



## LONE PINE COMMEMORATES ANZACS

Korumburra RSL president David Jackson with wife Maryanne, donor of the new Lone Pine Neville Smith and his son Clive with the tree that is currently dwarfed by its container. See story on page 21.

# OUTRAGE at campsite closure

BEAR Gully campground, located within Cape Liptrap Coastal Park, has been closed following advice that current camping and recreational activities may have impacted an Aboriginal place and artefacts.

This comes after Parks Victoria (PV) received advice from First Peoples – State Relations (FP-SR) on the matter.

PV has closed the site to ensure that there is no further potential for harm to Aboriginal cultural values at this site.

They will now work with FP-SR and Traditional Owner representative groups to understand the options available and to ensure they comply with the Act to manage Aboriginal cultural values.

"Parks Victoria is working with First Peoples – State Relations to assess

potential impacts to Aboriginal cultural heritage at Bear Gully Campground," a spokesperson said.

"We are taking a precautionary approach to limit harm to these values, to fulfil our obligations under the Parks Victoria Act 2018 and Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006."

As part of these precautionary measures, Bear Gully Campground, including the beach access through the site, is closed until Sunday, May 7, 2023.

Campers with bookings have been contacted and they can call the Parks Victoria Customer Service Centre on 13 1963 for a full refund or alternative booking if they have not already done so.

PV will notify campers as soon as possible if this closure is to be extended, however campers with future bookings

should remain aware of the changing conditions.

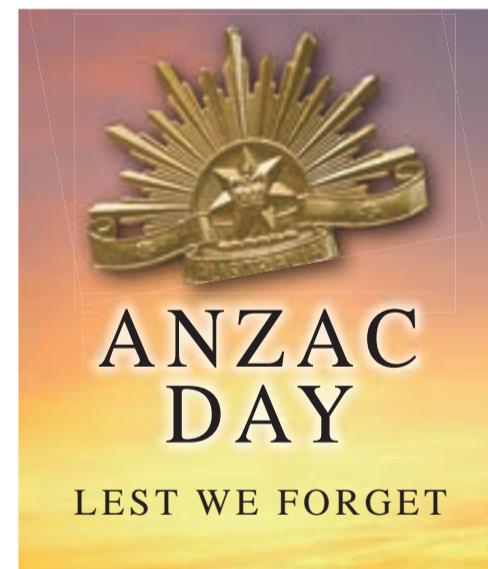
### Social media blow up

Following a social media post made by the Sentinel-Times regarding the closure, almost 100 comments were made with some users expressing their disappointment at the decision due to the site's popularity and concern if it will reopen.

However, other users lamented at the fact that the closure had caused such outrage and that there are plenty of options to camp within the park.

The Sentinel-Times then sought further comment on the matter.

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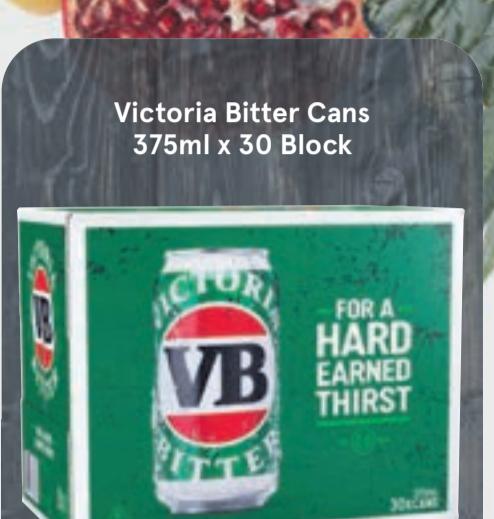
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# Outrage after Bear Gully campsite closed

## From page 1

"First Peoples-State Relations is investigating reports of potential harm to Aboriginal cultural heritage at Bear Gully Campground," said a Department of Premier and Cabinet spokesperson.

"Victoria's Aboriginal cultural heritage is integral to our history and identity and ensuring its protection is a priority – that's why Victoria has strong laws protecting Aboriginal cultural heritage including significant penalties for anyone causing harm."

Aboriginal heritage in Victoria is protected by the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006. It is an offence under this Act to harm Aboriginal heritage.

Victoria's Aboriginal Heritage Act is held up as a model for other jurisdictions and is widely regarded as the benchmark for other States and Territories, with Victoria's Aboriginal cultural heritage laws among the strongest in the country.

First Peoples – State Relations (FPSR) oversees the operation

of the Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006, and makes decisions on cultural heritage management plans and permits in areas where there are currently no formally recognised Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs).

FPSR is assisting Parks Victoria to ensure the operation of Bear Gully Campground complies with the requirements of the Aboriginal Heritage Act. The campground is closed while this is underway.

FPSR is unable to comment on Aboriginal cultural heritage found at the site while investigations are underway.

The city media have also picked up on the Bear Gully closure by Parks Victoria with Channel 7 reporting that Parks Vic say the "site's closure may be extended beyond early May".

"We will notify campers if this closure will be extended, however, campers with future bookings should remain aware of the changing conditions," Channel 7 reported a Park Vic spokesperson saying.



The Bear Gully campground is closed until May 7. Photo: Parks Victoria

## Draft Building Asset Management Plan launched for consultation

ONE of four key Asset Management Plans that inform Council's 10-year Asset Plan and Long-Term Financial Plan, the Bass Coast Shire Council Draft Building Asset Management Plan 2023-2033 (BAMP) was released for public consultation recently.

The building assets are estimated to value at \$108.7 million as at March 31 with 410 building assets in the portfolio.

Noting that there are plans to 'spend \$8 million over the following 10 years to upgrade Council's buildings', the report

states that the existing maintenance funding of \$611,000 per annum is insufficient and new forecasted 10-year scheduled maintenance activities coupled with climate change risks would recommend additional funding to the tune of \$6.8 million.

Council's overall building assets are estimated to be in good condition, with 73.1 per cent in very good to good condition and 3.2 per cent in poor or very poor conditions. Those in very poor condition are predominately identified

within the Recreation, Administrative/Depot and Community buildings functions.

Also detailed within the plan is the disposal of Cowes Community House & PI Kids House Shade Sail, Cowes Community House Mckenzie Cottage, Phillip Island Community and Learning Centre, Records storage and Civic Centre Portable 2.

With six financial options laid out in the plan, Council have noted preference to Option 1 (Current Budget).

'Option 1 is recommended

as it is the Council adopted 10-year Asset Plan funding which took into consideration trade off analysis between other major asset classes to ensure Council's entire portfolio is balanced...

Council invites the community to review the plan and provide feedback by May 4 at engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/building-asset-plan.

Feedback will be considered and implemented into a final draft which will be presented at the May Council Meeting for adoption.

## Cars valued at more than \$300,000 stolen from Wonthaggi Toyota

LOCAL police are investigating the break in and theft of four cars valued at more than \$300,000 from Wonthaggi Toyota.

The burglary occurred at 1:30am on Thursday April 20.

Three of the thieves appeared on the car dealerships security footage.

They broke into the workshop, located the key box, where keys were then taken

and used to unlock and steal four of the vehicles.

The thieves then took off through nearby paddocks.

Police have stated that one of the vehicles has since been recovered nearby, along with a second vehicle that had reportedly been stolen from the Geelong area.

Three vehicles are yet to be recovered and these include a 2021 grey Toyota Land Cruis-

er, a 2021 fawn-coloured Land Cruiser and a 2023 black Mitsubishi ASX.

The group were last seen travelling north towards the Bass Highway.

The same dealership was also recently targeted on Friday March 24.

On this occasion perpetrators stole a staff vehicle and a trailer, that have yet to be recovered.

Ten other cars were damaged, and 15 cars were broken into and goods were stolen.

More than \$100,000 worth of security fencing and 24-hour surveillance CCTVs will be installed in an attempt to protect the property and prevent further thefts.

Police have stated that it is too early to confirm if these incidents are linked.



## Man dies following Hedley crash

A MAN has died following a crash in Hedley on Thursday, March 14.

Police and emergency services were called to a crash on South Gippsland Highway about 8.30am.

It's believed that a car veered off the road and hit a driveway crossover. The car flipped over and collided with a drainpipe coming to rest in a paddock near the highway.

The car then caught fire. Passers-by rendered assistance and extinguished the fire.

The driver and sole occupant of a car, a 72-year-old Port Welshpool man sustained life-threatening injuries and was transported to hospital but later died. A report will be prepared for the Coroner.

## Motorcyclist gets double fines

ON THURSDAY, April 21 at approximately 10pm a 42-year-old male from Toora was intercepted riding a motorcycle along Port Welshpool Road, Welshpool.

The male was unlicensed to drive a motor vehicle and the motorcycle was unregistered. As a result, he received an infringement notice of \$925 for unlicensed driving and an infringement notice of \$555 for use unregistered motor vehicle.

## Collision in Cowes

ON FRIDAY April 21, at approximately 1:33pm, police from the Cowes Police Station, paramedics from Ambulance Victoria and volunteer firefighters from Phillip Island Fire Brigade responded to a collision that had occurred at the intersection of Ventnor Beach Road and Ventnor Road in Ventnor.

It is alleged that a driver of a red Subaru wagon failed to give way to a white Toyota van, which resulted in a significant collision.

As a result of the collision, both Ventnor Beach Road and Ventnor Road were blocked for approximately two hours, whilst patients were assessed and treated, and police investigated the crime scene.

The white Toyota van contained two staff and two clients from a disability support agency.

## Hungry thieves

IN THE early hours of Monday April 17, Korumburra Fish and Chip shop had the back door to the premises smashed in and food and goods stolen.

Thieves stole fish, scallops, prawns, hamburgers, cash from the cash register and electronic equipment including the security system.

Owner Michael stated that the community has been very supportive, and he was able to reopen the shop on Friday, April 21.

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### SOUTH GIPPSLAND



**TUE | Apr 25**

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Wind AM: Light  
Wind PM: Light

**12° 23°**



**WED | Apr 26**

Mostly sunny.  
Wind AM: Light  
Wind PM: Light

**12° 23°**



**THUR | Apr 27**

Shower or two.  
Wind AM: Light  
Wind PM: N-NW 15-25km/h

**14° 23°**



**FRI | Apr 28**

Showers.  
Wind AM: NW 15-25km/h  
Wind PM: NW 15-25km/h

**13° 21°**



**SAT | Apr 29**

Showers or two.  
Wind AM: Light  
Wind PM: SW 15-20km/h

**9° 16°**



**SUN | Apr 30**

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

**9° 18°**

## IN BRIEF

### Candlelight vigil in South Gippsland

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Council would like to extend a warm invitation to everyone in our community to attend a Candlelight Vigil on Wednesday, May 3, from 6.30pm outside Council's main office at 9 Smith Street, Leongatha.

The Vigil, which is being held in locations across Gippsland, Victoria and Australia, has been organised to remember and honour those who have lost their lives to domestic and family violence.

In 2022, South Gippsland ranked 26 out of all 79 local government areas in Victoria for family violence rates. In real numbers, that is 528 call outs recorded by Victoria Police. These are just those who have reported.

For more information on statistics and Vigils being held around the region, please visit the Gippsland Women's Health website: <https://gwhealth.asn.au>

### Don't blink or you'll miss it

ROYAL Australian Air Force (RAAF) aircraft will conduct flypasts around Australia in support of ANZAC Day commemorations today.

ANZAC Day is a time to reflect on the contribution made by past and present service personnel who have displayed great courage, discipline and self-sacrifice in choosing a life of service to their country.

Those across Gippsland will be treated to an extra special delight with flypasts across many local events.

10:30 am - Korumburra RSL: PC-21 Pilatus Aircraft

11:10 am - Phillip Island RSL: 100 Squadron Historic Aircraft

10:45 am - Inverloch: PC-21 Pilatus Aircraft

11:00 am - Wonthaggi: PC-21 Pilatus Aircraft

11:00 am - Cenotaph, Commercial Road Yarram: PC-21 Pilatus Aircraft

11:00 am - Melbourne CBD to Shrine of Remembrance: PC-21

### Pilatus Aircraft

3:00 pm - AFL Game MCG: 3 x PC-21 Pilatus Aircraft  
Flying is subject to variables.

### No site yet for Leongatha wellbeing 'local' hub

THE location of a future 'Leongatha Mental Health and Wellbeing Local' is yet to be confirmed by the State Government.

Following the State Election in November 2022, when a commitment was made by the Labor Government for the 'Wellbeing Local' in Leongatha, no further details have been revealed on where it will be located.

Under the current arrangement, Mental Health and Wellbeing Locals lease existing infrastructure, in the relevant LGA.

The Leongatha Mental Health and Wellbeing Local is however, expected to open before 2026.

### New CFA station almost there

AFTER years of delay, Phillip Island's new fire station is expected to enter the final stages of construction.

According to a spokesperson for CFA, they are actively working with its construction partner to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy as soon as possible to allow the brigade to begin operating from the new site.

CFA has a lease on the existing Phillip Island Fire Station property until June 2023, and remains committed to working with council to return the property to it within the lease period.

### Big Battery on hold

THE Neighbourhood Battery Initiative 'Tariff Trial' was due to commence on April 28, 2023, for 12 months; however, Chair of Totally Renewable Phillip Island Mary Whelan has confirmed that the project has been put on hold due to not securing a retailer for the trial.

The innovative trial will continue in search of a retailer for the big battery project and once a tender has been

awarded and TRPI will advise the community of an extended trial date.

### Grand plans still on the cards for old Boy's Home

A MELBOURNE based property developer, with multiple interests on Phillip Island, has submitted updated materials to Bass Coast Council.

Omni Property Group owner Brian Amatruda hopes to transform the site at 54-61 Forrest Avenue, Newhaven into a future tourism destination and restore it to its former glory with improvements upon the VCAT hearing planning permit over a decade ago.

Bass Coast Shire Council stated that "the updated materials were received last week" and they are in the process of assessing the revised documentation before it is placed on online.

After significant vandalism to the historic buildings, Mr Amatruda previously stated he envisions that the site could become an incredible tourist destination, with access for the general public to explore the grounds and even an app that explains each section of the building and its former use.

### Guest speaker for Probus

CORINELLA and District Probus Club will be hosting a presentation about Elder Abuse, on Wednesday, May 3. A guest speaker from Elder Abuse, Seniors Rights Victoria, will detail what elder abuse is, how to identify it and what to do about it. The speaker will present from between 10:30am and 11am after the regular probus meeting, at the Kilcunda Bass football/netball club-rooms.

### Exciting movie premiere

CRSA will be holding the premier of humanKIND on Monday, May 1 in Wonthaggi.

Join the Hon Andrew Giles MP, Minister for Immigration, Citizenship & Multicultural Affairs at the premiere of humanKIND

(a heart-led response to people forced to flee).

In 2022, members of the Wonthaggi community came together to welcome a refugee family from Syria under a new community sponsorship program.

This short film from director Sal Balharrie follows the group's journey from preparation for the Ali family's arrival to settling in.

Attendees can RSVP for the 11am movie event at the Wonthaggi Club here [https://forms.zohopublic.com.au/communityrefugeesponsorship/form/RSVPFilmLaunch/form/perm/PP2yEqxcIqSmzaj\\_C7Ge-MewvAE-2e38qRL91yDvkS-IA](https://forms.zohopublic.com.au/communityrefugeesponsorship/form/RSVPFilmLaunch/form/perm/PP2yEqxcIqSmzaj_C7Ge-MewvAE-2e38qRL91yDvkS-IA) .

### VFF Bass Coast Branch dinner

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Guest Speaker: Suzy Shaw - Conservator NGV.

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### Lifted off rocks

POLICE Air Wing have rescued a man who became stranded on a rock whilst fishing in Tarwin Lower on Sunday.

The 56-year-old was about 200 meters from shore at Bear Gully at 3.30pm and was fishing for approximately four hours.

He noticed the tide come in around the rock and was unable to get back to the beach.

His friend was on the beach and called Triple Zero.

Air Wing spotted the man and winched him to safety where the Mitcham man was checked by paramedics but did not require any treatment.

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Among those in attendance at the Wonthaggi Business and Tourism Association annual meeting last week were Cr Brett Tessari, Pat Barry and Eastern Victoria MP Melina Bath.

## All over for Wonthaggi business... or is it?

THEY'VE got \$33,000 in the bank, a membership of 66 without pushing recruitment and a nice little income stream, of upwards of \$17,000 annually.

But the Wonthaggi Business and Tourism Association (WBTA) is set to fold.

The reason, no one has put up their hand to take on one of three jobs as president, secretary or treasurer; believed to be the bare minimum to run an organisation of its kind, even pared down to its present state.

That was the outcome of a last-ditch annual meeting last Thursday night, April 20.

But it wasn't just last week, the group has been trying to appoint a leadership team for two years.

About 20 people turned up for the meeting, which wasn't hopeless, but with as many as 600 businesses in the local area, all of them likely to benefit from the work the WBTA does just advocating to the Bass Coast Shire Council alone, you'd have to say it was disappointing not to get half a dozen people willing to take the group forward.

Among them were Eastern Victoria MP Melina Bath and Bass Coast Shire Councillor Brett Tessari.

Five or six people did offer to join the committee, but after spending the past two years in 'Caretaker's Mode', through COVID it must be said, the office bearers, including president Amy Easton, sec-

retary Steve Curtis and treasurer Vicki Earl, are moving on to other things, in Amy's case, having a family.

"Wonthaggi Discover our Secrets was an excellent initiative and we have been lobbying the council for events and services, we've had a good conversation with RTA (VicRoads) and all that," said Ms Easton.

"We've got to keep improving the town for business and tourism but if we stop talking, they won't have anyone to communicate with," said Amy.

Other initiatives, like the Centennial Centre tourism and arts centre, in the middle of Wonthaggi, simply would not have happened without the business group's partnership with Artspace, and not that long ago, the Laneway Festival organised by the WBTA was hailed a raging success.

Association secretary, Steve Curtis, who chaired the meeting, said the problem getting volunteers to run community organisations, especially town business associations, wasn't unique to Wonthaggi with Phillip Island Business Network needing to reinvent itself a few years ago, Inverloch going through the same thing at the moment and Korumburra bringing together all of the town's major community organisations in recent years, to form the influential Korumburra Round Table.

"People are working hard in their businesses rather than working on their businesses and it's simply getting harder and harder to get people to make the time," said Steve.

"We get that."

But he said simply having a voice when the shire was preparing the Wonthaggi Activity Centre Streetscape Master Plan was vital, even if the association didn't always feel that it was being listened to.

So, the Wonthaggi Business and Tourism Association is gone... or is it?

The caretaker executive group is calling a further meeting, on May 24, to which all financial members of the association are invited.

"But I wouldn't like people to think this is simply another chance to save the association. We are moving ahead now with the process of winding it down," said Amy this week.

"Certainly, if members came along and said they want to take on the roles of president, secretary and treasurer, we'd have a look at that, but that's what the meeting last week was about."

So, if you do think there's a role for the Wonthaggi Business and Tourism Association, and clearly there is, get your skates on!

Those interested in making contact with the WBTA can email Steve Curtis on [secretary@wonthagibusinesses.com.au](mailto:secretary@wonthagibusinesses.com.au)

## What's missing from shire's climate change budget

IT'S not entirely clear, within the Bass Coast Shire Council's total budget of \$105.9 million, how much the shire has committed initiatives coming out of its declaration of a Climate Emergency in 2019, but it's substantial.

Among its headline spending initiatives there's to be \$4 million spent on Climate Change Actions, including \$2.3 million protecting our natural environment, also with funding to support implementation of the Climate Change Action Plan through the delivery of Electric Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure and the purchase of electric vehicles for Council's fleet.

There's an amount of \$1.853 million to renew council fleet and equipment, with at least some of that going to new electric cars.

And wait there's more (see details below).

But a lot is never enough as revealed by Cr David Rooks, who while seconding Cr Clare Le Sere's motion that the budget and its 3.5% average rate rise be put out for public comment, he made a personal pitch of his own.

"On a personal note I would have liked to see the accelerated biolinks project and urban forest initiatives also make the budget. I feel they have strong alignment to our community's wishes and our local plan," he said.

So, expect a submission from Cr Rooks to have that included. It's now up to the community to make a pitch for capital works not included in the shire's \$29.41 million program, or other services while the budget is out for public comment.

Here are details of some other projects that are aligned to the actions within the shire's Climate Change Action Plan are:

- Continuation of the sector leading waste collection system which includes the use of an organics bin for the disposal of household food waste. This initiative has enabled Bass Coast to divert more than three quarters of its waste from

landfill, which is a sector leading outcome.

- Constructing the Cowes Cultural and Community Centre to Passivhaus standards, making it the most environmentally significant building in the region.

- Delivering public electric vehicle fast-charging stations across the shire, in Grantville, Newhaven, Wonthaggi, and Inverloch.

- Delivering Council fleet electric vehicle charging stations, to support the uptake of electric vehicles within Council. Continuing to deliver up to \$40,000 in funding for climate action projects per year through the community grants program.

- Updating Bass Coast's Environmentally Sustainable Design (ESD) Policy, aligning Council's building and infrastructure projects with its net zero by 2030 target, and training staff responsible for implementation.

- Delivering a climate resilience toolkit and campaign, that supports emissions reduction and adaptation across Bass Coast.

- Continuing to upgrade the energy efficiency and solar coverage at Council facilities, by acting on recommendations from energy audits across our sites.

- Continuing to deliver the Biolinks program, that provides significant carbon drawdown and habitat enhancement outcomes.

- Improving the pedestrian friendly aspects of our townships through the Footpaths Gaps program.

- Providing the agricultural sector with a land management rebate that supports active land management practices of farmers to eradicate noxious plants and weeds, mitigate soil erosion and reduce the impact of wildlife on land.

• Delivering the Urban Forest Strategy, and key actions to support it, including a Significant Tree Register.

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## Mayor's message



Cr Michael Whelan



LIVE music – and the arts in general – are vital to communities and help bring us together, connect and drive resilience.

Here in Bass Coast we are blessed not only with the Phillip Island Jazz Festival, but also the Inverloch Jazz Festival, plus many other events such as Ocean Sounds and the phenomenally popular Caravan Club at Archies Creek.

Mid April I opened the Phillip Island Jazz Extravaganza, a great day of music with 3 great Jazz bands providing an excellent day's entertainment. The Cowes Bowling Club was full of people enjoying the music and lunch.

I was honoured to meet Robin Blackman, Music Director of Phillip Island Jazz, who convened and led the day. He has been the director of Island Jazz since the early 2000's and commends Bass Coast Shire's support of music on Phillip Island. He has an incredible knowledge of the music and is one of our local Island heroes.

Our cultural life is alive and thriving today, thanks to our proud arts history.

At the heart of this fascinating history is the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre which is home to live performances of theatre, music, comedy and dance. Its rich history reflects our region's history.

In 1911, miners formed the Wonthaggi Co-operative Workmen's Club. The Wonthaggi Workmen's Club entity still exists today on Graham Street, run as a family bistro, pub and events venue. Miners were also prominent in establishing the Trade Union Theatre. The theatre fell into disrepair following the closure of the mines, and in 1980 was destroyed by fire. It was one of the last buildings associated with the mining era in Wonthaggi.

The Miners' Union donated the land where the Union Theatre had stood to the Council, on the condition that any building erected on the site should perpetually bear the name 'Union'. It is now the site for the Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre and remains a critical home of culture.

We will continue to celebrate our arts history as we will soon unveil and celebrate a new vibrant chapter.

The Cowes Cultural & Community Centre (working name only!) will create its own history when it opens later this year. This beautiful landmark will become a regional arts hub and attraction featuring music, art, cinema, theatre, dance – and much more, both grassroots and international.

We will soon announce an exciting festival to launch the centre, which will have a new name. Watch this space for this, and a lot more, on Bass Coast's blooming creative culture.

# Long awaited masterplan released

THE Phillip Island community are pleased the Bass Coast Shire has finally considered an aquatic leisure centre on Phillip Island as part of their Cowes Recreation Master Plan.

But without a timeframe, the community is sitting in hope that it will be a swift delivery without delay.

Located on the corner of Phillip Island Tourist Road and Ventnor Road in Cowes, the new 80-acre sporting and recreation precinct masterplan is designed to provide Phillip Island and surrounds with the new recreation facilities.

