

In my lifetime, our family have found local Aboriginal stone artefacts, which is evidence of stone quarrying, tool making and trading.

Recently, I returned an extraordinarily crafted, beautiful stone axe head to the custody of local Aboriginal leadership, at an Australia Day Smoking Ceremony, at Koorumburra.

Significantly, I have planted seed grown Snow Gum, from Five Mile, on the historical land of our South Gippsland - First Australians and my farming Lester families.

I imagine the significant persistence of the Snow Gum, embodies the spirit of Aboriginals, past and present.

I share a special affinity to the land that sustains life on earth and the Aboriginal culture that respects its spiritual significance and sustainability.

Our history books are often preoccupied with European development - however, we have so much to learn about the complexity, culture, sustainability of our natural environment and society wellbeing.

It is timely, to step forward and let us better respect our First Australians and offer a better Respect for Country, a stronger Voice, Participation and Justice!

Richard Lester, Leongatha



The Wonthaggi Citizens Band were awarded fourth place at the Australian National Band Championships in Newcastle over the Easter weekend.

Wonthaggi Citizens Band takes fourth place

THE WONTAGGI Citizens' Band were awarded 4th place in C Grade at the Australian National Band Championships in Newcastle over the Easter weekend.

Thirty-five players aged between 15-60 plus and a support crew of families carpooled or flew to NSW in the days leading up to their first appearance on Good Friday.

It was more than 1400 days since the last National Band Championships was able to be held, and thousands of brass and percussion players from all over Australia and New Zealand enjoyed every

moment of it.

After performing their four works, the band finished just 15 points behind the winning band, Willoughby Band No 2 (NSW) and 11 points behind second and third placed bands Newcastle PCYC (NSW) and Moonee Valley Brass (VIC).

Musical Director Craig Marinus said, "I'm so proud of how we played! Being able to have seven members our Wonthaggi Youth Brass with us on stage was fantastic, and the future of the band is strong. We are such a great inclusive band. The support from Wonthaggi has been overwhelming and

although the National Championships were held in Newcastle, there was always a part of our heart in Wonthaggi."

Band members were also well represented in other grades of the competition.

Tenor horn player Anthony Foon is also a member of Boroondara Brass, who won B grade, and euphonium player Stuart Alexander played with Darebin Brass Band, who placed third in A grade.

The band are looking forward to their next performances being much closer to home - marching and playing for ANZAC services at both

Wonthaggi and Tarwin Lower.

In addition to regular rehearsals and performances for the Wonthaggi Citizens' Band group, the Wonthaggi Youth Brass and Training Band both rehearse weekly at the Billson St band room, and a program with Grade 5/6 students at Wonthaggi Primary School runs each Friday.

To keep up with all the band news, including the Annual Concert in October, follow the band on Facebook at www.facebook.com/WoniCitzBand or visit www.wonthaggiband.org.au.

Knit group continues to sew and grow

THE Close Knit group may meet weekly at Wonthaggi Library but their skills far exceed the square footage of the corner they work from.

This week they have packaged up their fourth parcel for Need for Feed in conjunction with Wonthaggi Lions Club.

Fifty-seven blankets plus beanies, baby clothes, trauma teddies, wash clothes, socks, scarfs and more filled the tables and bags stacked high on Thursday.

"I want to thank Need for Feed because they take all of this at no cost to us, which is a really great effort," co-ordinator, Cath explained.

"Thank you to the Lions Club of Wonthaggi, of which (Close Knit's) Kathy, Sarah and Georgie are members. Georgie especially because she transports this to Need for Feed on the outskirts of Melbourne.

"We've also had lots of people drop off things, including washcloths from Corinella Crafties, The Powlett Freemason volunteers - one of the ladies has made the trauma teddies, the lady who dropped off two huge bags of baby clothes all individually labelled and sized - thank you."

"And, to all in the community who make goods and drop

them off - whether beanies, scarfs, strips or squares. To those who do that anonymously and those who drop off yarn anonymously - thank you because you are a part of what we are able to achieve.

"And thank you to the library for hosting us every Thursday."

The latest collection has been five months in the making with the previous collection donated to Need for Feed prior to Christmas.

"There are still so many people who are displaced - people living in tents and caravans and under houses after the floods...

"People are welcome to join us on a Thursday whether they are working on their own projects, gifts or want to contribute to the Need for Feed project, and often we have individuals on hand who can lend a hand if someone has a question or needs help."

Close Knit meet from 1pm on a Thursday at Wonthaggi Library - pop along for a chat and knit.

If you have tools and equipment, spare wool or would like to pop knitted goods for donation do not hesitate to pop into Wonthaggi Library on a Thursday from 1pm until 3pm.



Another successful haul is ready for Need for Feed thanks to the efforts of the Close Knit group who have been busy knitting alongside anonymous donations and other community groups. C03_1623



Over 100 items have been created since the last delivery in December and will find their way to people in need in the coming weeks. C04_1623



THE annual District 109 (Southwest Gippsland) lawn bowling tournament was contested recently at the Corinella bowling club. The event was hosted by the Phillip Island lodge being the winner last year and resulted in a tie.

After a countback the Duke of Connaught team from Loch was declared the winner. The trophy being presented to Darryl McGibbony by Ken Barnes of the Powlett Lodge. Gratitude goes to Tony Heppleston for organising the event and to the Corinella club for access to their facilities.

The event next year is to be hosted by the Duke of Connaught Lodge at a local venue. Contrary to that often-opined Freemasons are not a secret society but are active in the community.

Apart from the regular monthly meetings, they gather for coffee at Souvanny Thai Restaurant every Saturday morning at 10, all are most welcome to join for a friendly and respectful chat.

Freemasons at the Mine

MEMBERS of the Powlett Masonic Lodge and families had a very enjoyable afternoon barbecue at the State Coalmine facility recently.

The event was organized by our Social Secretary Dennis Jackson assisted by his wife Iris and thanks to the excellent facilities we were spared the ravages of a hot and very windy afternoon.

Some members, new to Wonthaggi were unaware of this remarkable and historic mine site and we are hopeful that Parks Victoria can re-develop the area as a major tourist attraction.



Deputy mayor Clare Williams, Bruce Jarrett, Teagan Denbrok, Darryl Hunt (band president), Roger Donnelly, and Katie Cantwell (musical director) at South Gippsland Shire Brass Band's recent AGM.

Top brass at band's AGM

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Brass Band recently acknowledged the accomplishments of some of its members at its AGM, with local councillor and deputy mayor Clare Williams on hand to present the awards.

Teagan Denbrok received the 'George Rayson Award' for the most improved player in the senior band.

Roger Donnelly was named the most improved learner, and Bruce Jarrett earned the 'Stan Elliott Award' for band person of the year.

Cr Williams said it was great to meet with the band again.

"Their willingness to provide entertainment at many community groups' events is amazing," she said.

Cr Williams encourages community members to take up the opportunity of free music lessons provided by band members.

South Gippsland Shire Brass Band rehearses at the old Leongatha Courthouse on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm and would welcome new players and anyone wanting to learn.

Age is no barrier and lessons are free, with instruments loaned.

Please call Darryl Hunt on 0407 444 210, or email him at darjud@bigpond.com

ANZAC DAY

TUESDAY, APRIL 25



Colin Cochrane, nephew of WW1 soldier Stan Cochrane with Tony Moon.

Solving Digger mysteries

COMMUNITY members can hear about the work of volunteer researchers from 'Fallen Diggers', a not-for-profit organisation specialising in establishing the location of missing soldiers, at an afternoon gathering at Leongatha RSL on Saturday April 22.

The event has been organised jointly with Korumburra RSL.

"It's about what 'Fallen Diggers' do, and what we've found," local Tony Moon who volunteers as a researcher and administration worker for 'Fallen Diggers' said.

'Fallen Diggers' representatives will talk about their discoveries, plans, and exciting archaeological opportunities that they hope will help people in the South Gippsland region discover their past.

As in other areas, local memorials and cenotaphs include names of those with no known grave or still classified as 'Missing in Action' among their lists of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Local soldiers, Private Henry (Harry) Huntsman and Corporal Stan Cochrane were listed as killed in action and had no known grave.

Huntsman was killed at Ypres in September 1917 and Cochrane died in action at Le Hamel in July 1918.

For over 100 years these two local men remained unidentified in graves in Belgium and France, listed simply as 'Known unto God'.

'Fallen Diggers' researchers located the final resting places of both men, leading to Huntsman being buried with full honours and Cochrane being commemorated.

To date, 'Fallen Diggers' has successfully identified 47 missing soldiers from WWI, with close to 100 other cases

waiting to be finalised, and many more files to be researched.

Eventually those at 'Fallen Diggers' expect to focus on missing WWII personnel, with an ever-increasing number of files from the 1939-1945 conflict being digitised.

The organisation has volunteers across Australia and in Europe, including archaeologists and researchers.

Tony said there are battlefield excavations set to occur this year, made possible by work already undertaken by 'Fallen Diggers'.

Attendees will learn more at the Leongatha presentation.

"There are two facets to the work; there's identification of soldiers who are already buried without a name and there's identification of those soldiers who are still buried in the field," Tony said.

Presently there are about 14 sites on the battlefields of France and Belgium where they believe there are multiple burials and one of these burial sites contains about 34 soldiers."

Tony explained there is a process requiring research and investigation, typing of submissions, getting non-invasive ground survey work done, and ultimately cooperation between authorities in Canberra and the Commonwealth War Graves Commission in London to excavate battlefield sites.

He said excavation is expected to occur soon at one location where multiple soldiers are buried on a farm property.

Everyone is welcome at Leongatha RSL on April 22, with the 'Fallen Diggers' session commencing at 1pm, no booking required and no charge.

Contact Tony Moon on 0490 376 327 for further information.

RAAF leader to speak at San Remo service

A RETIRED RAAF Squadron Leader who saw active service in the Solomon Islands and Afghanistan will deliver the address at this year's San Remo ANZAC Day commemoration.

He is John Turner who moved to the town about 18 months ago.

John Turner joined the RAAF in 1975 as a radio technician (air) and worked on Macchi trainers and Mirage jets. He was commissioned as an engineering officer (electrical) in 1986 after completing an engineering degree at Newcastle University.

His engineering officer tasks included air traffic control communication, navigation, and radar systems.

John retired as Squadron Leader to RAAF Reserves in 1995 but returned to active RAAF service in 2007 for another four years. He served in Afghanistan in 2009 and 2010.

Cr Bruce Kent will lay a wreath on behalf of Bass Coast Shire Council and there will be an opportunity for others to do likewise. Poppies will

be provided for anyone who wishes to lay one at the Cenotaph or by the adjacent Lone Pine tree that was planted on behalf of the San Remo community in 2015 to mark the centenary of the ANZAC landing.

The Cenotaph is on the foreshore opposite the supermarket.

The commemoration is organised by a small group of local residents under the auspices of the National Vietnam Veterans Museum sub branch, and morning tea will follow at the San Remo Hotel.

Anzac Day services



BASS

BASS Valley friends of the RSL are holding a dawn service on Tuesday, April 25, commencing at 6am, at the Cenotaph, Hade Avenue, Bass.

This will be followed by a gun fire breakfast at Bass Community Centre, School Road, Bass.

COWES

THE Phillip Island RSL recognises the national day of commemoration for the ANZACS and will oversee the day proceedings.

Dawn service 5:45am for 6am start – in Cowes Cenotaph on The Esplanade.

The March will commence at 10:30am from the Chapel Street roundabout, heading down to The Esplanade, with the public welcome to join at the back behind the servicemen for an 11am commemorative service at the Cowes Cenotaph.

The Phillip Island RSL will be open for lunch from 12pm.

FISH CREEK

THERE will be a 10am service at the Cenotaph.

FOSTER

AN 11am ceremony at the Cenotaph will include an address by Foster RSL president Bruce Lester, the playing of the Last Post and laying of wreaths by various local groups and South Gippsland Shire Council, with members of the public also welcome to lay wreaths or flowers.

Straight after the conclusion of that ceremony, attendees will move to the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre for a formal commemorative service, with a guest speaker and appropriate musical items performed by local artists.

That service is expected to run for about 20 minutes. Everyone is welcome at both services, with people then invited to attend the RSL rooms for refreshments.

INVERLOCH

INVERLOCH RSL Sub Branch 108th ANZAC Day commemoration on Tuesday April 25:

Dawn Service, 6am start at RSL Hall – Bolding Place, Inverloch.

(Join us after the service for a Gunfire breakfast supplied and cooked by Inverloch RSL members)

The Veterans March will commence at 10:45am and will begin from the Inverloch Cenotaph,

returning there for the commemoration service and wreath laying ceremony.

(We invite you to join us at the RSL Hall at the completion of the service for a light luncheon and a cuppa. The bar will be open.)

KORUMBURRA

THE dawn service will be held at Coleman Park, with an assembly time of 5.45am.

The service will be followed by breakfast, tea and coffee provided by the 2nd Korumburra Scouts.

Coleman Park is also the setting of a later service, with people encouraged to arrive by 10.15am, with proceedings to get underway at 10.30am.

The South Gippsland Concert Band will perform.

LEONGATHA

PEOPLE are encouraged to assemble by 5.45am for the dawn service, which will be followed by a gunfire breakfast at the RSL.

Those attending the later commemorative service are encouraged to arrive at the Cenotaph by 10.45am.

After the short service, people will move into the Leongatha Memorial Hall to listen to a speech by Leongatha RSL president Geoff Cooper, with music and singing performances suited to ANZAC Day.

Attendees are then welcome back at the RSL.

LOCH

THERE will be a 10.30am service at the Cenotaph on the corner of Smith and Victoria Streets.

MEENIYAN

PEOPLE are encouraged to gather at the Cenotaph by 9.15am, with the march starting at 9.30am, to be followed by a service featuring a guest speaker from HMAS Cerberus, readings from local school students, along with music and singing.

MIRBOO NORTH

ARRIVE by 5.45am for 6am dawn service at the town's war memorial followed by tea and toast at Mirboo North RSL.

A 10.30am service will be held at the Mirboo North Secondary College auditorium followed by morning tea at the RSL Hall.

POOWONG

There is a 12pm service at the Cenotaph with people encouraged to arrive by 11.45am for the first service there in a number of years.

SAN REMO

COMMEMORATIVE service, 11am, San Remo Cenotaph on the foreshore, (morning tea will follow at the San Remo Hotel.)

TARWIN LOWER

A MARCH from Tarwin Lower Mechanics Institute to the Cenotaph commences at midday, followed by a small ceremony.

TOORA

ASSEMBLE at the Cenotaph by 5.45am for the dawn service, which will be followed by a gunfire breakfast at the RSL Hall in Stanley Street.

An 11am memorial service and wreath laying will take place at the Cenotaph, with a guest speaker.

People are then encouraged to head to the RSL Hall for lunch, with a brief memorial service to be held there.

A Medium Reconnaissance Vehicle (MRV) M113, an armoured personnel carrier from South Gippsland Tank Adventures will arrive at the Cenotaph for the 11am service.

WELSHPOOL

THERE will be a 9.30am memorial service and wreath laying at the Cenotaph, with a guest speaker.

WONTHAGGI

THE dawn service will be at 5.55am at the Wonthaggi Cenotaph, followed by a gunfire breakfast at the RSL. March to depart from RSL at 9.45am to the Cenotaph for the main service at 10.05am.

WOOREEN

RETIRED naval officer Matthew Ferguson will conduct a brief service at the Wooreen commemorative plaque on the corner of Wooreen-Mirboo Road and Yarragon Road, with attendees requested to arrive by 10.40am.

Matthew's granddaughter Sage Pettigrove-Weaver will read a poem, Matthew will give an address, there will be a period of silence, a local will read the Ode and there will be an opportunity to lay wreaths or flowers.



ANZAC DAY

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

Remembering the sacrifice of Vietnam Veterans

MANY films have been scripted about the Vietnam War from *Apocalypse Now* to *We Were Soldiers* and *Tunnel Rats*.

But life for Vietnam Veterans was far from a film they stepped into and walked away from at the end.

There was no red carpet on their arrival home, nor in most cases were they even recognised as veterans.

Eleven years ago, seated at a table in Queensland, the wife of a returned veteran explained of her experience many years prior.

"He arrived home that day and there was a dinner dance on at the local RSL," she stated.

"As we walked up the entrance, we were told we were not welcome, and he was spat on. He said we had every right to be there, but they wouldn't listen and eventually I convinced him to go home..."

The small gathering of wives, partners and widow's interstate shone a light on a dark piece of Australia's history. A time when men and women, many whom had had no choice due to conscription, returned home to no universal embrace – there was no march, no cheering and no bunting.

For some aboard the HMAS Sydney there was, but for others they were expected to return to life as they had known it prior to.

As noted on the ANZAC Portal, "... the return home was only the beginning of a long period of readjustment. For a long time after the war large numbers of Vietnam veterans felt that many in Australia blamed them, rather than politicians, for the war and the way it had been conducted.

'Images of the war... of children burned by napalm, of the dead of My Lai, of a South Vietnamese General summarily executing a member of the Viet Cong in the streets of Saigon, had an effect on public opinion and public understanding. The fact that these images related more to the American/Vietnamese experience in Vietnam was less remarked upon. People associated the role of Australians



Trooper David Weigall of Toorak, Vic (left), explains the workings of the machine gun on the tank to Private Robert Dent of Wonthaggi, Vic. April 1968. Photo: Bill Errington.

in the war with that of the Americans...

'Some veterans recall being abused as baby killers, rapists and murderers on their return. For men who regarded themselves as generally having fought with more humanity and professionalism than their American counterparts, this was a bitter blow. Veterans who had lost friends in combat, who had seen death and who had killed... were appalled at the way in which they having done the job asked of them by their government was, in some cases, used against them.'

Looking back 50 years what was Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War.

The first contingent to arrive was the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam (the Team) during July and August 1962. From that first arrival over 60,000 Australians would serve abroad, including ground, air and navy personnel.

Australia's involvement in the war was contentious – to curb the spread of communism in

the Asia/Pacific region; keeping with the South East Asian Treaty Organisation policy, colloquially called the domino theory.

A year after dispatching the 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (1RAR) to Bien Hoa province (and two since sending the RAAF Caribou transports), the Australian government assigned a taskforce with their own area of operations that included two battalions and support services.

From March 1966 Australia's involvement only grew.

One of Australia's most famous involvements was that of Long Tan (August 18, 1966). At the rubber plantation, '108 soldiers of D Coy held off the enemy force, estimated to be over 2000, for four hours in the middle of a tropical downpour.' Seventeen Australians were killed and 25 wounded – one later dying of their wounds. It was the heaviest Australian casualties in a single engagement, but one of defining actions having prevailed against the odds.

The Viet Cong and North



Lance Corporal Colin Mooney of Woodbridge, Qld (with M60 machine gun), and Private Stephen Gage of Wonthaggi, Vic, both members of D Company, 5th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment (5RAR), wait as engineers from the 1st Field Squadron prepare to demolish a Viet Cong (VC) village hidden deep in the jungle.

Vietnamese Army launched a major unexpected offensive during 'Tet' (Lunar New Year) in 1968 and whilst it ended in military defeat for the side, it achieved propaganda victory.

Phased withdrawals started in 1969 with emphasis for Australian troops turning to training the South Vietnamese Regional and Popular Forces.

The invasion into Cambodia at the end of April 1970 by US and South Vietnamese troops to destroy North Vietnamese arms and sanctuaries was disastrous and lead to the underground opposition, the Khmer Rouge, coming to Cambodian power – 'a cruel and repressive regime that killed several million Cambodians...'

By December 1972 the last Australian troops 'the Team' came home with Australia's participation formally declared at end on January 11, 1973.

A platoon guarding the Australian embassy in Saigon were withdrawn in June 1973 after the fall of Saigon on April 30 and Operation Babylift.

There were many things that came from the war, but one legacy was the POW/MIA bracelets.

Six of these bracelets lay in the National Vietnam Veterans

Museum in Newhaven.

The bracelets were the idea of American college student activists Kay Hunter and Carol Bates Brown after they were introduced to the wives of three missing US pilots. The girls, wanting to raise public awareness of servicemen imprisoned or missing in action, set about creating the bracelets for the cost of a student ticket to the movies.

Between 1970 and 1976, almost five million bracelets bearing a serviceman's name, rank and date of loss were sold with money raised used to publicise the issues and support the relatives of the missing.

The six Australian bracelets were presented by the Vietnam Veterans of America association to Museum founder, John Methven, in solidarity for the six members who were classified as 'Missing in Action' when Australian ground forces left South Vietnam in 1972.

The boxes for each serviceman were closed between 2007 and 2012 when their remains were located and repatriated.

This ANZAC Day share a drink or a cake with a veteran and let your ears do the listening. The day can mean many different things...

ANZAC DAY

Today we come together and reflect on those who continue to serve our country and those who have fallen.

Lest we forget.

Russell Broadbent MP
Federal Member for Monash

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**On ANZAC Day & everyday
we remember those
who served our country
so that we may live in peace**

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TUESDAY, APRIL 25

The forgotten war - North & South Korea conflict (1950-53)

IT IS the war you rarely learn, hear or read about.

However, the subsequent years prevalent and in mainstream media - The Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), 'North Korea's evolving nuclear threat', the infamous tweet by former US President Donald Trump.

'The forgotten war' as it is oft referred started on June 25, 1950, and ended on July 27, 1953, after the signing of the armistice.

It's a war that never really ended and that to this day continues to divide a peninsula. A peninsula where families of once the same country have been separated for over 70 years now.

But how did a once 'united' country fall. Multiple events from 1876 led to the Japanese occupation of the Korean peninsula which in 1910 began 35 years of brutal Japanese rule in Korea.

This rule only ceasing when Japan was defeated in the Second World War.

From 1945 Korea was divided - zones of occupation were held by the victorious American and Soviet Union armies and various groups of Koreans voiced their claim to speak for an independent government.

As tensions grew two governments were formed, a northern communist government (backed by the Soviet Union) and a southern republican government (supported by the US) with a border along the 38th parallel.



General James van Fleet, commander of the 8th US Army, inspects members of the 3rd Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, when bestowing a Presidential Unit Citation in recognition of the unit's action at Kapyong, Korea.

Australian War Memorial C20552

Animosity may have deepened between both parties but as the Cold War intensified American and Soviet troops withdrew.

On June 25, 1950, North Korean troops from the Korean People's Army (KPA) crossed the 38th into South Korea. It's estimated that by mid-1950 the KPA was made up of ten infantry divisions plus other units totalling 223,000 men.

The invasion of South Korea was rapid with the KPA moving southwards ultimately trapping South Korean and American troops (from nearby occupied Japan) in Pusan.

The call was put out by The United Nations and Australia responded alongside

the US, Great Britain, Canada, India, New Zealand and South Africa.

Six weeks later under the guidance of UN Supreme Commander, General Douglas MacArthur, a successful amphibious landing 330 kilometres north at Incheon took place.

The successful retake of Seoul pushed North Korean troops back over the border.

With support from the US, MacArthur continued the push north and despite warnings from China drove forces to within 50 kilometres of the Chinese border, up to the Yalu River.

China entered the war and pushed south.

Seoul fell and rose multiple times to

both sides, and in March 1951 both armies settled into trench warfare conflict with armistice negotiations beginning in July.

The next two years were spent in trenches 'little more than a mile apart'.

Australia joined the war after acting Prime Minister Arthur Fadden was pressured by External Affairs Minister Sir Percy Spender. RAAF's 77 Squadron alongside frigate HMAS Shoalhaven and destroyer HMAS Bataan the first to enter.

By September 1950 Australia had sent the 3rd Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment (3 RAR), 1 RAR and 2 RAR.

A standout of Australia's distinction during the war was the Battle of Kapyong whereby an Australian battalion (approximately 800 soldiers) alongside a Canadian battalion defeated an entire Chinese division (approximately 15,000 soldiers).

On July 27, 1953, the Armistice was finally signed agreeing to a divided country by North and South Korea and officials from the United States and People's Republic of China.

There is conflicting evidence regarding the lives lost during the Korean War, with numbers estimated between three and four million with more than half Korean civilians.

Near on 18,000 Australian soldiers, sailors, airmen and nurses served in the war with 37,000 UN troops killed including 339 Australians; 1216 Australians were wounded.

2023 ANZAC DAY SERVICES and PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Dawn Service: 5:55 am at Cenotaph
Gunfire breakfast will be offered after Dawn Service
RSL - Graham Street, Wonthaggi

March: 9:45am - 10am
Parade Assembly: RSL - Graham Street at 9.30am
March to commence 9.45am to Cenotaph for 10.05am service
March led by the Wonthaggi Band

Main Service commences at Cenotaph - 10.05am
Light refreshments offered at RSL Wonthaggi after service
2 UP for those who wish to partake

RSL Wonthaggi

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Dawn Service
6 am sharp: Cowes Cenotaph

March Assembly
Muster at 10.30am for march at 10.40am: Olive Justice Place, 70 Chapel Street, Cowes

11am Service
Cowes Cenotaph

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A new Volunteer Air Observers Corps post in the Wonthaggi district, is saluted by a Royal Australian Air Force aircraft after the post was opened by the Governor Sir Winston Dugan (1943).



A mosaic dedicated to the unknown number of local volunteers lays damaged at the top of McBride Avenue where the cabin once stood. C02_1623

The unknown protectors of Wonthaggi

PREPARATIONS on the home front were taken slightly less seriously in Wonthaggi than the government had hoped, the threat of air raids whilst real was seen as unlikely given the remote nature of Wonthaggi's geography with 'some even treat(ing) the matter as a laughing matter', according to the Wonthaggi Volunteer Air Observers Corps book written by Sam Gatto.

However, that attitude changed in January 1941 when news of the first Wonthaggi volunteer and popular young ex-State Coal Mine employee, Private Fred Gilmour paid the supreme sacrifice of war; death.

Appearing in the Powlett Express, December 19, 1941, 'Wonthaggi and District ARP personnel was called to action on Sunday under instructions from General Headquarters to adapt itself to war conditions. The order of the day was to prepare for possible invasion with probable evacuation of women and children, should occasion arise, and to equip hospital facilities, first aid posts, fire brigade arrangements with all other ARP preparations to hand within seven days.'

Six days later, 'the Aus-

tralian Air Board issued the instruction that a Volunteer Air Observers Corps be formed to scan the skies twenty-four hours a day for enemy aircraft.'

The first 32 Wonthaggi Air Observers Corps air-spotters commenced on January 17, 1942, in a converted bus perched on the water tower hill off Watt Street, led by Mr Tom Davies.

The men had the day work, while the girls carried out operations at night.'

Standing united, the Miners' Union collaborated and suspended all industrial action with the miners not called on for active service agreeing to work Sundays and during holidays to keep up with increased coal demand.

And whilst geographically a long way from the action, Wonthaggi was deemed a primary target due to the reliance on coal for the railways.

"Every ounce of coal is wanted for our war effort. Australia wants coal as much as she does guns, planes, ships and munitions." (Powlett Express, February 20, 1943.)

