

## BLAZEAIID TEAM HAPPY TO HELP

BlazeAid coordinators Greg and Karen Noble visit Emma Joy's Mirboo North farm as volunteers worked to rectify storm damage. See story on page 5.



## Hannah nominated for Australian of the year

THE idea to step in and make change is at the forefront of many people's minds, although anxiety can limit the ability to act, but for Hannah Eisen practice to overcome uncomfortable situations is what gets her through those hard conversations and in turn led her be shortlisted for Australian of the Year Award 2024.

This achievement is recognition of Hannah's drive and passion to make positive change within her community; for the self-less contributions she has made to the Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) during her role as president, and recognition of her role as an Architect, Interior Designer, and Project Manager who runs her own Design and Project Management consultancy - HE Consulting.

The award nomination states that Hannah 'consistently connects community members to each other, she actively involves younger women in the committee of PIBC, treating them with respect and valuing their opinions.'

Her expertise led the PIBC clubhouse restoration and surf equipment upgrades, and created the future resources required for the next generation of committee members.

In the construction industry, STEM, and government sector, she continues to coach and mentor women to pursue career paths in these historically male dominated industries.

Hannah is also an advocate and open support to women who are experiencing gender-based violence, in personal and

professional settings.

Hannah continues to seek out fellowships and training to further educate herself on how to be the best leader.'

In a discussion with the Sentinel-Times Hannah reflected on this nomination and the significance of being shortlisted for the Australian of the Year Award, stating that in all that she has achieved it's never been about her.

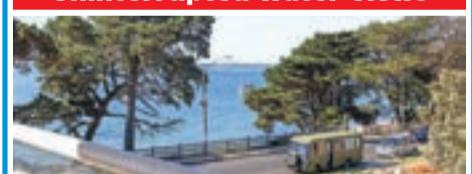
"It's about if I had my time over what I would do to support or nurture and that's not for my ego, or my accolade or acknowledgement. I just think if I've got a skill to help them out, I'll help and it's about the collective - that then has like a knock-on effect for positive, healthy communities," said Hannah.

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# TAC Sponsorships come into question as road conditions worsen

THE MOTORCYCLE Riders Association Australia (MRAA) have called on Danny O'Brien to ask the State Government for transparency around the Transport Accident Commission's (TAC) annual sponsorships.

In 2022/23 TAC gave away \$5,875,500 to sponsor golf tournaments, bicycle races, various sporting clubs and art festivals including the Melbourne International Comedy Festival (and Regional Roadshow).

The MRRA would like to know how the recipients of TACs sponsorships are chosen, how those sponsorships are evaluated for road safety benefit and if these sponsorships are a waste of road users' premiums what other TAC funds might be poorly managed?

Danny O'Brien responded to MRAA spokesperson Damien Codognotto's OAM questions and requests via email in January this year.

"I appreciate your concern about TAC sponsorships, but part of the TAC's role is to promote road safety as a way of reducing the terrible social, emotional and economic costs of road trauma. Sponsoring major events and sporting codes and advertising at them is a way to get the road safety message out, so that is not something I would object to."

The TAC is a Victorian Government-owned organisation set up to pay for treatment and benefits for people injured in transport accidents, promote road safety and support Victorians after road accidents.

Promoting road safety through events such as the Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow with messages such as, "All jokes aside. If you drink, don't drive", is intended to encourage good decision making and decrease road accidents and deaths.

The MRAA are asking to see evaluative data from these partnerships and promotions that are costing millions.

"They're spending so much money on the Melbourne Comedy Roadshow and they're saying that it's going to be influencing road safety?" said Damien.

"How many people who drive cars in the country or ride motorbikes, how many of them go to a show and come away safer drivers? It's difficult to



**Damien Codognotto OAM from the Motorcycle Riders Association Australia is calling for transparency around TAC's \$6 million sponsorships, when our roads so badly need funding.**

believe that it works."

"We just feel that with the amount of money that's going into non victim benefits that the TAC really need to be transparent."

Damien believes part of the issue is underpinned by a board of management with members who are largely there to advance their careers and have little to no knowledge of the road industry.

"If you look at the board, two things become obvious, the first one is it is all bankers and administrators. There's no rotating expertise there. The second thing about them is there's a high turnover in board members."

"They're very corporate oriented. Their decisions don't really reflect what the public wants to see to do with our money," said Damien.

The TAC website has a wide range of statistics around road tolls and accidents, and states they undertake surveys and research on their campaigns, however there is no data or commentary available around this.

However, TAC do state that each sponsorship is evaluated to understand its impact on road safety knowledge and behaviour with an evidence-based, with continuous improvement integrated into the programs.

A TAC spokesperson said, "We know driver behaviour has a significantly higher impact on road fatalities and injuries in Victoria, than road conditions."

"We will take every chance we get to engage with

communities across the state to prevent accidents from happening on our roads."

"Sponsorships play a vital role in our mandate to promote road safety, allowing us to target different sections of the state with information that could save Victorian lives."

And while the annual number of Victorian road deaths is less than a third of what it was in 1989, over 10,000 people have been killed on Victorian roads since then.

Figures for transport deaths and accidents are largely on the downward trend, the death toll for motorcyclists is up by 31% this year when compared to last year.

Damien puts this down to the poor quality of rural and regional roads and believes that the nearly \$6 million spent on TAC sponsorships could potentially be better spent elsewhere.

"One of the areas we'd like to see it spent is by regional councils, making them more able to handle road repairs and road maintenance."

"At the moment, there's more road trauma in the country than the city and a lot of that is caused by crashes on rural roads that are in bad condition."

"The local councils really don't have the funds and after years of damage to unmanaged roads, they don't have the funds to bring them back to a safe level," Damien said.

While Mr. O'Brien doesn't believe in calling out the TAC's spending and return on investment he is adamant about advocating for better roads, as stated in an email to Damien.

"...we have called out the State Government on cuts to the TAC programs and the roads maintenance budget more generally. This has seen the 23,000 km of state-owned road network fall into disrepair like never before."

"As I advised previously, I will continue to advocate strongly for better and safer roads for all Victorians but will not advocate to prevent the TAC from sponsoring large events to promote road safety."

Damien believes the TAC board and upper management do however, need to be held to account.

"It's about time the government had a look into it. This department needs to be jerked into gear."



**Hannah nominated for Australian of the year**

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Since the successful opening of Berninnet in Cowes – a project managed by HE Consulting, Hannah felt the need for change, and has since made a move to Western Australia after being offered to take on one of the biggest infrastructure projects in WA – she also wanted to be near her brother and his partner who recently welcomed twins.

"I was ready to take on a new experience, I really wanted to be there and see my brother as a dad and be around and show support for the next generation of my own family."

"The cultural centre had finished, and I felt like the legacy that I had intended to give back to PIBC had reached its natural progression; it's reignited the sense of community and sometimes it's time for succession planning - for the next person to bring a different flavour of skill or knowledge or experience into the club – whatever that may be," said Hannah.

Despite Hannah saying goodbye to Bass Coast, she has certainly left a legacy behind, not only within the PIBC but within the community thanks to her leadership that's inspired the next generation.

Hannah's dedication to making change continues in WA with her sights already set on a community organisation Ocean Heroes – where she has volunteered her time; a group focused on children on the spectrum or with autism to get them integrated into the community and develop social skills through surfing.

"However, I will always have a gender-based focus after working in construction as a female, seeing graduates in the office questioning themselves or having moments of self-doubt. I think it's going to come naturally that I'll end up taking on that role throughout my career, whether it's mentoring informally, or formally or conducting leadership talks or hosting or chairing meetings that has that flavor of discussing mindfulness."

"A topic that doesn't get discussed in an office environment, but because of my association with surfing and yoga, I think it's important to start integrating the importance of intuition into corporate language because this just might help people feel more human," Hannah explained.

"Failure is somewhat a good thing because then you learn that it's not rejection. It's redirection."

Hannah emphasised the importance of helping others understand ways in which to deal with stressful situations, so being overwhelmed and anxious doesn't lead people to saying 'no' when they face uncomfortable situations, and changing this is to them saying 'yes' because they can share their knowledge or skills with others.

Being shortlisted for the Australian of the Year Award is a huge achievement for Hannah, she too shared that she suffers from anxiety but has found ways in which to cope in stressful situations so that she can say 'yes' – which has led her to see so much success at such a young age.

"The calibre of nominations is outstanding so to be among them was a great honour," said Hannah. "The community response has been amazing. It's like they have won an award in a way."

While Hannah's shoes will be big ones to fill, come AGM in July the PIBC will be electing a new president and vice president for the 24/25 season, with all paid PIBC members encouraged to apply.

The role of the president is to lead the annual planning of the club, help the committee prioritise its goals and performance, and facilitate effective management of club meetings.

Hannah urges those involved to step forward and help direct the club into the next chapter.

If this sounds like you, PIBC encourages you to reach out to any of the current PIBC committee members for a confidential chat, or email contact@pibc.com.au.

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**FRI | Apr 19**

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Wind AM: W 20-25km/h

Wind PM: SW 15-25km/h

**9° 18°**



**SAT | Apr 20**

Cloudy.

Wind AM: Light

Wind PM: Light

**10° 19°**



**SUN | Apr 21**

Cloudy.

Wind AM: Light

Wind PM: Light

## IN BRIEF

### What to do this week

#### Poowong 150th Anniversary

Friday to Sunday.

April 19 – 21, from 8pm  
Poowong – see story on page 31.

#### A Birthday in the Park

Saturday April 20, 12pm  
Coal Creek Community Park and Museum

#### Gardivalia – Festival of Gardens

Saturday and Sunday,  
April 20 – 21  
Various locations

#### Rail Trail Community Market

Sunday April 21, 8.30am  
Leongatha Railway Precinct

#### Korumburra Fire Brigade 125 Years

Sunday April 21, 11am  
Korumburra Fire Station

#### Let's go Fandango

Sunday April 21, 2pm  
Mt Best Community Hall

#### Rhyll seawall replacement

THE BASS Coast Shire Council is set to approve a quotation from Simpsons Construction Company Pty Ltd, subject to a signed funding agreement from the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DECCA) for the replacement of an additional 45 metres of seawall at the Rhyll Boat Ramp for \$897,159 not including GST. DEECA is providing funding for the full scope of the works plus a 20% contingency and the engagement of the external design consultant, totalling \$897,159.00 (excl. GST). There are no budget contributions required from Council.

The works are a continuation of works already completed. The fire has been deemed suspicious and a crime scene was established with an arson chemist attending the scene on April 10.

A 53-year-old Phillip Island man is currently assisting police with their enquiries.

Anyone who witnessed the incident or has information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or submit a confidential report online at [crimestoppersvic.com.au](http://crimestoppersvic.com.au).

#### Corinella path project blows out to \$492,738

THE Bass Coast Shire Council is being asked to consider adding a further \$198,000 in 'Developer Contribution' funding from its 'Resort and

pair veered from a walking trail onto cliffs near Cleeland Bight Beach about 5.40pm.

The pair struggled to make their way back through thick bushland when they noticed the ocean tide getting higher.

Police, SES, Ambulance Victoria, CFA and Surf Life Saving Victoria attended to assist with the rescue.

Air Wing winched the 47-year-old woman and 37-year-old man to safety about 6.45pm.

The duo from Lower Plenty did not sustain any injuries.

#### Smiths Beach blaze ends in arrest

POLICE have arrested a man following a house fire in Smiths Beach on April 9 that caused significant damage to the property.

Emergency services from across the district were called to the fire on Marlin Street about 9pm.

Two occupants in the house at the time of the fire evacuated the property and were taken to hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

It took firefighters from Phillip Island, San Remo, Kilcunda and Wonthaggi an hour to contain the fire.

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The talk is titled, 'In the Valley of Peace, Kongwak's Avenue of Honour', with Jillian explaining the town is known as the Valley of Peace.

Jillian will speak about what

Recreation' reserve to complete the Corinella Pathway Gaps project.

The issue will be considered at this Wednesday's council meeting but is almost certain to be approved with works already in progress.

The works include but were not limited to:

- Construction of a 1.5-metre-wide concrete path from Smythe Street to Corinella Jetty.

- Construction of a 2-metre-wide concrete path along The Esplanade from Peters Street to Hamilton Street.

- Minor vegetation trimming to allow for the construction of the new footpath.

- New footpath laybacks at intersections and connection of path to existing bus stop.

- Some existing driveways will be replaced with plain reinforced concrete at no cost to the property owner. (The reason for the replacement of some driveways is to allow the correct crossfall and match new levels for the path).

- Additional works could include:

- Replacement of existing timber bollards

- Additional seating and picnic tables

- Pedestrian signage and fencing

- Extra reinstatement works.

#### Learn about Kongwak's Avenue of Honour at Anzac lunch

MOYARRA'S Jillian Durance is the speaker for this year's Anzac lunch at the Leongatha RSL on Wednesday April 24, the enthusiastic writer of local history looking forward to sharing stories about Kongwak's Avenue of Honour and its importance.

The talk is titled, 'In the Valley of Peace, Kongwak's Avenue of Honour', with Jillian explaining the town is known as the Valley of Peace.

Jillian will speak about what

Kongwak was like at the beginning of the Great War and its character during the conflict, touching on locals who joined up but largely focusing on the support provided by those at home.

She'll describe the movement to commemorate those who served, which began prior to the end of WWI, with that leading to the establishment of Kongwak's Avenue of Honour during the final year of the war.

People will also hear about the extension of the Avenue of Honour to commemorate those who served in WWII, as well as the efforts of those who have maintained and where necessary replaced trees over the years since.

The Anzac lunch is run annually by the Leongatha Historical Society.

This year's lunch starts at midday.

"Please join us for lunch or come along and hear Jillian speak," the society's secretary Lyn Skillern said.

Those wishing to have lunch are requested to call Lyn on 0400 249 048 so she can advise the RSL of numbers. Jillian's talk will begin at approximately 1pm.

#### New Inverloch boat ramp to cost \$1.8M

AT ITS council meeting this Wednesday, the Bass Coast Shire Council will consider accepting a tender from Bridgewater Marine Pty Ltd for the construction of a new boat ramp, plus jetty sections at a cost of \$1,811,413 plus GST.

The budget available for the contract is \$2,400,000 (GST exclusive), which includes contingency costs, BCSC project management fees and design services at construction.

The project is fully funded by Better Boating Victoria (BBV) and will be delivered in partnership with Bass Coast Shire Council.



BlazeAid volunteers Gordon Arnel, Dylan Lowther, Iain Batten, Lyn Arnel and Jo Batten enjoy their time working at Emma Joy's Mirboo North farm. A01\_1624

## BlazeAid team happy to help in Mirboo North

FARMERS in Mirboo North and surrounds have one less thing to worry about after February's mega storm thanks to BlazeAid volunteers repairing boundary fencing, and the Sentinel-Times met one of the organisation's friendly teams on Tuesday at the Mirboo North farm of Emma Joy.

In contrast to bushfire damage where vegetation and fences are often obliterated, the storm impact has left a substantial tidy up effort with volunteers having to cut fallen trees and branches down to size and remove them from the fence line before fence repairs or replacement can occur.

Loch Sport's Gordon Arnel and Iain Batten of the Gold Coast were busy with their chainsaws during Tuesday's visit, with other BlazeAid volunteers helping in the clearing operation.

Gordon spoke of the importance of taking some pressure off farmers and making their paddocks secure for livestock.

He said the work also

provides a sense of fulfillment for the volunteers.

Gordon's wife Lyn and Iain's wife Jo were also part of Tuesday's team, the Gold Coast pair helping during a year of travel, with Jo saying they have plenty of time.

Young Dubliner Dylan Lowther was another member of the crew, having been with BlazeAid for just a week and currently based in Melbourne after six months in Australia.

He discovered the organisation while searching for somewhere to undertake his 88 days of regional work, which will allow him to get an extension on his Working Holiday Visa.

BlazeAid caught Dylan's eye on Facebook before he realised the work is on a voluntary basis.

"I did some research into it and learnt about the great work they do and I thought, gosh that's a great opportunity to come out and see a whole other side of the place to the hustle and bustle of Melbourne and help farmers who had a tough time recently when they

were hit by the storm," Dylan said.

Married BlazeAid coordinators Karen and Greg Noble, who are currently training a new coordinator at the organisation's Yinnar camp paid a visit to Emma's farm to meet this scribe.

The Maffra-based pair are former dairy farmers and have been volunteering with BlazeAid since 2020.

"I knew how to fence and I saw what BlazeAid had done while I was working and I thought once I've got time I'll get into it and help others," Greg said.

The camaraderie between the volunteers at Emma's farm was apparent, with Karen observing that is a common occurrence.

"They have to work together; they don't have to like each other but generally do," she said.

BlazeAid was established after the 2009 Black Saturday bushfires by Kilmore East farmers Kevin and Rhonda Butler.

They had approximately three kilometres of fencing

burnt on their property allowing hundreds of sheep to get onto the roads.

Kevin put an advertisement in the local paper requesting assistance, with about 25 volunteers coming to help and the fences rebuilt within a week.

That response prompted Rhonda to create BlazeAid to help others, the organisation's volunteers initially working out of the couple's shearing shed while rebuilding destroyed fences in the region.

The organisation now establishes camps, with volunteers provided with free accommodation and meals.

Running camps, providing necessary equipment to carry out clearing and fencing and maintenance all incur considerable costs, with running a camp roughly \$5000 per week.

Those keen to help BlazeAid meet its costs can visit [blazeaid.com.au/donate](http://blazeaid.com.au/donate) with the organisation's website also providing information for those considering volunteering as BlazeAiders.

## Free workshop initiative launches to support small businesses

SMALL businesses across South Gippsland and Bass Coast will have the opportunity to take part in a free online workshop, on Thursday April 18, designed to help them strategically plan digital initiatives, identify and respond to business risks and implement resilience strategies.

The initiative, aimed at supporting some of the 800,000+ small businesses across the country, is being rolled out by Optus together with business training experts Dynamic Uplift with the one-day workshop available online to ensure access for all regional small businesses.

Emma Jensen, VP Small Business at Optus said: "Through listening to our customers across Victoria, we know that digital capability – and keeping up to date as it rapidly changes – is one of the key issues that small businesses face. We felt there was a real opportunity for Optus to add value by offering a solution to help educate small businesses and reimagine their own digital strategy."

"The FutureFit workshops will enable small businesses in Victoria to better understand and leverage technology such as AI, social media, digital marketing tools and website development, with the goal of making their business more resilient in a digital age."

The workshops run by Dynamic Uplift take a gamified approach, incorporating interactive canvases and cards as well as user-friendly apps to simplify complex processes and meet the needs of small businesses regardless of their digital maturity stage. The workshops will cover a number of topics including:

- Putting digital in context – understanding why it's critical for every business.
- How to better leverage artificial intelligence and the right apps
- Understanding what 'digital' could mean for your business, customers, and partners.
- Evaluating your current digital capability and competitive position.
- Planning and implementing your digital strategy.

Robert Kinkade, Director, South Pacific Digital at Dynamic Uplift said, "Australia is well progressed on the shift to the digital age, and no business is immune to the impacts of digital disruption, regardless of size."

"Many small to mid-sized businesses are seeking urgent support without the budget to hire consulting firms or other advisors, and the business owners and operators are time constrained, meaning that they only have days to devote to this critical agenda, not weeks or months."

The FutureFit workshop will be held on Thursday April 18 from 10am to 4pm. Small businesses who are interested in attending are invited to register via [optus.com.au/business/futurefit](http://optus.com.au/business/futurefit).

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## Mayor's Message



Cr Clare Le Serve

DEAR Bass Coast

Last week I had the pleasure of attending the official opening of the Inverloch Bowls Club where investments have been made in lighting to allow night-time bowls and activities. This facility will not only provide a fantastic recreational space but also foster community spirit and engagement. We supported this project through assistance with the application and project management. Congratulations to all involved in making this happen. I could see on the night how much the club will benefit from these improvements.

The Wonthaggi Croquet Club Pavilion will also be officially opened on 6 May. The club operated from a small portable building for many years and this new pavilion has an office space, a full kitchen, storage as well as indoor and outdoor social spaces. We were able to deliver this project which was jointly funded with Sports & Recreation Victoria and the club. Bowls and croquet offer community connection as well as an outlet for staying active and I am thrilled to see these projects come to fruition.

On the subject of recreation, Wonthaggi will host the Box Hill Hawks for the VFL/VFLW double header on 12 May. This was a fantastic event last year that brought many visitors to Wonthaggi as well as giving locals a great day of football and activities for all of the family. I have no doubt this year will be just as good.

Maintaining and upgrading our infrastructure both for recreation and roads, drainage and footpaths is a priority for Council and is essential to keep our community safe, healthy and active.

The footpath along Marine Parade in San Remo is undergoing upgrades to improve accessibility and safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

We are also nearing completion of a project to extend the Inverloch Rock Wall east of the boat ramp to protect public land and community assets such as the Inverloch Boat Ramp overflow car park, a foreshore access road, the foreshore shared pathway, grassed open space and coastal vegetation.

As a council, we are dedicated to demonstrating responsible spending by prioritising the maintenance of existing assets and delivering value. A draft budget will be presented at our next Council Meeting. Following this, community consultation will begin. I encourage each of you to review it either on engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au or at our Council offices and provide your valuable feedback.

As we approach the end of April, I want to remind you of the upcoming storm waste removal period from 22 to 29 April. This is your last chance to take advantage of the free kerbside waste collection service for storm-related debris. Please use this opportunity to clear any remaining storm waste from your property. Further information is available on our website or please contact us at our Customer Service Centres.

Lastly our draft Urban Roads and Drainage Improvement Policy is also out for community consultation. You can visit our Engage website to read and understand more about this draft Policy, see information and updates on our in progress Infrastructure Projects as well as the draft Budget. I encourage you all to visit this informative website, please ask for help at our Customer and Visitor Information Centres to get access or visit your local library or ask a family member or friend to assist.

This is a valuable resource for all of us to be able to contribute and stay informed on what is happening around our region.

# Island's car parking woes of its own making

THE BASS Coast Shire Council only has itself to blame for the frustrating state of car parking on Phillip Island, according to Cr Ron Bauer, and the sooner they address the issue with a wide-ranging report the better.

Cr Bauer has put a Notice of Motion to the council this Wednesday, which calls on council "to address the parking arrangements on Phillip Island for both high season times and off-peak season times" for the benefit of both visitors and locals.

And he pulls no punches in his preamble, blaming council for the undersupply of car parking.

"The council's policy of issuing parking waivers has to be reviewed. In recent times eye-watering car park waivers have been issued, for example, 90 car waivers for the Ryall brewery, and up to 500 cars for the Isle of Wight development. No consideration has been given to where the cars will park," said Cr Bauer.

"The terms of reference must include but not be limited to making recommendations to alleviate parking congestion for the transit centre, the Ryall foreshore, the area along



All day parking behind Berninnett in Cowes. Z01\_1624

Church and Chapel Streets from Thompson Avenue to Anderson Street and the use of parking waivers for developments," he said.

Cr Bauer claimed the transit centre carpark would come under increasing pressure from the 250-seat theatre at Berninnett, the community hospital and hotel developments in the area.

An urgent response is needed.

However, in an officers' report, it is claimed a more extensive assessment of parking availability is already underway.

"Council has funding in its 2023/24 budget to commence delivery of an Integrated Transport Strategy. This Strategy will include reference to all modes of transport and will provide a strategic direction for transport and land use

planning for Council going forward.

"The Integrated Transport Strategy scope of work includes exploration of the management of car parking across the shire.

"An effective approach to the management of car parking can help reduce the need for adding to the number of parking bays, can reduce frustration with finding a car park and can help better manage public resources.

"The development of the Strategy includes conducting parking occupancy surveys in Wonthaggi, Cowes, Inverloch, Grantville, San Remo, and Newhaven to inform strategic direction."

It will be up to Cr Bauer's colleagues to decide if this approach will address the concerns on Phillip Island, especially in Cowes.

## Rates up 2.75 per cent in Bass Coast Shire budget

THE key decision for the Bass Coast Shire Council to consider this Wednesday is the release of its draft 2024/25 Budget and Annual Action Plan.

The draft budget also includes the draft 'Fees and Charges' schedule for community consultation and submissions.

As part of the headline decisions to be made is for Council to adopt an average rate increase of 2.75 per cent in line with the mandated State Government rate cap, which will allow service levels to be maintained at current levels and continued investment in infrastructure.

The draft budget includes a capital program of \$24.8 million, which will provide the community with public improvements, upgraded and renewed infrastructure and recreational facilities.

The standard fee for the Council's waste management service is expected to be increased by \$24.38 (4.4%) to \$575.21 in 2024/25. This is consistent with waste cost projections in our Strategic Resource Plan.

Council has also reviewed the draft Council Fees and Charges 2024/25. Council fees and charges are adjusted annually to prevent cross subsidisation of user funded

services by ratepayers.

Average fee increments were based on a projected inflation rate of 4.0% per annum.

The draft Annual Action Plan 2024/25 outlines the key actions that Council will deliver across the strategic objectives outlined in the 2021-25 Council Plan.

The report recommends that Council release the draft Budget, draft Annual Action Plan 2024/25 and draft Fees and Charges 2024/25 for public exhibition and submissions from 18 April 2024 to 16 May 2024.

A full copy of the draft budget is available on the council website.

### Bass Coast budget highlights

IT'S budget time in the Bass Coast Shire Council and some of the highlights in the \$105.9m spending program include a further \$24.8m for capital works.

Here's budget snapshot ahead of the presentation of the draft budget at the council meeting this Wednesday:

- \$105.9 million total budget, including \$78.8 million operating budget to support Council services, \$24.8 million Capital Works Program, \$2.3 million Debt Servicing.

- 2.75% average general rate increase.
- \$13.4 million for Bass Coast's road network, including Grantville Glen Alvie Road \$2m, investment in Urban Roads Renewal, \$1.3m Berrys Beach Road and \$1.2m Ventnor Road Culvert.
- \$4.1 million to improve Bass Coast's footpath's network, including \$3.7m Wonthaggi to Inverloch Shared Path, \$416,000 Pathway Renewal & Upgrade Program.
- \$17.3 million for Waste Services, including \$950,000 Landfill Rehabilitation.
- \$11.5 million on Leisure and Recreational facilities, including \$5.5m for Parks, Reserves and facilities management and maintenance \$5.5m, \$2.3m Art Centre Services at WUCAC and Berninnett \$1.9m Leisure Facilities management, support, and maintenance.
- \$650,000 Sporting Fields Upgrade.
- \$100,000 Community Dog Parks.
- \$8.1 million to upgrade community facilities, including \$725,000 Cowes Activity Centre Plan, \$380,000 Amenities Roof Upgrades and \$350,000 Powlett River Pedestrian Bridge Renewal.



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The Minister for Health Infrastructure Mary-Anne Thomas, BCH CEO Jan Child and Jordan Crugnale MP with SJ Higgins Builders on the second level of the new Phillip Island Community Hospital which is anticipated to start operating in early 2025. ob03\_1624

## Phillip Island community hospital hits major milestone

RESIDENTS across the Bass Coast region will soon have greater access to health services they need, closer to home, with the new Phillip Island Community Hospital reaching structural completion.

Minister for Health Infrastructure Mary-Anne Thomas visited the site last Wednesday (April 10) to inspect the progress on the important project that will deliver important everyday health services while also taking pressure of nearby health services including Wonthaggi Hospital.

The multi-storey hospital is being delivered in two stages and creating up to 100 jobs during peak construction.

With 32,000 hours already worked onsite, the completion of the main concrete structure works paves the way for the hospital's striking façade to take shape, while work gets underway on the internal fit-out.

Managed by Bass Coast Health, the Phillip Island Community Hospital will expand the services currently provided by the Phillip Island

Health Hub to better support the health and wellbeing needs of the local community – such as after-hours care for non-emergency injuries like bumps, cuts and bruises.

By the end of the year, the first stage of the project to expand the Urgent Care Centre will be nearing completion and once complete the second stage of the project to transform the existing centre into dental treatment areas will begin.

Delivered by the Victorian Health Building Authority

(VHBA) in partnership with Bass Coast Health and builder SJ Higgins, the Phillip Island Community Hospital is part of the State Government's more than half-a-billion-dollar investment in the Community Hospitals Program.

This project builds on the investment in the Bass Coast region with the \$115 million expansion and upgrade of Wonthaggi Hospital opening its doors last year and planning underway for the next stage through our Hospital Infrastructure Delivery Fund.

## Bass Coast visitor economy delivers record expenditure

PHILLIP Island and Bass Coast visitor economy in 2023 delivers record expenditure.

Destination Phillip Island applauds the work of the tourism industry across the region in achieving such positive results in the year ending 2023.

The latest visitor survey results were published this week and included insights into the recovering international market.

Overall, the region recorded growth in domestic visitor expenditure (overnight and day visitors) in 2023 of +17 per cent year on year, equating to a 59 per cent increase when compared to 2019.

A record total estimate expenditure \$881 million was reported for the Phillip Island/Bass Coast region.

There was a significant overall increase in visitor numbers during the 2023 year with a 32 per cent increase to 2.7 million visitors.

Total visitor nights year on year recorded a slight decrease of eight per cent reflective of a softening in the economy reported at 3.1 million. The average night's stay continues to sit at 2.9 nights.

Regional international overnights reported for the first time since the pandemic showing the regional expenditure was estimated at \$10 million from 28,000 visitors. In January international visitor arrivals to Australia have now reported more holiday arrivals than visiting friends and family which is good news for regional visitation.

Kim Storey General Manager Destination Phillip Island shared that the Lunar New Year provided a strong indication of the returning international market.

"In 2024 we are certainly experiencing falling consumer confidence and indications of softening in travel pricing and spend. Ideally international visitor numbers will grow over the coming cooler months and low season events will provide opportunities to promote stay. The region has so much to offer intrastate travel which we will continue to market to."

## We're building big near you and there will be transport disruptions

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### Train disruptions: Coaches replace trains in both directions

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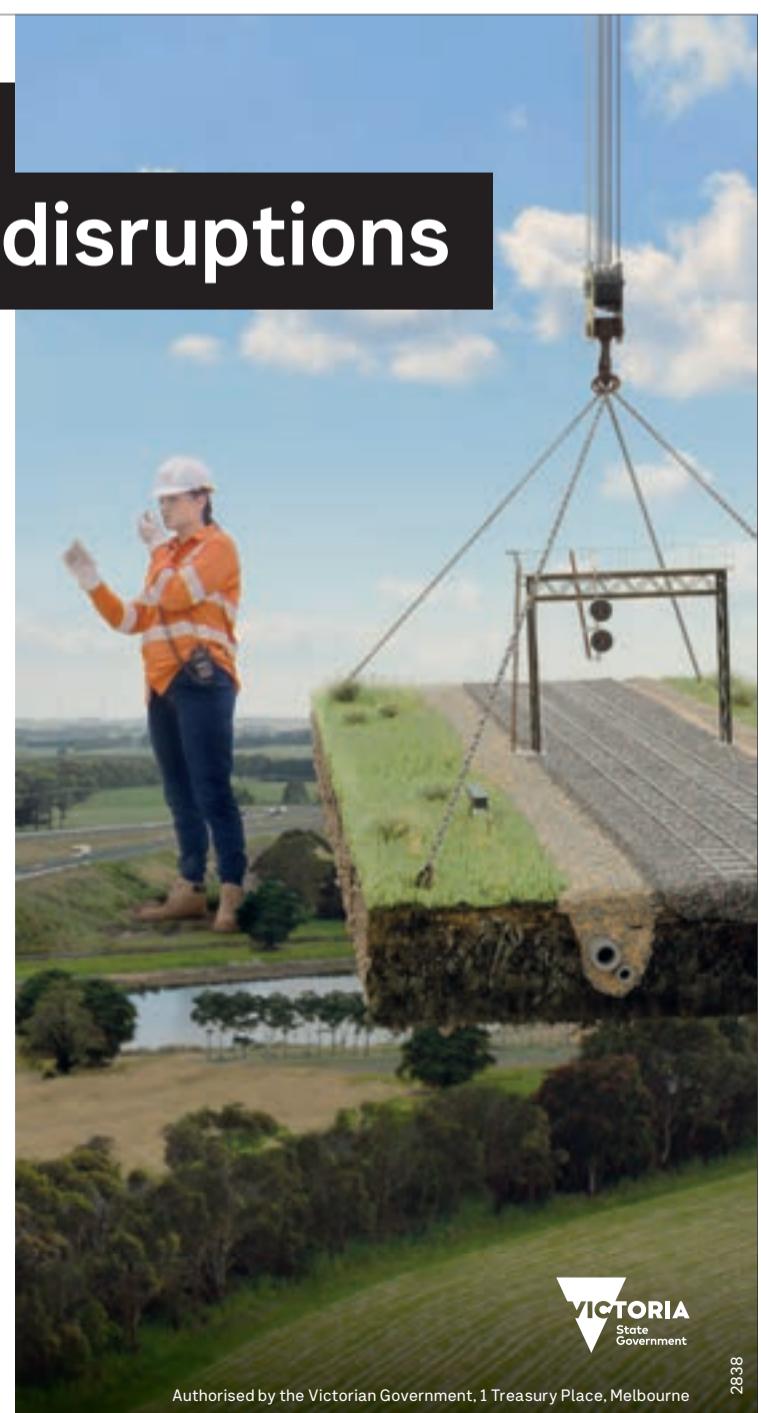
7pm 15 April to 6am 16 April Between Peet Street and Ballarto Road  
8pm to 5am, 16 to 18 April Between Peet Street and the Princes Freeway

#### Princes Freeway, Pakenham

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## Creativity shines for CWA

THE Creative Arts Exhibition hosted by CWA Bass Group in Loch over the weekend impressed crowds from far and wide.

It was perfect timing too as the Loch market was also being held, no doubt boosting the exhibition's exposure.

Held at the Loch Hall, the 69th exhibition featured something for all to enjoy with entries across a range of categories such as baking, knitting, crochet, photography and more.

CWA Bass Group craft convener Jacky Dow was delighted with this year's event despite their being less entries.

She highlighted the quality of the works was outstanding and they still managed to raise nearly the same amount of funds as

last year.

The funds raised go back to the group's vital work.

Sally Matthews was the overall winner for the exhibition.

South Gippsland Shire Deputy Mayor Nathan Hersey welcomed all to Loch and South Gippsland whilst speaking of the importance of people coming together for connection and sharing ideas. He also congratulated the strong crowd at the opening and awards presentation and remarked on the significant display of skill and expertise in the room.

Bass Coast Shire Mayor Clare Le Serve was also in attendance undertaking the acknowledgement of country and officially opening the exhibition.



CWA Bass Group craft convener Jacky Dow showcasing some of the wonderful entries. Ns51\_1624

## O'Brien slams government on power payments

THE NATIONALS Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien has slammed the State Government for its "mean and stingy" approach to supporting businesses affected by recent power outages.

Mr O'Brien has been working with a number of home-based businesses in the Mirboo North area who have been seeking access to the business component of the Prolonged Power Outage Payment (PPOP).

"While some home-based businesses received the full business payment of \$2927 early on, I have now been advised by the Government that about a dozen further home-based businesses will be rejected after the criteria was evidently tightened.

"The Government says to receive the payment businesses must have a specific business electricity account. How many home-based businesses would bother having a separate business electricity account?

"This is mean penny-pinching from a State Government that can't manage money, has blown the budget and it's now Victorians who are suffering.

"The difference between the residential payment and business

component is about \$1000 – nothing to the government, but substantial for home-based micro-businesses.

"Approving the small number of home-based businesses who were without power for more than seven days statewide would be lucky to cost the government \$20,000 in total.

"We were already critical of the Government's criteria that homes had to be without power for at least seven days before any payments could be made.

"To find out that home-based businesses who lost considerable earnings when their power was out for more than a week are not going to be eligible for the business component is simply atrocious.

"These are predominately young mums running businesses from home and it's just not fair that they are being denied support. These are hairdressers, photographers, bookkeepers and similar businesses.

"I have written to the Minister for Energy demanding the Government review this criteria immediately and ensure that these businesses who were affected by the power outage actually do get compensation."



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### **South Gippsland Jobs Expo**

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Don't miss the South Gippsland Jobs Expo happening Thursday 2 May. With a wide range of job opportunities available, this Expo is your chance to connect with local employers face-to-face and explore exciting career paths right here in South Gippsland.

With a diverse range of industry representatives from agriculture, healthcare, hospitality and more, there is something for everyone.

The Expo is for seasoned professionals, those starting out in their career journey and everyone in between. Come along, bring a resume and take that step closer to your dream job.

There will also be a jobs board with over 100 positions across a range of industries to explore.

For more information, please visit:  
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The South Gippsland Jobs Expo is a great way for businesses to connect with people seeking ongoing employment, apprenticeships, traineeships, casual/part-time jobs, gap year and holiday work.

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Come along and enjoy a free sausage sizzle and receive a coffee voucher on entry (vouchers are limited).

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#### **Animal Registrations**



Now is the time to renew your pet's registration!

Keep your four-legged friends safe and secure by registering them with South Gippsland Shire Council.

Owning a cat or dog in South Gippsland requires registration to ensure they can be returned to you if they become lost, plus your fees go towards important services within the Shire such as animal control and community education about responsible pet ownership.

Renewal registration must be paid by 10 April each year. New dog and cat registrations can be made anytime throughout the year.

For more information, please visit:  
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#### **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Wednesday 17 April 2.00pm  
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:

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Voting has officially opened for the 2024 National Award of Local Government.

These awards celebrate local government initiatives that make a difference to their local communities.

This year South Gippsland Shire Council has submitted the ArtCubes to the Creativity and Culture category.

This initiative has fostered creative vibrancy throughout our region, whilst providing our arts community with a space to proudly

showcase their work.

Please take five minutes out of your day to cast your vote and recognise this strong, impactful project that has transformed the arts space in our region.

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# Have a say on South Gippsland Shire Council's financial priorities

WHILE council budgets aren't everyone's cup of tea, those wanting a say on how their rates contributions to South Gippsland Shire Council are spent should have the opportunity, with a community engagement period expected to run from Thursday April 18 until Sunday May 5.

As the Financial Year draws to a conclusion, councillors will vote at Wednesday's April public meeting on a recommendation to endorse the Proposed Budget 2024/25 – 2027/28, including the 2024/25 Council Plan Annual Initiatives for community consultation.

The Proposed Financial Plan 2024/25 – 2033/34 is also anticipated to be put forward for public comment.

Council argues that councillors have worked together to represent the voices of their constituents and communities and provide recommendations and direction, while being mindful of the need to responsibly manage resources.

The expected consultation period will give community members the chance to say if council's financial priorities match their expectations.

South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Kerryn Ellis noted the imposed rate cap of 2.75 per cent for the coming financial year is well below the Consumer Price Index, and costs shifted from the Victorian Government to local governments



**South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Kerryn Ellis is confident council's proposed budget strikes the right balance between allowing improvements in the shire and being mindful of current cost of living pressures on the community.**

continue to increase.

"Council is being asked to take on more services and maintain more infrastructure at a cost that is not sustainable in the long term," Ms Ellis said.

She argues that as well as a focus on financial responsibility, the proposed annual budget is designed to take account of the financial pressures facing South Gippsland Shire residents in the current economic climate.

Despite the challenges, Ms Ellis maintains council is in a strong financial position, with an underlying surplus of \$4.775 million, and that it is striving to secure additional funding and project support through advocacy to the Federal and Victorian Governments.

The Korumburra Streetscape, Meeniyian Community Hub and Korumburra Showground changerooms are examples of projects expected to be completed in the 2024/25 financial year that were made possible through previously secured grant funding.

Ms Ellis said those grant-supported projects will be delivered as part of council's annual capital works program, which is currently budgeted at just over \$36.3 million for 2024/25.

Mayor Clare Williams stressed that in the final year of the current council, the focus remains on "financial prudence and long-term sustainability".

Council has allocated an

extra \$300,000 towards building maintenance, having responsibility for a large portfolio of buildings for community use, with Cr Williams conceding the extra funding will only help close the gap on a maintenance shortfall.

With the condition of roads a high priority for many community members, council has budgeted \$160,000 for roadside drainage maintenance spraying to help maintain road shoulders and the effectiveness of drainage and better protect road pavement.

A focus on weed control more broadly and biodiversity initiatives has led to \$50,000 being allocated in the proposed budget towards establishing a Memorandum of Understanding with South Gippsland Landcare.

The same sum has been pencilled in to commence the implementation of outcomes from the Coal Creek Strategic Plan, in line with council's upcoming decision on the Korumburra tourist attraction's future.

\$70,000 has been allocated to plan for the impacts on South Gippsland Shire of the emerging renewable energy industry and to ensure the shire is able to take advantage of opportunities and mitigate risks.