The Master Plan has been designed to incorporate the future needs of sporting, recreation facilities and public open spaces and after 30 years of pushing all levels of government to build a pool on Phillip Island, local resident Peter McMahon said, "even though we don't have a timeframe, this is a tremendous step in the right direction.

"Phillip Island has seen exponential growth and the children deserve to learn how to swim in still water; I would urge the community to get involved and have their say.

"I would still like council to consider concepts that we have already put in place, but we will again provide these in our feedback, I hope that once all is agreed to, that it doesn't take another 30 years



Bass Coast Shire Council are accepting community feedback on the Cowes Recreation Master Plan until May 17.

before something happens on site, this needs to be up and running as soon as possible, because the community need it now - I look forward to seeing this plan move forward."

Linda Marston of Island Voice too advocated for an island pool.

"It's great that they're making sure there is enough land, but it's hard to envision - there's nothing in there about the content of what's included.

"I believe it's of size that is comparable to the previous engagements that have been done, although of course, all the locals are hoping for

a 50-metre pool as well as a hydrotherapy pool, we also asked for a play pool, because again, we're a holiday destination so it'd be great to have a splash park and, in this plan, I don't know whether it covers all of that.

"So, let's just say, yes this is great that the space is included in the master plan, but what will it include?

"We know it's not on the priority list of money at the minute, it's not one of the projects that's Top of the Pops, shall we say, but we hope there is room for improvement if required, because what we're looking at here is a community invest-

ment for the next 30 to 50 years," said Linda.

Drop-In Sessions will be held on:

- Thursday April 27, 2023, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Olive Justice Place, 70 Chapel Street, Cowes
- Saturday April 29, 2023, 09:00 am – 11:00 am, Olive Justice Place, 70 Chapel Street, Cowes
- Wednesday May 3, 2023, 12:00 pm – 02:00 pm, Olive Justice Place, 70 Chapel Street, Cowes

Visit [www.engage.bass-coast.vic.gov.au/cowesrr](http://www.engage.bass-coast.vic.gov.au/cowesrr) by Wednesday, May 17 and have your say.

## Cape Paterson environment dogged by growth, they say

LONG-TERM resident of Cape Paterson, Jill Maddock, gave a locals' view of the plans to expand the residential area of Cape Paterson, by as many as 980 blocks to the north, when she appeared at the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Advisory Committee hearing in San Remo last Wednesday, April 19.

Among other things she said the town boundary needed to be relocated back to Seaward Drive to avoid "the negative and irreversible impacts of development" which would far outweigh any benefits from development.

Notwithstanding the contradictions within the draft Statement of Planning Policy (SPP), she said that the "physical constraints of the site and the underpinning principles of the DAL to protect and conserve unique features and en-

hance the conservation of the environment" supported the case for Cape Paterson not to grow beyond Seaward Drive.

"Our connection with Cape Paterson began in 1976 and we have owned a property there since 1985 which has evolved into our primary residence," said Mrs Maddock, her husband John sitting in the gallery offering support.

"As a community Cape Paterson has voiced its concerns with numbers but we can't compete with developers who have extensive and expensive legal teams, expert witnesses who eloquently justify the developers' desired outcomes.

"Growth is inevitable but the critical question to be addressed is where is the most appropriate location for that growth... Cape Paterson continues to contribute to growth in Bass Coast with the still

evolving western development (eco village) constituting an expansion of approximately 25%," she said, adding that infill development and redevelopment into dual occupancy and the like would add further to the population.

Mrs Maddock said the increase in population had already had adverse impacts on the environment which would become unsustainable if the town was allowed to expand by 980 more blocks.

"Increasing traffic flows from the eco village are already placing pressure on the road network... and with overpopulation and increased visitation come the increased threats from domestic animals."

The DAL hearings continue on Wednesday and Thursday, April 26 and 27, in Melbourne.



Appearing before the Distinctive Areas and Landscapes Advisory Committee this week, Cape Paterson residents Jill and John Maddock said the village was already showing the negative signs of overdevelopment.

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# 'No planning changes', say Bass Coast farmers

IF YOU want to know how a set of proposed planning controls are going to impact farming, you'd ask a farmer, right?

And better yet, you'd get a few good operators together (focus group) and run it past them before going to the trouble of writing a set of clearly "ridiculous" laws into a local council's draft Statement of Planning Policy.

Because, as we've seen from the steady stream of Bass Coast farmers, dragged away from their busy day on the farm to protect their interests in front of the Distinctive Areas and Landscape Standing Advisory Committee recently, the whole process could have been short-circuited with a healthy dose of common sense from local farmers.

And just the man for the job, last Thursday, April 20, was fourth-generation Phillip Island farmer, Bill Cleeland, who appeared before the planning panel.

- You can't tell a farmer not to cut down Cypress trees when they've reached the end of their usefulness.
- You've got to allow a farmer to build a fence that's fit for purpose.
- Farm sheds are clustered together for good reason, regardless of Australian Height Datum.
- If your stock need a feed silo, they need a feed silo.



Bass Coast VFF President Bill Cleeland tried to set the planning panel right about some "Poorly drafted landscape controls" that the group termed "ridiculous" in their submission to Distinctive Areas and Landscapes (DAL) process.

- And hay sheds are built to a certain height so you can stack bales four high.

It's pretty simple stuff, and Mr Cleeland broke it down for the members of the panel in a short concise presentation.

The Bass Coast Branch of Victorian Farmers Federation, of which Mr Cleeland is president, was among the first to lodge a submission and together with the peak body, the VFF, helped bring about some immediate changes to those proposed in the Draft Statement of Planning Policy and Proposed Landscape Planning Controls.

These were acknowledged

by Deputy Chair Alison McFarlane in a discussion with Mr Cleeland last week.

"The Minister has exhibited an exception for post and wire fences. They don't need a permit," said Ms McFarlane.

She said the Australian Height Datum (AHD) conditions, whereby a permit was required for a farm building sited in an area above 200 metres, had also been removed.

And Ms McFarlane said the requirement of applying for a permit to remove shelter belt trees, including "exotic trees row" did not apply to "Cypress trees that are dying".

Which is good to know, but

at this stage, the proposal is still that you need a permit to remove native vegetation or shelter belts.

"You can't tell a farmer to build a fence that's not going to keep sheep off the road. It would certainly introduce an interesting argument over legal liability, that's for sure, especially if someone gets killed," said Mr Cleeland.

"The Bass Coast Shire Council already has an extensive set of planning laws for agriculture. This document should be about setting town boundaries, not changing more rules that are going to further discourage farming."

## Are local laws suitable?

CURRENT general Local Laws in South Gippsland Shire state that people are only permitted to keep a maximum of two dogs and two cats on residential properties.

Children aren't allowed to go door to door selling chocolates for fundraising events nor are they permitted to ride toy vehicles on town footpaths.

Locals are not permitted to take anything when going hard rubbish hunting, nor thankfully, can people practice playing trumpet in public.

Between April and July, the community can have their say about South Gippsland Shires general local laws as they are coming under review.

A draft of the General Local Law 2024 must be created by the Council before the sunset clause kicks in and all local laws cease to exist.

Council have completed the first stage of the review, with their internal stakeholders voicing and documenting their views on the laws.

Face to face consultations will take place across towns, and online and via hard copy.

## Road closure at Glen Alvie

BASS Coast Shire Council is advising that Kongwak Road, Glen Alvie is closed.

Through routine bridge inspections, the shire has found severe damage to the Kongwak Road culvert across Lance Creek at Glen Alvie.

Engineers have advised Council to close the road immediately.

Kongwak Road will be closed to through traffic, but local residents will still be able to access their properties from either side of the culvert.

Detours will be established soon with onsite traffic management.

Council is working to repair the damage and re-open the road to through traffic as soon as possible.



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## School zones return

MOTORISTS are asked to take extra care and to be vigilant for changed conditions, as Term 2 of the Victorian government school year began on Monday, April 24.

Motorists can expect an increase in road, pedestrian and bicycle traffic, and near bus and tram stops at drop-off and pick-up times.

Drivers have a responsibility to be especially cautious when travelling near schools, as children often don't have the same awareness of road safety as adults do and their behaviour may be unpredictable.

School speed zones across the state operate in line with the Victorian government school calendar, regardless of local pupil-free days.

Some school speed zones are permanent, while others operate from 8am to 9.30am, and from 2.30pm to 4pm on weekdays, with reduced speeds of 40km/h or 60km/h in school zones until Friday, June 23.

School speed zones are designed to keep pedestrians safe by lowering the speed limit at peak times when children are travelling to and from school. Regardless of whether a school is open or closed, all sign-posted 40km/h zones will still apply.

Real-time traffic conditions are available at [traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au](http://traffic.vicroads.vic.gov.au) or via the VicTraffic mobile app. The latest public transport information and network status is available at [ptv.vic.gov.au](http://ptv.vic.gov.au) or in the PTV mobile app.

# Another bump in the road for Island scheme

THE Bass Coast Shire Council has applied a gag to anyone, for or against, the proposed Surf Beach Sunderland Bay Special Charge Scheme from asking questions at council's monthly public meetings.

There are likely only two meetings until the project costs and details are announced.

The ban on questions about the scheme was announced by the Mayor Cr Michael Whelan at last Wednesday's council meeting at which upwards of six questions had been submitted on the issue.

"Councillors received further questions regarding the Surf Beach Sunderland Bay potential special charge scheme and these questions have been assessed as subject matter already answered," Cr Whelan said.

"Councillors responded to questions on this subject matter at the last five council meetings. Council acknowledges the community interest in this project and is frequently reviewing and updating the already detailed information on Engage Bass Coast," he said.

"This will continue to be our practice until Council makes a decision on the project."

A spokesperson for the 'no' case, Susie Wicks, said



Sources within the council say the shire has actually given opponents of the Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay SCS a free kick by banning their letters.

many people affected by the scheme were very disappointed about the decision by council to ban questions about the scheme.

"Yes, we are very concerned about council's behaviour, of increasingly shutting the door on the community in this region, which has again been highlighted as we get closer to a decision on the proposed special charge scheme," said Ms Wicks.

"But the reality is that we have questions that we

would like to air publicly as this process continues.

"How for example are they going to deliver the details of the proposal to those affected by the scheme. A lot of the property owners have contact with the shire by email, but they say they are going to send out the information by registered mail."

Ms Wicks said it had taken objectors months to assemble 800 signatures on a petition against the scheme, representing 51% of property

owners, but admitted it was going to be hard to officially demonstrate that sort of opposition.

Council watcher, John Trigt of Surf Beach, was one of those left in the lurch by Wednesday's ban.

"As advised under the Governance Rules, I 'engaged' with the Bass Coast web site and found no mention of project duration or when payments would commence," he said in an open letter to the Mayor this week.



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# Farmers fight Bass expansion

A SIGNIFICANT subdivision in the small township of Bass could face considerable opposition after farmers have vowed to fight it.

Bass Coast Shire prepared Amendment C162basc to the Bass Coast Planning Scheme, which was on public exhibition earlier this year, and could see land rezoned from Farming Zone to Low Density Residential Zone at Bass Road, Bass with a proposal for an almost 50 lot subdivision.

This land is located at the south-east of the intersection of Statter Mission Road and Bass Road.

Following public submissions, the shire requested the appointment of a Planning Panel to refer the unresolved submissions to the Independent Panel (through Planning Panels Victoria).

A panel hearing was held last week, where Bass farmers Lorraine Ingbritsen and Katrina Neesham presented their case.

While they had a number of concerns, key highlights included Bass changing from a 'country village' to another major residential area, as well as the lack of adequate infrastructure to facilitate the subdivision.

Another key aspect was the severe flooding Bass is often subject to.

"No one seemed to understand how vicious the floods are," Lorraine said.

"We flood every year, last year it was terrible."

"I think they (panel) were surprised how bad it can flood."

They added flooding was particular acute due to the lack of drainage, which has yet to be upgraded despite ongoing efforts of residents.

There are also fears the application is being 'pushed through' before the state government's Distinctive Areas and Landscape policy can be implemented.

They now plan to hold a town meeting and present a petition to council at their next monthly meeting.

The panel chair will now prepare a panel report following last week's hearing, which will include recommendations for council.

According to a planning report regarding the amendment, the site is currently used for farming and consists of a series of cleared paddocks utilised for cattle and horse grazing.

The site is located adjacent to residential zoning of Township and Low Density Residential development.

The site does not form part of a viable farm and contains no dwellings and the only structure on the site is a dilapidated hay store/shed.

The report highlighted that the issue of rezoning was raised in a panel report in 2010, and considered that the land, known as the Katelea Pastoral Land, should be identified for short-term development.

This was due to an established demand for low-density development and no other land is likely to be available in the foreseeable future.

Based on current expectations, it was submitted that the proposed amendment will meet supply for approximately five years.

The site has a total land area of approximately 23.6 hectares, is generally flat and contains low lying vegetation of predominantly pastoral grasses and weeds.



Bass farmers Lorraine Ingbritsen and Katrina Neesham are strongly opposed to a potential expansion of Bass and plan to hold a town meeting soon. Ns021723

## New SES unit on track

THE new Wonthaggi SES unit is on track for completion in July this year as works continue to progress.

The new unit will be located at 89 White Road, Wonthaggi, next to the CFA station.

Works completed so far include:

- The site shed/ office has been installed temporarily on CFA's land adjacent to the VICSES site.
- External sewerage and water main works are nearing completion.
- Construction has been underway, with site cutting and grading work recently completed.

While substructure and ground slab works are underway currently.

"The Wonthaggi VICSES Unit is under construction with a scheduled completion date of July 2023," a Department of Justice and Community Safety spokesperson said.

"This new unit site will serve existing volunteers well by bolstering their response capability, as well as assisting the ongoing recruitment and retention of volunteers."

"The Victorian Government is ensuring that VICSES volunteers are equipped with the resources they need to keep the growing Victorian population safe."

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## South Gippsland Shire Council News

### 2024 Kindergarten Registrations Open Soon

**SAVE THE DATE!** Registrations for three- and four-year-old kindergarten in 2024 open on 1 May.

To register, simply head to Council's website, complete the online application form and nominate your top three kindergarten preferences.

To ensure an easy and fair process for all parents, Council operates the central registration system on behalf of all participating kindergartens across South Gippsland. The information also helps us anticipate the future demands for services.

Children are allocated into kindergartens based on parents'

preferences and in accordance with State Government Priority of Access guidelines. Where demand exceeds the number of places available at a kindergarten, a wait list will be created.

There are currently 14 kindergartens in various locations across South Gippsland, with 12 of those being involved in the Central Registration program.

To be included in a first-round offer, registrations must be received by 30 June 2023.

To find out more, or to register, please visit:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment)

### Draft 2023/24 Budget Facebook Q&A



Do you have a question you would like to ask about the draft 2023/2024 Council Budget?

We will be hosting a Facebook Q&A on **Wednesday 3 May** between 5.30pm and 6.30pm where Councillors will be answering your questions.

Make sure you don't miss it by following us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/southgippslandshirecouncil](https://www.facebook.com/southgippslandshirecouncil)

#### COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 17 May 2.00pm  
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:

[www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates](http://www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/meeting-dates)

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

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Please contact the Governance Team for questions about Council Meetings.

#### MIRBOO NORTH TRANSFER STATION

Council would like to advise residents visiting the Mirboo North Transfer

Station over the coming months that construction works have commenced to upgrade the retaining wall on the site.

The site will still be operating normal hours, but traffic flow through the site may be affected at times. All measures will be taken to minimise disruption. We apologise for any inconvenience.

#### REQUESTS FOR TENDER

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

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

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

**RFT/357 – Construction of Meenyan Community Hub and RFT/366 – Panel of Civil, and Road Surfacing, Works, Equipment and Products**

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

Documentation is available from Council's e-Tendering Portal

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# Have your say on South Gippsland's financial future

COMMUNITY members can provide feedback on South Gippsland Shire Council's long and short-term financial direction, with consultation now open on the Proposed Financial Plan 2023/24 – 2032/33 and the Proposed Budget 2023/24.

Councillors voted unanimously at their monthly public meeting to endorse the related plans, with the consultation period opening on April 20 and ending on May 12.

The Financial Plan outlines the broad financial parameters for Council's financial sustainability over the next 10 years.

It is intended to assist council to stay on track as it strives to meet the aspirations of South Gippsland Shire residents outlined in the 'Community Vision 2040' document while adhering to actions outlined in the 'Council Plan 2022-26'.

The Financial Plan details financial targets that need to be met to ensure council remains financially sustainable, also expressing intended strategic actions and applying them to a 10-year financial model to ensure council meets its Financial Policy targets.

"Council's Financial Plan contains the parameters in which council budgets and considers what level of risk is acceptable," the Proposed Financial Plan document states.

Mayor Nathan Hersey outlined what the 2022/2023 Budget aimed to achieve.

"The 2022/23 Budget was the first of this council term, and prioritised funding a range of strategic planning work, developed in consultation with our community," Cr Hersey said.

He contrasted that with the plans for the Budget now open for community comment.

"This Proposed Budget is focused on funding delivery of the actions identified by our community, and progressing the outcomes of this important planning work," Cr Hersey said.

The final 2023/24 Budget will be presented to council for adoption at its June 28 meeting, following any amendments deemed necessary after considering public feedback, as is the case with the Financial Plan 2023/24 – 2032/33.

Community members wishing to have their say are encouraged to visit [yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au](http://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au) to complete a survey or lodge a written submission.



South Gippsland Shire Mayor Nathan Hersey outlined the important role council's Proposed Budget 2023/24 will play and how it is intended to build on the first budget of the current council. A09\_1723

## Proposed spend in budget

The Capital Works budget includes infrastructure from roads to sports fields, streetscapes and new community hubs. Some major projects planned are:

- A revitalised streetscape for Korumburra
- Refurbishment of the old rail precinct in Leongatha into a new community area
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- A revitalised streetscape for Venus Bay
- Construction and sealing of Simons Lane, Leongatha
- Rehabilitation and resealing of sealed road sections

The total expenditure on roads for 2023/24FY is projected to be \$11.121 million, dropping down to approximately \$8.5 million for proceeding years.

The council have included an additional \$400,000 to go into their annual re-sheet program, with the purpose of sealing priority roads and protecting the condition of roads through increased roadside vegetation and weed management.

While \$7.507 million will go to-

wards the parks, open spaces and streetscapes bucket for the coming year, with no current proposed expenditure for subsequent years.

Other community-based initiatives and priorities that have been proposed by council include:

- \$155,000 towards Planning initiatives to support sustainable growth, including implementing actions from the Coastal Strategy, the South Gippsland Planning Scheme review and progressing planning controls in Nyora.
- \$50,000 to improve sustainable management of our environment through developing a Climate Action Plan.
- Further investment of \$60,000 in improving our cybersecurity to protect our community's data and information.
- Community strengthening through the development of Community Plans across our unique communities, and ongoing funding support for the Live4Life program.

The community can have a say about the councils proposed 2023/24 Budget and 2023/24 – 2032/33 Financial Plan via the council's website.

## Mayor's Message



Cr Nathan Hersey

### Proposed Budget and Long-Term Financial Plan

### Yellow Brick Road Open in Leongatha

Yellow Brick Road financial brokers opened their new branch in Leongatha last week with the official opening by Mr Mark Bouris, Chairman of Yellow Brick Road.

It is fantastic to see new businesses coming to South Gippsland and offering a new service to our community. Developing South Gippsland into a thriving economic centre where businesses will relocate and expand is a key element of our Economic Development Strategy.

Some of the key pri-

orities in the Budget

include:

• Youth mental health.

• Roads and roadside

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### Municipal Association of Victoria Gippsland Region Meeting

It was a privilege to host the meeting of the MAV Gippsland regional representatives this week. This was a great opportunity to meet with representatives of each of Gippsland's six councils to highlight local issues and bring them onto the broader regional agenda. Thank you to representatives from Bass Coast, Baw Baw, East Gippsland, Latrobe City and Wellington Shire Councils for attending and contributing.

A local vigil will be held outside the South Gippsland Shire Council main office in Leongatha from 6.30pm. All community members are welcome to attend.

## Meeniyian Community Hub set to become reality

THE DEVELOPMENT of a Meeniyian Community Hub is a step closer, with the tender submission process for the project open until May 16, and is set to create a modern facility to be shared between tenant organisations and the town's broader community.

It will be built alongside Meeniyian Hall.

A Project Working Group (PWG) established in late 2021 consists of community organisation representatives and a trio of South Gippsland Shire Council officers.

PWG members have met regularly from the project's inception through to the design process.

The community representatives on

the PWG were instrumental in establishing the intended use of the hub, with community feedback also sought at key points.

Fay Sinclair is a member of the PWG, representing Meeniyian Kindergarten.

She spoke of the current brick building alongside the Meeniyian Hall that will make way for the new hub.

"The building is leaky and mouldy, so it needs replacing," Fay said of the former Infant Welfare Centre.

The building's public toilets are also in need of replacement, with that set to be incorporated into the new hub structure.

Those facilities will include an

accessible toilet and a baby change table.

The Meeniyian Historical Society, local RSL sub-branch, and Take Off Weight Naturally (TOWN) will all have a presence in the Meeniyian Community Hub as its main tenants.

Meeniyian Kindergarten will use the hub building to run yoga for its young charges, also holding meetings there.

The Meeniyian Community Hub will include a large room with kitchenette.

Storage systems known as 'compactors' will be installed for the historical society, enabling records to be kept in minimal space and moved around as desired.

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# War and Economics

## - History of war's impact

By David Caporale,  
Investment Manager of Gippsreal Limited

**O**n ANZAC day we remember all Australians killed in military operations. It is a day of remembrance. The human cost of war is immeasurable but this editorial will look at the economic cost of war and the impact it has had over the years.

War is a serious disruptor to normal activity and all wars create uncertainty. Disruption and uncertainty severely impact economics. As a result of war, infrastructure is damaged or destroyed, the working population declines due to day jobs trading out for soldiers (and those KIA), inflation changes, debt increases and supply shortages occur.

On the flipside, significant money is spent on war which creates demand, but also represents a huge opportunity cost as this money spent could be put to other uses. For example Australia spent around \$10 billion in its involvement in the war in Afghanistan. This pales in comparison to the \$US2 trillion spent by the United States.\*

The economic costs of war include but are not limited to: servicing army/military personnel, weapons and rebuilding destroyed areas. Whilst these costs can lead to demand in many circumstances it can lead to inflation as a result of supply shortages as well as funding costs. As we are experiencing now, high inflation leads to loss of people's savings and increased living costs which can often lead to increases in interest rates to help curb the rise of inflation, which only further erodes household wealth for those with loans.

In some previous wars, countries resorted to printing money to pay for soldier's salaries and consequently increased inflation so the printed money was soon worth nothing.

When a country's production of goods is reduced due to sanctions or destruction, it can also create inflationary pressure and price increases due to supply constraints, particularly if the goods are a major export. A prime recent example of this is the oil and gas price increases experienced when Russia invaded Ukraine in 2022 due to economic sanctions imposed that reduced supply.

Another economic impact is the rise in national debt as the government is willing to borrow during war to cover the costs of war as well as the political pressure for patriotism and supporting allies. During the First World War, gross Australian Government debt increased from around 2.2 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) to around 50 per cent of GDP and one third of the loans were issued in London.

By comparison the financing requirement of the Second World War were met largely through domestic borrowing. Gross Australian Government debt increased from around 40 per cent of GDP in 1939 to around 120 per cent of GDP in 1945. Following the COVID pandemic Australia is now at its highest level of gross debt relative to GDP since the 1950s.

Civil war, which is a war between citizens of the same country, effects the specific country that is at war with itself. Not only does it suffer domestically but internationally as well. This is mainly due to collapse in tourism and foreign investment which invariably leads to further uncertainty for the country.

Naturally employment levels will change during and after wars. In most cases underemployment rises the longer a war continues as service people numbers increase, not to mention the loss of lives impacts on the size of the workforce.

Post World War One resulted in a high unemployment rate due to returning soldiers struggling to re-enter the workforce or not wanting to return to work as they suffered from post-traumatic stress disorders (PTSD) which is prevalent following all wars. In comparison, World War Two saw full employment due to government spending. The First and Second World Wars also resulted in the growth in female employment.