"While the town was hastily building air-raid shelters; adhering to the blackout conditions; raising money

for the war effort, coping with rationing; saying goodbye to more and more young men and women... and coping with the news of casualties; the VAOC was busy erecting the permanent observation post, built to RAAF specifications, at the top of McBride Avenue.'

The observation post was built from funds raised by observers and other local bodies and individuals, and opened by His Excellency, Governor Sir Winston Dugan on November 25, 1943.

'VOAC volunteers all over Australia scrupulously continued their twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week watch for enemy planes until 20th September 1945, more than a month after the war in the Pacific... ended.'

By July 1946 all operations were ceased on order by the RAAF.

The RAAF visited every post and reclaimed all materials deemed to belong to them including the service badges worn by the air-spotters. In lieu the air spotters were issued with a certificate of service by the RAAF.

The structure at the top of Soldiers' Reserve was not RAAF property so remained and shortly after closure was dismantled and the observa-

tion cabin relocated to Cape Paterson Bay Beach where it served the Wonthaggi Life-Saving Club as its first lookout cabin until, under the effects of the weather, it collapsed beyond repair...

'There is no evidence that any enemy plane was ever observed from the Wonthaggi Observation Post.'

There was however noted in an article within the Wonthaggi Sentinel on July 9, 1943, commending the efforts of Mr J.W. Armfield who rendered assistance when a Tiger Moth was forced down near 20 Shaft.

The tireless work of loyal volunteers through scorching summers and brutal winters in Wonthaggi bears no records within the VAOC of their names. It is estimated 70 per cent of a possible 200 air-spotters were women.

The question now is – will the mosaic dedicated to the unknown number of volunteers who served the Wonthaggi Air Observers Corps be repaired in time for ANZAC Day?

With thanks to the Wonthaggi & District Historical Society for their assistance with research and Sam Gatto's 'Wonthaggi Volunteer Air Observers Corps'.

Two appeals this ANZAC Day

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

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

Anzac Day is a time to reflect, and remember the service and sacrifices of all the men and women who have served our country and preparations are well underway for commemorations.

Meanwhile, members of our local RSLs are out in force, selling badges and raising money for service personnel welfare.

In Wonthaggi people can purchase badges from The Caledonian Hotel, North Store Café, Bass Coast Garden Centre, Bunnings, Wonthaggi Plaza (Thursday – Saturdays), Big W (Wednesdays – Fridays) and IGA (Friday and Saturday ahead of ANZAC Day). And keep an ear out as Wonthaggi RSL's oldest veteran Al will be joined at Big W by Malcolm on the pipes.

Wonthaggi RSL are also seeking assistance for their ANZAC Day breakfast and morning tea refreshments. If you are in a position to help with supplies, please contact secretarywonthaggirsl@gmail.com

Anzac Day at the Australian War Memorial

WITH Anzac Day coming up, the Australian War Memorial is encouraging people to prepare for the 108th anniversary of the Gallipoli landing.

More than 120 veterans who served as part of 1993 peacekeeping operations in Somalia will march with the Governor-General, who commanded 1RAR Battalion Group in Operation SOLACE. Australia's involvement will feature in a photographic exhibition which is on display at the Memorial from Monday, April 17 to Monday, May 8.

The proceedings will start early on Tuesday, April 25, with images from the National Collection displayed from 3:30am, readings from the letters and diaries of Australian servicemen at 4:30 am, and the dawn service commencing at 5:30 am.

The Veteran's March will commence at 9:30 am, starting on Anzac Parade at the intersection of Blamey Crescent and Currong Street. It will continue up West Road, through the grounds of the Memorial, passing the Stone of Remembrance before the Governor-General delivers the Anzac Day Address.

Forever Lost.

Forever Changed.

Lest We Forget.

ANZAC DAY

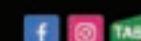
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TUESDAY, APRIL 25

Almost forgotten, William Harwick served with honour

THROUGHOUT our district our towns, halls, clubs, schools, and churches display our regions honour rolls. These are our local efforts to list those members of our community, who, in times of need, answered our nations call to arms. Many never to return. So close were our communities that many of our serviceman's/ servicewomen's names are duplicated on multiple honour rolls. Indeed, you can find names on the Korumburra Cenotaph that appear on, Leongatha, Toora and Welshpool memorials. Some names are even displayed on other memorials in different cities and states throughout Australia. However, every now and again you come across the name of a soldier who is almost forgotten and sometimes this discovery is almost by accident.

Introducing Lt William Hardwick

Such is the case with Lt William Hardwick. You will not find his name displayed on any of our local memorials. We found only one local reference to him and that was quite unexpected, almost by accident (I kind of like to think that William was reminding us about him). William appears to

have been an exceptionally brave and skilled officer. A man who led from the front and set an example to all those he worked with. He was recognised for distinguished conduct and bravery on three occasions, including being awarded the Military Cross on two occasions. Sadly, he lost his life after the last battle that our forces fought in WW1.

Born overseas and adopts Leongatha as his home

William Hardwick was born in Brecon, Wales in 1886. His parents were Thomas and Mary Hardwick. His siblings were, Lily Norman, Elsie Hill, and Thomas Hardwick. William grew up in Wales and attended the local school. By the time he was 20, William was a carpenter and had two years of experience in the UK Territorials (Breconshire Volunteers). William migrated to Australia and was living and working (possibly with Frederick Morris the builder) in Leongatha. William was also a member of the Leongatha Rifle Club and the local Masonic Lodge.

Enlistment and Service

Gallipoli and Mentioned in Dispatched: William enlisted in the AIF on January 7, 1915. He



Lt William Hardwick MC, possibly a studio shot taken before he returned to France in June 1918. Sadly, he lost his life after the battle of Montbrehain on October 5, 1918

trained at Broadmeadows and was posted to the 21st Battalion. After arriving in Egypt and completing training William landed at ANZAC Cove on September 7. The 21st had a relatively quiet time at Gallipoli, as the last major Allied offensives had been defeated in August. The 21st Battalion, appears to have been holding the line in Number 2 section, northern. This was in front of Courtney's and Steele's Post. After evacuation from Gallipoli in December 1915, the 21st Battalion

returned to Egypt. William had served with distinction at ANZAC and by February 5, 1916, had been promoted to Company Sergeant Major (CSM). It was here that William was "Mentioned in General Munro's Dispatches."

His citation read: "for distinguished and gallant services rendered during the period of General Sir Charles Munro's Command of the Mediterranean Expeditionary Force".

France and the Western Front

William was then sent to France arriving at Marseilles on March 26, 1916. It was here that he was nominated for a commission, was promoted and received his initial officers training. He returned to the 21st Bn and saw extensive service in France including the battles at Mouquet Farm in Oct/Nov 1916. At the battle of Bullecourt in early 1917 he was wounded and required evacuation to England. It was for actions conducted at Bullecourt that William was to be awarded his 1st Military Cross.

His citation read: "When his platoon was held up by fire from a mine crater, he rushed forward with three men killing two of the enemy and dispersing the re-

mainder. He set a fine example of courage and initiative."

Back to France and the last day of the last battle

William remained in England until August 6, 1918, when he returned to his Battalion. He returned just in time for the August Amiens offensive and fought through the battle of Mont St Quentin. He lost his life at the battle of Montbrehain, on October 5, 1918, he was 33 years old. This was the last battle that the 1st AIF fought in for WW1. Infact, he survived the battle and lost his life whilst handing the newly won position to the Americans. He was the acting company commander of D Company (Normally a Majors role).

William was awarded a bar for his MC during this period. The citation for his Bar to his MC reads:

"When the flank of an advance was seriously hampered by machine gun fire, he led forward a party, drove the enemy from their position, captured a machine gun and six prisoners, and established a post on the captured ground under heavy fire. He showed great courage and skill".

Lt William Hardwick MC* is buried at Tincourt New British Cemetery.

5.45am Dawn Service
at Cenotaph
followed by a light breakfast at the RSL

10.45am Wreath Laying Service
at Cenotaph
followed by a Community Service with guest speaker
Mr Geoff Cooper
in the Memorial Hall.

**BISTRO - Lunch 12noon - 2.00pm,
Dinner 6.00 - 8.00pm**
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*Information provided for the benefit of members, guests & authorised visitors.

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The 108th ANZAC DAY
on

TUESDAY, 25th APRIL, 2023

a 6am Dawn Service

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RSL HALL

Bolding Place, Inverloch

Join us after the service for a Gunfire Breakfast supplied and cooked by Inverloch RSL Members

VETERAN'S MARCH at 10.45am

from the Cenotaph returning there for the Commemoration Service and

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

We invite you to join us at the RSL Hall at the completion of the service for a light luncheon and a cuppa. Bar will be open.

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Veterans burial index remembering Bass Coast Veterans

INFORMATION taken from the Wonthaggi cemetery survey recently completed by Noelene Lyons, and reported recently in Sentinel Times, has been used in a new project to specifically identify those Veterans who are buried in the Wonthaggi Cemetery and develop a profile of each veteran burial.

This work has been researched and authored by Renee Loeckenhoff who was assisting Noelene Lyons in the survey, and with Noelene, part of the "Friends of the Wonthaggi Cemetery Group".

This group was discontinued by the Bass Coast Shire Council, acting as administrators and trustees of the Wonthaggi Cemetery for no good reason, except they disagreed.

It is not surprising this lady decided to undertake this monumental task. Her husband, Vern, is RAN Vietnam Veteran. Her father, a World War 2 veteran, the late Donald John Featherstone, Flying Officer, Distinguished Flying Cross, RAAF.

He was killed on July 1955 in a stone fall in the Wonthaggi Mines, and at the same time, he was the Secretary of the Wonthaggi RSL. She is also an RSL member.

Using the Wonthaggi Cemetery survey information, research from ancestry web sites and newspapers, Renee Loeckenhoff developed a profile for each veteran buried in the Wonthaggi Cemetery.

The profile consists of an index sheet providing detailed burial information, including grave location, the occupation of the veteran, cause of death, military service and unit, family relationships, detailed burial information, e.g. a double grave, or an

By Rod Gallagher

unmarked grave, or miss-located grave, and whether the burial is a Commonwealth War Grave.

If the veteran came from overseas, particularly from Commonwealth countries, that information is included where available.

This profile sheet is supported by photographs of the grave and head stone, a copy of the veteran's service records, and service certificate, again if available, to form a profile of the buried veteran.

To date, some 642 veterans are buried in the Wonthaggi Cemetery, as identified from the survey.

Burials include, 1 American Civil War Veteran, 178 World War One veterans, 440 from World War Two, and seven Korean and Vietnam veterans and 16 having served across in the Armed Services.

There are 49 Commonwealth War Graves, 30 veterans lie in unmarked graves (to be confirmed) and 18 prisoners of war.

Some of these veterans have awards for bravery. The final indexing of the records, which is underway, will confirm the numbers. The index consists of a consolidated data base listing all veteran burials, and 12 large folders holding the hard copy profiles.

The author has the aim that while holding the copyright, this information will be made publicly available to the broader community when the process of indexing is complete.

Here are some examples of veterans buried at the Wonthaggi Cemetery and who are included in the index.

There is James Sylvester



Pictured is the grave of Lamers, James Sylvester - (Roman Catholic - section 4. Row A. Grave 5) CWG - 2020.

LAMERS, Leongatha contractor, WW2, who died at 38 years of age.

He is buried in the Roman Catholic Section - Section 4. Row A. Grave 5. Double grave burial.

He served with the 22 Infantry Battalion, the South Gippsland Battalion, in the Huon Peninsula campaign and New Britain. Also consider Henry Charles SOMERSET.

He died in 1927 and is buried in the Old Congregational Section - Row 1. Grave 14. a Commonwealth War Grave. A Wonthaggi contractor and humble carpenter.

He was recruited age 44 years and 3 months because of his mining experience and served with The No1 Mining Corps.

One of the few men in WW1 to be awarded the MSM (Meritorious Service Medal), issued only to Sergeants and Warrant Officers for bravery outside of action.

You can find his Photograph in the Wonthaggi RSL.

Also, Colin Thomas AKERS, DFC (Distinguished Flying Cross), RAAF. Wonthaggi Auctioneer. He died in November

1998, and Anglican, he is buried Rose Garden - Section 2. Row P. Grave 9.

A Warrant officer, rear air gunner in WW2, his aircraft was shot down and ditched into the North Sea. This veteran was rescued from his dingy, one of the few aircrews to survive sea ditching.

It is important to remember the dignity of these veterans, to respect them and recall their service, especially those who

received bravery and conspicuous service awards. Alongside the Wonthaggi Cenotaph there is a memorial wall. Consideration should be given to use that wall for plaques commemorating Veterans from the Bass Coast Shire who were awarded bravery awards and those veteran miners who died in the Wonthaggi mine accidents.

Other than residential criteria, no other criteria should apply as may be determined by ex-service or community organisations.

An effort was made by Vern Loeckenhoff, RAN Vietnam Veteran, and now a Sub-Branch member of Inverloch RSL to identify the Wonthaggi Cemetery unmarked veteran graves. Using materials donated from Bunnings and his technical skills he manufactured timber crosses to place on the unmarked graves.

He had placed 28 crosses when the Wonthaggi Cemetery administration read the Bass Coast Shire Council strongly demanded

that the work stop and that the crosses were not appropriate.

When the Wonthaggi RSL at the time wrote to ask what form of memorial marking and identification would meet the Cemetery needs no response was ever received from the BCSC.

No effort was ever made by BCSC administrators, then or recently to engage in a positive way with those working to improve the cemetery.

Vern stopped placing the crosses on unmarked graves because of what he saw as implied threats from the BCSC.

Men and women locally from all walks of life, farmers, miners, school teachers and shop keepers have answered to the call to serve their Country.

They served in the Sudan, the Boer War, both World Wars, Korea, Malaya and Vietnam. You can add Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan. Many have served in multiple conflicts. Some still serve today.

Korumburra RSL ANZAC DAY SERVICES



The Korumburra Sub-Branch
will conduct an
ANZAC Day Dawn Service on

Tuesday, April 25

at the Cenotaph
located in Coleman Park
at 5.45am for a 6.00am service.

The Scouts and Cubs will
provide a light breakfast.

There will be another service
conducted at the same location at
10.15am for a 10.30am start
and at Poowong Cenotaph
at 11.45am for a 12 noon start

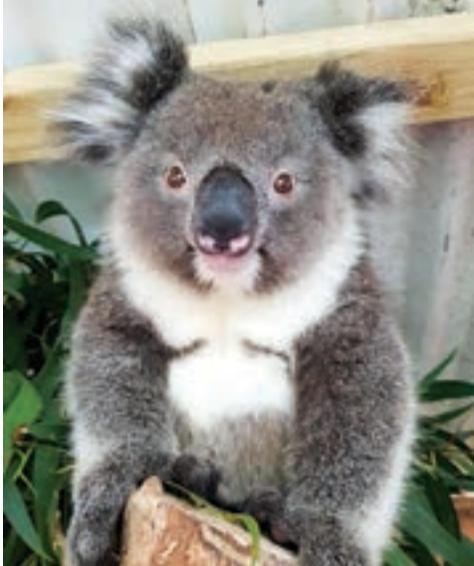
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This koala came into the care of South Gippsland Wildlife Rescue and Shelter when orphaned.

Quest to enhance koala knowledge

WELL known Tarwin Lower local Sue Moore is renowned for providing care to many injured and unwell animals, and is currently raising funds to attend an interstate gathering of koala experts in May.

Sue's 'Bass Coast and South Gippsland Wildlife Rescue and Shelter' looked after 70 koalas in the 12 months up to last June, and she expects the numbers for the current year to be higher.

She explained why she is keen to attend the Port Macquarie Koala Conference, a three-day gathering that will bring together koala experts from around the nation.

Sue said management of mange will be an important topic of discussion.

Another important subject Sue looks forward to hearing more about concerns efforts in Queensland to develop a vaccine for chlamydia, another serious illness that Sue encounters in some of the koalas she cares for.

"I come across it from time to time and we've only been successful once," she said, adding that treating chlamydia in koalas has a low success rate.

"They're on antibiotics for over a month, so to put them through that treatment usually upsets their kidneys and they don't make it."

While Sue has been caring for wildlife for 16 years, beginning with an orphaned wombat she found by the roadside in Walkerville, she keeps an open mind and says you never stop learning.

That's what she intends to do in Port Macquarie.

While in Port Macquarie, she'll visit the town's Koala Hospital, having at times called on its staff for advice, and looks forward to seeing how they work with the animals.

"I've asked for guidance from them when I have a sticky situation," Sue said.

That includes learning more about what drugs are used for koalas and how the animals heal.

With Bass Coast and South Gippsland Wildlife Rescue treating between 400-500 animals a year, Sue is now assisted by four carers.

She also has about 20 rescuers she can call on, with the expertise to fetch and transport animals in need, along with others volunteering for duties such as cleaning cages.

That is crucial, with Sue still working three days a week in addition to her wildlife responsibilities.

While other carers have taken on some of the arduous work such as feeding baby animals throughout the night, Sue has plenty of tasks.

One of the most demanding is gathering sufficient gum leaves for koalas in her care.

While she currently has only three, she has had up to eight, needing to gather three different types of gum leaves each time.

Leaves need to be inspected for unwanted intruders such as caterpillars that can cause health problems for koalas if accidentally consumed and Sue is conscious of not over-harvesting any individual tree.

Sue's friend Bill Karambatsos established a GoFundMe page to assist her quest for further koala knowledge.

Sue plans to head to Port Macquarie on May 25, with the Koala Conference beginning the following day.

Visit gofund.me/b1ec2e3f to donate.



A collection of eucalypt capsules with seeds inside ready for harvesting. Photos: Parks Victoria



An area of collapsed forest that will be reseeded as part of the BushBank trial.

Restoring eucalypt forests at Wilsons Promontory National Park



Friends of the Prom volunteers undertake all of the seed extraction and testing at their nursery at Tidal River.

fire events.

"Loss of eucalypt tree species at the rate we're seeing can create potentially irreversible shifts in forest cover, landscape pattern, soil health and biodiversity," Brooke said.

"We've been monitoring the environmental impacts of existing, long-established areas of collapsed forest at the Prom, but there are multiple sites on the cusp of collapse due to their slow recovery from fires in 2005 and 2009. Where mature eucalypts were killed in those far reaching, recent fires, there are now young forests attempting to flourish in their place. As they are only just beginning to produce seed, another fire could see them permanently disappear."

"However, thanks to a \$294,000 investment from the Victorian Government's BushBank program, we have started phase one of a five-year project focused on forest recovery."

Brooke believes it's crucial to see the bigger picture – the key role eucalypts play in preventing ecosystem collapse.

Kick-starting the BushBank initiative at the Prom

The BushBank program aims to restore natural environments across Victoria through the planting of millions of native plants and trees, carefully selected to

benefit a range of species.

The program is supporting Parks Victoria's ongoing and crucial work to establish Wilsons Promontory National Park as a nationally significant climate refuge.

Parallel works of building a pest- and predator-exclusion fence across the park entrance, pest and weed control programs, and multiple habitat restoration projects are all part of establishing the broader Prom Sanctuary – a largescale project that will transform the much-loved park into Victoria's largest conservation sanctuary where nature is cared for, and native animals and plants thrive.

"Phase one of the BushBank program includes seed collection from existing eucalypt trees across the entirety of the landscape to establish a large and diverse bank," Brooke said.

"From this bank, aerial reseeding will occur across two 16-hectare trial sites, where Parks Victoria staff are aiming to develop the most effective method for restoring collapsed forests, both proactively following ecological burning and opportunistically after bushfire."

This includes testing which seed types – hybrid or pure – spur growth at the fastest rate, produce the most fertile or longest surviving trees and what the optimal number of seeds per hectare will be when reseeding is required

after fire.

To future-proof the outcomes of this trial, Parks Victoria is working in partnership with researchers from the University of Melbourne to measure the health of the Prom's eucalypt forests and understand whether the presence of collapsed forests could increase the future risk and potential intensity of bushfires over time.

Local community comes together

Once eucalypt seed capsules are collected, they are dried indoors at Parks Victoria's Yanakie office.

"The drying process encourages seeds to detach from their capsules and after a couple of weeks, we place everything into pillowcases that members from the Friends of the Prom nursery group can sort and separate by species," Brooke said.

"This is a big job for this small but passionate group of volunteers.

"It will be crucial for us to see how these two trial sites develop in comparison to the surrounding collapsed forest, which will be free from intervention."

Parks Victoria will be collecting seeds until the end of autumn.

If you would like to volunteer your time to support this initiative and other similar projects, please visit friendsoftheprom.org.au.

~ NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE & ADULT LEARNING NEWS ~



WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

WHILE we are in the midst of the school holidays, second week, the WNC is still open although some of our groups are on hiatus and return when the school term starts.

Those that are still on the go are Circle Dancing on Wednesday afternoons, the Ukulele group on Thursday mornings, the Chess group on Monday afternoons and our Crafty groups which top and tail our week, Monday mornings is the Quilters group and Friday mornings is the Craft and Cuppa group.

The AA groups keep going come holidays or no holidays, Al-Anon on Friday mornings, the AA groups on Thursday afternoons and Saturday mornings, and Narcotics Anonymous on Monday evenings.

Now, who likes to wait in line for ages and then find that when you get to the front for your turn, the service you want has run out of time for the day and you'll have to come back tomorrow or whenever.

Well, to avoid all that palaver, it is good to book your time ahead. No standing around and waiting. This is a good thing to do regarding having someone to help you with the Power Savings Bonus of \$250 from the State Government. By ringing ahead we can also advise you on what to bring to make the process go smoothly.

The Power Savings Bonus is still available to those who are eligible and who haven't already applied and we are here to help if you get a bit stuck at applying for it. If you or someone you know is struggling to pay their power bills and is eligible to receive it. We can help anyone who has a pensioner concession or healthcare card or receiving Centrelink payments. Call us on 5672 3731 or drop in if you need help applying. Online, go to www.compare.energy.vic.gov.au/welcome.

When we are back up and running all our activities and groups after the school holidays, you will find that the Weight Management group will have changed their times on Thursday evenings in line with the evenings drawing in earlier which is the hallmark of Autumn and Winter. They now meet from 5 to 6pm. You may not have thought about joining before but maybe you may think again after all the food festivities (especially chocolate) that come with Easter time. It may be that being with a group will provide a supportive time on your journey of weight care in 2023.

Become a member of the WNC and get discounts for many of our activities and receive a monthly newsletter plus The Grapevine program which lists groups, their dates, days and times for the term. Both can be delivered online or by post, your choice.

Call Mitchell House or visit us on Facebook: Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House.



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LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE

THE Leongatha Community House is excited to announce that a Multicultural Friendship group will start on May 3.

This is new group for people who moved to Australia from all around the world. The aim of this group is not only to help people meet new friends and learn about other cultures but also to help both new and long-term members of our community settle in.

Moving to a new country can be very challenging. You can face issues every day that locals may not consider as an issue. We hope this group will be a place where people of various cultures feel safe and get support. We will have time to chat, learn from one another, have guest speakers, and get support and advice from local service providers. We would love for anybody who is still learning how to settle into our community or anyone who has experience and wants to assist others to learn how to do so, to join us.

This wonderful group will be held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, starting May 3.

If you or anyone you know would like to come, please call us on 5662-3962 or come by the Leongatha Community House at 16 Bruce St, Leongatha.

Leongatha Community House is presenting new series of the workshops "Cooking with Kids"

Kids love to make items and come up with new creative ideas. What could be better than turning this into the start of a life skill? Learning to cook and bake is a great way for kids to learn how to think, solve problems, and be creative. It lets children use what they already know and put it to use in a fun way by counting, following an order, and following directions. Cooking also gives children a chance to try new foods they might not have tried otherwise, and it helps them figure out what they like and don't like. This also helps support good eating habits by introducing different foods to them. When children join this group, they can make new friends, eat tasty food, and learn about the sweet and savoury food they are making.

Workshops will be held on Wednesdays, starting from 26 April, between 4 and 6 p.m. and will be accessible to kids aged 8 to 12 of all abilities. Each workshop costs \$10, and booking is essential.

This class is a fun way for kids to learn more about food and have a good time doing it.

However, the Leongatha Community House would highly appreciate some assistance to ensure cooking workshops run well.

Please let us know if you have and no longer need any of the following items and would like to donate them to support the kids' workshops. These items include mixing bowls, whisks, rolling pins, measuring spoons, and jugs. We all value your support and wouldn't be as effective if our community wasn't so kind and helpful.



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BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

DIGITAL literacy is more important than ever for work, life, and recreation. Many people manage to muddle through but wouldn't it be great to really know what you are doing?

For Term 2, BCAL is offering a newly redesigned computer course called Basics and Beyond. It starts from the very beginning with no assumed knowledge and brings you up to speed with all the modern uses of technology including creating and saving documents, using the internet and email effectively, online meetings and much more.

BCAL IT trainer Bill Street says, "It's always better to start below your skill level to gain a proper understanding of what you've been doing by trial and error, and then build on that."

So if you've been just getting by and need more confidence on your computer and other digital devices, this course is for you. The sessions will run on Monday afternoons starting April 24.

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

■ WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

A quick audit of the garden's growing spaces reveals two medium-sized plots, located in full sun, are free and ready to plant up for shared growing.

Volunteers are planning to use them for a dedicated onion bed - brown, purple and white varieties, as well as a mixed bed of sugar snap and dwarf peas, cabbage, cauliflowers and broccoli. Each plot has been weeded and topped up with compost, aged chook manure and a little straw mulch.

The regular helpers have also planted local, organic garlic in some smaller shared spots.

Sharing the tasks, the harvests and other garden essentials (seeds, seedlings, information and ideas), plus extras such as donations of worm 'juice' and pleasant company, are all vitally important to the success and sustainability of community gardening.

If you would like to know more about any aspect of the garden contact the coordinator at tgordon@westnet.com.au or drop in on a Thursday between 10 and noon to chat to the friendly volunteers and members.

■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

The Woodies had a very successful day at Churchill Island on Easter Saturday. There were lots of toys sold both in kit form and pre-assembled.

The pyrographers were on hand to customise the toys with children's names, ensuring they had a unique piece.

The toy making group meets every Tuesday. It's a great starting point for the wood-working novice but there's still plenty of scope to get very creative.

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



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Nominations open for Victorian training awards

NOMINATIONS for the State Labor Government's 2023 Victorian Training Awards have now opened, recognising outstanding achievements in the Victorian TAFE and training sector.

There are 15 award categories, including seven for teachers and students, four for employers and four for training organisations.

Winners for 2023 will be announced at the Victorian Training Awards gala ceremony in Melbourne in August with each one receiving \$5,000 in prize money.

Winners will also have the opportunity to represent Victoria at the Australian Training Awards, where a Victorian Training provider has won for the past seven years.

To nominate for the 2023 Victorian Training Awards visit vic.gov.au/victorian-training-awards. Applications close at midnight on Friday, May 12, 2023.

• FAITH FACTOR

Body, mind, and spirit

Rev. Graeme Liersch - Anglican Church Wonthaggi/Inverloch

WHAT an exciting time of the year, busy for some and relaxing for others, as special events take place.