After community feedback is considered, the Final 2024/25 Budget will be presented to council for adoption at its June public meeting.

## Mayor's Message



**Cr Clare Williams**

HELLO South Gippsland.

It is just over two months since a horrendous storm hit our region. We knew the clean-up would be a long process, and that we would continue to make progress.

Council continues to have a presence in Mirboo North at the Recovery Centre and has worked hard to advocate to the State Government for greater support for the town and region. Following Council's advocacy on this issue, it was great to hear that the Mirboo North Golf Club will be receiving help to clean-up the fairways and make the course safe once again. The course was hard hit during the storm, and has also had to contend with people damaging the course in four-wheel-drives. I hope this news provides a sense of relief for everyone who loves this course and all the volunteers who have been doing what they can to clear the course.

The Mirboo North Recovery Working Group has been created and are now meeting regularly. Through this group, there will be many opportunities for the Mirboo North and district community to provide feedback. Updates from the group will be printed in the Mirboo North Times, so keep an eye out for those.

Updates are still being provided when new information comes to hand on Council's website: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/stormeventupdate](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/stormeventupdate)

I would like to thank everyone in our community who has helped not only in Mirboo North, but in other affected areas. Your work has not gone unnoticed. Your selfless commitment to our region is what makes South Gippsland the best place to live.

## Events

Coal Creek's 50th anniversary – A Birthday at the Park – is happening on Saturday, April 20 from 12.00pm. A vibrant mix of history, family-fun activities and live music. A Birthday at the Park is set to be a fantastic celebration of our beloved Park. If you haven't already booked your tickets, make sure you do so soon by visiting: [www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1188707](http://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1188707)

Want to have a full weekend of local events? Why not head along to the official launch of the Rail Trail Community Market in Leongatha on Sunday, April 21? Starting at 8.30am, come on down to the market and support local producers, makers and growers. Oh, and there will be raffle prizes and live music to top it all off.

To check out more events or to list your event, please visit: [www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au/events](http://www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au/events)

## Access and Inclusion Committee

Expressions of Interest for our Access and Inclusion Committee are open until Tuesday, May 14, 2024. If you are a community member or organisation who would love to be involved, please visit: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

## Vote for our ArtCubes

Our colourful, portable art spaces have been nominated for a 2024 National Award of Local Government in the Creativity and Culture category.

Help our ArtCubes, which have helped create a real buzz around art in our region, take out top spot by voting. Visit the following website and search 'ArtCubes' to vote: <https://nalg.awardsplatform.com/entry/vote/IRKxAkav>

Voting closes 11.59pm on Friday, April 26, 2024.

## April Council Meeting

Our April Council Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17 at 2.00pm in Council Chambers, Leongatha. We would love to see you in the chambers, but if you can't make it in-person you can watch it live or when it suits you by visiting: [www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live)

## Councillors to vote on selling Senior Citizens building

IT appears certain the former home of Korumburra Senior Citizens Club, at 14 Radovick Street, will be sold by South Gippsland Shire Council, which has refuted an argument it is not the owner of the land.

That claim was made in a submission from Korumburra Senior Citizens Club in response to the proposed sale of the land.

Council has produced evidence of its ownership in the form of a 'Transfer of Land' document.

It shows that the land was sold by Leongatha farmer Michael Joseph O'Shannassy for £705 to "the president, councillors and ratepayers of the Shire of Korumburra" on November 1, 1948.

In its submission letter dated February 21 this year,



**The Korumburra Senior Citizens building appears set to be sold. A07\_1624**

addressed to South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Kerryn Ellis and councillors, Korumburra Senior Citizens Club argues that ratepayers are the proprietors of the property at 14 Radovick Street, not the "Shire of Korumburra".

"Ms Ellis, it is inconceivable that you send us a proposal to sell land that you or council do not own," the submission states.

South Gippsland Shire Council states in its April meeting agenda that, once

formed through council amalgamation it became the successor in title to the land previously owned by the Shire of Korumburra, with that entity referred to as 'The President, Councillors and Ratepayers of the Shire of Korumburra'.

It is noted that the certificate of title for the land was officially put into the name of South Gippsland Shire Council in 2016 when it was digitised, with the Registrar of Titles requiring certificates of title for pre-amalgamation entities to be updated to reflect the current council structure.

At Wednesday's South Gippsland Shire Council meeting, councillors will vote on a recommendation to remove the land's 'Public Use Zone' classification and commence the sale proceedings.

## Cr Hersey keen to meet with Korumburra senior citizens

WITH South Gippsland Shire councillors called on to decide whether to sell the former Korumburra Senior Citizens building at 14 Radovick Street, Cr Nathan Hersey is keen to meet with members of the club's executive to discuss the situation.

"I have a concern that, despite seeking to meet with the executive of the Korumburra Senior Citizens, there does not appear to be a willingness to do so," Cr Hersey wrote in an email to the club's president Janne Grenon on Friday April 12.

The deputy mayor stressed he wishes to speak directly to those in charge of the club

before voting at Wednesday's council meeting on whether to sell the building.

Cr Hersey acknowledged council has received correspondence on the matter but is concerned that it is not from named authors and doesn't outline any clear plan.

"I implore you to bring focus to what is happening now and engage with councillors on that," Cr Hersey wrote to Ms Grenon, stressing that legal advice indicates the Radovick Street property is council's to sell despite conjecture expressed in correspondence.

"I encourage you to reconsider the decision not to meet

and welcome you to call me," he said.

Council's executive support officer Meaghan Low wrote to the Senior Citizens Club by email on March 25 on behalf of councillors, requesting a face-to-face meeting to discuss recent concerns raised, receiving a response asking for the names of attendees from council who would be present.

Ms Low replied that councillors Nathan Hersey, John Schelling, Scott Rae and Jenni Keerie "have expressed an interest in meeting with your club".

"The councillors are keen to meet with you and gain a

better understanding of your concerns and feel it would be better held in person rather than via correspondence," Ms Low wrote.

She noted the meeting would be informal in nature, providing an opportunity for those from the club to express their views.

A response was received last Thursday, April 11, stating the Senior Citizens Club committee rejects the proposed meeting, partially on the basis that insufficient councillors would be present, with only four of nine councillors having expressed an interest in meeting.

# Newhaven College Scholarships for 2025

NEWHAVEN College is proud to announce three different scholarship offerings for 2025, designed for students who demonstrate exceptional aptitude in a variety of areas. Obtaining a scholarship provides students with the opportunity to experience the excellent teaching staff and facilities Newhaven College has to offer.

## General Excellence Scholarship

Newhaven College is calling for applications for their General Excellence Scholarship for entry into the College in 2025. This will be awarded to applicants in Secondary School at any level who can demonstrate outstanding abilities in one or more of the following fields:

- Academic
- Sport
- Performing Arts (Dance, Drama, Music)
- Leadership
- Community Involvement

General Excellence Scholarships are awarded based on application and interview.

## Music Scholarship

Newhaven College is looking to award Music Scholarships to talented, passionate, and dedicated new or existing students of music who demonstrate strong musical potential. The offer is for students entering Newhaven College in Years 5, 7, 9 and 11 in 2025. Music Scholarships include individual tuition and academic tuition fee reductions for the duration of the student's enrolment at Newhaven College, subject to satisfactory progress.

Newhaven College's dedicated



Year 7 students Indiana Maloney and Lucy Thompson walking between classes.

music teachers and tutors nurture each music student to reach their highest potential. One exceptionally talented student who has made her way through the College Music Program is 2023 alum Saffi Campbell Walker.

Saffi is thankful for her time at Newhaven, "I learnt music at Newhaven from Year 4 to Year 12. Studying piano and other instruments provided me with the opportunity to join various bands and ensembles like Concert Band in Year 5 and the Year 7 Contemporary Band. I completed VET Music in Year 11 and VCE Music in Year 12 and through lots of hard work and support from the music staff at Newhaven, I was able to achieve 50 and 49 study scores in those subjects, respectively."

This year Saffi is commencing her Bachelor of Music in Jazz and Improvisation at the VCA with a vision to pursue a music career.

Throughout the year, the College celebrates numerous musical productions, concerts, evening soirees and performances. Individual music students, choirs, bands and ensembles perform regularly at school assemblies, providing students a chance to perform for the school community.

When asked why students should apply for a Music Scholarship at Newhaven College, Director of Music, Matthew Goss is passionate: "We believe Newhaven College offers the very best opportunity for musicians to flourish within the many programs we have on offer. Through a music scholarship, you can join our vibrant music program with choirs, ensembles and bands that nurture your passion. Unlock your potential and create lasting memories. Embrace a lifelong passion for music at Newhaven College."

Students who are passionate and dedicated to music and



Year 8 student Rex Fraser plays violin in the school orchestra. He is also often seen busking around Bass Coast events.

demonstrate strong musical potential are encouraged to apply. Enquiries regarding the Music Scholarship should be directed to Matthew Goss, Head of Music on 5956 7505.

## Peter Reith Scholarship

Established last year, the Peter Reith Scholarship is open to all students entering Year 10 or 11 in 2025. The scholarship is in recognition of Peter's extraordinary contribution to Newhaven College.

Peter Reith AM is best known for his career in politics where, amongst other roles, he was deputy leader of the Liberal Party under Prime Minister John Howard. In the mid-1970s Peter had a vision for a school that co-operated between all Christian denominations, committed to academic excellence, a global view on education and a strong commitment to the community.

Due to Peter's determined efforts, along with a small number of committed volunteers, the school was opened in 1980. Peter is truly a founding father of Newhaven College.

The Peter Reith scholarship will be awarded to a student who, like Peter, strives to make a positive difference in the world through their actions. Whilst exceptional academic performance is not necessarily required, an above-average academic performance is expected.

Applications open on Monday, April 15 and close on Monday, May 20, 2024.

Scholarship application information and forms can be found on Newhaven College's website, under Enrolments/ Scholarships. All applications must be submitted via the Newhaven College website or to Mrs Belinda Manning at [belinda.manning@newhavencol.vic.edu.au](mailto:belinda.manning@newhavencol.vic.edu.au)



## An update from VicGrid

VicGrid is planning a new transmission line to connect offshore wind energy to the power grid in Gippsland.

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

Register at: [engage.vic.gov.au/offshore-wind-transmission](http://engage.vic.gov.au/offshore-wind-transmission)



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## 2025 Scholarships

Newhaven College is offering the following for entry in 2025:

### General Excellence

This scholarship is awarded to applicants in Secondary School for students who excel in Academics, Sport, Performing Arts (Dance, Drama, Music), Leadership or Community Involvement.

### Music Scholarships

Awarded to musically talented students entering Years 5, 7, 9 and 11 in 2025, music scholarships include individual tuition and academic tuition fee reductions.

### Peter Reith Scholarship

In recognition of Mr Peter Reith's extraordinary contribution to the founding of Newhaven College, this scholarship will be awarded to a student who, like Peter, strives to make a positive difference in the world through their actions.

Direct enquiries to: Belinda Manning on [belinda.manning@newhavencol.vic.edu.au](mailto:belinda.manning@newhavencol.vic.edu.au) or call 03 5956 7505. For further information visit: <https://www.newhavencol.vic.edu.au/enrolments/scholarships>

Applications close Monday 20 May



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# Victoria's CMAs win prestigious National Banksia Award

VIC Catchments, the peak body for Victoria's ten Catchment Management Authorities, has won the Nature Positive category of the 35th National Banksia Sustainability Awards.

The Awards celebrate trailblazers in environmental and social sustainability, with winners across 14 categories spanning travel, agriculture, conservation and more announced at the gala event – all recognised as true champions of sustainability and social impact.

Cath Jenkins, Chair of Vic Catchments, accepted the award at the gala event held in Melbourne.

"Vic Catchments is thrilled and humbled to be winners of this highly competitive category and congratulate all the other finalists," said Ms Jenkins on behalf of Victoria's ten Catchment Management Authorities (CMA).

"For over 25 years CMAs have been at the forefront



**Sally O'Neill, Cath Jenkins (Vic Catchments Chair) and Tony Baker with the Nature Positive trophy.**

of working with communities and partners to deliver incredible results for catchments across Victoria. It's a delight that it's been recognised by such a prestigious organisation."

"We are a relatively small, yet passionate team and deliver projects on behalf of the Australian and Victorian governments.

Partnerships are one of our biggest strengths and we share this success with everyone – Traditional Owners, partner organisations, community and government."

"We have achieved great outcomes for our natural environments, catchments, agricultural landscapes and communities

in our 26 years, and we are only just getting started."

CMAs are responsible for the integrated planning and coordination of land, water and biodiversity management in each catchment and land protection region. Each CMA is structured to maximise community involvement in decision making.

In 2023, across Victoria, CMAs:

- Enhanced over 3000 hectares of vegetation to create habitat for native species.
- Improved practices over 9000 hectares of agricultural land.
- Issued 13,000 approvals and advice for works on waterways.
- Installed 368 kilometres of fencing to protect rivers and wetlands.
- Undertook 47,032 hectares of weed control.

Read about more achievements in the 2023 Vic Catchments Achievements Brochure.



**Businesses are being urged to turn off their lights as San Remo Bridge goes dark to prevent shearwater deaths.**

## Lights out for shearwater migration success

PHILLIP Island Nature Parks is enlisting the help of local businesses and communities to protect short-tailed shearwater chicks on their first migration north. This year, the annual campaign, Dark Sky So Shearwaters Fly, will run from April 19 to May 10, and will ask residents and businesses in the bird flight path to switch off their lights for up to 10 nights to minimise risks to the seabirds and to motorists.

Each year, shearwater chicks make their 14,000km first flight to Alaska in late April or early May. Bright manmade light sources can be a fatal attraction for the young seabirds as they learn to fly. They are drawn to street lighting and land on roads, becoming a hazard to themselves and to motorists, particularly on the San Remo bridge.

To minimise casualties and fatalities of the chicks, Phillip Island Nature Parks has partnered with the Department of Transport and Planning, Bass Coast Shire Council, AusNet, WE-EF LIGHTING, Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, the Victorian Ornithological Research Group and the local community as part of the Shearwater Rescue Program.

"Our target is to have 35 businesses sign up to our campaign and pledge to turn their lights off in the interest of keeping the shearwater chicks and the community safe," Dr Sutherland said.

"Turning off artificial light sources at night and being vigilant when driving during this short period will give young shearwater chicks the best chance of a safe departure this year."

"Monitoring of our research nest boxes in February suggested it would be a less productive breeding season this year," Dr Sutherland said.

"Not only were there fewer eggs laid in December than the past few years, but the hatching success of those eggs was also lower. This means there are likely to be fewer chicks migrating this April."

Last year, 419 short-tailed shearwater birds were rescued from roads,

of which two had to later be euthanised due to extensive injury. Another 237 birds were found dead on the roads after being hit by cars.

Cape Woolamai and the Penguin Parade were hotspots for live rescues, while dead seabirds were retrieved at Forrest Caves and the start of The Esplanade in Surf Beach, with the sites accounting for more than half of the deceased birds in the area.

Phillip Island Nature Parks Senior Scientist Dr Duncan Sutherland said it had been a tough year for shearwater breeding, so all help was needed to ensure the fledglings made a safe, successful trip north.

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AusNet Services will switch off the lights on the San Remo bridge for up to 10 nights during the peak departure period to minimise the number of birds flocking to the bridge, causing a hazard to drivers.

## Gippsland Business Awards launched



**Nominations for the Gippsland Business Awards are now open – don't miss your opportunity to apply.**

FEDERATION University Gippsland Business Awards supporters and sponsors joined together on Tuesday April 9 to launch the region's most prestigious recognition event for Gippsland's outstanding enterprises.

Awards Chair, Graeme Sennett, said that it was fantastic to again provide the opportunity to celebrate the determination, innovation and creativity of business and industry across Gippsland.

"With the continued support of our local councils and corporate sponsors, for 26 years, these awards have been able to acknowledge the incredible achievements of business people from across the region" Mr Sennett said.

"Our finalists and winners gain so much from these awards. They tell us that whether or not they win, they benefit from the recognition that they have achieved a great deal. They meet other like-minded

businesses and make meaningful connections. Importantly, it spurs them on to go further!"

As well as the prestigious Gippsland Business of the Year award, other categories recognised in 2024 are: Accommodation, Food Wine Producers, Health and Wellbeing, Hospitality, Innovation, Manufacturing, New Business, Retail, Business & Professional Services, Beauty and Personal Care, Mechanical

Trades & Construction, and Tourism Activities & Attractions.

Winners will be announced at a gala event on Friday August 30 at Federation University in Churchill.

Mr Sennett told those at the breakfast launch, sponsored by NBN Local, that maintaining a strong, successful and highly valued business sector was vital to the growth, innovation and sustainability of

the regional community.

"Thriving local businesses create an environment of success, which not only creates jobs but builds pride for those working in the enterprise. More importantly, they build Gippsland's reputation as being the place that can deliver excellent services, driving economic growth and securing our future," he said.

Nominations are now open for the awards, with entries closing on Friday May 24.

Nominations can be submitted on the Federation University Gippsland Business Awards website – [gba.org.au](http://gba.org.au). Once a business is nominated, it will receive a unique email link to complete its entry. All entries are completed online.

"We urge all Gippsland business operators to take this opportunity to recognise their achievements by entering the 2024 awards," Mr Sennett added.

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# Debt

## - The Good, the Bad and the Ugly!

By David Caporale,  
Investment Manager of Gippsreal Limited

This editorial will dive into the topic of debt and how they rank on a scale of good to bad and even ugly. All debt involves the same basic principle, borrowing money in the present (to buy things) and pay it back in the future. The cost of debt is the interest (and other fees) you have to pay for the benefit of using the money in the present.

The purpose of the funds borrowed can usually determine whether it is good or bad debt as well as your financial circumstances and objectives. If you use debt to increase your wealth then it would be seen as good debt, whereas if the money borrowed is used to purchase a depreciating asset it would be classified as bad debt. Moreover any debt becomes ugly if you can't pay it back! Therefore debt can be a double-edge sword.

An example of good debt would be borrowing money for investment purposes, such as buying shares, as the reason for doing so is to increase your wealth. Additionally the interest payments are tax-deductible. The caveat and risk to this is if the return of the shares purchased does not cover the cost of interest for the borrowed money then the shortfall must be paid via other means which could be selling down the shares.

A loan to build a business including equipment finance, also generally tax-deductible, would be seen as another type of good debt provided the loan is used to grow the enterprise. However if the funds were used to keep the business solvent and pay salaries or debtors it would be bad debt.

Similarly a home loan could be seen as good debt, although interest payments are not tax deductible, as the funds are used to buy a home to secure your future and ultimately own an asset thereby increasing your wealth. It is generally a necessary evil because for most Australians buying a home with cash outright is very difficult. As the debt is paid down you build equity which can be released for investments outside the home and thus accumulate even more wealth.

A home loan can also become bad debt

if the debt to income ratio (monthly debt repayments divided by your monthly income) is high and circumstances change, such as increasing interest rates or inflation, that places financial stress on repayments, or if there is a property crash and the debt is greater than its value.

The final debt that could also be classified as good debt is a student loan (HELP or HECS) because they are an investment in your future to enhance your career options that may have higher earning potential. The repayments are based on your ability to pay it back meaning you have to earn a certain level of income first and then it is scaled.

As for bad debt, any loan that's used to buy an asset that decreases in value can be viewed as bad debt. As mentioned this could be the case for investment and home loans if shares or property fall in value, but generally speaking it is car loans that fall into this category as they are notorious for depreciating the moment you drive out of the dealership. Having said that, many people can't afford a car outright but need one to drive to work so a car loan may be the only choice.

Lastly, the ugly debt that is commonly well known but still widely used are credit cards, and personal loans as well as buy now, pay later services. These kinds of debt are predominately used to fund things that don't increase your wealth, plug a cashflow gap or in some instances fund the costs of existing debts. You can easily over-commit to spending what you can't afford and with interest rates anywhere from 6% to 20% or more, it is just another reason to avoid this type of debt.

To conclude, as debt can be good and bad, it is important to consider how debt will impact your lifestyle and wealth before making a financial decision to borrow money. And as there are many types of loans to choose from it is prudent to do your research as well as seek professional financial advice to make an informed decision on whether to take on debt.

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# The grand final of life

~ Dennis Vague 1954 – 2024 ~



THERE was laughter and tears, and sometimes both on Friday as the community farewelled adored schoolteacher Dennis Vague at Melbourne's MCG.

It was a fitting venue for the larger-than-life character who was a great friend to many and a man loved by all who knew him. As he had said, the only place big enough for his funeral, when that day came, would be the MCG – 'and he was right'.

"The MCG is reserved for only the absolute greats – in recent times it has hosted funerals for cricketing royalty, Shane Warne and the biggest name in VFL/AFL, Ronald Dale Barassi, and now Dennis Vague from Wonthaggi – three greats!"

Memories spilled over from friends and family with Darren Berry recalling the times Dennis was mistaken for 'other' legends from Robert de Costello to Lee Matthews and Kenny Hunter – even playing up to three youngsters signing autographs.

"They thought they were in the presence of greatness, and they were, Dennis Vague."

Son Ben recalled the 1993 cyclone that ripped through Wonthaggi, and as first on the scene the moment they stepped inside his office to find the place obliterated except for Dennis' desk.

"Dad looked at me as if he had this genius idea and said, 'you don't tell anyone about this', and he turned around and swiped all the unfinished reports and projects off his desk, pretending they'd been damaged in the storm."

Dennis had a profound impact on the students he taught, with many memories across generations recalled – from his terrible spelling and grammar to the fact that bribery by the way of sherberts would be frowned upon today.

"Former students reached out to me to tell me how my dad had changed their life," daughter, Kara Vague explained.

"He believed in them, and he helped them... Always handing out his signature sherbert bombs. In fact, when the police returned his possessions after his accident, along with his phone, wallet and laptop was a packet of sherbert bombs."

Kara had the crowd in hysterics as she recalled a report card from her high school days.

"Dad also had no shame in giving me a student of the year award and he wrote on my report card – Kara's performance is obviously a great credit to excellent breeding."

But there was one thing that couldn't be denied no matter what stories came up, even Shrek's Swamp, and that was that family meant everything to Dennis.

He was a man who cherished his family above all else, a dedicated father who went to extraordinary lengths to spend precious time with his children, and in recent years granddaughter, and the most important love of his life, Gayle his wife of 47 years.

His daughter, Kara, fondly remembers him as her "Uber driver," always there to give her the biggest hug goodbye and hello.

He was a man who would drive hours just to hear her speak for a few minutes, a man who would wait in the car while she attended a wedding, only to drive her another five hours to a christening. He loved spending time with his family, and even worked for free at his daughter's part-time job just to be with her.

For Kara the memories continued from their time spent at football and creating the young girls regional football team together through to their coffee dates and trips abroad – there was even stories of his love of the garden and planting 58

hydrangeas in it for her.

For Ben, memories were remise of their competitive natures – always trying to outdo one another, and Ben's 'sick days' in primary school to go to work with his dad, and in later years getting caught for skipping school.

"One of my mates and I found out that our regular teacher was away so we thought we would wag class. Little did I know dad wasn't selling houses this day. I wagged the class my father was a relief teacher for – I've never been more afraid in my life! I rode my bike home, as quick as I could, made a sandwich and sat on the roof so he couldn't get to me."

And it would be remiss not to mention the Rover's senior premiership.

"It's 30 years since he coached the Wonthaggi Rover's to a senior's premiership, one of his proudest moments," Darren said.

"Although Scotty and I often say to him that our mum's could have coached that premiership side!"

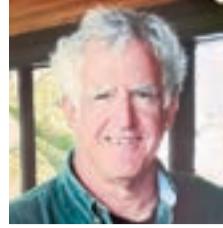
"He gelled a group of talented Wonthaggi youngsters and star power from Melbourne into a highly competitive premiership unit. The boys played for him and once again his care and compassion for people under his tutelage shone brightly."

Blue boat shoes and all you could take the boy out of Wonthaggi but not take Wonthaggi out of the boy.

As he'd throw out his hand to sporting greats to say - 'Dennis Vague, you've probably heard of me'.

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A legacy of innovation and love for the land



DR MICHAEL David Sidell, affectionately known as Mike, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on March 31, 2024, at his cherished farm, Cluanie, in Koonwarra, South Gippsland. Born on August 7, 1943, in Los Angeles, California, Mike's journey led him across continents, leaving an indelible mark on the fields of chemistry, environmental science, and agriculture.

Mike's academic prowess took him to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Boston, where he earned his Ph.D. in Chemistry. In 1970, he made the bold move to Australia to teach at Melbourne University, three years later transitioning to a career at Monsanto (later known as Chemplex). After 16 years in the chemical industry, Mike embarked on a new venture, founding Direct Interactive Remedial Technology (DIRT), where he soon earned the nickname Dr Dirt.

The company became known for excellence in soil cleanup and remediation, working on many large projects in Melbourne including the CityLink, Docklands redevelopment, as well as many of the high rises that now populate the Melbourne skyline. Yet, his true passion lay in farming, which he pursued wholeheartedly upon retirement in 2006. From his sheep farm in Yea to Jack Gully farm in Woodend, and finally to the pride of his life, Cluanie farm, where he started farming sheep and cattle full time, Mike's love for the land was evident in every endeavour.

In his final days, Mike found solace in the love and support of his family and friends, particularly his best friend, Ira Swartz from Los Angeles, his brother Neil, his sister Rande, who had been by Mike throughout the last year and a half of his life helping care for him through his disease, his son Christopher, and his mother Julie. He is also remembered by his sister June, former wife Anne and her children Duane and Teresa, and grandson Brody, as well as his late sons Jeffrey and Martin, and their mother Eileen. The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the South Gippsland Health Service, especially the Palliative Care Unit and District Nursing for their compassionate care, and Dr. Abbey Wilcox for treating Mike for the past eight years; 'they are truly wonderful people.'

A celebration of Mike's life will take place on June 8 at 1 pm at Cluanie farmstead, 430 Koonwarra – Inverloch Road.



CFA Board member Peter Shaw, captain Greg Carruthers (20 Year Service Award and National Emergency Medal), Ben Vagg (20 Year Service Award), Paul Norton (Life Membership and 65 Year Service Award), Trevor Barnes (5 Year Certificate), Stuart Landry (40 Year Service Award), lieutenant Kristian Nielsen (15 Year Service Award), Matt Hurst (15 Year Service Award), lieutenant Mick Landry (40 Year Service Award), Gordon Vagg (55 Year Service Award), Sam Vagg (20 Year Service Award), commander Gavin Parker and lieutenant Greg Clifford (25 Year Service Award and National Emergency Medal).

## Leongatha South Fire Brigade members honoured

LEONGATHA South Fire Brigade held its awards dinner on Saturday recognising the committed service of a number of its members.

Paul Norton, a founding member of the brigade, was awarded a Life Membership and a 65 Year Service Award, amusing attendees by asking how long the Life Membership would last.

Gordon Vagg's 55 years of service was recognised, with lieutenant Mick Landry and Stuart

Landry both acknowledged for 40 years' service.

On the night, captain Greg Carruthers and lieutenant Greg Clifford received National Emergency Medals, also being honoured for 20 and 25 years of service respectively.

Not all members to be honoured were at the dinner so will receive their awards at a later date.

CFA Board member Peter Shaw was on hand for

Saturday's award presentations, updating members on general CFA matters including equipment improvements such as retrofitting of crew protection systems to ultralight tankers and replacing those tankers that can't be retrofitted.

He also noted the radio replacement program has commenced, with training to be provided as it is rolled out.

Peter spoke of the importance of presenting awards

that acknowledge the qualities that make the CFA a great and well-respected organisation.

"I would like to thank all of you for your continued involvement in supporting the brigade in the many ways that you do," he said.

Those keen to start doing so are encouraged to contact Leongatha South Fire Brigade captain Greg Carruthers on 0487 623 066.

## Celebrations for Ann and Melanie

ANN McKay and Melanie Ryan are celebrating after claiming the top two prizes in the Leongatha Bowls Club fundraiser which was drawn at their recent event.

The Leongatha Bowls Club would like to thank everyone who purchased a ticket in their biggest fundraiser for the year with prizes donated by Hartley Wells Betta in

Leongatha. Monies raised will go towards the kitchen renovation for the club.

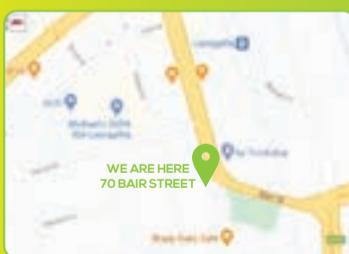
1st Prize \$1000 gift voucher was won by Ann McKay who has purchased a new mattress

2nd Prize a Chiq 32" Television was won by Ryans Bricks with Melanie Ryan claiming the prize. Congratulations to the winners.



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## New surgeries performed at BCH

BASS Coast Health (BCH) is offering more surgery to patients in our community, with two procedures recently performed for the first time at Wonthaggi Hospital.

Our Surgical teams are excited to have commenced shoulder replacements and endoscopic gastric stents in the new, state-of-the-art Theatres at Wonthaggi Hospital.

Orthopaedic Shoulder Surgeon Dr Gayan Padmasekara, who recently joined BCH's specialist team, completed the total shoulder replacement after a significant amount of planning from our Pre-Admission, Outpatients, Operating Suite and Acute ward teams.

Dr Padmasekara will be operating monthly at Wonthaggi Hospital, specialising in shoulder surgery, including replacement, reconstruction and arthroscopic surgery.

"The theatres at Wonthaggi are beautiful and brand new, so big and spacious, and the theatre team is outstanding – skilled, enthusiastic and accommodating," he said.

"It's so exciting to be able to bring a greater variety of surgery to the residents of Bass Coast and South Gippsland, closer to their homes, so they don't have the stress and expense of travelling to other hospitals for surgery, away from the support of their family and friends."

Dr Anton Rajadurai, one of our longer term Endoscopists, performs the endoscopic gastric stent procedure, which helps patients with gastric strictures (narrowing of the oesophagus) due to benign and malignant disease. This procedure reduces the need for recurrent gastric dilations – the insertion of a large tube into the oesophagus to dilate it.

BCH CEO Jan Child said patients previously had to travel to Melbourne for both the shoulder and gastric stent procedures.

"These surgeries are another step forward in growing our capabilities as a sub-regional health service," she said.

"Our new theatres offer modern technology, equivalent to the technology one could expect in large metropolitan health services, which means we can perform more complex procedures.

"Patients seeking surgery at BCH are greeted by friendly and helpful staff, dedicated to making the process as simple, personable and stress-free as possible for them and their carers."

BCH offers consultations with many medical specialists at Wonthaggi Hospital and the Phillip Island Health Hub and provides an extensive range of surgery at Wonthaggi. To learn more, see [basscoasthealth.org.au/specialists/search](http://basscoasthealth.org.au/specialists/search)

Patients wishing to see a specialist at BCH can ask their medical practitioner to fax a referral to the relevant speciality to 9102 5307 or email it to [Access@basscoasthealth.org.au](mailto:Access@basscoasthealth.org.au)

## Torch passed in paediatric rehabilitation

THERE has been a passing of the torch in the area of paediatric rehabilitation at Latrobe Regional Health in recent weeks with the retirement of Dr Barry Rawicki, something of a pioneer in paediatric rehabilitation medicine.

"Dr. Barry has dedicated well over a decade of service to our community and played a pivotal role in establishing the Victorian Paediatric Rehabilitation Service (VPRS) for the Gippsland region," colleague and Paediatric Neuropsychologist, Dr Helen Jeges said.

The VPRS Gippsland team comprises doctors, a physiotherapist, an occupational therapist, social worker and other allied health professionals to provide what's called 'wrap around' services for eligible patients in Gippsland.

"We are a multi-disciplinary team that works with children and young people who might be experiencing cerebral palsy, stroke, epilepsy, brain tumours or acquired brain injury following an incident such as a motor vehicle accident or a fall," Dr Jeges said.

The development of this specialist clinic has been a 20-year project for Dr Rawicki, who noted that while children in the city had access to this type of service in the 1990s, children in regional areas were either more likely to miss out or be faced with lengthy travel demands.

As well as providing specialist rehabilitation care to patients, Dr Rawicki has also



Dr Barry Rawicki is passing the torch at Latrobe Regional Health, back, from left, Tayla Green Bio Medical Student, Monique MacDougall VPRS Regional Coordinator, Emily Cuckson-Bell Allied Health Assistant, front, Dr Helen Jeges Paediatric Neuropsychologist, Dr Adam Scheinberg Consultant Paediatrician, Margaret Batley Social Worker, Fiona Derham Speech Pathologist, and Heli Shah Physiotherapist.

worked to build the capacity of the LRH-based team to provide a range of services and specialities to local families.

"Dr Barry's generosity in sharing his knowledge and expertise with LRH colleagues has been instrumental in fostering a culture of collaboration and continuous learning within our hospital. His commitment to professional growth and his willingness to mentor others have left an enduring impact on the VPRS team in Gippsland.

"Having the range of skills and knowledge in the team

means that we can provide in-depth care and work with families to come up with interventions for the patient and improve quality of life and functioning," Dr Jeges Said.

The LRH-based service provides care to patients and their families who live within the Gippsland region. This includes hospital-based care as well as outreach to the family's home where needed.

As Dr Rawicki steps into retirement, the LRH team will welcome Dr Adam Scheinberg as Consultant Paediatrician who is also the VPRS

State-wide Medical Director.

Dr Scheinberg is returning to the Gippsland region having worked with the team more than 10 years ago.

"It's wonderful to be back with the team having started in 2009 and then Professor Rawicki taking the medical support of the service but it's really fantastic to be back here working with such a wonderful team and group of families," he said.

Referrals to the Victorian Paediatric Rehabilitation Service can be made through the VPRS website [vprs.org.au](http://vprs.org.au)

## Former resident leaves a legacy to Griffiths Point Lodge

VIVIAN Reith, a former resident of Griffiths Point Lodge, left a wonderful legacy when she donated \$50,000 towards new flooring at the San Remo residential aged care centre.

Before she passed away in 2022 at the age of 104, Mrs Reith donated \$50,000 as a living bequest to Bass Coast Health (BCH), the operator of the Lodge, and actively participated in the discussions with residents where the colour and style of the flooring was chosen.

On the back of this donation, BCH was able to obtain further funding from the Victorian Government for a further \$1 million renovation of the Lodge that included new painting and flooring throughout the interior, as well as new bathrooms for some rooms. The works were completed recently, having been

delayed by the COVID pandemic.

Mrs Reith's daughter Miranda Sage said her mother loved living at Griffiths Point Lodge.

"She considered all the staff here her family. There was a real sense that this was her home because of the love and care that she had from all of the staff. It's a special place," she said.

BCH CEO Jan Child said the staff and residents were most appreciative of the generous donation.

"Thank you to Vivian for facilitating this donation. We know we provide the very best of care, but we also recognise that our infrastructure here is tired, and to get this support from our community is just wonderful!" she said.

Members of Mrs Reith's family were welcomed to a morning tea at Griffiths Point Lodge to celebrate this bequest.



The family of the late Vivian Reith gather with Bass Coast Health team members for a morning tea to acknowledge Mrs Reith's donation to new flooring at Griffiths Point Lodge, pictured. From left, Jim Norton, Fran Reith, Albert Sage, Miranda Sage, BCH Volunteer and Fundraising Manager Vicki Riley, BCH Operations Director Rebecca Grant, BCH Diversional Therapist Natasha Stapleton, BCH CEO Jan Child, BCH Diversional Therapist Donna Dalton, Volunteer Jan Klain and Griffiths Point Lodge Acting Nurse Unit Manager Clare Stinton.

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# Cordial with a Cop

CHILDREN watched on as police arrested the Library Programs Officer at Wonthaggi Library and put her in handcuffs last week during Cordial with a Cop.

Fortunately, it was only a demonstration and Sabine Neschlimann the Library Programs Officer, didn't do anything wrong and was safely uncuffed.

One child was suspicious that the handcuffs looked a bit fake and was delighted when Megan Krause of the Proactive Policing Unit (PPU) handed them over so he could feel that they were indeed real.

Another boy asked if someone can still attack with their feet when only their hands were in cuffs and Megan explained that sometimes good people make mistakes or bad decisions and by the time they are in hand cuffs they realise they've made a mistake and don't try to attack – like they do in the movies.

Megan also showed the police equipment they use and how they use it.

Including their batons, which got handed around, capsicum spray – otherwise known as pepper spray in the US, that didn't get handed around, and she spoke about their bullet proof vests, safety glasses and gloves worn for safety and protection.

After the show and tell, Nick



Leading Senior Constable Nick Carlson reads 'Piranhas Don't Eat Bananas' to a young attentive audience at Cordial with a Cop at Wonthaggi Library last week as part of their community engagement program. ob14\_1624

Carlson, Leading Senior Constable treated the younger children to story time.

He read three entertaining books to the attentive audience, including Piranhas Don't Eat Bananas, Where is the Green Sheep and Dear Zoo.

Nick said the PPU is flexible and they undertake community engagement on all levels

with all groups from LGBTQIA+ to schools to services and clubs.

"We read stories, we do colour runs – we actually participate in the colour runs, so we're not just there, we're participating and we'll be doing swimming lessons soon.

"It reinforces that we are just people in a uniform and gives people the chance to ask

us questions," said Nick.

While Nick was reading stories it gave the older kids a chance to have a more in depth chat with Megan and the Wonthaggi's local area commander Cath Middleton.

"It's a great opportunity for us to engage, especially with young kids and for them to have a positive interaction with police," said Cath.

## Embracing unique experiences at Wonthaggi Baptist Church

THE Wonthaggi Baptist Church welcomed a new minister recently, Mr Sandro Schietroma and in an interview with the Sentinel Times, Sandro shared his personal journey of discovering purpose and meaning in life through his relationship with God.

Sandro highlighted the importance of embracing the new Bass Coast community and loving them as God loves them.

Sandro was born in South America, Argentina before migrating to Australia at the age of eight and has been in ministry for the past 30 years; however, he discussed the influence his past had on his journey into Christian ministry.

"I grew up in Victoria and in

my late teens got into heavy metal music, grew my hair long and got caught up in the lifestyle of it all – including bad things that probably wouldn't allow me to continue living – but at the same time I was just enjoying myself, but I was also questioning, is this all there is to life?"

"Believe it or not, there was a Christian heavy metal band called Striper. They were singing about God and faith and in listening to their words – it got me interested. That was the beginning of me looking for purpose and meaning, not just religion, not something to make me feel better – I was searching for the truth," said Sandro.

At 19, Sandro came to the understanding that Christianity is not about religion –

it's about relationship with God, and by the age of 22 he decided to change his direction of life. Where he was once playing in bands and working in the disability sector – despite enjoying the contribution he was providing to the community, he made the change to ministry.

"Religion can mean so many things. It's about relationship with God, relationship with others, relationship with community and doing life – not just the stereotype of 'religion' to make you feel better, and that's when you start to realise what you're here for," said Sandro.

Sandro met his wife, Susan during his youth. "I was in a band recording, and she was working in a recording studio, we started this search of

purpose together before we were married," he said.

Together they are now both a part of the Wonthaggi Baptist Church, with Sandro the new minister and Susan a part of the church community.

"I still don't play traditional Christian music; I like to play a little bit of old-style rock n' roll."

"The Wonthaggi Baptist Church is a beautiful, thriving church with a great community, and I'm not sure how we're getting about 200 people in each Sunday, but we are heading in the direction to simply embrace people. I want to open the doors to the community to encourage them to live their best life, and to realise they are loved, and they are unique."

## Win a Thermomix this Mother's Day

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#### Be in the community

By Pastor Tom Gordon, Member of Connections Church Inverloch

WHEN we moved down to Wonthaggi from Melbourne six years ago, there were very few people that we knew in the area. It was important for us to meet people and make friends. It was important for us to find a church home, to get to know our neighbours, and to become involved in the community.

As Christians, we believe the scripture that 'God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life'.

He calls us to be in the world but not of the world. He called us to be salt and light. That is not easy. However, we have an example of how to do this in the life of Jesus. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, preached forgiveness and reconciliation, He spoke against hypocrisy, the love of money and the abuse of power. He was compassionate, empathetic, wise and able to confidently condemn corruption. He spent time with people from all levels of society, even those who were despised or ostracised.

There are many opportunities for us as Christians to participate in community activities, to help people in need, to be generous and caring and show the love of God in this world. There is a spiritual deficit in people's lives today, a thirst for something more than the materialistic. I believe we have the answer for them.

Here in South Gippsland and the Bass Coast we have a wonderful and vibrant community, but a community with many needs. We can be a part of the answer.