Whilst the impacts of war are mostly negative from an economic viewpoint there can be some benefits such as full employment and higher economic growth post war, as witnessed after the Second World War. Having said that, no amount of economic prosperity is worth the cost to human life.

Lest we forget.

\*Source: <https://www.defenceconnect.com.au/key-enablers/5784-bang-for-our-buck-afghanistan-and anzus> and [https://www.aph.gov.au/About\\_Parliament/Parliamentary\\_departments/Parliamentary\\_Library/pubs/Briefing-Book47p/AustralianGovernmentDebt](https://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_departments/Parliamentary_Library/pubs/Briefing-Book47p/AustralianGovernmentDebt)

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More than 1100 people in South Gippsland and Bass Coast are struggling to put a roof over their head, with less than 600 public housing properties available.

## Almost 1200 on housing waitlist locally

NEW figures released by the Victorian Housing Register (VHR) showed 67,120 Victorians were on the public housing waitlist as of December 2022, an increase of 3376 people over the previous 12 months.

In South Gippsland and Bass Coast there are 1192 people on the waitlist, many of these are high priority and there are less than 585 properties to fulfil this essential demand.

"The provision of public and social housing has become a crisis in recent years with more and more people contacting my office seeking help, both with finding housing and with the state of public housing stock," Danny O'Brien, Nationals Member for Gippsland South said.

Across Korumburra and Leongatha there are 212 people on the wait list

with only 56 properties available.

Wonthaggi has 617 people waiting and only 267 properties available.

Cowes is no better off with 254 on the waitlist and only 41 properties available.

Furthermore, average waiting times for those on the list have blown out, with the urgent public housing category now nearly two years.

"So many people in South Gippsland are struggling to put a roof over their head and the safety net of public housing is failing many. The Labor Government needs to get past issuing media releases and do much more to reduce public housing waiting lists in South Gippsland," said Mr O'Brien.

"Since 2015 there's been a net loss of 4 public

housing dwellings in South Gippsland Shire and 15 in Bass Coast, despite the government claiming to have spent billions on new homes."

Figures show that the number of public housing properties has increased by 74 since 2018.

Jessica Harrison from Housing Matters Bass Coast, also weighed in.

"As successive Labor and Liberal governments have left public housing chronically underfunded, our group advocates the tripling of public housing provision. Studies prove that secure housing increases well-being and good health, reducing pressure on the health system."

As part of the State Government's Big Housing Build, \$25M was allocated for Bass Coast for social housing, with six projects currently underway.

## Candlelight Vigil



An opportunity to remember and honour those who have been killed by domestic and family violence.

On Wednesday 3 May at 6.30pm, please join us outside our office at 9 Smith Street, Leongatha in lighting a candle to remember the women and children who have lost their lives due to domestic and family violence in South Gippsland.

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# Elysia still calls South Gippsland home

ELYSIA Robb, born and bred in Dumbalk, graduated late last year as a General Practitioner (GP).

"Graduating felt very good and it was a very nice event, but the real relief came when I had finished all my exams, about a year and a half earlier in 2020."

It was "gruelling" she states, trying to work, study and look after her family at the height of COVID.

After completing her medical degree with the University of Melbourne and training at various metropolitan Melbourne hospitals, Elysia undertook an additional three years of part time General Practitioner training to be able to work in the specialist field of General Practice.

She also completed a stint observing at the Leongatha clinic.

An interest in women's health saw her complete her Diploma of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in 2017.

Now as a recently graduated GP, Elysia remains interested in and has focus on women's health, obstetrics, and mental health. She also has an interest in palliative and end of life care.

"It hasn't been an easy road having children while at university and looking after them while trying to establish myself as a doctor."

However, Elysia said it has been made easier with the part time options that are now available.

"It is becoming a more parent and female friendly field to work in."

Elysia is interested in and



**Elysia Robb with daughter Leni, 9 and son Ollie, 10, at her graduation event for becoming a General Practitioner.**

advocates for this kind of change in the medical field and has witnessed the slow transformation over the last few years.

"This pathway is becoming more and more common for women doctors, as people are entering university later than previously. More male doctors are also taking this pathway, taking time out to care for their children while studying/working in medicine."

Elysia believes that creating options for part time work and training in the field, is making it easier for people like her to pursue a career in medicine, without having to sacrifice their family life, and she is a wonderful example of this.

She was able to plan the pregnancies of her children to be 18 months apart, and to fit in 6 months of maternity leave, with her university and study schedule.

But somehow, Elysia and partner Peter successfully pulled it off and now have a

son Orly, 10 and daughter Leni, 9.

She practices in a Melbourne clinic and lives in Melbourne, however, ventures back 'home' on a regular basis to visit her parents, in-laws and grandmother who reside locally in Inverloch, Kongwak and Leongatha.

"I feel lucky to have a place to visit often in the country. To breathe in that clean country air."

Growing up in the area, Elysia recalls being in the car a lot as a child, with her Mum taking her and her siblings to lots of extra curricula activities.

"I felt very lucky, although I didn't realise it at the time. I look back and realise how lucky I was. It was a great community actually."

Elysia attended Leongatha Secondary College and on finishing Year 12 took a gap year to Panama, where she learned to salsa dance.

"I've just finished a salsa dancing class," was one of

the first things she said when speaking with the Sentinel-Times, and explains she has been salsa dancing ever since she went to Panama, close to 22 years now.

On returning to Australia, her interest in maths and science saw her initially complete a bachelor's degree in science and biomedical sciences at the University of Melbourne.

"I loved the University of Melbourne and wanted to go there."

"I did my honours year at Peter Mac and worked in research for 5 years."

Elysia carried out research on cancer and the growth of cancer as well as Alzheimer's disease.

"I was interested in science and liked the idea of helping people... this became especially apparent when my grandfather was unwell."

"I investigated medical avenues to help him."

While working in the field of science, Elysia met medical doctors (who were) bosses and colleagues and who, she says, thought differently about research.

"I liked it. I thought, I want to know what they know."

"I applied for a graduate medical degree."

Now a few years on and working as a GP, Elysia says: "The job is consuming and demanding, but I feel privileged to look after others, to be able to help others."

When Orly (Elysia's son) was asked what he thinks of having a mum who is a doctor, Orly states that he thinks, "It's cool".

## Simon Manning retires from Newhaven College Board

SIMON Manning joined the Newhaven College Board thirteen years ago, keen to make a positive contribution to his daughter's school and broader community.

Looking back on his time he is very proud of what the school has achieved.

"It has been great to see the school grow. In my time on the Board we relocated the school from the Boys Home Rd site to the current Phillip Island Rd site, we built the Junior School (Prep to Year 4) and we improved the facilities."

On the Board Simon spent eleven of his thirteen years as

their treasurer.

"We've been able to build the school and maintain a strong financial position."

An accountant by profession, Simon is a true community contributor.

His other volunteer roles include being treasurer of the Phillip Island Business District, Chair of the Cowes Classic and a Life Member of the Phillip Island Football Club.

"It is important you give back – especially when you have skills that can assist".

Simon will conclude his tenure on the Board of Newhaven College at the AGM on 18

May, though he won't be completely lost to the school as he plans to continue on the College's Finance Committee for a little while yet.

"There is obviously the community aspect of being on the College Board. But it has also been an excellent Board to be on with a diversity of people and skills. I have worked alongside really good people who will be friends for life."

The Newhaven College Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday May 18.

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**Simon Manning retires after 13 years on the Newhaven College Board**

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## Bass electorate nearly tops power saving bonus claims

THE Bass electorate has nearly topped the fourth round of the Power Saving Bonus claims for regional Victoria with 12,045 of the 1 million claims being in Bass alone, and the applications to claim the \$250 bonus are still open to help Victorian households.

The Victorian Energy Compare website is an independent comparison website, making it easy for Victorians to find a cheaper offer and keeping big energy retailers in check.

In addition to Victorians comparing their energy online, more than 17,000 households have received the \$250 Power Saving Bonus through a community outreach partner, with 73 per cent of these applicants receiving additional energy affordability advice.

Applications for the payment can be made through the Victorian Energy Compare website, where customers can quickly and easily find the best energy offers in their areas.

The Energy Assistance Program – a free service providing energy consumers experiencing hardship with one-on-one assistance – has helped over 500 applicants to navigate the energy market, apply for eligible grants and concessions, find and switch to better offers and address billing errors.

For those without internet access, over-the-phone and in-person support is available through one of our Community Outreach Partners, including Brotherhood of St Laurence, Ethnic Community Council Victoria, Good Shepherd, State Trustees, and hundreds of Neighbourhood Houses across Victoria.

Victorians can also save on their household energy bills through the \$1.3 billion Solar Homes Program. Households that accessed both solar panel and hot water rebates saved up to \$1,500 on their annual energy bill.

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## Concerned about community safety?

THE NATIONALS Member for Eastern Victoria Region is encouraging residents to have their say on community safety in their local area.

Ms Bath said Engage Victoria has an open consultation to gauge community sentiment about Victoria Police.

"The rise in crime, anti-social behaviour and lawlessness across eastern Victoria is one of the most prevalent concerns raised with my electorate office," said Ms Bath.

"The survey examines safety at home and in public and asks for input on programs that could be implemented to improve community safety in your local area."

Information provided through the survey is de-identified and individual responses are only recorded for statistical reporting purposes.

The Police Community Sentiment Survey is open until April 30, visit [engage.vic.gov.au/annual-victoria-police-community-sentiment-survey-2023](http://engage.vic.gov.au/annual-victoria-police-community-sentiment-survey-2023)

# Olive Twist Estates unique accommodation

OLIVE Twist Estate is a national award-winning Olive Grove located in the heart of South Gippsland, surrounded by the tranquility of nature, nearby unspoiled beaches, pristine rainforest, local wineries and food producers, plus year-round festivals.

Olive Twist is the vision of owners George and Julianne Bakogiannis, who wanted to bring a truly new and unique experience to the Gippsland area by building three magnificent yurts.

Being lovers of the outdoors, George and Julianne built a variety of rustic yurts to strengthen the connection between people and the outdoors while keeping a luxurious placemaking in nature.

The yurts originate from Denver Colorado and have the ingenuity of ancient structural design with added engineered strength, and durable outdoor fabrics.

Each yurt is carefully designed with its own individual personality and named after different types of olives.

The Leccino Yurt features a wall-to-wall spectacular hand painted black cockatiel mural, and the Frantoio Yurt (an all-ability yurt), features a wall-to-wall beautifully hand painted Kookaburra mural both by local artist Adam William Crichane.

All yurts are self-contained with a full bathroom,

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This unique Gippsland accommodation allows you to listen to drops of rain on the canvas roof; live amongst an olive grove; hear birds calling from above the timberline; see the moon's full face traversing the sky.

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## The power of humanity

THE Leongatha Red Cross Unit held a morning tea on Tuesday, March 21 at the Woorayl Golf Club and \$1300 was raised for Emergency Services.

Over 60 people attended and heard several people speak about the activities of Red Cross particularly in this area.

Noreen Williams spoke about past experiences, Lois Young spoke about what Red Cross is doing Nationally and Internationally, Cathy Curwood

spoke about the activities of the local Red Cross Group, Margaret Higgins spoke about how the local knitting group supports Red Cross, Peter Jones spoke about updating the Red Cross data system during Covid and Wendy Caple spoke about Emergency Services.

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# Nyora expansion a step closer

SOUTH Gippsland Shire Councillors voted at their April public meeting to adopt a proposed Development Plan, which will now pave the way for a planning permit application for a large-scale Nyora subdivision.

The Development Plan has been prepared on four separate titles of land, with a total area of approximately 5.925 hectares, bounded by Davis Street to the west and Grundy Avenue to the east.

While the document concerned breaks the proposed development into four stages, the overall project envisaged in the Development Plan allows for over 60 residential lots of various sizes.

Four submissions were received on the Development Plan, expressing a range of concerns.

Council's April meeting agenda outlines these concerns as follows:

- Loss of the court bowl at the end of Cornish Road, for the construction of a connecting road
- Increase in traffic as a result of development
- Safety concerns with increase of vehicles using Cornish Road
- Pedestrian safety with opening up Cornish Road, including children currently playing on the current dead-end road
- Preference to retain Cornish Road as a court
- All lots should have access from Davis Street only to retain the quiet court
- Stormwater runoff and flooding concerns to adjoining



The four stages of the proposed Nyora development are shown.

properties.

Council officers believe the proposed Development Plan meets the requirements of the Development Plan Overlay, and considering its content and the submissions received, recommended councillors vote in favour of adopting it.

A major consideration was the relevant road and pedestrian network that development of the land would entail.

Davis Street is controlled by the Department of Transport, which expressed concern with the three access points into the proposed subdivision.

"The applicant subsequently amended the DP to address this concern, and there is now only one main access point along Davis Street," the meeting agenda states.

Since the internal road layout supports local traffic only to

allow access to the housing lots and limits traffic flow through the site, an officer assessment argues this increases safety and allows for pedestrian and cyclist movement.

It is stressed in council's meeting agenda that stormwater issues have been considered.

A Stormwater Management Strategy (SWMS) has been prepared in support of the Development Plan; the SWMS demonstrates how the proposed development can meet the Urban Stormwater Best Practice Environmental Management Guidelines," it is stated.

Now council has approved the Development Plan, no further public consultation or engagement will be afforded on it.

Nyora local, Cr Mick Felton spoke at the April council meeting about the significance of the Development Plan to the town.

"This is the start of what will end up being quite a lot of houses getting built in Nyora, and when I moved to Nyora in 2009 we were informed about the possibilities of growth," Cr Felton said.

"It's not something that I would like to see happen, but it will happen."

Cr John Schelling expressed confidence that concerns expressed by some Nyora residents have been addressed in the Development Plan.

Cr Jenni Keerie spoke of her appreciation of the time people who will be living close to the intended development site took to come in and raise their concerns, saying it has been helpful when considering the future growth of Nyora and what council needs to take into account.

Mayor Nathan Hersey said those locals raising concerns over the intended Nyora development addressed councillors directly.

The session at which residents spoke of their concerns was not open to the public, with Sentinel-Times unable to attend, in line with current council policy.

"Most of the issues were relatively minor in context of the whole proposal and most residents would have been happy to have a few minor amendments to make sure it was even more palatable for the community," Cr Hersey said.

The recommendation to adopt the proposed Development Plan for the Nyora land at 18A Davis Street and 32 Grundy Avenue was carried unanimously.



Cr Adrian Darakai is hoping anticipated native vegetation loss in Nyora can be offset within South Gippsland Shire. A06\_1723

## Cr Darakai calls for offset of vegetation loss

WHILE largely supportive of a Development Plan approved at South Gippsland Shire Council's April meeting for a proposed large scale Nyora development, Cr Adrian Darakai has expressed concerns about the loss of native vegetation the project would entail.

He highlighted the fact the proposal to offset that loss allows for such action to occur outside South Gippsland Shire.

"There is a component to the report that does discuss native remnant vegetation and tree removal around the area and it is deeply concerning to me that the general offsets could be located in the Port Phillip and Western Port Catchment Management Area," Cr Darakai said.

"So, it is disappointing to see that loss and it's my understanding it's beyond the local shire's control at this point in time, but I look forward to working with my fellow councillors to try to rectify what I see as a disturbing situation that the State Government is putting us in at the moment."



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# Yellow Brick Road celebrates grand opening



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John Schelling South Gippsland Shire Councillor, with Tyrone Zukovskis and Ben Davey from South Gippsland Homes. ob11\_1723



Arthur Karvelas from YBR Head Office with Phil Elliot of YBR Frankston. ob15\_1723

THE YELLOW Brick Road Home Loans (YBR) team were excited to celebrate their official grand opening of their new branch in Leongatha last week.

Local businesses, community members, councillors and clients were invited to come and have a drink, meet and greet team members, catch up with other locals and to discover what YBR can bring to and offer the people of South Gippsland.

YBR is owned and operated by Martin Reidy, a Leongatha local.

"I saw an opportunity to partner with Yellow Brick Road to deliver my local community an alternative to secure their finance due to bank closures and lack of real alternatives for the locals of South Gippsland and the Bass Coast Shire.

"By partnering with Yellow Brick Road Home Loans, I felt I was able to offer the area a legitimate alternative with a trusted national brand. The great thing about Yellow Brick Road is that we don't just offer home loans, we offer a broad range of finance Business lending solutions, including Asset Finance, and Overdraft facilities, car loans, personal loans, Loans for Self-Managed Superfunds.

"The support that we have got from YBR has been second to none and their commitment to the area was demonstrated with Mark Bouris attending the Grand Opening. I was super thrilled that Mark could join us."

Mark Bouris, founder of YBR and well-known Australian businessman is best known for establishing 'Wizard Home Loans', and is now the chairman of Yellow Brick Road.

Mark is a frequent guest on The Today Show and 60 Minutes, to talk

everything business; and hosts The Mentor, a weekly podcast, where he speaks to business owners and entrepreneurs, and imparts guidance on how they can take their business to the next level.

Mark sees YBR as a business that prides itself on building long lasting relationships within communities not only by providing outstanding customer service and great financial solutions, but by supporting the community by actively participating in it.

YBR caters not only to the people of Leongatha, but also to the wider South Gippsland community, including Wonthaggi, Inverloch, Korumburra and everywhere in between.

The organisation is excited to be able to help local people who are looking for their first home, looking to build a home, or for an investment property or starting a business, to secure a tailored loan that is specific to individual need.

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The YBR team provides a home for local's mortgage broking requirements and brings together a range of financial services in one place. The team is well placed to understand local needs and will always provide personally tailored, best practice solutions and products.

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Cowes boat ramp and jetty upgrade will improve access to and from vessels at a greater range of tides. z04\_1723

## Cowes boat ramp set for construction

THE Cowes boat ramp is set for construction with the project to begin within weeks after the tender was awarded to Bridgewater Marine at shire's April council meeting.

Minister for Outdoor Recreation Sonya Kilkenny announced the \$2.8 million project will extend and raise the existing ramp to provide boaters better access at a greater range of tides and manage sand accumulation.

The adjoining jetty will also be extended to create more space for temporarily tied boats and the lower landing raised to improve access to and from vessels.

Better Boating Victoria has overseen the design of the upgrade alongside Bass Coast Shire Council and construction is expected to begin in May, taking several months to complete.

While the council oversees the works, boaters are encouraged

to use the recently redeveloped Rhyll boat ramp to get out on the water.

The \$4.5 million ramp was completed last year and features a new three-lane concrete ramp, additional parking, and fixed and floating pontoon jetties.

During last week's shire meeting, Cr Ronnie Bauer said, "after our successful co-build with Boating Victoria at Rhyll and Newhaven, we now are going into the building stage of the Cowes boat ramp better known as the Anderson Street boat ramp."

"I have had the privilege of being involved with this project since its inception. Though not all the feedback has been incorporated into the final build some key deficiencies should be rectified by this build. The biggest one being the use of the jetty. At present, it is too short and at high tide its completely under water.

"The elevating of the actual ramp should improve the launching of some craft but due to the shallowness of the gradient, larger boats will always have a problem especially at low tide."

"Unfortunately, the recommendation from the community to widen the ramp from two lanes to three lanes was not included in the final plans. I am not a hydrologist, so I am very curious to see if the new design of the ramp will alleviate the problem of the sand build up which currently needs to be cleared daily."

"Having said all that, and being a boatie, the new ramp should be a vast improvement on what is there currently," concluded Cr Bauer.

The project is funded through the investment of boating licence and registration fees through the State Government's Better Boating Fund and the Government's

\$96 million investment to improve fishing, boating, piers, and aquaculture in Victoria over the next four years.

Better Boating Victoria is also exploring ways to make boating easier at the nearby Newhaven ramp to further boost boating access to Western Port. The facility near Western Port's eastern entrance features two lanes, a fixed jetty and 33 sealed car and trailer parks.

Concept designs for the Western Port project will be released later this year following continued consultation with boaters and user groups.

Better Boating Victoria and Bass Coast Shire Council will hold a drop-in event for boaters and the community to learn more about the Cowes boat ramp project and timelines, on Thursday, May 4 from 4-7pm at Cowes Yacht Club.

Have a say on election review

PARLIAMENT'S influential Electoral Matters Committee has opened public submissions into a review of the 2022 Victorian Election.

These valuable public submissions are critical to both the Parliament's understanding of the 2022 election, and the development of recommendations for reform.

The Committee is accepting submissions from right across the Victorian community. Candidates, voters, political parties, non-government organisations and representative groups are all encouraged to make a submission.

The inquiry will examine a host of key issues from enrolment, to candidature, campaigning behaviour and the voting process, as well as the role and functions of the Victorian Electoral Commission.

Importantly, the inquiry will also examine options for significant reforms, including changes to the Upper House voting system and improvements to the voter experience.

As part of the inquiry, the Committee will be conducting both public hearings and accepting written submissions.

For more information, visit the Electoral Matters Committee website.

Submissions close on June 19, 2023, and the Committee will report by May 2024.

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# Draft budget released by council

IT WAS a reasonably uneventful Bass Coast Shire Council Meeting on Wednesday with three apologies from Councillors Brett Tessari, Leticia Laing and Les Larke.

Aside from Councillor Bruce Kent dialling in remotely remaining councillors were in attendance at the Council Chambers alongside Bass Coast Shire CEO Ali Wastie.

Of most significance was the decision to release the Draft 2023/2024 Budget for community consultation.

The recommendation, which was unanimously passed by all councillors in attendance, motioned by Cr Le Serve and seconded by Cr Rooks, releases three documents in one – the draft 2023/24 Budget, the draft Annual Action Plan 2023/24 and the draft Council Fees and Charges 2023/24.

Mayor Michael Whelan was also clear in pushing for residents to have their say stating "I just want to encourage the community to attend the engagement sessions. This is an exposure draft of the budget and it's the community's opportunity to provide input."

Feedback on the three drafts is open until May 15.

Separate to the Council Meeting, The Sentinel Times spoke



Deputy Mayor Rochelle Halstead and Mayor Michael Whelan are proud to approve the release of the Bass Coast Shire draft Budget for 2023/24. C06\_1723

with Mayor Michael Whelan and CEO Ali Wastie regarding the increased impact and pressure tourism is having on the local shire, particularly in light of their increasing staff and running costs, and whether the state government is providing sufficient financial support.

"It's right across the board in terms of the services we deliver around the community," Ms Wastie stated.

"Year on year there have been successive budget cuts from the state government. This doesn't just impact our tourism economy, but all services we provide

– recreation, youth services, etc.

"As the report said, we've continued to maintain our level of services and our level of assets, but it's a constant challenge."

With proposed debt levels nearing \$30 million, the Bass Coast community can rest assured that the Council is in a financially viable position according to the CEO.

"This number has come down significantly from what we forecast last year, which was over \$40 million. The council continues to pay down (debt) and we're well within the VAGO indicators for financial stability."

And as for the Cowes Cultural Centre "it's on time, on track and on budget." A design and construct, Ms Wastie assured the price was locked in.

## Your say

The 2023/24 Draft Budget, Draft Annual Action Plan 2023/24 and Draft Fees and Charges 2023/24 can be downloaded from Council's website at [www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/budget](http://www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/budget).

Sessions will be held Tuesday, May 2 in Grantville and Cowes and Tuesday, May 9 in Inverloch and Wonthaggi.

The submission period will close at 5.00pm on Monday, May 15 and submissions will be considered by Council on Wednesday, 24 May.

If you wish to present your submission to Council, please indicate where prompted in the online submission form. Presenters will be provided a five-minute allocation on Wednesday, May 24. A specific time allocation will be confirmed via phone, following the completion of your submission.

The Final 2023/24 Budget, Draft Annual Action Plan 2023/24 and Draft Fees and Charges 2023/24 will be presented at the Meeting on Wednesday, 21 June.

## Early morning light show stuns Inverloch farmers

absolutely brilliant."

The Dowel's farm is located about 10km north of Inverloch, along the Bass Highway towards Leongatha, so ideally placed to look south, in the dark, and for the Southern Lights that are occasionally visible from Inverloch, to shine out in the early morning to their best advantage.

"I just had to send out the photos to my friends to share," said Ski.