Easter for many is a time to relax, for others, such as myself, it is a busy time as we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, God in human form.

This is followed closely by ANZAC day when we celebrate the birth of the ANZACs and give thanks for the men and women from Australia and New Zealand who have served in the protection of our countries, of which many gave their life. This bravery reflects the sacrifice that Jesus gave for humankind. He gave His life for all, so we may share in eternal life.

But, amidst these celebrations we find many people who suffer mentally, physically, and spiritually for a variety of reasons. Some, such as our service men and women, suffer from the trauma of war, others suffer due to homelessness, grief, loss, etc.

All highlight our makeup as human beings, 'Body, Mind and Spirit'.

For years the hospital system has dealt well with the body and mind, (physical and mental), but has lacked the ability to deal with the spiritual. However, these days the system recognises the need for spiritual care and as such many hospitals have Chaplains or Spiritual care workers.

Hence, I am pleased to announce that Bass Coast Health (BCH), in conjunction with the local Inter-Church Council and ministers of religion, have appointed the Rev. Wendy Elson as the new Spiritual Care Co-ordinator to commence work in May. This shows that the 'whole' person is now at the fore of Health-care in our region.

For Christians, wholeness - body, mind, and spirit - is important for a fruitful life, with Jesus Christ at the centre. Thus, a good relationship with Jesus Christ means a good view on life and a good outcome at death.

With important events taking place now is the time to do a full health check, 'body, mind, and spirit'. How about it? Do yourself a favour, don't neglect the spiritual, and invite Jesus Christ into your life, if you haven't.

Road grants for councils

MINISTER for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne announced the 28 councils to receive a share of \$1.6 million in grants as part of the TAC Local Government Grant Program 2022.

The program gives councils the opportunity to work with locals to address road safety issues affecting vulnerable road users in their area and implement solutions, by coming up with a project to overcome them.

Pedestrians and people who ride bikes are vulnerable on and around roads due to their lack of protection, and an above-average number of both road user cohorts lost their lives on the state's roads in 2022.

So far this year, five bicycle riders and five pedestrians have lost their lives on Victorian roads, contributing to what has been a devastating start to the year on the roads.

Councils were invited to apply for grants of up to \$30,000 for analysis projects, and up to \$100,000 for infrastructure projects.

Together, the councils will deliver 35 road safety projects – 18 of which are infrastructure and 17 are various analysis spanning across inner and outer metro, rural and regional LGAs.

The infrastructure projects include 16 wombat crossings, four shared-user path crossings and two footpaths – all improving safety and accessibility for vulnerable road users.

The analysis projects investigate pedestrian and cyclist road safety issues and develop speed management and infrastructure treatment concepts that reflect Safe System Principles.

The projects support the Victorian Road Safety Strategy 2021-2030, which aims to halve road deaths and reduce serious injuries by 2030 and sets the state on a path to zero road deaths by 2050.

For more information about the program and a full list of the funded projects visit, tac.vic.gov.au/about-the-tac/community/grants/local-government-grants.

Applications for the 2023 program will open in June.

Specialist school receives grant

MINISTER for Roads and Road Safety Melissa Horne announced 11 community groups will receive a share of \$270,000 in grants as part of the TAC Community Road Safety Grant program.

The program gives community groups the opportunity to work closely with locals to identify road safety issues in their area and implement solutions, by coming up with a project to overcome them.

The projects will help address concerns on local roads and improve safety for vulnerable road users including pedestrians, motorcyclists and people riding bicycles.

South Gippsland Specialist School has also received a grant of \$17,708, which it will use to purchase a bike trailer to extend its bike education program and improve student's bike safety skills.

The Bass Coast Shire Council received \$29,415, to improve road safety messaging across the Bass Coast, and RoadSafe Gippsland was granted \$26,150 in funding for a variable message signage (VMS) project across the Latrobe and Baw Baw shire areas.

For more information about the program and a list of recipients visit, tac.vic.gov.au/about-the-tac/community/grants.

Wonthaggi retiree has the ride of his life

ALAN Wilson, an 81-year-old from Wonthaggi, never imagined he'd be tearing around in an electric Porsche at 200km/h, in New Zealand over the Easter weekend.

Yet he was.

"Wow what a ride from a standing start, 200kph was on the speedo in less than 10 seconds through a right hander at 180kph and around the south loop in a blur. The acceleration and G-Force on your body! Indescribable..."

The Porsche Taycan is the fastest electric sports car in the world, reaching speeds of up to 300km/hr, and is valued at \$350,000.

Being a car enthusiast since the sixties, including founding and being an editor for car clubs, Alan had been interested in going to Wheels at Wanaka for the past few years, and got the chance this year.

While there, Greg Murphy, a professional racing driver and best known as four-time winner of the Bathurst 1000,



introduced the Porsche Taycan to the crowd.

Murphy told the crowd they could go for a spin in the car at the Highlands Motorsport Park, a \$25 million world class racing facility.

That is exactly what Alan decided to do, "...all I know is, I was a passenger in the world's fastest electric car. An electrifying experience to say the least and not for the faint hearted."

ABOVE: 81-year-old Alan Wilson took the ride of his life in an electric Porsche Taycan, that got to 200km/h.

How Australian drivers could save with Fuel Efficiency Standard

AUSTRALIAN drivers can save a combined \$11.2 billion over five years if the Federal Government brings in a Fuel Efficiency Standard that matches Europe, a new analysis from Solar Citizens has revealed.

Senator David Pocock is launching Solar Citizens' 'Recharging Australia' analysis today at Parliament House, alongside the Solar Citizens 'Electric Ute Roadshow' Parliament house stopover, where the ute will be on display and take members of parliament for rides.

The 'Recharging Australia' analysis, based on Australian Bureau of Statistics figures, found:

- A Fuel Efficiency Standard aligned with the European Union would save Australian

motorists at least \$11.2 billion over five years in reduced fuel costs

- Regional Australians would save a combined \$4 billion over five years
- The number of electric vehicles in Australia would boom from nearly 40,000 in 2022 to more than 900,000 in the first five years of the Fuel Efficiency Standard.
- Standards that are aligned with other trading partners could be considered too, with the United States representing the bare minimum, and New Zealand reflecting a similar ambition.
- Solar Citizens Clean Transport Campaigner Ajaya Haikerwal said the fuel savings would be welcome news for all Australians during the current cost of

living crisis.

"With Australians facing high interest rates, high fuel prices and energy bills, saving at least \$11.2 billion over five years and \$52 billion over ten years would be welcome news for Australian families," said Haikerwal.

"More than three million Australian homes and businesses now reap the rewards of cheap solar energy. The perfect way to slash petrol bills is to combine rooftop solar with electric vehicles – you can charge your car virtually for free."

"But we need to fix Fuel Efficiency Standards to unlock these savings for Australian motorists. We're a long way behind the rest of the world, and car makers exploit this fact and send us their most polluting and least efficient cars."

"Fixing Fuel Efficiency Standards would see car makers send us more efficient petrol, diesel, hybrid and electric vehicles – and Australians could choose vehicles that are cheaper to run and pollute less."

"The \$11 billion that Australian motorists can save on fuel in the next five years could instead create local jobs by being spent in local communities, as well as on paying off home loans. We need Standards that come into effect in the next 12 months and not waste time with dodgy super credit schemes."

Senator David Pocock launched the 'Recharging Australia' report in Canberra earlier this year, saying it highlighted the opportunity for Australia and its motorists.

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Warragul's Paul Mogensen brought his stunning yellow 1950s Milano with MG running gear to Leongatha's recent Show 'N Shine. The streamlined vehicle is made in Sydney, featuring a 1959 body produced by JWF Fibreglass Industries and styled on a 750 Monza Ferrari.

It is powered by an 1800 MG race motor and features a four-speed MG gearbox.

JWF Fibreglass Industries was founded in 1959 in the northern Sydney suburb of Brookvale, producing kit bodies for cars and some complete vehicles during its 10 years of operation. A16_1323



Buffalo's John Poletti displayed his sporty original-model Mazda MX-5 at Leongatha's Show 'N Shine. While the MX-5 was launched in 1989, his 1990 version was unchanged from those that first rolled off the Mazda assembly line. "I added the stripes," John said of his personal touch. He is an enthusiastic member of the Mazda MX-5 Club of Victoria and Tasmania. A17_1323



Leigh Smith of Drouin arrived at Leongatha's Show 'N Shine driving 'Marilyn', his 1968 Chevrolet Impala, with the red machine almost as dazzling as the famous blonde actress after which it is named. Leigh has owned the car for over four years, inspired to buy it by memories of working on a Chevy with his dad, and getting his licence in a 1965 Chevrolet. "I loved working beside dad in the shed," he recalls. 'Marilyn' has a specially made toolbox in her boot for Leigh's car care products and includes a reproduction of the car's name badge. She is occasionally used for weddings. A18_1323



Road users are being urged to have their say on drivers' behaviour. Photo: Samuele Errico Piccarini on Unsplash

Have your say on road users' behaviour

VICTORIANS can have their say on road users' behaviour as part of a new parliamentary inquiry.

The inquiry will specifically look at how road users' behaviour changed during and after the COVID-19 pandemic and how this affected the safety of people most at risk on the road.

"Last year, 241 Victorians lost their lives on the road, and thousands more were injured," said Committee Chair Alison Marchant.

"We also know many more pedestrians and motorcyclists died on the road last year compared with the previous year," she added.

"We want to hear from road users about their experiences on the road during and after COVID, and their views on how to improve road safety behaviours."

Public submissions to the inquiry are open until May 19, 2023. The Committee plans to hold public hearings later this year and will report to Parliament in March 2024.

For more information, go to the Committee's website <https://new.parliament.vic.gov.au/roadsafetybehaviours>

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Inclusive truth with Troy Cassar-Daley

THE Gippsland Country Music Festival will present award-winning artist Troy Cassar-Daley at the upcoming April event.

But before Troy takes to the stage, he delves deep into the story of his music journey and defines what inspires his lyrics 40 years on.

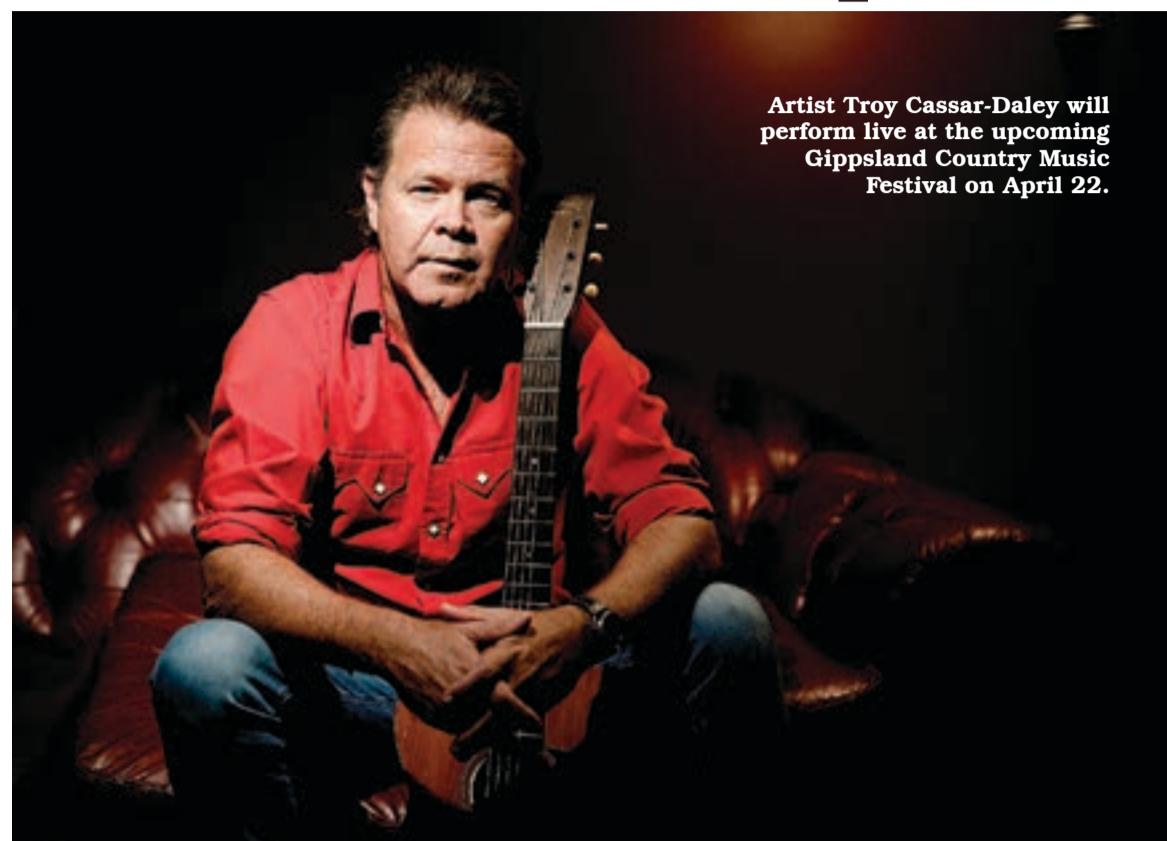
Growing up in the Mid North Coast of New South Wales, as a proud Gumbaynggirr/Bundjalung boy, 10-year-old Troy watched on as his cousin's played guitar, and at the height of jealousy he picked up his own and discovered the art of music.

By his late teens, Troy began playing in different bands with his cousins and developed a dream to one day have the chance to write his own music and share it with people.

"I absolutely love to play, and I think that when you start out at 20 years old, you're broke, and you're living on packet of chips and a bourbon and coke, and you've got four, 45-minute sets to play, and it's exhausting, but it's all part of the journey."

Troy shared his initial inspiration to write music – his days of sitting out as a child around fires with his family, hearing of great stories from incredible storytellers. "I sort of took a leaf from that book."

"I love melodies. I love messing around with different



Artist Troy Cassar-Daley will perform live at the upcoming Gippsland Country Music Festival on April 22.

things - putting a loop pedal on every now and then and playing until melodies fall out of the sky," said Troy.

Troy spoke of his life on the road as a writer, saying 'you kind of dive into your feelings, all while trying to enable people to connect with you', "I'm a bit of an analogue man. I like

to write things down by hand – I think that's part and parcel of the art. I've got four or five song writing pads that are on the go everywhere, one in my pedal bag, one in my suitcase and one in the studio and I'm always jotting things down and writing as I go."

Music was always a part

of Troy's life with his father picking up the guitar at any chance he got – always playing a cheeky little melody and including Troy in his lyrics.

"My dad was great guitar player who played harmonica, and an incredible influence in my life," Troy explained.

Having released 11 studio

albums throughout his thirty years of making music, his passion to pen stories about this land and what lies at the heart of it has been a driving force in his career.

Troy has been awarded numerous accolades including 40 Golden Guitars, five ARIAs including one for the 2021 Country Album of the Year with *The World Today*, three APRA Song of the Year awards, nine Deadlys (Australian Indigenous Artist Awards), four CMAA Entertainer of the Year awards, plus two NIMAs (National Indigenous Music Awards).

In 2017 Troy was honoured as the 50th inductee into the prestigious Australasian Roll of Renown. He has had numerous gold and platinum albums and achieved a staggering 32 Number One chart singles.

His songs have been the soundtrack to the everyday triumphs, struggles and good times for Australians from our small towns to the big cities.

Troy Cassar-Daley will perform live on stage at Lardner Park on Saturday, April 22 with Lee Kernaghan, Adam Brand, his old friend Beccy Cole, Sara Storer, Kaylee Bell, Josh Setterfield, Jade Gibson, and Gareth Leach.

Tickets are on sale now, visit www.gippslandcountrymusicfestival.com and join the country show.

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Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID



Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre

Friday 5 May 7.30pm

Saturday 6 May 1.30pm and 7.30pm

Sunday 7 May 1.30pm

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

Music by
ALAN
MENKEN

Lyrics by
HOWARD &
ASHMAN

Book by
GLENN
&
SLATER



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Nicky Chung, Allan Cunningham, Fiona White, Alan White, Rhonda Read, Les Parkes, Rosa Turner and Mary Dortmans are joining forces for men's health.

AFL legend to speak about Prostate Cancer awareness

THE Rotary Clubs in the Bass Coast and South Gippsland region are partnering with renowned football legend, David Parkin and other prostate cancer survivors to hold an information evening at The Wonthaggi Club on Thursday, May 25, from 6.30pm.

"The Wonthaggi and Leongatha regions have a higher death rate from prostate cancer than the Australian average according to the Australian Cancer Atlas" said Alan White of the Bayside Prostate Cancer Support Group. "Men need to understand the importance of regular health check-ups, which should include the blood test for PSA, Prostate Specific Antigen."

According to www.canceraustralia.gov.au, there are

more than 20,000 males that are diagnosed each year, which is double the diagnoses of skin cancer.

"Raising awareness for the health and wellbeing of our community members is extremely important", stated Nicky Chung of the Rotary Club of Wonthaggi.

David Parkin, AFL great, will be speaking at the event. David is the Patron for the Male Bag Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation promoting men's health. David was diagnosed with prostate cancer and underwent surgery in March 2009.

David has a family history of prostate cancer. His father and grandfather both died from the disease. David was diagnosed with prostate cancer at 65 years of age and was successfully

treated. He promotes the importance of taking time to look after yourself, have regular visits to your GP and enjoy life with your family and friends.

"It is great to have David come and share his experience and raise awareness" said Rosa Turner from the Rotary Club of Inverloch. "Hopefully we have a big turn out to the event."

Representatives from Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia will also attend this event.

Tickets for the event will be \$25 per person, which will include a two course meal. All profits will go to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia. Information and ticket sales will be available by emailing rotaryclubwonthaggi@gmail.com.

Bass Coast Fine Film group presents "Broker"

AT 10.45am, Sunday, April 23, the BCFFG is screening "Broker", the latest multi award winning film from acclaimed Japanese writer/director, Hirokazu Kore-eda.

Set in South Korea, Kore-eda (Shoplifters, BCFFG, February 3, 2019) tells the story of a pair of brokers whose business is selling abandoned babies to the wealthy who want to circumvent the official adoption process.

Parents wanting to give up their children leave them at a church, but the children are abducted by an unscrupulous pair before being discovered.

Things go off the rails when a young mother finds out about what they are doing and decides to travel with them in search of a suitable parent for her child, all the while being trailed by a pair of female cops.

Navigating familiar themes for Kore-eda, Broker explores the concept of a family not necessarily being the family you are born into.

A typically gentle, melancholic, and heartwarming story of an unconventional group of broken people who form a bond.

To find out more head to: <https://www.bcffgfilms.weebly.com/broker>

BCFFG members entry is free on presentation of membership card; general public welcome with tickets at usual box office prices.

Film screening is at Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre, 96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

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

School holiday fun in Venus Bay

LOCAL children and visitors will be kept occupied these school holidays, with the popular Jorja Dinsmore engaging them in creative projects at Venus Bay Community Centre.

The fun extends over two days, Wednesday April 19 and the following day, running from 10am until 12pm both days and costing just \$8 per child.

While local children may already be in the know as to what a 'Polly Pocket' or 'Raggy Rascal' is, it doesn't mean they won't want to add to their collection, whereas for first time visitors finding out will be part of the fun.

Wacky Wigs and Pocket Games are other Wednesday activities.

On Thursday, attention turns to abstract creations, and Barksterpieces, whatever that may be.

Why not come and discover for yourself?



10.45am SUNDAY 23rd APRIL
BROKER

Renowned Japanese director, Hirokazu Kore-eda presents a film set in South Korea about two brokers who sell orphaned infants, bypassing the bureaucracy of legal adoption, to affluent couples who can't have children of their own.

General public welcome. Members Free Entry!

@ WONTAGGI UNION CINEMA
96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

Check the website for more info:
basscoastfinefilmgroup.weebly.com



A collection of winners from the CWA Bass Group with mayor Nathan Hersey. A44_1634

Creativity and camaraderie

CREATIVITY again flourished across the CWA Bass Group, with people drawn to Loch Public Hall over the weekend to explore the group's 68th Creative Arts Exhibition.

Intricate patchwork, crochet, embroidery, knitting and sewing featured, along with floral arrangements and baked items.

While Jacky Dow's responsibilities organising the event in her new role of craft convenor meant she couldn't submit as many entries as usual, she was pleased to achieve the long-held goal of having the winning fruit cake.

Jacky expressed delight that members of all branches of the CWA Bass Group contributed significantly to the exhibition assuring there was plenty to admire.

In addition, friends and family and junior members entered their handiwork and cooked delights.

The most surprising element of the show was an impressive WWI machine gun crafted out of cardboard by young 'family and friends' entrant Liam Waters, with his proud grandmother Gwenda Swan keen to share his passion for creating replica weapons from that campaign.

As for the more traditional crafts on display, mayor Nathan Hersey who helped open the show stressed the importance of ensuring they don't become lost art forms.

He acknowledged he



Gail Lewis of Cowes CWA branch displays one of her winning floral entries. A40_1623

doesn't know how people find the time or patience, having marvelled at his mother's commitment to quilting and the persistence it requires.

Junior member Ruth Newberry proves there is hope of retaining threatened skills into the future, entering an array of categories and enjoying widespread success.

That included wins for her sewing, baking and artwork, and a second prize for the earrings she crafted.

Ruth offered a simple explanation for her motivation to take on a wide range of creative pursuits.

"I like to make things," she said, adding she enjoys variety.

Cowes CWA member Gail Lewis is a dab hand with flowers, whether growing or arranging them.

While she didn't enter the show last year, Gail made up for it this time putting

18 floral arrangements before the judges, at least 12 of which won prizes.

All her flowers are home grown, with Gail estimating her garden contains at least 30 varieties and always has some in bloom.

Felicity Newberry of the Grantville CWA branch and Glenda Minty of the Wonthaggi branch entered a variety of categories, with the pair also in training to become judges.

During the exhibition's opening, Mayor Hersey spoke of the key role the CWA plays in not just preserving artforms, but also in building relationships and boosting mental well-being.

This scribe couldn't resist buying delicious Anzac biscuits, with mayor Hersey opting for Brownies and Mars Bar slices and combining his newly purchased beanie with his suit, to the delight of attendees.

WONTAGGI UNION COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE

What's On?

See all our cinema session times and pre-book tickets via our website. www.wonthaggiartscentre.com.au

Autumn Cinema!



Blueback [PG]

Fri 21 Apr 12.15pm

The Whale [M]

Sat 22 Apr 5.15pm



Shazam! Fury of the Gods [CTC]

Fri 21 Apr 4.45pm

The Amazing Murice [PG]

Fri 21 Apr 10.00am

Mavka: The Forest Song [PG]

Thur 20 Apr 3.00pm

The Banshees of Inisherin [M]

Fri 21 Apr 7.30pm

Argonauts [G]

Sat 22 Apr 3.00pm

Dungeons and Dragons Honour Among Thieves [M]

Thur 20 Apr 12.15pm

Champions [M]

Thur 20 Apr 5.15pm

Who Framed Roger Rabbit [PG]

Fri 21 Apr 2.30pm

Empire of Light [MA]

Thur 20 Apr 7.45pm

Sat 22 Apr 7.45pm

Broker [M]

Bass Coast Fine Film Group

Sat 23 Apr 10.45am

LIVE SHOWS COMING IN 2023!

Troy Kinne- Made Wrong
Fri 16 June 8pm
trybooking.com/CHFKF
Audience 18+ \$43



Multi award winning stand up, Troy Kinne is on tour with his new show, MADEWRONG. A show where Kinne shares too much information about all of the things wrong with him. But hey, if it means you get to walk away feeling better about yourself, then he's happy to take one for the team.

The Sunshine Club
Thur 29 June 7.00pm
trybooking.com/CFWQN
Tickets from \$18.00



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

Melbourne International Comedy Festival
Sat 22 Jul 7.30pm
trybooking.com/CFJWN
\$64.95 / \$69.95



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

Find the full calendar of events and sessions on our website
www.wonthaggiartscentre.com.au



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Wonthaggi Workmen's Club, 75 Graham Street
Come and join in the laughs at South Coast FM Bingo
★ RAFFLES ★ DOOR PRIZES ★ LUCKY NUMBER JACKPOT



Heather, Nigel and David Braithwaite and Emily Duncan after Nigel from Kongwak and District Brigade received his National Emergency Medal. A16_1623



Lynden Dempsey of Nilma North Fire Brigade and Robyn Langford of Tarwin Lower Brigade at the CFA District 9 'National Emergency Medal' presentation. A13_1623



Elysha, Sharron, Tim and Jess Stephens relax after Tim from Koonwarra Brigade received his National Emergency Medal. A14_1623



Mark Bourke and sister Dannielle O'Loughlin are both part of the Berrys Creek Fire Brigade of which Dannielle is captain, with both also deputy group officers for the Strzelecki Group. A15_1623



Alister and Hugh took part in Melbourne Stars - Super Stars Camp at Inverloch Recreation Reserve on Friday, learning drills and skills of cricket in activities and games over their school holidays. z04_1623



James, Henry, and Gabriel enjoyed the cricket activities at the Inverloch Recreation Reserve on Friday as part of Melbourne Stars - Super Stars Camp. Z05_1623



Jobe and Xavier enjoyed their Friday at the Inverloch Recreation Reserve, taking part in the Melbourne Stars - Super Stars Camp over the school holidays. z06_1623



Beau Grabham was inspired to establish a fundraising page for the Leukaemia Foundation by friend and teammate Xavier Bolge who is tackling lymphoma, and was happy to shed his locks for the cause. A03_1623



Dale Callahan relishes his newfound pursuit of hairdressing, going to work on Hayden Bowler. A04_1623



Pictures of you and your friends at the Melbourne Stars - Super Stars Camp, Leongatha fundraiser, CFA District 9 'National Emergency Medal' presentation at Lardner Park and CWA Bass Group Creative Arts Exhibition



Rachael Shalders, Donna Bullows, Fiona Hogan and Stephanie Wheeler celebrate the National Emergency Medal earned by Fiona who was attached to the Poowong Brigade before retiring to Cairns. A12_1623

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Lynne Marsh won the Eileen Hooper Trophy for the Best Article in Wool or Wool Blend. A11_1623



Felicity Newberry of Cowes CWA and Glenda Minty of the Wonthaggi branch are training to be judges. A10_1623



CWA Bass Group president Agnes Veldhuizen and Helen Ryvitch (creative arts chair). A41_1623



Cowes CWA junior member Ruth Newberry and Maurita Harris display some of their prizewinning creations. A06_1623



Craft convenor Jacky Dow still made time to enter some of her handiwork despite the substantial work required organising the CWA Bass Group Creative Arts Exhibition in Loch. A07_1623



Dicky Dikkenberg and John Veldhuijen enjoy the Creative Arts Exhibition in Loch, with Dicky cutting down from about 80 entries last year to only 30 this year. A09_1623



Sue Healey and Pam Winston of Loch CWA help out at the Creative Arts Exhibition. A08_1623



'Ripplebrook'

291 acres of well-kept Bluegum grazing country

NUTRIEN Harcourts Leongatha are pleased to present this fantastic opportunity to secure approximately 291 acres (in 2 titles) of heavy Bluegum country.