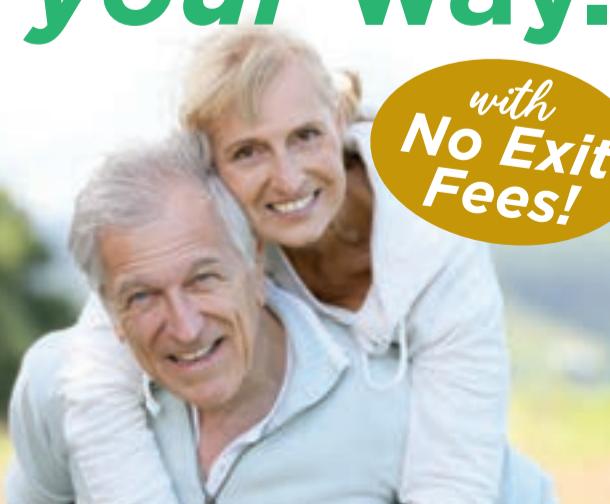
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## Employment support for Veterans

SUPPORT is available to help even more veterans transition to civilian life and find meaningful employment in the public sector.

Minister for Veterans Natalie Suleyman has announced that the Labor Government will further expand the target, offering 300 additional public sector roles.

The expanded target will now support 1800 veterans to secure a role in the public sector by June 2025, as part of the Public Sector Veterans Employment Strategy.

Since 2017, the Government has recruited 1541 veterans into public sector roles with 537 becoming sworn members of Victoria Police and a further 164 taking up jobs in Corrections and Youth Justice.

While many veterans successfully transition out of the Defence Force to civilian life, some experience challenges finding employment, in part, because of the need to navigate new systems and processes.

The strategy supports veterans who may face barriers or challenges with skills recognition and translation, lack of mentorship and professional networks, and resume writing and interview experience.

It is designed to assist veterans into employment through a range of initiatives, including Veteran Employment Workshops, the Veteran Employment Network, and the Veteran Mentor Program, which pairs current and former Australian Defence Force members with mentors to help with job applications and career advancement.

These initiatives create networks, allow veterans to learn about job opportunities, and translate the skills acquired during their Defence service into nationally recognised civilian qualifications.

This includes a specialised Veteran Liaison Officer who works closely with TAFEs and Skills and Jobs Centres across Victoria to ensure all veterans, no matter where they live, can have their skills recognised.

For more information of the Public Sector Veterans Employment Strategy visit [veterans.vic.gov.au/employment](http://veterans.vic.gov.au/employment)

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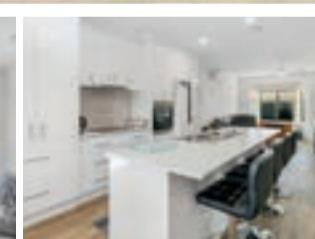
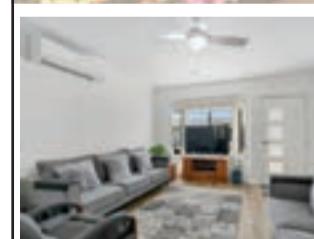
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Wonthaggi Harvesters welcome all to come and learn about pest management in the garden from expert Rick Coleman on Wednesday April 24. ob02\_1624

## Wonthaggi Harvesters welcome all to Garden Gems workshop

WONTHAGGI Harvesters are excited to be part of the Garden Gems workshop series and look forward to welcoming Rick Coleman and learning about pest management in the garden.

"We are proud to be hosting our first Garden Gems session," said Jessica Harrison, Wonthaggi Harvesters Garden coordinator.

"Our presenter Rick Coleman will be explaining natural pest management. We will learn how to control pests without using hazardous chemicals, by using insects, birds, animals, plants and mechanical techniques for integrated pest management.

"Rick has been a permaculture

teacher and sustainable aid practitioner for 30 years."

The Wonthaggi Harvesters welcomes all those who are interested to come and learn for free from the gardening expert.

The Garden Gems workshops aim to foster a culture of sustainability, health, and community connection through the joy of gardening.

Attendees can learn essential gardening skills while nurturing a deeper connection to their local environment.

The program seeks to empower participants to cultivate their own food, contributing to healthier lifestyles and a more resilient

community.

The Garden Gems project is a partnership between Bass Coast Shire Council, Bass Coast Adult Learning and community gardens across Bass Coast.

To find the Wonthaggi Harvesters Garden, walk across Apex Park over the Rail Trail, drive in on the dirt road off the south-eastern corner of the Big W car park, or bike or scooter along the Rail Trail.

The session is free and will be held on Wednesday April 24 from 10am-11.30am, and bookings are essential at [trybooking.com/CQKLS](http://trybooking.com/CQKLS).

For more information contact Jessica on 0438 174 029.



### The Dinosaur Tree planted in Inverloch

A WOLLEMI Pine, a tree which was presumed to be extinct for around two million years and which existed at a time when dinosaurs still roamed the earth 200 million years ago, has been planted in Inverloch.

Mike Cleland, palaeontologist and educator with Bunurong Coast Education explained that the Wollemi pine was discovered by a couple of botanists only 30 years ago, in 1994.

The botanists were hiking in the Wollemi National Park in New South Wales and they abseiled down into a very steep gully, where it is thought no European had ever been before.

They found about forty of the pines which they'd never seen before and carried out a couple of specimens.

They compared these specimens to museum samples and were stunned to find they were the same as what would have been growing about 90 million years ago.

"It was a tree which was considered to have been extinct since the age of the dinosaurs, and they'd suddenly discovered it," explained Mike.

"It's the equivalent of finding a brontosaurus walking through the streets of

Leongatha. The plant equivalent of a discovery of a tyrannosaurus."

According to [Wollemipine.com](http://Wollemipine.com) the tree is a conifer with unusual dark green foliage and bubbly bark.

It can grow to 40 metres high in the wild, with a trunk diameter of over one metre.

The tree's evolutionary success can be attributed to it withstanding temperatures between -5 to 45°C and responding well to low light environments.

The pine tree would have been a source of food for dinosaurs according to Mike, and he also thinks it's possible that some of the petrified wood on the coast around Inverloch may be from the same or similar type of tree.

This tree was kindly donated by local dinosaur enthusiast, Liam Grech and has been planted by Council at the Wallace Avenue Community Park, where visitors can see it and find out more about local dinosaurs at the same time.

School groups can also take a Dinosaur Discovery tour with Mike to learn more about the history and habits of dinosaurs in the area and will now also be able to potentially see a fossil of the dinosaur tree and the real thing.

## Year 7 Information and Open Morning



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**Lachlan Lester was presented with a certificate, badge and pin recently at the Glade Inverloch. Lachlan is pictured with Kaa, Wanda McCrimmon, Cub Leader 1st Inverloch Scout Group and Chill, Maree Pascoe, South Gippsland District Cub Leader.**

## Inverloch Cub receives Peak Award

LACHLAN Lester received the Grey Wolf award recently.

This is the culmination of more than three years as a Cub Scout with the 1st Inverloch Scout Group.

Lachlan has had many adventures during this time, including camps, hikes, outings and many outdoor adventures.

For a Cub to earn their peak award, there are many steps.

They must achieve Milestone 3, achieving participate, assist and lead in the four core areas – community, creative, personal growth and outdoors.

Lachlan also earned a minimum of six special interest badges, planned and led a journey of at least four hours, attended a leadership course and wrote a reflection, which he shared with his pack.

Lachlan noted that some of his highlights as a Cub were camping, remembering his first camp when he forgot his torch and had to stumble in the dark.

Another thing he remembered from that camp was his bag sitting along the tent wall and waking up in the morning to find his bag wet.

## Calls to support financial literacy

WITH April marking Financial Literacy Month, Financial Basics Foundation is calling for an overhaul of the delivery of financial literacy in schools, with girls slipping through the cracks.

Citing multiple research studies from the last five years, as well as its own qualitative research, the Financial Basics Foundation (FBF) has identified not only that literacy rates at schools are declining, but that girls are disproportionately affected, often scoring lower in financial literacy than young boys.

During Financial Literacy Month, the FBF aims to highlight the gender gap in financial literacy in Australia develop a framework for schools, parents, students and partner organisations to deliver a holistic approach to solving the problem.

# Newhaven College embraces the Science of Reading for enhanced literacy

NEWHAVEN College Prep students celebrated a very special milestone at the end of Term 1 – the presentation of reading folders, marking the beginning of their journey towards becoming proficient readers with families participating in the celebration.

A huge effort has gone into implementing a new reading program at the College. Junior School teachers have immersed themselves in a range of professional development opportunities related to instructional practices when it comes to teaching reading.

"Some valuable changes in reading instruction have been made, and we are looking forward to our results reflecting a very positive impact," said Cath Huther, Head of Junior School.

Commitment to the Science of Reading program is guided by the latest research to ensure that the best possible literacy instruction is delivered to every student. The program addresses how children learn to read, how to ensure every student learns to read, and what to do if a child encounters difficulty with reading.

Research demonstrates that there is a known pathway to reading in the brain, which relies on connecting speech sounds to identify the printed word, and the program is based on this finding. Instead of asking



**Newhaven College Preps are excited to receive their reading folders. Pictured with Prep Teacher Linda Austin and Head of Junior School Cath Huther are, from left, Shiyu, Sophie, Felix, Maeve, Chiara, Daisy, Raph, Wynn, Elise, Beatrix, Archer and Iona.**

children to memorise words, letter sounds are introduced to students, who learn that a particular letter, or sequence of letters, has different sounds. After these are taught, words can be successfully sounded out. Children with disabilities, dyslexia, or no challenges at all benefit from this method," Cath said.

Professor of Education, Dr Martin Kozloff explains, "As the Science of Reading research points out, if a child memorises ten words, the child can read ten words. But if a child learns the sounds of ten letters, the child will be able to read 350 three-letter words, 4320 four-

letter words, and 21,650 five-letter words."

Children can pick up a reader with relative confidence, having the tools to identify words in the books they are presented with.

This year, all Junior School students will be given decodable reading folders. This new reading program initiative is designed to assist children and parents in building upon the reading skills explicitly taught at school. Additionally, Year 3-6 students are benefiting from a new spelling program called Spelling Mastery, which, when combined with the reading folders, has led to noticeable improvements in

reading and spelling.

Cath is enthusiastic about the results, "We're thrilled to see nightly reading habits flourishing at home, knowing they will make a big difference in students' reading development.

To celebrate this, we awarded students who consistently filled in their reading log during Term 1. The enthusiasm and positivity from home learning habits highlight the success of the program in fostering a love for reading and growth in literacy skills. Our ultimate aim is simple: to ensure that every child at Newhaven College learns to read and reads well."

## This Little Piggy came to Kongwak Primary School



MEET Trevor, a rescued pig from Amber Creek Farm in Fish Creek. Trevor was rescued by Damian Howard, who teaches at Kongwak PS on a Friday in the junior classroom. Each Friday, students were in charge of looking after Trevor by taking turns to bottle feed the piglet. In between literacy and numeracy lessons Trevor would sleep in his crate in the classroom.

Students learnt to understand the sayings "squeal like a pig" and "eat like a pig". Trevor was also an inspiration for writing lessons on adjectives and adjective phrases to make writing more interesting.

Having Trevor at school reminded our older students about the time some piglets escaped their home to sniff out and 'pig out' on the acorns in the school yard. From these memories the school reached

out to local farmer Lee Storti, who owns an organic pig farm near the school, to see if they could come visit her pig and piglets. Leading up to visiting, the students spent their lunch times raking and collecting acorns to take to Lee's pigs to feed them for a treat.

If you are interested in talking to staff about authentic hands-on learning experiences, Kongwak Primary School has open tours coming up. These tours are open to all prospective families, including Preps for 2025. Our first tours are being held on Wednesday, April 24 and Thursday, May 2 at 3pm. For any inquiries, please contact the school office on 5674 1253.

**LEFT: Rescue pig Trevor with teacher Damian Howard have been teaching students hands-on learning.**

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# Celebration of the Human Form with Tessa Hubble

By Courtney O'Brien

artist Celia Rosser.

"They're in an expressive style using palette knife and high contrasting tones," explains Tessa, of her work on human figures.

"Whereas when it comes to portraiture I like to use more traditional methods to capture the face and hands, and then if it's of the body, it would be more of that suggestive line work to capture the figure."

Tessa's portraiture have led her to meeting many talented and creative people famous for their own great work, and she aspires to have her work selected for the Archibald's.

Music duo, Hamish and Lachlan Davidson have been painted by Tessa and she is hoping musician CW Stoneking, will sit for her, so she can try again for the Archies'.

In the meantime, Tessa believes the variety of works on exhibition at ArtSpace will start conversations about the human form that people may sometimes be a little shy to approach.

"I think it's exciting to sort of get conversations happening and I think everyone's got a really interesting interpretation of capturing human figures," said Tessa.

To see Tessa's work and other artists exhibiting in Celebration of the Human Form, go to ArtSpace Gallery, 1 Bent Street, Wonthaggi, open now until Sunday May 5.



Tessa uses an expressive style, using palette knife and high contrasting tones for her work on human figures, which are on exhibition at ArtSpace Wonthaggi until Sunday May 5. This work is titled 'Darkness into Light.'

Tessa gets commissioned for her portraits, landscapes and animals, and last year, for reasons unbeknownst, had a big run of cat portraits, while the year prior she completed a goat series.

"They're funny. They're so funny to watch," laughs Tessa.

The artist is inspired by the influence of environments on people, how it affects them and connecting with moments of reflection in conversation, this brings about a natural depth, complexity and movement to her work.

In the current exhibition at ArtSpace Wonthaggi, Celebration of the Human Form, Tessa is displaying her talent through pieces featuring figures of people and a portrait of botanic



Julie Pearce and Karen Graham have been presented with 10 year service awards at The Country Women's Association Cowes branch.

## Service awards presented at CWA

COWES CWA were pleased to present two 10 year Service Award certificates and badges to Julie Pearce and Karen Graham.

Karen is the current President, in her second year; and Julie promotes Cowes Branch through social media.

The CWA is an organisation of women supporting women, children and families right across Victoria.

It's a vibrant, volunteer philanthropic organisation with a focus on friendship, personal development and advocacy.

We encourage members to support each other, make a difference in their communities and advocate on community issues, sustainable development and the protection of the environment, and social issues.

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## Giant barbecue spit giveaway

MELBOURNE restaurant Farmer's Daughters, which promotes Gippsland produce, will now focus exclusively on service within the venue as distinct from large-scale outdoor cook ups, prompting it to give away its giant barbecue spit to a suitable Gippsland community group.

The spit, fabricated to the specifications of Farmer's Daughters chef Alejandro Saravia, has featured at major food events, including 'River Graze', part of the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival, and Whisky, Wine & Fire at Caulfield Racecourse.

It is worth between \$6000 and \$7000 and is the only one of its type.

The impressive piece of equipment is 3.6 metres wide and 1.8 metres high.

"You can put a whole cow or a few lambs on it," co-founder of Farmer's Daughters David Jones said.

He stressed that the size of the spit means it will only be practical for a club or group holding large gatherings and there needs to be somebody with the cooking knowledge to use it successfully.

"It's not for the home barbecue expert as you have to manage a 12 to 14 hour cooking cycle, but for an energetic and enthusiastic group with a skilled person in their midst you could create something quite spectacular for major community events," David said.

"The food tastes unbelievable and we had hundreds of people amazed by the flavour."

David explained that to achieve such a positive outcome, ongoing attention is required during the cooking process, with the large spit turned by handle and chain and the need for continued spraying the meat with salted water to avoid superficial burning.

He also made it clear that not being a gas-operated spit, it takes time to be ready to cook, speaking of the early start those at Farmer's Daughters made.

"Typically, they would get the fire going at 3am and have it up to its proper capacity and heat within a couple of hours," David said.

Those in charge of community groups who wish to learn more or express interest in acquiring the spit are encouraged to email [info@farmersdaughters.com.au](mailto:info@farmersdaughters.com.au) or contact David on 0419 889 646.

"This is offered free from the Farmer's Daughters team to a community group in the (Gippsland) region and all we ask is that you would arrange transportation from Lardner Park where it's currently stored," David said.

## Installation of new members at Wonthaggi-Inverloch Probus



New Members of Wonthaggi-Inverloch Probus after being presented with badges and certificates. Clive Kilgour, Brian and Linda Newman, Jan Kershaw, Gwen Clancy and Sylvia Matlock. Absent: Julie Kilgour and Jeanie Slocombe.

## South Gippsland Auto Club drives prostate cancer awareness

By Rob & Deb Hart

club activities, personal donations from members of goods to sell or raffle, and individual financial donations made by club members.

The SGHAC is proud to have been able to support this very worthwhile cause.

**RIGHT:** South Gippsland Historic Automobile Club proudly presented Leanne Prosser with a cheque for the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia at their recent monthly meeting. Photo: G.S.Bruning.



AT THE monthly meeting of the South Gippsland Historic Automobile Club (SGHAC), members welcomed Leanne Prosser, a specialist Prostate Care Nurse.

Leanne provided an informative presentation for Prostate Cancer Awareness to the members present.

SGHAC president, John Denbrook was delighted to present a cheque to the Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia for the sum of \$4500. This generous donation was made possible from monies raised through

## Simple steps to reduce your carbon footprint

IN AN age where climate change is a pressing concern, reducing vehicle emissions has become a priority for environmentally conscious individuals. Your driving habits, the type of vehicle you drive, and driving conditions all contribute to your vehicle's carbon footprint. Here are some practical tips to help you reduce emissions with your current vehicle.

Minimise vehicle use: Planning your travel in advance can lead to fewer trips, resulting in more efficient and cost-effective journeys. Consider using public transportation like buses, trains, trams, or ferries, which are often more affordable than driving. For shorter distances, walking or cycling can be a healthy and zero-emission alternative. When using a car, combine errands into one trip to save time and fuel, and try to avoid peak-hour traffic.

Travel light: The heavier the load, the more fuel your vehicle consumes. By carrying only essential items, you can significantly reduce fuel consumption.

Regular maintenance: A well-tuned vehicle not only runs better but also emits less pollution. Regular servicing can reduce running costs and prolong the life of your vehicle.

Monitor speed and acceleration: Avoid unnecessary acceleration and maintain moderate speeds to decrease fuel consumption. For example, driving at 110 km/h can use up to 25 per cent more fuel than at 90 km/h. Keeping a safe distance from the vehicle ahead allows for smoother driving without frequent braking and acceleration.

Reduce idling: Turning off your engine during idle times can save more fuel than is lost when restarting the engine. Many new vehicles come equipped with an auto-stop feature that automatically shuts off the engine when the vehicle stops.

Minimise aerodynamic drag: Extra parts on your vehicle's exterior, such as roof racks or spoilers, can increase air resistance and fuel consumption. Use them only when necessary.

Tyre care: Properly inflated and aligned tyres reduce fuel consumption, extend tyre life, and improve handling. Opt for tyres with lower rolling resistance for better fuel efficiency.

Drive in high gear: Engines are most efficient at around 1,500 to 2,500 rpm. Shifting gears before reaching 2,500 rpm can enhance your vehicle's efficiency, especially in automatic transmissions.

By adopting these simple measures, you can play a part in reducing emissions and protecting the environment. Every small step counts towards a greener future.

# The All-New Mitsubishi Triton

THE latest iteration of the Mitsubishi Triton, aptly named the "New-Gen Triton," continues to build on the brand's reputation for reliability and engineering excellence. Designed as a versatile light commercial vehicle, the New-Gen Triton seamlessly blends modern features with rugged capability, making it equally at home in city streets and outback adventures.

The New-Gen Triton is the product of a rigorous development and testing program, which has taken the global Research & Development (R&D) team from Mitsubishi Motors Corporation (MMC) to four continents and owes much of its success to extensive development and testing collaborating closely with in-house engineering experts at Mitsubishi Motors Australia Limited (MMAL). Their joint efforts resulted in a vehicle that not only meets Australian drivers' unique demands but also excels in technology, performance, safety, and handling.

One standout feature is the introduction of electric power steering (EPS) to the Triton lineup. Tuned specifically for Australian conditions, the EPS system provides positive on-centre feel and a tight turning circle of 6.2 metres at the wheels. The combination of responsive steering and a well-proportioned chassis ensures maximum agility and accurate manoeuvring.

To enhance overall ride and handling performance, New-Gen Tritons feature an increased front shock absorber diameter to complement the new, high-mount location for the front suspension's upper wishbones.

The new shock absorbers feature 36mm cylinders for improved control, while an impressive increase in rebound stroke length (from 68.4mm to 90.7mm) is also realised.

In the rear, MMC engineers focused on reducing unsprung mass while improving strength through using high tensile spring steel. As a result, the standard rear suspension layout has reduced from five to three leaves; the heavy duty system from six to four. The first leaf remains the same thickness as before, while the additional leaves are of greater thickness.

The rear shock absorber cylinders have also increased



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from 30mm to 36mm and feature a revised oil seal for additional strength and longer service life.

Under the hood, the New-Gen Triton boasts a Mitsubishi-designed and developed 2.4-litre Bi-Turbo diesel engine. The twin-stage turbocharging system delivers 150 kW of power at 3500 rpm and a peak torque of 470 Nm available from just 1500 to 2750 rpm. Friction reduction, vibration control, and improved cooling contribute to both efficiency and reliability.

Mitsubishi engineers also evolved the MIVEC system from the previous variable intake valve lift system to variable valve timing on the exhaust side, for a wider operational range and more precise control. Whether in 4x2 or 4x4 configuration, the Triton's updated six-speed automatic transmission ensures smooth power delivery.

The low-range ratio of 2.566 further enhances low-speed response and pulling power.

Safety remains a top priority for the Triton and starts with a stiff chassis frame. The redesigned chassis frame, constructed with high tensile steel, increases torsional and bending rigidity. Additional cross members and a "crash box" structure enhance occupant protection.

The New-Gen Triton introduces LED Headlights with Multi Projectors for safer night driving while the Tyre Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS) alerts drivers to low-pressure tires. Active safety systems include Forward Collision Mitigation (FCM) with pedestrian and cyclist detection, Rear Automatic Emergency Braking (AEB), and Front and Rear Cross Traffic Alerts.

The New-Gen Triton comes equipped with an intuitive

Traffic Sign Recognition (TSR) function which is capable of identifying speed limit signs through a front camera, while the Driver Monitoring System detects driver drowsiness or fatigue through a camera on the steering column. Lane Departure Prevention steers the vehicle back into the lane if it drifts.

For those looking to tow the New-Gen Triton features a longer wheelbase, enhancing cabin space, comfort, and load capacity. For the first time, 3.5-tonne braked towing is available across the range, along with genuine one-tonne payloads.

When it comes to taking care of your new vehicle Mitsubishi's Diamond Advantage offers peace of mind with a 10-year warranty and capped price servicing program. Roadside assistance is included for 12 months, renewable for up to four years. The New-Gen Triton's 12-month/15,000 km service intervals reduce overall servicing costs compared to the previous generation.

The New-Gen Triton combines Australian engineering expertise, advanced safety features, and impressive performance to create a versatile and reliable light commercial vehicle. Whether navigating city streets or exploring rugged terrains, the Triton proves itself as a worthy companion for Australian drivers.

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With a lifelong passion for animals and a wealth of experience in veterinary medicine, Dr Lana brings a unique blend of expertise, understanding and empathy to her new role as Clinic Lead.

Having worked as a vet nurse in general practice and emergency hospitals, Dr Lana pursued her passion for veterinary medicine, graduating with First Class Honours from the University of Melbourne Vet School.

Her journey then led her to the Geelong/Bellarine Peninsula area, where she honed her skills as a veterinarian, focusing on emergency and critical care, diabetes management, and soft tissue surgery.

Dr Lana's love for animals extends beyond her professional life and the clinic's walls. She has a soft spot for golden retrievers sharing her home with two – Billie and Sunday – along with two cats and a few chickens.

Joining the Inverloch

Animal Doc team initially as a casual vet, Dr Lana quickly found herself right at home, lured by the clinic's welcoming atmosphere and team.

Now serving as Clinic Lead, she is excited to continue her journey in Inverloch, connecting with the community and their cherished pets, and providing top-notch care to furry friends in need.

Beyond her professional duties, Dr Lana enjoys exploring the great outdoors, whether it's travelling, hitting the slopes or soaking up the sun at the beach with her loved ones – her furry friends included of course.

With her unwavering dedication to animal welfare and her warm compassionate approach, Dr Lana is fast becoming a cherished member of the community.

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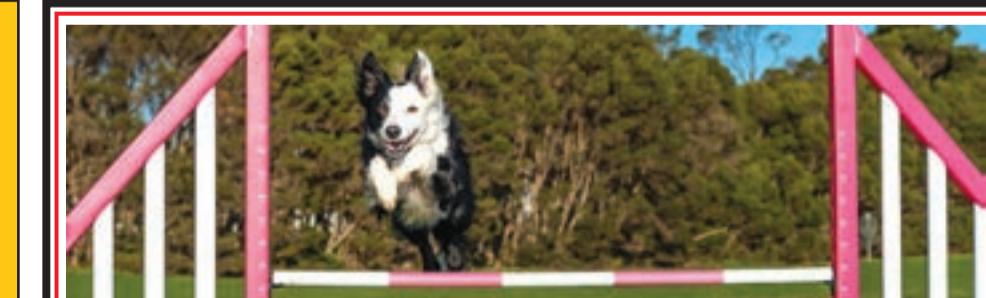


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## Gippsland Veterinary Group are there for all animals great and small

WITH seven clinics that span from Newhaven through to Foster and up to Mirboo North, the Gippsland Veterinary Group (GVG) are well placed to cater to all small and large animal across the region.

Thirty six veterinarians work with the group and 25 of these have ten or more years of experience in their field.

These vets are supported by over 100 staff and all provide a local, personalised and expert service across a number of areas including medical, surgical and emergency services, for companion animals, wildlife, equine and cattle.

"As a locally owned business we value our connections to the local community," said GVG Director David Beischer.

GVG are one of the few veterinary clinics to provide an afterhours service to existing small and large animal clients.

After hours services are provided at both the Leongatha and Wonthaggi clinics for small animals, except on public holidays where the service operates from one of these two clinics.

The group have a large focus on preventative medicine and recommend annual health checks for pets to ensure immunisations are up to date and oral health is taken care of, to guard against infections and parasite controls, and to provide zoonotic controls which are particularly important for families with children.

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experience allows the clinics to provide immediate diagnosis of animals, from pregnancy to diseases, and to provide treatment without a wait period.

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## Sentinel-Times COMMENT

### Government has no where to go on housing

WHEN news of the shocking attack at the Westfield shopping centre in Sydney's Bondi Junction came through at around 3.30pm last Saturday, many of us asked the question 'why'?

Was it terrorism related after statements in the previous few hours that an escalation in the Middle East was imminent, and random targets might be affected?

We now know that it's a local incident and that mental health problems, homelessness and family breakdown are some of the issues involved.

Sydney is a long way from here, and living outside the big population centres, we feel relatively safe in the country but all three of those issues; mental health, homelessness and family breakdown, are constantly quoted when people come before the courts for a range of offences from family violence to criminal damage, and from assaults to thefts and other more serious crime.

Drug use and alcohol abuse are other themes.

More needs to be done locally to address mental health problems and issues associated with family breakdown need much more attention.

But anyone who has ever experienced homelessness, or the prospect of losing their present accommodation, will tell you how much it can make all of the other issues they have to contend with much, much worse.

Everyone deserves to have a roof over their heads, or at least the opportunity to find accommodation when needed.

Right now that's not the case and we are seeing many serious problems shaking out as a result.

In November last year, just before the previous Premier announced he was stepping down, the Victorian Government announced that it would, and we quote "deliver 80,000 new homes each year across the state" in the decade between 2024 and 2034.

That's "every year" for the next decade, not 800,000 homes by the end of the decade.

So, how are we going in 2024?

Locally, the Bass Coast Shire Council received \$25 million from the State Government in November 2020 for public and community housing. How many houses have been built under the scheme so far?

Make no mistake, housing matters, and it's time the authorities, local, state and federal were brought to account.

### Higher costs closing our favourite venues

The closure of cherished regional pubs, bars, restaurants, and cafés in regional Victoria reflects the daunting economic challenges faced by hospitality business owners and their staff.

Rising costs, higher energy costs, increased land tax, soaring rents, mounting WorkCover premiums threaten their survival including taxes on liquor licences, power hikes, dwindling revenue threatening businesses' survival.

Immediate action is crucial to protect these cultural landmarks and support the dedicated family businesses and the employees behind them, ensuring the prosperity of regional Victoria.

These closures are felt in areas such as Premier Jacinta Allan's home seat of Bendigo, where the Kangaroo Flat Hotel has sadly closed.

The Forge, a prominent pizzeria in Ballarat, recently went into administration due to mounting cost pressures, including increased taxes and interest rates.



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

## Vox Pop

### Why is it important to have police in the community?



**Seb**

"They help with everyday situations. They help if people are in need. They're nice people."



**Carys**

"To keep the environment safe."



**Cove**

"To help stop people speeding and to stop accidents."



**Jensen**

"To stop people drink driving, to stop people on their phone, to stop people speeding and having crashes."

### Season opener a disturbance

MY NAME appears on the title of a property that abuts a RAMSAR listed wetland. I don't consider myself the owner but rather a caretaker. I am spending my time and money on regenerating this property to help filter the runoff water that enters the wetlands and provide habitat for our unique Australian wildlife, some of which can only exist with this type of environment available to them. I do this to protect the future of our natural assets and health of our environment.

This year we had a family of white bellied sea eagles move in. As they are a threatened species that are very vulnerable to disturbance, I took this as a compliment to the work I am doing and made a concerted effort not to be of interference to them.

I have informed our Victorian government departments and ministers tasked with managing our environment about the presence of these birds and provided photographic evidence. I also approached my local member for parliament who showed no interest in understanding my concerns or in protecting these birds.

To say I am dismayed that duck shooting is now blasting across these wetlands is an understatement. Sadly, I haven't seen the white bellied sea eagles since.

**Liz Filmer**

The 'Sentinel-Times' encourages readers to write with issues of interest or concern but letters that have a local reference point will be given priority. Writers are also urged to be brief where possible. Letters may be edited for space and legal reasons, and must be submitted with the author's name and contact details of which only the name and town location will appear.

### Retirement scams

FURTHER to your article: "Retirement scam raises warnings" of March 26, 2024 may we add some more, hopefully helpful comments for your readers.

We have had a long and happy experience with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA), starting in about 1989.

However, 2024 is a very different scene, almost unrecognisable.

There are ways in which the bank improves their 'bottom line' at the customers' expense.

Let me explain one of my personal experiences.

We had a Term Deposit (TD) with the CBA.

## BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

THE Easter break has flown by and Term 2 courses are already filling up.

The Computer Basics course has only a few places left so now is the time to secure a spot. The course starts from the very beginning with no assumed knowledge, so if your digital skills are a little on the humble side, this is the perfect place to begin.

There is also a Term 2 intake for the Certificate III in Horticulture course. It's not too late to start your qualification.

The NDIS groups had some special excursions over the holidays including visits to the Cranbourne Botanical Gardens and Fountain Gate Cinema. It was a great opportunity for all the participants to do something together and get to know each other outside their separate sessions.

Although it was primarily for fun, the excursions provide important life skills including time management, public transport, budgeting, and people skills.

For more information on all BCAL's courses and services, please visit [bcal.vic.edu.au](http://bcal.vic.edu.au) or call 5672 3115 to learn more.

### ■ WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

It's olive harvest time, and while the garden's two trees are very healthy specimens, they have lost most of the fruit this season.

The next step is to cut them both back hard to a more manageable size and shape.

Getting them under control will mean the garden volunteers and members can easily pick and use the fruit for pressing into olive oil or for preserving and pickling.

Harvesters have been doing the rounds of olive trees in Wonthaggi and surrounding areas. Here's hoping they do the right thing and join in the communal oil pressing this month, or remember to share a sample of the processed fruit with growers.

Keeping the garden's fruit trees in good shape is a big job and more hands are always welcome.

To get involved in any aspect of the community garden contact [tgordon@westnet.com.au](mailto:tgordon@westnet.com.au) or drop by the garden on Thursdays between 10 and noon.

### ■ U3A WONTHAGGI

Have you ever wanted to walk the Camino, or read Don Quixote in the original text, or to be able to chat with your Argentinian friends? You may even want to know what they are really saying on those Spanish films on Netflix. Well, you now have the chance.

At U3A, Spanish tutor Rita Espinoza is ready to begin teaching this term. An experienced language teacher, she will introduce you to this important language; the second most spoken language in the world after Mandarin.

U3A believes in enjoyment through learning. Spanish is one of the many classes available. Spanish will be held on Wednesdays from 9.30am – 11am, in the Garden Room at 239 White Road.

For more information, visit [u3awonthaggi.org.au](http://u3awonthaggi.org.au), email [secretary@u3awonthaggi.org.au](mailto:secretary@u3awonthaggi.org.au) or call 0493 471 254.

### ■ WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

The Monday evening woodturning sessions have proved a big hit with a full group.

All skill levels are welcome from beginners to advanced.

Bowls are always a popular item to make, both for the participants and in terms of sales to the public. This is an example of faceplate turning where only one side of the wood is attached to the lathe. However, spindle turning, where both ends are attached, is also done. This is used for furniture legs, lamps, and also intricate work such as pens.

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit [wonthaggewoodcrafters.com.au](http://wonthaggewoodcrafters.com.au) or visit the workshop.



## WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

THE New Wave Gippsland Bass Coast advocacy group is run by and for people with an intellectual disability and acquired brain injury living in the Bass Coast area. They work together to make sure they have the same rights, choices and opportunities as everyone else in the community. They meet every second Thursday of the month from 10 to 11.30am. To find out more call us for more contact information.

Everyone should have a home without stress or hassle. This can be difficult to achieve when one rents. Renting is a tight market and the rates are high. Has your rent increased without notice? Are your repairs not being done? Mould is a high priority repair which must be fixed immediately. Are there delays getting your bond returned? If you answer yes to any of these questions, then perhaps you need help in asserting your Renters' Rights. Find out your rights as a tenant from qualified lawyers from Gippsland Community Legal Service Free, confidential advice. Sessions are held every second Thursday of the month from 3pm – 4.30pm at the Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre, 6 Murray Street, Wonthaggi. To reserve a place, please call 56723731 or email [reception@wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com](mailto:reception@wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com).

The Fixit Café is on Sunday, April 21, from 11am to 1pm. It's happening at the Harvest Centre beyond the Big W car park past the Goods Shed. It's great how much the Men's Shed members offer their skills and time. This is a joint initiative between the WNC and The Wonthaggi Men's Shed and the café is always on the lookout for additional people with skills to be fixers. To set up a chat, email the café at: [fixitwonthaggi@gmail.com](mailto:fixitwonthaggi@gmail.com). It's a place and service that looks to reduce, re-cycle, repair (probably the main aim for those who come along with their items) repurpose or refer to somewhere else to fix that beloved possession. Now, though it's a volunteer service, a donation would be gratefully received. A reminder that all items need to be assessed and booked in before the day, no walk-ins. Call us or email us at [reception@wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com](mailto:reception@wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com) Just remember that you must be able to carry the item (leave that ride on mower behind) and bring any replacement parts.

We have lots going on at the WNC so consider becoming a member of the WNC and get discounts to many of our activities and receive a monthly newsletter plus The Grapevine program which lists groups, their dates, days and times for the term. Both can be delivered online or by post, your choice. Call Mitchell House or visit us on Facebook: Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House. Or go to our website: [wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com](http://wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com)

## YES YOUTH HUB

THE YES Youth Hub was recently successful at receiving a HEY Grant! Healthy Equal Youth (HEY) is a partnership between Youth Affairs Council Victoria (YACVic) and the Victorian Government established to deliver place-based support, services and opportunities for LGBTQIA+ young people. This will mean that the YYH will be delivering three additional events for our young LGBTQIA+ community and their allies in our region. A big part of this grant is that we must establish a Pride Tribe to design and deliver these events. So, if you are under 25 years old and interested in being part of our Pride Tribe please reach out to us via [yesyouth.hub@ymca.org.au](mailto:yesyouth.hub@ymca.org.au) or just pop into the YES Youth Hub when Drop-In is open and talk to our lovely staff.

With Youth Homelessness Matters Day just around the corner the YAC have requested that we promote our services heavily across the region. Over the next week you will be hearing plenty about how on Monday evenings our staff are funded by YMCA Open Doors to provide a community meal for young people. We highly recommend popping down to the YES Youth Hub between 4.30pm – 5.30pm on Monday and join us for a meal. We also be promoting that the YES Youth Hub also has a free youth pantry, laundry and accessible bathroom.

Coming soon!!! YES Youth Hub's Drop In will be open on Thursday afternoons, starting May 2024. This will mean that we are open from Monday to Thursday between 2.30pm – 5.30pm. We would like to thank the Bass Coast YMCA and our Engage! Funding partner, Victorian Government, for their support and will be welcoming new staff and more activities for the young people of Bass Coast.

Gig alert!!! In partnership with Bass Coast YMCA FReeZA, there will be an "Under 25's Open Mic" @ Kilmunda Community Centre – 3513 Bass Hwy, Kilmunda. Join us between 4pm to 6pm on Sunday March 24, for some local live music. Free entry. Snacks and drinks included. If you're thinking of performing feel free to pop into the YES Youth Hub Monday to Wednesday 2.30-5.30pm and have a chat or alternatively you can reach out to us via email on [yesyouth.hub@ymca.org.au](mailto:yesyouth.hub@ymca.org.au). All performers will receive a \$30 gift voucher. Although the event is free, we do ask that people get a ticket online – visit our socials to register your ticket!

You can find us on Instagram or Facebook on the following handles @YESYouthHub @basscoast.freeza @basscoastskateparks @basscoastymca



## LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE

WE HAVE so much happening this term at Leongatha Community House, we would love to take this opportunity to highlight some of the things we have on.

Every Wednesday, the Leongatha Community House offers a community bus service to pick people up from Leongatha and surrounding areas. This service provides an opportunity for residents to run errands or simply enjoy a cup of coffee in town. It's a great way to connect and access local businesses.

On April 23, the Community Bus is heading to Sale for an exciting visit to the Annemieke Mein: A Life's Work exhibition. The cost is \$40, which includes the ticket fee. This exhibition promises to be a wonderful opportunity to appreciate and be inspired by Annemieke Mein's retrospective work.

The creative writing group meets every Tuesday from 10am to 12pm. During these sessions, members take turns bringing in items like photos or objects to inspire the group's writing. Each participant then crafts their own story based on the chosen theme or object. The session includes sharing stories and engaging in group discussions, fostering creativity and collaboration among members.

Join us on Tuesdays at 5pm for our women's self-defence classes where you'll learn essential techniques and strategies for personal safety. Led by an experienced instructor, these classes provide a supportive environment to build confidence and learn practical skills to protect yourself. Stay safe and strong with us!

Connect and socialise with like-minded individuals in our friendly friendship group the second Monday of each month from 10am – 11.30am. Whether you're new to the area or looking to expand your social circle, this group offers a welcoming space to meet new friends, share experiences, and participate in fun activities together. Join us for laughter, support, and meaningful connections!

Leongatha Community House is the people's house, if you would like to see us offer something please pop in and let us know.



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Regular favourites Shirazz are back this weekend at Phillip Island Jazz after first gracing the stage back in 2009.

## Shirazz takes to the Jazz stage

SUNDAY April 21 will see the return of Shirazz. Shirazz is well-known throughout the jazz scene in Australia and internationally. The quality of their music is first class, and they can be relied upon to produce a complete performance in a most rewarding way. They are a group who has continued to improve their performance levels and are in great demand locally and throughout Australia and rest assured that they

will provide you with value for money.

To those who are not familiar with Shirazz, they first appeared at the Phillip Island Jazz Festival in 2009 where they displayed immense potential. This is their 12th or 13th visit to Phillip Island and it is pleasing to note just how they have developed during that period. They are the master of audience participation and the reception they get from those in attendance

is most exciting.

Performing on the day will be Matt Dixon – trombone and vocals, Adrian De Fanti on clarinet and saxophone, Steve Temple on trumpet, Michael Hanley on banjo, guitar and vocals, Stephanie Bell on bass and Bruce McIntyre on drums.

We are expecting large numbers for this month's event so please get in early and purchase your tickets.

Our March event is proudly

supported by Terry White Chemmart Pharmacy.

Entry for our Sunday Jazz is \$20 for Jazz Club Members and \$25 for visitors.

Venue is at Phillip Island Bowling Club, 40 Dunsmore Rd, Cowes

For more information on bookings please contact Robin – 0432 814 407 or Jill – 0417 416 300 to arrange purchase of tickets. Tickets are selling fast, but we still have some available.

## Coal Creek turns 50

COAL Creek's 50th Birthday celebrations kick off at 12pm on Saturday, April 20, running until 8pm.

Doors open at midday for the Turning Points exhibition, providing a look back at the tourist park's history.