What is the reason for the southern lights?

The famous Northern and Southern Lights -- Aurora Borealis and Aurora Australis for those Latin lovers among us -- are caused by high-energy particles from the Sun cascading down on Earth. As they near our planet, they interact with Earth's magnetic field, which channels them toward the north and south magnetic poles.

Did you see it? Another reason why they say "it's the best part of the day to be up"!



It was all about the 'wow' factor near Inverloch on Monday this week when the Southern Lights were seen in all their glory.

## Coronation Cocktail Party

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## OH WHAT A FEELING



# ANZAC DAY

TUESDAY, APRIL 25



Left behind a wife, a 21-year-old-daughter and two young sons back home in Leongatha.



Jimmy Kavanagh, formerly of Leongatha South, was an only son.



A Tasmanian who worked for farmer Barny Maxwell at Leongatha South, Arthur Oliver was recruited from Leongatha.



Son of a Wonthaggi coal miner, Frank Pollock was a commando when he escaped before being captured and shipped out on the Montevideo Maru.



Katie Ketels of Leongatha waited her whole life for her son Fred to return.

## How the tragedy of war revisited South Gippsland

ONE place where emotions ran high when the Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese announced at the weekend that the SS Montevideo Maru had finally been located, in 4000 metres of water off the coast of the Philippines, was South Gippsland.

While most people in this country have been blissfully unaware of Australia's worst maritime disaster, some families in this area still have the porch light on.

And others, like Leongatha historian, Lyn Skillern, have kept the home fires burning.

As soon as the announcement was made last Saturday morning, Lyn was up posting on the Gippsland History Facebook page, the names and photos of the 30 Gippsland men, who were among the 1053 Australian Prisoners of War who went down with the ship on July 1, 1942, six of whom were from Leongatha, one was from Wonthaggi and another six from Yarram.

"The page has received hundreds and hundreds of replies," said Lyn this week.

The Gippsland men were all members of Lark Force, substantially drawn from this region, for service in the islands off New Guinea, but with many captured by the Imperial Japanese Army after Rabaul and Kavieng were taken in January 1942.

They were being transported back to Japan, without 'Prisoner of War' flags flying on the ship, the Montevideo Maru, when it was torpedoed and sunk by an American submarine, the USS Sturgeon, on June 22, 1942.

Now we know for sure where it lies.

"Mum and uncle Kevin only died a few years ago and they would have liked to know that," said Leongatha identity Frank Welsford, whose mother Thelma (Sangster) was only 21 when her father Tom was drowned on the ill-fated voyage.

"Tom (senior) put his age up for the First World War and put his age down for the Second. He was actually 47 when he died, mum aged 21, and uncle Tom 15 and Kevin 13."

A JP chairman of the waterboard, on the committee of the Leongatha Football Club and an astute businessman, he was highly regarded in the town.



Three men in this photo were on the Montevideo Maru. Back left is Fred Broadbent a local baker, back right is Jack Howard noted local footballer who coached Leongatha to the Central Gippsland Premiership in 1940 and seated is Tommy Sangster, a man who served on many committees including the water board. Centre back is Jimmy Pryor, who was killed in a massacre of prisoners with locals Frank James, Tom and Bill Bellingham, Bert Kuhne, Jim Butterworth and Harry Millsom.

"You can imagine what the death of six local men like that meant from a town of a couple of thousand people," said Mr Welsford.

He said his mother, Thelma, and her brothers, carried the loss with them their whole lives.

The Prime Minister paid tribute to the men and acknowledged the community's loss.

"At long last, the resting place of the lost souls of the Montevideo Maru has been found," Mr Albanese said.

"We hope today's news brings a measure of comfort to loved ones who have kept a long vigil.

"The extraordinary effort behind this discovery speaks for the enduring truth of Australia's solemn national promise to always remember and honour those who served our country. This is the heart and the spirit of Lest We Forget."

Director of Silentworld, the organisation which found the ship, John Mullen, said the discovery of the Montevideo Maru closes a terrible chapter in Australian military and maritime history.

"Families waited years for news of their missing loved ones, before learning of the tragic outcome of the sinking. Some never fully came to accept that their loved ones were among the victims. Today, by finding the vessel, we hope to bring closure to the many families devastated by this terrible disaster," Mr Mullen said.

Leongatha historian, Lyn Skillern provided some of the background:

"Six of the men who were lost were from Leongatha, one from Wonthaggi and another six from Yarram. Twelve of these men were with the 2/22nd Battalion AIF who were captured after the fall of Rabaul on January 23, 1942. Another soldier, Frank Pollock of Wonthaggi, was in the 1st Independent Commando Company and was captured on New Ireland near Rabaul."

Those on board were:

- Jack Howard of Leongatha who was a member of the extended Howard family well known in the region. He grew up in Leongatha and attended the local Catholic School and

Leongatha High School. On enlisting, Jack gave the Commercial Hotel Leongatha (now McCartin's Hotel) as his address as his family had taken over the hotel in 1939. He was a noted Leongatha footballer and was the captain/coach of Leongatha when they won the Central Gippsland premiership in 1940. Following this win, he enlisted. He had two brothers Jim and Joe and two sisters Vonda and Doris.

- Fred Broadbent grew up in Leongatha and attended Leongatha State School. He became a baker and was a well-known local jockey. He was a mate of Jack Howard. Fred's father had originally come to Leongatha to play football and had been a barman at both local hotels. Mrs Ruby Broadbent, Fred's mother, was a cook at the Commercial Hotel.

- Tom Sangster was a well-regarded local resident in Leongatha. He was born in Warragul in 1895 and came to Leongatha as a young man to work on the railway. He started as a carter, driving a team of horses, and

transporting goods from the railway station. Tom Sangster was survived by his wife Stella, daughters Beryl and Thelma and sons Tom and Kevin.

- Arthur Oliver was originally of Stanley, Tasmania. His mother had re-married in 1933 and the family came to Leongatha. He and his friend Jimmy Kavanagh were working for farmer Barny Maxwell in Leongatha South when they enlisted. Jimmy grew up in the district and had attended Leongatha South School. Both were in the Heavy Battery in the artillery, and they fought until the battery ran out of ammunition before surrendering.

- Fred Ketels grew up in Leongatha, he attended Leongatha State School. He worked as a baker before enlisting. Katie Ketels waited for her son for the rest of her life. Fred's brother Cliff was killed in New Guinea with the 2/5th Battalion. Fred and Cliff had two sisters Pam and Vera.

- Frank Pollock left Scotland for Melbourne on the Benalla on April 2, 1925 aged 4. He travelled with his mother, sister Elizabeth and brothers James, Duncan, Bill, Horace and Matthew to Wonthaggi where Frank Senior had been living for two years. Frank was a coal miner at one time, like the rest of the family.

- He was in the 1st Independent Company Commandos who trained at Wilson's Promontory before being deployed to New Ireland near Rabaul. After the Japanese takeover of New Ireland, the commandos escaped but some including Frank were captured and imprisoned at Rabaul.

- Yarram area residents Alan Cocksedge, Colin Coulthard, Baden Hibbs, Edward Newton, John Sutherland and George Thomas were in the 2/22nd Battalion and also lost their lives on the Montevideo Maru.

"All the victims of the sinking suffered appalling conditions in Rabaul before being loaded into the holds of the Montevideo Maru," Ms Skillern said.

"The men in the holds had no chance when it went down," she said.

"It is important to remember and honour these brave men – lest we forget."

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

## Local soldier stories set tone for Anzac Day

LEONGATHA Historical Society members recently enjoyed the stories and tips of Korumburra local Tony Moon, with a focus on the research process that went into writing the book 'Far From Home'.

The book details those men named on the Korumburra & District Cenotaph, along with others discovered deserving of that honour but not listed on the striking monument that is now situated in the town's Coleman Park.

Tony spoke at the Historical Society's annual lunch.

The idea for the book sprang from a 2011 Anzac Day chat with his brothers during which the idea of a local project to mark the 2015 centenary of the Gallipoli landing arose.

Tony acknowledged they started from a point of knowing nothing about those named on the local cenotaph and had to determine how to learn about them.

Piecing together the story of one soldier through the National Archives offered encouragement, with Tony adding, to the amusement of those present, that left just 260 names to go.

So extensive was the task, the initial lot of research took four years.

Eventually it was decided to arrange information on individual servicemen according to date of death.

Tony explained that approach enabled a new take on the information, revealing interesting facts such as the first and last to die.

The approach also made it easy to pick out significant battles such as those at Gallipoli



The centenary of Korumburra's cenotaph was marked with a moving 2022 service. A08\_1723

and Fromelles, linking names on the Korumburra Cenotaph to such theatres of war.

A cenotaph is a memorial to somebody who is buried somewhere else, with the centenary of Korumburra's cenotaph celebrated in 2022.

Tony spoke of a lost time capsule originally placed near the cenotaph that contained information on those servicemen recorded on the monument.

"I'd love to find it and see how accurate our research was," he said.

He spoke of various reference sources useful for obtaining the history of those who served.

In addition to National Archives, these sources include the Australian War Memorial website, unit histories, unit war diaries, Red Cross reports, and books and newspapers.

The Red Cross is still the go

to organisation for those seeking a lost or missing soldier.

"Some are really detailed and some are quite graphic," Tony said of the Red Cross reports outlining the fate of individual service personnel, offering an example that sums up the horror of war.

"He turned to pink mist; they only buried his feet."

Tony revealed not all those named on Korumburra's cenotaph were locals, with some born in Korumburra enlisting elsewhere and vice versa.

Some locals arranged for the names of relatives who hadn't lived in the area to be included on the cenotaph.

Tony spoke of the lack of clear selection criteria to determine who would be named on the Korumburra monument.

"Some of those soldiers on our cenotaph returned and lived for decades," he said, refuting the likely assumption

all those named made the ultimate sacrifice during their military service.

Tony reflected on a number of soldiers from the local area he came to 'know' through research for 'Far From Home', such as Korumburra's William McKenzie-McHarg of the 8th Battalion.

William was a schoolteacher prior to enlisting, going on to become a provisional Sergeant, a temporary promotion, and being a Private at the time of his death.

He was part of the April 25, 1915 Anzac landing at Gallipoli, most likely killed during fighting on Bolton's Ridge on what became Anzac Day, but his date of death was given as May 8, 1915.

The Australian War Memorial now lists his date of death as April 25.

William is buried at Lone Pine Cemetery.

## Lone Pine now stands at Korumburra RSL

KORUMBURRA RSL now has its own 'Lone Pine', a certified descendant of its famous Gallipoli namesake.

The tree moved to its new home near the RSL hall on Thursday, just in time for Anzac Day.

Sergeant Keith McDowell of Wonthaggi brought a pinecone home from Gallipoli, with four trees successfully propagated from it and the new arrival in Korumburra can trace its ancestry to the one planted at Wattle Park.

Neville Smith, who gave the Lone Pine to Korumburra RSL was inspired to buy the tree by his family connection to Gallipoli.

His father, Lieutenant William Cedric Smith served there and was recommended for a bravery award, having rescued seven of his men after they were buried by a shell and

doing so while under heavy fire.

Korumburra RSL president David Jackson expressed delight at Neville's generosity.

"It's amazing there are people like that in the community and I can't get over the goodness of people, and I think we're very lucky," he said.

David expects to have a ceremony and celebration to officially welcome the Lone Pine in the not-too-distant future.

Long-term Korumburra resident Neville spoke of the significance of giving the tree to his local RSL.

"It's mainly dedicated to all the people who have lost their lives in different wars; my father survived but there were a lot that didn't," he said.

Neville bought two Lone Pines with statutory declarations to prove they are descendants from the original Lone Pine.

"I put one of them at Pakenham South where there's a little monument with my father's, brother's and brother-in-law's names on it, and I've had the other one at home," he said.

Neville's dad was originally from Geelong but became a 'soldier settler' in Pakenham South after WWI.

While Korumburra RSL doesn't have a lot of room for a large tree, president David's wife Maryanne suggested the possibility of the Lone Pine being housed in a pot rather than planted in the ground.

That inspired Neville to place it in a tote tank, a large vessel that he is confident will limit the size the tree will reach but allow it to remain healthy.

The tote tank has a tap for drainage during wet periods.

In summer, the tap can be closed enabling water to build up to a layer of scoria stone.

Above that is a sandy potting mixture.

Tynong toppings (small stones) are used at the top of the container, with Neville explaining they are sourced from the same quarry as stone used for Melbourne's Shrine of Remembrance.

He estimates the still tiny tree is now seven or eight years old.

"It's a *Pinus Brutia*, which is the genuine Lone Pine; the other ones that people have are nearly all Aleppo Pines," Neville said.

"The Turks used Aleppo Pines to shore up their trenches."

Maryanne said there will be landscaping and other plants placed around the Lone Pine, ensuring its giant container becomes less of a feature.

Fencing around the tree is intended to be removed as the Lone Pine reaches sufficient size.

## Why remembering matters

Personal piece written by Sentinel-Times journalist Nick Sinis

IN recent years as more details of my families' wartime service have come to light and my interest grows, the importance of ANZAC Day has become deeper.

While our heritage is from England, the day still serves as a time to reflect.

Over the years I've discovered my grandfather (surname Prestage) had four uncles who served in World War One.

Sadly, one was killed just months before the war ended, Thomas Prestage.

Fortunately, we have his casualty report stating he was a Gunner in the Royal Field Artillery, killed on 06/09/1918.

He is buried at the Varennes Military Cemetery.

While I haven't been able to find out much more yet, and on my other distant uncles, it's something that's likely to become a lifelong journey.

On my grandma's side (maiden name Whittaker) her father served in World War Two.

Unfortunately, my grandmother passed away before I was aware, and all I've found so far is he likely served in the North Africa campaign and fought for most of the war's duration.

I was also told one of her uncle's was killed by the Japanese.

Military service has continued in the family, with my uncle Jeff serving in the United States Airforce during the Gulf War, and my cousin Riess serving in the Afghanistan conflict during 2017.

### So why does it matter?

As my grandfather told me, no one spoke of the wars, no one spoke about his uncles, my great grandfather never spoke about his time in WW2.

And it's incredibly hard to find out any details unless I'm lucky enough to travel to the motherland one day!

All of it is at risk of being lost to time; their sacrifice, memory and experiences.

Even the impact that WW2 had on my grandparents as children shouldn't be forgotten.

My grandma, even in her 80s, could still recall details of the 'Blitz' over Manchester.

The whistle of the bombs falling, the bomb shelters, being taken to the countryside, and most importantly, how much she missed her father.

Ultimately, I hope to make a 'record' of my families' service and experiences to preserve it for the next generation, so we can always remember what our ancestors went through and why it matters.

## Sentinel-Times

### COMMENT

#### Relevance of Anzac Day hits home again

ONE hundred and eight years on from the first Anzac Day and with the very last of our World War 2 diggers into their late 90s, you might wonder at the relevance of Anzac Day, and all the ceremony and solemnity that goes with it.

But the impact of war was brought home, right home to us again last Saturday when the Prime Minister Anthony Albanese announced that the Prisoner of War transport ship, Japan's Montevideo Maru, had been found in 4000 metres of water off the coast of the Philippines, having been mistakenly torpedoed by the American submarine USS Sturgeon, on July 1, 1942.

The ship hadn't identified itself, as it was required to do, as a POW vessel.

With the loss of 1060 prisoners from 16 countries, including 850 Australian service members captured in Rabaul, it is considered Australia's worst maritime disaster.

Just imagine the impact, back in 1942, when family and friends in a town the size of Leongatha, and the even smaller town of Yarram, were advised that six each of their number had been killed in such harrowing circumstances.

Leongatha historian Lyn Skillern notes in her records that Katie Ketels of Leongatha waited her whole life for son Fred to return, unconvinced he was alive or dead.

This week, grandson of Tom Sangster (senior), Frank Welsford, said his mother Thelma and uncle Kevin, who died only a few years ago, would have liked to know the exact location of their father's resting place.

Others like the extended Howard family of Leongatha, remember uncle Jack, the former captain/coach of Leongatha's 1940 premiership team, who also died in those tragic circumstances.

And these men weren't serving on some far-flung foreign shores. They were fighting to defend the former Australian territory of New Guinea, being captured just days before the Japanese launched 'Australia's Pearl Harbour' on February 19, 1942, the first 'Bombing of Darwin'.

It was a terrible tragedy then, and still resonates today when you think about the loss suffered by wives, sons, daughters and friends.

It's why we still say, at the going down of the sun and in the morning... we will remember them!

#### Have your say on transmission lines

I have been contacted by many residents who are concerned by the impact of planned overhead transmission lines as part of AusNet's proposed Gippsland Renewable Energy Zone (GREZ).

I recently asked the Minister for Energy and Resources to consider undergrounding of these transmission lines at the beginning of planning, given that a government agency, VicGrid, is only now beginning consultations on transmission options for proposed local renewable energy developments. This is separate but related to AusNet's proposal.

The Minister has replied to my enquiries and advised that no decisions have been made to-date on whether transmission lines will be overhead or underground and assured me that community feedback will be considered.

With this in mind, I write to encourage local residents to actively engage in community consultation opportunities as they become available. Information on consultation can be viewed at <https://engage.vic.gov.au/offshore-wind-transmission-in-gippsland-and>



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

## Vox Pop

### How do you think the cost of living is affecting families and people?



**Heather Wright**

"It's affecting them hugely. There is a greater need for people like Inverloch VIEW Club sponsoring students."



**Irene McKell**

"It is affecting families terribly. I don't know how it has come to this."



**Shirley Burchett**

"Families I know are being careful – they are managing by being economical. There are many in hospitals doing it tough."



**Helen Dand**

"It's affecting families greatly – the effects are hidden, and they are not obvious."

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.



## WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

WELCOME to term 2. I'm sure there are people, old and young, who are glad school is up and running again.

Note, we are up and running with all our regular programs, groups and activities and are keen that you come along and take part in them.

Our wellness activities such as: Yoga with Linda on Tuesday mornings, Meditation with Marian on Tuesday afternoons, Seated Yoga with Maree in the afternoons on Thursdays and our Weight Management group on Thursday evenings at the new time 5 to 6pm in line with the closing in of the shorter days.

We have our crafty groups on Monday and Friday mornings, the Harvest Garden group on Wednesday mornings, then our Free Community Lunch at midday, plus our Multicultural

Women's Group on Thursday mornings.

These are all our weekly activities.

We have our monthly activities, two are mentioned below as they are coming up soon.

Our other ones are: The Seed & Veggie /Produce Swap at the Harvest Centre on the second Saturday's morning and the Fixit Cafe starting mid-morning every third Sunday.

Other programs running out of the WNC are: Free Supported Play Groups facilitated by Bass Coast Health, the Bass Coast TAC L2P Driver Education Program and the AA and related meetings are on Thursdays and Saturdays with Narcotics Anonymous on Monday evenings.

Ring Mitchell House for all enquiries for what's on offer or

email: [reception@wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com](mailto:reception@wonthaggineighbourhoodcentre.com)

The Chatty Café was well attended this month and we look forward to a good attendance next month.

The day for a chat is the first Tuesday of the Month from 10.30am. May 2nd is the next one.

The session is welcome to everyone, anyone can join in, all are welcome to enjoy the company of others and a friendly chat over a cuppa.

There may be cake! Actually, not too sure about that.

The Writer's Café is on Saturday, May 6, from 1.30 to 4pm, at Mitchell House.

This is a monthly meeting and welcome to all who have an interest, or indeed passion to write.

It provides a venue for writers of all styles and genres to

meet and mix, share writing and work on their own projects.

Just remember that they meet on the first Saturday of the month.

Become a member of the WNC and get discounts to many of our activities and receive a monthly newsletter plus The Grapevine program which lists groups, their dates, days and times for the term.

Both can be delivered online or by post, your choice.

Call Mitchell House or visit us on Facebook: Wonthaggi Neighbourhood Centre at Mitchell House.



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## LEONGATHA COMMUNITY HOUSE

APRIL 11, 2023, the Leongatha Community House hosted the 'Voices of Victoria Listening Tour'. This was run by the experienced VCOSS team.

The event gave people of all ages in the community a chance to talk about things they were worried about, including the well-being of community members before and after the pandemic.

There were considerable discussions on the state of our healthcare system, the shortage of available homes, the continually rising cost of living, the closing of banks, and other related topics.

There were also a few wonderful suggestions for groups and clubs the house could start to increase our community's positive mental health. If you have more ideas, we'd love to hear from you!

The Leongatha Community House is looking for people interested in starting a fun new book club. This would be a spin from the standard book club structure of having everyone read the same book. Instead, we want to run a group where everyone reads their own book and then talks about it each week. This would broaden themes and increase

book-style knowledge. If this sounds like something you would be interested in participating or facilitating, please let us know!

We also heard some other great ideas, such as starting a new bike group. Walking out is wonderful for your health and well-being. By riding a bike, you can go a greater distance, have more fun, and work out at the same time. Joining a cycling club is a great way to meet new people and keep yourself safe. We want to know what you think about starting a bike group that takes the rail trail from Leongatha to nearby

towns once or more each week with different groups of varying abilities. Is this something you would like to participate in or to be a leader of the group?

Please let us know if you had any other ideas for groups that would help the community or if you want to join any of the groups above. You can reach us on 5662-3962 or at 16 Bruce St, Leongatha, during work hours.



16 Bruce Street, Leongatha PH: (03) 5662 3962 [www.leongathacommunityhouse.org.au](http://www.leongathacommunityhouse.org.au) 

## • FAITH FACTOR

### God created the Heaven and the Earth

EACH year over 45 years, people rally together to share ideas on how to better care for the earth and all creation.

Since 1970, April 22, has been designated each year to celebrate "Earth Day".

The first Earth Day activated and inspired several groups across our world to work together to take good care of planet earth.

In recent years, millions of people around the globe take part in educational and service activities on this nominated day.

"Earth Day" serves as a reminder that every one of us

By Rev. Charles Lazaro  
Wonthaggi Baptist Church

must take care of our magnificent planet.

However, the mandate to care for the earth is much older than when this annual day was first established in 1970.

"Earth Day" was first introduced by God when He created our beautiful planet called earth.

You can discover for yourself this truth recorded in the very first book of the Bible - Genesis. The very first sentence in the Bible reads: "In the beginning God

created the heavens and the earth".

Why not get a Bible and read the whole account of creation for yourself. If you don't have a Bible, I am sure you can get one from one of our churches or ministers in your area. You will discover in your reading that God really created the entire universe and shaped the earth for us humans, and everything else that He created.

After God breathed life into his most important creation - Yes us, human-beings.

He gave them the tremendous responsibility of taking care of His earth and all the

rest of His creation.

It doesn't matter where we live, whether it be in cities or rural areas, we are all entrusted by God to take good care of his earth.

While we take care of God's creation, let us do it out of our appreciation of this wonderful planet God gave us.

Read all about it in the Bible - it's all there! The Bass Coast in my opinion, is one of the most beautiful sections of God's creation. Just look around. It really takes your breath away!

In what way will you take care for the patch of God's earth that you live on?

## Gippsland PHN releases climate change strategy

THE connection between climate change and health is the driver for Gippsland Primary Health Network's Gippsland Climate Change Adaption Strategy which highlights the importance of the organisation taking a leadership role on the issue.

The paper endorses world, national, state and local climate change reports which argue the health impacts of climate change are "overwhelmingly negative" and that reducing emissions of greenhouse gases will improve health outcomes, particularly if air pollution is reduced.

Research shows extreme heat exacerbates pollution, pollen and other airborne allergen levels which negatively impact on cardiovascular and respiratory disease, trigger asthma and contribute to deaths in the elderly population.

The comprehensive strategy sets out a Climate Change Action Plan, divided into actions relating to leadership, mitigation and resilience with objectives and actions aligned to Gippsland PHN's strategic plan.

Gippsland PHN is offering grants of up to \$1000 to 22 Gippsland general practices to undertake an energy assessment which will allow them to measure their climate impacts and facilitate positive steps toward climate change mitigation.

Health care contributes more than 4.4 per cent of net global climate emissions, which is equivalent to 514 coal-fired power plants.