The past few years have proven how tightly held rural farmland across Gippsland has been, and opportunities to secure a large holding like this does not come around often.

This property has been meticulously maintained by the current vendors for the past 26 years and would not disappoint with a private inspection. This property boasts:

- Heavy duty stockyards with under-roof crush, partially concreted yards with loading ramp, wash down hose and several working paddocks
- Three stand shearing shed with one plant and wool press
- 14m x 6m lock up machinery shed with concrete floor and 3m height clearance
- 18m x 9m lock up machinery shed with concrete floor and 3.8m height clearance
- 12m x 7.5m old storage shed/calf shed
- 15 main dams (including spring dams)
- Located in an annual 40-inch (1,000ml) rainfall district (average)
- Frontage to a branch of the Tarwin River
- 18 main paddocks of varying sizes
- Excellent fencing throughout, predominately 6 barb
- All weather central laneways
- Consistent annual fertiliser history
- A mixture of heavy grey, brown and red soils with undulating to some steep topography
- Clover and rye grass pastures
- Currently stocking cows, calves and yearlings
- Mains power nearby with many probable house sites available to build your dream home (S.T.C.A)
- Well established shelter belts, with blue gums, chestnut, cricket bat and willow trees

Located 10 minutes to the fabulous village of Mirboo North, 30 minutes to the Victorian Livestock Exchange (Major selling centre), 30 minutes to Leongatha or less than 2.5 hours to Melbourne CBD.

Contact Nutrien Harcourts selling agent Matt Redmond on 0418 357 341 for a private inspection or further information.

Inspections strictly by appointment only.



Rural 291 acres approx

62 Clear Creek Valley Rd, **Mirboo**

For Sale \$12,750 Per Acre

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LEONGATHA

Beautiful Family Home!

- 3 BR + study/4th BR, 2 bathroom home.
- Large 1,308m² block with rear lane access.
- Good shedding + close to school precinct.

FOR SALE \$675,000

MEENIYAN

Luxury in Meeniyian

- Immaculate 3 BR, 2 bathroom home.
- Approx. 16 acres, subdivision potential (STCA).
- Lock up 10mx15m shed, power & bathroom.

FOR SALE \$1,650,000

Barry Redmond



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Director/Licensed Estate Agent

Kellie Thomas



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Licensed Estate Agent

NERRENA

Approx. 248 Acre Heavy Carrying Country

- 3 titles, undulating to some hilly topography.
- Central laneway system to stockyards.
- Heavy duty stockyards with crush & loading ramp.

FOR SALE \$11,500 per acre

Matt Redmond



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Licensed Estate Agent

PORT FRANKLIN

Peace & Tranquillity in Port Franklin!

- BV 4 BR, 2 bathroom 2 storey home.
- Approx. 1,262m² with stunning views.
- 12x6.3m lock up shed.

FOR SALE \$749,000

Monique Wightman



5662 2292

Office Admin & Marketing Manager





4 2 1 764m²

41 Parkes St, **North Wonthaggi**
For Sale \$599,000
OI 12-1pm Saturday, April 22
Agent Alex Scott & Staff
 Mick Chambers 0418 349 783
 Dan Huther 0418 334 801

A surprise on Parkes Street

41 PARKES Street, North Wonthaggi is a stunning, fully renovated character home that boasts 4 spacious bedrooms and 2 modern bathrooms.

This charming property is situated in a peaceful and desirable area of North Wonthaggi and offers an idyllic lifestyle for families and professionals alike.

The interior of the home has been meticulously updated to provide a modern and comfortable living space, while still retaining its original character and charm.

With its spacious and light-filled rooms and warm, neutral décor, this home is the epitome of relaxed living.

The open-plan dining and kitchen with 900mm oven and gas cooktop is the perfect place for families to gather and the large lounge room offers a cosy space for everyone to relax in.

The bedrooms are spacious and offer ample storage, and the bathrooms are stylish and well-appointed.

The property boasts a 6.6kw solar system, which makes it eco-friendly and energy efficient. The outdoor undercover alfresco provides a delightful space for outdoor dining, barbecues and gatherings.

The five split system units and gas log heating ensure that the home is both warm and comfortable all year round.

The home also features a vegetable garden and fruit trees, providing fresh produce for the household and a great opportunity to practice sustainable living.

The workshop is perfect for those who enjoy DIY projects or who need additional storage space.

This property is a true gem and a must-see for anyone looking for a beautifully renovated home.

Open for inspection on April 22, at 12pm to 1pm.

Just minutes from Phillip Island

16 WITHERS Lane is a fantastic opportunity for those looking for a lifestyle property with a newly built, three year old home on a wonderful acre of land.

Situated in a quiet cul-de-sac, this property is positioned perfectly within walking distance to all the amenities that Bass has to offer.

Enjoy the peace and tranquillity of your own private acre with views of the Bass Hills on a corner block with two street entrances.

There is plenty of room to build a shed (STCA) to store all your vehicles or equipment.

The recent build has been built with generous proportions and features four oversize bedrooms plus a study for working from home.

It is equipped with all the modern extras such as walk in pantry, three split system A/Cs, high ceilings, double garage and a wonderful ensuite in the main bedroom. Outside is a massive undercover alfresco area complete with concrete floor.

The home has been established with sustainability in mind, it features a 6Kw solar system and a large water tank system to service the gardens and toilets. Perfect for those looking for a large home with low running costs.

The hard work has been done on this property and is ready for the new owners to move in. This is the ideal opportunity for someone looking for a newly built home that is already established.

Inspection anytime by appointment.

Conjunctional agent - FirstChoice San Remo



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16 Withers Lane, **Bass**
For Sale \$990,000-\$1,060,000
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FARM LAND LIST

81 ac	Jumbunna	\$10,185 pa
83 ac	Toora Nth	\$13,253 pa
108 ac	Wild Dog Valley	U/Contract
120 ac	Lance Creek	U/Contract
161 ac	Mardan	\$7,763 pa
205 ac	Leongatha Sth	\$13,400 pa
209 ac	Mt Eccles	\$10,047 pa

KORUMBURRA



112 Isabella Boulevard

- Stunning, nearly new 3 bdrm, 2 bath home
- Outdoor ent. area, room for van or boat
- Stylish design with quality finishes

\$815,000

Contact: Korumburra Office

SURF BEACH



10 Dunvegan Crescent

- Amazing water and rural views
- Set on impressive 1856m² (approx.)
- 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, 3 cars

\$2,000,000 - \$2,100,000

Contact: Cowes Office

WONTHAGGI



13 Henry Street East

- Great investment/development site
- 3 bedroom Coldon home on 977m² block
- Quiet North Wonthaggi location

\$495,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

LEONGATHA



3 Bond Court

- 3 bedroom home
- Renovated throughout
- Large block, lock up garage

\$450,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

KORUMBURRA



9 Prudence Close

- 3 bedroom home on 1,100m² block
- Views, 2 living areas, deck
- Double garage + room for shed

\$798,000

Contact: Korumburra Office

SURF BEACH



15 Alvina Crescent

- Two undercover outdoor area
- 691m² (approx.) allotment
- 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 2 cars

\$720,000 - \$760,000

Contact: Cowes Office

WONTHAGGI



20 Henry Street East

- As new cosy cottage, top location
- 3 bedrooms, open plan living
- HUGE block and great car accom

\$599,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

LEONGATHA



27 Brown Street

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

\$499,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

KONGWAK



Lot 2, 54 Wolonga Estate Road

- Approx. 152 acres, heavy carrying country
- 4 dams, troughs & water license
- Variety of sheds, stockyards

\$12,500 PA

Contact: Korumburra Office

RHYLL



216 Cowes Rhyll Road

- Totally self sufficient
- Set on 4.48ha (approx.)
- 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom, 4 cars

\$2,700,000 - \$2,900,000

Contact: Cowes Office

WONTHAGGI



12 Longstaff Street

- Period home, big character
- 2 separate living zones, 3 bedroom
- Treed allotment, relaxed living

\$599,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

LEONGATHA



56 Anderson Street

- 3 Bedroom + Study
- Upgraded kitchen
- Large secure yard, carport + garage

\$540,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

KORUMBURRA



17 Lower Gordon Street

- 4 bedroom home, newly renovated kitchen
- Rural outlook, close to town
- Dble garage with workshop & garden shed

\$860,000

Contact: Korumburra Office

RHYLL



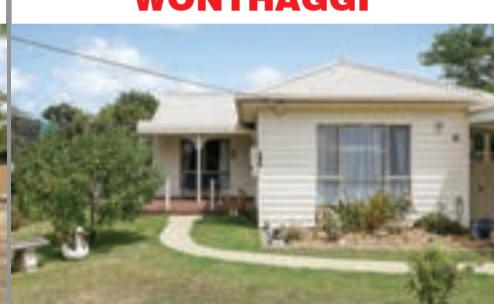
44 Lyall Street

- Short walk to Ventnor Beach
- Fully fenced with established gardens
- 2 bedrooms, 1 bathroom

\$780,000

Contact: Cowes Office

WONTHAGGI



41 Parkes Street

- Fully renovated family home
- Sunny living areas, 3/4 bedroom, 2 bath
- Easy care garden setting, rear lane access

\$619,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

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QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

HEALTH TRIVIA QUIZ

- [\$100] Which of the organs of the body is approximately seven metres in length? A. Large intestine. B. Small intestine. C. Lungs. D. Spinal cord.
- [\$200] What is the recommended daily amount of water intake for an adult? A. 1lt. B. 2lt. C. 3lt. D. 4lt.
- [\$300] Human beings share 98.8% of their DNA with which animal? A. Dachshund. B. Chimpanzee. C. Orangatang. D. Cow.
- [\$500] What is the recommended minimum number of servings of fruits and vegetables per day for optimal health? A. 3. B. 4. C. 5. D. 6.
- [\$1000] What is the name of the vein that returns blood from the brain to the heart? A. Aorta. B. Jugular. C. Pulmonary artery. D. Thoracic aorta.
- [\$2000] Which organ of the human body does Hepatitis A affect? A. Kidney. B. Liver. C. Lungs. D. Heart.
- [\$4000] What nutrient allows the body to absorb and use calcium? A. Vitamin A. B. Vitamin B. C. Vitamin C. D. Vitamin D.
- [\$8000] What percentage of the world's total population is obese? A. 10%. B. 30%. C. 50%. D. 70%.
- [\$16,000] What is anosmia? A. Colour-blindness. B. Confusion brought on by lack of sleep. C. A lack of zinc. D. An inability to smell.
- [\$32,000] A nephrologist specializes in the treatment of what? A. Brain. B. Throat. C. Kidney. D. Veins.
- [\$64,000] What is the Framingham risk score associated with? A. The probability of a mother passing an infection on to her child during birth. B. Level of alcohol consumption. C. A measure of a patient's knowledge about preventing sexually transmitted infections. D. A tool for assessing risk of cardiovascular disease.
- [\$125,000] What is paraesthesia? A. Temporary paralysis. B. Pins and needles. C. A headache. D. An addiction to plastic surgery.
- [\$250,000] A person's inability to speak is called what? A. Aphonia. B. Dysarthria. C. Dyslexia. D. Achromatopsia.
- [\$500,000] What is high-density lipoprotein (HDL)? A. A muscle-building nutrient. B. 'Good' cholesterol. C. A resilient cancer cell. D. A molecule that makes hair shiny and healthy.
- [\$1,000,000] What is a keloid? A. A disease that mimics multiple sclerosis. B. An overgrowth of scar tissue. C. A fibre-rich food. D. An instrument that operating-room staff use to measure weight.

SUDOKU

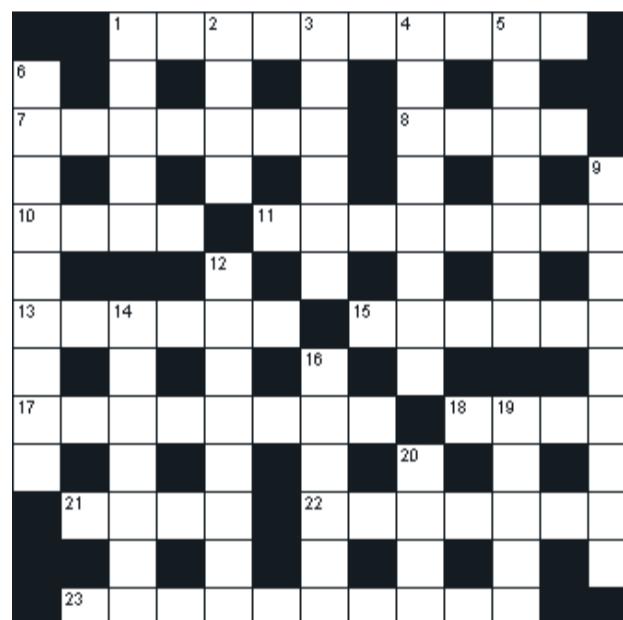
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QUICK CROSSWORD



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ACROSS

- Credible (10)
- Chic (7)
- Arrange in order (4)
- Cook in an oven (4)
- First showing of a film (8)
- Uncover (6)
- Northern Ireland (6)
- Roomy (8)
- Warmth (4)
- Orient (4)
- Bishop's district (7)
- Unnecessarily (10)

DOWN

- Fracture (5)
- Flesh without fat (4)
- Whole (6)
- Put together (8)
- Of greatest size (7)
- Robin (9)
- Rued (9)
- Helped (8)
- Mollify (7)
- Obstacle (6)
- Sorrowful poem (5)
- Throw carelessly (4)

Crossword:

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CODE CRACKER

Each letter in this puzzle is represented by a number 1-26.

Every letter of the alphabet is used at least once. Three letters are already in place to get you started.

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MOVE

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Dearer trend for stores

Report by the SGSA

AGENTS yarded 3700 head at last Friday's VLE Leongatha store sale in another excellent quality yarding with some very good lines of Angus and Herefords on offer.

Feedlot buyers were active with Charlton and TFI back in action as well as the regular feedlot operators and local graziers with prices lifting 20 cents on the Angus feeders, 10 cents on the Hereford feeders and the best of the weaner steers and heifers gaining 10 to 20 cents as well as secondary and Xbred cattle remained firm, with a few isolated sales showing a small improvement.

Leongatha Store Sale on Friday, April 14, 2023

Grown Steers

J Layton 12 Angus/BB	664kg	\$3.61	\$2400
G Terranova 15 Angus	639kg	\$3.75	\$2400
White Pastures 18 Angus	574kg	\$4.12	\$2370
G Terranova 21 Angus	564kg	\$4.14	\$2340
Kuch Grazing 23 Angus	553kg	\$4.19	\$2300
Gullaview 12 Angus	545kg	\$3.76	\$2050
P & T Harris 17 Angus	544kg	\$4.19	\$2280
B Dunbar 21 Angus	541kg	\$4.14	\$2240
Kuch Grazing 19 Angus	535kg	\$4.16	\$2230
G Terranova 18 Angus	530kg	\$4.20	\$2230
Kuch Grazing 19 Angus	529kg	\$4.38	\$2320
Stonewarra 20 Angus	523kg	\$4.26	\$2230
B Kuch 18 Angus	520kg	\$4.11	\$2140
Kuch Grazing 23 Angus	511kg	\$4.30	\$2200
Kuch Grazing 25 Angus	505kg	\$4.23	\$2140
P Kelly 15 Angus	505kg	\$4.19	\$2120
Stonewarra 19 Angus	496kg	\$4.96	\$2130
G Terranova 21 Angus	491kg	\$4.23	\$2080
O Waller 15 Angus	458kg	\$3.88	\$1780
P&T King 12 Angus	456kg	\$4.12	\$1880
Latrobe Park 25 Angus	448kg	\$4.48	\$1880
Trandarra 16 Angus	430kg	\$4.20	\$1810
Latrobe Park 18 Angus	420kg	\$4.13	\$1760
G Doderico 14 Angus	419kg	\$3.96	\$1660
R Castello 12 Angus	411kg	\$4.04	\$1660
D & D Fairbrother 12 Hereford	508kg	\$3.72	\$1890
G Anthony 26 Hereford	443kg	\$3.74	\$1660
F Wilson 15 Hereford & BB	425kg	\$3.88	\$1650
G Anthony 24 Hereford	423kg	\$3.78	\$1600
M Wight 18 Hereford	412kg	\$3.90	\$1610
Gullaview 19 Charo X	512kg	\$3.59	\$1840
B Obst 16 Charo X	446kg	\$3.76	\$1680

Weaners

Northside Past 15 Angus	410kg	\$4.08	\$1700
P&T King 17 Angus	397kg	\$4.03	\$1600
T Pouw 13 Angus	395kg	\$4.27	\$1690
G & H Phillips 17 BB	392kg	\$4.03	\$1580
C Corrigan 18 Angus	391kg	\$4.27	\$1670
Trandarra 26 Angus	391kg	\$4.24	\$1660
R Davies 16 Angus	374kg	\$4.27	\$1600
J & D Muldoon 18 Angus	373kg	\$4.15	\$1550
L & R Bastin 19 Angus	371kg	\$4.20	\$1560
Jt Fleming 20 Angus	344kg	\$4.36	\$1500
G & H Phillips 13 BB	330kg	\$3.80	\$1260
R Davies 22 Angus	321kg	\$5.39	\$1730
C Rankin 23 Angus	310kg	\$4.32	\$1340
Tullaree Past 32 Angus	275kg	\$4.29	\$1180
C Jeffrey 28 Hereford	373kg	\$3.62	\$1350
G Anthony 20 Hereford & BB	318kg	\$3.68	\$1170

Heifers

Af Sheridan & Part 13 Angus	456kg	\$3.50	\$1600
Mj Jeffery 11 Angus	456kg	\$3.41	\$1590
Northside Past 16 Angus	402kg	\$3.73	\$1500
Northside 14 Angus	381kg	\$3.97	\$1440
M Johnston 16 Angus	378kg	\$3.96	\$1500
Re Newnham 13 Angus	377kg	\$3.58	\$1350
Elm Valley 26 Angus	363kg	\$3.69	\$1340
D & S King 26 Angus	356kg	\$3.76	\$1340
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R & G Davies 21 Angus	328kg	\$3.68	\$1210

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The development of the Western Renewables Link and VNI-West will be a monumental mistake according to industry experts. Photo: Kim Ludbrook/EPA

A monumental mistake, says experts

A RECENT submission by Professors Bruce Mountain and Simon Bartlett AM on the VNI West and Western Renewables Link stated that the development will be a monumental mistake, stating it 'will be the biggest single expense in the Victorian transmission system in more than 50 years and the biggest mistake in transmission planning in living memory.'

The pair have submitted a detailed critique of AEMO's Consultation Report.

In response to Mountain and Bartlett's submission that highlights, 'a prolonged failure of any of the 1,500 transmission towers at the loading AEMO predicts, would likely cause an immediate statewide blackout and then, after restart, extensive electricity rationing until the damage is rectified', VFF President, Emma Germano has released a statement in support of further answers, and is urging farmers to also have their say.

"The Victorian Government must answer questions why it is fast-tracking a project experts say could triple electricity transmission costs, whilst steam rolling our state's farmers in the process," Ms Germano stated.

"The submission put forward by Professors Bruce Mountain and Simon Bartlett AM on the VNI-West and Western Renewables Link suggest it would be a monumental mistake to go ahead with these projects.

"The Victorian Government must explain to farmers why they are being forced to endure needless anxiety and

fear over having their land carved up by power lines that may provide no benefit to the state.

"Farmers are white hot with anger over how they are being treated with utter disrespect in this process. They have every right to be."

"The Victorian Government has failed to properly plan for the transition to renewable energy whilst imposing its targets on the people and economy of Victoria and farmers are being forced to wear the cost.

"We must get this transition to renewables right. The consequences of trampling over farmers rights will be a double whammy of skyrocketing food and electricity prices for all Victorians."

Farmers are encouraged to have their say by providing their own submissions before close tomorrow (Wednesday, April 19).

Further information, including template submissions can be viewed on the VFF website.

Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Jersey & Jersey x	.....	\$24 to \$48
Friesian Bulls	.....	\$32 to \$90
Friesian Heifers	.....	\$120 to \$210
Beef Bulls	.....	\$60 to \$290
Beef Heifers	.....	\$50 to \$170

Number of Calves: 250

Number purchased to rear: 101

Please note there will be no calf market Monday, April 24 due to ANZAC Day.

MARKET REPORT

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Leongatha Prime Sale on Wed, April 12, 2023

Bullocks

1 Hengstberger I & R Stony Ck	575.0	370.0	2,127
16 Mayfield Park1 Wonthaggi	631.6	368.6	2,327
15 Brown A & P Wattle Bank	649.3	366.6	2,380
2 Hengstberger I & R Stony Ck	560.0	364.6	2,041
12 Littlejohn N & Son Mirboo Nth	617.5	360.0	2,223
7 Donchi T & J Alberton West	662.1	356.6	2,361

Steers

4 Campbell G I & C A Mardan	362.5	335.6	1,216
2 Pocklington R (Jim) Stony Ck	535.0	335.0	1,792
2 Fajerman L & M Toora	327.5	330.0	1,080
2 Schellekens HF & AM P/L Bass	402.5	330.0	1,328
1 Sandy Hill Pastoral 1 Seaview	415.0	330.0	1,369
1 Hengstberger I & R Stony Ck	435.0	329.6	1,433

Heifers

1 Townsend P & B Hazelwood Sth	395.0	470.0	1,856
2 Hengstberger I & R Stony Ck	455.0	450.0	2,047
1 Mangiafico A & KJ Dumbalk Nth	395.0	430.0	1,698
5 Challis B & Vagg S Mardan	367.0	430.0	1,578
1 Hancock IJ & ACN Jeetho West	405.0	415.6	1,683
6 Andco P/L Mardan	360.8	410.0	1,479

Cows

1 Sibily BV & GA Woolamai	550.0	330.0	1,815

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Have a say on rural matters

BASS Coast Shire is looking for new members to join the Bass Coast Rural Engagement Group.

The Bass Coast Rural Engagement Group was formed in 2013 as an advisory group to Council to ensure an open, productive relationship between Council and representatives of the agricultural sector.

Approximately 76 per cent of land in Bass Coast is used for agricultural purposes.

Agriculture contributes over \$200 million to the local economy through a combination of traditional farming - such as dairy and meat production plus processing, as well as agricultural boutique enterprises - including venison, producers, olives, wine, and cheese.

In the past 10 years, the group has contributed to the implementation of differential rates, increased roadside weed management and the introduction of Land Management Rebates for revegetation.

They've also contributed to consultation for Council and State Government strategies impacting the agricultural sector including the Bass Coast Unlocking Rural Tourism Strategy, Rural Land Use Strategy, Distinct Area Landscape Strategy.

The Bass Coast Rural Engagement Group meets quarterly for in person meetings at central locations in the shire.

The group discuss matters that impact the rural sector, provide opportunities to network and collaborate with key stakeholders, as well as provide advice to Council on strategic direction.

The group works closely with other industry bodies including Food and Fibre Gippsland, the local Victorian Farmers Federation, and Bass Coast Landcare Network.

You can sign up for the committee for one or two years, with a minimum two-year term from 2024.

For more information and to apply go to: <https://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/rural-engagement-group>



German backpacker Sarah saves Bounty and is now looking for him to have a forever home through charity 'Til the Cows Come Home.



Bounty and Ollie are looking for their forever-loving home as companions and can be adopted from foster care through Til the Cows Come Home.

One backpacker's mission to save a life

A GERMAN backpacker resuscitated a calf set to be slaughtered. But now they need to find a forever home.

Number 174, the number issued to a little calf who had no name. 174, stripped from his mother within only 24 hours of his birth was facing the fate of hundreds of thousands of calves.

Condemned to a life with one sole purpose, eat until his body was big enough for human consumption.

174's mother, like most female cows on dairy farms, is kept in a constant cycle - artificial impregnation, birthing, milk production, repeat.

174 may have not been the first calf she had carried and birthed, to be taken from her. Heartbreakingly, nor would he be the last.

You may hope the routine abuse would become easier for her. This is not the case. So traumatised, mothers have broken down fences, cried in anguish and even hidden their calves from farmers.

Their stolen calves and split into two groups, those for human consumption and those to be "disposed of". 174 was destined for the former.

That was until 174 met Sarah.

Sarah is a backpacker from

Germany, like many travelling in Australia she was completing her visa-required regional work on a dairy farm. Day after day she would visit the calves and one always stuck out to her. He would seek Sarah out and the two became bonded to one another.

She named him, Bounty.

This was the first time he had ever been treated as anything but a number, he joyfully began to come to his name being called.

She convinced the farmer to let her buy him, but she had one problem, where would he go? As she had no residency here, she searched for a safe

place for him. That is when she found 'Til The Cows Come Home.

'Til The Cows Come home is an Australian not-for-profit animal charity founded in 2018. The team rescue unwanted, unviable, "waste" farmed animals, rehabilitate them in short-term foster care and rehome them into safe, forever-loving homes as companions.

Their journey is not over yet, now the task is finding their forever home.

If you think you can help, give Bounty and Ollie the home they deserve, please get in touch by emailing info@tilthecowscomehome.org

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Milk deserves more conversation and education

GIPPSLAND Jersey is hosting an on-farm barista day for all the city hipsters. They say that coffee beans are only half the story because milk is what mostly goes into each cup.

Co-Founder/ Director of Gippsland Jersey, Sallie Jones said, "we think the milk deserves some conversation (and education!)."

"We are asking baristas to join us at the farm to learn more about jersey milk and the process it takes to get milk into a bottle and into your coffee cup."

"Milky's (the cow variety) are still the number one favourite coffee in Australia – and that's a true fact," said Sallie.

Luke Wallace from Wallacedale Jerseys is a supplier to Gippsland Jersey and looks forward to having baristas and café owners on the farm for the next barista day.

"I'm looking forward to meeting a lot of new people and showing everyone around the farm, introducing them to the cows, and showing everyone how we do things here on the property," said Luke.

"Come and check out where your milk comes from and why jersey milk is so good," said Sallie.

"This event is open to any cafe owner, barista or just a milk-in-coffee lover, we welcome them to visit the farm in Poowong and experience milking a cow firsthand and to see a new way of farming with robots. Our farmers will enlighten baristas on why coffee beans are just half of the story."

The date is set for Tuesday, April 18.

Anyone wanting to come along can RSVP here <https://gippslandjersey-8970706.hs-sites.com/baristainvite>

Register your waste tyres to protect against risks

A NEW Environment Protection Authority Victoria (EPA) registration for farmers using waste tyres in silage production will help reduce the risk of fire and harm to human health and the environment.

Stockpiled tyres can pose a significant fire risk with tyre fires hard to extinguish, emitting toxic smoke and can contribute to harm in the environment. Having an understanding of a farm's tyre stocks will help mitigate the risk and severity they pose.