Live music gets underway then with 'Simplefolk', and food and beverages are also available from midday.

Croquet on the lawns, and demonstrations from the Coal Creek Spinners at the Spinners Cottage run from 12-5pm, and attendees can also hear from Rosemary and Zachary Wrench about bootmaking and family history at Wrench's Cottage during that timeframe.

Blacksmith Sean Cole will display his skills between 12pm and 2.25pm and Wheelright Paul Tivendale will be in action for an hour from 3.30pm.

In addition to 'Simplefolk', other live music performers include 'Sand Brothers' from 4pm, 'Cool Out Sun' from 5.30pm and 'Shouse' from 7pm.

There's plenty going on, including more musical acts, and children's activities such as period themed readings of 'Snugglepot and Cuddlepie' (12.30pm), 'The Secret Garden' (1.55pm), and 'Alice in Wonderland' (4pm), as well as face painting.

'Sounds of Silent' will accompany silent films, with sessions beginning at 1pm and 3.30pm.

Railway enthusiasts will enjoy a Locomotives & Rolling Stock tour and hear about the process of reviving Coal Creek's Bush Tramway, with tours at 1pm and 3pm at Coal Creek's Locomotive Sheds.

It's sure to be a great day out for kids and adults.

For more information and to book tickets visit [trybooking.com/events/landing/1188707](http://trybooking.com/events/landing/1188707)

WONTHAGGI THEATRICAL GROUP PRESENTS

24th MAY – 9th JUNE

# Seussical

Music by STEPHEN FLAHERTY

Lyrics by LYNN AHRENS

Book by LYNN AHRENS and STEPHEN FLAHERTY

Co-Conceived by LYNN AHRENS, STEPHEN FLAHERTY and ERIC IDLE

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PERFORMANCES:

7:30pm Evening shows:  
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## A BIRTHDAY at the Park

Saturday 20 April  
12.00pm to 8.00pm

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COOL OUT SUN

HARRY HOOK IS REAL

SIMPLE FOLK

**LIVE MUSIC**

For more info and tickets scan QR code.  
Kids/Concession \$8, Adults \$15

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Shouse • Cool Out Sun  
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Harry Hook is Real • Simple Folk

For more info and tickets scan QR code.  
Kids/Concession \$8, Adults \$15



## Local engineer brings harmony and love to our community

MOUNT Best has been home to Dr. Tom since 2001, and he has brought a touch of magic to our area through his incredible talent and passion for classical guitar.

Dr. Chalko is an engineer with a Ph.D. in laser holography, but his love for classical guitar shines bright. He is a gifted performer, composer and arranger.

Every year for two decades, except during the pandemic, Dr. Tom performed classical guitar concerts at the Mount Best Community Hall for free. His concerts are a true celebration of music's ability to transcend boundaries and connect people.

What makes Dr. Tom's concerts so special is the diversity of his programs. He doesn't limit himself to playing classical guitar solo. He expands his repertoire and enhances the audience's enjoyment by playing with his own cyber-orchestra.

Dr. Tom's concerts are not just events; they are experiences that connect us through the universal language of music.

Don't miss the next concert. This time Tom goes Fandango and invites you to join in...

To restore some serenity Tom will play Cavatina, a famous English classical hit from 20th century.

For more details visit [mtbest.net/concert-21-april-2024/](http://mtbest.net/concert-21-april-2024/)

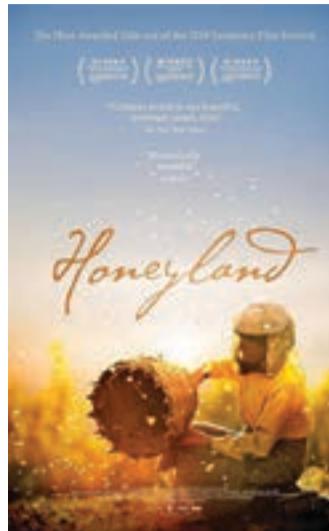
## Talking Pictures with Bill & Paul

FOLLOWING on from the success of the recent Wonthaggi International Film Festival, there is a world of cinema to explore in Bass Coast over the coming weeks.

This Wednesday, the Phillip Island Movie Club hosts the sun dappled Italian fable "La Chimera" (M). Although that screening is members only, there will be several other opportunities for the general public to catch this beguiling comedy at Berninbeit. Coming films for the PIMC include "Wicked Little Letters" (MA), "Riceboy Sleeps" (M) and "Driving Madeleine" (M). Check their website for details.

On Friday April 19, the Tarwin Lower Film Society present the Sundance winner and Oscar nominee "Honeyland" (M), a wonderful agrarian fantasy from North Macedonia telling the story of several women trying to maintain a traditional style of bee keeping in the face of societal changes. "Honeyland" screens at 7.30pm at the Tarwin Lower Hall. Membership required, check website for details.

Described by Time Magazine as "a gently astonishing film about finding joy in everyday life", Wim Wenders "Perfect Days" (PG) screens on Sunday April 21 at



10.45am in Wonthaggi for the Bass Coast Fine Film Group with other screenings to follow. (see elsewhere).

On Sunday, the Wonthaggi Union Theatre is screening a marvellous documentary about the magnificent maestro "Ennio" (M) being Ennio Morricone in a film directed by Giuseppe Tornatore (of "Cinema Paradiso" fame) at 2pm on Sunday April 21. Perhaps best known for his spaghetti western soundtracks, Morricone has worked on over 500 films and with artists ranging from Chet Baker to Paul Anka. He finally won an Oscar for Best Original

Score for Quentin Tarantino's "The Hateful Eight" soundtrack.

### May the force

Celebrating the saying 'May the force be with you', the Stadium 4 Cinemas in Leongatha are having a massive Stars Wars festival on May 4 and 5. On Saturday May 4, the original three films screen, Episode IV: A New Hope (1977), Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back (1980) and Episode VI: Return of the Jedi (1983). If that is not enough, on Sunday the 5th the prequel trilogy screens, Episode I: The Phantom Menace (1999), Episode II: Attack of the Clones (2002) and Episode III: Revenge of the Sith (2005). It is not for this writer to comment on whether renaming the films is confusing, nor whether the originals are better, but to simply say 'enjoy and may the popcorn be with you'.

For movie news, views and reviews, catch Bill Ten Eyck and Paul Coulter "Talking Pictures" Wednesdays at 11.05am on South Coast FM 88.1, live or streaming. This Wednesday April 17, David Burrows, Cultural Program Coordinator for Bass Coast Shire will be a special guest.

## Brian Cadd's album launch

THROUGH a career spanning over six decades, Brian Cadd stands among the greats as a trailblazer in Australian music.

His latest offering 'Dream Train', out now, is the country album he was always destined to make and represents a return to his roots, a homage to the genre he has always cherished. To celebrate the release of the new album, Brian Cadd and his band of 'naughty musicians' have announced a handful of tour dates in support of the album release with more to be announced.

The first bunch of shows will see Brian tour to Victoria, Queensland, and Western Australia including:

- Saturday August 17, 2024: Regent Theatre, Yarram. [trybooking.com/CQTLA](http://trybooking.com/CQTLA)
- Sunday August 18, 2024: Berninbeit Cultural Centre, Cowes. [trybooking.com/events/landing/1200840](http://trybooking.com/events/landing/1200840)

Reflecting on his musical journey, Cadd expressed a sense of fulfilment and excitement as he unveils his latest masterpiece.

"I should have done this 30 years ago," Cadd admits, acknowledging the long-awaited nature of his venture into the country genre.

## Let's go... FANDANGO !!!

**FREE**

### Guitar Concert by Tom Chalko

**Mt Best Community Hall,  
Sunday 21 April 2024, 2pm**

followed by light refreshments

### Program

This time Tom goes **FANDANGO** and invites you to join in...

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

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

**Best wishes from Mount Best and welcome !**

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

RSVP: [TICKETS@MTBESTHALL.ORG](mailto:TICKETS@MTBESTHALL.ORG)  
or text Trish Newby on 0402 893 475

The Hall opens at 1:30

For more information visit [mtbest.net/concert-21-april-2024/](http://mtbest.net/concert-21-april-2024/)

## NEW SUNDAY MORNING Market

### RAIL TRAIL COMMUNITY MARKET LEONGATHA

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**21 APRIL 2024 | RAILWAY PRECINCT LEONGATHA  
8:30 AM - 01:00 PM | BESIDE THE RAIL TRAIL - IN FRONT OF  
3RD SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH | THE LEONGATHA RAIL PLATFORM**



**WEDNESDAY 1pm - 3pm  
THURSDAY 8pm - 10pm**

**Wonthaggi Workmen's Club, 75 Graham Street  
Come and join in the laughs at South Coast FM Bingo**

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Susie Sparkes as Helen and Dan Lawrie as Lennie bring *The Architect* to life.

## The Architect

THE next exciting theatrical venture for Foster Arts Music & Drama Association, affectionately known as FAMDA, is a remarkable play, 'The Architect' by Aiden Fennessy, first staged by the Melbourne Theatre Company in 2018.

Set in modern-day Melbourne, 'The Architect' deals with serious issues involving terminal illness and assisted dying using a heady combination of humour, tragedy and personal insight in a manner which makes them simultaneously entertaining and enlightening.

The playwright, Aiden Fennessy, worked for a time as a cleaner for a woman, who was dying from inoperable brain tumours. Her dignity and attitude so impressed him she became the inspiration for the character of Helen in his 2018 play 'The Architect'.

Fennessy said he wanted the play to make the audience "a little bit more confident" about dealing with the end of their lives or the death of a loved one.

The resulting superbly crafted script ably demonstrates Fennessy's mastery as a storyteller. It's very funny, yet moving, providing lots of laughs, perhaps a tear or two and some food for thought.

Be aware there is some content that some may find confronting.

Bernadette Grainger is directing 'The Architect' for FAMDA with a superb cast of experienced actors who bring the story to life.

Melbourne based actor, Susie Sparkes, plays Helen, a woman with inoperable cancer while the men folk in her life are all South Gipplanders widely recognised for their theatrical endeavours – Dan Lawrie as her hired carer, Bruce Grainger as her partner and Sam Shineberg as her son.

Presented by arrangement with Creative Representation, 'The Architect' will be on stage at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre between April 26 and May 5.

Tickets for 'The Architect' are on sale now online via [famda.org.au](http://famda.org.au) or [trybooking.com/CPZKX](http://trybooking.com/CPZKX)



DIRECTED BY BERNADETTE GRAINGER

A modern Australian play about a woman with a big plan and the man who helps make it happen.

26 APRIL – 5 MAY  
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ARTS CENTRE

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By arrangement with Creative Representation

# Poowong History now at your fingertips

LOCALS and visitors to Poowong's 150th Anniversary between April 19 and 21 will be able to access historical information and view historical photos via new QR sites within the town.

A group of five Poowong volunteers agreed to assist the Poowong Historical Group (PHG) in making some of its archived material publicly available using smart phones and QR codes.

'Hazeldeane' homestead of the early Burchett pioneers, the Methodist church 1878 (Pioneer Chapel) and the first cemetery in the region are just three of the 11 sites that can be discovered and explored with the app.

Images and stories of Poowong's past has long been collected, "and now we get to share that, thanks to modern technology," said Mrs Laurie Gregg, a founding member of the PHG.

"This will be an ongoing



Poowong History Trail volunteers, Noel Gregg, Mike D'Arcy, Stephen Halliday, Fiona Cox, and Darcy Laycock (absent) have brought history to life with modern technology in time for Poowong's 150th anniversary celebrations.

project, adding further sites and updating existing information" she said.

Poowong 'newbie' Darcy Laycock brought his great IT skills and along with the other volunteers helped to make the

project happen.

Thanks to the efforts of these volunteers the initial eleven sites will be ready in time for the hundreds of visitors expected at Poowong's upcoming 150th celebrations.

## Poowong's 150th Anniversary Celebrations

THE POOWONG townships 150th Anniversary celebrations will see the town buzzing over the weekend of April 19, 20 and 21.

The weekend will kick off with an Old Time Dance featuring live five piece band Silhouettes at the Poowong Public Hall on Friday night from 8pm to Midnight.

On Saturday, a home game of football and netball between Poowong and Nyora will be played at the Poowong Recreation Reserve.

The Poowong Pioneer Chapel grounds will showcase historical agricultural machinery, equipment and vehicles, and there will also be a historical display inside the chapel, on both

Saturday and Sunday.

The fire station, library, tennis club and community garden will be open on Saturday for people to wander through and the Uniting Church's Mya Mya cafe will have coffee and treats available between 10am and 1pm.

From 5pm on Saturday, the Lions will be cooking up a BBQ, and Danish Bake and Smokehouse will be cooking up a feast outside the hall (and also Sunday at lunchtime).

The formal celebration of the towns 150th anniversary will kick off at 7pm on Saturday night, with the new edition of the anniversary book to be launched, two special artworks will be

unveiled and cake will be served, at the Poowong Public Hall.

On Sunday morning an RSL flag raising ceremony will be held at 9.30am followed by a combined churches service with morning tea in the Poowong Public Hall from 10am.

The Poowong Consolidated School will be holding school tours and the kindergarten will be open for people to peruse, as well as the CFA with Landcare onsite, the community garden and the sports centre.

The Poowong Hotel will host live band Harpin' On from 2pm.

For general enquiries contact Jenny Watson 0407 675 685 or Jim Forbes 0418 561 807.

# POOWONG HISTORY TRAIL

on your phone now

History is a dynamic process.  
It's about how people live and  
respond to changing influences.

Scan this Poowong QR code to explore and discover. Stroll around Poowong to spot the individual QR codes and the many facets of our local history.



## Perfect days. Perfect soundtrack

DIRECTOR Wim Wenders "Perfect Days" (PG), screening this Sunday, is a movie about living in the moment and finding grace and beauty in a familiar routine. At times the film echoes the Japanese word 'komorebi'. But is "komorebi" a word or a feeling? Literally it may mean sunlight or more specifically sunlight filtering through the leaves of a tree, but the feeling of 'komorebi' is that profound sense of tranquillity from simply stopping; to appreciate the transient beauty of nature.

The film centres around one of those unseen service workers – a cleaner, Hirayama (Koji Yakusho), a mature man who takes great pride in his work. He has a routine and organises his day around 70s and 80s music by Patti Smith, Van Morrison, Otis Redding, Velvet Underground, Nina Simone and more. He loads up his old classic rock cassettes and heads off to work – cleaning toilets in Tokyo.

Another part of his routine is to go to the park every lunchtime and using an old Olympus film camera take a photo of 'komorebi', the sunlight through the trees. At home he has boxes and boxes of photos taken at the same spot, each unique. "Next time is next time" Hirayama is fond of saying, "Now is now".

Koji Yakusho won Best Actor at last year's Cannes Film Festival for his performance as Hirayama. He is best known for performances in Juzo Itami's "Tampopo" and the original "Shall We Dance" (not the Gere/J.Lo remake).

"Perfect Days" was nominated for Best International Feature at this year's Oscars (a Japanese film by a German director is truly international), and is a welcome return to form for Wenders, a legend of German cinema. Films such as "Wings of Desire", "Paris Texas" were highlights of the 80s and his documentaries "Pina", "Tokyo-Ga" and "Anselm" are more than notable.

A lovely, life-affirming film that perhaps can be seen as an antidote to the digital onslaught with all its associated noise and distractions.

"Perfect Days" screens at 10.45am Sunday April 21 at the Wonthaggi Union Theatre, 96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi. Tickets are available at the door and the screening is free for BCFFG members.

Bass Coast Fine Film Group membership represents great value with lots of screenings still to come in 2024. Films coming up include "Evil Does Not Exist" from the Oscar winning director of "Drive My Car". Check the BCFFG website for membership and more film information: [basscoastfinefilmgroup.weebly.com](http://basscoastfinefilmgroup.weebly.com) / and [bcffgfilms.weebly.com/perfect-days/](http://bcffgfilms.weebly.com/perfect-days/)

The Bass Coast Fine Film Group is proudly sponsored and supported by the Bass Coast Shire Council.



10.45am SUNDAY 21ST APRIL  
PERFECT DAYS

Dir. Wim Wenders

Hirayama seems content with his life as a Tokyo toilet cleaner. A series of unexpected encounters gradually reveal his past. A deeply moving and poetic reflection on finding beauty in the everyday world.

General public welcome. Members Free Entry!

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96 Graham Street, Wonthaggi.

Check the website for more info:  
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Two Nyora greats, Scotty Wightman and Jack Heylen at Nyora's reunion.



Maree and Old Dog (David Ogilvy) both life members of the Club and Old Dog was a member of 1964 3rd eighteen premiership team.



Nathan and Daryl Smith, father and son, both having played for Nyora celebrated at the reunion over the weekend.



Keeping it in the family Peter Hislop, Ben Hallas, Alex Hislop and Brendan Hislop, have all played in a premiership team for Nyora.



Richard Huntriss and Craig Selby at the Inverloch Bowling Club on Tuesday night.



Judy Parker and Carol Hughes enjoyed their night at the Inverloch Bowling Club.



Shirley and Graham Turton were ready for bowls after the new competition lights were switched on at the Inverloch Bowling Club.



One of Jessica Harrison's very own works was featured at the Artspace exhibition.



Sue and Ian enjoyed viewing the various artworks at Wonthaggi Artspace.

# Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Inverloch Bowling Club, Nyora Premiership reunion, CWA creative craft exhibition, Loch Village Market and Wonthaggi Artspace exhibition.



Bob Plowright, Brian Humphris, Gary Scott and Greg Nugent were at the Inverloch Bowling Club to see the new competition lights switched on last Tuesday night. tkSnappedOut03\_1624



Evelyn and Deb were selling their bric-a-brac creations at the market.



Figgy O'Connell was selling her incredible artworks that she makes digitally through her business Digital Art Education Australia at the market.



David of Aris's Pure Honey had plenty of interest in his product.



Gayle and Felicity had a delight time at the creative arts exhibition.



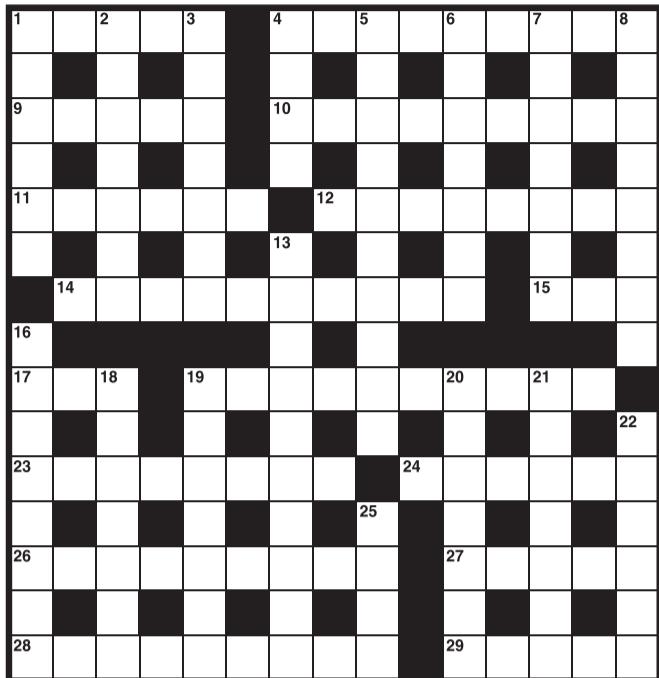
CWA Bass Group craft convener Jacky Dow was delighted with this year's creative arts exhibition in Loch.



Hayley was proudly displaying her stunning artworks among other items at Loch.



## CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

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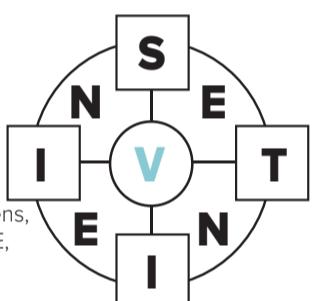
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Using the nine letters in the grid, how many words of four letters or more can you list? The centre letter must be included and each letter may only be used once. No colloquial or foreign words. No capitalised nouns, apostrophes or plural words ending in "s".

Today's Aim:

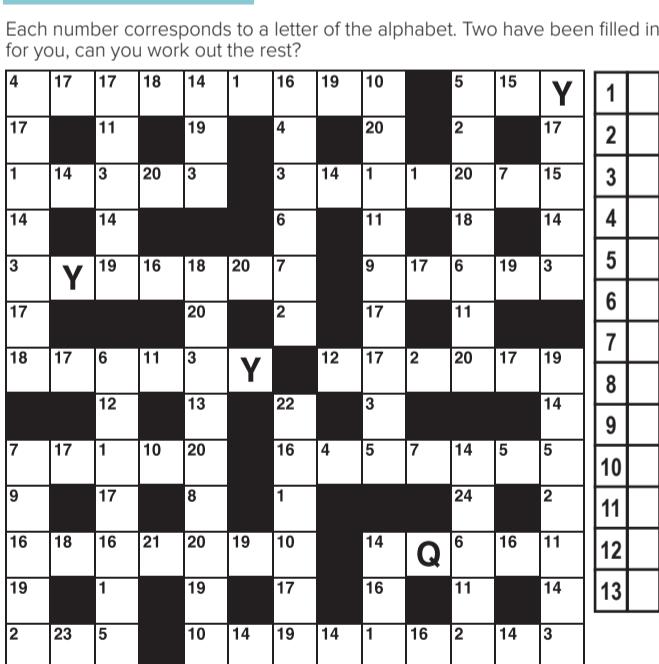
10 words: Good  
15 words: Very good  
21 words: Excellent

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## CODEWORD

No. 173



No. 173

Each number corresponds to a letter of the alphabet. Two have been filled in for you, can you work out the rest?



SOLUTION



## Awareness of renters' rights

EFFORTS are underway to raise awareness of minimum standards in rentals as the renting taskforce starts to ramp up – targeting and cracking down on dodgy rentals.

Minister for Consumer Affairs Gabrielle Williams last week joined Director of Consumer Affairs Victoria Nicole Rich to remind rental providers, agents and renters of their rights and obligations ahead of the taskforce's crackdown on rental law breaches – including breaches of the minimum standards.

A state-wide campaign kicked off on Friday giving easy to understand information to Victorian rental providers about their obligations to deliver a safer and secure home, and to renters about their rights while renting.

The campaign will run across multiple platforms over the coming months and will be visible on key real estate websites. Translations will also help get the message out to people who don't speak English.

Rental properties in Victoria must meet minimum safety and quality standards and include things that people would reasonably expect of a home – like a functional kitchen, lockable external doors, and being structurally

sound and weatherproof.

Letting a new renter move into a rental property that doesn't meet these standards is a criminal offence, with maximum penalties of more than \$11,000 for individuals and \$57,000 for companies.

There has been an increase in reports of poorly maintained rentals – with repairs and maintenance in the top five issues that people contacted Consumer Affairs Victoria about last financial year.

The Labor Government recently announced a dedicated renting taskforce, backed by a \$4 million investment – to crack down on offences like renting out properties that don't meet the minimum standards.

The renting taskforce builds on work being done through the Labor Government's Housing Statement, including banning all types of rental bidding, restricting rent increases between successive fixed-term rental agreements, and extending the notice of rent increase and notice to vacate periods to 90 days.

The Government is also establishing Rental Dispute Resolution Victoria and delivering a Rental Stress Support Package to support tenants doing it tough.

## Stacey to promote future of real estate



Local real estate agent Stacey Homicki will be servicing Wonthaggi and Bass Coast with Hodges as her latest career venture.

LONG time local real estate agent Stacey Homicki is branching out to service Wonthaggi and surrounds with Hodges.

Offering a 24/7 service to meet buyer and seller demands, Stacey is backed by six years of experience in the industry and experience with the local market.

She has built a career in providing an outstanding real estate experience for her clients.

Priding herself on integrity and transparency, she consistently goes the extra mile to ensure her clients' satisfaction.

Stacey is creative, innovative, results-drive, and arguably one of the hardest working agents in Bass Coast.

Her latest venture with Hodges is proof of her excellence, as she aims to catapult local real estate into the modern era by moving into a 'digital agency'.

An example of the future of real estate, the Hodges Network will be fully accessible to clients, offering more flexibility to those who require the service in amongst their busy lifestyles.

Stacey will still be operating from an office from 9am to 5pm, allowing her to continue the enthusiastic interactions she is renowned for.

With each conversation, her passion, dedication, and motivation are evident.

She has a keen eye for detail, infectious dynamic energy and powerful negotiation skills that

set her apart from her competitors.

Her in depth local knowledge also sets her apart.

She is a true local, having graduated from Wonthaggi Secondary College.

Following her VCE year, Stacey launched a career in the hospitality industry.

She garnered a wealth of experience in that field, mentoring and coaching teams in various restaurants and cafes in the Gippsland and Mornington Peninsula regions.

However, her passion for real estate encouraged her to foster a new path, and she went on to study and complete her full real estate licence.

Outside of work, she continues to support her community with frequent visits to local cafes and Voyage Fitness Gym.

Through her career, Stacey has achieved outstanding results for her many clients, which are reflected in glowing testimonials, referrals and repeat business.

Stacey proudly saw her first listing with Hodges go live on Friday (April 12).

Her new agency is set to be built on her stellar reputation of honesty and integrity, and she is looking forward to helping more people in her community find a place to call home.

If you are thinking of buying or selling, ensure Stacey is your first point of contact.

For an obligation free market update, contact 0428 790 840.

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## Introducing Hodges Bass Coast



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## “Avonmore”

SITUATED on 127 acres (approx.) of heavy carrying blue gum country, Avonmore boasts astonishing views, an abundance of shedding and a neat family home waiting for its new owners to make it their own.

The 1950's brick veneer home is complete with nine foot ceilings, four bedrooms, a central family bathroom and two separate living areas both with attractive ceiling roses. Add to that a north facing kitchen/dining with wood stove plus newer upright oven with gas stove top, ample cupboard space and a large picture window making it the perfect place to have your morning cuppa whilst taking in the magnificent views.

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The land itself is easy to manage being 85 per cent tractorable, clean and fenced into approximately 11 paddocks all with ample water provided by a mixture of dams and troughs.

The property is located an easy 15-kilometre drive to Mirboo North and 30-kilometre to Leongatha as well as having the school buses stop nearby.

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4 | 1 | 5 127 acres

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**For Sale** \$1,650,000

**Agent** Ray White Leongatha  
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**For Sale**

2 Warralong Court, **Leongatha**

**FOUR BEDROOMS WITH THE LOT**

- Spotless, well built & elevated views
- Quiet court location close to schools
- Spacious lay out, R/C & gas log heater
- Stunning gardens, carport, garage & shed

Dave Trotman 0418 589 805

\$635,000

4 | 2 | 2 | 2



**For Sale**

12 Gray Street, **Leongatha**

**POSITION, PRICE & POTENTIAL**

- Charming 3 bedroom home on 571m<sup>2</sup>
- Spacious backyard with single garage
- Located close to shops & day care centres
- Ideal home for first home buyers or investors

Mick Hanily 0417 311 756

\$430,000-\$475,000 3 | 1 | 1 | 1



**For Sale**

60 Whitworths Rd, **Korumburra Sth**

**LIFESTYLE PROPERTY WITH VIEWS**

- Lovingly renovated home with 2 living areas
- Huge covered outdoor entertaining area
- 10 well fenced acres & barn style shed
- 2 bedroom cottage with bathroom

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\$1,290,000

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**For Sale**

1 Eden Crescent, **Leongatha**

**LIKE THE DAY IT WAS BUILT**

- Beautifully maintained & close to schools
- Large north facing open plan living area
- Wrap around deck & outdoor entertaining area
- Immaculate gardens & access to reserve

Mick Hanily 0417 311 756

\$715,000

3 | 2 | 2 | 2



**For Sale**

21 Willow Grove, **Leongatha**

**MODERN DAY OPULENCE**

- Brand new & pristinely presented home
- Quality finishes & open plan floorplan
- Covered alfresco & low maintenance yard
- Short walk to schools

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\$785,000

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**For Sale**

80 Wintles Road, **Leongatha South**

**TRANQUIL LIFESTYLE**

- 8.35 picturesque & peaceful acres
- BV home with modern kitchen
- An array of fruit trees & established gums
- Excellent carport & shed space

Kasey Bowman 0439 207 196

\$1,400,000

4 | 2 | 2 | 4



## Mirboo North farmer grateful for post-storm help

MIRBOO North's Emma Joy, whose Grand Ridge Road property was heavily impacted by February's destructive storm was delighted to have a team of BlazeAid volunteers helping clear her fence line on Tuesday.

Emma, a teacher, breeds stud cattle, with her property also home to pets including horses and goats.

The storm caused extensive damage to her house, with trees down along all boundaries, and six hours clearing with an excavator was needed along the 40-metre-long driveway.

Since then, numerous volunteers including friends, work colleagues and others have helped after Emma put her name down at the help centre set up in the Mirboo North RSL.

"It's taken a good six weeks to clear most of the fence line," she said.

Emma explained that the section BlazeAid was working on is the biggest one that hadn't yet been tackled, being deemed too large and too dangerous for other volunteers who helped elsewhere on the property.

"I don't want anybody doing anything they're not comfortable doing," she said, noting the challenges posed by the slopy terrain and large dangling branches in that section.

BlazeAid assessed the situation, advising Emma that its volunteers were comfortable with clearing the vegetation from the fence.

"They spent the whole day there and cleared the fence line as far as they could," she said, explaining that one large tree was deemed too dangerous for the BlazeAid

volunteers to tackle, preventing them from progressing further, and she will need to organise its removal.

"They did a great job; they've got the fence back up and they said once it's completely cleared that they'll come back and pull the old fence down and put a new fence up," Emma said.

The BlazeAid volunteers were able to clear a large tree off the front fence along the road and repair that fence, which was only three weeks old at the time of the storm.

"It didn't break any posts; it just stretched the wire, with it being squashed," Emma said, explaining why that bit of fence could fortunately be repaired.

In contrast, so many trees fell on the section of fencing along the side of the property that posts were snapped, necessitating eventual replacement once the remaining trees are cleared, but with the volunteers having patched it up and got it upright.

"I hope the volunteers know how much their help's been appreciated," Emma said, stressing that applies to those from BlazeAid and others.

"It's been amazing throughout the whole ordeal," she said of the support shown, with many people coming from hours away to help.

"A lot of people were overwhelmed by the workload and how hard everything was going to be and lots of people just jumped in and volunteered their time, (or donated to cover expenses)."

Fortunately, none of Emma's animals got out following the storm, with the large fallen trees acting as a barrier.



Alex Scott & Staff auctioneer Dane Perczyk in action at Friday's Leongatha Store Sale. A05\_1624



Ella Robertson of Kilmany at Friday's Leongatha Store Sale where her mum Colleen of CB Livestock was selling cattle for clients and said recent rain has improved prices. A06\_1624

## Positive market at Friday's Leongatha Store Sale

RECENT rain is leading to increased cattle prices, with buyers at Friday's Store Sale in Leongatha having a large yarding of good quality cattle available and the Victorian Livestock Exchange saying there were more than 5300 head up for grabs.

Alex Scott & Staff auctioneer and livestock manager Dane Perczyk said there was strong competition between feedlot buyers on Friday morning.

"Any feeder-weight cattle were easier to sell and there was strong bidding on them," he said, referring to cattle in the 400-550 kilo bracket.

Buyer confidence is increasing among those looking to restock.

"Now that we've had 100mm of rain, four to five inches in a week, you could classify that as our Autumn break and there's probably a bit more buyer confidence within the locals," Dane said.

"So everyone's back now, potentially trying to buy that pen of cattle before winter or replace the fat cattle that they've sold over the last two or three months."

"The whole market, with this rain, has gained a bit of strength."

While observing that the market was strong at the previous Leongatha Store Sale, Dane said Friday's sale was showing signs of being a little stronger, without the price rise being overly dramatic.

Asked about the impact of the increased competition between feeder lot bidders on feeder-weight cattle, Dane compared prices at the previous Leongatha Store Sale to Friday's.

"If they were making \$3.60 or \$3.70 (per kilo) before, those weight calves today, they're probably making \$3.80, four bucks," Dane said.

As an example, he noted 400-420 kilo calves fetched between

\$1600 and \$1650 each, which means they went for at least \$3.80 per kilo.

With lots of heifers and cross bred cattle awaiting sale later in the day, Dane was confident sale prices would remain strong, noting the high quality of cattle available.

He said Friday's sale had the highest yarding numbers for quite a while, being potentially among the highest yarding numbers at Leongatha, something he sees as a positive with higher numbers attracting more buyers.

It's hoped local conditions won't get any colder for a while, perhaps getting a little milder and promoting a bit more grass growth.

Dane saying that while colder weather has started to set in, the current ground temperature may still allow a bit more growth but if the weather stays as it has been recently it will slow things down.

### Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, April 8, 2024

|                           |               |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| Jersey & Jersey x         | \$14 to \$60  |
| Friesian Bulls            | \$25 to \$94  |
| Friesian Heifers          | \$60 to \$150 |
| Beef Bulls                | \$35 to \$195 |
| Beef Heifers              | \$30 to \$120 |
| Number of Calves:         | 367           |
| Number purchased to rear: | 113           |

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### SUCCESS THROUGH SERVICE



## MARKET REPORT

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### Feeder steers in demand

By the SGSA

AGENTS yarded just shy of 6000 head at last Fridays VLE Leongatha sale in another impressive yarding.

With some good recent improvement in the fat market and some very good early autumn rains in the district has offered vendors and buyers a little more confidence after a very dry February and March.

The highlight of the day was the lift in price for Angus feeder steers in the 400kg-550kg range with a lift of 20-30 cents with coloured steers firm to 10 cents better.

Orders from Charlton Feedlot, Princess Royal SA, McKenzie Echuca, Australian Food and AG Deniliquin, along with regular commission buyer Feeder orders from Anthony Hullick and Campbell Ross all securing a large percentage of the offering with local bullock graziers also purchasing several pens.

The better quality weaner steers & heifers attracted good competition from locals and a couple of interstate backgrounding orders to be generally firm with an odd sale slightly dearer.

Single lots, Secondary, Xbred and dairy types had mixed results with a few sales firm to a little better in spots but cheaper on plainer types probably due to the large offering.

**Leongatha Store Sale On Friday, April 12, 2024**

#### Grown Steers

|                              |       |        |        |
|------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| Waites & Lillicrapp 19 Angus | 602kg | \$3.55 | \$2140 |
| Nethercote 18 Angus          | 591kg | \$3.38 | \$2000 |
| R & D Chisholm 11 Angus      | 589kg | \$3.44 | \$2030 |
| Nethercote 22 Angus          | 581kg | \$3.51 | \$1820 |
| H & N Fox 10 Angus           | 577kg | \$3.29 | \$1900 |
| T Warren 15 Angus            | 554kg | \$3.28 | \$1820 |
| Koonwarra Past 15 Angus      | 540kg | \$3.57 | \$1930 |
| Stonewarra 40 Angus          | 524kg | \$3.70 | \$1940 |
| M Zenz 7 Angus               | 523kg | \$3.52 | \$1840 |
| T Crooke 16 Angus            | 513kg | \$3.74 | \$1920 |
| Kelly & McDonald 7 Angus     | 500kg | \$3.68 | \$1840 |
| Lorstan 17 Angus             | 508kg | \$3.54 | \$1800 |
| T Missen 20 Angus            | 504kg | \$3.59 | \$1810 |
| A & P Anton 15 Angus         | 504kg | \$3.67 | \$1850 |
| Hunt & Grant 14 BB           | 501kg | \$3.67 | \$1840 |
| C & R Liston 12 Angus        | 500kg | \$3.66 | \$1830 |
| Yeering Pastoral 16 Angus    | 497kg | \$3.80 | \$1890 |
| Koonwarra Past 15 Angus      | 496kg | \$3.83 | \$1900 |

#### Angus Weaner Steers

|                         |       |        |        |
|-------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| Hobson & Jones 10 Angus | 426kg | \$3.61 | \$1540 |
| Glendale Past 15 Angus  | 410kg | \$3.34 | \$1370 |
| DM & KA Scott 12 Angus  | 400kg | \$3.52 | \$1410 |
| R Hollands 20 Angus     | 409kg | \$3.71 | \$1520 |
| GM Kemsley 12 Angus     | 407kg | \$3.71 | \$1510 |
| Littlejohn 15 Angus     | 403kg | \$3.69 | \$1490 |
| T & N Pouw 17 Angus X   | 402kg | \$3.53 | \$1420 |
| S Fahey & Son 25 Angus  | 399kg | \$3.70 | \$1480 |
| Lorstan 20 Ang          | 385kg | \$3.68 | \$1420 |
| B & S Phillips 20 Angus | 383kg | \$3.78 | \$1450 |
| F Colaciello 31 Angus   | 379kg | \$3.69 | \$1400 |
| GS & J Tucket 14 Angus  | 372kg | \$3.49 | \$1300 |
| Burns 15 Angus          | 368kg | \$3.64 | \$1340 |

#### Coloured Steers Weaners

|                          |       |        |        |
|--------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| G Jones 15 Hereford      | 416kg | \$3.43 | \$1430 |
| C Jeffrey 14 Hereford    | 408kg | \$3.28 | \$1340 |
| H & N Fox 27 Hereford    | 407kg | \$3.29 | \$1340 |
| K & L Holmes 15 Hereford | 407kg | \$3.68 | \$1500 |
| T Watt 13 Hereford       | 395kg | \$3.16 | \$1250 |
| C Jeffrey 20 Hereford    | 365kg | \$3.12 | \$1140 |
| Dowell 23 Hereford       | 361kg | \$3.57 | \$1290 |
| Leebrooke L/Stock 11 Bb  | 340kg | \$3.79 | \$1290 |

#### Heifers

|                          |       |        |        |
|--------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| Radvenjoy 23 Angus       | 467kg | \$3.10 | \$1450 |
| Williamsdale 10 Angus    | 442kg | \$3.23 | \$1430 |
| S Campbell 20 Angus      | 438kg | \$3.26 | \$1430 |
| Northside 24 Angus       | 431kg | \$2.97 | \$1280 |
| Bloomer 20 Angus         | 426kg | \$3.05 | \$1300 |
| Hunt & Grant 18 Angus/BB | 411kg | \$2.87 | \$1180 |
| Jb Drewett 10 Angus/BB   | 418kg | \$3.01 | \$1260 |
| Hengstberger 18 Hereford | 417kg | \$2.63 | \$1100 |

#### Xbred & Dairy

|                              |       |        |        |
|------------------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| Nuture The Earth 14 Freisian | 630kg | \$2.33 | \$1470 |
| C & B Buckland 11 Fre X      | 645kg | \$2.29 | \$1480 |
| R Kimber 13 Angus X          | 601kg | \$2.49 | \$1500 |
| W&T Warren 12 FF             | 591kg | \$2.23 | \$1320 |
| Knox & Morrison 6 Wagyu X    | 521kg | \$2.65 | \$1400 |
| Patrick Family, 17 Fre X     | 492kg | \$2.05 | \$1010 |
| Beamish Family 7 Angus X     | 487kg | \$2.46 | \$1200 |
| R&L Egan 15 AA/FF X          | 469kg | \$2.50 | \$1200 |
| R & K Lamb 20 Freisian       | 446kg | \$2.33 | \$1040 |
| S&J Bland 19 FF              | 436kg | \$2.30 | \$1020 |
| Avon Farm 17 FF              | 426kg | \$1.90 | \$810  |

#### Cows & Calves

|                            |        |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Lincolndale Farm 10x10 Ang | \$1900 |
| K Holmes 12x12             | \$1700 |

\*Due to space constraints only a selection of results could be published.



South Gippsland Landcare Network are holding a free pest control field day for those who would like to learn about controlling pest populations and feral deer.

## Camera trap and pest control field day

LANDHOLDERS and farmers are invited to learn about camera trapping and pest animal control techniques during a field day hosted by the South Gippsland Landcare Network (SGLN) this May.

There will be two guest speakers at the event offering their expertise and knowledge from their respective fields.

Aaron Stephens from Bass Coast Landcare Network's pest animal team will cover options for fox and rabbit control, including sensory deterrents, such as flashing lights, noises, smells, sprinklers, the use of

unpalatable plant species, and dogs as well as fencing and tree guards.

These non-lethal control options can importantly be integrated with lethal control programs where appropriate.

Over the past year SGLN members have borrowed camera traps to record and document species present on their properties. Popular natives, such as koalas, echidnas and wombats were regularly photographed as well as more vulnerable species such as lyrebirds.

Unfortunately, foxes, rabbits, feral cats and an increasing number of deer were also recorded at almost all properties.

Without appropriate control these introduced pest species multiply rapidly causing environmental and agricultural damage to soil, pastures and waterways.

They are also the biggest threat to the survival

and flourishing of native wildlife, and negatively impact all of South Gippsland's biodiversity.