General practices who want to apply or seek more information can visit New EOI - General Practice Emissions Audit Grant | Folio (foliogrc.com)



### Thai noodle balls

By Meg Viney

FOR those nights when you haven't shopped, this is a treat. You probably have a tin of tuna in the cupboard, and hopefully some angel hair noodles (very thin) and some eggs.

Give this a try. The family ought to be delighted.

#### Thai Noodle Balls

- 100 gm angel hair noodles
- 200 gm tuna, drained
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup fresh coriander leaves
- 1/4 cup grated parmesan
- 1/4 cup plain flour
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- Oil for deep frying (a wok is the perfect vessel)

#### Dipping Sauce

- 1/2 cup Thai sweet chilli sauce
- 1/2 cup diced cucumber
- 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar

Cook the angel hair noodles in boiling salted water for 3 minutes. Drain well and place in a bowl. Add the remaining ingredients (except the oil). Mix well with your hands and make into balls about the size of a golf ball.

Make the dipping sauce and leave in a bowl with a serving spoon.

Heat the oil to just smoking and drop the balls, 4 or 5 at a time, turning, until golden on all sides. Drain on kitchen paper and serve with the dipping sauce.



Wonthaggi VIEW members Tish McCorkell, Marea Kiekebosch and Pam Shackelford helped Inverloch celebrate 25 years on Tuesday at The Inlet. C07\_1723



Kristian Gray from Engage Wealth Solutions and Clare Williams, Deputy Mayor of South Gippsland Shire Council catch up at the YBR Grand Opening. ob12\_1723



Kasey Bowman and Bec Wylie from Ray White, Leongatha at the YBR Grand Opening. ob17\_1723



Destiny Kelly and Simon Muller, YBR clients attend the YBR Grand Opening. ob16\_1723



It was all smiles as Helen Atkin and Karen Walters of Inverloch VIEW celebrated 25 years of their VIEW Club in spectacular fashion. C08\_1723



Di Fry and Noela Dibsdale of Phillip Island VIEW joined Jenny Kennedy of Inverloch VIEW in celebration with a beautiful lunch by The Inlet, raffles and play. C09\_1723



Inverloch VIEW members Tricia Langford and Myra Vance waited patiently for their lunch as they celebrated in absolute style on Tuesday. C10\_1723



Yvonne McRae, Kate Davis and Aileen Hastings were out in force for Inverloch VIEW celebrating as the group motioned sponsoring a seventh student in need. C11\_1723



The celebrations were not limited to local VIEW Club's with Warragul members Linda Tuley and Jan Eaton (ex-Inverloch) also joining in the festivities. C12\_1723

# Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at Inverloch VIEW Club 25 years celebration, Korumburra/Coal Creek Probus 20 year celebrations, Grand Opening of the Yellow Brick Road, Leongatha and Loch Girl Guides and Brownies reunion.



Nathan Pilon from D & M Flooring and Windows, with Heather and Dennis Gale and Ray Crozier of Crozier Property Consultants at the YBR Grand Opening. ob13\_1723



Irene McKenzie Probus Carer, with Marion Cook and Christina O'Neill, Christina is a past president and tour director and both Marion and Christina are 20 year Probus members. ob06\_1723



Peter and Lyn Gilbert, Peter was past president and life member of Korumburra Probus. ob05\_1723



Helen Pearce nee Coote holds a photo of the first Girl Guides camp at Yarra Junction in 1952, with Marge Barton. ob44\_1723



Three generations of girl guides Gwennda Woff, with her mother, Janet McKay nee McAlpine and daughter, Bronwyn Woff - a Queens Guide. ob45\_1723



Fay Wells, Glenys Motton nee Jones and Elaine Sage nee Ferguson caught up on old times at the Loch Girl Guides Reunion. ob47\_1723



## Jumbunna Artisan Market is back bigger than ever

THE ARTISAN Market at Jumbunna is a quarterly market bringing together talented local artisans and makers.

It is a great opportunity to find one-off presents or to treat yourself to something special.

Goods range from jewellery to paintings, toys to wood items, clothing to soap, and pretty much everything in between, all made and sold directly by the makers.

Enjoy the great atmosphere of this lovely market with a sausage sizzle, food, cakes and drinks available.

All proceeds from the market go to the Jumbunna Hall.

Built in 1881, the Hall is one of the very few community halls not owned by a shire or council. Instead, the Hall is owned by the community of Jumbunna and maintained through a committee of management consisting of community volunteers, who clean and maintain the hall, paid for with funds raised by the community through various activities, such as the Artisan Market.

Some of the artisans featured at the next market include:

- Katsura Bonsai – beautiful and very Zen bonsais for your home
- Lydia & Marian – filigree earrings, lanyards, keyrings, headbands, etc.
- Rockinghorse clothing – handmade baby and children's clothing
- Monika Barbian Art – talented South Gippsland artist, selling prints and cards of her original artwork
- Galactic Sweets & Treats – out of this world treats, from gummies to sours
- Let's yarn about beads – Master bead artist Noelle, featuring her bead work, knitting and crochet
- Stamping Flair – cardmaking kits, patterned paper, hand-crafted albums
- Dharma Suds – bath bombs galore
- The Craft Cat – handmade bags of all types and sizes, stuffed toys and watercolour paintings
- TR creations – woodturning, bowls, platters, cutlery and yarn bowls
- Vicki's Botanic Art – botanical prints and cards from original artwork
- Jenny's Knits – handcrafted beanies, gloves, scarfs, etc, to keep you warm in winter
- Scented Light – handmade soy candles, wax melts, diffusers and premium grade sprays
- Powlett Gallery – handcrafted pottery, small decorated plates, bowls and vases and garden wind chimes
- Dojora – handmade timber and acrylic earrings, macrame products, propagation stations
- The Spotty Bird – phone pillows, key fobs, eye pillows, heat bags, shower mats, etc.
- Jan's Plan – plants and more plants. Jan raises money to support the education of children in Cambodia.

Next market is on Sunday, April 30, with markets to follow on Sunday, July 30 and Sunday, November 26. Held at the Jumbunna Hall, 41 Cruickshank Road, Jumbunna from 9am to 2pm.

There are more, who will be announced over the next two weeks. Follow us at <https://www.facebook.com/artisanmarketjumbunna> or Insta account @ artisanmarketjumbunna

# Women of CFA reach new heights at networking camp

MUD, RAIN, fearsome heights, and physical and mental challenges were just some of the activities the women of Country Fire Authority (CFA) faced when partaking in the South East Region Women's Network Challenge Camp.

The camp hosted 45 brave women, including those from South Gippsland and Bass Coast brigades, at The Summit in Trafalgar East from Friday, 31 March to Sunday, 2 April.

It is in its fifth year, and is run by the South East Region Volunteer Sustainability Team to give volunteers who are women further development and networking opportunities.

With a specific focus on developing each of the participating volunteers' leadership, courage and

skills to be used both within the fire service and in their personal and professional lives, it proved to be an impressive, stimulating weekend to undertake.

The camp covered unconscious bias, and exploring conscious awareness that they may face in everyday life particularly as women in a male dominated industry.

If you are interested in starting your volunteer career with the Country Fire Authority, visit <https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteers-careers/volunteer-withcfa> or speak with your local brigade. Additionally, keep up to date with the latest news via the website [cfa.vic.gov.au](https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au), or Facebook @cfavic.

For more information contact CFA Media on: 1300 CFA MEDIA (24 hours) or [cfamedia@cfa.vic.gov.au](mailto:cfamedia@cfa.vic.gov.au)



Janet Auchterlonie of Dumbalk CFA takes on an abseiling challenge at the South East Region Women's Network Challenge Camp.

## Fresh olive oil straight from your own garden

EVER wanted to make your own olive oil?

Well this free event is for you! Simply harvest your olives (or have one of their volunteers harvest for you) and bring them to the Rescue Station, 80 West Area Road,

Wonthaggi, between 12 noon and 5pm on May 20, 2023.

They will weigh them and give you a receipt, and then press the olives, get back in contact with you and arrange for you to collect your share of the oil.

### What does it cost?

Nothing. Yes – that's right. \$0. But you can help by becoming a member of The State Coal Mine Rescue Station Arts Inc. You can be part of this welcoming and vibrant arts organisation for only \$11 – so why not join?

Any donations are also thankfully received with any proceeds going to the Rescue Station to cover their costs of hosting the event.

### Do I need to tell you that I will be bringing some olives?

Yes please. That way if there are any changes we can tell you. So please send us an email (preferred) or text (see below) even if you are only just thinking about being a part as soon as you can. Naturally we won't share your



Photo: Emre on Unsplash

contact details with anyone else.

### When should I pick the olives?

Olives oxidise quickly and we want the freshest we can to make the oil. You know that saying about a rotten apple? Well the same with olives. If someone puts in olives that have started to ferment it means that everyone's olive oil will be tainted.

### How should I pick the olives?

Olive trees can be prickly – so wear some eye protection – sunglasses will do if you have long hair – wrap it in a scarf or under a hat to stop it

getting tangled avoid wearing anything with buttons as they can get caught.

There are two methods to pick olives, hand foraging and beating. The best way to pick by hand is to use a foraging basket which goes around your shoulders to give you both your hands free to collect the fruit. Pick all the olives off the tree – even if they have not ripened. Evenly beating with a long pole is an ancestral technique which has the ground under the olive tree covered with a net or tarpaulin and the picker hit the olive branches which has the effect of the ripe olives falling onto the ground.

### How much oil can I expect to get?

All olives will be weighed and the oil shared proportionately. Please make sure not to include branches, leaves or rotten fruit. We won't know until after the pressing how much oil it will be because this varies between varieties and seasons. Your olives will be processed in one batch along with all the others, so the oil will be a blend of types.

### When can I collect my olive oil?

We will contact you when the oil is ready for distribution. When you come to collect – please bring your own bottle/s. Use a rough calculation of 10 kilos = 1 litre of olive oil. Also please bring a container to take away your share of the discarded seeds and skins which you can use on your garden.

### I have a commercial number of trees. Can I use your press?

The intention is to provide the press for home gardeners – but as we are just starting we will probably have some excess capacity. Get in contact with us to discuss your needs.

For further information contact: Liane 0408 055 767, [wonnyolives@gmail.com](mailto:wonnyolives@gmail.com), [www.basscoastpost.com/liane-arno/the-good-oil](http://www.basscoastpost.com/liane-arno/the-good-oil)

## The Waifs join winter feast of music at Meeniyian Hall

LYREBIRD Arts Council has a stellar line up coming to the Meeniyian hall over the next couple of months which will provide warmth through the colder months.

On May 13 Cash Savage and the Last Drinks return with a new album and on the back of a celebrated tour of Europe in 2022.

Cash Savage shows are an intense and cathartic experience delivered through a storm of emotion by Cash and intense energy by The Last Drinks.

After a long time on the wish list on May 20 the remarkable cult Australian three piece The Necks will play their long form improvisations building pieces

of music bit by bit and then deconstruct it again.

Best described as ecstasy in slow motion I urge everyone to experience The Necks when you can and now you can in Meeniyian.

All-time favorites The Waifs return to Meeniyian on June 7 to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of their breakthrough album Up All Night.

On this special night they will play the full album from beginning to end as well as your favorites.

Having continued to forge an independent path over their 30-year career (and showing no signs of slowing down) the night will be a showcase amongst all

the great shows we have for you in the hall while it's cold outside.

One of Americas finest The Delines also return to the hall on June 16. Headed by multi artist Willy Vlautin's vivid lyricism of the struggles of Americas hinterland and Amy Boone's stunning soul vocals this will be one of those special Meeniyian Hall nights, especially as the support for the night is Jimbo Mathus. What a treat of Americana this will be.

To get you in to the Bastille day mood Baby et Lulu and band bring their highly lauded must see act which has been seducing audiences ears over the course of three albums with

their femme fatale glamour and witty banter. Performing songs in French in a celebration of love, life and passion, this will be a beautiful night on June 30 and have you laughing and crying.

On the following night, July 1, Grammy nominated American Indie folk duo The Milk Carton Kids return to Meeniyian. An incredible live act Kenneth Pattengale and Joey Ryan bring beautiful harmonies and humor to the stage and are another must see live performance.

Keep an eye out as more shows are to be announced.

Tickets are on sale now at: [www.lyrebirdarts council.com.au](http://www.lyrebirdarts council.com.au)



## Leongatha newsagency sells for almost \$930K

OFFERED for the first time in 50 years, the Leongatha Newsagency freehold was auctioned at Crown Casino recently selling for an impressive \$924,000.

Alex Scott and Staff noted there was at least five contenders 'in the hunt' and that it was great to see 'so much confidence in our regional area'.

The sale of the property at 30 Bair Street ended a long association the Watchorn family has had in both the building and formerly the newsagency business.

The busy business is home to the Nextra Leongatha Newsagency which also incorporates other national chains Officechoice and Tattslotto.



## New home sales continue to decline

THE HIA New Home Sales report – a monthly survey of the largest volume home builders in the five largest states – is a leading indicator of future detached home construction.

"The latest decline leaves sales in the first three months of the year down by 45.9 per cent compared to the same quarter last year," added Mr Devitt.

"Compounding the decline in sales is the rise in projects being cancelled."

"The cancellation rate increased in March to 30.5 per cent. This means for every three new building contracts that are signed, one sale from a previous month is cancelled. Many builders have reported 'negative sales' over recent months. The last time the rate was near this high was the start of the pandemic."

"The RBA's rate increases last year and this year will continue to hold down new

sales and cause further cancellations as finance becomes unobtainable for an increasing number of buyers."

The largest declines in sales in March compared to the previous month were seen in Victoria (-23.4 per cent) and South Australia (-22.4 per cent), followed by Queensland (-2.2 per cent), while increases were seen in New South Wales (+1.7 per cent) and Western Australia (+22.5 per cent).

Over the last year, New South Wales has driven the declines, with sales in the first three months of 2023 down by 75.9 per cent on the same quarter last year. This was followed by Queensland (-54.3 per cent), Victoria (-43.4 per cent) and South Australia (-13.7 per cent). Western Australia was the only large state to see an increase over the last year, up by 1.0 per cent.

## Home prices fall across Regional Victoria

HOME prices in regional Victoria slipped in March despite low levels of stock, according to the PropTrack Home Price Index.

The report found that regional Victorian home prices fell 0.16%.

However, prices remain 41.9% above March 2020 after exceptional gains throughout the pandemic.

Key findings from the report:

- In regional Victoria, home prices dipped in March, falling 0.16%. The decline pushed prices 2.51% below their March 2022 level and 2.81% below their recent peak.
- However, home prices in regional

Victoria remain well up on pre-pandemic levels, rising 41.9% since March 2020.

- The downturn in Melbourne eased towards the end of 2022, with home values stabilising and lifting in recent months.
- In March, home prices rose 0.12%, with the weaker flow of new listings increasing competition among potential buyers and sellers benefitting from less competition with other vendors.
- Home prices in Melbourne are now 5.79% below their peak in March 2022. However, they remain 14.4% above pre-pandemic levels in March 2020.

## Christie's onto her next exciting venture

IT IS with great excitement that Christie Nelson would like to announce she is now available to assist you with your real estate needs throughout the area via her new business; Christie Nelson Real Estate @realty.

Christie is already a familiar face in the real estate industry, having first stepped into the world of property in the year 2000 with loads of enthusiasm, big goals and a big smile to match, all traits that remain with her to this very day.

Over the years, Christie has gained experience, working with some great mentors and with most forms of property transactions, ranging from residential to rural, new subdivisions, commercial and industrial properties, farmland and her cheeky favourite, lifestyle properties, just to name a few. Christie has always been fascinated by the progressions in areas such as technology and web platforms and has been watching the evolution of the industry itself, particularly throughout COVID and post-COVID times.

"I remember when I first started in real estate, we would take our camera film across the road to Smith's Chemist to have our photos developed for window cards.

"Now we're utilising developments such as drones and artificial intelligence for our marketing and the internet and social media are also such strong tools."

She recognises that it's important to embrace ever-changing conditions and opportunities as opposed to resisting them, and that you can never stop learning in business and in life in order to grow and be the best version of yourself.

After growing up in Koorumurra and Leongatha, Christie can't imagine raising her blended family of six children anywhere else and is a strong ambassador for the lifestyle and sense of community



Christie Nelson is proud to start her new business 'Christie Nelson Real Estate @realty'.

the area has to offer and is an active volunteer whenever possible.

Christie has held a variety of education and leadership roles in the community over the last handful of years alongside her work and previous sidelines, having had a strong involvement with the Southern Business Women's Network, Koonwarra Parkrun, regular feature contributions to Gippsland Lifestyle Magazine and Backbone magazine, as well as being in an inspirational role via her social networking business and own brand of active wear at one point in time.

Christie is currently one of 16 participants in the South Gippsland Shire Community Leadership Program and is enjoying learning new skills and gaining an insight into the world of local social planning, towards a bright future for the residents of South Gippsland.

Christie has always been proud of her professional and personable approach to real estate and believes the people are just as important as the property.

If you're thinking about buying or selling or just require some friendly property advice, please don't hesitate to contact Christie on 0407 812 904.

## Where people are just as important as the property



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## Sprawling 111-acre rural retreat in Bena with endless potential

111 ACRES of heavy carrying 'Bluegum' country ideally suited to cattle fattening or breeding however would lend itself to sheep, a dairy turnout, or other agricultural pursuits.

With two titles and a four-bedroom brick home, this superb value property ticks a lot of boxes.

The home is on a separate 1-acre title and comprises of four bedrooms and two bathrooms as well as featuring a separate lounge and rumpus room with a bar.

The kitchen includes electric cooking and loads of cupboard space for storage.

An ideal home for a family with lovely views of the surrounding countryside.

The well-sheltered undulating to hill country is well-fenced to six main paddocks and is capable of carrying around 50 cows and calves or 100 steers.

Water is not a concern on this property, with nine dams, troughs, a winter creek, and an annual rainfall of 40 inches.

A disused dairy has been converted to an undercover cattle crush facility, plus

steel race and timber holding yards, and a machinery shed to make your farming activities more efficient.

Located only 15 minutes from Korumburra and Loch, and just 1.5 hours from Melbourne, this property offers the perfect blend of tranquillity and accessibility to amenities.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to own this superb value property that ticks all the boxes for your agricultural needs.

To arrange a private inspection or for any queries, please contact Don Olden on 0417 805 312 or Katrina Griggs on 0428 571 083.

4 2 4 111 acres

250 Buchanans Road, **Bena**

**For Sale** \$1.5 Million

**Agent** Elders

Don Olden 0417 805 312

Katrina Griggs 0428 571 083



Real Estate

### 1-ACRE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY KORUMBURRA



- Zoned residential with development potential
- Solid 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom brick residence
- Galley kitchen with open plan living area
- Established ornamental trees surround the home
- Garage, 2 x lock up sheds plus a garden shed
- Walking distance to Korumburra schools and shops

Price \$920,000

Elders Web ID: 300P108625

### ESCAPE TO SERENITY ALLAMBEET SOUTH



- 1.1 acre property plus lease land of 1.8 acres
- 4 Bedroom, 1 bathroom quaint home
- Retro kitchen, open plan living with rural views
- Lovely deck areas to unwind and enjoy the tranquility
- Beautiful gardens with ample room for activities
- 10 minutes from Mirboo North, 2 hours to Melbourne

Price \$760,000

Elders Web ID: 300P6196

### 'KOORRNONG' NYORA



- North facing 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom brick veneer home
- Wrap-around verandah, perfect to enjoy the serenity
- Bush corridor with creek, tree ferns, wildlife and birdlife
- Numerous tanks and a large dam for water supply
- Shedding for machinery and storage plus cattle yards
- Ideal for horses, cattle, sheep or other interests

Price \$1.15 Million

### GRAZING/FATTENING PROPERTY 320 AC BENA



- Highly productive 'Bluegum' heavy carrying country
- New fencing to 7 paddocks, central all-weather laneway
- Water via dams, springs, creeks plus 40" annual rainfall
- Superb 'Allex' steel stockyards and vet crush
- 2 x Old houses and machinery shedding
- Treed shelter belts, plantations and scattered gums

Price \$3.9 Million

Elders Web ID: 300P105150



## Huge home on stunning block

FAMILY home on 11 acres combining a mix of native bush and pasture making for an ideal space for the kids to ride their motorbikes, a pony and build cubby houses or if you're simply looking for an exceptional well-established home on acreage with a huge shed to suit the master of tradesmen or someone who likes to tinker, then this property is most worthy of your consideration.

Upon entering the meandering driveway one can see and feel this property is neat as a pin and the central location to Leongatha, Inverloch and Korumburra makes for an ideal rural residence.

Featuring:

- Spacious open plan kitchen, dining and living with northerly rural views
- Electric cooking, dishwasher and walk in pantry
- Additional second large family rumpus room
- Four bedrooms with built in robes whilst the master is complete with ensuite
- Large study that would also suit as a fifth bedroom if required
- Updated modernised family bathroom with freestanding bathtub
- Laundry with overhead cabinetry and ample bench space
- With three reverse cycle air conditioners throughout the home and central wood fire heater with transfer the home is cool in summer and cozy in winter.
- Custom built by a renowned local builder

Externally:

- High clearance shedding, ideal for heavy machinery
- Open bay parking, lock up workshop and stellar man cave entertaining space
- Excellent turning circle and parking areas to suit trucks, tradies and caravans
- Deep spring fed dam with entertaining area surrounded by native bush
- Vegetable garden with room to grow

You have the best of rural living here with the grounds of the property exceptionally neat, private, and purposefully set up to enjoy with practical workspaces and play areas. The north facing home basks in the morning sun with views out to the neat, pastured paddock by the creek with neighboring farmland beyond.

To arrange a personal inspection please contact agents in conjunction Alex Scott & Staff Leongatha and SEJ Real Estate, Irene Walker 0429 045 632.



4 | 2 | 6 11 acres

45 Ryeburn Road, **Outtrim**

**For Sale** \$1,250,000

**Agent** SEJ Real Estate  
Irene Walker 0429 045 632



YOUR LOCAL REAL ESTATE  
& LIVESTOCK SPECIALISTS

### MIRBOO NORTH



- Brick veneer home
- Nestled in a quiet street
- 3 Bedroom, 1 Bathroom
- Lovely rear deck plus shed
- Low maintenance garden
- Ready to move on in!

**\$495,000**

### BUFFALO



- 203 acres/82ha approx. Grazing
- Exceptional views & house sites
- Undulating to rolling country
- Ideal hay & silage paddocks
- Water via spring fed dams & creek
- Stockyards with B-Double access

**CONTACT AGENT**

### KARDELLA SOUTH



- Discover this gem on 4 acres
- Picturesque and practical project
- 3 bed, 1 bath w/b home
- Great location, close to town
- Great shedding & stock yards

**\$795,000**

### WOOREEN



- 'Tarwin View' - 167 acres grazing
- Ideal breeder & fattening cattle
- Fantastic views / house sites stca
- Well fenced with stock yards
- 12 paddocks & secure water

**\$1,670,000**





## Totally renewable and stunning

SET ON 4.48 ha (11 acres) approx. and adjoining The Phillip Island Nature reserve, this property is for those searching for something exclusive and private.

The property is totally self-sufficient generating all of its own electricity and harvesting all of its own water.

The property features a new 7-star energy efficient home, designed and insulated to use very little energy for heating and cooling.

The home faces North and has sweeping views of the property, Westernport Bay and French Island. Open plan light filled living, designer kitchen, wood fire and three bedrooms.

The property has excellent shedding for tractors and machinery, woodsheds, sheepyards, two dams plus the most fantastic rustic Barn with a mezzanine floor and ground floor living space, big enough for family and friends to crash or to host that perfect family gathering.

This is an amazing property.

Call Alex Scott and Staff Phillip Island on 5952 2633 to arrange your private inspection.

3 1 4 11 acres

216 Cowes-Rhyll Rd, **Rhyll**

**For Sale** \$2.7m - \$2.9m

**Agent** Alex Scott & Staff

Phillip Island Office 5952 2633



## Light and bright in Merrin Crescent

88A MERRIN Crescent is a stunning property situated in the charming town of Wonthaggi.

The property boasts a 605m<sup>2</sup> allotment and laneway access, ensuring privacy and security for its occupants.