EPA Gippsland Regional Manager Jessica Bandiera said silage production is critical for a healthy agricultural industry.

"The registration strikes the right balance between making sure farmers can feed their stock while also helping to reduce the risk of harm to human health and the environment," she said.

Farmers, or anyone, using and/or storing more than 5m3 (about the size of a small skip bin) of waste tyres as weights for silage production, have until July 1, 2023, to apply for a registration.

"We've made the process to apply for a registration as easy as possible. It's free, fast and can even be done on your smart phone."

"By having farmers and others, who use waste tyres for silage production, apply for this free registration, we are all doing our part to ensure waste tyres are correctly stored and managed to help reduce the risk of fire or environmental harm," Ms Bandiera said.

For more information and to apply for a registration go to epa.vic.gov.au/for-business/permissions/registrations/b04-guidance-on-waste-tyres-for-silage-production.



Yellow staining and death caps are poisonous and only commercially bought mushrooms should be consumed.

Poisonous mushrooms warning issued for Victoria

VICTORIANS are being warned of the dangers of consuming wild mushrooms, as wet and cooler weather provides the ideal growing conditions for certain types of mushrooms.

Two particular wild mushroom species – Death Cap mushrooms and Yellow staining mushrooms – commonly grow in both metropolitan Melbourne and regional Victoria, and can cause gastrointestinal illness, liver failure, and death.

Death Cap mushrooms – the most dangerous species – are typically found near oak trees in metropolitan Melbourne and rural areas. It is an exotic species that was accidentally introduced from Europe and has been found under other deciduous trees or

conifers in other parts of the world. These mushrooms are large, with a pale yellow-green to olive-brown cap, white gills, a skirt around the stem and a cup-shaped sac around the base.

Symptoms of poisoning by Death Cap can include stomach pains, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea within hours of consumption. Even if symptoms subside, serious organ failure can occur 24-48 hours after ingestion that may result in death.

The Yellow staining mushroom is another exotic species that is the cause of most poisonings due to ingestion of wild fungi in Victoria. This mushroom looks very similar to 'supermarket' or cultivated mushrooms and to edible wild mushrooms,

such as the field mushroom.

In urban areas, the Yellow staining mushroom can grow in large troops in lawns and gardens. The cap and stem are white-ish to pale brown, and turn yellow when rubbing the surface with a thumbnail. It usually has an unpleasant odour. Symptoms experienced after consumption include nausea, stomach cramps, vomiting, and diarrhoea. The severity of symptoms varies with the amount eaten.

People should contact the Victorian Poisons Information Centre immediately on 13 11 26 for assistance 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

More information on mushroom poisoning is available on Better Health Channel.



Ideal weather conditions see the poisonous Yellow staining mushrooms sprouting in regional Victoria.

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DEATHS

ANDERSON, Alexa (Lexie):
Condolences to Bill and family.
Dear friend of Lois and Barry.
A lovely lady at rest.

BOLDING, Graeme Joseph:
03.02.1940 - 14.04.2023.
Devoted and loving husband of Betty for 61 wonderful years.
Loving father and father-in-law of Kim and Gary, Gary and Robyn, Steven and Gwyn and Michael and Angela.

Treasured and adored Grandfather to 10 and Great Grandfather to 6. To hear your voice, to see you smile, to sit and talk to you a while, to be together in the same old way, would be our greatest wish today.

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Loving father of Steven and Gwyn, Grandpa to Chris and Olivia.

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BRENT, Robert John:
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COLE, Ewan:
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EDDY, Lorraine:
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SMITH, Maci Loraine-Jean:
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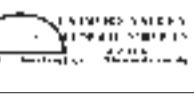
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- Lead the Customer, Community & Strategy Division and manage resources and budgets professionally with clear aims and objectives
- Provide inclusive leadership, professional advice and actively mentor, develop and support direct reports and other Corporation staff
- Provide strategic advice, reporting and options to SGW's Managing Director, Board, Committees to support informed decision making
- Lead the development of South Gippsland Water's Vision and Strategy and the longer-term program to deliver the strategic outcomes
- Partner with the Executive Team to drive alignment of departmental strategies to facilitate adherence to the Ministers Letters of Expectation and community expectations.
- Full Time/5 Year Fixed Term Contract
- Starting Location Foster, Victoria
- Flexible Work Arrangements Available
- Public Entity Remuneration Policy Executive Employment Agreement PSES-1

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Applications Close Friday, April 21, 2023 at 5pm

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1300 851 636 | www.sgwater.com.au

Email resume to rhemming@motusau.com



LMCT 10285 & 11276



Registered Nursing (RN) - Night Shift

Banfields Aged Care is seeking a motivated and dedicated Registered Nurse specifically for night shifts to be a part of our team.

Your responsibilities will be to provide nursing care guided by the Director of Care including medication management, clinical practice and supervision, documentation, wound management, and palliative care.

The successful candidates will have:

- Registered Nurse qualifications and current AHPRA registration (RN only).
- Previous experience in residential aged care essential.
- Ability to lead, motivate & educate staff.
- Strong communication skills.
- Team player qualities.

Additionally, you will need:

- Current influenza vaccination
- Three COVID-19 vaccinations
- Current Police Check
- Current Victorian Drivers Licence

We are a non-smoking facility.

If you believe you have the qualities and skills we are looking for please forward your resume to Reception via email reception@banfields.com.au



PCA positions available (Must have experience)

Banfields Aged Care is part of a family-owned Australian Aged Care Group Pty Ltd (AACG), which prides itself on imagination and innovation in caring for the aged.

We are located at 192 Thompson Avenue, Cowes, Phillip Island a short stroll into town for the local beach and shops.

Set amongst beautiful landscaped grounds. Banfields Aged care is a 90-bed residential care facility which provides an extensive range of services.

As a PCA, your responsibilities will be to provide nursing care as directed by a Registered Nurse.

Casual and permanent part-time contracts are available for these positions.

Applicants must have a positive and professional work ethic with dedication and commitment to high quality care.

Essential criteria:

- Certificate III or IV in Aged Care.
- Current National Police Check.
- Demonstrated knowledge/ability in providing safe quality personal care to consumers and ensuring the rights of consumers are respected.
- Compassionate and empathetic person.
- Excellent communication skills - both written and verbal.
- Efficient time management skills.
- Must have flexible availability and be reliable.
- Ability to travel to Cowes on Phillip Island.
- Current evidence of influenza vaccination.
- Both COVID-19 Vaccinations.
- Current Victorian Drivers Licence.

What you can expect from us:

- A friendly, social & collaborative team
- A workplace that supports and values their staff
- Support from management and ongoing development and education opportunities

Desirable:

- Previous experience in Residential Aged Care.

We are a non-smoking facility.

If you believe you have the qualities and skills we are looking for please call: the Acting Director of Care, on (03) 5951 2500 or forward your resume to reception@banfields.com.au

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Part Time

Driver - Planned Activity Groups

Part Time

Health Care Worker

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Allied Health

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Admin Assistant

Part Time

Clinical Coder

Full Time



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Bus Driver - Casual

Banfields Aged Care is currently seeking an experienced and personable bus driver to provide driving services for, and to ensure the safe and comfortable transport of, our Residents and Clients. This is a casual position to work, as required.

Desired Skills and Experience for this position are:

- Current 1b (LR) licence - mandatory.
- Proven experience and reliability in bus driving.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Experience in Occupational Health and Safety.
- The ability to solve problems independently.

What you will also need:

- A current influenza vaccination.
- Three COVID-19 vaccinations.
- A current Police Check.
- Current Victorian Drivers Licence.

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Registered Nursing (RN) Staff and Endorsed Enrolled Nursing (EEN) staff required

Positions for permanent part time and casual shifts at Banfields Aged Care

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We are seeking motivated and dedicated Registered Nurses and Endorsed Enrolled Nurses to be part of our team.

Your responsibilities will be to provide nursing care guided by the Director of Care including medication management, clinical practice and supervision, documentation, wound management, and palliative care;

The successful candidate will have:

- Registered Nurse qualifications and current AHPRA registration (RN only)
- Current registration with AHPRA as an Enrolled Nurse with medication endorsement (EEN only)
- Previous experience in residential aged care essential
- Ability to lead, motivate & educate staff.
- Strong communication skills.
- Current Police Check.
- Team player qualities.
- Current influenza vaccination.
- Three COVID-19 vaccinations.
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Maintenance/ Fitter Operator

As a maintenance technician, your primary responsibility is to carry out preventative and corrective maintenance within our manufacturing plant in the picturesque township of Toora.

Work within various production areas of the business.

Available to work Mon-Fri from 6am to 4.30pm, up to 40 hours per week, with potential for overtime, depending on production needs.

Your responsibilities will include but are not limited to:

- Undertake all duties in a safe and professional manner
- Follow Viplus Dairy's policies and procedures
- Follow Good Manufacturing Practices
- Preventative maintenance to all our machinery
- Fault finding and problem solving of the plant equipment
- Following correct OH&S procedures
- General site duties
- Ability to communicate with contractors to help problem solve and ordering of spare parts

Successful candidates will have:

- The ability to work effectively both independently and as a member of a team
- Undertake a drug and alcohol test prior to commencement
- Previous experience in the dairy industry or manufacturing environment is highly regarded, but not essential
- Driver's Licence
- A valid forklift licence would be highly regarded
- Has good mechanical aptitude
- Has a can do attitude with good communication skills
- Be fully COVID-19 vaccinated

Email Resume to admin@toora.viplusdairy.com by Friday, April 28

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Manager Finance & Commercial Services

South Gippsland Water (SGW) are currently seeking an enthusiastic and proactive person to join us in the role of Manager Finance & Commercial Services. The key requirements of the role are:

- Development of core financial business processes, assigning controls and configuring systems
- Take a lead role in the continuous improvement and automation of financial business processes
- Responsible for the oversight of finance, treasury, purchasing and procurement functions, including inventory management
- Delivery of financial elements, including the annual budget to support the Corporate Plan and Annual Report in accordance with Government requirements
- Support the CFO by ensuring compliance with standing directions 2018 under the Financial Management Act 1994.
- Preparation of annual regulatory returns and co-ordination of the annual financial audit, and financial modelling to support the regulatory Pricing Submission
- Experience working within a Victorian Water Authority or similar regulated corporation is highly desirable
- Permanent/Full Time
- Starting Location: Hybrid/Leongatha or Foster Office. Minimum 2 days a week from Leongatha Office
- Flexible Work Arrangements Available
- SGW Enterprise Agreement SEO Level

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Customer Service Positions

Part time / Casual

Browns Stockfeed are looking for two enthusiastic, multi skilled individuals to join their team in the Leongatha retail store. The position involves all aspects of customer service, sales and general store duties.

The successful applicants will have:

- Customer Service and Sales experience
- Demonstrated understanding of the rural industry
- Possess exceptional time management and organisational skills
- Be well presented with excellent communication skills
- Be willing and able to work regular Saturday mornings
- Hold a current drivers licence and preferably a forklift licence as well.

If this role appeals to you please forward your resume and covering letter to:

Email: admin@brownssf.com.au

Mail: The Store Manager,

86 Yarragon Road, Leongatha, 3953

Phone: Cameron Kindellan 0439 623 199

Applications close: Friday, May 5, 2023



Bass Coast Health

Current vacancies

Registered Nurse HITH

Permanent Full Time, Permanent Part Time
– Closes 28/04/2023

Integrated Family Services Practitioner

Permanent Full Time, Permanent Part Time
– Closes 26/04/2023

Allied Health Assistant

Fixed Term Full Time – Closes 18/04/2023

Health Services Partnerships Coordinator

Fixed Term Part Time – Closes 21/04/2023

Senior Drug and Alcohol Case Worker

Fixed Term Full Time – Closes 19/04/2023

Instrument Technician Team Leader

Permanent Full Time, Permanent Part Time
– Closes 30/04/2023

Clinical Development Nurse

Permanent Part Time – Closes 21/04/2023

Endorsed Enrolled Nurse Graduate

Fixed Term Part Time – Closes 04/05/2023

Physiotherapist

Permanent Full Time – Closes 30/04/2023

Oral Health Therapist

Permanent Full Time, Permanent Part Time
– Closes 30/04/2023

To find out more about working at Bass Coast Health and to apply, visit the Careers page on our website or contact our HR team on

hr@basscoasthealth.org.au or 5671 3151



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w www.basscoasthealth.org.au



Casual Retail Sales

We are currently looking for new motivated and enthusiastic people to join our team at Autopro Wonthaggi and Cowes.

Autopro Wonthaggi and Autopro Cowes are a well-known, well trusted, respected locally owned and run business. Autopro Wonthaggi and Cowes have a great history of long employment and providing a happy productive environment.

The position is for casual retail sales. Autopro is a 7 days a week business.

Hours will include weekend work. We are looking for applicants who have:

- A positive attitude to work and their work colleagues.
- Strong communication skills with the ability to think on their feet and solution find for customers.
- Able to execute tasks enthusiastically as well as apply initiative, when necessary, to create an efficient work environment.
- Experience in the automotive industry is not critical but an interest in cars is an advantage.
- Training and product knowledge will be provided to any successful applicants.

If you believe you have what it takes to be a member of our team, then we would encourage you to present your resume with references to either Peter or Gavin at our Wonthaggi or Cowes store.

If you, due to current conditions, are unable to present in store, please supply your resume with references through to gavin@wonthaggi.autopro.com.au.

Previous applicants need not apply.



Quality Control Officer

We have an opportunity for a Quality Assurance Officer to join a highly flexible dynamic production environment. We are looking for a motivated and reliable individual to ensure quality system documentation and records are adhered to. You will be liaising with various areas of the business.

Available to work Mon-Fri from 6am to 4.30pm, up to 40 hours per week, depending on production needs.

Your responsibilities will include but are not limited to:

- Conducting necessary checks and approvals for incoming and outgoing goods
- Follow Viplus Dairy's policies and procedures
- Follow good manufacturing practices
- Coordinating quality system documentation and records
- Working closely with internal stakeholders to maintain and improve quality for our products
- Ensure all Critical Control Point verification and calibration activities are completed
- Checking production for product, labelling and quality conformance

Successful candidates will have:

- Experience in food manufacturing
- Quality control experience
- Sound knowledge and understanding of food safety systems
- Great organisational skills
- Ability to work effectively both independently and as a member of a team.
- Be fully COVID-19 vaccinated

Email Resume to
admintoora@viplusdairy.com
by Friday, April 28



Maintenance Person

Permanent, Part-time

We are seeking a motivated and dedicated Maintenance Person to be part of our team on a permanent part-time basis.

About the role:

An exciting opportunity exists for an energetic and motivated Maintenance Person to work within our modern aged care facility at Banfields Aged Care.

In this role you will:

- Have previous building and grounds maintenance experience,
- Perform general maintenance tasks across the home and grounds,
- Have a strong focus on ensuring a high standard of work,
- Maintain compliance with a scheduled building and grounds maintenance program, providing a safe and attractive living environment for all of our residents to enjoy.

About you:

- Demonstrated experience as an all-round handy person with solid skills in repairs, gardening and maintenance jobs
- Excellent problem-solving skills with strong attention to detail and a can-do attitude
- Proven customer service skills and the ability to build rapport with residents
- Outstanding communication skills
- The ability to work in a team environment or autonomously as required
- Reliable, friendly and professional manner

Additionally, you will need:

- Current influenza vaccination
- Three COVID-19 vaccinations
- Current Police Check
- Current Victorian Drivers Licence

For more information, please email reception@banfields.com.au



Executive Manager People, Safety and Culture

South Gippsland Water (SGW) are currently seeking a motivated and experienced person to join SGW in the role of Executive Manager People, Safety and Culture.

You will lead and influence the growth and development of the corporation through the delivery of high-level expertise, guidance and advice in all areas of Human Resources, Payroll, Industrial Relations, Organisational Development, and Workplace Health, Safety and Wellbeing.

Operating as a member of the corporation's Executive Leadership Team, you will be a key partner and coach to the Executive Team responsible for delivering sustainable, contemporary whole of enterprise strategies, manage risk and ensure current and future organisational capability.

The key requirements of the role are:

- Lead a multi-disciplinary team to achieve excellence across all facets of Human Resources, Industrial Relations, Organisational Development, Payroll, WHS, Workcover and Employee Wellbeing.
- As a member of the Executive Team, actively participate and contribute to the organisation's strategic and operational planning.
- Support the embedding of the organisation's People, Culture and Safety programs of work to position South Gippsland Water as an Employer of Choice.
- Develop, deliver and evaluate projects relating to HR, Culture, IR, HSW, and/or Organisational Development (OD) as part of the annual business plan.
- Permanent Full Time
- Starting Location Foster, Victoria
- Flexible Work Arrangements Available
- SGW Enterprise Agreement Senior Executive Officer

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General Manager & People and Culture

Part time, Permanent Venus Bay

We are seeking an experienced professional to join our small not-for-profit organisation. You will provide support for the staff of a gentleman with complex disabilities to assist him to live safely and participate in his community.

Your role will include administration, supporting staff in human relations management, working with the team leader, case management and knowledge of the NDIS and developing a constructive relationship with the staff, the committee of management, the gentleman and his family.

24 hours a week,
FTE \$119,766 year + Super.

For further information
Contact Les on 0417 572 475 or
email: admin@adamsupport.org.au

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Port Welshpool Harbour Local Port Area Plan

Gippsland Ports, the local port manager, is looking to the future and considering options to make the harbour safer and more accessible for commercial and recreational vessels.

To do this Gippsland Ports will develop a Local Port Area Plan. A future use plan for the Harbour which aims to improve the safety, sustainability, operations and functionality of the Harbour.

Gippsland Ports wants to hear from people who use, and have a connection with Port Welshpool Harbour to understand how it can create a sustainable local port.

Meetings and Drop-in Session are to be held on **Thursday 27 April 2023** at the **Port Welshpool Ferry Terminal Building, Lewis Street, Port Welshpool**

11am -12.30pm Commercial Operators and Berth Permit Holders Meeting

Meeting with existing and potential commercial operators and berth permit holders to better understand user requirements.

2.00pm - 4.00pm Drop-in Session
Drop-in anytime between 2.00pm and 4.00pm to speak informally with Gippsland Ports staff, find out about the plan and share your views.

5.30-7.30pm Roundtable Discussion
Attend a more formal roundtable discussion with harbour users and other interested community members to share your views about future directions for the Harbour.

For further enquiries, or if you cannot attend the sessions and would like to provide your input, please contact

Gippsland Ports via email feedback@gippslandports.vic.gov.au; visit the website www.gippslandports.vic.gov.au/news or scan the QR code below.



CARING FOR SAM'S CHILDREN

Please support the fundraiser for Sam Fraser's children, to help cover the cost of their care and education. To donate, go to gofund.me/b6e777cb, or search gofundme.com for "Caring for Sams Children".



FOSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL CLEANING CONTRACT

The tender for cleaning at Foster Primary School is up for renewal.

To bid for this tender, please visit the school's web page for documents <http://fosterps.vic.edu.au/community-links/>

The school tour will be held on **Friday, April 28 at 3.30pm**
75 Pioneer Street, Foster, VIC, 3960
Contact Kylie Mitchell 5682 2370.

Tenders close Friday, May 5.
Tender award week
commencing Monday, May 15
Commencement date Monday, May 29.

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PUBLIC NOTICE AIR SCOURING



Water mains cleaning

As part of our continuing program to improve the quality of your water supply, Westernport Water will be undertaking water mains cleaning across Phillip Island, Bass and Woolamai from 26 April to 9 May 2023.

Air scouring is a proven method of cleaning water mains and involves injecting filtered pressurised air through the pipe, removing potential build-up.

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

- Customers in the areas directly impacted will be notified up to 7 days prior to commencement of the water interruption
- Impacted customers may be without water for a few hours to enable works
- A schedule is available on our website
- If you experience water that appears milky following the works, this is caused by small pressurised air bubbles. This will resolve over time and is safe to drink.
- Contractor H&S Maintenance, who are cleaning the water mains, do not necessarily have to be in your street or at your property to carry out their work.

Please contact our Project Coordinator on **1300 720 711** if you have any questions.

westernportwater.com.au



Tourism spend increases for Phillip Island and Bass Coast

DESTINATION Phillip Island's latest visitor survey information shows visitors are spending more and staying longer.

The data from Tourism Research Australia's National Visitor Survey for January to December 2022, indicate strong recovery in expenditure to pre-pandemic levels in the Phillip Island/Bass Coast Visitor Economy.

Data shows a substantial increase of 36% in tourism spend in the Phillip Island/Bass Coast with a total of \$753m spent in 2022.

This is well ahead of pre-pandemic levels, with a 36% increase on 2019 and a 42% increase on 2021. Visitors are also staying longer with an increase in the length of stay, up by 18%.

The Island saw 2.1m domestic visitors in 2022, a small increase of 3% compared to 2021. However, this number remains below the pre-COVID number of visitors in 2019, with a decrease of 24%.

Domestic overnight spend in Phillip Island has far exceeded pre-pandemic levels with a 52% increase to \$631m in 2022. This is a year-on-year increase of 45% compared to 2021. Overnight visitors spent an average of \$561 per visitor, or \$183 per night.

There were 1.1m domestic overnight visitors to Phillip Island in 2022. This was up 4% on the 2019 pre-pandemic level and an increase of 35% on 2021 numbers.

Visitors stayed a total of 3.4 million nights in Phillip Island with each overnight visitor spending an average of 3.1 nights in the region, a 23% increase year-on-year and 18% increase from pre-pandemic levels in 2019.

There were 968,000 domestic daytrip visitors to Phillip Island in 2022. This is a decrease in domestic daytrip numbers as compared to both 2019, 36% drop and 2021, a 20% drop.

Domestic daytrip spend totalled \$121m, equating to \$125 spent per domestic daytrip visitor. This is a 30% increase in daytrip expenditure for 2022, but a 11% decrease as

compared to pre-pandemic levels in 2019.

Tourism growth across the state is expected to strengthen further as supply-side issues are slowly resolved, particularly in terms of aviation capacity, and the recovery of international tourism builds pace. Strong pent-up demand to travel continues to buoy the sector, despite signs of weakness in other areas of the economy.

Destination Phillip Island (DPI) is currently progressing the development of a 10-year Destination Management Plan (DMP) for the region, and a consultant will be appointed by April 30.

To support low season growth, significant development of three key low season events hopes to see an increase of visitation in both domestic and international markets.

The Island Whale Festival, Phillip Island Festival of Stories and Tidal Seafood Festival San Remo have had strategic overhaul to become bigger and better in 2023 and beyond and drive low season growth in the region's visitor economy.

Staffing and housing shortages are still impacting the industry's ability to operate at full capacity which in turn has impact on the levels of visitation the region can service. Destination Phillip Island are supporting the growth and development of the visitor economy through their Industry Strengthening Program providing training and development to industry.

Collaboration with other Victorian regions will see an upcoming investment in the Tourism Jobs Bank smartphone application. The app aims to create a centralised approach to recruitment across the Phillip Island and Bass Coast tourism industry and to improve capability to attract, recruit and retain quality workforce with required skillsets.

Data Source: Research produced by the Tourism and Events Research Unit, DJSIR, April 2023. Further findings and information can be found online.

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LANG LANG GAS PLANT South Gippsland Highway, Nyora

Maintenance and shutdown of Lang Lang Gas Plant

April 2023

Beach Energy will be conducting maintenance and shutdown activities at the Lang Lang Gas Plant from 21 April 2023 for approximately 12 days.

Maintenance safety works may require noticeable gas flaring for short periods of time. The Environment Protection Authority (EPA) has granted necessary approval for these activities, and Beach Energy also has necessary permits issued under the *Country Fire Authorities Act 1958*.

Want to know more?

Visit beachenergy.com.au/bass-basin/

We welcome your questions, please contact:

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E community@beachenergy.com.au

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Forming closer links in South Gippsland

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council is keen to work more closely with the business associations representing its towns, helping boost membership and participation in them by local business operators.

Mayor Nathan Hersey recently attended the Business Associations Presidents' Lunch and said a common theme to emerge was the fact membership and participation have failed to bounce back to pre-COVID levels.

"Businesses are up and going, but it's about how do you get back on track with local ideas sharing and future vision when people have left those groups," Cr Hersey said.

That feedback is driving council's desire to become more involved with the various business associations across the shire.

Specifically, the aim is to adopt a more coordinated approach, with council helping to share ideas between towns.

"There's no point reinventing the wheel and if one of our towns has already come up with something and council can assist to have that done in another town, through the business association, then we should and we would," Cr Hersey said.

He added that council received positive feedback during the lunch about the value of events such as the recent jobs expo in Leongatha that help bring business operators and job seekers together.

While the recent Business Associations Presidents' Lunch was the first since COVID hit, Cr Hersey said the plan is to ensure interaction between council and the associations is ongoing.

Yanakie foreshore management discussions to continue

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council's 'Coastal Strategy Discussion Paper' appears to link a potential transfer of land management for the Yanakie foreshore area from council to the State Government to the findings of an eight-year-old report.

The Victorian Environmental Assessment Council's (VEAC) Marine Investigation (2014) is referred to in the discussion paper, followed immediately by the possibility of the land management transfer.

"The VEAC's Marine Investigation (2014) recognises the significant natural ecosystems of Corner Inlet and proposes that the boundaries of the Corner Inlet Marine and Coastal Park be formally defined," the paper states, before raising the prospect of the land transfer.

"The State Government has informed council that they are willing to take over responsibility for the Yanakie foreshore area subject to reaching an agreement with Parks Victoria to become the land manager."

Yanakie Progress Association (YPA) has expressed concern at the way in which the VEAC Marine Investigation (2014) has been referred to in the discussion paper.

"The recommendations made in the report should be the focus of future discussions and actions, rather than transferring the management of the Yanakie foreshore to the State government," YPA states.

Its president Damian Paull said the VEAC report recommended the Shire Council work with local community to develop a management plan that balances conservation and allowing recreational access to the area.

A council spokesperson responded to a request from the *Sentinel-Times* for further information on the link between the proposed land management transfer and the VEAC Marine Investigation (2014).

"The reference to the VEAC's Marine Investigation (2014) was included in the Coastal Strategy Discussion Paper to provide an overview of previous research that has occurred in this space and to provide background to aid discussion; as the consultation stage has only just concluded and the Coastal Strategy is still to be developed, it would be premature to comment further at this stage," the council spokesperson responded.



Nick of Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) Gippsland and Small Business Bus driver Lewis refuse to let Wednesday's dreary weather discourage them from welcoming people in Leongatha for a chat about running or establishing a business

Small business bus helps on road to success

BUSINESS Victoria's Small Business Bus rumbled into Leongatha recently, with 'rural business support officer' Nick Dudley on hand to provide advice and answer questions, whether about existing or proposed businesses.

Nick, who works for Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) Gippsland was able to provide a mix of reassurance and new knowledge to a visitor to the bus who is considering establishing a new business locally.

Without revealing the nature of the business or the person concerned, Nick outlined some of the considerations he discussed with the potential business operator.