Successful pest control takes effort from the whole community and SGLN continues to promote and support this process by hosting events and opportunities community members can be involved with throughout the year.

This event is supported by West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, through funding from the Victorian Government's Landcare Grants Program.

This free event will be held Wednesday May 1, from 10am – 2pm at Ruby Hall, Dykes Rd, Ruby.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided.

Registrations are essential at events.humanitix.com/camera-trap-field-day. For further information contact Kirby, kirby@sgln.net.au, 0480 749 731.



Aaron Stephens from BCLN pest animal team will cover options for fox and rabbit control, and Ecologist Richard Francis, will discuss lethal and non-lethal deer control methods at a pest control field day in May.

## PRELIMINARY NOTICE DAIRY SALE

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## CLEARING SALE

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Loved father of Sue, Helen and Warren, Graham and Tracy.

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## Clinical Care Coordinator

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*Rose Lodge is committed to providing equal opportunities to all employees in the community and is committed to building a diverse and inclusive workforce. Rose Lodge welcomes applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples, people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds, people of any age or gender, people identifying as LGBTIQ+ and people with disability.*

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## New role for local Scout leader

LOCAL Scouting volunteer Wombat Lyons of Trafalgar has taken on an international volunteer role alongside his volunteering with Scouting in Victoria and Gippsland.

The role is Subject Expert on Mental Health, and children and young people with special needs are calling on the professional skills of Wombat Lyons, who is employed as student welfare manager for Trafalgar High School with past employment in settings such as Melbourne City Missions residential care units and Ability Works Australia – a disability employment setting.

Wombat has studied in both the social sciences and disability areas with RMIT university and will bring this range of experience to this new role.

Wombat is currently a Cub Scout Leader for 1st Newborough Scout Group, Group Leader for 2nd Korumburra, District Commissioner for both South Gippsland (covering Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shires) and Eastern Rivers (covers Wellington and East Gippsland Shires).

He is the acting Region Commissioner for Gippsland while also holding the state role of Assistant Chief Commissioner.

Program Support Leaders will now volunteer for the Asia-Pacific Region of the World Organization of the Scout Movement.

Fortunately, the role makes use of digital technologies to allow Wombat Lyons to participate without leaving Gippsland with the appointment concluding on October 31, 2025.

In the role, Wombat will support the Diversity and Inclusion Regional Subcommittee to draft tool kits and relevant documents towards the inclusion and support for members with disabilities, psychological challenges, and mental health in Scouting across the Asia Pacific region, which represents 30 members including Scouts Australia.

"More than 35 million young people and more than 220,000 adult volunteers registered in Asia-Pacific and it's exciting to look at Scouting and how it includes



**Local Scouting volunteer Wombat Lyons has accepted an international role as a Subject Expert on Mental Health.**

all in the community across that scale," Wombat said.

"I've been proud to support Scouts Victoria with its approaches to diversity and inclusion and to now take on an international experience is exciting.

"Scouting in Gippsland is fantastic at fostering an inclusive and diverse Scouting community and it's amazing to share this with other 'experts' from across the 30 member organisations of the Asia Pacific region.

"I've always encouraged our youth members to seek international opportunities that Scouting offers, and it's nice to accept an opportunity for myself, taking advantage of my career and volunteering experience."

Families of local young people who might benefit from the community and adventure opportunities that Scouting can offer are encouraged to visit <https://scoutsvictoria.com.au/> and use the post-code search to get in touch with the group leader of their local scouting community.

## Grain machinery must meet biosecurity laws

IMPORTING second hand farm machinery such as tractors, seeders, sprayers, harvesters, baling or storage equipment from interstate can provide an alternative to buying brand new.

However, there are a few matters to consider before you buy.

Besides the costs of the machine and its transport, there are other costs involved in ensuring the machine meets Victorian biosecurity legislation (Plant Biosecurity Act 2010) and the Conditions of entry described in the Victorian Plant Biosecurity Manual, which can be found at [agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/moving-plants-and-plant-products/plant-quarantine-manual](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity/moving-plants-and-plant-products/plant-quarantine-manual)

Used agricultural equipment and spare parts could pose a high risk to Victoria's unique environment and agricultural industries.

Given the nature of their work, there is a high possibility used machinery could harbor weeds, pests and diseases that we don't want in Victoria.

Therefore, unless they meet specific conditions of entry outlined in the Plant Quarantine Manual (PQM), they are prohibited from entry.

For example, Annual Ryegrass Toxicity (ARGT) is not in Victoria. ARGT host material includes cereal crops, first cut lucerne, pasture hay, stock feed or plant waste and could be located anywhere in WA, SA or NSW.

Any machinery from these states must meet the specific conditions of entry to minimise any risk of introducing ARGT into Victoria.

Equally, Victoria is free from the fungal disease, Lupin Anthracnose (LA). Important lupin growing states like SA and WA don't have area freedom from LA and therefore, restrictions apply to the importation of machinery into Victoria from there.

These (and other) biosecurity risks are carried in soil, animal or plant material found on or inside used farm machinery. Therefore, they must be thoroughly

cleaned, free of plant material and visible soil, and inspected by a government officer.

A Plant Health Certificate must then be issued before movement into Victoria.

There are costs and time involved with such a thorough clean, often requiring the partial dismantling of the machine or equipment to access all the hidden away, hard to get at areas.

For example, debris is commonly found collecting in the driver's cabin, on the chassis, in the grain bin, augers, belts, elevators, spreaders, choppers, tyres, rims, sieves, radiator and under any guards.

Always check early with an Agriculture Victoria Biosecurity officer before you sign up to import a used farm machine into Victoria.

### Tips for buyers:

- It's the importer's responsibility to ensure all imported, used agricultural equipment is thoroughly clean prior to export and a PHC is obtained. The cost of dismantling, cleaning, and certifying a grain harvester sometimes totalling over \$10,000.
- Used agricultural equipment found to be unacceptably contaminated on arrival will be re-exported or subjected to an expensive cleaning process at the expense of the new owner.
- Use an experienced machinery dealer who regularly imports from other states. Different dealers offer varying support and services in the price they quote.
- Don't get stuck with a dirty machine. It's a massive biosecurity risk to your farm and the grains industry. If it doesn't arrive clean, you will have to clean it before using it.
- Practical and inexpensive farm biosecurity tactics are found at [farmbiosecurity.com.au](http://farmbiosecurity.com.au) and [agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au/biosecurity)
- The Grains Farm Biosecurity Manual is found here: [grainsbiosecurity.com.au/resources/biosecurity-manual-for-grain-producers/](http://grainsbiosecurity.com.au/resources/biosecurity-manual-for-grain-producers/)
- Please contact Agriculture Victoria on 136186 for any biosecurity related matters.

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The first delivery of wool arrives at Ravenhall. Pictured from left are Elders Bendigo District wool manager Adam Millard and Bendigo-based clients Irene, Bill, Nick and Holly Punton.

## World first wool handling operations at Ravenhall

WOOL from around Victoria has this month started transitioning to the brand-new Elders Wool centre at Ravenhall.

The business, which will revolutionise the way wool handling is managed, aims to optimise the logistics, sampling, sales and storage of wool through automated warehousing operations, providing an end-to-end service from the farm gate.

In a world first, wool bales are moved at the centre using autonomous guided vehicles (AGVs).

AGVs are low-energy, self-driving forklifts, which can operate autonomously 24 hours per day.

The AGVs, which interact with the centre's other automated machinery, are able to maximise productivity while also significantly reducing safety risks to people.

The Ravenhall centre is ideally located just one turn off the Western Freeway; well-placed to support strong wool marketing.

This centre creates a link between key growing areas and Australia's largest concentration of buyers, while also providing access to the port through which more than 75 per cent of eastern Australia's wool ships to global markets.

Elders Victoria state wool manager Lachie Brown said Elders is proud to be delivering an innovative service for Australian wool growers.

"This investment in wool supply chain optimisation is testament to our commitment to Australian wool growers, and the future of the whole sector," he said.

Elders Wool will be particularly beneficial for our growers, where returns have been challenged in recent years due to falling prices and higher costs along the supply chain.

"Elders Wool aims to minimise handling cost increases in the future, which will benefit growers. Wool is a premium product and Australian growers are a critical

component to global supply. This investment into the sustainability of the supply chain aims to not only protect but promote the industry further.

"Elders' commitment to the Australian wool industry goes back to the 1880s, and it is so fitting in our 185th year that we are able to deliver this business."

The business is also underpinned by key sustainability objectives.

Elders Victoria state general manager Brendan Rinaldi said the centre aims to mitigate scope one and two greenhouse gas emissions, using solar power, renewable energy, LED lighting and energy efficient equipment.

"The use of electric handling equipment and investment in solar power generation will reduce greenhouse emissions, with the aim of being fully powered by solar over time," he said.

"This, paired with the introduction of new technology to improve efficiency and keep costs down over the long-term, will make real improvements to sustainability across the supply chain."

This comes as part of Elders' \$25 million investment in wool handling, which has also seen a wool handling facility established in Rockingham, Western Australia.

The Rockingham centre started operations in July 2023, and has since become a hub for Elders staff, buyers and growers, allowing them to connect and catch up.

Woolgrowers can also watch their wool being cored in real time, in a dedicated grower room at the centre.

The wool handling business complements the existing wool offering from Elders, with Elders maintaining catalogues at selling centres in Brooklyn, Yennora and Spearwood.

Clients will also continue to have access to a wide range of wool selling tools through Elders, including auction, auction forward and Wooltrade.



Bales move through the processing lines.



An AGV moves a wool bale at the Ravenhall centre.



The exterior of the Ravenhall centre.

## More support for communities to tackle pests

TWO local Landcare networks, Bass Coast and South Gippsland, have been awarded \$71,992 in grants as part of the governments Partnerships Against Pests grant program.

Minister for Agriculture Ros Spence last week awarded grants totalling \$500,000 to 16 Victorian organisations as part of the Partnership Against Pests Program – which delivers industry and community-led actions that target weeds and pests in key agricultural areas.

Bass Coast Landcare Network has been awarded \$38,200 for 'Building capacity against complacency' – This project will increase awareness of weeds and pest animals with new residents and disengaged landowners through workshops, a calendar, new resident packs, roadside signs, and community meetings. The group will convene quarterly stakeholder meetings to coordinate control efforts. The project will focus on weed species of greatest community concern, rabbits, and foxes. The group have collaborated with Bass Coast Shire Council, Bunurong Land Council, Parks Victoria, and Phillip Island Nature Parks.

South Gippsland Landcare Network's 'Community-led action for pest and weed control in South Gippsland' will receive \$33,792 to deliver a range of initiatives including a seminar with guest speakers on weeds and pest animals. Two community management groups will be established for local collaborative action. The groups will hold field workshops with technical experts on target species. The project will also engage with Traditional Owners to share information and build partnerships. Project partners include the West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority and the South Gippsland Shire Council.

Established weeds and pest animals damage our landscapes, impact agricultural production, are a risk to international market access and damage culturally sensitive sites. They are estimated to cost Victorian farmers \$869 million every year in management and lost production costs.

Grants delivered through the Partnership Against Pests Program will ensure the people most affected by widely established invasive species are central to identifying problems, creating strategies and solutions that help limit their spread and reduce their impact.

For more information about the Partnership Against Pests Grants Program, including a full list of Round 2 grant recipients, visit [agriculture.vic.gov.au](http://agriculture.vic.gov.au)

## High level nursing care around the clock benefits residents

BASS Coast Health (BCH) is offering an even greater level of care to our cherished residents at Griffiths Point Lodge at San Remo by having a Registered Nurse (RN) on-site, 24/7.

BCH initially sought an exemption from the requirement to have a RN on-site 24/7 from 1 July 2023 to allow for the recruitment of more RN's to fill a 24/7 roster.

This was difficult given the national aged care workforce shortage, and while BCH continues to recruit RN's to its staff, the public healthcare service has excellent short-term RN's who fill our 24/7 roster.

BCH CEO Jan Child said as a result, BCH was proud to voluntarily revoke its exemption to the requirement.

"Having a Registered Nurse on-site 24/7 has enhanced the already great level of care we offer residents, and it means more senior nurse support for our other nursing and personal care staff," she said.

"Our new Registered Nurses have been attracted to Griffiths Point Lodge by the family atmosphere, the great public sector staffing ratios and conditions, the stunning sea-side location and the supportive team environment."

Registered Nurses wishing to join the nursing team at Griffiths Point Lodge can do so by phoning Acting Nurse Unit Manager Clare Stinton on 5678 5311 or emailing their expression of interest to [hr@basscoasthealth.org.au](mailto:hr@basscoasthealth.org.au).

# Tightlines



Jack cleaned up the flathead section with a quality offshore fish.

## Around the bay

By Jims Bait and Tackle

FOR many that is it, for others it is the best time of the year, quiet boat ramps, sunny but cool autumn days and with the cooler water comes fish that are building their winter fat layers and taste better than any other time of the year. It is the time for big gummies and school shark, quality size pinkies, plenty of bait fish to refill the bait freezer and the big salmon will start to show on the beaches and for those set up for them the barrel tuna will not be too far away.

This is season number 18 for us in the shop and to say it has been one of the strangest would be an understatement. It's not only the weather and the winds but the fishing has been all over the place as well with some species much better than expected and others just have not shown up. The trick for the winter will be don't put the boat keys or the fishing gear too far away because based on the pattern so far, we could get anything and plenty of fishing days could present themselves over the upcoming months.

Over Easter we ran our Good Friday appeal fishing competition and thanks to the generosity of sponsors and entrants we donated over \$5000 to the appeal. Sadly though, that could have been one of the last comps we are able to organise. There is legislation going in front of the Victorian parliament that will bring an end to fishing comps and could have a long-term flow on effect on fishing in general. There is a lot to read and it's not hard to find, just google "new animal protection legislation fishing".

Good signs over the last week with better tides the reports of whiting especially have been very good and from almost all areas, deep and shallow. The fish are better in numbers and size with very few reports of the just size ones. Most spots have fished ok but almost everyone told us that change of tide was the trick, the last hour of the tide the best. The other common thing to come from the reports was before the whiting came on the bite or just after the whiting finished biting there were plenty of pinkies around and some very respectable size ones also.

Calamari are just continuing how they have been all season, ordinary and difficult to work out, although over Easter we did see some quality models around the 1.5kg mark and good numbers as well of smaller ones but they again went quiet this week. I don't think there is one specific reason or a need to think they have disappeared it's just this season wasn't the best for them. We are getting the odd reports from jetties and beaches but absolutely no pattern to them and no method standing out more than the other.

Pinkies have been good in size this season when you get on to the bigger ones, but we still seem to have many undersized, as we normally see. They are showing up in the whiting spots but also in that flat area across the corals or the old elephant triangle. They have been great for the school holidays for the kids out in boats fishing as they are more than happy catching the smaller ones while mum or dad wait for bigger ones to show up.

There are 100s of flathead in the bay with the majority too small but we are told that every now and again you drop on a patch of good quality take home ones. Most of the bait fish are still around and with the acres of little white bait looking fish the salmon are in filling up so can be hard to convince them to take a lure but still worth a try. Not a lot in the bigger model gummies in the bay but some quality from offshore.

The school fish sized tuna are all but done and dusted and we have a bit of older stock to clear out before all our new stock starts arriving over the winter period ready for next season so if you want a bargain head in store on ANZAC day. We will also be starting to reduce our shop hours next week, opening at 9am weekdays and 8am weekends. It will be a little different this year and we have decided to only close one day a week, Wednesday so we will be open 6 days a week reducing hours on Sundays as well. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for the current shop hours.

## SPORT | SURFING



Participant Hamish Farman. Photo: Keith Vincent.

## PIBC encouraging youth development

THE recent Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) Youth Surfing Development Program has been a big success!

Run weekly for six weeks for 12 PIBC members aged 10-13, on Wednesdays 6-8pm from February 14 - March 20.

All of the 12 spots were filled, and the groms and parents surfed at a variety of breaks including Smiths, Surfies Point/beach, Shelly's and Woolies.

Under the coaching of Jarvis Cininias and Adrian Sorati the program included:

- Introduction to water safety while surfing

- Competition etiquette and heat practice
- Surfing technique
- Video analysis and professional coaching

All the kids improved, and even got to see their improvements first-hand in Adrian's video analysis coaching back at the PIBC Clubhouse.

In coaching Adrian also gave the kids a lesson in surfing under the priority system, and Jarvis gave the kids training in how best to compete in surf competitions.

Well done to kids Max, Phoenix, Sam, Kai, Kody, Roy, Harvey, Archie, Ryan, Scarlett, Otis and Angus for being so engaged and proactive in their learning, and to the parents coming down and into the water each Wednesday for six weeks.

Keep an eye on Phillip Island Boardrider Club socials for the next program.

Credit to leads Tim Anagnostou, Geoff Russell, and Tate Russell. Media: Keith Vincent. Judge Coaching: Jarvis Cininias and Adrian Sorati.



Joe Van Dijk representative from PIBC to participate in the 50 Year Storm. Photo: Jo O'Reilly Stubbs.

## PIBC to contend in Bells Beach 50 Year Storm

THE Bells Beach 50 Year Storm voting is now open, and there are a few invited Phillip Island Boardrider Club (PIBC) surfers in the mix.

So far representatives from PIBC are Joe Van Dijk, Carl Wright, Sandy Ryan, Glyndon Ringrose and Dylan Matthews.

The public can also nominate someone whose name is not on the list, such as Harry

De Roth, Sage Goldsbury and Ash Easton.

Anyone can vote, and vote from 1 up to 30 surfers.

Thirty invited surfers will then compete on the best big day of winter surfing, between June 1 and August 31, 2024.

Vote via link below, the link is also in PIBC's social bio: [docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfwgYcBF4lddeDg](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfwgYcBF4lddeDg)

[rqduNKYvQrTpM1OLOirL0mAgjCQUaBXtA/viewform](https://rqduNKYvQrTpM1OLOirL0mAgjCQUaBXtA/viewform)

In memory of Shaun Brooks, the 50 Year Storm is run at Bells Beach to raise awareness for people's mental wellbeing.

Over \$45,000 has been raised so far and donated to one in five and headspace, 50 Year Storms's charity partners. For more information visit [50yearstorm.com.au](https://50yearstorm.com.au)

## 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 16 |
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| ▲ 4.45am  | 1.48m    |
| ▼ 10.55am | 0.32m    |
| ▲ 6.01pm  | 1.57m    |
| ▼ 11.14pm | 0.72m    |

| WEDNESDAY | April 17 |
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| ▼ 11.35am | 0.42m    |
| ▲ 6.48pm  | 1.48m    |
| ▼ 11.56pm | 0.76m    |

| THURSDAY  | April 18 |
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| MONDAY    | April 22 |
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The women's awards went to Rachel Browne (bowling) and Mel Gheller (batting and Cricketer of the Year). Pictured from left, Jodie, Gabby, Britt, Rachel, Teagan, Mel and Praba.

## Cricketers congratulated at Koonwarra L/RSL

ANOTHER cricket season has come to an end.

Members of the Koonwarra-Leongatha RSL Cricket Club gathered on Saturday, April 6, to celebrate their wonderful season both on and off the field.

Award recipients were congratulated for their exceptional performances.

A sincere thank you goes to all players, coaches, captains, dedicated volunteers and sponsors.

Their efforts and contributions have continued to grow and develop the rich history of this magnificent club.



Life members Brad Anderson, Al Sperling, Lachie Hughes, Ross Drury and Dom Murdica attended Koonwarra L/RSL's presentation night.



The best club person award was given to Melissa Buckley by the Koonwarra L/RSL Cricket Club. She is pictured with club president Nick Arnup.



Britney Thomas (bowling) and Ash Boxall (fielding) were presented with the C Grade awards for Koonwarra L/RSL. Absent: Adam Thorne (batting and Cricketer of the Year).



The A2 award recipients were Jimmy Rushton (batting), Jason Kennedy (bowling and Cricketer of the Year) and Azhar Mehmood (fielding).



Koonwarra L/RSL's B1 awards went to Michael Thomas (batting), Paris Buckley (bowling and Cricketer of the Year) and Will Cashin (fielding).



Alex Stanley (100 games), Shane Patterson (450 games), Mitchell Scrimshaw (100 games) and Callum Buckland (100 games) were recognised for reaching game milestones for Koonwarra L/RSL. Absent: Matthew Boswell (100 games).



Kayden Scrimshaw, Matt Cooke and Isuru Darshama with the Duck Award. Absent: Matthew Boswell.



Leongatha & District Cricket Association secretary Ken Scrimshaw and president John Schelling at Cricket Victoria's Community Cricket Awards.

## Leongatha & District Cricket Association wraps up a great season

LEONGATHA & District Cricket Association's recent presentation night provided an opportunity to reflect on a successful season that included the LDCA being named Cricket Association of the Year last month by Cricket Victoria.

That announcement was made during Cricket Victoria's Community Cricket Awards at Victorian cricket's Junction Oval home.

LDCA president John Schelling explained why the organisation nominated itself to be considered for the honour.

"We thought we'd done a good job of getting the female cricket (competition) up and going, along with Under 11s," Schelling said, adding there has been a lot of work done over the past two or three years to take the LDCA to the next level.

Schelling acknowledged the support of Cricket Victoria's Peter Ciavarella.

"He's been working hard with us to make sure all this stuff comes to fruition," the LDCA president said.

He noted that being named Cricket Association of the Year was reward for all the people involved, including junior coordinator Scott Checkley, and

the team that's running LDCA's female cricket program comprising representatives of the clubs and the Head of Women's Cricket Jess Bohn.

Bohn, who plays Premier cricket for Dandenong, received her own acknowledgement at the Community Cricket Awards, picking up the 'Young Leader of the Year Award'.

Those at the LDCA won't be resting on their laurels, with president Schelling already looking forward to further improvements next season.

A more competitive women's competition is one change he anticipates.

"It's been reasonably social the last couple of years," Schelling said of the establishment period for women's cricket locally.

Participating in Gippsland Cricket League competition is on the agenda.

Further strengthening the LDCA's junior program is another aim, particularly bringing kids through from the Under 15s to the Under 17s, following a bit of a drop off in those taking that step.

It is hoped by boosting numbers moving into the Under 17 ranks there will be a flow on benefit to senior competition.

## Wonthaggi table tennis results

SITUATIONS vacant. Stretcher bearers. Must be expert in fractures, contusions and concussions.

Needed to cart Charley "Rocketballs" Donohue struck opponents off the floor.

Most players primary motive is to win, but not young Rocketballs.

Her desire to cut opponents in half with forehand slaps made

from Uranium is killer. Let us all pray for her victims.

Pink defeated Blue 6 to 5; Brown defeated Black 6 to 5; Yellow defeated Green 8 to 3; White bye.

Ladder: Yellow 12, Pink 8, Black 4, Blue 4, Brown 4, Green 0, White 0

Leading players: Brad 8, David 7, Dirk 7, Braden 6 and Andrew D 5.



Bass Coast Shire Council's Cr Leticia Laing, Bass MLA Jordan Crugnale, Inverloch Bowling Club president Terry Seaward and council mayor Cr Clare Le Serve on the green after the new competition lights were switched on for the first time.

## New lights shine on Inverloch Bowling Club

INVERLOCH lawn bowlers officially switched on their new competition lights on Tuesday night (April 9).

The local bowling club has undergone significant upgrades recently, now operating with not only competition lights but new greens and an upgraded pavilion.

Bass MLA Jordan Crugnale and club president Terry Seaward were thrilled to have the honour of turning on the new 200 lux LED lighting in the presence of club and board members, Bass Coast Shire Council mayor Cr Clare Le Serve, council officers and supporters.

"We've come a long way over 64 years and we now celebrate another milestone in the club's history – the installation of LED floodlights to expand our games of bowls to include twilight, social, competition and barefoot," Mr Seaward said.

"These lights were only made possible through the substantial State Government grant and backed by the Inverloch Bowling Club to provide the balance."

"With the support of Jordan, the advice of council and the presentation of our strategic plan, our submission was approved, and we thank all parties involved."

"We also thank our appointed project manager John Sutcliffe for his perseverance throughout the process."

Ms Crugnale said it was the vision, dedication and the compilation of a strategic plan that allowed the members to continue to grow its 'welcoming and beautifully inclusive' club.

"A massive congratulations to president Terry Seaward, the entire board and members for their remarkable financial contribution, vision and commitment to growing their welcoming and inclusive club," Ms Crugnale said.

"These lights expand the club's offerings and will definitely bring in

new enthusiasts including young people, workers and their families. It means more barefoot bowls, more competitions, more social activities – it takes this popular game to the next level and now year round.

"Better sport and recreation facilities make it easier for Victorians to get involved in local sport and recreation and lead healthy and active lifestyles."

The project received \$104,403 from the State Government's Local Sports Infrastructure Fund.

The total construction cost for this project was approximately \$148,000.

Ms Crugnale acknowledged the club for its very significant contribution of almost \$44,000 and council for its support in applying for the grant on the club's behalf.

The new lighting is competition standard and enables the club to cater for increasing demand and host more bowls, from barefoot to pennant, throughout the year.

They are also energy savers with efficient LED fittings spreading even light, reducing costs, improving safety for players and encouraging greater competition in lawn bowls overall.

Cr Le Serve said the club has demonstrated what can be achieved when its members put in the work to deliver, congratulating those who had the foresight to approach council with plans for the future as far back as 2012.

"Congratulations to the club for advocating and delivering this project, thank you to Jordan Crugnale and the Victorian Government for your investment into our local community groups, and finally thank you particularly to John Sutcliffe and Terry Seaward who have been pivotal in ensuring the club's long-term sustainability and establishing a strong community interest in the sport – a great effort."

## INVERLOCH

### BOWLING under lights:

The eight-week competition of bowling under lights began last Tuesday with an enjoyable night had by all.

Social Bowls on Thursday saw a tight competition for honours.

The winners and runners up were decided by one point.

Runners up on 32 points were Judy Parker, Karen Orford, John Turner and Steve Snelling (skip).

The eventual winners on 33 were Di Hallas, David Turnbull and John Hallas (skip).

Bowlers should be aware that there is an earlier start time of 11am with names in by 9.30am.

The last Triples event at Inverloch for this season will take place on April 17.

## LEONGATHA

LEONGATHA Bowls Club held its presentation and kitty club night on April 12, which was most enjoyable.

The Ladies' Singles Champ is Jenny Miller and the Men's Singles Champ is Paul Michael.

The B Grade Singles winner was Lynne McIntyre and the runner up B grade singles award was accepted by her mother Ellie McIntyre.

On Saturday, Leongatha had a social event at the club with a representation of 19 bodies and a draw constructed by the match committee that involved two games of three bowl triples over 12 ends.

Jeanette Chalmers is a match committee representative kindly chose to run the event and not play.

Jeanette's action was an example of fine sportsmanship that happens within bowls clubs and the new members who have been recruited over the season would have observed that kindness.

The winning team was skipped by Jeff Pendergast, second Bill Harry and the lead was Mal Grant.

Much laughter and banter was evident during the afternoon and the new recruits joined in the fun at the same time recognising the rules of the game.

On completion of the draw the players retired to the clubhouse to enjoy a frothy.

The kitchen is in a state of disrepair at present because it is being modernised to enable the kitchen staff to operate to the standard required, consequently the bar was popular.

A number of members are on the sick list at present and the club wishes them well with their recovery and be seen at the club soon.

## MIDWEEK BOWLS

### WHAT a great day.

Yes, it was a bit cooler, in fact bordering on winter weather.

However, with a full house of 55 players, not too many were worried about the weather.

The clubhouse is presently undergoing some renovations to the bathroom area, which meant it was a little crowded with so many players in a much smaller clubhouse, but it was good enough for everyone.

The green was in excellent condition, which meant the bowlers could show off their abilities without too much effort and as always there was a fair amount of friendly sledging as well as a lot of laughter across the green.

The winners on 38 points were Phil Wright (S), Rob Jeffrey (3), Mark Hanrahan (2) and Bobby Arnold (L).

Runners up on 33 points were Tony Heppleston (S), Chris Brooks (3) and Arthur Connell (L).

Best one game on 19 points went to Terry Floyd (S), Cheryl Floyd (3), Max Williams (2) and Jim Nunan (L).

Congratulations to all the winners.

Many thanks went to Peter for all his hard work (especially with so many people), and as always Pauline and John for their respective efforts.



Leongatha Bowl's Clubs Men's Singles Champ was Paul Michael and the Ladies' Singles Champ was Jenny Miller.



The social bowls winners at Inverloch were John Hallas (skip), Di Hallas and David Turnbull.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club's Saturday winners were George Stein, Wendy Donohue and Charlie Wright.

Next week, the group looks forward to playing at San Remo.

See you all at 10am.

Please be on time to allow the wonderful team to arrange all players before 10:30am.

## WONTHAGGI

BACK to social bowls this week.

Wednesday saw 21 bowlers grace the greens with most teams being pairs.

There were four teams that were two game winners.

There was one game of 12 ends with the second cut short at nine ends with rain starting.

The winners were Michael Raman and Lyn Tagell with a score of two wins and 35 points.

The club welcomed Kevin, a visitor from Deer Park, on the day.

Thursday social bowlers are enjoying good autumn weather with little or no wind to make conditions perfect.

Saturday started off well until the club heard the news of the sudden passing of Chris Miller.

Chris has been a member of the club for a number of years.

Chris was also a member of the winning Pennant team in 2021/22.

The club extends its condolences to Chris's family.

Thirty bowlers lined up on Saturday afternoon on a fine day, with a cool breeze that kept a lid on the temperature. Teams of three were the order of the day, over two games of 10 ends.

The club welcomed Haydon, Delia, Helen and Brett from San Remo for a game of bowls.

There were two teams that were two

game winners with the winners being George Stein, Wendy Donohue and Charlie Wright with a score of two wins and 32 points.

The runners up were Heather Blanch, Stan Noad and Denise Silver with a score of two wins and 30 points.

Bowls this week: Wednesday social bowls at 12.30pm, note 12.30pm start, Thursday social bowls at 10am, Friday coaching at 10am and Saturday social bowls at 12.30pm.

There's still a few tables available for the Basket Cabaret on Saturday, April 27. Don't forget the annual general meeting on May 14.

There are a few positions available on the various committees, so please find something that suits you, and be part of the club.

## WONTHAGGI INDOOR

THIS week, there was a total of 42 players. Unfortunately, a number of members have come down with COVID. The club wishes them a speedy recovery.

An enjoyable day was had on Thursday when many members enjoyed a lunch and get together at Leongatha.

On Tuesday, there were 27 people.

The winners with a plus 17 were Pam Russell, Maggie Scapin and Glenda Binch. Runners up on plus 15 were Mary Morris, Jenny Bakker, and Teresa and Allan Ireland.

On Friday, 15 players competed.

The winners on plus 12 were Jean Wylde, Mary Morris, and Helen and John Rook.

Runners up on plus 8 were Carolan Gent, Jos Kemper, Philip Fowler and Mario Toffoloni.



Foster Golf Club's B Grade winner Jenny Alexander with A Grade and Medal winner Beth Curram.



Wonthaggi Golf Club's grade winners Lisa Brusamarello and Donna Van Veenendaal.



Jareth Hume, Melissa Hume, Tricia Berryman and Pauline Lancaster won the Guys and Dolls Day at Woorayl Golf Club.

## FOSTER Ladies

TAKE two for the Foster Ladies April Medal, with the weather holding.

The medal winner was Beth Curram (19) 70, also winning A Grade and the putting with 28 putts.

B Grade's winner was Jenny Alexander (37) 75, with a NTP on the sixth.

Scratch score went to Barb Warren 88 and B Grade scratch Kaylene Morris 107.

NTP on 17th was Kylie Collins. BDTL went to Barb Britten (18) 74 and Barb Warren (14) 74.

Thank you to Merle Barham for sponsoring the day.

Next Wednesday, April 24, is Foursomes Championship – choose partners.

## KORUMBURRA

RESULTS: Tuesday, April 9. Stableford: 24 players.

A Grade: Barry Kerr (10) 34 C/B.

B Grade: Chris McConnell (18) 37 points.

NTPs: first Barry Kerr, seventh Steve McNamara, 10th Allan Perks and 13th Bob Newton.

Thursday, April 11: Stableford: nine players.

Winner: Neil Spargo (12) 38 points.

NTPs: first Mick Belvedere and seventh Steve Duffield, 10th Noel Ladgrove and 13th Neil Spargo.

Saturday, April 13: Stableford: 53 players.

Sponsor: Hays Jewellers.

A Grade: John Solly (14) 41 points.

B Grade: Greg Jones (15) 34 C/B.

C Grade: Steve McNamara (22) 39 points.

NTPs: first Ian Morris, seventh Roy Fleming, 10th Peter Draper and 13th Mat Wrigley.

## Ladies

KORUMBURRA'S ladies played the second round of the Gloria Burgess Memorial Event on Wednesday.

This event is played over three rounds with the best two scores winning the GB trophy.

Round three is to be played on Wednesday, April 24.

Winning A Grade last week with a score of 36 points was Johanna van den Heiligenberg (10). Runner up with 32 points was Heather Grist (21).

B Grade's winner was Trudy Olden (28) with 34 points and

runner up was Jenny Blackmore (25) with 33 points.

C Grade's winner was new member Kim Enbom (41) 35 points and runner up was Pam Evers (37) with 27 points on a c/b. BDTL went to Sherrin Solly and Barb Twite 31 points and Chris Rickard 30 points.

NTP on first was Merrissa Cosson, seventh Jenny Blackmore and 13th Chris Rickard.

On Saturday, the club had a medium field out playing a Stableford round in lovely autumn weather.

Well done to Sherrin Solly winning with 33 points. Runner up was Deb Wrigley 31 points c/b from Kerri Besley.

BDTL went to Gail Beer with 30 points.

NTP on first was Merrissa Cosson, 10th and 13th Jenny Blackmore.

Next week is the rescheduled April Monthly Medal / Silver Spoon round four.

Good luck to all players.

## LEONGATHA

### Ladies

IT was another small field again this week to compete in the April Monthly Medal or the Stableford event.

Before the competition began, players could elect to play a separate Stableford event or to be in the running for the Monthly Medal they could elect the Stroke event.

This week, 17 elected to play Stroke and four played Stableford.

There was a count back to determine the April Monthly Medal winner.

Kate Dwyer played on Saturday and had a lovely 73 net to win the Monthly medal (her first) from Neryl Hopcraft.

Neryl, however, was not to be disappointed as she won both the Stroke and Stableford events on the day.

Balls down the line went to Jenny Teasdale and Alison Strong 34 points, Lynda Bassett and Delia Perry 33 points, Trish Owen 32, and Anna de Bondt 31 points.

Nearest the pin on the 16th was won by Delia Perry and second shot on the fifth was won by Trish Owen.

## PHILLIP ISLAND

Tuesday April 9 - Mens Stableford 18H

Overall Winner Charlie O'Garey (15) 38 Pts, A Grade

winners: A-1 Ben Walsh (9) 37 Pts A-2 Greg Kane (13) 36 Pts c/b, B Grade winners: B-1 Charlie O'Garey (15) 38 Pts c/b B-2 Sam Orr (16) 38 Pts, C Grade winners: C-1 Peter Rowan (24) 37 Pts C-2 John Daire (27) 36 Pts c/b, BDL to 33 points c/b, NTP: 5th Ben Walsh 7th Christian Lloyd 17th Brady Ross

Mens 9 Hole Stableford

Winners: Peter Pillar (38) 20 pts c/b Runner up Basil Moloney (14) 20 pts.

BDL to 18 pts c/b

Wednesday April 10 - Womens

Monthly Medal Stroke 18H

Overall Winner Pamela Rothfield (20) 71 from Jane Sellenger (34) 74, A Grade winner: Pamela Rothfield (20) 71, B Grade winner: Jillian Chandler (30) 75,

BDL: 79 pts c/b, NTP: 5th Christine Riley 7th Stacey Meder 17th Lesley Meadowcroft

Womens 9 Hole Stableford

Winner Wendy Hamilton (30) 18 pts c/b Runner up Joanne Westthorp (45) 18 pts

BDL 12c/b

Thursday April 11 - 18H Open

Stableford

Overall Winner John Maglica (28) 40 pts, A Grade winner:

A-1 Peter Ablett (9) 38 Pts c/b A-2 Paul Ledwith (12) 38 pts, B Grade winners: B-1 Trevor

Read (19) 35 Pts B-2 Ron Davies (18) 34 Pts c/b, C Grade

winners: C-1 John Maglica (28) 40 pts C-2 Tony Hornsby (21) 38 Pts, BDL to 34 Pts, NTP: 5th

Daniel Pearce 7th Brady Ross 10th Scott Lethbridge 17th Lee Cleary

Open 9 hole Stableford

Overall winner: Col Cordery (32) 21 pts, Graham Robinson (25) 19 pts c/b

BDL to 17 pts

Saturday April 13 - Mens &

Mixed 4BBBB Stableford

Overall winner: Mark Dickson & Daniel Dickson 49 pts Runner Up Greg Holland & Paul Wagner

46 pts c/b, BDL to 41 c/b, NTP: 5th Harry Sterling 7th Heath Kollac 10th Rick Colling 17th Phil Cooksey, Womens 4BBBB Stableford (Red)

Overall winner: Mary Whelan & Lynn Mc Cole 46 pts Runner

Up Shannon Trumper & Janice Baker 41 pts c/b, BDL: to 39 pts, NTP: 10th Shannon Trumper

17th Lesley Meadowcroft

Open Comp 9 hole Stableford

Winner: Robert Leak (25) 14 pts c/b from Clive Hill (26) 14 pts c/b, BDL: 13 pts

Friday April 12- May Webster

Bowl

PIGC once again hosted this

annual event in honour of past member May Webster

The main trophy is the Stroke Gross event and this years winner was Emma Hall (4) PIGC with 78 gross.

A grade Nett winner was Loraine Hammon (18) PIGC with nett 74, runner up was Barb Warren (13) Foster GC with nett 78.

B Grade played Stableford and the winner was Liz Gleeson (20)

with 32 points, runner up was Patsy Britt (30) Wonthaggi GC with 31 points.

C Grade played Stableford and the winner was Mary Whelan (34) PIGC with 33 points, runner up was Jill Trickey (41) PIGC with 32 points c/b.

NTP eighth and 17th was Anne Tschiderer.

The second was not claimed.

BDL went to Marion Walker 34, Catherine Bolding 34, Anne Tschiderer 33, Marg Ryan 31 and Pam Hanley 30.

## WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: April 11, SR. 71.

Competition: Stableford 18-hole.

Winner: Philip McCrimmon 36.

Runner up: Stephen Judd 36.

BDL to 33.

Ball sweep: Keith Ridout 35,

Ian McNish 34, Glen Turner 33,

Bruce Betts 33 and Ian Murrells

33.

Results: April 11, SR. 34.5.

Competition: Stableford front

nine-hole.

Winner: Ian Murrells 19.

Runner up: Keith Ridout 16.

BDL to 16 C/B.

Ball sweep: Blake Cornelis 16

and Secondo Tiziani 16.

Results: April 13, SR. 71.

Stableford 18-hole:

Winner:

A: Glenn Hewlett 37.

B: Andrew Hooton-Shandley 40.

C: Andy Hovath 36.

BDL to 33 C/B.

Ball sweep: Glen Turner 38,

Scott Williams 38, Alan Cubbon

36, Ian Baker 36, Kevin Bayley

35, Messy Chand 35, Brad Andrew 34, Robert Geyer 34, Michael Scott 34 and Ian Gilmour

33C/B.

NTP: Michael Scott second, Brad

Andrew fourth, Alan McLean pro-

pin eight, Sam Dennis 13th and

Alan Cubbin 17th money hole.

## Ladies

WEDNESDAY started with black ominous skies, but the rain stayed away until the afternoon.

There were two events happen-

ing.

The singles knockout semifinals saw Anne Tschiderer de-

feat Pam Hanley (Monday) 17th,

Donna Brosnan defeat Robyn

Wilkinson 16th, Betty Bowmar

15th and Pauline Lancaster 100 points.

They were closely followed by

the team of Jodie Smith, Matt

Smith, Callum Smith and Inge

Gilham with 100 points.

NTPs were eighth Pauline Lan-

caster, and 17th Anne Poole and

Erin Smith.

Thanks to everyone who sup-

ported the annual Guys and

Dolls Day.



Virginia Wheeler enjoyed success in Victor Harbour recently.

## Tournament success for Virginia

A LITTLE bit of catching up on the goings on at the Wonthaggi Croquet Club.

Three of the club members attended the Korumburra level play singles tournament on March 16 and 17.

Tom Lacey competed in Section 1 where he won five from his eight games, finishing third on a hoops countback.

Sue Baker and Kathy Ross competed in Section 2 with Sue winning three games and, unfortunately, Kathy not winning a game.