The colonial-style property has been beautifully renovated, featuring polished floorboards throughout that give the interior a sleek and modern feel.

The property comprises three bedrooms and a central bathroom providing ample space for a family or guests.

The bedrooms are all generously sized and offer plenty of natural light and storage space.

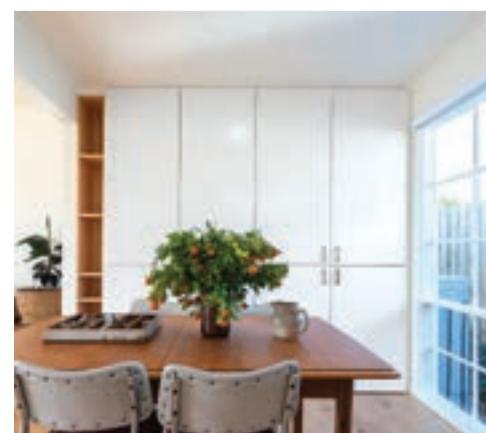
The property has a verandah, providing an ideal space to sit and enjoy the surrounding area.

The split system ensures that the temperature is comfortable year-round, making it a perfect place to relax.

The property features two separate living zones, offering flexibility in how the space can be used. This can be ideal for families who may want separate areas for relaxation and entertainment. The quality kitchen is another standout feature of the property, with modern appliances and ample storage space for all your cooking needs.

First home buyers will appreciate that there is nothing to do on this property as it is a blank canvas garden that can be transformed into the perfect outdoor living space.

The property presents an ideal opportunity for those looking for a stylish and modern home in a peaceful location.



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605m<sup>2</sup>

88A Merrin Crescent, **Wonthaggi**

**For Sale** \$565,000

**Agent** Alex Scott & Staff

Mick Chambers 0418 349 783

Dan Huther 0418 334 801

**LEONGATHA**

OPEN SAT. APRIL 29, 11-11.30AM



**56 Anderson Street**

- 3 Bedroom + Study
- Upgraded kitchen
- Large secure yard, carport + garage

**\$540,000**

Contact: Leongatha Office

**KORUMBURRA**



**4 Miles Court**

- Resort style presentation
- Quiet court location
- 1.08ha (2.6 acres)

**\$1,195,000**

Contact: Korumburra Office

**CORONET BAY**



**5 Ensign Street**

- 479m<sup>2</sup> vacant block
- The cheapest block in Coronet Bay!

**\$310,000 - \$330,000**

Contact: Grantville Office

**WONTHAGGI**



**Unit 2/16 Ivor Street**

- Bring your tools! Finishing required
- Modern open plan living, quiet position
- Middle unit of 3 tidy units

**\$339,000**

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

**LEONGATHA**



**3 Bond Court**

- 3 bedroom home
- Renovated throughout
- Large block, lock up garage

**\$450,000**

Contact: Leongatha Office

**KORUMBURRA**



**2/11 Lower Gordon Street**

- 2 bedroom unit, great condition, R/C air con.
- Walk through bathroom to master
- Single LU garage, deck with awning

**\$395,000**

Contact: Korumburra Office

**GRANTVILLE**



**10 Monk Lane**

- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car
- As new modern home
- Great location

**\$640,000 - \$680,000**

Contact: Grantville Office

**WONTHAGGI**



**Unit 1/56 Wentworth Road**

- Front sunny unit opposite school/rec zone
- Generous front yard, single garage to rear
- Nice original condition!

**\$390,000**

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

**LEONGATHA**



**27 Brown Street**

- 2 Bedroom (option for 3 - STCA)
- 2 living areas, central kitchen
- Great size block – low maintenance

**\$499,000**

Contact: Leongatha Office

**BENA**



**57 Main Road**

- Delightful 3 bedroom home in elevated pos
- Updated kitchen, open plan dining/living
- Rear lane access to shed

**\$635,000**

Contact: Korumburra Office

**CORINELLA**



**5 Wright Street**

- 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom, 2 car
- 2 Kitchens
- 3 Doors from the beach

**\$750,000 - \$825,000**

Contact: Grantville Office

**WONTHAGGI**



**2C Poplar Street**

- NO OWNERS CORP!! Street frontage
- Walk to everything, private location
- Quality retirement living!

**\$495,000**

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

**YINNAR**



**145 Creamery Road**

- 5 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 3 car
- Architecturally designed home on 5 acres
- Views to the Jeeralang Ranges

**\$1,075,000**

Contact: Leongatha Office

**NYORA**



**75 Berry's Road**

- 3-4 bedroom house, 4.1 acres.
- Outdoor ent. area, heated pool.
- Excellent shedding, close to Rail Trail

**\$1,395,000**

Contact: Korumburra Office

**CORONET BAY**



**13 Ensign Street**

- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom, 2 car
- Near new home
- One of Coronet Bays best Streets

**\$750,000 - \$770,000**

Contact: Grantville Office

**WONTHAGGI**



**Unit 1/53 Murray Street**

- Premium position within steps to CBD
- North facing living and Master bedroom
- Front unit with great front garden

**\$495,000**

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

**LEONGATHA**

**5662 0922**

41 Bair Street

Andrew Newton 0402 940 320

Emily Clifford 0422 622 299

Tony Giles 0407 528 192

**KORUMBURRA**

**5655 1133**

36 Bridge Street

Scott McKenzie 0427 552 898

**GRANTVILLE**

**5678 8433**

1505 Bass Highway

Greg Kane 0477 020 267

Nathan Cleeland 0497 114 568

**WONTHAGGI**

**5672 1911**

Cnr Murray & Billson Streets

Dan Huther 0418 334 801

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Mick Chambers 0418 349 783

Phil Hanley 0417 140 508



## QUIZ: Who wants to be a Squillionaire?

### ANZAC DAY TRIVIA QUIZ

- [\$100] Where is Gallipoli? A. Syria. B. Turkiye. C. Greece. D. Iraq.
- [\$200] When did the first of Australia's 50,000 troops, who fought at Gallipoli, land at Anzac Cove? A. July 28, 1914. B. November 11, 1918. C. February 19, 1915. D. April 25, 1915.
- [\$300] Complete the next phrase in this famous poem, 'For the Fallen' by Laurence Binyon: "They shall not grow old... A. Or see us again. B. Or return to our shores. C. As we that are left grow old. D. But year after year.
- [\$500] Beside Poppies, what other plant is sometimes worn on ANZAC Day? A. Parsley. B. Sage. C. Rosemary. D. Thyme.
- [\$1000] Lee Kernaghan's 2015 song 'Spirit of the Anzacs' raised money for what charity? A. Soldier On. B. RSL Australia. C. Legacy Australia. D. Red Cross.
- [\$2000] Who looks after the graves of the Australian service men and women who are buried in foreign countries? A. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission. B. The Office of Australian War Graves. C. Australian Defence Force. D. Australian Government.
- [\$4000] Which French village was liberated by Australian forces and holds an annual ANZAC Day service in gratitude? A. Fromelles. B. Pozières. C. Villers Bretonneux. D. Péronne.
- [\$8000] Which members of the Australian Armed Forces wear emu feathers in their hats? A. Commando Regiments. B. Armoured Corps. C. Royal Australian Artillery. D. Engineer Regiments.
- [\$16,000] When was the first Bombing of Darwin by the Japanese? A. September 15, 1939. B. June 10, 1940. C. April 25, 1941. D. February 19, 1942.
- [\$32,000] How many ANZACs were killed on the first day of the Gallipoli battle, April 25, 1915? A. 500. B. 1000. C. 1500. D. 2000.
- [\$64,000] What was the name of John Simpson Kirkpatrick's favourite donkey? A. Murphy. B. Abdul. C. Queen Elizabeth. D. Duffy.
- [\$125,000] When did the ANZACs leave Gallipoli? A. April 26, 1915. B. December 20, 1915. C. January 26, 1916. D. November 11, 1918.
- [\$250,000] How many Australians enlisted in World War 2? A. 200,000. B. 500,000. C. 800,000. D. 1,000,000.
- [\$500,000] How many people were killed during 'Australia's Pearl Harbour', the bombing of Darwin? A. 230. B. 530. C. 830. D. 1030.
- [\$1,000,000] When was the Australian Army first involved in the fighting in World War 2? A. September 1939. B. June 1940. C. July 1940. D. December 1940.

**Quiz Answers:** 1. B. Turkiye. 2. D. Sunday, April 25, 1915 (428am). 3. C. As we that are left grow old. 4. C. Rosemary. 5. C. Legay Bay. 6. A. The Commonwealth War Graves Commission. 7. C. Villers Bretonneux. 8. B. Armoured Corps. 9. D. February 19, 1942. 10. D. 1,000,000. 11. D. Duffy. 12. B. December 20, 1915. 13. D. 2000. 14. A. 230. 15. D. December 1940.

## SUDOKU

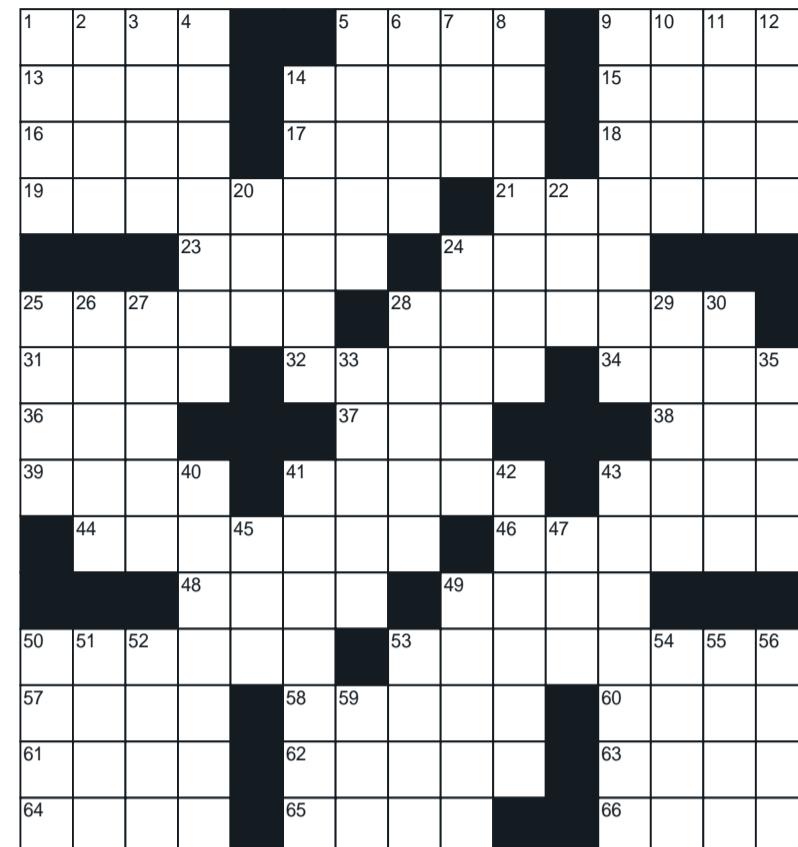
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Only the numbers from 1 through to 9 can be used. Each 3x3 box can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once. Each vertical column can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once. Each horizontal row can only contain each number from 1 to 9 once

## CROSSWORD



## CALCUDOKU

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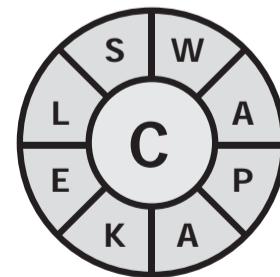
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Every row and column must contain the numbers 1 to 9 once each, with each outlined section equal to the number in the top left of the area when the noted mathematical operation is used.

**TIP: For subtraction and division, start with the largest number in the section.**

## WORD WHEEL



Create as many words of 4 letters or more, using the letters once only and always including the letter in the middle of the wheel.



### Sudoku:

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**SOLUTIONS: Apr. 18, 2023**

### Quick Crossword:



### Code Cracker:

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9	E	5	L	5	O	5	T	5	H	5	4
10	E	6	E	6	R	6	G	6	E	6	5
11	E	7	E	7	R	7	G	7	E	7	6
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### Word Search:

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## Educating kids on landcare and conservation

THERE are lots of different ways to help kids connect with the natural environment and engage with the world around them.

As Junior Landcare ambassador and gardening guru Costa Georgiadis says: "It's all about little opportunities; an invitation to let curiosity and inquiry roam free and connect to the idea that nature is not something you go to, but is something all around you. Connections begin to be made that really engage children with new ways of thinking about their relationship to nature and the environment."

Here are five simple ways from Junior Landcare to help inspire children to care for the land, their environment and our native wildlife:

### Put on your nature goggles

As parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbours, we can all help children connect with nature, whether it's going on a 5-minute walk looking for bugs, visiting your local community garden, listening for bird sounds in your own garden, or heading down to your local beach, creek or bushland. Use these moments as an opportunity to educate and inspire your kids about the world around them and the importance of looking after our environment. Ask open-ended questions like, what can you hear or see? What do you think lives here? How can we protect the animals or plants around us?

### Build a bug or bee hotel

Creating insect or bee hotels are a fantastic way to provide habitat for bugs. The best part is that you can use materials you already have at home, like a cleaned-out old tin can. Simply



**For children to want to protect the environment, they must first love and appreciate it; and for children to love and appreciate the environment, they need to get their hands and feet stuck in it!**

insert banksia cones to make an easy insect home or if you have more time and resources, drill holes into bamboo sticks and then insert them into the can. Nest boxes are another great way to add habitat to your garden and are a good hands-on project to undertake as a family but are a little more complex to set up. Contact your local landcare group for tips to get started, including the types of animals native to your area and the types of boxes they'd prefer.

### Plant a veggie garden

Growing vegetables not only allows children to see first-hand where their food comes from; it gives children a sense of great satisfaction as they water and care for their plants on their own.

The best thing is that you don't even need a garden for kids to get started. You might

have a balcony, so get some pots and soil, and ask your local plant centre what vegetables work well in pots. You can also use fruit and vegetable scraps to propagate new plants that might otherwise be tossed out – all you need is some water, a cup or container, sunlight and some trimmed scraps like carrots or spring onions.

### Compost!

Setting up and managing a compost system at home is a great way to involve children in minimising waste that goes into the landfill. If you have space, set up two composting bins – one that you can keep adding scraps to while the other can sit still while the waste breaks down. If you don't have much space, it's still easy to recycle your kitchen household scraps! You can do it on your balcony with a bokashi

bucket or use a worm farm... You will get beautiful castings and worm juice, which you can then pour over your plants to help them grow!

### Connect with First Nations knowledge

First Nations people have incredible knowledge and traditional practices we can learn from to take care of the land. Junior Landcare has created a series of activities with First Nations educator, Wiradjuri man Adam Shipp, to help parents and children learn more about how they can have a connection to Country. Start by encouraging children to find out whose Country they're on and exploring a First Nations people's language map. The activities also include exploring First Nations weather and setting up an Indigenous plant use garden.

## MARKET REPORT

Brought to you by...

CLAAS Harvest Centre 

### Leongatha Prime Sale on Wed, April 19, 2023

#### Bullocks

1 Little S & C Nyora	660.0	380.0	2,508
13 Compro Solutions Pty Ltd			
Krowera	730.8	378.6	2,766
12 Thompson MW & JA Warragul	588.3	372.6	2,192
11 Jelbart S Tarwin Lower	620.0	370.0	2,294
2 Varsaci M Thorpdale	562.5	369.6	2,079
5 Monkhouse P & C Valencia Crk	663.0	368.0	2,439

#### Steers

1 Hazeldell Pastoral San Remo	345.0	480.0	1,656
1 Rinaldi B1 West Creek	450.0	470.0	2,115
1 Cummaudo G & C & Sons			
Mirboo Nth	400.0	470.0	1,880
1 Robert Waddell Family Trust			
Seaview	430.0	470.0	2,021
1 Hopkins R Yinnar	355.0	460.0	1,633
1 Azeemi N Clyde Nth	365.0	457.6	1,670

#### Heifers

1 Cummaudo G & C & Sons	340.0	482.6	1,640
Mirboo Nth	340.0	480.0	1,632
1 Hazeldell Pastoral San Remo	340.0	480.0	1,632
2 Hopkins R Yinnar	360.0	445.6	1,604
1 Cummaudo G & C & Sons			
Mirboo Nth	360.0	440.0	1,584
1 Hopkins R Yinnar	385.0	440.0	1,694
3 Marx Livestock Transport			
Trafalgar	370.0	437.6	1,619

#### Cows

1 Kelmar Farm Pty Ltd	605.0	317.6	1,921
1 Walker Family Trust Glen Alvie	765.0	317.6	2,429
1 Bastin L & B Tyers	750.0	316.0	2,370
1 Conway S Traralgon	730.0	316.0	2,306
4 Kinsley GM	711.3	316.0	2,247
1 Missen AR & AJ Woodside	670.0	316.0	2,117

#### Bulls

1 Edwards R & J Fish Creek	970.0	295.6	2,867
1 Campbell S & L Mardan	885.0	291.6	2,580
1 Kuch Re Perry Bridge	1,100.0	289.6	3,185
1 Phillips GJ & HM Mirboo	1,085.0	289.6	3,142
1 Brain DL & Thorson BJ			
Poowong East	715.0	287.6	2,056
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Jersey & Jersey x	.....	\$20 to \$50
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**Do you have a dairy farm or agriculture idea that could benefit from a grant or scholarship?**

participation in dairy conferences, study tours and a range of tertiary or further study options.

"We need people to apply across the board," Mrs Vallance said.

"We won't hand out funds willy-nilly, but we are interested in any worthwhile application that is going to benefit dairy farmers, the dairy industry and dairy communities."

DDF is about half-way through its expected 10-year duration but it hasn't allocated half of its funds. Mrs Vallance added that the funds

had been well invested and were generating sound income which provides even more opportunities for potential applicants.

"We've got till the funds run out but it looks like we're going to continue for longer than anticipated because people aren't taking up these grant and scholarship prospects," she said.

"You wouldn't think it would be hard to give money away, but people don't think their ideas are worth considering or they don't think they should seek support to undertake further study.

Having a streamlined application process may be an impetus to help people take the next step in their agribusinesses."

"The DDF Board wants to continue supporting our regional dairy industry and encourages more individuals, groups or industry stakeholders to apply for funding that could deliver direct benefits to other dairy farmers and our wider dairy community."

More information can be found at [demodairy.com.au/scholarships-and-grants/](http://demodairy.com.au/scholarships-and-grants/) or from DDF secretary Ian Teese on 0427 358987 or [itag@bigpond.com](mailto:itag@bigpond.com)

## Calling all Victorian livestock farmers

on these important issues for the livestock industry.

"Victoria is a leader in animal health, welfare and biosecurity and we need to ensure we stay ahead of the curve."

"We're asking all interested livestock farmers to register their interest to help provide the important feedback needed to shape the future of our local industry."

"Knowing exactly what is happening in the community will help the team provide targeted resources and solutions," Mr Young said.

A total of ten Stock Sense Network Groups throughout Victoria exist and we're encouraging new faces to join and provide feedback on animal health and welfare and biosecurity issues specific to each region as well as the

broader Victorian livestock industry.

The opportunity is open to all Victorian livestock farmers and anyone interested can register online or email the VFF's Stock Sense team at [stocksense@vff.org.au](mailto:stocksense@vff.org.au)

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# A cow-cocking good time

IT WAS an absolutely fabulous day on the Wallacedale Jerseys farm last Tuesday with approximately 130 people showing up to learn more about Jersey milk and dairy in general.

"We've had so much feedback about how this event hit the nail on the head for education" Gippsland Jersey Co-founder, Sallie Jones explained.

"With the rise of Alternative milk coffee rises, dairy needs to stand up and debunk the myths that it's a healthier or more sustainable choice."

Part of the day involved Melbourne baristas pairing up with Gippsland Jersey dairy farmers. Tables were turned as the barista had to milk the cow and the dairy farmer had to do the latte art.

The winner was Trevor Stammers (with little Dimi cheering him on) along with Hirona Aoyama from Hareruya Pantry, Melbourne.

"As a barista, I use milk every day to make coffee. However, this week was special because I had the opportunity to visit @gippslandjersey and listen to the stories of dairy farmers," Hirona explained.

"They helped me get an understanding of how milk is produced and why Jersey milk is so special and delicious. I realise that I can enjoy my daily cup of coffee only because of the hard work of these farmers and their cows. Milk is readily available, and it's easy to take it for granted."

"The truth is every cup of coffee I make is the result of the efforts of many people. That's why I feel grateful for the farmers who provide me with the milk I use to steam and make the perfect cup of coffee."

Remember, coffee beans are only half the story!



It was a team effort as barista Hirona learnt to milk alongside dairy farmer Trevor to take out the coveted competition.



Back in the shed it was time for Trevor to master his coffee making skills.



Barrista Hirona Aoyama learns the art of milking a Jersey at Luke Wallace's farm last Tuesday.

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THE 2023 National Custodians of Country Gathering provides a unique forum for Traditional Owners and First Nations people, together with people involved in agriculture and natural resource management to explore best practice and innovation, share practical information and stories, create partnerships and take new ideas back to their workplaces and communities.

On behalf of Firesticks Alliance, Landcare Australia invites Expression of Interest to present at the National Custodians of Country Gathering (the Gathering) hosted in Cairns from August 21-25, 2023.

Those eligible to submit an expression of interest are:

- First Nations peoples involved in Cultural land management with a landcare group. Landholder or farmer and/or
- A non-Indigenous individual, group, organisation or government agency involved landcare activities focused on delivering agricultural and environmental outcomes in partnership with a First Nations organisation/individual.

The expression of interest is open to presenters focused on the key theme areas of:

- Innovations in practical Cultural land and sea management
- Biodiversity
- Threatened species management
- Sustainable agriculture
- Capacity building activities
- Community and individual well-being.

Authors are invited to submit an expression of interest of no more than 500 words which concisely outlines the objectives and outcomes of their proposed practical presentation. You may submit more than one paper.

The deadline for the EoI is Friday, April 28.

For more information visit [land-carer.com.au/national-custodians-of-country-2023](http://land-carer.com.au/national-custodians-of-country-2023)





## New taskforce to give farmers a say

THE Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) has announced it will create the new VFF Energy and Transmission Taskforce to lead its advocacy on renewable energy and transmission infrastructure development across Victoria and help give farmers a say.

The new Taskforce was today established by the VFF Policy Council and will focus on providing a united advocacy approach for farming communities that are battling proposed developments.

VFF President Emma Germano said it was important that farmers who are directly impacted by these developments lead the VFF's advocacy efforts on the issues affecting their communities.

"Ironically, this taskforce is about giving power to the people to have their say."

"Farmers need to be the ones at the centre of this. It's their livelihoods at risk and it's their communities that are being torn apart."

"It's vital that the VFF's advocacy is directly connected to the communities that are set to be impacted. It's also important that these communities are connected to one another," Ms Germano said.

The Taskforce will be led by the VFF's Planning, Environment and Climate Change Committee Chair, Gerald Leach who will work alongside VFF Horticulture Vice-President, Katherine Myers, VFF Water Councillor Kain Richardson and VFF Gippsland Branch President Hamilton Gerrard, with further members to be appointed over the coming weeks.

Ms Germano said the Taskforce's focus will be on critical issues involving land access and compensation for farmers, whilst also looking at alternatives to overhead powerlines over farms.

"The Victorian Government's announcement of \$8,000 additional per km of easement was truly a slap in the face for farmers, when we haven't even had the discussion about what fair compensation looks like."

# Time is up for outdated stamp duty

THE Victorian Farmers Federation (VFF) is calling for the stamp duty tax to be axed in favour of raising the GST.

In a recent submission to the Victorian Parliament's upper house inquiry into land transfer duties, the VFF argues the inefficiencies and outdated thinking behind stamp duty is putting a handbrake on farming businesses and preventing young farmers from buying into the market.

VFF President Emma Germano said "tax reform in 1999 looked to replace a heap of inefficient state-based taxes with the GST. That job was unfortunately never finished, and we are still stuck with taxes like stamp duty and payroll tax that impact business, drag on international competitiveness and act as a barrier for young farmers to buy farmland."

Ms Germano added that an expanded GST was the best option to replace stamp-duty, given that farmers rejected any idea that a broad-based land tax should be imposed on productive farmland, as a long-standing principle.