That included assessing whether the business proposition is unique, determining if there is a need for that particular business, whether

equivalent businesses exist in the South Gippsland area, and who the target market would be.

Potential costs and the kind of business structure that might be established were also discussed, as were relevant regulations and compliance issues to be considered.

Ways the business could be managed into the future were raised, including considerations such as finances, cash flow and GST, along with the need to set longer term goals, such as expectations for five years' time.

"There was confidence (expressed) that they'd done a bit of thinking about how they might set up the business," Nick said of the proponent's feedback on the discussion.

"We were able to provide extra information for them but they'd obviously thought

deeply about it."

RFCS Gippsland refers clients to other professional services that will benefit them and helps prepare them to talk to their accountants.

Executive officer of RFCS Gippsland, Kylie Holmes, spoke about the important role the Small Business Bus plays throughout Victoria in creating awareness of the type of support that exists for small business operators and those looking to establish one.

Kylie urges people keen to learn more about what small business assistance exists to visit the Business Victoria website.

"It has a lot of resources and tools available online, and also small business mentoring services are available," she said.

"But for RFCS Gippsland,

we can provide that one-on-one service to clients to give them a bit of clarity around where their business is at."

Various other services are available through the Small Business Bus at times, with a focus on mental wellbeing during Thursday's visit to Korumburra.

RFCS and Business Victoria Assistance:

RFCS Gippsland provides the region's agricultural industries and small rural businesses with free, confidential and independent planning and support services. Call 1300 045 747 to discuss what help is available.

Visit business.vic.gov.au or call 13 22 15 to obtain free confidential advice from an experienced business mentor or to attend a workshop to improve your business skills.



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Anita Harris of Tarwin Lower celebrated her 70th birthday on March 8 alongside family. From left, back, Darren and Anna with granddaughter Georgie, John (husband), David, Edith, Stacey, Sam and Chrissy; front, Lenni, Sullivan, Jack, Anita, Eleanor, Astrid and Huey.

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Two days of high octane action at Nyora Raceway this weekend

By Dean Thompson,
DMT Sports Media

NYORA Raceway once again fires up this weekend and this time it will be two days of racing with various classes across Saturday and Sunday, whilst the Dirt Modifieds and Sports Sedans will compete on both for important race events for their classes.

Unlimited Sedans are in town on Saturday for one of their series rounds, Wingless Sprints have a club show the same night and Junior Sedan action is in the way of the 1500cc class. On Sunday Division 2 Hot Rods, Standard Saloons for the Dougo 44 event and the 1500cc Juniors again will compete, whilst Dirt Modifieds and Sports Sedans will both compete across two nights.

In Junior Sedan action the likes of Matilda Farrell, Nathan Miles, Cruz Farrell, and Maddy Capon will lead the action which includes a number of developing drivers. Jaylen Knight, Brad Marshall, Zac Loader and Benji Henskens are all still in the early stages of their development whilst Tristan Jarred a local Nyora youngster, continues to improve each time he hits the track.

In remembrance of Poowong community legend Stephen Douglas, the Nyora club is also honouring a long-time volunteer and member of their motorsport club with a 44-lap memorial Standard Saloon race.

The race has attracted a number of drivers from other clubs around the state who wish to pay their respects to Stephen.

Mark, Chris, and Andrew Miles, Ally Morrison, Sara Benson a Nyora resident, Hayden Clifford, Owen Cecil from Poowong, Bradley Hill, Brodie Ardley, Jacob Vuillermin a former Victorian champion, Rhys Lansdown the current state champion, Kacey Ingram, Dean Spring and Steve Danks are just some of the drivers that are likely to figure in the battle for the big win.

Racing begins at 4pm at Grundy Avenue Nyora at the recreational reserve.

Admission is \$30 for an adult ticket, \$15 for Aged and Disabled Pensioners, Teenagers 12 to 16 costs \$15, and kids zero to the age of eleven \$5.

Two Adults and two teenagers can combine for a family ticket costing just \$65.

Spectators can enter Nyora's social media page and find the ticket purchase link and buy a two-day pass online much cheaper than entering through the gate and paying advertised prices.

Adults online are \$40 for two days, \$17.50 for aged and disabled pensioners, teens \$22.50, kids \$10, family \$85 and all children under the age of 5 are free, if tickets are paid for online.

The enquiry contact number is 0428 847 888.



Friday's Debutantes (back) Charlie Gringhuis, James Heneghan, Erik Webster, Jhett Brown, Burke Vanderzalm, Bailey Close, Luke Murphy. (Row 3) River Thomas, Eli Pitts, Charlotte Pors, Jasmine Taylor, Sienna Goldsmith, Jada Davey, Will Patton, Caelen Scott. (Row 2) Olivia Bott, Dinisty Francis, Alice Evans, Maddison Hollier, Shanae Hicks. (Front) Zoe Reid, Stella Clasby (flower girl), Matilda Williams (Flower Girl), Ayla Lafferty. (Officials) Coral Johnston, Shirleyanne Wright, Glenn Wright, Julie Bloye, Pat Kuhne, Vicki Neal. Photos: The Occasion Studio Wangaratta

Leongatha & District Netball Debutante Ball

THE Leongatha & District Netball Association Debutante Ball was held across March 31 to April 1, at Leongatha Memorial Hall.



Saturday's Debutantes (back) Ned Collins, Archie Moore, Jack Linke, Gerard Bashaw, Lucas Allen, Cooper Quaife, Tanner Walker. (Row 3) Tyson Harris, Cameron Sumalinog, Grace Guy, Ava Brown, Phoebe Collins, Paige Barry, Bayleigh Cowell, Zac McRae. (Row 2) Pallas Lamers, Skye Munro, Tannah Benton, Eden Robertson, Alli Tuckett. (Front) Sienna Matheson, Madilyn Wilson (Flower Girl), Indie Hance (flower girl), Kirra Jones. (Officials) Coral Johnston, Pat Kuhne, Clare Williams, Melina Bath MP, Gary Sauvarin, Vicki Neal.

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woolamai (Same), Tooradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

TUESDAY	April 18
▼ 2.39am	0.75m
▲ 9.33am	1.32m
▼ 3.06pm	0.62m
▲ 10.22pm	1.41m

WEDNESDAY	April 19
▼ 4.07am	0.65m
▲ 10.58am	1.41m
▼ 4.35pm	0.66m
▲ 11.21pm	1.44m

THURSDAY	April 20
▼ 5.18am	0.51m
▲ 12.08pm	1.54m
▼ 5.50pm	0.67m
▲ 1.08pm	1.67m
▼ 6.48pm	0.66m

FRIDAY	April 21
▲ 12.14am	1.49m
▼ 6.15am	0.38m
▲ 1.08pm	1.67m
▼ 6.48pm	0.66m

SATURDAY	April 22
▲ 1.01am	1.52m
▼ 7.01am	0.29m
▲ 2.00pm	1.76m
▼ 7.35pm	0.66m

SUNDAY	April 23
▲ 1.44am	1.54m
▼ 7.45am	0.24m
▲ 2.46pm	1.80m
▼ 8.16pm	0.66m

MONDAY	April 24
▲ 2.23am	1.54m
▼ 8.25am	0.23m
▲ 3.27pm	1.79m
▼ 8.54pm	0.67m

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Business League Season One winners: Geoff Argaet, Cameron O'Shaughnessy and Joel Rodriguez.

Phillip Island Tenpin Bowling

2S COMPANY: 1st on 14pts Alley Cats, 2nd on 13pts Kings Pins and 3rd on 10pts Palms.

ABL: 1st on 92.5pts Knackers, 2nd on 81.5pts Just Bowl Already and 3rd on 76pts Storm.

Phantom: 1st on 5pts Dish, 2nd on 4pts Lucky13 and 3rd on 4pts Barks.

Top Scores:

Men: Justin Porthouse 202, Jason Bence 200 and Jack Aitken 192

Woman: Jenny-Anne 175, Barbara Burns 156 and Karen Klym 156

The top four teams from each business league battled it out in a knockout round to see who would be crowned the champions for season one, 2023.

The winning team for the night taking out each round was Balls Deep: Cameron O'Shaughnessy, Geoff Argaet and Joel Rodriguez.

In a close second place, we had the Sassy Gronks: Tarryne Wright, Anthony Hancock and Blake Young.

Congratulations to Dean Bacon on taking out this season's top score across both leagues with a 246. One of the highest scores in the house.

Leongatha Table Tennis

NO matches were played in A Reserve due to school holidays.

A Grade results April 11:

Wilderbeests 6-20 def Labradors 5-15

Dodos 6-19 def Eagles 5-17

Baboons 6-20 def Frogs 5-17

Ladder: Wilderbeests 10, Labradors 8, Baboons 6, Dodos 6, Frogs 4, Eagles 2

Leading Players: Michael C 18, Braden A 16, Case DeB 14, Michael W 13, Phil M 13, Neil C 12

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Wonthaggi indoor bowlers Max Sweetnam, Marg Hender, Laurie Culph and Wolfe Gilch.



Inverloch social bowls winners (front row) Jenny Haydon and Liz Jacobs. (Back row) Bill Selby and Judy Parker (Absent Harry Dunn).



Wonthaggi Bowls Club (Wednesday) Charlie Wright and Rob Powell.

INVERLOCH

THE Ladies Team to represent Strzelecki in the Regional Sides at Moama has been finalised. Congratulations to Janis Parks from our club in being selected for this event.

Tomorrow will see the last of our Turkey Triples for this season.

On Thursday fantastic bowling weather greeted 25 bowlers. Six teams of Fours played 2 games of 10 ends.

The Runners Up for the day with a draw and a win was the team of Pam Sutcliffe (skip), John Duthie, Jeff Curwood and Kathy Heaphy. Winners for the day with 2 wins and 33 points was the team of Bill Selby (skip), Liz Jacobs, Harry Dunn, Jenny Haydon and Judy Parker.

A correction from last week is that names for social bowls need to be in by 9.30.

MIDWEEK

GREAT day, great weather, great friends and great opposition as 31 of our family congregated at Corinella to once again fight it out for team of the day.

Some really excellent bowling with some very close matches.

The greens were in tip top condition which always helps make it a good day.

And this week the winners on 34 points were:

Mark Andreatta (S), Ethel Van Maanen (3), Chris Brooks (2), Shirley Corcoran (L)

Runners Up on 33 points were:

John Nicholson (S), Sue Stansfield (3), Ruth Waring (L)

Best One Game on 21 points were:

Tony Heppleston (S), Phil Wright (3), Michael Saunders (2), Michael Waring (L)

Phil did a great job of opening up, setting up and bar and kitchen duties. We really appreciate all the work you do Phil.

Thank you once again to Peter, Pauline and John.

Next week we will be at San Remo at 10:00AM for a 10:30AM start. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

WONTHAGGI

ANOTHER good week at the club with the weather at its' trying best. Wednesday saw a smaller number of bowlers grace the greens with a large number of bowlers at the Phillip Island Triples. We played two games of 3 bowl pairs over ten ends. There were three two game winners with the winners being the pairing of Charlie Wright and Rob Powell with a score of 2 wins and 35 points. This is Robs first time in the winners stalls, so well done Rob and Charlie. Thursday saw a good number of bowlers play a game of bowls and enjoy lunch.

Saturday saw 20 bowlers play in teams of three and four. There was only one team that won both games. That team was John Hill, Frank Cimino and Peter Miller with a score of 2 wins and 31 points. We also welcomed two visitors on the day being Kathy and Jeff.

We are getting to that time of the year where the Championships are being decided. Over the next few weeks, we have more results as they wind up. The AGM is coming up with a few positions still available so put your name down and keep the Club going forward.

Bowls this week: Wednesday at 1.00 pm, Thursday at 10.00 am with the Golden Oldies having lunch and Saturday social bowls at 1.00 pm.

Have a good week and good bowling.

INDOOR

AFTER the Easter break it was good to get back to another enjoyable week of bowling.

We had a total of 51 players, 25 on Tuesday and 26 on Friday.

Tuesday's winners with a plus 22 winning both games were Jean Wylde, Helen Rook and Brian Newman.

Runners up also winning both games on plus 15 were Linda Newman, Jeannie Slocombe and Max Sweetnam.

Friday's winners on plus 18 winning 2 games were Marg Hender, Max Sweetnam, Laurie Culph and Wolfe Gilch.

Coming second on plus 10 winning one game only were Jeannie Slocombe, Mario Toffolon and John Rook.

Next Friday we are having our singles championships players must be there by 10am.



Phillip Island Ladies A Grade Winner
Cheryl White with B Grade and Monthly
Medal Winner Junior Ashleigh Robinson.



Moulton Bowl winners from Meeniyian, Jo Graeme, Faye LePage and Irene Holm
with the event's sponsor, Margie Moulton-Ware.



Meeniyian's runner-up Dot Christie and winner Irene Holm.

FOSTER Ladies

ANNE Williams foursomes Knockout Qualifying round. Winners Anne Heywood and Geraldine Sinclair (26) 66. NTP 6th Kaylene Morris and 17th Beth Curram. BDTL Barb Warren and Trudi Prue (17) 71.

Qualifiers: 1. Anne Heywood and Geraldine Sinclair (26) 66. 2. Barb Warren and Trudi Prue (17) 71. 3. Beth Curram and Kaylene Morris (23) 76. 4. Eliisa Nudelman and Michelle Sait Bennett. 78.

Next week 26th, Foursomes Championship.

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KORUMBURRA Ladies

LAST week, we had the second round of the Gloria Burgess event. Heather Grist won A Grade, 37 pts and Johanna van den Heiligenberg was runner-up, 31 pts.

B Grade was won by Trudy Olden, 32 pts and next best was Sherin Solly, 31 pts.

Betty Thomson was the winner in C Grade, 30 pts and Pam Evers was runner-up, 29 pts. BDTL went to Kerri Besley, 30 pts and Trudi Mantell, Jenny Blackmore and Judy Webb, all finishing with 28 pts.

Barb Twite was the winner of the nine-hole comp. with 16 pts on a c/b.

NTPs were Lee Clements, 1st, Lynette McIvor, 10th and Heather Grist, 13th.

Our annual Moulton Memorial Bowl was held last Friday and fifty players enjoyed the fine weather and catching up with golfing friends. A huge thank you to Margie Moulton-Ware who generously sponsored the event, and, along with five team members, drove from Wodonga to participate in the day. The club also extends much appreciation to all the people involved behind the scenes and to those who played, to ensure a successful and enjoyable time.

Well done to Irene Holm, Jo Graeme and Faye LePage, from Meeniyian who were the Moulton Bowl winners, with a total of 97 pts. The Korumburra group, Shelley Snooks, Trudi Mantell and Pam Evers were runners-up, 86 pts.

Johanna van den Heiligenberg won A Grade, 32 pts and Merryn Dear (Wont) was runner-up on a c/b.

The B Grade winner was Julie Brannaghan, 32 pts, on a c/b from Maxine Eabry (Leon).

Jo Fennell (Woor) won C Grade, 32 pts on a c/b from Delia Perry (Leon).

NTPs went to Diana Holmberg (Leon), 1st, Irene Holm (Meen), 10th and Jo Graeme (Meen), 13th.

Lorraine Knox won the straightest drive on the 9th fairway.

On Saturday, Shelley Snooks won with 34 pts and Lynette McIvor was runner-up, 33 pts. Jenny Blackmore won a BDTL, 32 pts. Lorraine Knox won the Kelly's Bakery award with her NTP on the 1st green.

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EASTER Monday Stableford Comp.

Winner Benjamin Hussey with 42 points, runner up Bradley Tanner with 41 points.

Ball rundown to 36 points.

Tuesday Stableford Comp

Division 1 winner was Shaun Petherick by countback with 40 points to runner up Alex Doria. Division 2 winner was Brian Tollkuhn with 35 points by countback to runner up Nick Dryden.

Ball rundown to 33 points

NTPs: 5th Simon Vigilante, 9th Russell Swan, 12th Shaun Petherick, 15th Chris Clark. Thursday Stableford/2BBB Comp

2BBB Winners – Trevor Cridland and James Hendrick with 44 points, runners up Graeme Ottosen and Steve Clark with 43 points.

Stableford Winners: James Doria with 37 points, runner up Graeme Ottosen with 36 points by countback.

Ball rundown to 32 points

Nearest the pins: 5th Daryl Barker, 9th Brian Tollkuhn, 12th Ralph Hendrich, 15th Noel Bradford.

Saturday Par Comp

Division 1: Winner Troy Harrison with 5, Runner Up Peter Campbell with 4, Third placegetter Matthew Skinner with 1

Division 2: Winner Rena Casey with 3, Runner up James Hendrick with 2, third place Benjamin Rawlings with 1

Division 3: Winner Kimberly Peltt with 3 by countback to Runner up Dylan Bradshaw, and third place Lee Andrews with 2

Ball rundown to 1

Congratulations to Laurie Burgess for winning the JH Gray Final and also to Darren Chatfield for being runner up.

We have our usual competitions running on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, plus a Stableford Comp from midday on ANZAC day.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY Stableford Event April 11.

On Tuesday 64 golfers played in this Stableford Round.

A Grade Winner: John Ryan with a score of 43 points

A Grade R/Up: Doug Cleemann with a score of 36 points on a countback

B Grade Winner: Renato Monacella with a score of 37 points

B Grade R/Up: John Housey

with a score of 36 points

C Grade Winner: Bert Borg with a score of 36 points

C Grade R/Up: Peter Waters with a score of 35 points

NTP: 14th Lachlan Thomas at 1.90m

NTP: 16th Michael Thomas at 1.50m

Thursday Stableford Event April 13

On Thursday 85 members/guests hitting off on a shotgun start at 9am, played in a Stableford event.

A Grade Winner: Craig Hutchinson with a score of 37 points

A Grade R/Up: Ashleigh Hutton with a score of 36 points on a countback

B Grade Winner: Paul Richardson with a score of 38 points on a countback

B Grade R/Up: Peter Brownlie with a score of 38 points

C Grade Winner: Peter Waters with a score of 35 points on a countback

C Grade R/Up: David Child with a score of 35 points on a countback

D Grade Winner: John Cadd with a score of 39 points

D Grade R/Up: Neil Mackenzie with a score of 37 points

NTP: 14th Fred DeBont at 3.50m

NTP: 16th Grant McRitchie at .30m

Saturday Welsford 4-Ball Stableford and AE Edney Final Event April 15

On Saturday we had an excellent turnup of 92 golfers take to the course for this week's Tom Welsford 4BBB Stableford teams' event.

Overall winners:

1: Adam Miller and Jamie Grenville with 45 points on a countback

2: Philippe Du Plessis and Frank Gill with 45 points on a countback

3: Gordon Allan and David Forbes with 45 points.

NTP 14th: Craig Hutchinson at .72m

NTP 16th: Ross McRobert at 2.06m

MEENIYAN

Ladies

ON Wednesday, 14 Ladies played a round of Stableford in light showery weather. Sponsor for the day was Susan Straw.

Winner was Irene Holm (17) with 34pts on c/b. R/U was Dot Christie (10) with 34pts.

BDL went to Andrea Thorson (9) 34pts & Kasey Thorson (42) 34pts.

Next week is Qualifying round for Doris Chambers Foursomes - Choose Partners.

Sponsor is Mary Walker.

MIRBOO NORTH

A GRADE: M Woodall, (12) 40pts

B Grade: A Liebe (16) 38pts

DTL: R Winderlich 38, D Elwood, 36. T Bradshaw, G Dawson, 35, R Pentland 34 c/b. NTP: 6th O Mahoney, 16th M Richter.

Birdies: M Richter 16th. Saturday, April 15. 4BBB championship R2

Winner: T and B Bradshaw, 83pts

Runner Up: M Payne and J Kus 82pts

Day Winner Round 1: M Snell and R Thompson 47pts

Day Winner Round 2: E Woodall and W Lewis 47pts.

DTL: R Pentland and S McKenzie 80pts, D Jerram & A Liebe 79pts c/b

NTP: 4th, B Wells, 6th M Payne, 13th P Draper, 16th M Stansfield.

Birdies: 4th B Wells, R Gourlay, J Robbins, 6th M Payne J Robbins, 16th M Stansfield.

BDL to 43 points c/b

NTP: 5th Rob Sparkman 7th

Heath Kolac 10th Kristian Phillips 17th Phil Cooksey

Ladies 4BBB Stableford Results

Ladies' winners were Barb Haydon & Vicki Ramage 42 points c/b

from Sue Brown & Sheryl Smith

NTP: 5th Trish Jamieson 7th

Helen Coghlan 10th Barb Haydon 17th Vicki Ramage

BDL to 41 points

9 hole Open Stableford winner

was Laurie Petrusch (23) with 19

points from Len Fenton (16) 16

points c/b

BDL to 16

Sunday, April 16, Open 2 Person Ambrose

Winners were Owen and Shann

on Trumper with nett 70.25 from Sam and Debra Orr with nett 72

BDL to 74.5 nett.

Men's results April 16.

Competition type: Stableford 18

Hole, SR. 71. Winner: Philip Cope

land 36. Runner Up: Colin Banks

35. Men's results April 13.

Competition type: Stableford 9

hole 10 to 18, SR. 36. Winner: Willy Williams 16. Runner Up: Keith Ridout 16

WOORAYL

TWELVE Woorayl Ladies travelled over to Mirboo North last Wednesday for the Annual Challenge Day sponsored by Mirboo North's Chris Gunn, and her sister, Ann Poole from Woorayl.

Unfortunately, we were only able to get nine holes in because of the persistent rain.

Winners were A Grade MN. Wendy Gervasi 17 points B. Woorayl. Bev Bridge 14 and C. MN. Lorraine Hamilton 18.

Down the line balls went to A. Ann Grist 17 and Dot Kidd 13

B. Jo Fennell 13 and Barb Stimson 13 and C. Lyn Delaney 14 and Diane O'Conner 11.

At the end of the day the current holder Woorayl, Ann Poole, handed the trophy over to Chris Gunn, MN.

Scores Mirboo North 13.2 to Woorayl 10.3.



Drouin's under 12s took out the 'Wonthaggi Toyota U12 Pre-season Cup' as the season commences next week.

Fierce competition for under 12s

SOCER was back with a bang on Sunday, April 16, as Wonthaggi United hosted the annual 'Wonthaggi Toyota U12 Pre-season Cup'.

With the Gippsland Soccer Season commencing next week, the Cup was a terrific opportunity for players across Gippsland to dust off the cobwebs.

Any dust was certainly washed away as the torrential rain pelted players and their supporters, but that didn't dampen anyone's spirits.

Eight U12 teams from across Gippsland battled it out, before the top two teams played off in the Grand Final.

Competition was close but it was the two teams from Drouin who finished with the points to secure a position in the Grand Final.

It was a fierce final, with both teams hoping to secure bragging rights early in the season.

However, a single goal to the maroon side gave them the lead and as the final whistle blew a 1-0 victory.

The Game Day MVP was awarded to a very deserving Harry Sivori (Phillip Island) and special congratulations to Eli McLean-Watling (Drouin Maroon) for receiving the Grand Final MVP.

Wonthaggi United is looking forward to a super season of soccer and it is not too late to join.

For all enquires email wonthaggisoccerclub@gmail.com

Big year ahead for local soccer

THE Gippsland Soccer League is set to kick off this weekend with both the men and women teams set to do battle.

The full league fixture will be featured in next week's edition.

Senior Mens: Sunday 3pm
Round 1, April 23.

Mirboo Nth United v Lang Lang United
Phillip Island v Leongatha Knights
Inverloch Stars v Korumburra City
Wonthaggi United v Trafalgar Victory
Drouin Dragons BYE

Senior Womens: Sunday 1pm
Round 1, April 23
Mirboo Nth United v Lang Lang United
Phillip Island v Leongatha Knights
Inverloch Stars BYE
Wonthaggi United BYE
Drouin Dragons BYE

Mens Reserves: Sunday 1pm

Under 17 (Mixed): Sunday 9:50am



South Gippsland Bass national team (Back Row) Caiden Gill coach, Cooper Quaife, Hayden Barnes, Will Simmons, Mostyn Lumsden, Dylan Muir Coach. (Front) Sienna Matheson, Miah Roberts, Claudia Croatto, Olivia Holmes, Rahni Matheson and Zac Sherar.

Local swimmers take on their biggest challenge yet

"THEY look like Olympians on the TV they are going so fast," was the comment made by fellow South Gippsland Bass (SGB) swimmers at home, watching their team mates on 9now swimming at the Australian Age Championships at the Gold Coast from April 7-15.

The purple caps stood out as the splashed down the pool at speed.

The swimmers stepped up, enjoying the big setting to race against the best of Australia in an incredibly competitive competition. The smiles on their faces before and after races was evident, showing how relaxed and prepared they were and how proud they were to be there and racing.

The team who competed were Claudia Croatto, Rahni Matheson, Miah Roberts, Sienna Matheson, Olivia Holmes, Will Simmons, Zac Sherar, Cooper Quaife, Hayden Barnes and Mostyn Lumsden.

The coaches for the event were Dylan Muir and Caiden Gill.

The team, the largest SGB has sent, saw swimmers racing in a range of strokes and distances in the mornings with finals in the evening.

This is an amazing effort to swim a 200m or 400m event and then return and do it in the evening.

SGB weren't there just to make up the numbers, with several swimmers making finals and despite a busy summer and energised by the moment, swam a number of PBs much to the delight of their coaches and families watching from the stands.

They also met with former SGB swimmer Nathan Foote who has competed for many years at the championships and gave them advice.

Dylan Muir, head coach,



Olivia and coach Caiden celebrate her bronze medal.

was thrilled with the team's performance.

"The Australian Champs are the pinnacle of Australian swimming. It was great to have our biggest team and so many first timers this year. They have learnt a lot and will be better for the experience gained across a week of racing under high pressure."

Only a handful of the team had raced at nationals before, and the new swimmers now have increased motivation after really enjoying the experience.

"That was my most favourite event and swim ever," said first timer Claudia Croatto, after her 100m Breaststroke, who is now more determined to return next year after finishing 29th in both her events.

In races with over 130 swimmers in them, even making top 50 is tough.

SGB had two finalists, Olivia Holmes with four appearances including one, third place and Rahni Matheson one final.

All other swimmers finished within the top 50 of one of their events, including a huge effort given the calibre of racers.

When asked about her time at the Australian Age Nationals, Olivia Holmes responded:

"It was honestly full of very high highs and the lowest of lows but overall was an amazing experience. I was so grateful to be racing and I couldn't of done it without my family and friends and my amazing coaches."

"I went into the beginning of my races feeling no pressure and was just living in the moment and feeling so blessed to be racing under the sun in the beautiful Gold Coast

and under the bright lights and killer atmosphere in the finals.

"On my last morning of racing nothing really went to plan so I was disappointed, but proud. It was really such a great learning experience and I'm so grateful to be there and do as well as I did. thank you everybody for all the support and everything I appreciate it more than anything. I can't wait to do it all again!"

Racing continues with the Open Aged Australian Championships this week, with former SGB Josh Seignoir competing.