Virginia Wheeler, Neil Warburton, Tom Lacey and Sue Cartwright travelled to Mornington for their doubles tournament on March 23.

Virginia and Neil finished runners up in their Block A, just missing out on the final.

Tom, pairing with J. Hayward from Mornington, won only one game.

Sue, teaming up with J. Mcalleff from Queenscliff, could unfortunately, not manage a win.

Victor Harbor in South Australia was the next stop for Virginia and Neil, where they competed in singles, home and away doubles and regular doubles.

These events were held over five days and this year took place from the April 6 to 10.

Virginia was triumphant in the singles where she won eight from her 10 games in her

section.

Neil managed to win only one from his five games.

The home and away doubles is structured by pairing one external player with a player from the hosting club.

Virginia teamed with John Blight and they topped their section.

Penny Morrison-McGill (Morwell) teaming with Heather Martin won their section.

The final was won by Virginia and John, seven games to two.

In the regular doubles, Virginia and Neil did not fare as well, winning only one game on the day.

Gippsland was well represented with Penny and Kevin Young from Morwell, Virginia and Neil from Wonthaggi, Heather and Roger Bradbury from Bairnsdale and Bob and Lynda Quale from Drouin.

Somewhere in between all these events, Virginia, along with several other Gippsland players, cruised around New Zealand stopping off at various ports to play this wonderful game.

Apparently, a great time was had by all.

With daylight savings now ended Wonthaggi's playing days have reverted to Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 10am.

All welcome to come along and have a go.

## Reunion sure to be a great day

LADIES who have played in midweek tennis competition over the years are encouraged to come together to share memories, photos and recipes and enjoy a cocktail during a reunion at Inverloch Esplanade Hotel on Tuesday April 23.

The gathering titled 'The final swing' is for those who have played in the South Gippsland Midweek Association.

One of the reunion's organisers, Judy Caughey, reflected on how much has changed over the years, recalling the days when many of the midweek ladies didn't work or worked less than occurs now.

A lot were accompanied by their children when they played tennis.

"I used to take my children but these days you don't take children to your sport," Judy said.

She also noted that a number of clubs that once participated have fallen by the wayside, with some having folded

and others no longer involved in midweek competition.

"Pound Creek were in it, Tarkwin, Foster and Fish Creek," Judy said.

She fondly remembers delicious lunches clubs put on during midweek competition and the fact the ladies exchanged recipes for treats such as pavlova or a sponge cake.

Country Week tennis events, once played at Kooyong and at St Kilda's Junction Oval, are other happy memories, with the South Gippsland Midweek Association having picked representatives from its clubs.

Judy has been busy contacting people to encourage them to attend the reunion, with lots of nostalgic responses from those keen to catch up with others they haven't seen in a long time.

Those who will be attending are requested to RSVP to the Esplanade Hotel on 5674 1432 by Monday April 22.



Debbie Cameron and her son competing with her large pony at the SCHC October 2023 Scramble Enduro. Photo: Geraldine Hickey.

## Wheel competition and pleasure

PEOPLE who love driving horses, ponies, donkeys or mules in harness are invited to join the 2nd Southern Cross Scramble Enduro event from May 24-26 at Alberton West. Southern Cross Harness Club (SCHC) – based in the Yarram locality – held its first Enduro last October, is repeating the event with different routes, at a better weather time of year.

The Enduro offers three days of timed competitive events in three equine sizes, an untimed version

and a two-day pleasure drive option. Participants can mix and match the types of events they want to do. The event features a beautiful forest setting on dirt tracks, prizes, new friends to meet and a delicious dinner on the Saturday night.

One day of competition costs \$40, and one day of pleasure drive costs \$30. Multiple day entry fees are at a discounted rate. Any non-participants staying over, pay a \$10 daily camping fee.

Entries can be made by members of the Australian Carriage Driving Society, and by non-members if they additionally pay a \$30 one event fee.

Entries can be made via the SCHC Facebook at this event link: [bit.ly/3xISfYE](https://bit.ly/3xISfYE)

Enquiries, including requests for links to be emailed, can be made to SCHC Secretary Fiona Mottram on 0447 343 665 or by email to [honkydonkherd@gmail.com](mailto:honkydonkherd@gmail.com)



The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria Region sponsors petition launched in the Bass Coast that calls on the State Government to exclude fishing competitions from new animal welfare laws and regulations.

## Push to exclude fishing comps from new laws

FISHING competitions could come to an end with anglers and fishing competition organisers facing potential prosecution under state governments draft laws.

As a result, fishing enthusiasts have launched a petition calling on the Government to exempt recreational fishing competitions from its new animal welfare laws and regulations.

The Nationals Member for Eastern Victoria, Melina Bath who is sponsoring the parliamentary petition, said,

"Fishing competitions in our favourite waterways are under direct threat, with this proposed bill putting a well-known anti-fishing organisation in charge of prosecuting the proposed new laws."

"This petition sends a strong message to the State Government that anglers are demanding

that recreational fishing competitions be made exempt from its proposed Animal Care and Protection law and any associated regulations."

The potential penalties under the new laws include \$11,539 for individuals and \$57,693 for a body corporate.

Under the proposed new law, the RSPCA will be given enforcement powers to prosecute despite having no specific expertise in fishing.

"Through its Angling Policy, the RSPCA has for many years made it clear it's opposed to recreational fishing.

"Peddling myths that catching fish on a rod and reel is 'cruel' is pure nonsense.

"Fishing enthusiasts are right to be concerned by this draft legislation, the devil is in the detail and the detail here is

severely lacking.

"The Nationals will continue to back recreational fishing, and recognise the significant contribution clubs, charters and small businesses involved in angling make to our community and economy.

"Recreational fishing has very few barriers, it's enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities and has a positive impact on an individual's mental wellbeing – it must be encouraged not restricted by an onerous state government.

"Standing with the fishing fraternity, I call on the State Government to commit to a guaranteed exemption for all angling competitions, charters and catch and release fishing - no if, buts or maybe," Ms Bath said.

The petition can be signed at [bit.ly/3Ja8Kjf](https://bit.ly/3Ja8Kjf)

# SOCER SEASON BEGINS



## Knights ready for kick off

REIGNING premiers the Leongatha Knights are looking forward to launching the new Gippsland Soccer League season this weekend.

The Knights will be entering teams in every competition, including the newly formed U13 girls' division.

"We've been working very hard at a league level to get the junior girls back up and running," Seniors coach Bethany Milkins said.

"The juniors recently kicked off their preseason training, which was very exciting. It's looking like it's going to be a good year. We've seen massive growth in our junior numbers, and we ran a few come and try days which were wonderfully attended.

"We've been getting good senior numbers for the last few years, so we have been focused on developing our junior numbers and ensuring we are creating a fun environment for the kids to come and have a kick."

The Knights are looking to field two U12 and U14 sides to ensure all players get a fair amount of playing time.

Seniors' preseason training was launched early due to participation in the Australia Cup.

Premiership coaches Bethany and Peter Milkins will continue to coach the



**Captain of the U14s Noah Bowman is a player to watch in juniors as he dominates in midfield.**

Senior Men's and Women's teams respectively.

The club's co-presidents Lorcan Henegan and Stuart McNaughton will coach with Reserves and the U17s respectively.

"Our coaches are really looking forward to developing their own skills and creating a more cohesive learning pattern for the players. We've put a lot of resources into that this year," Bethany

said.

"Our Men's best and fairest Aidan Hall will be taking on the U14s. We're excited to have coaches who are actively playing and being role models as well. Stuart McNaughton will also be pulling on the boots in the Reserves."

The Knights are excited to see former captain PJ O'Meara returning to the club this season.

The Women's side is also seeing new faces, as many of the junior girls are moving up into the women's bracket.

League legend Kathy Zacharopoulos and Evie Bath were farewelled by the club.

"We are sad to see Kathy and Evie go. However, Kathy has taken on a role with the Parrots, coaching their first junior girls' team. It's awesome to see her taking on a role with girls' football in a different code," Bethany said.

"Evie has moved to the city and will be playing at a higher league level. We are all very excited for her."

The Knights have a lot to celebrate in 2024, as it is the club's 20th year and events are being organised to make the milestone.

The Knights are looking forward to the first game of the season this Saturday.

"We will be heading to Mirboo North, which will be interesting. It's always good to see how the teams have changed and how things have shifted," Bethany said.

"Overall, we are hoping to see a wonderful year to celebrate everything our club has achieved. Winning is always wonderful, but if we have a happy club – one that enjoys playing – it's all worth it."

### Gippsland soccer begins

THE Gippsland Soccer League season kicks off this weekend on Sunday, April 21.

Competitive home and away matches are played on Sundays across the league for U12s through to the senior divisions.

This is a grassroots league, where new and experienced players can participate in competitive soccer, in a supportive environment with qualified coaches.

The senior competition has both women's and men's divisions. The junior competition caters for boys and girls with mixed age competitions for U12s, U14s and U17s. An U13s girls' division will be included in the junior competition off the back of the Matildas' success at the Women's World Cup and Olympic Qualifiers. There is hope that this will grow over the next few years to more age groups.

The MiniRoos program is for children aged five to 10.

MiniRoos teams gather in localised hubs on Saturday mornings, offering opportunities for girls and boys to experience soccer in a non-competitive and fun environment, promoting participation and skill development.

The clubs who form the Gippsland Soccer League (GSL) are Inverloch Stars, Wonthaggi United, Phillip Island Breakers, Lang Lang United, Korumburra City, Leongatha Knights, Mirboo North United, Trafalgar Victory and Drouin Dragons.

Each club has its own coaches and training programs to develop their players.

Clubs are still taking registrations, so it's not too late to get on board.

For more information, contact your local club, visit the GSL website at [gippslandsoccer.com.au](http://gippslandsoccer.com.au), or email the league administrator at [admin@gippslandsoccer.com.au](mailto:admin@gippslandsoccer.com.au).

The GSL board would like to wish all clubs and respective teams all the best for season 2024.



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# SOCER SEASON BEGINS



Gippsland Soccer League:  
Round 1 fixture

#### Under 13 Girls – 8.30am

Korumburra City v Drouin Dragons  
Phillip Island v Inverloch Stars

#### Under 17 Mixed – 9.30am

P-Island Stingrays v Drouin Dragons  
Mirboo North United v Leongatha Knights  
Drouin White v Drouin Maroon Yellow

#### Under 12A Mixed – 10am

Trafalgar Victory v P-Island Stingrays  
P-Island Penguins v Inverloch Stars

#### Under 14 Mixed – 11.20am

Korumburra City v Drouin Maroon  
Phillip Island Penguins v Inverloch Stars  
Lang Lang United v Wonthaggi United  
Mirboo North United v Leongatha Knights  
Trafalgar Victory v P-Island Stingrays

#### Under 12B Mixed – 11.30am

Korumburra City v Drouin Yellow  
Phillip Island Sharks v Inverloch Stars  
Mirboo North United v Leongatha Knights

#### Mens Reserves – 1pm

Korumburra City v Drouin Maroon  
Phillip Island Breakers v Inverloch Stars  
Trafalgar Victory v Drouin Maroon Yellow

#### Senior Women – 1pm

Phillip Island Breakers v Inverloch Stars  
Lang Lang United v Wonthaggi United  
Mirboo North United v Leongatha Knights

#### Senior Men - 3pm

Korumburra City v Drouin Maroon  
Phillip Island Breakers v Inverloch Stars  
Lang Lang United v Wonthaggi United

### Skills in focus at Mirboo North United

WITH a new coaching system in place, Mirboo North United Football Club is ready to get the ball rolling on the 2024 season.

The club will be fielding U6, U8, U10, U12, U14, U17 and Women's sides, with positions still open in the Men's team and newly formed U13 girls' division.

Mirboo North United is looking forward to seeing its coaching system in action, led by the highly experienced Anthony Collins.

Collins coached the Women's team last season and has played at state level.

Parents and players are being encouraged to take up assistant coach roles, under the guidance and support of experienced coaches, to continue to improve the depth of the coaching panel.

The club also thanked the local businesses for its support – including the Community Bank Mirboo North and District (Bendigo Bank) – and the South Gippsland Shire Council, which has helped to ensure the club is ready for round one, particularly in the wake of February's storm event.

Training has been well attended in the lead up to the first game of the season this Sunday.

The first round of the Gippsland Soccer League 2024 is this Sunday, April 21.



It's all about speed as the Knights and City clash.  
Ns17\_1624



Korumburra looks for options against Phillip Island on Saturday. Ns10\_1624

## Burra Cup kicks off soccer season

COMPETITION was fierce for the Burra Cup which was held on Saturday, April 13 at the Korumburra Recreation Reserve.

Teams including Korumburra, Leongatha, Inverloch, Phillip Island as well as Drouin and Lang Lang battled it out all day for cup glory.

Ultimately, the Leongatha Knights would take the gold.

A feature of the cup was the use of the reserve's new lights which were used for the first time.

**RIGHT:** It's a tight tussle as Drouin looks to out-maneuvre Inverloch.  
Ns13\_1624



## Last games of grading for Gippsland United

2024 grading period.

The pre-game talk was all about showing heart, desire and a will to win – to prove as a team and individual players that we can compete for a full 60 minutes.

The game kicked off and United were the quickest to settle into rhythm and in the fifth minute it would be McCann-Diston who would see himself on the end of a delightful through ball from Greig to open the home team's account for the day. In the 12th minute it would be Greig again who would take on the Mornington defense and slot one away past the keeper to add to his tally for the grading game period. Six minutes later Greig would receive a ball played out of United's defense, resulting in him making a decisive run down the left flank before cutting in and beating the keeper to score his second for the day.

All the boys put in a gallant effort and we saw a great game of soccer but unfortunately the game went Mornington's way with a 2 nil score at the final siren.

Not to be outdone McCann-Diston would add to his tally a minute later after also taking on the keeper, the resulting goal would see United go 4-0 up. The United midfield of Yanez, Diwa, Semmens and Abbisogni were working hard

and continued to try and feed the ball to United's two attacking threats.

With 10 minutes left in the half Mornington would capitalise on a defensive error and intercept a poorly weighted back pass to score their first goal for the match. Prior to this the defense of McNeill, Robson, Sharp and McDonald had held firm and controlled their area to solid effect. With three minutes left in the half one of Mornington's midfielders got onto a ball and had a look up, seeing the United keeper off his line he would put a cracking strike over the home keeper's head from about 30 meters out to reduce the lead to 2 goals and give the away team a sniff of a comeback.

Thankfully the halftime whistle blew to ensure that United could head into the break 4-2 up.

Play resumed in the second half after a talk around not giving up and fighting to the final whistle.

The match would turn into a scrappy affair for the first 20 odd minutes of the second half, with errant tackles and scrappy play from both teams. Composure was

required and United tried to slow the game down and reassert their dominance, but a denied penalty call would see the team get frustrated with the game and run of play. With one minute left on the clock it would be McCann-Diston who would respond after the contentious call to put away his third for the day - 5 goals between the team's two attacking threats would be reward for effort from a solid team performance in the last of the grading games.

The team will now reset and wait to see what division and teams they will be in and up against for the season proper – it is now in their hands how the 22 round regular season will play out. The grading period has shown that this team has the potential to take it up to the best in the state, it is now time for them to believe in themselves, work hard on the training ground and push for as many positive results as they can over the next six months.

#### In other results:

Gippsland United FC U15s 5 beat Mornington 0  
Gippsland United FC U16s 7 beat Mornington 2



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# SOCER SEASON BEGINS



Korumburra City looks to strike as the match gets underway against Leongatha Knights at the Burra Cup on Saturday, April 13. Ns01\_1624



Korumburra battle on toward the goals. Ns03\_1624

## City's time to shine

KORUMBURRA City Soccer Club is hoping 2024 will be the year for grand final glory as they continue to build on their strengths.

The club has had a solid start to the season with new members and two full teams for seniors and reserves.

"We've been training since the start of January and had solid numbers every time," senior captain Hayden Smith said.

While they didn't progress further than the semi-finals last year, going down in a painstaking loss of just 1-nil, this year will be a strong push to

change their fortunes.

"We've had about 10 recruits, and we're looking pretty good," Smith said.

"We've had a couple of boys from the Solomon Islands and city (Melbourne)."

The club will also have a big focus on juniors to help push more younger players through the ranks.

"We're going to work really hard to drive the junior program and get as many kids involved," he said.

"It all starts from the bottom and then they work their way up, that's the best way."

Breakers a "force to be reckoned with"

THE Phillip Island Breakers believe they will be a force to be reckoned with as they look to chase finals' glory.

According to assistant coach Geoff Russell, the club is looking solid so far with plenty of players to fill seniors and reserves.

"We've got plenty of depth to get us through the season with a few older players and a lot of younger ones this year," he said.

"We have a bit of a youth strategy and we'll be a force to be reckoned with again and fighting for a top spot."

While both reserves and seniors didn't make it past the semi-finals last season, the club's confidence continues to build as their youth numbers explode.

"The juniors are almost at the next level, we're talking about 190 kids in the youth program and we're running nearly two teams," he said.

"We'll almost be outgrowing what we can cater for, when you think that a couple of years ago we struggled to fill them."

Russell highlighted there were immense benefits for having a strong junior side and many opportunities for young players to rise up and aim for the premier leagues.

### 2024 GIPPSLAND SOCCER LEAGUE FIXTURE

#### ROUND 1 - SUNDAY, APRIL 21

**Senior Men - 3pm**  
Korumburra City v Drouin Dragons  
Phillip Island v Inverloch Stars  
Lang Lang United v Wonthaggi United  
**Senior Women - 1pm**  
Phillip Island v Inverloch Stars  
Lang Lang United v Wonthaggi United  
Mirboo North United v Leongatha Knights

#### ROUND 5 - SUNDAY, MAY 19

**Senior Men - 3pm**  
Lang Lang United v Leongatha Knights  
Phillip Island v Wonthaggi United  
Inverloch Stars v Trafalgar Victory  
**Senior Women - 1pm**  
Lang Lang United v Leongatha Knights  
Phillip Island v Wonthaggi United  
Inverloch Stars v Trafalgar Victory

#### ROUND 8 - SUNDAY, JUNE 16

**Senior Men - 3pm**  
Lang Lang United v Phillip Island  
Inverloch Stars v Leongatha Knights  
**Senior Women - 1pm**  
Lang Lang United v Phillip Island  
Inverloch Stars v Leongatha Knights  
Wonthaggi United v Mirboo North United

#### ROUND 12 - SUNDAY, JULY 21

**Senior Men - 3pm**  
Inverloch Stars v Wonthaggi United  
Trafalgar Victory v Korumburra City  
**Senior Women - 1pm**  
Drouin Dragons v Leongatha Knights  
**Senior Women - 1pm**  
Inverloch Stars v Wonthaggi United  
Lang Lang United v Mirboo North United  
Drouin Dragons v Leongatha Knights

#### ROUND 16 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

**Senior Men - 3pm**  
Korumburra City v Phillip Island  
Inverloch Stars v Drouin Dragons  
Lang Lang United v Trafalgar Victory  
**Senior Women - 1pm**  
Inverloch Stars v Drouin Dragons  
Lang Lang United v Trafalgar Victory  
Wonthaggi United v Leongatha Knights

#### ROUND 2 - SUNDAY, APRIL 28

**Senior Men - 3pm**  
Wonthaggi United v Korumburra City  
Phillip Island v Drouin Dragons  
Inverloch Stars v Lang Lang United  
**Senior Women - 1pm**  
Phillip Island v Drouin Dragons  
Inverloch Stars v Lang Lang United  
Trafalgar Victory v Mirboo North United

#### ROUND 6 - SUNDAY, MAY 26

**Senior Men - 3pm**  
Wonthaggi United v Trafalgar Victory  
Leongatha Knights v Phillip Island  
Korumburra City v Lang Lang United  
**Senior Women - 1pm**  
Wonthaggi United v Trafalgar Victory  
Leongatha Knights v Phillip Island  
Mirboo North United v Drouin Dragons

#### ROUND 9 - SUNDAY, JUNE 23

**Senior Men - 3pm**  
Drouin Dragons v Lang Lang United  
Phillip Island v Trafalgar Victory  
Leongatha Knights v Korumburra City  
**Senior Women - 1pm**  
Drouin Dragons v Lang Lang United  
Phillip Island v Trafalgar Victory  
Mirboo North United v Inverloch Stars

#### ROUND 13 - SUNDAY, JULY 28

**Senior Men - 3pm**  
Leongatha Knights v Trafalgar Victory  
Wonthaggi United v Drouin Dragons  
Korumburra City v Inverloch Stars  
**Senior Women - 1pm**  
Leongatha Knights v Trafalgar Victory  
Wonthaggi United v Drouin Dragons  
Mirboo North United v Phillip Island

#### ROUND 17 - SATURDAY, AUG 24

**Senior Men - 7pm**  
Drouin Dragons v Trafalgar Victory  
**Senior Women - 5pm**  
Drouin Dragons v Trafalgar Victory

#### ROUND 3 - SUNDAY, MAY 5

**Senior Men - 3pm**  
Wonthaggi United v Inverloch Stars  
Korumburra City v Trafalgar Victory  
Leongatha Knights v Drouin Dragons  
**Senior Women - 1pm**  
Wonthaggi United v Inverloch Stars  
Leongatha Knights v Drouin Dragons  
Mirboo North United v Lang Lang United

#### ROUND 7 - SUNDAY, JUNE 2

**Senior Men - 3pm**  
Phillip Island v Korumburra City  
Drouin Dragons v Inverloch Stars  
Trafalgar Victory v Lang Lang United  
Leongatha Knights v Wonthaggi United  
**Senior Women - 1pm**  
Drouin Dragons v Inverloch Stars  
Trafalgar Victory v Lang Lang United  
Leongatha Knights v Wonthaggi United

#### ROUND 10 - SUNDAY, JUNE 30

**Senior Men - 3pm**  
Drouin Dragons v Korumburra City  
Inverloch Stars v Phillip Island Breakers  
Wonthaggi United v Lang Lang United  
**Senior Women - 1pm**  
Leongatha Knights v Mirboo North United  
Inverloch Stars v Phillip Island Breakers  
Wonthaggi United v Lang Lang United

#### ROUND 14 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

**Senior Men - 3pm**  
Leongatha Knights v Lang Lang United  
Wonthaggi United v Phillip Island  
Trafalgar Victory v Inverloch Stars  
**Senior Women - 1pm**  
Leongatha Knights v Lang Lang United  
Wonthaggi United v Phillip Island  
Trafalgar Victory v Inverloch Stars

#### ROUND 17 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

**Senior Men - 3pm**  
Phillip Island v Lang Lang United  
Leongatha Knights v Inverloch Stars  
**Senior Women - 1pm**  
Phillip Island v Lang Lang United  
Leongatha Knights v Inverloch Stars  
Mirboo North United v Wonthaggi United

#### ROUND 4 - SUNDAY, MAY 12

**Senior Men - 3pm**  
Trafalgar Victory v Leongatha Knights  
Drouin Dragons v Wonthaggi United  
Inverloch Stars v Korumburra City  
**Senior Women - 1pm**  
Trafalgar Victory v Leongatha Knights  
Drouin Dragons v Wonthaggi United  
Phillip Island v Mirboo North United

#### ROUND 8 - SATURDAY, JUNE 15

**Senior Men - 7pm**  
Trafalgar Victory v Drouin Dragons  
**Senior Women - 5pm**  
Trafalgar Victory v Drouin Dragons

#### ROUND 11 - SUNDAY, JULY 14

**Senior Men - 3pm**  
Korumburra City v Wonthaggi United  
Drouin Dragons v Phillip Island Breakers  
Lang Lang United v Inverloch Stars  
**Senior Women - 1pm**  
Mirboo North United v Trafalgar Victory  
Drouin Dragons v Phillip Island Breakers  
Lang Lang United v Inverloch Stars

#### ROUND 15 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

**Senior Men - 3pm**  
Trafalgar Victory v Wonthaggi United  
Phillip Island v Leongatha Knights  
Lang Lang United v Korumburra City  
**Senior Women - 1pm**  
Trafalgar Victory v Wonthaggi United  
Phillip Island v Leongatha Knights  
Drouin Dragons v Mirboo North United

#### ROUND 18 - SUNDAY, SEPT 1

**Senior Men - 3pm**  
Lang Lang United v Drouin Dragons  
Trafalgar Victory v Phillip Island Breakers  
Korumburra City v Leongatha Knights  
**Senior Women - 1pm**  
Lang Lang United v Drouin Dragons  
Trafalgar Victory v Phillip Island  
Inverloch Stars v Mirboo North United



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Incorporating Drouin Dragons, Inverloch Stars, Korumburra City, Lang Lang United, Leongatha Knights, Mirboo North United, Phillip Island Breakers, Trafalgar Victory and Wonthaggi United.

## RESULTS

## A GRADE

Fish Creek 36 It N'borough 38  
MDU 61 d Thorpdale 25  
Foster 24 It Morwell East 45  
Yinnar 70 d Toora 21  
Boolarra 47 It Mirboo Nth 53

## B GRADE

Fish Creek 49 d N'borough 32  
Hill End 35 It Stony Creek 43  
MDU 66 d Thorpdale 21  
Foster 60 d Morwell East 42  
Yinnar 52 d Toora 37  
Boolarra 71 d Mirboo Nth 38

## C GRADE

Fish Creek 24 It N'borough 44  
Hill End 36 d Stony Creek 27  
MDU 82 d Thorpdale 11  
Foster 23 It Morwell East 61  
Yinnar 44 d Toora 29  
Boolarra 39 d Mirboo Nth 32

## D GRADE

Fish Creek 37 d N'borough 28  
Hill End 19 It Stony Creek 31  
MDU 49 d Thorpdale 8  
Foster 24 It Morwell East 51  
Yinnar 40 d Toora 21  
Boolarra 29 It Mirboo Nth 31

## 17 &amp; UNDER

Fish Creek 36 d N'borough 16  
Hill End 30 d Stony Creek 27  
MDU 68 d Thorpdale 10  
Yinnar 31 It Toora 36  
Boolarra 55 d Mirboo Nth 16

## 15 &amp; UNDER

Fish Creek 16 It N'borough 23  
Hill End 34 d Stony Creek 19  
Foster 32 d Morwell East 22  
Yinnar 23 It Toora 38  
Boolarra 36 d Mirboo Nth 26

## 13 &amp; UNDER

Fish Creek 13 d N'borough 11  
Hill End 29 d Stony Creek 11  
Yinnar 34 d Toora 6  
Boolarra 16 d Mirboo Nth 15

## LADDERS

|              | %      | pts |
|--------------|--------|-----|
| Yinnar       | 333.33 | 4   |
| MDU          | 244.00 | 4   |
| Morwell      | 187.50 | 4   |
| Mirboo North | 112.77 | 4   |
| Newborough   | 105.56 | 4   |
| Stony Creek  | 0.00   | 4   |
| Tarwin       | 0.00   | 4   |
| Fish Creek   | 94.74  | 0   |
| Boolarra     | 88.68  | 0   |
| Foster       | 53.33  | 0   |
| Thorpdale    | 40.98  | 0   |
| Toora        | 30.00  | 0   |

## B GRADE

|              | %      | pts |
|--------------|--------|-----|
| MDU          | 314.29 | 4   |
| Boolarra     | 186.84 | 4   |
| Fish Creek   | 153.13 | 4   |
| Foster       | 142.86 | 4   |
| Yinnar       | 140.54 | 4   |
| Stony Creek  | 122.86 | 4   |
| Tarwin       | 0.00   | 4   |
| Hill End     | 81.40  | 0   |
| Toora        | 71.15  | 0   |
| Morwell East | 70.00  | 0   |
| Newborough   | 65.31  | 0   |
| Mirboo North | 53.52  | 0   |
| Thorpdale    | 31.82  | 0   |

## C GRADE

|              | %      | pts |
|--------------|--------|-----|
| MDU          | 745.45 | 4   |
| Morwell East | 265.22 | 4   |
| Newborough   | 183.33 | 4   |
| Yinnar       | 151.72 | 4   |
| Hill End     | 133.33 | 4   |
| Boolarra     | 121.88 | 4   |
| Tarwin       | 0.00   | 4   |
| Mirboo North | 82.05  | 0   |
| Stony Creek  | 75.00  | 0   |
| Toora        | 65.91  | 0   |
| Fish Creek   | 54.55  | 0   |
| Foster       | 37.70  | 0   |
| Thorpdale    | 13.41  | 0   |

## D GRADE

|              | %      | pts |
|--------------|--------|-----|
| MDU          | 612.50 | 4   |
| Morwell East | 212.50 | 4   |
| Yinnar       | 190.48 | 4   |
| Stony Creek  | 163.16 | 4   |
| Fish Creek   | 132.14 | 4   |
| Mirboo North | 106.90 | 4   |
| Tarwin       | 0.00   | 4   |
| Boolarra     | 93.55  | 0   |
| Newborough   | 75.68  | 0   |
| Hill End     | 61.29  | 0   |
| Toora        | 52.50  | 0   |
| Foster       | 47.06  | 0   |
| Thorpdale    | 16.33  | 0   |

## 17 &amp; UNDER

|            | %      | pts |
|------------|--------|-----|
| MDU        | 680.00 | 4   |
| Boolarra   | 343.75 | 4   |
| Fish Creek | 225.00 | 4   |
| Toora      | 116.13 | 4   |
| Hill End   | 111.11 | 4   |

|              | %     | pts |
|--------------|-------|-----|
| Stony Creek  | 90.00 | 0   |
| Yinnar       | 86.11 | 0   |
| Newborough   | 44.44 | 0   |
| Mirboo North | 29.09 | 0   |
| Morwell East | 14.71 | 0   |

## 15 &amp; UNDER

|            | %      | pts |
|------------|--------|-----|
| Toora      | 180.95 | 4   |
| Hill End   | 178.95 | 4   |
| Foster     | 145.45 | 4   |
| Newborough | 143.75 | 4   |
| Boolarra   | 138.46 | 4   |

## MDU

|              | %     | pts |
|--------------|-------|-----|
| Tarwin       | 0.00  | 4   |
| Mirboo North | 72.22 | 0   |
| Fish Creek   | 69.57 | 0   |
| Morwell East | 68.75 | 0   |

## 13 &amp; UNDER

|            | %      | pts |
|------------|--------|-----|
| Yinnar     | 566.67 | 4   |
| Hill End   | 263.64 | 4   |
| Fish Creek | 118.18 | 4   |
| Boolarra   | 106.67 | 4   |
| Foster     | 0.00   | 4   |

|              | %     | pts |
|--------------|-------|-----|
| MDU          | 0.00  | 4   |
| Tarwin       | 0.00  | 4   |
| Mirboo North | 93.75 | 0   |
| Newborough   | 84.62 | 0   |
| Stony Creek  | 37.93 | 0   |
| Toora        | 17.65 | 0   |

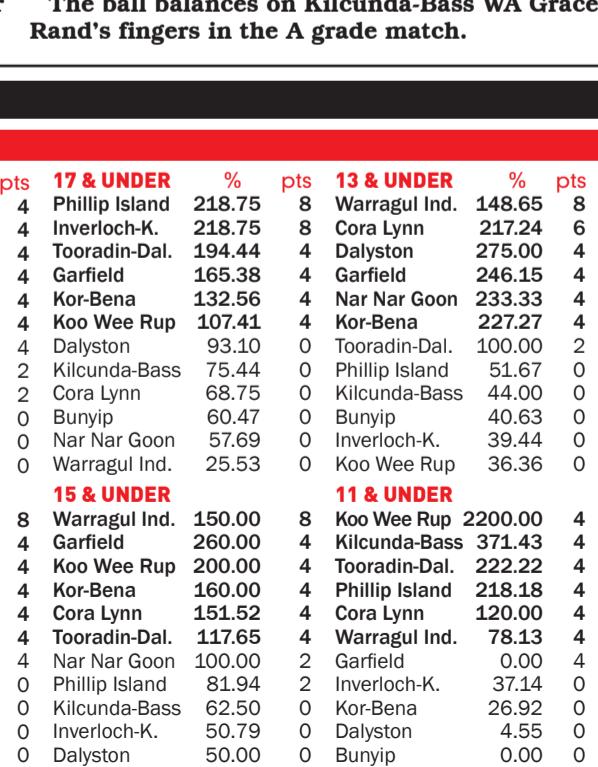
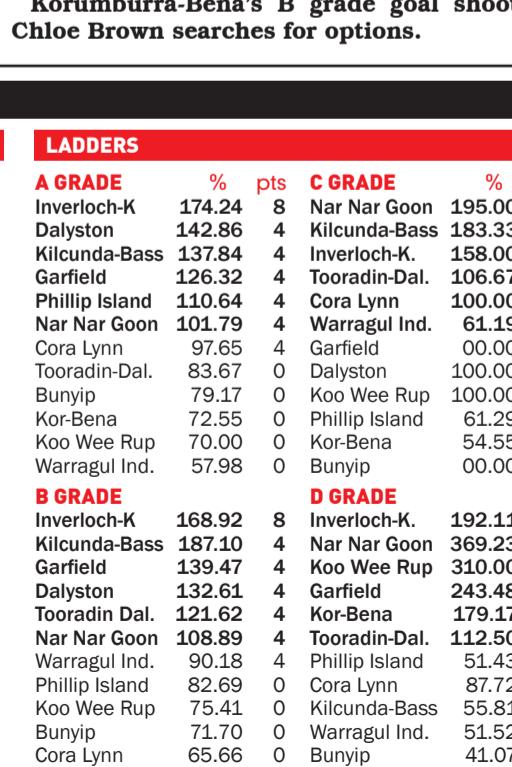
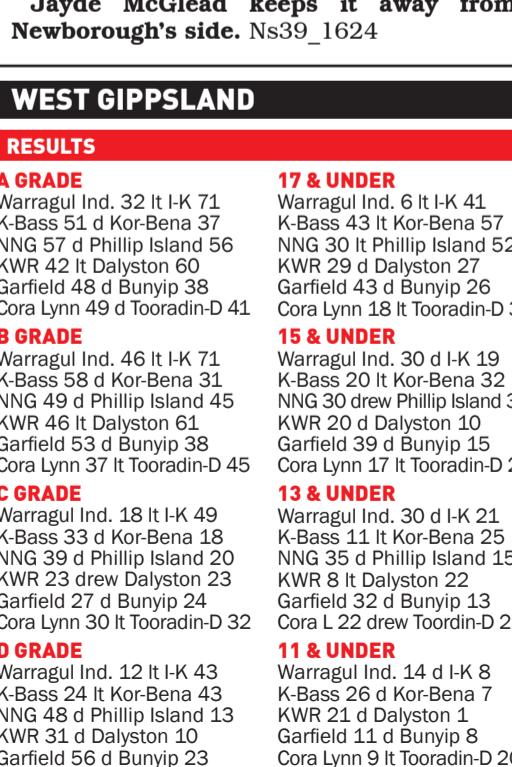
## SPORT | NETBALL



What a catch by the fingertips for Jessica Edgar! Ns41\_1624



A pass straight into the hands of Kilcunda-Bass's shooter Jessica Egan, as Korumburra-Bena's keeper Claire Brown attempts an intercept in C grade.



## WEST GIPPSLAND

## RESULTS

## A GRADE

## 17 &amp; UNDER

## 15 &amp; UNDER

## 13 &amp; UNDER

## 11 &amp; UNDER

## LADDERS

## A GRADE

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**LEONGATHA**

**13 & UNDER:** A fantastic morning for the u13s with a massive win over Wonthaggi. A great team effort and everyone put on their absolute best efforts. Congratulations to Ashlee for taking home the mental health round best on medal.

**15 & Under:** An amazing game by the u15s. It was competitive all the way through until the final siren. Congratulations to Elli for receiving the mental health round best on medal.

**17 & Under:** An amazing game from all players! We played a consistent four quarters and made lots of changes seamlessly. Very impressive netball by all players.

**C Grade:** It was a very intense game! We fought until the very end and came out with the win. Everyone put in their best effort and played like a true team.

**B Grade:** Great game today girls! We kept building each quarter and our intensity was great. Let's keep it up and keep building.

**A Grade:** We fought to the last minute and gave it our all today. Unfortunately, Wonthaggi were the better team but an amazing effort by all the girls today. Let's keep working hard and all our effort will be rewarded soon.

**MIRBOO NORTH**

**13 & UNDER:** Amazing effort from our brand-new team! First time all playing together. Down the whole game, stole the lead in the last five minutes and went down by 1. Our young ones all stood up and put in so much effort. A few things we can take away and work on. A lot of versatility and happy faces. So good to see. Excited for the next match!

**15 & Under:** What a great effort for a brand-new team. The girls created some great passages of play building the flow down the court. Plenty of time to improve at trainings and build connections.

**17 & Under:** First hit out for the girls as a brand-new team. We started strong, leading for most of the first quarter. Boolarra were too strong at the end of the day. Lots of things to work on for the next training, excited for what this team can do this season! Another game against Boolarra next week with the 17&U adjusted draw. Good job girls.

**D Grade:** In a remarkable display of teamwork, a group of talented girls who had not previously played together clinched a victory. The game saw several lead changes, but the team remained united and maintained a positive energy throughout. Congratulations on the well-deserved win, and we eagerly anticipate more games to strengthen our connection further.

**C Grade:** This new team gelled well together and fought hard against a strong Boolarra team, with a loss in the first quarter the girls played hard but just couldn't get back in front. With a few adjustments at training we will see the team improve every week!

**B Grade:** First hit out as our new team today, such a positive, talented group of ladies. Lost to a very strong Boolarra team. Plenty for us to work on at training this week. Next week we take on Foster in a night game Go tigerzzzz.

**A Grade:** So proud of the girls today to come out and play the way they did I couldn't ask for anything more. No one would ever know this was our first

game together. A big congratulations to Marley Wallace and Sienna Cheffers who played their first A grade game today.

**TOORA**

**A GRADE Netball:** Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to the girls that have stepped up into A grade this year. Our first game against Yinnar was very strong and physical but the girls held their heads high and stayed positive throughout the four quarters. It was great to see the under 17s girls really step up and hold their own. You should all be proud of yourselves for our first game together as a new A grade team.

**B Grade:** Start of a new season with some fresh youth in our team, I can't tell you how incredibly proud I am of our juniors for stepping up into seniors like they have been playing there forever. You all played a great part in today's game, so thank you!!

**I** probably didn't quite know what to expect, but with our great youth pace and older ladies' talents, which also gave us opportunity for some great defence which allowed us some great passages to play into attack. Great first week!! The Welshpool pub award went to a newbie into B grade Evie Stone, you had a cracker of a game!!

**C Grade:** First game back for the season and we came up against a very good Yinnar team. Our team was very different with players unavailable therefore we had to rely on our wonderful juniors who played amazing netball for us. We had some great passages of play, and we really used our rolling subs to try to keep everyone going.

We need to work on a few things at training and things will gel the more we play together. Welcome back to Miley and big thanks to Willow and Maya for coming up from 15's to help us out. Hill End at home next week so let's put our best out on the court and prove what you can do.

**D Grade:** Great hustle from all areas of the court for round 1. Coming up against a very polished and competitive side gave our girls a high expectation to meet. As a very fresh side, our girls were quick to gel together and pull off some great game play. Unfortunately, we weren't able to secure the win, but there are lots of things to be proud of and work towards at training.

**17 & Under:** What an incredibly physically and mentally tough game to start off the season. Managed to hold the lead all game. Outstanding defensive game from the whole team. Goalers were very accurate with their conversions. We look forward to a full squad once some girls return from injury. A very promising season ahead. A great/ close win for the girls.

**15 & Under:** A great first game, slow start off the mark but found our groove mid-way into the first quarter. Every player did their job and there was lots of positive talk around the court.

**13 & Under:** We had a fun start to the season with a brand-new bunch of girls some who have never played before. The whole team never gave up the whole game despite coming up against a very polished U13s side. This put a lot of pressure all game long on our defenders who never gave up, which gave them the awards for the day. Looking forward to watching these girls grow over the year.



Mother daughter duo Sarah and Evie took to the courts on Saturday for Toora.



Emma Evans in A grade for Mirboo North blocks an attempt at goals.