"Land is the working capital of every farm business and we know that land taxes have a disproportionate impact on the agricultural industry which in turn affects food affordability and reliability for the entire community," Ms Germano said.

"The recent recommendation in New South Wales to replace stamp duty with a tax on farmland was



VFF president Emma Germano.

an abject failure. It was totally rejected by the farming community with then Premier Dominic Perrottet being forced to carve out an agricultural exemption."

"Victoria should not follow the same flawed policy and should focus its attention toward working with the Commonwealth and other states to finally clean up our tax system."

Ms Germano said the VFF also called for an increase to stamp duty exemption for young farmers in the event that it is not abolished to help them get a start and to keep up with movements in the rural land market.

"The current exemption threshold of \$600,000 land value is far too low with the median farmland price in Victoria at over \$10,000 per hectare. That doesn't buy much for a young farmer looking to go out and start their own business."

"The VFF believes the exemption threshold should be raised to \$1 million, with a concession on the next \$500,000 thereafter. Young farmers should also be able to claim both the principal place of residence concession on stamp duty and the young farmer exemption, to help them buy property with a house on it, or to build their own."

## Seasonal firewood collection period opens

THE NATIONALS Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien is encouraging locals to take advantage of the autumn firewood collection season, which is open now until June 30, 2023.

Mr O'Brien said the firewood collection season is a great opportunity for locals to get out and gather firewood for free while also helping to remove debris from our forest floors.

"Firewood is a critical source of heat (and even cooking and hot water) for many Gippslanders, particularly as rising energy prices make alternative heating

sources unmanageable in the already stretched family budget," Mr O'Brien said.

"If you are in a position to do so, I also encourage you to think about your neighbours and relatives who might not be able to collect wood for themselves."

"Whilst there is a 2 cubic metre per day per person restriction on collecting, you can collect for others if they complete a nomination form."

Mr O'Brien said nomination forms are available at DEECA offices and on the website [ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood](http://ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood).

A full list of firewood collection areas is available online at [ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood/find-a-firewood-collection-area](http://ffm.vic.gov.au/firewood/find-a-firewood-collection-area).

Mr O'Brien said for those who are unable to collect their own wood or require more than the allowed 16 cubic meters, there are concessions available for eligible households.

For more information on the non-main energy concession program visit <https://services.dffh.vic.gov.au/non-mains-energy-concession> or phone the concessions information line toll free on 1800 658 521.

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## Large grain trailers and headers top the list of equipment sales

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The figures were part of a record year in regional and agribusiness equipment finance lending volume at NAB, with FY22 up three per cent on the previous year and 47 per cent on pre-pandemic levels.

NAB Executive Regional and Agribusiness, Khan Horne, said the data reflected solid ongoing growth among regional and agribusiness customers.

"Many farmers across the country have had an excellent run of seasons, with some areas in Australia experiencing record-breaking 2022-23 winter crops. Bumper crops paired with the federal government's instant asset write-off scheme have helped fuel investment in vehicles and equipment," Mr Horne said.

"While some asset classes are down, such as cars and tractors, we know this is due to supply chain issues that continued throughout 2022."

"Customers' appetite for new and used equipment is strong - demand remains high, and we expect this to continue at least to June 30 when federal tax incentives are currently scheduled to cease."

By state, Western Australia showed the biggest increase in equipment financing, with dollar volumes rising 28 per cent in FY22 compared to FY21, underpinned by a 96 per cent increase in spending on agricultural implements, and built off a run of strong seasons. In Victoria, finance for headers and trailers both increased 11 per cent.

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## Aquatic outbreak resources now available

VETS, fish farm workers, fisheries staff and scientists could gain valuable insights into aquatic animal disease events thanks to a new book and online courses from Agriculture Victoria.

Agriculture Victoria Principal Veterinary Officer Dr Tracey Bradley has specialised in aquatic animal health for over 16 years and co-authored the resources.

"These resources provide another tool for investigating and responding to emergency biosecurity events and continue to strengthen Victoria's biosecurity capability," Dr Bradley said.

"In what's believed to be an Australian-first, our book brings together the 10 essential steps for

investigating aquatic disease events in the wild or on-farm and includes easy-to-understand case studies.

"Readers will discover how to define a case, collect and analyse data and describe an outbreak over both time and place – information which will help to determine the cause, relevant controls and, ideally, how to prevent future events."

Recently recognised with an Australian Government Biosecurity Commendation Certificate for her efforts supporting the farmed abalone industry to manage a viral disease of abalone, Dr Bradley drew on her experience to develop the resources.

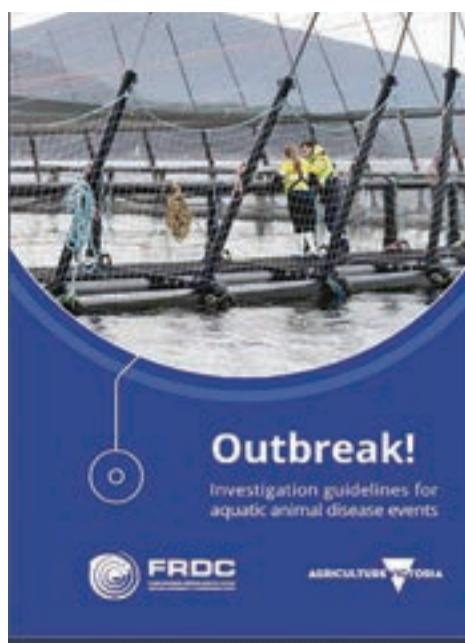
"Even with the best biosecurity

things can move quickly when disease hits, so it's essential to investigate as soon as you notice something is wrong," Dr Bradley said.

Complementary e-learning modules provide clear information on how to submit the best sample possible to help reach a diagnosis.

The resources were co-authored by Agriculture Victoria Senior Veterinary Officer Epidemiology Dr Nicole McLaughlin and developed with the assistance of the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation.

The outbreak investigation guidelines book and e-learning modules are available free on the Agriculture Victoria website via <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/fish-outbreak>.



In what's believed to be an Australian-first, **Outbreak!** brings together the 10 essential steps for investigating aquatic disease events in the wild or on-farm.

\$250,000 available for community-led mental health projects

REMOTE, rural and regional communities across Australia can apply now for grants up to \$20,000 for community-driven mental health and wellbeing projects, through FRRR's In a Good Place (IAGP) program.

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FRRR and CCI Giving are offering \$250,000 in IAGP grants, a boost of \$50,000 on prior grant rounds, thanks to a new five-year partnership.

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There is a two-stage application process. To get started, a brief Expression of Interest must be submitted no later than 5pm AEST, Wednesday May 17, 2023.

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25 Hereford steers, 2 yo, East Gippsland bred, GF & ABF  
**A/c S Brar, Glengarry (NUTRIEN)**  
20 Angus steers, 2 yo  
**A/c T & L Morrison, Sale (NUTRIEN)**  
20 Angus steers, 18 mths  
**A/c DR & JL Osment, Stony Creek (ELDERS)**  
19 Angus steers 2 yo, GF & ABF  
**A/c MG Harrison, Meeniyan (SEJ)**  
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**A/c A Ferguson, Hazelwood Sth (NUTRIEN)**  
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**A/c P & K O'Neil, Fish Creek (SEJ)**  
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**A/c J Cantwell, Sale (NUTRIEN)**  
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**A/c C & J Moore (ELDERS)**  
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**A/c B & R Cashin, Stony Creek (ELDERS)**  
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**A/c B Hinson, Hazelwood Nth (NUTRIEN)**  
35 Angus steers, 10-15 mths, Te Mania blood, drenched, Vacc 5in1x2  
**A/c W & D Missen, Denison (NUTRIEN)**  
12 Speckled Park steers, 12 mths  
20 Angus mixed sex, 12 mths  
**A/c G.S Past (ELDERS)**  
30 Angus steers, 12 mths, Merlewood blood, VB, GF & ABF  
**A/c Matt Petersen, Fish Creek (SEJ)**  
30 Angus steers, 12 mths, weaned by Tabletop Bulls  
**A/c P & J Sibly (ELDERS)**  
30 Angus mix sex weaners, Fernleigh blood, VB, GF & ABF  
**A/c M & K Breen, Buffalo (NUTRIEN)**  
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She was the marvellous grandmother of Cosette, Eughan, Jasper, Oliver, Freya, Georgia, Livinia and Cecilia.

**DUNKLEY, Jayne Louise:**

Passed away at Alchera House Aged Care, Korumburra. Loved mother of Andrew, mother-in-law to Terri. Grandmother to Jack and Max.

Now sleeping peacefully.

**DURKACZ, June Rosemarie:**

Passed away peacefully on April 16, 2023, surrounded by her family.

Loved wife of Marian (dec.), and partner of Frank (dec.).

Loving mother of Robert, Peter, Helen, and Ian, mother-in-law of Jenny, Peter, and Kate.

Adored Nanny to Andrew, William; Gemma and Daniel.

Much loved Nana June to Isabella. Cherished sister to Beverley and Anne.

'God Bless you Mum'

**DEATHS**

**GOIRIS, Tanya:**  
Dearly loved daughter-in-law of Irma and John.  
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**HITCHINGS, Dorothy Frances:**  
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Adored Great Grandma to Riley, Ella; Mason, Liam, Alicia, Tarryn; Daniel, Aiden; Krystal, Phoebe, Cassidy; Jasmine, Sienna; Anna-Mae, Thomas, and Julia.

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**HITCHINGS, Dorothy:**  
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**DEATHS**

**HITCHINGS, Dorothy:**  
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**HITCHINGS, Dorothy:**

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Brother of Anne (dec.), Vincent, Kevin, and Maureen.

Father of Travis.  
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**RICHARDS, Marie Joyce (Joyce):**

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**DURKACZ:**

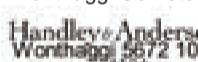
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**STUDHAM, Kirk:**

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**COLE, Ewan:**  
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## SITUATIONS VACANT



### Registered Nursing (RN) - Night Shift

Banfields Aged Care is seeking a motivated and dedicated Registered Nurse specifically for night shifts to be a part of our team.

Your responsibilities will be to provide nursing care guided by the Director of Care including medication management, clinical practice and supervision, documentation, wound management, and palliative care.

#### The successful candidates will have:

- Registered Nurse qualifications and current AHPRA registration (RN only).
- Previous experience in residential aged care essential.
- Ability to lead, motivate & educate staff.
- Strong communication skills.
- Team player qualities.

#### Additionally, you will need:

- Current influenza vaccination
- Three COVID-19 vaccinations
- Current Police Check
- Current Victorian Drivers Licence

We are a non-smoking facility.

If you believe you have the qualities and skills we are looking for please forward your resume to Reception via email [reception@banfields.com.au](mailto:reception@banfields.com.au)



### Registered Nursing (RN) Staff and Endorsed Enrolled Nursing (EEN) staff required

#### Positions for permanent part time and casual shifts at Banfields Aged Care

Banfields Aged Care is part of a family-owned Australian Aged Care Group Pty Ltd (AACG), which prides itself on imagination and innovation in caring for the aged.

We are located at 192 Thompson Avenue, Cowes, a short stroll into town for the local beach and shops.

Set amongst beautiful landscaped grounds. Banfields Aged care is a 90 bed residential care facility which provides an extensive range of services.

We are seeking motivated and dedicated Registered Nurses and Endorsed Enrolled Nurses to be part of our team.

Your responsibilities will be to provide nursing care guided by the Director of Care including medication management, clinical practice and supervision, documentation, wound management, and palliative care;

#### The successful candidate will have:

- Registered Nurse qualifications and current AHPRA registration (RN only).
- Current registration with AHPRA as an Enrolled Nurse with medication endorsement (EEN only).
- Previous experience in residential aged care essential.
- Ability to lead, motivate & educate staff.
- Strong communication skills.
- Current Police Check.
- Team player qualities.
- Current influenza vaccination.
- Three COVID-19 vaccinations.
- Current Victorian Drivers Licence.

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If you believe you have the qualities and skills we are looking for please call reception on (03) 5951 2500 or forward your resume to [reception@banfields.com.au](mailto:reception@banfields.com.au)

JA21444

## SITUATIONS VACANT

### Registered Nurse

Full or part time

A rewarding position at Venus Bay where you can make a real difference.

You will work with a committed support team assisting a local gentleman with a disability to live in his own home and access his community. You will need to take a holistic approach to the gentleman's needs including nursing care, medication, monitoring, record keeping and documentation to keep the gentleman safe, healthy and active.

Shifts include day, evening and nights, weekdays and weekends

You will need to have current APRAHA registration, undergo worker screening check, and have up to date flu and covid vaccination and booster.

For further information

Contact Les on 0417 572 475 or email: [admin@adamsupport.org.au](mailto:admin@adamsupport.org.au).



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- Registered Nurse - Emergency
- Social Worker
- Physiotherapist
- Instrument Technician
- Clinical Development Nurses
- RUSONS
- Enrolled Nurses
- Registered Midwife - Bass Coast Health - Maternity - YouTube
- Team Leader - OT & Social Support
- Registered Nurse - Day Surgery
- Associate Nurse Unit Manager - Acute

- Oral Health Therapist
- Social Worker - Team Leader
- Registered Nurse - Urgent Care Centre
- Senior Drugs & Alcohol Case Worker
- Registered Nurse - Hospital in the Home
- Endorsed Enrolled Nurse - Graduate
- Integrated Family Services Practitioner

LB0921

To see the full list of available positions, visit <https://basscoasthealth.mercury.com.au>



JA21255

## SITUATIONS VACANT

### General Manager & People and Culture

Part time, Permanent Venus Bay

We are seeking an experienced professional to join our small not-for-profit organisation. You will provide support for the staff of a gentleman with complex disabilities to assist him to live safely and participate in his community.

Your role will include administration, supporting staff in human relations management, working with the team leader, case management and knowledge of the NDIS and developing a constructive relationship with the staff, the committee of management, the gentleman and his family.

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## Bus Driver - Casual

Banfields Aged Care is currently seeking an experienced and personable bus driver to provide driving services for, and to ensure the safe and comfortable transport of, our Residents and Clients. This is a casual position to work, as required.

### Desired Skills and Experience for this position are:

- Current 1b (LR) licence - mandatory.
- Proven experience and reliability in bus driving.
- Excellent communication and interpersonal skills.
- Experience in Occupational Health and Safety.
- The ability to solve problems independently.

### What you will also need:

- A current influenza vaccination.
- Three COVID-19 vaccinations.
- A current Police Check.
- Current Victorian Drivers Licence.

We are a non-smoking facility.

If you believe you have the qualities and skills we are looking for, please forward your resume to [reception@banfields.com.au](mailto:reception@banfields.com.au)

JA21475



## Multiple Positions Vacant

South Gippsland Water (SGW) are currently seeking to fill positions within our Network Maintenance Team and Mechanical Maintenance Team.

We are a diverse, community-oriented organisation and offer the following:

- Strong commitment to an inclusive workplace culture
- Strong focus on professional development and training
- Family friendly with flexible work options.
- Paid monthly Rostered Day Off (RDO) to eligible employees

### Network Maintenance Technician – Western Region

- Permanent Full Time
- Starting Location: Wonthaggi Depot
- Flexible Working Arrangements Available
- SGW Enterprise Agreement Operations Level 1 - 2

### Maintenance Technician – Mechanical

- Permanent Full Time
- Starting Location: Korumburra, Victoria
- Flexible Work Arrangements Available
- SGW Enterprise Agreement Operations Level 3

At SGW diversity is celebrated and respected as important for our wellbeing and success. We strive for a workplace that is equitable and inclusive. We welcome diversity in applicants.

Please go to <https://www.sgwater.com.au/careers/> for more details about SGW, each of these roles and how to apply.

All SGW employees and workplace participants must have received, at minimum, their first and second doses of a COVID-19 vaccine in accordance with SGW COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements Policy. Evidence requirements will be collected or viewed and may be stored strictly in accordance with SGW's Privacy Policy.

Applications Close Friday, May 5 at 5pm

LB0919



## Customer Service Positions

### Part time / Casual

Browns Stockfeed are looking for two enthusiastic, multi skilled individuals to join their team in the Leongatha retail store. The position involves all aspects of customer service, sales and general store duties.

The successful applicants will have:

- Customer Service and Sales experience
- Demonstrated understanding of the rural industry
- Possess exceptional time management and organisational skills
- Be well presented with excellent communication skills
- Be willing and able to work regular Saturday mornings
- Hold a current drivers licence and preferably a forklift licence as well.

If this role appeals to you please forward your resume and covering letter to:

Email: [admin@brownssf.com.au](mailto:admin@brownssf.com.au)

Mail: The Store Manager,

86 Yarragon Road, Leongatha, 3953

Phone: Cameron Kindellan 0439 623 199

Applications close: Friday, May 5, 2023

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South Gippsland Hospital

Positions Vacant

Senior Case Manager

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Grade 4A - Full time with ADO - 1.0 EFT

Registered Nurse Midwife

Grade 2 - up to 1.0 EFT

Registered Nurse

Grade 2 - up to 1.0 EFT

Physiotherapist

Grade 1 (with experience) or Grade 2 1.0 EFT full time (EFT Negotiable)

Podiatrist

Grade 1 or Grade 2 (depending on experience)

0.84 EFT, permanent part time  
For more information, visit our website at: [southgippslandhospital.com.au](http://southgippslandhospital.com.au)

LB0920



## Aged Care Lifestyle Assistant

### Casual Shifts - Morning & Afternoon

Banfields Aged Care is part of the family owned Australian Aged Care Group, which prides itself on imagination and innovation in caring for the aged, with a mission to excel in providing quality care services and accommodation.

We are located at 192 Thompson Avenue, Cowes, a short stroll into town for the local beach and shops.

Set amongst beautiful landscaped grounds, Banfields Aged care is a 90-bed residential care facility which provides an extensive range of services.

We currently have a vacancy for a vibrant and energetic Lifestyle assistant to join our small diversional therapy team to assist in the planning, implementation and evaluation of our lifestyle support / activities programs.

### The successful candidate will have:

- Knowledge of contemporary aged care specific Diversional Therapy activities
- Knowledge & understanding of dementia
- Knowledge & understanding of the Aged Care Accreditation Standards

### Additionally, you will need:

- Current influenza vaccination
- COVID-19 vaccinations
- Current Police Check
- Current Victorian Drivers Licence

We are a non-smoking facility.

If you believe you have the qualities and skills we are looking for please call the Acting Director of Care, Gene Cayetano on 5951 2500 or forward your resume to [g.cayetano@banfields.com.au](mailto:g.cayetano@banfields.com.au)

JA21510



## Leisure and Lifestyle Staff

### Part time/Full Time

Prom Country Aged Care is seeking motivated and enthusiastic individuals to join our team. Prom Country Aged Care is a community-based residential aged care service located in Foster.

We provide ageing in place residential care services as well as short-term respite care for our local community.

Our 68-bed home is fully licensed and accredited to Government standards.

This position works within a team of lifestyle and leisure staff that provide recreational activities and programs to meet our resident's needs.

Experience in Aged Care and Qualifications in Lifestyle & Leisure preferred.

For a copy of the Position Description please contact our reception team.

All applications should address the **Key Selection Criteria** outlined in the Position Description and accompany a resume.

Applications close 5pm Friday, May 12, 2023

All enquiries and applications for Leisure and Lifestyle positions to:

Margaret Roach,  
Leisure and Health Coordinator

E: [margaret.roach@promcountryagedcare.com.au](mailto:margaret.roach@promcountryagedcare.com.au)

T: 03 5682 0800

LB0918



## There is a wonderful opportunity for volunteers to become a part of Banfields Aged Care

Banfields Aged Care is part of the Australian Aged Care Group which prides itself on imagination and innovation in caring for the aged, with a mission to excel in providing quality care services and accommodation. We are located at 192 Thompson Avenue, Cowes and the 90-bed facility is set amongst beautiful landscaped grounds.

Banfields Aged Care is inviting volunteers to become a part of the 'Lifestyle Teams Innovated Program' which is planned to enhance the residents' lifestyle.

Some of the ways you may wish to assist and support the program are by being involved in the: bus outings that occur one to two times a week (this varies week to week so flexibility is required); supporting residents with garden walks; wheelchair walks; bingo; hoy; happy hour; men's group activities; craft; art therapy; quizzes; BBQs; group discussion; etc.

This is a great opportunity to become involved with your local community and for further information please do not hesitate to contact reception on (03) 5951 2500.

It is a requirement that all volunteers have a current adult aged/disabled care police check, evidence of current influenza vaccination and 3 COVID-19 vaccinations.

Male volunteers are encouraged to apply!

JA21099



## Multiple Positions Vacant

South Gippsland Water (SGW) are currently seeking to fill multiple positions within our Corporate Services Department. We are a diverse, community-oriented organisation and offer the following:

- Strong commitment to an inclusive workplace culture
- Strong focus on professional development and training
- Family friendly with flexible work options.
- Paid monthly Rostered Day Off (RDO) to eligible employees

### Senior Risk Advisor

- Permanent Full Time
- Starting Location: Foster Office
- Flexible Working Arrangements Available
- SGW Enterprise Agreement Senior Executive Officer

### SCADA Technician

- Permanent Full Time
- Starting Location Leongatha, Victoria
- Flexible Work Arrangements Available
- SGW Enterprise Agreement Band 7

### Stores and Inventory Controller

- Permanent Full Time
- Starting Location Leongatha, Victoria
- Flexible Working Arrangements Available
- SGW Enterprise Agreement Band 5

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**Applications Close**  
**Friday, April 28, 2023 at 5pm**

LB9903

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ABN essential.

Contact Kerri 0429 214 229 or [info@mrad.com.au](mailto:info@mrad.com.au)  
 and leave your name, contact number and area/s of interest.

LB9861



## Motor Mechanic

Edney's of Leongatha is seeking a qualified motor mechanic to join its expanding Nissan/Hyundai dealership. The successful applicant will be given the latest dealership training throughout their employment while working in a friendly & modern environment. 2nd, 3rd or 4th year apprentice will be considered.

Forward applications to:  
**Edney's Leongatha**  
 Attention: Nick McRae  
 PO Box 72, Leongatha, 3953  
[service@edney.com.au](mailto:service@edney.com.au)

JEN2171



## Office Manager

Are you an office and admin whiz?  
 Could you help our business  
 run more efficiently?

We're looking for an organised and efficient person to join our small family ran business. The role will be varied, including everything from day-to-day admin tasks, general bookkeeping, pay roll, client and supplier liaisons, through to development of new systems and procedures.

Applicants will need to have excellent written and verbal communication skills, be self-motivated to work independently and have experience in a similar role.

The role will be approx. 12-16 hours per week, largely flexible hours (Potential for some hours to be done remotely).

Based in Tarwin Lower.

Generous remuneration available.

*All applicant's information  
 is kept strictly confidential.*

For a copy of the position description or to submit a resume, please email [djharrisearthmoving@bigpond.com](mailto:djharrisearthmoving@bigpond.com)

Applications will close  
 Thursday, May 4, 2023.

LB9910



## Service/Warranty Administrator

Leongatha Motors is a multi-franchise dealer servicing Isuzu Ute, Subaru and Holden vehicles. We are seeking an experienced and customer-focused Service/Warranty Administrator to join our service department team. As a Service/Warranty Administrator, you will be responsible for managing and overseeing the warranty claims process for our products and services.

### Responsibilities:

- Greet customers, listen to their concerns, and provide them with information about the services available.
- Schedule service appointments for customers, ensuring that they are booked efficiently and that customers are informed of any delays or changes to their appointment times.
- Review, and process warranty claims submitted by customers.
- Ensure all required documentation is completed accurately and in a timely manner.
- Ensure all warranty claims are processed in compliance with company policies, industry regulations, and government laws.

### Requirements:

- Excellent organisational and communication skills
- Ability to work in a fast-paced environment and manage multiple tasks simultaneously.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite, particularly Excel
- Experience with automotive software preferred.
- Knowledge of automotive industry and warranty regulations a plus

At Leongatha Motors, we are committed to providing high-quality products and services to our customers. We offer competitive compensation and benefits packages, as well as opportunities for career growth and development. If you are a motivated and detail-oriented individual with a passion for customer service, we encourage you to apply for this exciting opportunity.