Results:

Olivia Holmes 200m Backstroke 5th F, 100m Backstroke 3rd F, 400m Medley F 5th, 50m Backstroke 32nd, 200m Freestyle 6th F, 200m Medley 12

Miah Roberts 200m Backstroke 66th, 100m Backstroke 67th, 50m Backstroke 50th

Rahni Matheson 100m Breaststroke 49th, 50m Breaststroke 20th Finalist,

Claudia Croatto 100m Breaststroke 29th, 50m Breaststroke 29th

Sienna Matheson 100m Breaststroke 35th, 50 Breaststroke 43rd

Zac Sherar 50m Freestyle 46th, 50m Breaststroke 34th, 200m Freestyle 48th, 100m Breaststroke 38th, 100m Freestyle 63rd, 200m Breaststroke 28th

Will Simmons 50m Freestyle 88th, 200m Medley Relay 43rd

Hayden Barnes, 200m Medley Relay 43rd

Cooper Quaife, 200m Medley Relay 43rd

Mostyn Lumsden 100m Butterfly 34th, 200m Medley Relay 43rd, 200m Freestyle 44th, 50m Fly 49th, 100m Freestyle 114th, 50 Backstroke 43rd, 200m Butterfly 21st.



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Time to let it go

IT WAS hard, it was tough, it was thrilling, and it was fair!

The clash of traditional rivals, between Leongatha and Wonthaggi last Saturday, was everything local football lovers could have wanted, and besides the fans of both clubs, it was noticeable that there were many supporters from other surrounding clubs at Leongatha enjoying the contest.

Here on centre stage were two of the best teams in the main Gippsland League, two South Gippsland teams, separated by little more than a few points all day in an absolute cracker of a match.

It was a great celebration of our sport, with dozens of absorbing one-on-one battles, a fierce attack on the ball, high skills on display and plenty to play for, not just the four points.

And it's clear there's plenty of respect too, between the two teams, acknowledging the talent and how the clubs are going about pursuing success.

Which made it all the more jarring that some, isolated members of the crowd, thought they could use the occasion as a chance to target a Wonthaggi player over an incident which happened during a match between Leongatha and Wonthaggi last year.

People on both sides of the incident have firm views about what happened on the day, and what occurred afterwards, and there's never likely to be any agreement about it either way.

So, it's simply time to move on now and make the football the focus.



Koo Wee Rup celebrates winning the Campbell Ion trophy. A38_1623

Campbell Ion honoured by Dalyston and Koo Wee Rup

WHILE there was a skirmish late in the match, the Under 18s sides of Dalyston and Koo Wee Rup were united in celebrating the memory of former Magpie Campbell Ion, playing for the trophy named in his honour.

Campbell lost his life in a car accident while on his way to play for Dalyston against Koo Wee Rup, just short of his 16th birthday.

He had family connected to both clubs and the sides are united in their desire to prevent such a tragedy occurring again.

Dalyston president Andy Thomas and his Koo Wee Rup counterpart Jake Neill stood side by side for the presentation of the Campbell Ion trophy to the victorious Demons' skipper Dante Di Pietro.

Thomas spoke of the importance of introducing the trophy in Campbell's honour.

"It's a great initiative between the two clubs and even though

it was four years ago, we still remember the support that we got from Koo Wee Rup and it's a great thing to celebrate Campbell's life," Thomas said.

The Magpies president recalls Campbell as a "fantastic bloke".

Thomas explained the choice of the Thirds for the new trophy.

"We did it for the Under 18s because we want to promote road safety and both clubs have kids coming through who are all getting their licences and we don't want to have to do this again," he said, adding his club went through the same thing a number of years ago.

"We've had enough of it, and we want kids to grow and flourish."

The Demons won the match comfortably, but Dalyston fought it out to the end, with their coach acknowledging their commitment during his three quarter time address.



Koo Wee Rup skipper Dante Di Pietro is congratulated as he holds the Campbell Ion trophy. A35_1623

Dalyston needs junior football players to field U14s

DALYSTON football club is crying out for junior players for their under 14s team.

The club is doing what it can to recruit players but remain short.

With a population far smaller than surrounding towns in the league, and particularly post-COVID, the club hasn't seen the footy numbers they need.

If they're unable to recruit another six to eight players before the season kicks off this Sunday April 23, they won't have a side.

This results in other clubs in the league missing out on two extra games for the season as they are required to have a bye.

According to the club, larger areas, like Phillip Island, have been able to fill two under 14s sides, and have had so many players they've had to cap their numbers.

This has led to junior players missing out for the season.

A spokesperson from the Dalyston club said the unselected players are walking away from footy altogether, rather than seeking out other clubs to play at, and this is where an opportunity lies.

If unselected players from other clubs decide to play for Dalyston in the under 14s side, they will be guaranteed a full game every week and be able to develop their skills and talent across the season, with a great club.

Please contact Dalyston's under 14s coach, Luke Short, on 0467 152 010 for more information.



Dalyston ruckman Ryan Gray goes up for a hit out during the under 18s Campbell Ion Shield match. Photo courtesy Michelle Chisholm



Former presidents Glenn Wright and Graham Fixter had the honour of unfurling the 2022 Gippsland Senior and Reserves flags last Saturday.

Parrots unfurl premiership flags

IT'S not every day that a football-netball club gets to unfurl a premiership flag at the first home game of the next season, let alone two.

So, it was a great honour that the Leongatha Football Netball Club bestowed on two of its literal and spiritual leaders, Glenn Wright and Graham Fixter, last Saturday when the club lined up for its first home match, the local derby between Leongatha and Wonthaggi.

"These two guys are both life members of the club and former presidents, two people you think of when you think about what makes the Leongatha Football Netball Club what it is," said club president Mal Mackie at the weekend.

"They were pretty pleased to do the honours and it's just nice recognition of what they've done for the club over the years," he said.

The seniors and reserves of both clubs lined up as the flags were unfurled and then it was on with a great contest between traditional rivals.



Madison McAskell shoots for Kilmunda-Bass in the C Grade match against Tooradin-Dalmore.



Laila Kane-Di Paolo gets set to accept a pass for Dalston during its C Grade match with Koo Wee Rup. A52_1623



Kilmunda-Bass GD Lisa Steel attempts to intercept in the B Grade match.



Kilmunda-Bass B Grade's Kira Hamilton (C) looks for options.



Kilmunda-Bass C Grade Kiara Brusamarello receives a pass closely contested by Tooradin opponent, Amelia Fisher.



Kilmunda-Bass Jordan Kennedy looks for a pass in the B Grade.



Karin Loughran looks for a Magpies teammate during Dalston's C Grade battle with Koo Wee Rup. A50_1623



The ball is in dispute during the C Grade contest between Dalston and Koo Wee Rup. A51_1623



Laila Kane-Di Paolo looks to regain balance as she represents the Magpies in C Grade. A53_1623

WEST GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE

Bunyip 50 lt Korumburra 59
Cora Lynn 31 lt Garfield 34

Tooradin-Dal 49 d K-Bass 40
Dalston 40 d KWR 20

B GRADE

Bunyip 15 lt Korumburra 40
Cora Lynn 45 d Garfield 35

Tooradin-Dal 59 d K-Bass 22

Dalston 39 d KWR 24

C GRADE

Bunyip 26 d Korumburra 21
Cora Lynn 27 d Garfield 22

Tooradin-Dal 41 d K-Bass 22

Dalston 43 d KWR 15

D GRADE

Cora Lynn 46 d Garfield 34

Tooradin-Dal 25 d K-Bass 12

Dalston 28 d KWR 18

LADDERS

17 & UNDER

Bunyip 13 lt Korumburra 56
Cora Lynn 51 d Garfield 6

Tooradin-Dal 38 d K-Bass 14
Dalston 32 d KWR 16

15 & UNDER

Bunyip 19 lt Korumburra 24
Cora Lynn 37 d Garfield 13

Tooradin-Dal 52 d K-Bass 0

Dalston 23 d KWR 15

13 & UNDER

Bunyip 14 lt Korumburra 33
Cora Lynn 25 d Garfield 8

Tooradin-Dal 44 d K-Bass 8

Dalston 7 lt KWR 25

11 & UNDER

Bunyip 14 d Korumburra 7

Cora Lynn 10 lt Garfield 21

Tooradin-Dal 39 d K-Bass 4

Dalston 32 d KWR 23

A GRADE

Tooradin-Dal 143.24
Phillip Island 264.52

Dalston 200.00

Inverloch-K 178.57

Kor-Bena 118.00

Garfield 109.68

Bunyip 84.75

Kilmunda-Bass 81.63

Cora Lynn 71.43

Nar Nar Goon 56.00

Koo Wee Rup 56.00

Warragul Ind. 37.80

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C GRADE

Tooradin-Dal 147.27
Dalston 286.67

Bunyip 123.81

Inverloch-K 121.74

Warragul Ind. 107.69

Cora Lynn 96.77

Phillip Island 92.86

Nar Nar Goon 82.14

Garfield 81.48

Kor-Bena 80.77

Kilmunda-Bass 53.66

Koo Wee Rup 34.88

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17 & UNDER

Cora Lynn 422.73
Phillip Island 690.00

Kor-Bena 430.77

Dalston 200.00

Inverloch-K 130.43

Tooradin-Dal 96.43

Nar Nar Goon 76.67

Koo Wee Rup 50.00

Bunyip 36.84

Dalston 23.21

Warragul Ind. 14.49

Garfield 11.76

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13 & UNDER

Tooradin-Dal 366.67
Phillip Island 620.00

Nar Nar Goon 540.00

Koo Wee Rup 357.14

Kor-Bena 235.71

Cora Lynn 78.85

Bunyip 42.42

Garfield 32.00

Dalston 28.00

Inverloch-K 18.52

Kilmunda-Bass 18.18

Warragul Ind. 16.13

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15 & UNDER

Tooradin-Dal 339.13
Nar Nar Goon 900.00

Kor-Bena 266.67

Cora Lynn 153.85

Dalston 153.33

Phillip Island 118.75

Nar Nar Goon 84.21

Warragul Ind. 84.21

Garfield 37.50

Bunyip 35.14

Inverloch-K 11.11

Kilmunda-Bass 0.00

Garfield 0.00

Bunyip 0.00

Dalston 0.00

Kor-Bena 0.00

Cora Lynn 20.37

Kilmunda-Bass 10.26

Koo Wee Rup 9.38

Parrots dominate Wonthaggi Power

LEONGATHA Netball results.

Under 13: Playing on a Wednesday afternoon didn't put our girls off their game. Our Goalies were amazing, super accurate. Defence was strong and our mid courters did a great job in moving the ball. Score: Leongatha 48 def Wonthaggi 17

Under 15: The girls were prepared with set plans, high energy and dedication for their first win. What a way to boost team morale and to set the tone for the season. Score: Leongatha 45 def Wonthaggi 24

Under 17: The under 17s had a tough game. It was tight up until the last quarter where we pulled ahead, giving it everything we had. Well done girls. Score: Leongatha 34 def Wonthaggi 31

C Grade: Super great game from everybody. We came out firing and didn't slow down for the whole match. Awesome work let's keep building for a great game next week. Score: Leongatha 51 def Wonthaggi 22

B Grade: Great game girls! Lots of rotations and trialling new combinations. Everybody played their role no matter the position. Beautiful shooting and strong defence. Score: Leongatha 61 def Wonthaggi 25

A Grade: Well done girls on an excellent game. We missed our courageous captain Curto! Solid four quarter effort with some screaming intercepts from Taylah Brown. Score: Leongatha 56 def Wonthaggi 38.



Wonthaggi shooter Felicity Tack (GS) works hard to keep the ball in goals for Power.



Leongatha Parrots Madeline Caddy (WD) defends a ball thrown by Power's Maddie Dowel (WA).



Nyora's Jess Ayres (B Grade) secures a difficult pass.



Wonthaggi centre Jess Blair flies in to take this catch in the middle of a nest of Parrots during a tight opening to the A Grade game on Saturday.



Leongatha wing attack Kate Browne played well for Leongatha A Grade in their good win over Wonthaggi Power.



Power goal attack Courtney Brann considers her options in a contested goal third during the A Grade match against Leongatha A Grade on Saturday.



Hailey Schreurs (A Grade) eyes off an opening.

ELLINBANK

RESULTS

A GRADE

Catani 57 It Longwarry 38
Buln Buln 48 It Ellinbank 45
Nil-Darnum 40 d Trafalgar 39
Yarragon 34 It Lang Lang 50
Nyora 13 It Neerim Sth 72

B GRADE

Catani 59 d Longwarry 53
Buln Buln 40 d Ellinbank 35
Nil-Darnum 35 It Trafalgar 56
Yarragon 46 It Lang Lang 35
Nyora 23 It Neerim Sth 88

C GRADE

Catani 45 d Longwarry 37
Buln Buln 31 It Ellinbank 42
Nil-Darnum 31 d Trafalgar 29
Yarragon 21 d Lang Lang 9
Nyora 2 It Neerim Sth 73

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Neerim South	402.86	8	Trafalgar	386.21	8
Ellinbank	118.99	8	Longwarry	132.08	8
Nilma Darnum	113.99	8	Lang Lang	178.95	4
Trafalgar	177.36	4	Buln Buln	136.36	4
Lang Lang	147.06	4	Ellinbank	129.31	4
Catani	112.64	4	Catani	107.94	4
Nyora	52.83	4	Nilma Darnum	54.41	0
Poowong	79.07	0	Yarragon	26.55	0
Longwarry	72.90	0	Neerim South	15.69	0
Buln Buln	52.63	0	Poowong	0.00	0
Yarragon	44.76	0	Nyora	0.00	0

B GRADE

Trafalgar 153.85 8
Buln Buln 153.52 8
Poowong 206.90 4
Neerim South 134.78 4
Catani 101.01 4
Ellinbank 100.00 4
Yarragon 96.20 4
Nilma Darnum 84.69 4
Longwarry 88.79 0
Lang Lang 76.09 0
Nyora 35.14 0

C GRADE

Neerim Sth 357.14 8
Catani 114.86 8
Poowong 463.64 4
Trafalgar 115.09 4
Ellinbank 111.27 4
Yarragon 104.88 4
Longwarry 101.33 4
Nilma Darnum 89.71 4
Buln Buln 82.61 0
Lang Lang 42.86 0
Nyora 10.48 0

15 & UNDER

Buln Buln 741.18 8
Yarragon 254.55 8
Poowong 4100.00 4
Catani 157.14 4
Longwarry 107.32 4
Nilma Darnum 101.92 4
Trafalgar 70.15 4
Neerim South 54.05 4
Lang Lang 33.33 0
Ellinbank 22.09 0
Nyora 7.89 0

13 & UNDER

Yarragon 500.00 8
Catani 225.00 8
Buln Buln 222.22 8
Poowong 1150.00 4
Neerim South 141.18 4
Longwarry 109.09 4
Nilma Darnum 93.10 4
Trafalgar 78.57 0
Ellinbank 24.53 0
Lang Lang 11.32 0
Nyora 10.00 0

GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE

L'gatha 56 d Wonthaggi 38
Maffra 25 It Traralgon 40
Warragul 50 It Moe 62
Morwell 52 d Drouin 38
Sale 24 It Bairnsdale 35

B GRADE

L'gatha 61 d Wonthaggi 25
Maffra 42 It Traralgon 55
Warragul 44 It Moe 63
Morwell 59 d Drouin 47

C GRADE

L'gatha 51 d Wonthaggi 22
Maffra 49 d Traralgon 34
Warragul 26 It Moe 28
Morwell 33 d Drouin 25
Sale 15 It Bairnsdale 31

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Leongatha	140.00	8	Sale	142.55	8
Bairnsdale	132.20	8	Leongatha	120.31	8
Morwell	119.10	8	Morwell	162.79	6
Moe	108.65	4	Drouin	129.31	6
Traralgon	107.46	4	Maffra	98.51	4
Sale	104.11	4	Traralgon	91.25	4
Drouin	93.48	4	Warragul	88.14	4
Warragul	81.82	0	Wonthaggi	89.86	0
Maffra	72.29	0	Bairnsdale	70.49	0
Wonthaggi	70.37	0	Moe	42.19	0

B GRADE

Traralgon 123.53 8
Morwell 118.68 8
Leongatha 138.67 4
Moe 115.05 4
Drouin 88.89 4
Wonthaggi 80.90 4
Warragul 80.77 0
Maffra 76.36 0
Sale 59.57 0
Bairnsdale 0.00 0

C GRADE

Leongatha 240.48 8
Maffra 165.38 8
Morwell 127.27 8
Drouin 106.25 4
Moe 95.92 4
Bairnsdale 94.23 4
Sale 78.57 4
Warragul 80.28 0
Wonthaggi 58.75 0
Traralgon 54.55 0

Moe 869.23 8
Drouin 325.00 8
Bairnsdale 154.55 8
Sale 342.11 4
Traralgon 133.33 4
Leongatha 127.27 4
Maffra 52.63 0
Drouin 50.70 0
Wonthaggi 46.60 0

15 & UNDER

Traralgon 233.33 8
Sale 202.22 8
Moe 134.88 8
Morwell 127.08 4
Warragul 115.22 4
Bairnsdale 101.56 4
Leongatha 95.77 4
Maffra 52.63 0
Drouin 50.70 0
Wonthaggi 46.60 0

13 & UNDER

Moe 869.23 8
Drouin 325.00 8
Bairnsdale 154.55 8
Sale 342.11 4
Traralgon 133.33 4
Leongatha 127.27 4
Maffra 76.36 4
Drouin 21.65 0
Wonthaggi 18.18 0
Morwell 14.81 0

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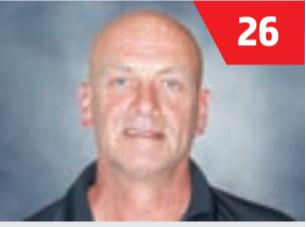
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Game played in surges, says Parrots' coach



There were no easy possessions as Aaron Heppell found when trying to break clear after this stoppage.



Leongatha's Kim Drew races into scoring range as Brodie Mabilia, on debut, presses up in defence.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS		RND 2
LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB		
WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB		

LEONGATHA 72 **WONTHAGGI** 69

Leongatha 3.1 7.5 8.6 10.12 (72)

Wonthaggi 4.4 7.5 9.6 10.9 (69)

GOALS, Leongatha: Jack Hume 4, Jesse Burns 2, Kim Drew, Aaron Heppell, Levi Hickey, Jake van der Pligt 1 each

BEST: Jake van der Pligt, Jack Hume, Travis Nash, Sam Forrester, Luke Bowman, Aaron Heppell

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Jack Hutchinson, Cooper McInnes, Ryan Sparkes, Jordan Staley 2, Isaac Chugg, Toma Huther 1 each

BEST: Kyle Reid, Jack Hutchinson, Toma Huther, Shannon Bray, Brodie Mabilia, Isaac Chugg

RESERVES

Wonthaggi 2.1 7.1 8.4 8.5 (53)

Leongatha 3.2 3.2 4.3 6.6 (42)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Troy Harley 3, Reeve Moresco 2, Noah Anderson, Travis Krause, Wayne Luke 1 each

BEST: Travis Krause, Troy Harley, Thomas Murray, Lachie Jones, Jarvis Brown, Kurt Brown

GOALS, Leongatha: Darcy Berryman, Noah Fixter, Darcy Hume, Flynn Materia, Joshua Schelling, Blake Van Rooy 1 each

BEST: Ty Hall, Noah Fixter, Matthew Borschman, Joshua Schelling, Darcy Hume, Rhett Kelly

FOURTHS

Leongatha 5.4 11.6 15.8 16.12 (108)

Wonthaggi 0.1 1.2 4.4 6.5 (41)

GOALS, Leongatha: Mitchell Croatto 5, Kade Berryman, Finn Donohue, Campbell Reid 2, Jhett Brown, Archie Fixter, Timothy Hibberson, Willis Patterson, Clayton Quaife 1 each

BEST: Finn Donohue, Jhett Brown, Angus Livingstone, Max Sheahan, Mitchell Croatto, Timothy Hibberson

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Jaxon Brouwers, Sam Carter 2, Thomas MacMillan, Lucas Ton 1 each

BEST: Ayden Fawaz, Connor MacMillan, Thomas MacMillan, Jaxon Brouwers, Sam Carter, Oliver Feather

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Traralgon	9.15.69	d	Maffra	3.6.24
Moe	15.16.106	d	Warragul	1.3.9
Morwell	14.15.99	d	Drouin	14.7.91
Bairnsdale	7.9.51	d	Sale	7.6.48

RESERVES

Traralgon	11.8.74	d	Maffra	4.6.30
Moe	18.15.123	d	Warragul	5.5.35
Morwell	15.9.99	d	Drouin	0.6.6
Bairnsdale	8.7.55	d	Sale	8.3.51

THIRDS

Traralgon	12.16.88	d	Maffra	4.1.25
Warragul	14.15.99	d	Moe	2.3.15
Morwell	13.11.89	d	Drouin	8.6.54
Sale	7.6.48	drew	Bairnsdale	7.6.48

FOURTHS

Traralgon	7.7.49	d	Maffra	5.13.43
Moe	11.9.75	d	Warragul	5.3.33
Drouin	5.24.54	d	Morwell	3.5.23
Bairnsdale	16.14.110	d	Sale	3.5.23

LEONGATHA coach Trent McMicking was full of praise after the game for the effort by both teams in what he described as a "grunt game" played in surges, as first one side then the other gained ascendancy in the midfield.

In the end, it was officially a three-point win to Leongatha, although the scoreboard said two points for much of the last quarter, after an early goal to Ryan Sparkes, followed by two to Leongatha through Jack Hume and Aaron Heppell in the middle stages.

The final 10 to 15 minutes was up and back, in light rain, with both defences essentially on top.

Q1. What did you think about that?

They're the same aren't they, just about. Just a real grunt game I thought. Their midfield was on top, our midfield was on top, their forward line got right on top early and then I thought our forward line was able to get going and we were able to will ourselves over the line which you hope a good side can do.

Q2. So where do you think you won it? Jake van der Pligt was giving you plenty of drive but where else did it come from?

I felt we were able to nullify their forwards a bit more and to put a bit more pressure on the ball which meant they didn't get as easy entries. I felt like their entries in the last quarter were not as good as what they'd had which made it easier for our defenders and then we were able to surge the ball forward. It wasn't pretty, it wasn't pretty at all. You know, we didn't get our game going. We didn't get our marking game going off our short kicks. I thought they did early and they took a heap of marks in the first half.

Q3. When you created some stoppages in the last quarter, you were able to drive the ball

forward from there?

Yes, I think that just comes down to having good players in your team. Jake van der Pligt, what is he 21, his last quarter was enormous. Marriott with a very sore shoulder was able to have a big impact in the last quarter...

Q4. And players like Jesse Burns added plenty of pace...

Yes, we tried to get him a bit of isolation up forward to give him some room to work in. He's pretty electric.

Q5. They obviously have some real strengths; Reid across half back, their set up in the ruck, Aiden Lindsay out of the centre...

Yes, I thought Lindsay and Sparks and Jarryd, always against Leongatha... I just thought it was really even all day with the mids. They had their turn of dominance and then we had our turn, and we were able to get what, two or three points in front and somehow it was just enough.

'Proud of our efforts' said Power coach

FOR a playing coach who had just lost a hard slog against a neighbouring rival, Wonthaggi Power coach Jarryd Blair was refreshingly upbeat after the game.

He told his players he was proud of their efforts on the day and that they should walk away with their heads held high.

"If that's the standard we've got to reach, and to be right in it until the last 30 seconds, we've got to be really pleased with that," he said.

"I'm super proud of your effort today and you should be as well," he said going on to single out several incidents where players went back into packs to take marks or to put their bodies on the line to take possession or to support a team mate.

"The crowd doesn't always see those things but we do," he said.

With only a few points in it at the end, he said everyone could look back at a contest or a moment where they could have made a difference.

"I'm sure we can find a 30% improvement on that. You could see how everyone just loved that contest today and this early in the season we've got to be proud of our efforts.

"The only thing I would say is when it's close like that, we don't want to be kicking it into the pocket. It's the time to take it on and be brave enough to win it or lose it by 10, but overall, we've got to be proud of that and we should be going out of here pretty pleased with our efforts today."

Blair said the players would reflect on the game on Tuesday night and come back with some of the things they thought they could do to improve.

Wonthaggi Power sets a standard in the Reserves

for their prospects this season.

Wonthaggi had a good focal point in Troy Harley up forward, with three, and Wayne Luke also looked likely to add to his one goal, even deep in the last when he hit the post.

But they were also well served in defence where the Parrots found it difficult to score.

Ty Hall coming out of the Thirds last year, played well for Leongatha, Noah Fixter, Matt Borschman and Darcy Hume were busy throughout and team leaders Josh Schelling and Rhett Kelly pushed the Parrots' response after half time.

Final scores: Wonthaggi 8.5.53 defeated Leongatha 6.6.42.



Steve Forrester clears the ball from defence as Wonthaggi continues to press in the last quarter on the way to a solid win.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 2

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Moe	2	0	325.42	8	Moe	2	0	213.04	8	Warragul	2	0	521.43	8	Moe	2	0	333.90	8
Leongatha	2	0	126.67	8	Wonthaggi	2	0	211.32	8	Traralgon	2	0	325.86	8	Traralgon	2	0	268.42	8
Bairnsdale	1	0	102.22	6	Morwell	1	1	197.47	4	Morwell	1	1	128.16	4	Drouin	2	0	148.31	8
Warragul	1	1	107.64	4	Traralgon	1	1	142.68	4	Maffra	1	1	59.50	4	Bairnsdale	1	1	180.61	4
Leongatha	1	1	105.63	4	Leongatha	1	1	97.92	4	Moe	1	1	45.07	4	Maffra	1	1	101.72	4
Morwell	1	1	84.18	4	Maffra	1	1	84.96	4	Sale	0	0	100.00	2	Leongatha	1	1	84.14	4
Warragul	1	1	46.59	4	Bairnsdale	1	1	80.34	4	Bairnsdale	0	1	85.26	2	Sale	1	1	48.13	4
Maffra	0	1	71.15	2	Warragul	1	1	52.52	4	Drouin	0	2	38.76	0	Warragul	0	2	64.71	0
Leongatha	0	2	93.60	0	Sale	0	2	54.39	0	Leongatha	0	1	32.67	0	Leongatha	0	2	56.17	0
Bairnsdale	0	2	87.59	0	Drouin	0	2	16.06	0	Wonthaggi	0	0	0.00	0	Morwell	0	2	27.84	0

Footy returns for Mid Gippsland League

By Rob Popplestone

AS EACH season starts, hopes of success burn bright at each of the MGFNL clubs, as they rightly should.

The season opener featuring Morwell East and the visiting Foster was an ideal clash to send the message to fans that footy is back.

Every club has, and certainly demands, from their players, that certain benchmarks are achieved.

These include but are not limited to, never losing on your home ground, never losing two matches in a row, and stealing a win where possible away from home.

With that in mind, we had two clubs at the gateway to the season, and the possibility for only one to walk away happy.

Morwell East was that club, but the result not clear until the final siren...