Jade Cashin has ball in hand for Leongatha during the Parrots' B Grade win over Wonthaggi. A16\_1624



Leongatha's Alicia Marshman and Wonthaggi's Charlie Berry compete in the air during Leongatha's B Grade win. A13\_1624

**ELLINBANK****RESULTS****A GRADE**

Longwarry 38 It Nilma Dar 79  
Trafalgar 49 d Poowong 25  
Yarragon 29 It Neerim Sth 53  
Buln Buln 33 It Ellinbank 59

**B GRADE**

Nyora 21 It Lang Lang 51  
Longwarry 39 It Nilma Dar 69  
Trafalgar 47 d Poowong 32  
Yarragon 33 It Neerim Sth 63  
Buln Buln 33 It Ellinbank 59

**C GRADE**

Nyora 8 It Lang Lang 55  
Longwarry 24 It Nilma Dar 38  
Trafalgar 35 d Poowong 26  
Yarragon 27 It Neerim Sth 43  
Buln Buln 20 It Ellinbank 36

**LADDERS**

| <b>A GRADE</b> | <b>%</b> | <b>pts</b> | <b>17 &amp; UNDER</b> | <b>%</b> | <b>pts</b> |
|----------------|----------|------------|-----------------------|----------|------------|
| Neerim South   | 186.00   | 8          | Yarragon              | 173.08   | 6          |
| Nilma Darnum   | 207.89   | 4          | Poowong               | 118.97   | 6          |
| Ellinbank      | 178.79   | 4          | Nilma Darnum          | 258.82   | 4          |
| Trafalgar      | 134.92   | 4          | Lang Lang             | 202.94   | 4          |
| Lang Lang      | 105.56   | 4          | Catani                | 180.95   | 4          |
| Yarragon       | 81.52    | 4          | Buln Buln             | 123.21   | 4          |
| Poowong        | 67.37    | 0          | Ellinbank             | 110.81   | 4          |
| Buln Buln      | 54.55    | 0          | Trafalgar             | 89.06    | 4          |
| Longwarry      | 48.10    | 0          | Longwarry             | 81.54    | 4          |
| Catani         | 0.00     | 0          | Neerim South          | 38.89    | 0          |
| Nyora          | 0.00     | 0          | Nyora                 | 4.85     | 0          |

**B GRADE**

Neerim South 154.29 8  
Nilma Darnum 149.30 8  
Trafalgar 130.65 8  
Catani 216.00 4  
Ellinbank 178.79 4  
Lang Lang 147.27 4  
Poowong 83.33 0  
Yarragon 69.31 0  
Buln Buln 67.31 0  
Nyora 60.23 0  
Longwarry 52.03 0

**C GRADE**

Nilma Darnum 403.85 8  
Lang Lang 357.69 8  
Neerim Sth 195.35 8  
Catani 200.00 4  
Ellinbank 180.00 4  
Yarragon 96.61 4  
Trafalgar 82.81 4  
Poowong 64.62 0  
Longwarry 56.94 0  
Buln Buln 46.75 0  
Nyora 8.20 0

**15 & UNDER**

Lang Lang 400.00 8  
Nilma Darnum 212.50 8  
Buln Buln 173.58 8  
Catani 683.33 4  
Poowong 114.63 4  
Neerim South 91.67 4  
Trafalgar 86.79 4  
Yarragon 75.47 0  
Ellinbank 44.64 0  
Longwarry 41.54 0  
Nyora 3.80 0

**GIPPSLAND****RESULTS****A GRADE**

Sale 33 It Warragul 66  
Drouin 65 d Maffra 17  
Morwell 30 It Bairnsdale 40  
Wonthaggi 43 d Leongatha 25  
Traralgon 37 It Moe 58

**B GRADE**

Sale 34 d Warragul 24  
Drouin 77 d Maffra 27  
Morwell 45 d Bairnsdale 32  
Wonthaggi 34 It Leongatha 53  
Traralgon 48 d Moe 40

**C GRADE**

Sale 28 d Warragul 23  
Drouin 34 d Maffra 17  
Morwell 39 d Bairnsdale 25  
Wonthaggi 30 It Leongatha 32  
Traralgon 20 d Moe 19

**LADDERS**

| <b>A GRADE</b> | <b>%</b> | <b>pts</b> | <b>17 &amp; UNDER</b> | <b>%</b> | <b>pts</b> |
|----------------|----------|------------|-----------------------|----------|------------|
| Drouin         | 205.36   | 8          | Traralgon             | 234.48   | 12         |
| Warragul       | 179.71   | 8          | Bairnsdale            | 127.47   | 8          |
| Moe            | 148.00   | 8          | Sale                  | 233.33   | 4          |
| Traralgon      | 98.39    | 8          | Leongatha             | 126.42   | 4          |
| Wonthaggi      | 95.18    | 4          | Maffra                | 89.86    | 4          |
| Bairnsdale     | 91.87    | 4          | Drouin                | 83.53    | 4          |
| Sale           | 66.67    | 2          | Wonthaggi             | 77.05    | 4          |
| Maffra         | 51.02    | 2          | Moe                   | 47.95    | 4          |
| Morwell        | 73.12    | 0          | Morwell               | 63.24    | 0          |
| Leongatha      | 67.06    | 0          | Warragul              | 27.16    | 0          |

**B GRADE**

Drouin 214.04 8  
Leongatha 153.85 8  
Traralgon 111.21 8  
Sale 117.54 6  
Moe 105.62 4  
Morwell 100.00 4  
Warragul 95.83 4  
Maffra 54.55 2  
Wonthaggi 73.47 0  
Bairnsdale 65.00 0

**C GRADE**

Traralgon 117.07 12  
Drouin 236.67 8  
Morwell 184.09 8  
Wonthaggi 121.15 4  
Sale 101.75 4  
Leongatha 101.67 4  
Maffra 79.69 4  
Warragul 70.49 0  
Moe 61.29 0  
Bairnsdale 59.02 0

Bairnsdale 234.23 12  
Sale 164.29 8  
Traralgon 151.76 8  
Wonthaggi 134.69 4  
Moe 96.97 4  
Maffra 92.77 4  
Leongatha 47.19 4  
Drouin 59.34 0  
Warragul 52.38 0  
Morwell 33.33 0

Traralgon 154.29 12  
Maffra 316.67 8  
Bairnsdale 151.72 8  
Sale 242.86 4  
Leongatha 212.50 4  
Moe 197.37 4  
Wonthaggi 43.28 4  
Drouin 37.18 0  
Warragul 20.51 0  
Morwell 17.65 0

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| Ben Fisher      | 31 |
| Darryl McGannon | 31 |
| Justin Caporale | 30 |
| Phil Hardy      | 30 |
| Rod O'Neill     | 30 |
| Warren Stewart  | 30 |
| David England   | 29 |
| Keith & Eddie   | 29 |
| Peter Fort      | 29 |
| Phil & Cathal   | 29 |
| Shane Cooke     | 29 |
| Adam Ware       | 28 |
| Kris Baker      | 28 |
| Alex Geyer      | 27 |
| Brad Hodson     | 26 |
| Jack & Jassy    | 25 |
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## POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB



TRAFalgar 54 POOWONG 39

Trafalgar 1.1 5.2 6.5 8.6 (54)

Poowong 0.1 1.4 1.4 5.9 (39)

**GOALS, Trafalgar:** Matthew Swenson, Klay Butler 2, Jordyn Baker, Brayde Bosman, Luke O'Neill, Damian Mann 1 each**BEST:** Dylan Gauci, Klay Butler, MacLean McInnes, Dylan Farrell, Jordyn Baker, Connor Noonan**GOALS, Poowong:** Jake Cochrane 2, Rory Nettle, Jack Hazendonk, Mitch Molloy 1 each**BEST:** Jack Hazendonk, Mitchell van't Hof, Micah Williams, Ben Peters, Rory Nettle, Andrew Logan**RESERVES**

Trafalgar 4.3 7.6 13.7 15.11 (101)

Poowong 1.0 1.1 1.1 2.2 (14)

**GOALS, Trafalgar:** Blake Zimora, Keegan Tullett 3, Tyson Stevens, Jackson King 2, Jackson Noonan, Brett Cameron, Oliver Hennessy, Ben Cunico, Rocco King 1 each**BEST:** Ben Cunico, Blake Zimora, Caden Webb, Tyron Stevens, Oliver Hennessy, Brodie Malady**GOALS, Poowong:** Jake Lewis, Damian Barreto 1 each**BEST:** Bryce Riddell, Jake Peacock, Caspian Jackman-Riches, David O'Neill, Rhys Butler, Athan Baltas**THIRDS**

Trafalgar 2.6 2.7 4.8 4.8 (32)

Poowong 0.0 0.1 2.2 4.2 (26)

**GOALS, Trafalgar:** Issac Caroleo, Toby McCabe, Joshua Mills, William Mills 1 each**BEST:** Toby McCabe, Joshua Mills, Andrew Daly, Brock Gill, Matthew Kersten, Jordan Chapman**GOALS, Poowong:** Hayden Hessels 2, Angus Halliwell, Bryce Riddell 1 each**BEST:** Jett Blackwood, Bailey Nettle, Hayden Hessels, David O'Neill, Patrick Dorian, Tarkyn Taylor-Wilton**FOURTHS**

Trafalgar 0.1 0.1 0.2 1.3 (9)

Poowong 0.5 4.9 6.12 6.14 (50)

**GOALS, Trafalgar:** Dylan van de Stoep 1**BEST:** William Mills, Oliver White, Tait Kersten, Brodie Gauci, Ryan Davis, Zak Larkin**GOALS, Poowong:** Cruze Deal, Kohan Mandemaker 2, William Dourley, Kade Zeally 1 each**BEST:** Cruze Deal, Kohan Mandemaker, Bryce Broadmore, William Dixon, Raffi Van Venrooy, William Dourley.**NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB**

NYORA 14 LANG LANG 155

Nyora 2.0 2.0 2.1 2.2 (14)

Lang Lang 4.4 14.10 17.11 23.17 (155)

**GOALS, Nyora:** Lachlan Roberts, Jayden O'Brien 1 each**BEST:** Braith Minchin, Lewis Kennedy, William McGindle, Fletcher Kennedy, Lachlan Roberts, Jesse Heylen**GOALS, Lang Lang:** Marc Holt 10, Chaise Jordan 5, Dylan Gallasch 3, Bradley Clark 2, Brody Leitch, Mitchell Davey, Kalin Parker 1 each**BEST:** Marc Holt, Bradley Clark, Chaise Jordan, Dylan Gallasch, Kyle Van der Pluym**RESERVES**

Nyora 0.2 0.2 1.4 1.4 (10)

Lang Lang 4.1 8.6 14.8 22.12 (144)

**GOALS, Nyora:** Shaun Lamb 1**BEST:** Luke Ferguson, Lincoln Brock, Shaun Lamb, Robert Malberg, Dakota Boswell, Brandon Lee**GOALS, Lang Lang:** Daniel Lewis 8, Benjamin Barwick 4, Geordie Wells, Jack Jenkins 3, Devlin Parker 2, Rhys Simmons, Trent Harvie 1 each**BEST:** Brock Duggan, Daniel Lewis, Jack Jenkins, Devlin Parker

## IN OTHER GAMES...

## SENIORS

Neerim St 12.14.86 d Yarragon 2.7.19

Longwarry 19.14.128 d Nilma Dar 10.16.76

Buln Buln 13.9.87 d Ellinbank 9.8.62

**RESERVES**

Neerim St 13.15.93 d Yarragon 3.5.23

Nilma Dar 11.7.73 d Longwarry 6.5.41

Ellinbank 10.9.69 d Buln Buln 8.8.56

**THIRDS**

Lang Lang 5.10.40 d Neerim St 5.5.35

Longwarry 18.17.125 d Nilma Dar 5.4.34

Ellinbank 14.11.95 d Buln Buln 2.2.14

**FOURTHS**

Neerim St 17.14.116 d Yarragon 0.2.2

Nilma-Dar 11.8.74 d Longwarry 7.3.45

Buln Buln 5.3.53 d Ellinbank 1.6.12

## Trafalgar hold young Magpies at bay

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG travelled to Trafalgar for Round Two to play at all levels, unfortunately Poowong were forced to make four changes in the Seniors through injury.

Steve McInnes, Jye Loughridge, Jarvis Brown and Gavan Monson were all unavailable replaced by Ben Peters, Tommy Burgess U/18's, Harry Sheedy and Lauchie De Kleuver in for their first senior games.

Poowong had a very young side but they showed signs during the game the club has a bright future, with this group of footballers going forward with a bit more experience and confidence.

The game opened with Poowong kicking to the town end, play was played between the defences all quarter, Trafalgar was stronger in the air but turnovers were hurting both sides resulting in a point each until the last minute when Trafalgar goaled to go in at quarter time: 1.1.7 to Poowong 0.1.1.

Joel Norton and Micah Williams playing well and Andrew Logan marking strongly down back the second quarter started with both sides moving the ball around but turnovers were stopping many forward moves by both sides and it wasn't until Trafalgar received a free kick at CHF they kicked their second, Poowong went forward resulting in a point.

Breaks were going Trafalgar's way and they marked for their third. Poowong worked the ball forward for a couple of points. Trafalgar went forward down the flank resulting



Rory Nettle takes off with the ball for Poowong. Photo: Jeff Tull

in a couple of goals.

From the bounce with Zac Gray playing well the ball went forward, a kick off the ground by Jack Hazendonk found Mitch Malloy to kick Poowong's first.

Half time: Trafalgar 5.2.32 to Poowong 1.4.10 Poowong were passing the ball well out of defence but were falling down across the centre and the turnovers were costly, Mitch van't Hof, Zac Gray, Micah Williams and Mitch DeKleuver were battling hard to lift Poowong.

Poowong down by twenty two points at half time would need a big third quarter to

stay in the game, they had their chances but with the forwards pushing up too far, the forward attacks found no one to support them.

Poowong kicked for goal but was cleared by the defence and then Trafalgar went forward the ball bounced over the back of the pack to two Trafalgar forwards running into goal only to see the ball elude them for a point.

Right on the siren Trafalgar scored a late goal to open up thirty two point lead. 6.6.42 to 1.4.10. The game was no great spectacle with both sides continually turning the ball over, Poowong with no

bench at three quarter time had it ahead of them.

Poowong's Coach Dale Carroll asked the players to take risks and be positive as many times during the game they had not taken the first opportunity available resulting in a turnover.

Trafalgar went forward from the bounce and goaled and added a point from the square not the start Poowong was not looking for.

Jack Hazendonk received a free kick on HFF for Poowong's second, Jack Hazendonk added a point then a series of hand balls resulted in Poowong's third goal to young gun Rory Nettle his first senior goal.

You could see the boys lift around the ground, they moved Connor Cunningham into the Ruck, a free kick to Alex Henshall was punched through for a point, mark by Jake Cochrane kicked Poowong's fourth from the HFF.

Poowong were having all the play up forward but were unable to find the big opening as pressure grew. Trafalgar took the ball forward against the run of play and kicked their eighth goal to seal the game.

Poowong added a late goal when Jake Cochrane kicked his second to reduce the margin to 15 points, a great quarter of football by the Poowong boys which will give them plenty of confidence when they tackle Nyora at Poowong in the game for Poowong's 150 Year Centenary.

Win to the fourths, Under 18's down by a goal and the Reserves need a bit of training, could be a chance this week.

Let's help the Poowong Community celebrate their 150th year on Saturday.



Santo Joma goes up to contest the ruck.

## Lang Lang overpower Nyora

IT was another tough day at the office as the embattled Nyora faced Lang Lang at home on Saturday.

The Tigers came in strong and left with an impressive 141-point win.

Despite the end result, Nyora came off the ground feeling positive about an improved performance from the previous round.

Nyora showed competitiveness in the first quarter, managing to put two goals on the scoreboard from Jayden O'Brien and Lachlan Roberts.

Lang Lang managed to get away with four goals before the quarter time siren.

The second quarter proved to be detrimental to Nyora's game, as Lang Lang claimed 10 more goals before halftime.

Lang Lang's goal scoring rampage was led by Marc

Holt, who finished the game with a 10-goal haul.

A further five goals were added to the scoreboard by Chaise Jordan throughout the game.

Nyora lifted again in the third quarter but was unable to capitalise on its opportunities.

Two behinds were added to Nyora's score through the second half.

Lang Lang continued to dominate right through to the final siren, where it claimed its comprehensive win.

Nyora will come up against Poowong away in round three.

Not only will this be a massive clash against old rivals, but the local derby is a feature of the town of Poowong's 150th celebrations and a huge crowd is anticipated.

Nyora is faced with a few key outs in round three, but is ready to give it its all.

## ELLINBANK &amp; DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

| SENIORS      | W | L | %      | pts | RESERVES     | W | L | %       | pts | THIRDS       | W | L | %      | % WON | FOURTHS      | W | L | %      | % WON |
|--------------|---|---|--------|-----|--------------|---|---|---------|-----|--------------|---|---|--------|-------|--------------|---|---|--------|-------|
| Lang Lang    | 2 | 0 | 423.08 | 8   | Lang Lang    | 2 | 0 | 1025.00 | 8   | Ellinbank    | 2 | 0 | 900.00 | 100   | Neerim South | 2 | 0 | 471.05 | 100   |
| Longwarry    | 2 | 0 | 177.05 | 8   | Nilma Darnum | 2 | 0 | 282.76  | 8   | Catani       | 1 | 0 | 151.72 | 100   | Poowong      | 2 | 0 | 263.16 | 100   |
| Buln Buln    | 2 | 0 | 147.97 | 8   | Neerim South | 2 | 0 | 256.36  | 8   | Lang Lang    | 2 | 0 | 110.39 | 100   | Nilma Darnum | 2 | 0 | 181.93 | 100   |
| Nilma Darnum | 1 | 1 | 163.89 | 4   | Trafalgar    | 1 | 1 | 314.71  | 4   | Longwarry    | 1 | 1 | 197.44 | 50    | Buln Buln    | 1 | 1 | 92.00  | 50    |
| Neerim South | 1 | 1 | 128.95 | 4   | Longwarry    | 1 | 1 | 164.77  | 4   | Neerim St    | 1 | 1 | 160.38 | 50    | Trafalgar    | 1 | 1 | 56.10  | 50    |
| Trafalgar    | 1 | 1 | 88.46  | 4   | Ellinbank    | 1 | 0 | 123.21  | 4   | Poowong      | 0 | 1 | 81.25  | 0     | Lang Lang    | 0 | 1 | 86.49  | 0     |
| Yarragon     | 1 | 1 | 65.60  | 4   | Yarragon     | 1 | 1 | 98.23   | 4   | Buln Buln    | 0 | 2 | 18.62  | 0     | Longwarry    | 0 | 1 | 54.97  | 0     |
| Ellinbank    | 0 | 1 | 71.26  | 0   | Poowong      | 0 | 2 | 17.99   | 0   | Nilma Darnum | 0 | 2 | 18.14  | 0     | Ellinbank    | 0 | 1 | 36.36  | 0     |
| Poowong      | 0 | 2 | 66.67  | 0   | Catani       | 0 | 1 | 14.42   | 0   | Yarragon     | 0 | 0 | 0.00   | 0     | Yarragon     | 0 | 2 | 18.67  | 0     |
| Catani       | 0 | 1 | 52.27  | 0   | Nyora        | 0 | 2 | 9.52    | 0   | Catani       | 0 | 0 | 0.00   | 0     | Catani       | 0 |   |        |       |



Former VFL player Macie Gilmour, vice president of the Power Junior Football Club and U14s coach Cam Jones, and president of the Power Junior Football Club and U12s coach Matt Coyne are looking forward to mentoring young footy players like Ziggy Blair, Sienna Mitchell and Alby Everitt in the new PowerKick program, set to start on May 1.

## Young footy stars backed by PowerKick

WONTHAGGI'S football rising stars will be honing their skills with the launch of PowerKick this season.

In lieu of Auskick, Wonthaggi Power Football Netball Club is proud to introduce its own program, which will support young players to develop basic footy skills and social skills in a fun, safe environment.

"It's something we've been thinking about as a club for a while," Power's junior footy club president Matt Coyne said.

"When the previous coordinator of Auskick moved on, we reached out for a new coordinator. However, the coaches of the junior and senior club decided we are comfortable

in that environment, so why don't we put a program together ourselves. It gained legs from there and we are hoping to get around 50 kids involved to start off with."

Matt said the club would like to see more girls getting involved in the hopes of breaking into the league's girls' division in the future.

To support the growth of female participation, members of the Bass Coast Breakers and the former Power Youth Girls team will be assisting with the PowerKick coaching.

This includes Macie Gilmour, who is a former VFL player with the Box Hill Hawks.

Macie now plays for the Warragul Industrials and will be assisting with PowerKick over

a few Wednesday nights, with a focus on encouraging girls to develop their skills and gain the motivation to pursue the sport further.

The program will include eight sessions, run by the club's junior and senior coaching staff, with additional help from the wider playing group.

PowerKick is aimed at children between the ages of five and 12.

For many, it will be their first step into the world of Australian Rules football and will hopefully bolster junior numbers going forward.

"It's all about getting the kids out there, having fun and taking a break from the TV environment," Matt said.

"It's also about giving them a

strong social environment. We can help them manage social issues as a group and try to get them to take care of each other."

The first 45-minute session will kick off on Wednesday, May 1, at 4pm.

Registration fees are \$50, and each child will also receive a gift pack of a Sherrin all-weather football, training top and drawstring bag.

For those that are interested and considering signing up, you are encouraged to visit the 'Wonthaggi PowerKick' Facebook page which contains the registration link, or for more information can make contact via email at [wpjfc17@gmail.com](mailto:wpjfc17@gmail.com) or phone on 0457 841 420.



Inverloch-Kongwak Football Netball Club's first time U16s coach Jim Soumilas and assistant U18s coach Joe Soumilas.

## Soumilas brothers lead young Sea Eagles

BROTHERS Jim and Joe Soumilas have stepped up and taken on first time coaching roles at Inverloch-Kongwak Football Netball Club. Jim has taken on the U16s and Joe is the assistant coach of the U18s.

Sons of former premiership coach Ben Soumilas, Jim and Joe have played their whole football careers with the Sea Eagles, and are eager to give back to their club.

"The club has done a lot for us, so we do whatever we can to repay them. This is our happy place, it's where we like to be, so the more time we can spend here, the better," Jim said.

"We just want to make sure it's fun for the kids. When you're that age, all you think about is footy. When the one thing you love is not that fun, something's not right. For us, it's all about making sure they're developing into good young men and enjoying their footy."

Joe said the aim was to develop the young players into future Seniors and Reserves players, and ensuring everyone has the opportunity to contribute to their team.

"We have a very good crop of players coming through. We have numerous kids in the Gippsland Power program at the moment, which is great to see," he said.

"At Inverloch, we just want to see as many kids as we can coming to training and being part of the football team and the club community."

Jim said the club had inspired them to take on new opportunities due to the strong club culture.

"We've seen what this club can do and how they look after their own. We know that when you put something in, it helps more people than just yourself," he said.

With Cora Lynn unable to field U16s and U18s sides, the new coaches experienced their first taste of competition against the Warragul Industrials.

## Lions dominate Hillsmen

By Rob Popplestone

HILL End at home under the reins of MGFNL superstar player Ambu Uliando were always going to throw everything they could at anticipated improvers Stony Creek.

The question was whether the Hillsmen had the depth of talent to run with the Lions for the full four quarters.

The Lions took a little time to shake off a determined Hill End team, the home side staying in touch up until near the halftime mark, before the visitors really started to open up.

A one-point margin at quarter time, quickly turned into a five-goal margin for the Lions at the main break, that lead extending further as the visitors took control.

"Hill end came out playing some really good footy and had us changing a few things up in the second quarter. I was happy with how we responded," Chris Verboon, Stony

Creek coach stated.

"We played good team footy and stuck to the way we wanted to play. We are hosting Morwell East next week who have had a great start with a win over Foster. We will need to be at our best to give ourselves a chance."

Coach Ambu was under no illusions as to the challenges he would face as coach of Hill End, the goal for his men to improve each week, and enjoy doing so, so that by years end they might be at a level from which to start to build another surge forward on the MGFNL ladder in the seasons ahead.

**RIGHT:** Stony Creek's Nick Svenson's aerial prowess sealed the deal in a high-flying clash against Hill End. Photo: Gerard Bruning



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### STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

**HILL END** 59 **STONY CREEK** 119

**HILL END** 3.3 4.4 6.5 9.5 (59) **STONY CREEK** 3.4 8.10 12.12. 17.17 (119)

**GOALS, Hill End:** Jamie Somers 6, Liam Cumiskey, Aaron Fawcett, Trent Kearney 1 each

**BEST:** Jamie Somers, Lachlan Wilson, Seth Calway, Amburupa Uliando, Joey Conley, Trent Kearney

**GOALS, Stony Creek:** Chris Verboon 5, Jacob Byrnes 4, Hayden Bull, Anthony Dyke, Ben Heath 2, Hayden Funnell, Colby Michael 1 each

**BEST:** Chris Verboon, Cameron Stone, Aidan Simmons, Cody Loughridge, John Phillips, Jacob Byrnes

### RESERVES

**HILL END** 2.1 2.3 6.3 6.6 (42) **STONY CREEK** 3.4 7.8 11.10 14.11 (95)

**GOALS, Hill End:** Bradley Gorman 3, Zac O'Hara 2

**BEST:** Zac O'Hara, Jake Schiavello, Bradley Gorman, Jarryd Harris

**GOALS, Stony Creek:** Matthew Coutts 6, Thomas Horsburgh 2, Adam Atkins, Jayden Battersby, Jarrad Byrnes, Cade James Brad Renden, Alex Scholte 1 each

**BEST:** Matthew Coutts, Nick Svenson, Angus Wright, Cade James, Brad Renden, Lochie Row

## MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 1

## FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

|  |           |   |           |
|--|-----------|---|-----------|
|  | <b>64</b> |  | <b>62</b> |
| FISH CREEK   |           | NEWBOROUGH  |           |

|            |     |     |     |           |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----------|
| Fish Creek | 3.3 | 5.3 | 9.7 | 9.10 (64) |
| Newborough | 2.2 | 5.5 | 8.6 | 9.8 (62)  |

**GOALS, Fish Creek:** Darcy Berryman, Tom Buckley 2, Thomas Cameron, Levi Cocksedge, Damien Scully, Jai Stefani, Thomas Vuillerm 1 each

**BEST:** Tom Buckley, Jack Hayes, Kairon Dorling, Roland De Biase, Thomas Cameron, Timmorthy Gavenlock

**GOALS, Newborough:** Nathan Wheildon 4, William Collings, Liam Flahavin, Joshua Hecker, Jack Hudson, Daniel Risol 1 each

**BEST:** Jack Hudson, Tyler Mander, Liam Flahavin, Daniel Risol, Macally Brosnan, Nathan Wheildon

## RESERVES

|            |     |     |      |             |
|------------|-----|-----|------|-------------|
| Fish Creek | 5.2 | 8.7 | 13.9 | 15.10 (100) |
| Newborough | 3.1 | 3.1 | 4.2  | 6.6 (42)    |

**GOALS, Fish Creek:** Adam Bright 4, Tye McGannon, Peter Mueller, Anthony Wilson 2, Colin Mcphee, Bradley Perks, Toby Redpath, Jake Staley, Brock Stefani 1 each

**BEST:** Josh Standfield, Owen Straw, Anthony Wilson, Colin Mcphee, Thomas Sorrell, Lane Bowman

**GOALS, Newborough:** Brodie Burgess, Jack Edebohls 2, Cooper Hanson, Tyler Peters 1 each

**BEST:** Jake Bowden, Nathan Curtis, Jack Brincat, Jack Edebohls, Anthony Daley, Ethan Mounsey

## THIRDS

|                 |     |     |      |            |
|-----------------|-----|-----|------|------------|
| Fish Crk/Tarwin | 1.3 | 6.7 | 10.9 | 14.13 (97) |
| Newborough      | 1.0 | 2.1 | 3.1  | 3.1 (19)   |

**GOALS, Fish Crk/Tarwin:** Mitchell Croatto 7, Alby Edgelow 2, Kade Berryman, Lucas Buckland, Jarrah Cicero, Rye Cicero, Tom Millton 1 each

**BEST:** Mitchell Croatto, Archie Moore, Wilkie Edgelow, Harrison Watt, Rye Cicero, Oscar Bright

**GOALS, Newborough:** William Cuthbertson, Anthony Daley, Oscar Hanson 1 each

**BEST:** William Cuthbertson, Ryan Mellon, Zach Daley, Lachlan Nelson, Anthony Daley, Oscar Hanson

## TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

|  |            |   |           |
|--|------------|---|-----------|
|  | <b>112</b> |  | <b>60</b> |
| YINNAR   |            | TOORA   |           |

|        |     |       |       |             |
|--------|-----|-------|-------|-------------|
| Yinnar | 5.4 | 10.10 | 13.13 | 16.16 (112) |
| Toora  | 1.3 | 4.4   | 5.5   | 9.6 (60)    |

**GOALS, Yinnar:** Adam Bailey, Josh Bugeja, Ben Cheffers, Luke Cheffers, Matt Moseley, Blake Van Der Meer 2, Jarrod Henderson, Callum Hutchison, William Robertson, James Shea 1 each

**BEST:** Luke Cheffers, Ben Cheffers, Thomas Robertson, Blake Van Der Meer, Tige Renwick, James Shea

**GOALS, Toora:** Ashley Hewson, Jack Weston 2, Leigh Craig, Ben East, William Goosey, Lachy Ireland, Jonathan Pintus 1 each

**BEST:** Jack Weston, William Goosey, Lachy Ireland, Jonathan Pintus, Jake Smart, Sam Bright

## RESERVES

|        |     |      |       |             |
|--------|-----|------|-------|-------------|
| Yinnar | 3.5 | 8.11 | 12.15 | 17.21 (123) |
| Toora  | 0.0 | 0.2  | 0.2   | 0.2 (2)     |

**GOALS, Yinnar:** Patrick McGrath 5, Daniel Webster 4, Cameron Le Page 2, Elijah Lappin, Ryan Mayo, Matty Nardino, Gabe Olver, Bradley Watson, Daniel Yates 1 each

**BEST:** Daniel Webster, Elijah Lappin, Kyle Elphick, Ryan Mayo, Patrick McGrath, Matty Nardino

**BEST, Toora:** Jarryd Guganovic, Mark Glowrey, Leo Cashmore, Brad Stone, William Cashin, Ayden Walker

## THIRDS

|              |     |     |     |            |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| Yinnar       | 4.5 | 5.9 | 9.9 | 14.14 (98) |
| Mirboo North | 0.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | 2.0 (12)   |

**GOALS, Yinnar:** Harvey McKay 4, Jay Rogalsky 3, Billy Durea, Dylan Hobbs 2, Hudson McCulloch, Joseph Spark, Riley Zielecki 1 each

**BEST:** Jay Rogalsky, Luke Douch, Harvey McKay, Riley Zielecki, Hudson McCulloch, Harry Bugeja

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Fish Creek's Jarrod Walker and Nick Shaw standing proudly with the club's flag. Ns19\_1624

## Roo's claim Grand Final replay in season opener

By Rob Popplestone

THERE was an air of expectation as we started to close in on round one of the Grand Final replay of 2023, Fish Creek as Premiers, but devastated by an off-season fire that destroyed much of the club's history, up against a Newborough side that was empathetic to the Kangaroo's trauma, but nonetheless wanting desperately to claim a first up victory.

Strong home ground support and the unfurling of their 2023 Premiership flag, had Fish Creek in the right frame of mind to start season 24 as they had left 23, as winners.

However, it was never going to be a cruisy day at the office against a hungry Bulldogs side.

Fish Creek had to call on their big game experience to snatch a two-point victory 9-10-64 to Newborough 9-8-62.

"Day started off great for the Fish Creek community with the flag unfurling, and the game didn't disappoint," Jarrad Walker, Fish Creek coach said.

"A bit scrappy at times but hardly fought out by both teams. Relieved to get over the line in the end, Newborough will of course be within the top few teams for season so happy to pinch that one in the end. With the bye next week we will rest some sore bodies, get a good training block in and then get ready to get stuck into the season."

The Kangaroos are deservedly seen as the early season premiership favourites, but the weekend's clash indicates this season may in fact be tougher than the last, that is good news for the league, but it is also a clear indication that every match every week is crucial.

"We played the competition's best and in a physical contest fell short again," Craig Skinner, Newborough coach stated.

"We competed harder and for longer this time. We played three seventeen-year-olds and they are going to be good. We play Yinnar next and know it will be tough so there will be no rest recovering and preparing as we search for our first win."

The Bulldogs will dust themselves off and turn their attention to the Magpies, a match that is destined to be every bit as competitive as that of Fish Creek and that appears to be the nature of the competition.

In season 2023, there were as many as ten teams competing for a finals' position just weeks before the end of the home and away season, 2024 is likely to provide the same exciting finish, and here we are just at the start!



The fight is on; Newborough just keeps the ball at bay from Fish Creek. Ns20\_1624



Darcy Berryman flies up but can't match Newborough this time. Ns21\_1624

## Yinnar Magpies soar to victory

By Rob Popplestone

THE clash of the Magpies, even in round one, was always going to be an important clash for a number of reasons, it would give new Yinnar coach Sam McCulloch an early look at what he had to work with after the disappointment his club faced the year prior, while for Toora, a new season brought new hope of improvement after a satisfying pre-season.

In round one it was Yinnar that indicated they may have progressed very quickly from last year's fall from finals grace.

"Very happy to come away with the four points in what was a fast and physical game," Sam McCullough, Yinnar coach stated.

"The win was set up in the first half and it was pleasing with the even contribution from right across the field. Looking forward to the challenge of playing one of the premiership contenders in Newborough on their home turf in what will be a great opportunity to gauge where we are at."

Toora have produced very strong sides at reserves level in recent seasons, but have made no secret of the fact they are hoping to develop a more competitive outfit at the senior level this season, and at times you could see that was already starting to take shape.

Jack Weston, Toora coach, "It was a decent round one performance for us, in patches there was a lot to like. As a young developing squad, we will tidy this up and with improved consistency I can see us being in games. Ultimately, Yinnar's spread and cleanliness away from the contest allowed them more quality looks at goal and to their credit, they did the damage."

Yinnar looked good, Toora looked like they have potential and that in itself is a win for a team taking the small steps required to force themselves further up the MGFNL ladder.

## Morwell Hawks set the bar high

By Rob Popplestone

THE early challenge for Foster appeared to be player availability with the end of school holidays and weddings meaning that just putting a team on the park was going to be the first challenge for the home ground Tigers, a very close second however was a talented Morwell East side eager to kick off their season with a win, the visiting Tiger side, sending a clear message to not only Foster, but the league that this year they are a more complete team than last.

The Hawks not only won each quarter comfortably, but also more impressively as the game went on.

"Reality check. They're easily the benchmark this year," Sam Davies, Foster coach stated.

That short but succinct observation by an experienced coach of what Morwell East produced is an obvious warning shot over the bow of every side in the competition, but the season is long and at every turn there is a challenge, sometimes expected sometimes not, so it is always wise, as we know, to take it one week at a time.

Paul Henry, Morwell East coach, "Just the way we wanted to start our 2024 season campaign. Pleasing four quarter effort by our boys in what was a very physical contest against Foster on their home turf."

All coaches have been around long enough to know that "one swallow does not make a summer", there is still a long season ahead.

# Thorpdale prevails in a tight contest

By Rob Popplestone

TWO tight contests in 2023 alluded to much of the same to kick off 2024, the Demons had got close to the Blues on those previous encounters only to fall agonisingly short on both occasions, but a home ground and a strong pre-season had MDU believing that round one would tell a different story.

There was never but a kick or two between these two talented sides. The Demons up by a point at quarter time, the Blues by eleven at the major break.

MDU called on all they had in the final quarter in an attempt to claw back a 14-point three quarter time deficit, only to once again fall short by the barest possible margin.

Nathan Allen, MDU coach said, "Another close one between Thorpdale and us. Jason has them playing a tough skillful brand of footy again. We were unable to convert our chances when we got momentum. Proud of the fight our boys showed right to the final siren."

No one could or would question the ability of the Demons,

but sometimes in this game, sides can have an edge on others and that can be a tough hoodoo to break especially when MDU now have to wait for another couple of months to get another crack at the Blues. The close contest was just as Thorpdale anticipated.

"As expected, it was another tough game down South Gippsland against MDU. Both teams had momentum throughout the day, but we were the lucky team to be in front at the final siren. Lots to work on though!" Jason Winderlich, Thorpdale coach said.

Thorpdale got the job done, but both of these teams have their sights set on bigger and better things in 2024, the Blues with the edge early, but there is a lot of water to flow under the bridge before we get a clearer picture of just who will be able to accomplish what, although there is little doubt there will plenty more wins for both.



Kieran Bohn hits it out the pack. Ns31\_1624



MDU's Bohn launches spectacularly. Ns27\_1624

## Demons blaze past Tigers in Mid Gippsland opener

BOOLARRA retained the George Lewis Memorial Shield when it downed Mirboo North by 43 points at Boolarra, in round one of 2024 Mid Gippsland football on Saturday afternoon.

Due to the Latrobe Valley Umpires Association's current dearth of resources, both clubs were forced to provide field, goal and boundary umpires for the match to proceed.

The home side opened fast with two goals recorded in the blink of an eye.

Quick answers from the mighty Tigers had scores locked together at two apiece, after 11 minutes of fulfilling and entertaining football from each team to open the season.

At the first break, Boolarra

By Rover

held a seven-point advantage, but by half time the Tigers had reduced the Demons' lead to five points.

Riley Oddy, Liam Nash, Jeremy Salinger and giant big man Patrick Lewis, were taking care of business for Mirboo North during the second quarter, with busyness in and around the packs.

Others going well for the Tigers were Joe Brooks, Ethan Woodall, Linc Oddy and Jack Couper.

When Woodall's kick split the middle of the big white sticks early in the third term, Mirboo North hit the front by a point.

The yellow and black army of Mirboo North supporters

became excited and there was a whole lot of hollering going on around the members' wing.

Alas for the Tigers, Boolarra stepped up the pace by booting the next six goals and putting the game to bed.

All across the field, Boolarra's energy, enthusiasm and self-belief lifted and the Demons were on a roll the Tigers couldn't stop.

A feature of Boolarra's play during this period was persistent pursuit of the Sherrin, whenever possession of it was in dispute.

Simon Noy, new playing coach Brendan Mason and dynamic onballer, Mason Porykali, were unstoppable for the Demons, as their dominance seemed to prey upon

their opponents' minds.

The Tigers' forward entries became shallower, their work rate faded, and the team's overall concentration levels dropped away for almost 20 minutes across two quarters.

Rearguard Mirboo North goals midway through the final term by Riley Oddy and skipper Hudson Kerr, temporarily halted Boolarra's progress.

However, the Demons slammed home the final two majors, the last of which came from Brendan Mason – with a successful running shot from 35 metres – that gave him three for the day.

This Saturday, Mirboo North hosts Foster in a night game at Tigerland, commencing at 5.45pm.

## MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

| SENIORS           | W | L | %      | pts | RESERVES          | W | L | %       | pts | THIRDS                 | W | L | %      | pts | ROUND 1 |          |              |        |  |
|-------------------|---|---|--------|-----|-------------------|---|---|---------|-----|------------------------|---|---|--------|-----|---------|----------|--------------|--------|--|
|                   |   |   |        |     |                   |   |   |         |     |                        |   |   |        |     | Yinnar  | Boolarra | Morwell East | Foster |  |
| Morwell East..... | 1 | 0 | 253.33 | 4   | Yinnar.....       | 1 | 0 | 6150.00 | 4   | Yinnar.....            | 1 | 0 | 816.67 | 4   |         |          |              |        |  |
| Stony Creek.....  | 1 | 0 | 201.69 | 4   | Boolarra.....     | 1 | 0 | 600.00  | 4   | Fish Creek/Tarwin..... | 1 | 0 | 510.53 | 4   |         |          |              |        |  |
| Yinnar.....       | 1 | 0 | 186.67 | 4   | Morwell East..... | 1 | 0 | 420.83  | 4   | Newborough.....        | 0 | 1 | 19.59  | 0   |         |          |              |        |  |
| Boolarra.....     | 1 | 0 | 179.63 | 4   | Fish Creek.....   | 1 | 0 | 238.10  | 4   | Mirboo North.....      | 0 | 1 | 12.24  | 0   |         |          |              |        |  |
| Fish Creek.....   | 1 | 0 | 103.23 | 4   | Stony Creek.....  | 1 | 0 | 226.19  | 4   | MDU.....               | 0 | 0 | 0.00   | 0   |         |          |              |        |  |
| Thorpdale.....    | 1 | 0 | 101.20 | 4   | MDU.....          | 1 | 0 | 128.57  | 4   | Stony Creek.....       | 0 | 0 | 0.00   | 0   |         |          |              |        |  |
| MDU.....          | 0 | 1 | 98.81  | 0   | Thorpdale.....    | 0 | 1 | 77.78   | 0   | Hill End.....          | 0 | 1 | 44.21  | 0   |         |          |              |        |  |
| Newborough.....   | 0 | 1 | 96.88  | 0   | Hill End.....     | 0 | 1 | 42.00   | 0   | Toora.....             | 0 | 0 | 0.00   | 0   |         |          |              |        |  |
| Mirboo North..... | 0 | 1 | 55.67  | 0   | Foster.....       | 0 | 1 | 23.76   | 0   | Boolarra.....          | 0 | 0 | 0.00   | 0   |         |          |              |        |  |
| Toora.....        | 0 | 1 | 53.57  | 0   | Mirboo North..... | 0 | 1 | 16.67   | 0   | Thorpdale.....         | 0 | 0 | 0.00   | 0   |         |          |              |        |  |
| Hill End.....     | 0 | 1 | 49.58  | 0   | Toora.....        | 0 | 1 | 1.63    | 0   | Morwell East.....      | 0 | 0 | 0.00   | 0   |         |          |              |        |  |
| Foster.....       | 0 | 1 | 39.47  | 0   | Tarwin.....       | 0 | 0 | 0.00    | 0   | Foster.....            | 0 | 0 | 0.00   | 0   |         |          |              |        |  |
| Tarwin.....       | 0 | 0 | 0.00   | 0   |                   |   |   |         |     |                        |   |   |        |     |         |          |              |        |  |

## MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 1

### MDU FOOTBALL CLUB

|   |           |   |           |
|---|-----------|---|-----------|
|  | <b>83</b> |  | <b>84</b> |
|---|-----------|---|-----------|

MDU

THORPDALE

|           |     |     |     |            |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| MDU       | 3.2 | 5.5 | 6.9 | 12.11 (83) |
| Thorpdale | 3.1 | 7.4 | 9.5 | 13.6 (84)  |

**GOALS, MDU:** Darren Sheen 3, Wayne Stewart, Lachie Wright 2, Jess Hickey, Connor Krohn, Ben Perry, Brendan Tomada, Shayne Walsh 1 each

**BEST:** Joel Leeden, Steve Forrester, Shayne Walsh, Thomas Corry, Kieran Bohn, Connor Krohn

**GOALS, Thorpdale:** Matthew Powell 5, Dillon Leys 3, Hayden Britten, Jordan Ceppi, Cougar Millson, Joel Monger, Anthony Rosato 1 each

**BEST:** Anthony Rosato, Matthew Powell, Dillon Leys, Shannon Pickering, Tyde Melbourne, Travis Patten

### RESERVES

|           |     |     |     |          |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| MDU       | 2.2 | 4.2 | 6.2 | 8.6 (54) |
| Thorpdale | 1.1 | 3.3 | 5.4 | 6.6 (42) |

**GOALS, MDU:** Jack Dunn 5, Tyson Harris, Neil Mathieson, Sean Pearce 1 each

**BEST:** Jack Ballagh, Mitchell Hooper, Max East, Jack Dunn, Tyson Harris, Charlie McInnes

**GOALS, Thorpdale:** Trent Gibson 3, Heath Ferguson, Mark Graeme, Jason Winderlich 1 each

**BEST:** Heath Ferguson, Jason Winderlich, Trent Gibson, Christopher Gardiner, Jason Fahey, Harry Kidd

### MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

|   |           |   |           |
|---|-----------|---|-----------|
|  | <b>97</b> |  | <b>54</b> |
|---|-----------|---|-----------|

BOOLARRA

MIRBOO NORTH

|              |     |     |      |            |
|--------------|-----|-----|------|------------|
| Boolarra     | 3.2 | 5.7 | 9.11 | 14.13 (97) |
| Mirboo North | 2.1 | 5.1 | 6.3  | 8.6 (54)   |

**GOALS, Boolarra:** Brendan Mason, Lachlan Smith 3, Sam Mazou, Mason Porykali, Aidyn Sheers 2, Luke Marriott, Joel Mason 1 each

**BEST:** Simon Noy, Brendan Mason, Mason Porykali, Jayden McCormack, Mitchell Lovison, Lachlan Smith

**GOALS, Mirboo North:** Rhys Kratzat, Riley Oddy, Ethan Woodall 2, Jack Couper, Hudson Kerr 1 each

**BEST:** Riley Oddy, Liam Nash, Jeremy Salinger, Joe Brooks, Ethan Woodall, Lincoln Oddy

### RESERVES

|              |     |     |      |           |
|--------------|-----|-----|------|-----------|
| Boolarra     | 2.0 | 7.1 | 10.5 | 10.6 (66) |
| Mirboo North | 0.1 | 1.2 | 1.2  | 1.5 (11)  |

**GOALS, Boolarra:** Brendan Van Heurck 4, Jamie Maggs 2, Patrick Haines, Thomas Holley, Chris Riseley, Eddy Stanton 1 each

**BEST:** Chris Riseley, Eddy Stanton, Brendan Van Heurck, Patrick Haines, Ben McCormack, Thomas Holley

**GOALS, Mirboo North:** Xavier Spaul 1

**BEST:** Alex Windsor, Leigh Jowett, Lachlan Poljak, Todd Alexander, Tom McGrath, Dominic Pinneri

## GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 2

## WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB

## LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB



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WONTHAGGI

LEONGATHA

|           |     |     |     |            |
|-----------|-----|-----|-----|------------|
| Wonthaggi | 1.2 | 3.4 | 4.5 | 8.7 (55)   |
| Leongatha | 6.3 | 6.4 | 9.8 | 11.11 (77) |

**GOALS, Wonthaggi:** Cooper McInnes 3, Jakeb Thomas 2, Joshua Bates, Aiden Lindsay, Andrew McNeil 1 each

**BEST:** Aiden Lindsay, Shannon Bray, Ethan Dickison, Jakeb Thomas, Joshua Schulz, Reeve Moresco

**GOALS, Leongatha:** Jenson Garnham 4, Tallin Brill, Jack Ginnane, Noah Gown, Aaron Hillberg, Jack Hume, Aaron Turton 1 each

**BEST:** Mitchell Bentvelzen, Jenson Garnham, Tallin Brill, Thomas Marriott, Cooper Alger, Jake van der Pligt

## RESERVES

|           |     |      |       |             |
|-----------|-----|------|-------|-------------|
| Wonthaggi | 0.0 | 0.3  | 0.4   | 0.5 (5)     |
| Leongatha | 9.6 | 18.6 | 24.11 | 27.17 (179) |

**BEST, Wonthaggi:** Riley Lindsay, Adam Pugh, Kieran Mohen, Adam Busana

**GOALS, Leongatha:** Flynn Materia 7, Ben Fort, Trent McRae 4, Adam Trotto 3, Xavier Bolge, Matthew Borschman, Ned Hanly 2, Sam Bradley, Jesse Burns, Darcy Hume 1 each

**BEST:** Flynn Materia, Trent McRae, Ben Fort, Adam Trotto, Matthew Borschman, Ned Hanly

## FOURTHS

|           |     |      |      |             |
|-----------|-----|------|------|-------------|
| Wonthaggi | 4.3 | 12.5 | 13.6 | 15.10 (100) |
| Leongatha | 1.0 | 2.0  | 4.1  | 7.1 (43)    |

**GOALS, Wonthaggi:** Jaxon Brouwers 7, Heath Bowen 3, Jackson Glen 2, Jayden Burns, Nate Pugh, Nathan Tack 1 each

**BEST:** Jaxon Brouwers, Seth McBean, Jasper Shone, Nate Pugh, Ayden Fawaz, Nathan Tack

**GOALS, Leongatha:** Heath Martin 3, Noah Bradley 2, Charlie Bickerton, Archie Gannon 1 each

**BEST:** Heath Dennis 3, Noah Bradley 2, Charlie Bickerton, Archie Gannon 1 each

## IN OTHER GAMES...

## SENIORS

|            |           |   |          |          |
|------------|-----------|---|----------|----------|
| Sale       | 16.13.109 | d | Warragul | 12.10.82 |
| Drouin     | 16.18.114 | d | Maffra   | 6.12.48  |
| Bairnsdale | 13.9.87   | d | Morwell  | 9.6.60   |
| Traralgon  | 10.14.74  | d | Moe      | 10.9.69  |

## RESERVES

|            |           |   |          |        |
|------------|-----------|---|----------|--------|
| Sale       | 8.7.55    | d | Warragul | 2.6.18 |
| Maffra     | 18.12.120 | d | Drouin   | 8.5.53 |
| Bairnsdale | 13.10.88  | d | Morwell  | 7.7.49 |
| Traralgon  | 18.6.114  | d | Moe      | 3.3.21 |

## THIRDS

|            |          |   |         |         |
|------------|----------|---|---------|---------|
| Warragul   | 8.9.57   | d | Sale    | 1.3.9   |
| Drouin     | 11.12.78 | d | Maffra  | 7.12.54 |
| Bairnsdale | 15.8.98  | d | Morwell | 5.5.35  |
| Traralgon  | 13.10.88 | d | Moe     | 4.6.30  |

## FOURTHS

|            |           |   |          |         |
|------------|-----------|---|----------|---------|
| Sale       | 8.10.58   | d | Warragul | 1.10.16 |
| Maffra     | 12.14.86  | d | Drouin   | 3.3.21  |
| Bairnsdale | 17.16.118 | d | Morwell  | 3.0.18  |
| Traralgon  | 14.8.92   | d | Moe      | 7.9.51  |

## THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

## ELLINBANK ROUND 3

Nilma Darnum v Catani  
Poowong v Nyora  
Lang Lang v Longwarry  
Ellinbank v Yarragon  
Neerim South v Trafalgar  
Buln Buln - BYE

## GIPPSLAND ROUND 3

Maffra v Leongatha  
Wonthaggi v Morwell  
Moe v Sale  
Warragul v Drouin

## MID GIPPSLAND ROUND 2

MDU v Tarwin  
Newborough v Yinnar  
Thordale v Boolarra  
Toora v Hill End  
Mirboo North v Foster (T)  
Stony Creek v Morwell East  
Fish Creek - BYE

## WEST GIPPSLAND ROUND 2

Warragul Industrials v Korumburra-Bena  
Inverloch-Kongwak v Koo Wee Rup  
Dalyston v Garfield  
Bunyip v Nar Nar Goon  
Phillip Island v Cora Lynn  
Tooradin-Dalmore v Kilcunda-Bass



Leongatha's Will Littlejohn tackles Wonthaggi's Noah Anderson. A10\_1624

## Leongatha claims the points in Wonthaggi

WHILE Wonthaggi and Leongatha were last year's Grand Final combatants, there was a new look to the sides as the Parrots kept the determined Power at arm's length to record a 22-point win.

Sporting nine players who weren't part of the 2023 decider, Wonthaggi couldn't quite get close enough to give Leongatha a real scare in the last quarter but made the Parrots work hard for victory.

Power cut the margin to just 15 points when Cooper McInnes soccered a goal after finding himself with abundant space.

That came shortly after his teammate Jakeb Thomas outmanoeuvred opponent Travis Nash to goal from close range.

While that gave Power hope of storming home, a Leongatha major from the goal line was enough to guarantee Parrot victory and proved to be the game's final goal.

In a match characterised by stoppages, early signs were good for Wonthaggi as it kept close on the scoreboard despite Leongatha having a wind advantage.

However, the Parrots began to capitalise as the term wore on, skipping to a 31-point quarter time lead, with a flurry of late goals starting with Noah Gown taking possession at a ruck contest and quickly getting the ball onto his boot and registering a major.

Despite the scoreboard, Wonthaggi players were in good spirits at the huddle, with coach Jarryd Blair seeing reason to be positive.

"The intensity and the energy has been good," he said, noting that while his side had



Parrots' skipper Tom Marriott pressures Mitch Hayes of Wonthaggi. A11\_1624

the opposition under pressure a few times, a bit more polish was needed to stick tackles rather than conceding free kicks for over the shoulder.

The positivity continued as Power began to eat into Leongatha's lead from early in the second term, with Wonthaggi going on to boot two goals to none for the quarter, trailing by only 18 points at the long break.

While that blew out to a little over five goals by three

quarter time, Wonthaggi entertained its fans with four last quarter goals while containing the Parrots to a couple.

Forward Jenson Garnham presented strongly for Leongatha throughout the day, leading well, marking cleanly and kicking four goals to be one of the Parrots' best.

Mitch Bentvelzen won the praise of his coach Trent McMicking for his ability to curtail Wonthaggi forward McInnes and stop him marking, being named the winner's

top performer.

The TRFM radio team saw it differently, bestowing that honour on Tallin Brill.

Brill set the tone from early, not flinching as he took a tough contested mark and kicking truly to notch Leongatha's opening goal, and showed plenty of class throughout the match.

Recruit Cooper Alger continues to look the part, winning the footy effectively and moving it with purpose.

While Tom Marriott's usual number 8 was replaced with 0, there was nothing unusual in how he played, delivering his typical reliability and polish whether picking out a teammate or nailing an accurate set shot.

The zero jumper, also worn by Wonthaggi skipper Joshua Bates, was in acknowledgement of Mental Health Round, with the number representing the push towards zero lives lost to mental ill health.

While retirements, injuries and a couple of departures to the Collingwood VFL squad has changed the look of Wonthaggi's side, its best players list was headed by a couple of familiar faces, with Aiden Lindsay and Shannon Bray leading the way.

Young ballwinner Ethan Dickison also impressed.

McInnes was Powers' top goal scorer, despite Bentvelzen generally having the better of him, his tally of three majors edging out teammate Thomas who kicked two majors.

Leongatha's win came at a cost with Sean Westaway injured by a second-quarter tackle while teammate Jay Walker hurt a hamstring.

## GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 2

| SENIORS    | W | L | %      | pts | RESERVES   | W | L | %      | pts | THIRDS     | W | L | %      | pts | FOURTHS    | W | L | %      | pts |
|------------|---|---|--------|-----|------------|---|---|--------|-----|------------|---|---|--------|-----|------------|---|---|--------|-----|
| Sale       | 2 | 0 | 136.65 | 8   | Bairnsdale | 3 | 0 | 167.48 | 12  | Traralgon  | 3 | 0 | 216.67 | 12  | Traralgon  | 3 | 0 | 580.77 | 12  |
| Leongatha  | 2 | 0 | 127.27 | 8   | Leongatha  | 2 | 0 | 778.79 | 8   | Warragul   | 2 | 0 | 633.33 | 8   | Maffra     | 2 | 0 | 555.17 | 8   |
| Traralgon  | 2 | 1 | 118.42 | 8   | Maffra     | 2 | 0 | 261.90 | 8   | Drouin     | 2 | 0 | 168.48 | 8   | Wonthaggi  | 2 | 0 | 312.90 | 8   |
| Bairnsdale | 2 | 1 | 103.70 | 8   | Traralgon  | 1 | 2 | 130.00 | 4   | Moe        | 1 | 1 | 135.79 | 4   | Bairnsdale | 2 | 1 | 79.81  | 8   |
| Drouin     | 1 | 1 | 144.25 | 4   | Sale       | 1 | 1 | 103.17 | 4   | Bairnsdale | 1 | 2 | 94.57  | 4   | Moe        | 1 | 1 | 184.03 | 4   |
| Moe        | 1 | 1 | 103.31 | 4   | Moe        | 1 | 1 | 47.92  | 4   | Maffra     | 1 | 1 | 79.25  | 4   | Sale       | 1 | 1 | 72.53  | 4   |
| Warragul   | 1 | 1 | 88.54  | 4   | Wonthaggi  | 1 | 1 | 33.17  | 4   | Leongatha  | 1 | 1 | 58.33  | 4   | Drouin     | 0 | 2 | 52.17  | 0   |
| Wonthaggi  | 0 | 2 | 76.87  | 0   | Morwell    | 0 | 2 | 58.09  | 0   | Sale       | 0 | 2 | 42.53  | 0   | Leongatha  | 0 | 2 | 26.51  | 0   |
| Morwell    | 0 | 2 | 74.83  | 0   | Drouin     | 0 | 2 | 44.16  | 0   | Morwell    | 0 | 2 | 21.32  | 0   | Warragul   | 0 | 2 | 23.03  | 0   |
| Maffra     | 0 | 2 | 56.44  | 0   | Warragul   | 0 | 2 | 35.04  | 0   | Wonthaggi  | 0 | 0 | 0.00   | 0   | Morwell    | 0 | 2 | 15.73  | 0   |

# Sea Eagles dominate

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK flexed its muscle with a comfortable win over the Warragul Industrials on Saturday.

The Sea Eagles travelled to the Dusties' home ground, with the Dusties providing good conditions for footy – overcast with no wind.

Although the scoreboard didn't reflect it, there was a close struggle for power in the first half.

However, Inverloch-Kongwak's strong four quarter performance allowed it to run away with the points.

The Dusties ran out of the gate ready for a contest in the first quarter.

The home side kept the ball off the Sea Eagles for much of the opening term, owning a lot of the clearances and possessions.

Inverloch-Kongwak kicked into gear and was lucky to put two goals on the board before the siren, putting it just in front of the Dusties going into quarter time.

Sea Eagles coach Tom Hams reminded his team that the clubs they face will want to push them to play differently, and they needed to lift to get the game back on their terms.

This was the right message, as a new-look Sea Eagles took over in the second quarter.

Marcus Toussaint set the tone in the ruck and won a lot of contests in the middle.

Nick Baltas also gave a solid performance, kicking seven goals for the game.

Baltas had 13 shots at goal and was rewarded for his efforts.

Heading into half time, the Sea Eagles were 28 points ahead.

The Dusties recuperated at the beginning of the third quarter, which was anticipated by the Sea Eagles.

Toussaint continued to step it up in the ruck, and Oscar Toussaint also turned it on for the second half, adding three goals out of the middle to the tally.

Taite Cumming and Clint McCaughan both had strong games up forward.

McCaughan generally domi-



Ethan Park releases to Will Hams on the outlet of the pack.

nates in the ruck but was moved forward and kicked a couple of goals for the day.

This match also saw new recruit Luke Johnson play his first game for Inverloch-Kongwak, and he proved he will be an asset for the team this season.

With one quarter to go, Inverloch-Kongwak had widened the margin to 36 points.

Inverloch-Kongwak proved it still had plenty left in the tank with a stellar fourth quarter.

Adding eight goals before the final siren, Inverloch-Kongwak secured a 70-point win.

Hams said the club was happy with the result and the even team performance presented on the day.

Inverloch-Kongwak will face Koo Wee Rup at home this weekend.

Koo Wee Rup have picked up a number of new players this season, so the Sea Eagles are going into the match with no expectations but looking forward to the clash.



Will Hams loads up to start another attack.

## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 1

### INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

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**WARRAGUL IND.** INVERLOCH-K

Warragul Ind 1.1 2.1 6.2 9.2 (56)  
Inverloch-K 2.1 6.5 11.8 19.12 (126)

**GOALS, Warragul Ind:** Nic Visser 4, Luke Walker 2, Malual Aleer, Ben Nichol, Jed Pinkerton 1 each

**BEST:** N. Visser, M. Herbert, L. Bambridge, B. Beck, R. Awty, B. Nichol

**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Nicholas Baltas 7, Oscar Toussaint 3, Will Hams, Clinton McCaughan 2, Dylan Clark, Taite Cumming, Andrew Soumilas, Jordan Tomas, William Turner 1 each

**BEST:** N. Baltas, W. Hams, E. Park, P. Pattison, O. Toussaint, C. McCaughan

#### RESERVES

Warragul Ind 0.2 0.2 0.4 0.4 (4)  
Inverloch-K 4.3 8.7 13.11 18.14 (122)

**BEST, Warragul Ind:** R. Ware, J. Commadeur, D. Norton, M. Jamieson

**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Matt McCaughan 5, Dylan Taylor 4, Andre Toussaint 3, Lachlan Scott 2

**BEST:** B. Green, M. McCaughan, A. Toussaint, M. Hewitson, E. Taranto, T. Leonard

#### THIRDS

Warragul Ind 0.0 1.1 3.2 7.4 (46)  
Inverloch-K 0.1 2.4 4.5 5.7 (37)

**GOALS, Warragul Ind:** Noah McDonald, Zac Tepper 2, Declan Burton, Joshua Lee, Jack Stone 1 each

**BEST:** B. Turner, C. Gibbons, D. Leslie, Z. Tepper, B. Allsop, C. Pemberton

**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Rem Dal Pozzo, Maxwell Scott 2, Augustus Finsterer, Luke Williams 1 each

**BEST:** L. Williams, L. Allen, J. Cousins, A. Nowell, H. Ashmore, M. Scott

#### FOURTHS

Warragul Ind 0.2 1.2 3.3 4.8 (32)  
Inverloch-K 4.1 7.2 8.3 9.4 (58)

**GOALS, Warragul Ind:** Mathew Cornwall, Alex Ingham, George Morgan, James Patterson 1 each

**BEST:** Z. Thompson, M. Cornwall, G. Morgan, A. Ingham, R. Butler, A. Watts

**GOALS, Inverloch-K:** Augustus Finsterer 6, Luke Aungier, Riley Harris, James Martin 1 each

**BEST:** A. Finsterer, H. Foster, R. Harris, Z. Bertacco, L. Golding, M. Ward

### DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

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**KOO WEE RUP** DALYSTON

Koo Wee Rup 4.2 6.5 9.8 13.12 (90)  
Dalyston 1.3 6.5 7.9 10.12 (72)

**GOALS Koo Wee Rup:** Joshua S Bateman 3, Mitchell Cammarano, Bailey Galante, Nathan Voss 2, Dale Alanis, Luke McMaster, Matthew Voss, Archie Whitta 1 each

**BEST:** J. S Bateman, M. Voss, S. Ohehir, Z. Banks, M. Cammarano, C. Milojevic

**GOALS, Dalyston:** Hayden Wallis 4, Jaxon Foon 2, William Clarke, Mitch Hallahan, Dino Karamoshos, Kurt Thomas 1 each

**BEST:** J. Foon, H. Wallis, B. Carew, D. Karamoshos, C. Murfett, M. Harris

#### RESERVES

Koo Wee Rup 5.10 5.10 10.14 13.19 (97)  
Dalyston 1.2 1.2 1.2 1.2 (8)

**GOALS Koo Wee Rup:** Ryan Wilby 3, Brannon Harrison, Benjamin Miller 2, Matthew Drommel, Tyler Evans, David Ramos, Zane Stanton, Tyson Twite, Brodie Yapp 1 each

**BEST:** C. Arthur, M. Alderson, T. Glen, T. Twite, T. Evans, E. Neill

**GOALS, Dalyston:** Harry West 1

**BEST:** T. Andrigietto, J. Jones, A. Chetland, L. Jones, B. McRae, B. Hender

#### THIRDS

Koo Wee Rup 2.3 3.5 5.6 5.6 (36)  
Dalyston 2.1 4.3 6.4 7.8 (50)

**GOALS Koo Wee Rup:** Mack Brown, Hunter Cairns 2, Luke Briganti 1

**BEST:** C. Anderson, R. McMahan, B. De La Rue, L. Briganti, M. Brown, T. Rudeforth

**GOALS, Dalyston:** Jesse Dugard, Flynn Peters 2, Riley Brinkman, Chase Krause, Angus Rosenow 1 each

**BEST:** B. Anderson, M. Toler, F. Peters, E. Wines, C. Krause, M. Connell

#### FOURTHS

Koo Wee Rup 3.8 4.9 8.14 13.17 (95)  
Dalyston 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.0 (0)

**GOALS Koo Wee Rup:** Matthew Simpson 5, Harley Monckton 2, Shannon Filarski, Jaxon Kelly, Lochy Loveday, Liam Pirotta, Joshua Saunders, Lincoln Tannahill 1 each

**BEST:** M. Simpson, L. Pirotta, K. Bertone, L. Palmer, J. Shuttleworth, H. Monckton

**BEST, Dalyston:** J. Howell, Z. Hughes, B. Taranto, A. Donohue, J. Hynes

## Demons show composure to outlast Magpies

PLAYING the critical moments better, Koo Wee Rup earned the important four premiership points in their round one clash against Dalyston.

In a game of momentum swings, the excellent crowd, anticipating a close encounter, had their wishes answered with scores locked at 6.5.41 apiece at half time.

Then despite being a man down in the third, the Demons proved to have better composure with ball in hand to rally and land a counter punch and ultimately draw away to record a comfortable three goal victory.

New coaches and recruits bolstered each side and in ideal conditions on the Demon's home deck the game started at quite a pace with

the ball pinballing between the arcs.

Mitch Hallahan started his coaching career skilfully with the Magpies' first goal while Nathan Voss nailed a big tackle and answered within the next play.

When Voss climbed high between three Dalyston opponents, it allowed new Demon coach Dale Alanis to slot the next, ushering in a period of dominance. The home team attacked direct through the corridor and goals to Whitta and Bateman in red time stretched their lead to 19 points at quarter time.

Dalyston having refocused during the break started to win the crucial centre breaks. Hayden Wallis and Will Clarke proved good targets up

forward, both goaling to cap off their teammate's efforts.

On the back of tackling pressure, the Magpies gained the ascendancy with Dino Karamoshos and Jaxon Foon snapping six pointers before Wallis kicked his second.

Not to be denied the home team found avenues to goal in the dying minutes of the quarter and goals to McMaster and Matt Voss kept the sides on level pegging at the long break.

Dalyston drew first blood in the third with a quick entry allowing Wallis to convert his third goal.

An in-play high hit sent Murratore for a 15-minute rest but Koo Wee Rup didn't appear unsettled as they systematically maintained control

of the ball.

Three unanswered goals in the third gave them an 11-point edge at the last change.

Importantly, the Demons didn't allow another pendulum swing and put the result beyond doubt as Galante, Bateman and Cammarano added to their goal tally.

The Magpies arrested the bleeding to kick three of the last four goals of the game. But Koo Wee Rup professionally worked down the clock in the last seven minutes to ensure no miracle comeback was achieved.

The Demons face a sterner test this week against reigning premiers Inverloch-Kongwak while Dalyston will need to regroup before hosting Garfield.

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## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

Inverloch-Kongwak **19.12.126** d Warragul Industrials **9.2.56**

Koo Wee Rup **13.12.90** d Dalyston **10.12.72**

Garfield **10.13.73** d Bunyip **4.6.30**

Kilcunda-Bass **12.16.88** d Korumburra-Bena **5.7.37**

Nar Nar Goon **15.9.99** d Phillip Island **7.8.50**

Cora Lynn **11.6.72** d Tooradin-Dalmore **9.9.63**

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A flying mark for the Panthers' Owen Thomas over the Giants' Kodie Walker.



A smooth handball from Kilcunda-Bass' Nathan Foote.



Under pressure Lachlan Burns works the ball forward for the Panthers. Photos: Anna Carson.

## Panthers outclass the Giants

COMING in off the back of a dominating win in the Reserves, Kilcunda-Bass' Seniors were ready and raring to go in its opening game of the season against Korumburra-Bena.

Playing in front of a large, supportive crowd in great conditions, the Panthers managed to claim a 51-point victory in a game played in good spirits.

Kilcunda-Bass gave a strong performance in the first half, putting four goals on the board in the first quarter.

Korumburra-Bena held its own and managed to keep the ball locked in its forward 50 for around seven minutes of the first term, implementing the strategies from new coach Josh Hopkins.

However, Korumburra-Bena was unable to capitalise and the experience and depth in the Kilcunda-Bass side continued to win out.

The Giants' Evan Allaway had a good day in the ruck, winning a lot of contests.

Despite this, the Panthers were quick to win the ball back.

Anthony Daraio and Jayden Goumas were solid in the midfield and gave plenty of entries in Kilcunda-Bass' forward 50.

Daraio kicked four goals for the day.

Korumburra-Bena's Kye Benson challenged Kilcunda-Bass in the midfield.

An early blow to the head rattled Benson, but he was able to rally and continue to play a strong game.



At ground level the Giants' TJ Loughridge takes possession as Jayden Goumas prepares to tackle from behind.

By halftime, Kilcunda-Bass had established a healthy margin against the Giants.

Korumburra-Bena had a burst of energy in the third quarter, and more goals started to appear on the scoreboard.

Former coach Paul Fermans was moved out of the midfield into the forward line and created more opportunities for the Giants.

Matt Kennewell played an important role in Korumburra-Bena's defence, taking several clear marks in Kilcunda-Bass' forward 50.

However, the repeat entries made defensive pressure difficult to maintain.

Play became more congested as the quarter progressed,

as both sides grappled for possession.

For a period, Korumburra-Bena looked to be playing on its own terms, but it wasn't sustainable.

The skill in the Kilcunda-Bass lineup continued to be the dominating factor.

Goumas had a standout performance, playing hard right until the end and showcasing the fitness at Kilcunda-Bass.

He finished the game with 28 possessions, and onballer Cam McKenzie had 23 possessions.

Young Jed Rosenow played his first Senior game and showed he is going to be an asset throughout the season.

Around 200 people

celebrated Kilcunda-Bass' win in the clubrooms, which was reported as a first for coach Lee Rowe.

Kilcunda-Bass will be playing Tooradin Dalmore this week.

Tooradin Dalmore is coming off a loss, and Kilcunda-Bass is anticipating it will be a big challenge.

The Panthers will be working hard to hone its skills during the week in the lead up to the clash.

Korumburra-Bena will play the Warragul Industrials away.

This will be another tough game, but the Giants will continue to take positives out of their matches and work towards their ongoing development going forward.

# Nar Nar Goon sets benchmark for season with convincing win over Island

A MOUTHWATERING contest was upon us, only one point could separate the two teams in their past two matches. Phillip Island travelled down to Nar Nar Goon for their Round 1 clash.

It was evident at the start of the game that Goon were a very solid and tall side compared to the Island.

The first quarter started, and it was clear that Goon had come to play, their attack on the ball, speed of overlap run, and tall targets forward were going to be difficult task to overcome.

The Island boys were using the ball well from half back but as they pressed forward Goon were able to run the ball out with ease with their superior work rate. Still the Island boys cracked in but found themselves down 2-16 at quarter one.

The second quarter rolled in, and the Goon flexed their muscles kicking 6 goals 1 to 1 goal 1 to take a commanding lead going into the half 53-9.

The Island repelled attack after attack until the dam wall broke allowing the Goon to take hold of the game.

Half time came and it was a much-needed break for the Island to regroup and move the magnets around, Captain Jack forward, Jesse Patullo back, first gamer Yianni thrown into the middle to help stem the flow.

The Island came out with

a new fire in the belly lead by hard at it Youle, Charlie and Hayden Bruce, and accompanied by Max Walton the Island was able to match and win the quarter 2 goals 3 to 2 goal 2.

Daniel Pearce moved down back and steadied the ship along with Damien Holmes. Three quarter time score 67-24.

The last quarter arrived with the Island playing for pride, insert Mark Griffin the ever-reliable back man was thrown into the midfield, he set the tone for the boys with his attack on the ball.

Daniel Bourke continued to get his hand to the ball through stoppages as the Bulldogs evened up the contest again. Kai McKenzie was back to his best running of the half back line and the forward pressure from Connor Thompson was distinct with his ferocious tackling.

The Island had two debutants to make it four for the season so far, plenty of things to like and good learning to come from the game.

In the end it was not the Island's day, outworked by a well drilled Nar Nar Goon team who look to be the bench mark for season 2024.

**RIGHT:** Phillip Islands Kai McKenzie strongly tackles Nar Nar Goon player. Photo credit: Carol Racliff.



## Mornington take the cake in Russo's milestone game

IT WAS a Friday night match under lights to celebrate a Breaker favourite Jenna Russo's 50th match.

Again short on numbers the Breakers were boosted by the inclusion of a couple of Mornington players with a full 18 player squad much appreciated on the large Dalyston ground.

Up against the reigning premiers it was always going to be a tough task however great pressure from the Breakers and a string of posters limited the visitors to just two goals in the first quarter.

Sophie Bolding was a work-horse like usual covering a lot of ground and impacting every contest while Tayla Tatton's efforts set the tone and intensity for the rest of the team.

Tess Wingfield played a key role at centre half back with her tackling pressure and composure slowing down

Mornington's advances.

Caroline Klink in her first match and Gaby Hynes in her second showed a lot of promise providing a great contest under a lot of pressure all match.

Nico Randall was solid on the last line of defence and with 20+ kick outs may have broken her own meters gained record.

Going into the last quarter there were some sore and tired bodies however despite the goals piling up against them the home side to their credit didn't drop their work rate and kept fighting for their elusive first goal.

Final score: Mornington Blue 14.22-106 def Breakers 0.0-0

Best: Sophie Bolding, Tess Wingfield, Nicole Randall, Tess Angarane, Jenna Russo

The Breakers face Mornington White this week Saturday 12pm at Mornington.



Jenna Russo celebrates her 50th match with her number one fans!

## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

## ROUND 1

| SENIORS        | W | L | %      | pts |
|----------------|---|---|--------|-----|
| Inverloch-K    | 2 | 0 | 170.54 | 8   |
| Garfield       | 1 | 0 | 243.33 | 4   |
| Kilcunda-Bass  | 1 | 0 | 237.84 | 4   |
| Nar Nar Goon   | 1 | 0 | 198.00 | 4   |
| Koo Wee Rup    | 1 | 0 | 125.00 | 4   |
| Phillip Island | 1 | 1 | 109.15 | 4   |
| Cora Lynn      | 1 | 1 | 100.00 | 4   |
| Tooradin-Dal   | 0 | 1 | 87.50  | 0   |
| Dalyston       | 0 | 1 | 80.00  | 0   |
| Warragul Ind   | 0 | 2 | 45.27  | 0   |
| Kor-Bena       | 0 | 1 | 42.05  | 0   |
| Bunyip         | 0 | 1 | 41.10  | 0   |

| RESERVES       | W | L | %       | pts |
|----------------|---|---|---------|-----|
| Inverloch-K    | 2 | 0 | 316.95  | 8   |
| Phillip Island | 2 | 0 | 173.26  | 8   |
| Kilcunda-Bass  | 1 | 0 | 18400.0 | 4   |
| Garfield       | 1 | 0 | 1350.0  | 4   |
| Koo Wee Rup    | 1 | 0 | 1212.50 | 4   |
| Cora Lynn      | 1 | 1 | 103.09  | 4   |
| Nar Nar Goon   | 0 | 1 | 86.79   | 0   |
| Tooradin-Dal   | 0 | 1 | 71.11   | 0   |
| Dalyston       | 0 | 2 | 20.18   | 0   |
| Warragul Ind   | 0 | 1 | 8.25    | 0   |
| Bunyip         | 0 | 1 | 7.41    | 0   |
| Kor-Bena       | 0 | 1 | 0.54    | 0   |

| THIRDS         | W | L | %      | pts av |
|----------------|---|---|--------|--------|
| Garfield       | 1 | 0 | 466.67 | 4.00   |
| Phillip Island | 2 | 0 | 427.03 | 4.00   |
| Dalyston       | 1 | 0 | 138.89 | 4.00   |
| Warragul Ind   | 1 | 1 | 85.87  | 2.00   |
| Inverloch-K    | 0 | 1 | 80.43  | 0.00   |
| Koo Wee Rup    | 0 | 1 | 72.00  | 0.00   |
| Bunyip         | 0 | 1 | 21.43  | 0.00   |
| Nar Nar Goon   | 0 | 1 | 3.88   | 0.00   |
| Kor-Bena       | 0 | 0 | 0.00   | 0.00   |

| FOURTHS        | W | L | %      | pts av |
|----------------|---|---|--------|--------|
| Phillip Island | 2 | 0 | 523.08 | 4.00   |
| Garfield       | 1 | 0 | 410.00 | 4.00   |
| Kor-Bena       | 1 | 0 | 212.82 | 4.00   |
| Koo Wee Rup    | 1 | 0 | 0.00   | 4.00   |
| Inverloch-K    | 1 | 0 | 181.25 | 2.00   |
| Kilcunda-Bass  | 0 | 1 | 46.99  | 0.00   |
| Warragul Ind   | 0 | 2 | 43.31  | 0.00   |
| Bunyip         | 0 | 1 | 24.39  | 0.00   |
| Nar Nar Goon   | 0 | 1 | 4.48   | 0.00   |
| Dalyston       | 0 | 1 | 0.00   | 0.00   |
| Tooradin-Da    | 0 | 0 | 0.00   | 0.00   |
| Cora Lynn      | 0 | 0 | 0.00   | 0.00   |

## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 1

### KORUMBURRA FOOTBALL CLUB

### KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

**88** **37**

### KILCUNDA-BASS KORUMBURRA-BENA

Kilcunda-Bass 4.5 6.6 10.14 12.16 (88)

Kor-Bena 1.3 1.5 4.6 5.7 (37)

**GOALS, K-Bass:** Anthony Daraio 4, Dean McRae, Owen Thomas 2, Bradley Aldwell, Cam McKenzie, Jack Soroczynski, Jake Weightman 1 each

**BEST:** J. Goumas, B. Aldwell, D. McRae, N. Foote, C. McKenzie, A. Daraio

**GOALS, Kor-Bena:** Nicholas Besley 2, Tom Crocker, Joel Cuman, Tyler Newton 1 each

**BEST:** E. Allaway, K. Benson, P. Fermanis, L. Walker, M. Kennewell, M. Wightman

**RESERVES**

Kilcunda-Bass 8.6 16.6 24.7 29.10 (184)

Kor-Bena 0.0 0.1 0.1 0.1 (1)

**GOALS, K-Bass:** Scott Pugh 4, Lincoln Allan, Timothy Gunn, Jonathon Rocatas, Dylan Susic 3, Trent Cartmel, Jack Rosenow, Sam Watson, Mitchell Wood 2, Callan Brinkmann, William Campbell, Dale Crawford, Cooper Smith, Travis Stuckey 1 each

**BEST:** M. Wood, D. Crawford, S. Watson, J. Rosenow, S. Pugh, J. Rocatas

**BEST, Kor-Bena:** T. Walker, M. Sawyers, J. Dunn, N. Belvedere

**FOURTHS**

Kilcunda-Bass 2.1 3.2 3.2 6.3 (39)

Kor-Bena 4.2 7.5 11.7 12.11 (83)

**GOALS, K-Bass:** Riley Eden, Cruz Maund, Perry McKay, Taye Prasad-Taylor 1 each

**BEST:** No players named.

**GOALS, Kor-Bena:** Lucas Jones 5, Chase De Grandi 3, Billie Wrigley 2, Kaiden DeGrandi, Thomas Walker 1 each

**BEST:** M. Fowles, L. Jones, C. De Grandi, B. Wrigley, N. Rodriguez, P. Lorkin

### PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

**99** **50**

### NAR NAR GOON PHILLIP ISLAND

Nar Nar Goon 2.4 8.5 10.7 15.9 (99)

Phillip Island 0.2 1.3 3.6 7.8 (50)

**GOALS, Nar Nar Goon:** Dermott Yawney 5, Jake Smith 3, Matthew Homfray, Tex Marsham 2, Trent Armour, Harrison Brain, Jed Murphy 1 each

**BEST:** T. Armour, T. Marsham, J. Smith, H. Brain, R. Bromley, D. Yawney

**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Aaron Harris 2, Charlie Bruce, Mark Griffin, Billy Taylor, Connor Thompson, Max Walton 1 each

**BEST:** D. Bourke, J. Youle, M. Griffin, J. Taylor, C. Bruce, Y. Caffieri

**RESERVES**

Nar Nar Goon 2.2 5.3 6.3 7.4 (46)

Phillip Island 0.3 0.5 3.10 7.11 (53)

**GOALS, Nar Nar Goon:** Cooper Pursell 3, Nicholas Bransgrove 2, Chris Power, Zac Smith 1 each

**BEST:** H. Waters, C. Pursell, T. Nicholls, R. Murphy, L. Dortmans, J. Hamling

**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Nick Anderson 3, Tyce Kleverkamp 2, Jack Keating, Max Matlock 1 each

**BEST:** T. Kleverkamp, B. Kleverkamp, B. Ross, T. Macrokanis, H. Clarke, N. Anderson

**THIRDS**

Nar Nar Goon 1.7 7.11 11.12 15.13 (103)

**BEST, Nar Nar Goon:** O. Ratten, J. Murphy, A. Radings, N. Malcolm, K. Henry, M. Cross

**GOALS, Phillip Island:** Zac Walker 5, Jack Huther 4, Oliver Duggan, Noah Forrest

Mabilia, Finn O'Brien, Charles O'Garey, Cooper Walton, Noah Williams 1 each

**BEST:** C. O'Garey, B. Hennessy, Z. Walker, F. O'Brien, B. Davies



LEONGATHA sporting identity Eleanor Patterson soared to the silver medal at the Australian Athletics Championships in Adelaide, with the high jumper booking her ticket to the Paris Olympics beginning in late July this year. Nicola Olyslagers claimed gold, clearing 2.01 metres, while Patterson recorded a height of 1.95 metres.

## Eleanor leaps to the Olympics



Winner Nicola Olyslagers congratulates Eleanor Patterson on claiming the silver medal, with the pair set to represent Australia at the Paris Olympics.



Eleanor Patterson displays her 'ticket to Paris', accompanied by her proud parents Mark and Helen.

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