The Hawks 8-8-56 to the Tigers 7-8-50

As pleasing as a close win can be, the disappointment of being on the wrong side of the same result can be devastating.

The anticipated closeness of the MGFNL competition means clubs cannot afford

winnable games being lost. Bring on round one!

Coming up this weekend

Tarwin vs MDU: Tarwin were the benchmark team for most of 2022, before some wobbly wheels saw them bundled out of the finals quicker than they would have liked, but Sharks coach Troy Hemming has indicated some subtle changes to his team preparation for the season ahead.

The Demon's coach, Nathan Allen, might not be so vocal about his team's potential to go all the way, but he remains confident they will be a tougher team to beat this year than last.

Certainly the quality of recruits picked up by MDU appears to be most impressive, but just how much so, will be tested on the home ground of Tarwin this weekend, with one coach or maybe even both having a clearer understanding of just what they will be working with and against.

Stony Creek vs Fish Creek: Two sides that found themselves outside of the finals race in 2022, have

unashamedly set their sights on a return to the real stuff in 2023.

Both sides with new coaches and as a result carrying a reinvigorated enthusiasm that is sure to gain momentum with a first-round victory.

For Chris Verboon at Stony Creek the initial priority has been to strengthen the foundation or fabric of the club off field.

Fish Creek too, with Jarrod Walker at the helm, has been positive with some talented recruits and a satisfactory pre-season.

History to be made

by Rover

MORE Mid Gippsland history will be made this Saturday when Mirboo North travels to Toora for the first time since both clubs were established in the horse and buggy and steam train days of 1892.

It's round one of the 2023 MGFNL season and the mighty Tigers know there will be many challenges confronting them on the footy field and netball court against the Magpies.

The senior football match

sees the return of Mirboo North's 2006 and 2007 premiership participant, Peter Mongta, as head coach.

Mongta, who was assistant playing coach in 2006, before taking over the reins the following year, knows the importance of his team getting off to a good start.

The last thing Mirboo North needs is to be jumped at the opening bounce the way Carlton was against Adelaide last Thursday, and find itself six goals down at quarter time.

No doubt, the Mirboo North coach will instruct his players to attack the Sherrin hard from the outset, tackle the opposition with gusto and win as many contested ball contests as is humanly possible, all afternoon.

In the netball, Toora will proudly unfurl its prized 2022 A Grade pennant, prior to attempting to repeat its nail-biting one-goal grand final victory over Mirboo North.

Twenty-one-year-old super-star, Miki Hilliar, takes over from Ebony Best as the Tigers' A Grade coach this season.



The Mid Gippsland League is set for a thrilling start to round one this weekend. (File photo courtesy Gerard Brunning)

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Young Saints decimated by reigning premiers

By Nyora Football Club

BOTH sides took on Neerim South this week in what were tough matches for the Saints.

The reigning premiers proved they are one of the favourites again in our book.

They are extremely experienced and play a good brand of footy.

Our boys played a great first half executing what we planned to do.

Our young backline did a great job against their talented forwards, however, excess forward entries during the third quarter made it hard to stay competitive.

Our inexperience was noticeable in the third term when the better team got a run on. Our boys didn't know how to react to their dominance.

One poor quarter of footy made the scoreboard look a lot uglier than it felt.

We played good patches of footy but a small lapse against a strong team is enough for it to turn south.

Adding some experience this week is going to be pivotal to getting back to playing four quarters of competitive footy.

As a young team, we need to take a lot of learnings from this and make sure this week we are better.



Travis Stewart just misses the ball as he contends the ruck.

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ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 2

NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB

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NYORA 2.1 4.4 4.6 6.8 (44)

NEERIM SOUTH 4.5 9.918.14 21.17 (143)

GOALS, Nyora: Jordan Anderson 2, Scott Pugh, Dylan Heylen, Nick Anderson 1 each.

BEST: Jordan Anderson, Nick Anderson, Connor Jester, Dylan Heylen, Max Mattock, Scott Pugh

GOALS, Neerim South: Luke Kinder 5, Isaac Fuller 4, Chris Urie, Lachlan Bambridge, Eddie McGillivray 2, Tom Muir, Harry Notman, Nathan Bayne, Tyssen Mrrow, Ayden Ramm, Jeremiah Jones 1 each.

BEST: Isaac Fuller, Marko Kulas, Cooper Clancy, Jack Blakey, Chris Urie, Nathan Bayne

RESERVES

Nyora	0.0	1.0	2.2	2.3 (15)
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Neerim South	5.5	10.812.12	13.16 (94)
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GOALS, Nyora: Stanton Till, Nick Fairbank 1 each.

BEST: Joshua Browne, Anthony Rodrigues, Kye Gillespie, Dylan Langhans, Brad Drews, Lincoln Brock

GOALS, Neerim South: Adam White 4, Mitchell Sayburn 2, Reece Clark, Tom Zeldenryk, Lachlan Smith, William Johnson 1 each.

BEST: Tom Zeldenryk, Dane Fawcett, Jarrod Meggetto, Fletcher Robertson-Edgar, Adam White, Reece Clarke

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Yarragon	11.10.76	d	Lang Lang	8.4.52
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Trafalgar	13.13.91	d	N-Darnum	13.8.86
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Longwarry	11.10.76	d	Catani	10.6.66
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Buln Buln	16.10.106	d	Ellinbank	6.6.42
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RESERVES

Lang Lang	14.11.95	d	Yarragon	3.1.19
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N-Darnum	7.8.50	d	Trafalgar	5.5.35
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Catani	13.9.87	d	Longwarry	7.3.45
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Ellinbank	8.5.53	d	Buln Buln	7.10.52
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THIRDS

Yarragon	10.13.73	d	Lang Lang	3.6.24
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Neerim Sth	19.15.129	d	Longwarry	3.7.25
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Ellinbank	13.8.86	d	Buln Buln	6.5.41
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FOURTHS

Lang Lang	7.7.49	d	Yarragon	3.4.22
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Trafalgar	15.20.110	d	N-Darnum	1.0.6
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Neerim Sth	17.8.110	d	Longwarry	3.4.22
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Ellinbank	7.11.53	d	Buln Buln	1.1.7
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ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	% WON
Buln Buln	2	0	176.40	8	Neerim South	2	0	342.31	8	Ellinbank	2	0	328.13	100	Trafalgar	2	0	1285.7	100
Longwarry	2	0	149.09	8	Ellinbank	2	0	186.36	8	Yarragon	2	0	300.00	100	Ellinbank	2	0	662.07	100
Trafalgar	2	0	122.58	8	Lang Lang	1	0	500.00	4	Neerim South	1	1	190.57	50	Neerim South	2	0	497.56	100
Neerim South	1	2	200.00	4	Trafalgar	1	1	157.14	4	Buln Buln	1	1	76.73	50	Lang Lang	1	0	222.73	100
Poowong	1	0	112.77	4	Longwarry	1	1	91.74	4	Trafalgar	0	1	34.00	0.0	Longwarry	1	1	62.90	50
Ellinbank	2	1	111.72	0	Catani	1	1	87.83	4	Lang Lang	0	1	32.88	0.0	Yarragon	0	2	25.21	0.0
Yarragon	2	1	100.88	0	Nyora	1	1	87.50	4	Longwarry	0	1	19.38	0.0	Buln Buln	0	2	17.69	0.0
Nilma Darnum	0	2	72.63	0	Nilma Darnum	1	1	80.00	4	Poowong	0	1	18.55	0.0	Poowong	0	1	15.83	0.0
Lang Lang	0	1	68.42	0	Buln Buln	0	2	64.96	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0	Nilma Darnum	0	2	12.05	0.0
Catani	0	2	53.57	0	Yarragon	0	2	22.94	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0
Nyora	0	2	46.43	0	Poowong	0	1	13.16	0	Nilma Darnum	0	0	0.00	0	Nyora	0	0	0.00	0

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WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

Korumburra-Bena 9.8.62 d Bunyip 7.9.51

Cora-Lynn 14.11.95 d Garfield 11.4.70

Tooradin-Dalmore 13.8.86 d Kilcunda-Bass 9.11.65

Koo Wee Rup 16.12.108 d Dalyston 2.8.20

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TOORADIN-DAL 86 KILCUNDA-BASS 65

Tooradin-Dalmore 4.4 8.4 11.6 13.8 (86)
Kilcunda-Bass 1.4 2.5 6.9 9.11 (65)**GOALS, Tooradin-Dal:** Stewart Scanlon 4, Julian Suarez 3, Hayden Bertoli-Simmonds 2, Liam Adams, Brent Macaffer, Dylan Paarlberg, Piva Wright 1 each**BEST:** Hayden Bertoli-Simmonds, Xavier Shinners, Liam Adams, Stewart Scanlon, Julian Suarez, Dylan Paarlberg**GOALS, K-Bass:** Anthony Daraio, Lochlan Scott 2, Bradley Aldwell, Dale Gawley, Cam McKenzie, Dean McRae, Daniel Starling 1 each**BEST:** Dale Gawley, Lochlan Scott, Kye Benson, Nathan Foote, Jayden Gee, Cam McKenzie**RESERVES**Tooradin-Dalmore 6.4.12 1520.20 29.24 (198)
Kilcunda-Bass 0.1 0.1 0.1 0.1 (1)**GOALS, Tooradin-Dal:** Jordan Jones 6, Timothy Lenders 5, Phoenix Brousse de Laborde, Jake O'Donnell, Scott Szucs, Joshua Trezise 3, Tadhg O'Riordan 2, Brett Coffey, Ned Harrison, Justin Smaluch, Caden Webb 1 each**BEST:** Jordan Jones, Jake O'Donnell, Phoenix Brousse de Laborde, Scott Szucs, Justin Smaluch, Joshua Trezise**BEST, K-Bass:** Joshua Martin, Gerard Giacco, Robert Taylor**THIRDS**Tooradin-Dal 2.2 7.4 9.5 11.11 (77)
Kilcunda-Bass 2.0 3.0 4.2 4.2 (26)**GOALS, Tooradin-Dal:** Brody Campbell 4, Panos Papas 3, Brodie Matthews 2, Cooper Bassett, Anthony Mirauta 1 each**BEST:** Logan Downe, Daniel Ahern, Cooper Bassett, Joshua Cope, Brody Campbell, Chayse Campbell**GOALS, K-Bass:** James Lewis 2, Isaac Sinniah, Jye Sutherland 1 each**BEST:** James Lewis, Jye Sutherland, Owen Thomas, Ileyton Cartmel, Jed Rosenow, Ashden Grenness**IN OTHER GAMES...****SENIORS**
Cora Lynn 14.11.95 d Garfield 11.4.70
RESERVES
Cora Lynn 15.17.107 d Garfield 1.3.9
THIRDS
Garfield 11.12.78 d Cora Lynn 5.1.31**THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW**

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

ELLINBANK ROUND 3Lang Lang v Nilma Darnum
Trafalgar v Catani
Longwarry v Buln Buln
Ellinbank v Nyora
Neerim South v Poowong
Yarragon - BYE**GIPPSLAND** ROUND 3Wonthaggi v Moe
Warragul v Leongatha
Bairnsdale v Drouin
Sale v Maffra
Traralgon v Morwell (N)**MID GIPPSLAND** ROUND 1Morwell East v Hill End
Tarwin v MDU
Toora v Mirboo North
Boolarra v Thorpdale
Stony Creek v Fish Creek
Yinnar v Newborough
Foster - BYE**WEST GIPPSLAND** ROUND 2Garfield v Bunyip
Kilcunda-Bass v Dalyston
Korumburra-Bena v Cora Lynn
Phillip Island v Inverloch-Kongwak
Koo Wee Rup v Nar Nar Goon (N)

Sunday, April 23, 2022

Warragul Industrials v Tooradin-Dalmore



Killy-Bass' Bradley Aldwell struggles to get a handball to John Mentiplay.

Seagulls hold off feisty Panthers



Jayden Gee boots it long as Tooradin swarms.

KILCUNDA-BASS travelled up the highway to face off with the reigning premiers Tooradin-Dalmore at the Tooradin Recreation Reserve and were dealt the first blow before they even arrived.

Gun centre half forward Taylor Gibson was ruled out of the game with a quad injury, opening the door for young Trent Cartmel, who is still eligible to play in the under 16s!

The teams were welcomed by some perfect Tooradin weather in the opening period and the match started evenly with both sides really hitting the ball hard inside.

The visitors were good enough to set up plenty of scoring opportunities in the opening stanza but were costly in their execution, kicking one goal and five behinds.

The hosts didn't make as many mistakes with livewire forward Stewart Scanlon again causing havoc alongside Julian Suarez and their side took an 18-point lead into the first break.

The ever-reliable Dale Gawley was again fantastic in the ruck for the Panthers, coming off his team of the year season in 2022.

The Seagulls got right on top in the second term though, with ill-discipline and skill errors costing 'Killy-Bass' dearly.

Four goals to one in the second, gave the reigning premiers

a 35-point lead going into the main break.

Fortunately for the visitors, they showed much more promising signs in the third, with a few adjustments from Lee Rowe and his coaching team at half time working well.

Although lack of polish inside 50 was costing the Rowe's men, especially against the potent Seagulls side who were able to move the ball cleanly through the middle of the ground.

As the rain began to trickle down though, Kilcunda-Bass were able to fight back on the back of some inspired play by Lochie Scott and Nathan Foote.

They went into the final break 27-points adrift.

The hosts kicked the first two goals of the fourth quarter, but the Panthers kept coming, booting three to finish the match in a strong four quarter effort.

Tooradin-Dalmore were always in control but started to get frustrated with 'Killy-Bass' continued presence in the contest as the rain really began to pour down in the fourth.

The reigning premiers showed enough composure to close out the win though, their second of the young season, to the tune of 21-points.

They'll now head to Western Park for the annual ANZAC Day clash with Warragul, while Kilcunda-Bass will host Dalyston.

'Giant' start to 2023

OFF the back of what was a disappointing season in 2022, the Korumburra-Bena Giants marched into the Bunyip Recreation Reserve determined to prove they were down but they're in no means out, and that's exactly what they did.

The Bulldogs didn't have their best year either in 2022, but after pushing finals contention in recent years, and playing at home, they opened as clear favourites against a Giants side that was full of young locals, and coached by Paul Fermanis, their beloved full forward making his senior coaching debut.

Fermanis' young group started fast and attacked hard, hitting the lead early and midway through the first term had extended the margin to three straight kicks.

Young star Jay Walker was in everything for Korumburra-Bena, and he kept generating opportunities for their forwards to score in the opening period.

Although, Bunyip rallied late in the quarter to draw within eight points at quarter time.

Throughout the second and third quarters, Bunyip's taller marking players started to really cause havoc for the Korumburra-Bena defence.

However, the Giants showed great resolve and maturity beyond the years of their inexperienced side, courageously holding their single digit lead at the first three breaks.

After the dogfight that was the middle two quarters, where both sides scored just a single goal each quarter the match was up for grabs at the final change with the visitors



Korumburra's James Dunn knocks out the ball as both sides contend. Ns011623

seven points ahead.

Those who made their way to Bunyip were in for a grandstand finish once again between these two sides, as the hosts gained a slight wind advantage going into the final term.

The boys in orange were pumped to make an early statement and they did, kicking the first goal of the final quarter and with goals few and far between looked like they had the game at that point.

However, the hosts weren't

going to give in that easily and a late major put them within five points of the lead as nerves set in around the ground.

But once again, to Korumburra Bena's credit they did not panic and showed outstanding composure and maturity.

New cult hero Tane "Dozer" Derrick was in everything in the final stages willing his team on.

But it was their new coach Fermanis leading from the front, taking a telling mark in

the last minute and sending the ball forward and into the hands of young gun Joel Cuman.

Cuman put the icing on the cake after the siren, sealing a magnificent win for the Giants, who showed some true character on Saturday afternoon with a momentum building 11-point win.

They've equalled their win tally from last year in just one game and proved some doubters wrong along the way, their next test will come this Saturday at home against Cora Lynn.

Dark night for the black and white

UNDER lights in front of the brimming crowd, Dalyston kicked off their 2023 campaign hosting Koo Wee Rup but despite high expectations the Magpies faithful copped an early reality check.

Starting in drizzly conditions both teams were keen to test each other out.

Dalyston attacking first were denied by the Demon's Nathan Muratore, rebounding from half back.

The new look black and white unit with eight new faces had barely settled when Koo Wee Rup launched into action with three goals in three minutes to Amin, Wells and Galante.

The Demons were hungry for the ball and quick to go deep into their forward 50.

Jason Wells, as dangerous as ever, snapped his second and the visitors had already created a margin.

Tempers flared and both teams tangled on the outer boundary as the rain strengthened and it was evident nothing would come easy for the home team.

Dalyston commenced the second term with energy and a deep entry allowed Hayden Wallis to deliver a much-needed goal with a quick snap in traffic.

Tim Miller delivered a quick reply for the Demons and the methodical Koo Wee Rup held sway.

Wells benefitting by the good work of Nicholas Bindley added his third, and Gallante

crumbled his second as things were looking bleak for the Pies.

Their best period of the game came in the next ten minutes as collectively the team were more controlled with their disposals.

Max Connell and Brad Monson generated more forward entries propelling the ball forward off their wings.

Mason Storr delighted the crowd with long bomb goal deep on the boundary, but the Demons counterattacked through Bindley and his goal gave them a 43-point half-time lead.

If the result was not already obvious, Koo Wee Rup renewed their dominance with an immediate two goal burst to start the third term.

Dalyston gritted their teeth and held the ball in their half for most of the quarter but the slippery ball and the resolute Demon defenders, led by Voss and Muratore, denied them time after time.

From that point it was all one-way traffic, at least on the scoreboard. Koo Wee Rup adapted to the conditions much better, stayed upright in the contest and continued to run in support of their teammates.

The Magpies will hope to see a much-improved performance when they meet Kilcunda-Bass, in the light of day at Bass this weekend.

The Demons will hope their winning form continues against Nar Nar Goon.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

ROUND 1

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts av	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts av
Tooradin-Dal	2	0	152.14	8	Tooradin-Dal	2	0	658.54	8	Koo Wee Rup	1	0	450.00	4.00	Kor-Bena	1	0	163.89	4.00
Koo Wee Rup	1	0	540.00	4	Koo Wee Rup	1	0	192.86	4	Garfield	1	0	251.61	4.00	Phillip Island	1	0	133.33	4.00
Phillip Island	1	0	172.22	4	Bunyip	1	0	190.63	4	Phillip Island	1	0	248.48	4.00	Koo Wee Rup	1	0	131.25	4.00
Inverloch-K	1	0	150.00	4	Phillip Island	1	0	185.71	4	Inverloch-K	1	0	240.00	4.00	Nar Nar Goon	1	0	126.09	4.00
Kor-Bena	1	0	121.57	4	Inverloch-K	1	0	183.33	4	Tooradin-Dal	2	0	226.23	4.00	Inverloch-K	0	1	79.31	0.00
Cora Lynn	1	1	90.74	4	Cora Lynn	1	1	181.48	4	Cora Lynn	0	2	47.48	0.00	Dalyston	0	1	76.19	0.00
Bunyip	0	1	82.26	0	Nar Nar Goon	0	1	54.55	0	Nar Nar Goon	0	1	41.67	0.00	Warragul Ind	0	1	75.00	0.00
Kilcunda-Bass	0	1	75.58	0	Warragul Ind	0	1	53.85	0	Warragul Ind	0	1	40.24	0.00	Bunyip	0	1	61.02	0.00
Garfield	0	1	73.68	0	Kor-Bena	0	1	52.46	0	Kilcunda-Bass	0	1	33.77	0.00	Garfield	0	0	0.00	0.00
Nar Nar Goon	0	1	66.67	0	Dalyston	0	1	51.85	0	Dalyston	0	1	22.22	0.00	Tooradin-Dal	0	0	0.00	0.00
Warragul Ind	0	1	58.06	0	Garfield	0	1	8.41	0	Kor-Bena	0	0	0.00	0.00	Kilcunda-Bass	0	0	0.00	0.00
Dalyston	0	1	18.52	0	Kilcunda-Bass	0	1	0.51	0	Bunyip	0	0	0.00	0.00	Cora Lynn	0	0	0.00	0.00

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KORUMBURRA-BENA FOOTBALL CLUB

62	51
KORUMBURRA-BENA	BUNYIP

Korumburra-Bena	5.3	6.5	7.6	9.8 (62)
Bunyip	4.1	5.4	6.5	7.9 (51)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Byron Walker 3, Joel Cuman, Paul Fermanis, TJ Loughridge, Jasper Macri, Christian Sewell, Kodie Walker 1 each

BEST: Jay Walker, Zach Walker, Joel Cuman, Tyson Findlay, Nicholas Besley, Tane Derrick

GOALS, Bunyip: Connor Steel 4, Alex Dijkstra 3

BEST: Alex Dijkstra, Adam Banks, Connor Steel, Daniel Banks, Chase Saunders, Jack Tomkins

RESERVES

Bunyip 1.1 4.3 6.4 9.7 (61)

Korumburra-Bena 2.4 3.5 4.6 4.8 (32)

GOALS, Bunyip: Shane Smith 5, Jamie Hallpike, Mitchell McKenzie, Brandon Pompei, James Whitworth 1 each

BEST: Campbell Knight, James Whitworth, Finlay Pinkster, Brandon Pompei, Michael Whyte, Shane Smith

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Rhys Dixon 2, Patrick Beadel, Zac Graham 1 each

BEST: Rhys Dixon, Jesse Harris, Jed Harris, Lachlan Smith, Austin Gurnett, Mitchell Sawyers

FOURTHS

Korumburra-Bena 1.3 5.4 7.6 8.11 (59)

Bunyip 1.2 3.3 5.5 5.6 (36)

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Lucas Jones, Andrew Nowell 2, Indie Cameron, Bryce Riddell, Tanner Walker, Dylan Wyhoun 1 each

BEST: Mitchell Hobbs, Bryce Riddell, Tanner Walker, Lucas Jones, Andrew Nowell, Jack Crocker

GOALS, Bunyip: Callum Kennedy, Oliver Ockwell-Payne 2, Lewis Demetrios 1

BEST: Cody Welch, Samuel Hughes, Albert McAuley, Riley Warner, Heath Mollison, Callum Kennedy

DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

108	20
KOO WEE RUP	DALYSTON

Koo Wee Rup	5.5	9.7	12.9	16.12 (108)
Dalyston	0.0	2.6	2.7	2.8 (20)

GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Jason Wells 5, Adam Amin 3, Bailey Galante 2, Musa Amin, Nicholas Bindley, Travis Bindley, Timothy Miller, Seth Ohehir, Tyson Twite 1 each

BEST: Matthew Voss, Musa Amin, Bailey Galante, Travis Bindley, Mitchell Cammarano, William Battams

GOALS, Dalyston: Mason Storr, Hayden Wallis 1 each

BEST: Michael Harris, Joe Alexander, Brad Monson, William Clarke, Max Connell

RESERVES

Koo Wee Rup 0.6 4.8 5.9 7.12 (54)

Dalyston 1.2 1.3 4.4 4.4 (28)

GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Shoaib Akbar, Benjamin Miller 2, Jesse Cammarano, Samuel Cox, Jett Williams 1 each

BEST: John Ramos, Brannon Harrison, Lachlan Haynes, Samuel Cox, William McDonald, Matthew Drommel

GOALS, Dalyston: Jake Gheller 2, John Armstrong, Andrew Magro 1 each

BEST: Robert Davey, Tyson Andrigutto, Emmet Dempsey, Shay Davis, Ben Lewis

THIRDS

Cracker of a contest

- Power and Parrots add to the legend

THERE was a huge crowd packed into Parrot Park last Saturday and they got everything they wanted and more as the clash between traditional rivals, Leongatha and Wonthaggi, went right down to the wire.

The teams were locked on 7.5.47 apiece at half time after a spectacular mid-air swipe at the ball by Jack Hume remarkably went through for a goal.

Then Wonthaggi earned a hard-fought lead at three quarter time on the back of a magnificent defence, led by Kyle Reid, stopping everything at half back and debut player, Brodie Mabilia, initially locking down his direct opponent Jenson Garnham, before taking on a more expansive role.

Goals to Cooper McInnes, from great clearance work by ex-Collingwood recruit Isaac Chugg, and another, following a crunching tackle by Ryan Sparkes deep in attack, gave them a six-point lead in a low-scoring affair.

And just when Leongatha looked to be coming early in the last quarter, Jarryd Blair sent Sparkes on his way with a hard-ball get and a superb handball to stretch the lead beyond a straight kick.

It looked good for the Power as they gathered to celebrate the fine team goal but there were a few more twists and turns to come.

In the end, goals by Leongatha's Jack Hume and Aaron Heppell put the Parrots in front midway through the

quarter, and with both defences in charge after drizzling rain, it was a grinding, dour struggle to the line – ultimately with Leongatha prevailing by three points.

Openly, many in the crowd said a draw would have been a more fitting result, but as Power coach Jarryd Blair said after the game, his team should have taken it on through the centre, instead of around the defensive flanks, in the final minutes of the game, when the match was there to be won.

But it was an absolute cracker start to finish.

"That is one of the best games of country footy you are likely to see, not high scoring, but hard, tough and fair. Fantastic," said Leongatha fan, Nick Kelly after the game.

Actually, neither team lost anything from their aspirations for season 2023, and with plenty of upside for Wonthaggi, and Leongatha able to add late withdrawals from the match, Cade Maskell and Aaron Hillberg, you can expect to see both teams get better through the year.

Could 2023 be the year we see an all-South Gippsland grand final in the Gippsland League? It's certainly on the cards.

Best for Leongatha were Jake van der Pligt, adopting a leadership role in the midfield, Jack Hume constantly on the move near goals and finishing with a match-winning four, Travis Nash and

Sam Forrester stopping the Power surge, Luke Bowman with plenty of hard work on the ball and Aaron Heppell taking turns on the ball and up forward. You could add Guy Dickson and Jackson Harry to that for their key defensive roles, Jesse Burns for adding much-needed pace and two goals, and Ben Willis for fighting back from a losing position, against Power's three-pronged rucking division of Toma Huther, Jake Thomas and Jordan Staley.

For the Power, Kyle Reid was supreme across half back, Jack Hutchinson might have been the day's best forward if he'd made more of his chances but his creative work up forward was a delight. Toma Huther capped off another great game in the ruck with a mark and goal up forward and some saving marks in defence, Shannon Bray was simply superb all day at full back, with a number of notable tackles and goal-saving efforts, Brodie Mabilia made a fine debut and provides the Power with further upside and Isaac Chugg displayed a touch of class throughout.

You could add the whole Power on-ball unit to that; including Aiden Lindsay who was in fine touch, the coach himself Jarryd Blair who practically hauled the team over the line himself and Ryan Sparkes for a complete game, on-ball, in attack with two goals and when helping out in defence.

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The big men fly and this time Leongatha's Ben Willis gets the front position but both he and Levi Hickey had their hands full with Wonthaggi's trio of Huther, Thomas and Staley.



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