Email resume to  
[rhemming@motusau.com](mailto:rhemming@motusau.com)



LMCT 10285 & 11276



## Sales Administration Officer

Full time position

### The role

We are seeking Qualified and/or Experienced **Sales Administration Officer** to work closely with our Sales Team in our Wonthaggi facility. The Sales Administration Officer is responsible for providing and processing information about our products and services. The ideal candidate will have a positive attitude and can multi-task and prioritise according to changing workloads.

The successful applicant must demonstrate the following:

- Have an exceptional telephone manner, be highly personable, approachable, motivated, friendly and professional at all times
- Excellent administration skills, with a strong attention to detail
- Excellent computer skills and experience in using the Microsoft Office Suite-including Outlook, Word, Excel and also have an ability to learn in house computer programs
- Communicate effectively (in writing and verbally) with a wide range of stakeholders including Sales Representatives & customers.
- Ability to work well with others, assisting the team as required and also work autonomously
- Strong work ethic- being reliable, punctual, and trustworthy.

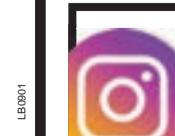
A general understanding of building and construction, including knowledge of wall frames, trusses and windows is ideal, but at the very least an interest is required.

### How to Apply

All applications must be in writing including a current resume and cover letter to Michelle Marriott, Human Resources: [micelle.marriott@cv.bp.com.au](mailto:micelle.marriott@cv.bp.com.au)

**Applications will be reviewed as they are received, so don't delay!**

*Employment offers are subject to a satisfactory certified copy of the National Police Record Check.*



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PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE  
 MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION  
 LOCATED AT WONTAGGI

Telstra plans to upgrade an existing telecommunications facility located at (Lot 30,31,32-27 on plan 5871) 46-50 McKenzie Street, Wonthaggi VIC 3995 [www.rfnsa.com.au/3995004](http://www.rfnsa.com.au/3995004)

1. Telstra Limited (A.C.N 051 775 556) are currently upgrading existing mobile network facilities to allow for the introduction of 5G to Telstra's network. As part of this network upgrade, Telstra proposes the installation of LTE700(4G), NR850(5G), LTE2100(4G), NR2600(5G), LTE2600(4G), NR3600(5G) technologies at WONTAGGI locality and surrounds.
2. The proposed works at the above site include the removal of (9) panel antennas and the installation of (9) panel antennas (each no more than 2.8m long). The proposal also includes the removal of (9) remote radio units (RRUs) with the installation of (3) RRUs and the installation of associated ancillary equipment. All internal equipment will be housed within the existing equipment shelter located at the base of the facility.
3. Telstra regards the proposed installation as a Low-Impact Facility under the *Telecommunications (Low-impact Facilities) Determination 2018* based on the above description.
4. In accordance with Section 7 of C564:2020 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code, we invite you to provide feedback about the proposal. Further information and/or written submissions should be directed to Meg Wilson, Aurecon Australasia Pty Ltd (A.B.N 54 005 139 873) via email to: Meg.Wilson@arecongroup.com or via post to: Meg Wilson, Aurecon Australasia 25 Grenfell Street, Adelaide SA 5000 by 5pm on 10/05/2023.

## PUBLIC NOTICE



### Port Welshpool Harbour Local Port Area Plan

Gippsland Ports, the local port manager, is looking to the future and considering options to make the harbour safer and more accessible for commercial and recreational vessels.

To do this Gippsland Ports will develop a Local Port Area Plan. A future use plan for the Harbour which aims to improve the safety, sustainability, operations and functionality of the Harbour.

Gippsland Ports wants to hear from people who use, and have a connection with Port Welshpool Harbour to understand how it can create a sustainable local port.

Meetings and Drop-in Session are to be held on **Thursday 27 April 2023** at the **Port Welshpool Ferry Terminal Building, Lewis Street, Port Welshpool**

**11am -12.30pm Commercial Operators and Berth Permit Holders Meeting**

Meeting with existing and potential commercial operators and berth permit holders to better understand user requirements.

**2.00pm - 4.00pm Drop-in Session**

Drop-in anytime between 2.00pm and 4.00pm to speak informally with Gippsland Ports staff, find out about the plan and share your views.

**5.30-7.30pm Roundtable Discussion**

Attend a more formal roundtable discussion with harbour users and other interested community members to share your views about future directions for the Harbour.

For further enquiries, or if you cannot attend the sessions and would like to provide your input, please contact Gippsland Ports via email [feedback@gippslandports.vic.gov.au](mailto:feedback@gippslandports.vic.gov.au);

visit the website [www.gippslandports.vic.gov.au/news](http://www.gippslandports.vic.gov.au/news)

or scan the QR code below.



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ABN essential.

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LB9861



**PROPOSAL TO UPGRADE A TELSTRA MOBILE PHONE BASE STATION AT PADDOCK BELOW WATER TOWER, 2091A DROUIN-KORUMBURRA ROAD, POOWONG, VIC 3988, SITE ID: POOWONG CENTRAL, WWW.RFNSA.COM.AU/3988001**

1. The proposed facility comprises the swap out of six (6) redundant panel antennas (2533mm L) and spoke headframe with nine (9) new panel antennas (6 x 2533mm L and 3 x 810mm L) to be mounted onto a new triangular headframe; ancillary equipment to be upgraded including remote radio units, tower mounted amplifiers, mounts, cabling and feeders; and internal works within the equipment shelter, to improve Telstra's mobile phone network (including 4G / 5G).
2. Telstra regards the proposed installation as a 'Low impact' Facility under the *Telecommunications (Low Impact Facilities) Determination 2018*, based on the description above. The proposed infrastructure will comply with the ACMA EME regulatory arrangements.
3. In accordance with Section 7 of C564:2020 Mobile Phone Base Station Deployment Code, we invite you to provide feedback about the proposal. Further information and/or comments should be directed to: Planning Consultant on behalf of Telstra (Telstra Ltd A.C.N. 086 174 781), via email to [planning.wa@servicestream.com.au](mailto:planning.wa@servicestream.com.au), phone: 0487 949 301, via post to Planning Consultant, Servicestream, PO Box 14570, Melbourne, VIC 8001 by 5pm 17th May 2023.

Service Stream Ltd A.B.N. 46072369870 Telstra Ltd A.C.N. 086 174 781

FORM 7

**Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986**

Regulation 16

Notice of Acquisition

Compulsory Acquisition of Interest in Land

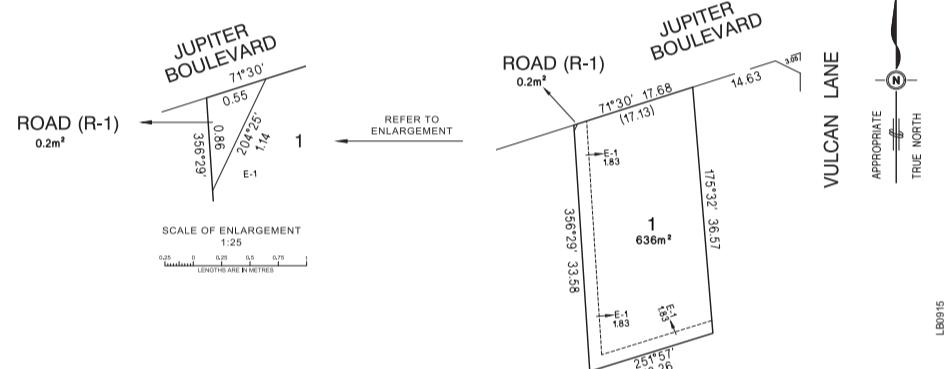
The South Gippsland Shire Council declares that by this notice it acquires the following interest in the land described as Road (R-1) on the plan hereunder comprising 0.2 square metres being part of the land presently described in Certificate of Title Volume 8953 Folio 429 being part of Lot 48 on LP52658.

**Interests acquired:** All interests in the land including that of the Registered Proprietor, John Arthur Lancaster.

The acquisition is made pursuant to section 112 of the *Local Government Act 2020* for the purpose of road construction.

A notice of intention to acquire the interest in the land was served on 9 January 2023.

*Published with the authority of the South Gippsland Shire Council.*



For and on behalf of the South Gippsland Shire Council

Signed: CATHERINE REISKE  
Name: Catherine Reiske,  
Manager Infrastructure Planning  
Date 13 April 2023

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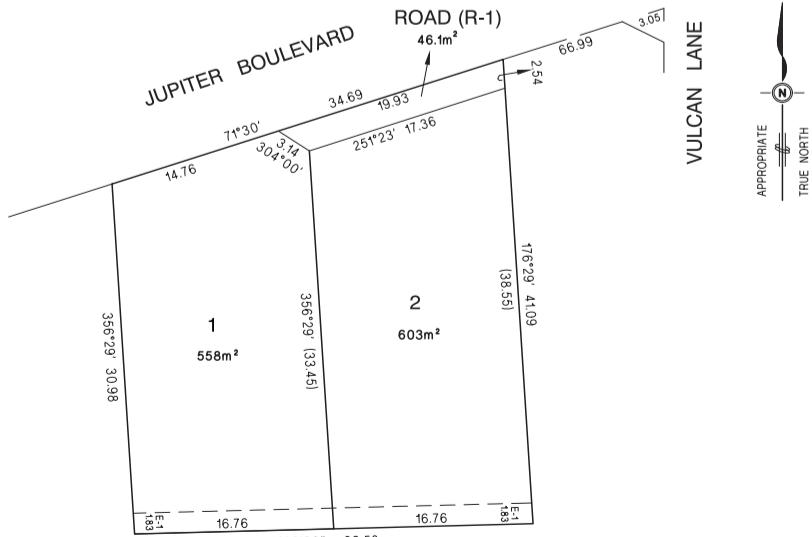
The South Gippsland Shire Council declares that by this notice it acquires the following interest in the land described as Road (R-1) on the plan hereunder comprising 46.1 square metres being part of the land presently described in Certificate of Title Volume 8362 Folio 044 and Volume 8362 Folio 045 being part of Lots 44 and 45 on LP52658.

**Interests acquired:** All interests in the land including that of the Registered Proprietors, Robert James Turner and Tina Constandina Turner.

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For and on behalf of the South Gippsland Shire Council

Signed: CATHERINE REISKE  
Name: Catherine Reiske,  
Manager Infrastructure Planning  
Date 13 April 2023



**Fox control**

Parks Victoria's conservation management to restore and protect park habitat includes the control of introduced plant and animal species. As part of an ongoing strategy, notice is hereby given that Parks Victoria will be laying buried baits containing Sodium Monofluoroacetate (1080 poison) on public land for the control of fox. Baits containing **1080 poison** will be laid from **01/05/2023 until 09/06/2023**.

Baits will be laid at strategic sites and other known areas of fox habitat within the **Reef Island and Bass River Mouth Nature Conservation Reserve, the Western Port Intertidal Coastal Reserve, along the George Bass Coastal Walk within the Yallock-Bulluk Marine and Coastal Park**.

1080 poison signs will be posted throughout the baited area and members of the public who are living, visiting or working in the above-named areas are advised to take particular care not to disturb or interfere with bait stations. Domestic dogs and cats are particularly susceptible to 1080 poison and should be under effective control, muzzled or kept away from the baited areas.

**More information**

Phone 13 1963  
[parks.vic.gov.au](http://parks.vic.gov.au)



# New committee for PICAL

ON THURSDAY, April 20, PICAL held its first Annual General Meeting in their new premises at Warley Avenue.

The new PICAL committee consists of Graeme Turner, Jeff Floyd, Denise McGill, Tim Anders, Sally Matthews, Christine Ash and Anita Andrew who were all re-elected.

In addition, three new members were elected to the committee, Alison Carey, Judy Pay and Fran Mangergeddes.

The outgoing committee also expressed their thanks to Bronwyn Saffon and Katrina Martin who did not seek re-election.

The new Committee appointed Graeme Turner as president and treasurer, Denise McGill as deputy president and Tim Anders as secretary. Jeff Floyd outgoing president is continuing as a member of the committee.

Jeff stated that 'it has been an absolute privilege to work for the community in this role and to steer PICAL through COVID and the move to a new premises. I look forward to supporting PICAL as a committee member'.

Graeme stated, "the opportunity to lead PICAL as we enter the next phase without the headwinds of COVID and relocation is very exciting. PICAL has been a cornerstone of the island for 40 years and continues to evolve to meet the needs of our community."

In addition to the formalities of the meeting, the audience were entertained by an a'capella recital by "Island Harmony Singers" (a local choir auspiced by PICAL).

FORM 7

Regulation 16

**Land Acquisition and Compensation Act 1986**

Notice of Acquisition

Compulsory Acquisition of Interest in Land

The South Gippsland Shire Council declares that by this notice it acquires the following interest in the land described as Road (R-1) on the plan hereunder comprising 83 square metres being part of the land presently described in Certificates of Title Volume 10958 Folio 025 being part of Lot A on PS526435F and Volume 10958 Folio 026 being part of Common Property 1 on PS526435F.

**Interests acquired:** All interests in the land including that of the Registered Proprietors being Beth Maree Haines as to Volume 10958 Folio 025 and Owners Corporation 1 Plan No. PS526435F as to Volume 10958 Folio 026.

The acquisition is made pursuant to section 112 of the *Local Government Act 2020* for the purpose of road construction.

A notice of intention to acquire the interest in the land was served on 9 January 2023.

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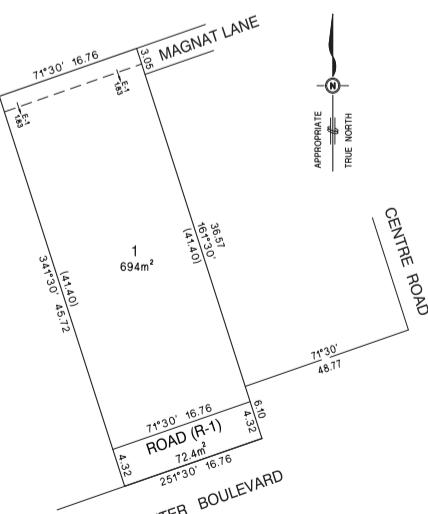
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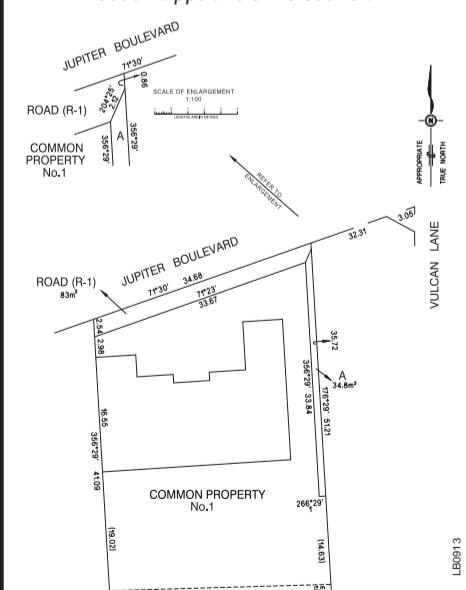
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The Al-Ahmad family celebrated Eid al-Fitr alongside the Burra Welcome Committee and community members over the weekend.

## Korumburra embraces Ramadan celebrations

THE Burra Welcome Committee celebrated the end of Ramadan with their sponsored family on Saturday.

The important date on the Islamic calendar also fell on the families one month anniversary of their settlement in Australia.

The momentous occasion was celebrated at the Jumbunna Hall Park with the committee's families, along with other community members and a neighbouring Syrian family.

For the Al Ahmad family, moving to Australia has been full of many challenges particularly navigating the start of their new lives in the foreign language of English, which has had many layers of complexity.

Using Google Translate

and Arabic interpreters, the sponsor group kicked into action, sorting out administrative business, along with showing them day-to-day functions of life in Australia.

Mohamad and Basha, who are parents of four beautiful children, have expressed how happy they are to be here and having met so many welcoming community members.

They conveyed how challenging it has been leaving family and friends behind in both Lebanon and in their home country, Syria.

The Burra Welcome Committee recognise the importance of the family's religion and culture, and have been actively helping them make connections to other Arabic speakers and communities.

Community Refugee Integration and Settlement program (CRISP) member, Karen Walker, took the family on the V-Line bus to Dandenong Market last week noting, "Mohamad and Basha were clearly excited to see the vibrant diversity of people in the market, and to buy familiar produce for their Syrian dishes."

Embracing the opportunity to celebrate multiculturalism, members of the committee were excited to join the family for Eid al-Fitr, which is also known as the 'festival of the breaking of the fast', with celebrations beginning when Ramadan ended on Friday.

Ramadan is when Muslim's worldwide abstain from food and water from sunrise to

sunset for a whole month, while praying and reflecting on community.

The Jumbunna celebration of Eid al-Fitr was enriched with Arabic food, music, dancing, drumming and emphasised the universal necessity for community connection.

Community Refugee Integration and Settlement program (CRISP), of which Burra Welcome Committee is part, exemplifies how community engagement can successfully support refugees to become part of our rural landscape.

Through financial, emotional, and operational sponsorship, everyday people can form a CRISP group, who become integral to the settlement of a refugee family.

## Cr Williams declares 'no conflict' in contracted works vote



Councillor Clare Williams responds to allegations she should have declared a conflict of interest. A05\_1723

her interests in her husband's company?"

He elaborated by referring to the company being awarded some of the capital works projects contained in the budget.

Mr Hill queried how Cr Williams can make decisions that affect the number and value of capital works projects that benefit her interests.

Mayor Nathan Hersey responded to Mr Hill's conflict of interest question.

"Whether a conflict of interest exists will depend on the circumstances; the obligation to disclose a conflict of interest that exists is an obligation of individual councillors and the question wrongly assumes that council has some

overriding or corresponding obligation in relation to any conflict of interest," he said.

The mayor added it would be inappropriate for council to comment on any specific circumstances.

However, he provided further detail in relation to contracts.

"All contracts within the CEO's delegation are approved or declined by the CEO and are reported to council at the following council meeting for council to receive and note," Cr Williams said.

That formed the basis of Cr William's comments earlier in the meeting when she emphatically denied having acted inappropriately.

She took the opportunity

during discussions in relation to the proposed budget, prior to a councillor vote on whether to accept the document and put it forward for public comment.

"I would like to speak to this item; however, I must first address a small group of residents who feel I should be declaring a conflict of interest in this item," Cr Williams said.

"I've considered it and I do not have a conflict of interest in considering the proposed budget."

Cr Williams stated that the proposed budget contains programs and initiatives required to meet council's obligations to relevant Acts and regulations, in addition to projects identified and rigorously assessed for the benefit of the South Gippsland community.

"All contracts essential to fulfil these projects within the CEO's delegation are approved or declined by the CEO and they are reported to council at the following council meeting for council to receive and note," Cr Williams said.

"Contracts that are not within the CEO's delegation are determined by council, with the usual conflict of interest provisions applying from the Local Government Act 2020.

"I sleep very well knowing that I meet all the requirements in the Act."



Danny O'Brien says promised works on Nyora Railway station building have stalled due to red tape.

## Empty promises for Nyora, says MP

THE NATIONALS Member for Gippsland South, Danny O'Brien MP says promised works on the vacant Nyora railway station building have stalled due to bureaucratic red tape.

The Nyora station was promised a share of \$9 million from the Community Use of Vacant Rail Buildings (CUVRB) program in the 2020-2021 State Budget, however works have failed to progress.

"The building was previously being used to house the local community op shop until they were told they would be required to sign a commercial lease making the venue no longer affordable," Mr O'Brien said.

"Since then, no other operators or community groups have been identified to move into the building. As a result, the State Government is now stating that works cannot commence as the building is not being used, placing the funding in jeopardy.

"So we have the ludicrous situation where the State Government has forced a community tenant out of the building and is now saying a renovation can't proceed because there is no community tenant!"

"Nyora is now left with a vacant building that will no doubt fall into disrepair at the mercy of the weather and vandals, while the promised funding goes by the wayside and the cost of any future fit-out potentially blows out."

Mr O'Brien said this was an example of bureaucracy lacking common sense.

"It baffles me that VicTrack is willing to allow this funding to go unused and its asset to sit idle."

"I will be working with South Gippsland Shire to discuss options for identifying a suitable community-use so that the works on the building can go ahead as promised."

A spokesperson for the South Gippsland Shire Council confirmed council will continue to work with VicTrack and the community to identify opportunities for improvement and use of the Nyora Railway Station buildings.

The Community Use of Vacant Rail Buildings (CUVRB) Program is delivered by VicTrack on behalf of the Victorian Government, and restores disused historic railway buildings.

"Through the Community Use of Vacant Rail Buildings Program VicTrack works with communities to bring disused rail buildings back to life, and encourages any community groups interested in the Nyora buildings to put forward a proposal," a spokesperson for VicTrack stated.

For a station building to be restored under the program, VicTrack must have a proposal from the community outlining a use for the building.

According to VicTrack, they have been engaging South Gippsland Shire Council and community representatives for several years to identify a future use.

However, at this stage they haven't received an application to enable works to proceed.

VicTrack have also completed preliminary site investigations at Nyora to inform the future design and scope of works, and will continue to work with council on a solution that benefits the community and incorporates the surrounding rail trail into the precinct improvements.

When asked about the situation regarding the Op Shop, they highlighted that as a retail outlet, the Op Shop that formerly occupied the building was not eligible for a community lease and as such made the decision to relocate.

VicTrack continues to carry out essential maintenance on the vacant station buildings and make them secure.

## Lifts, parking, seniors and other Hub machinations

Contributed by Pee-Wee Lewis,  
President Korumburra Round Table.

THE focus of the April meeting of the Korumburra Round Table was the Korumburra Hub and while its opening has been delayed, round table president Pee-wee Lewis took the opportunity address some of the issues, real and otherwise.

This month's report will be a little different in that I will concentrate on only one of the items discussed at last week's meeting: The Korumburra Hub.

As was explained to us by the Shire's Infrastructure Manager Jareth Goss, the Hub is running a fair way behind schedule, and the reasons for that are several and complex, suffice it to say that it will be a tremendous facility when completed – now scheduled for the second half of this year.

The Hub will undoubtedly bring together people from all walks of life, as those undertaking courses at Milpara mingle with children doing Rhyme Time in the library and members of the Historical Society holding a meeting upstairs in their new space.

Community hubs are a new way of looking at how we use and share community assets in a town. They move away from the older concept of "this is ours, we meet here, these resources belong to us" and replace those ideas with notions of shared resources and spaces, and an intermingling of people of all ages and interests.

Hubs are becoming more popular around Victoria, as ageing shire assets that are spread out around a town, are replaced with one purpose-built facility, which a myriad of community groups can use.

It was with a heavy heart therefore that I learned last night that in the case of our own Senior Citizens group, they have decided not to join the other community groups in the town that are moving to the Hub, but rather will conduct their meetings elsewhere, once the Shire reclaims its building in Radovick Street.

I feel they are making this decision based largely on scuttlebutt being spread around town by a very small minority, who wish only ill for this wonderful facility. It was these same few who set the cat among the pigeons with alarmist talk of the huge number of car parking spaces that would be lost to the new Hub.

We were eager to hear last week just exactly how large that loss is, now that the Little Commercial Street works have been completed. The answer? Two. There are two fewer car spots than we had before.

We are also hearing rumours of no lifts and senior citizens having to climb huge swathes of stairs to get to where they want to go in the building, when the truth is that the building is of course fitted with a lift, which is big enough to accommodate both wheelchairs and walkers, in compliance with the 2010 Disability Standards for new buildings.

Furthermore, the parking on the top side of the Hub is very close to the Hub entrance – a short downhill walk, and of course there is disability parking out front.

It is such a shame that in a time of growing community confidence in Korumburra, (think huge increases in Lions Club membership, or our massive Southern Lights Festival coming back in June), there are those who cannot accept that sometimes change is inevitable for the greater good, and give this project a chance. See you next month!



Keely Johnson, Mickayla Downie, Mikayla Kelly, Stacey Harris and Philippa Pate have joined GSHS as RUSONs.

# Students gain experience and boost GSHS services

A NEW program at Gippsland Southern Health Service (GSHS) is giving a new generation of nurses valuable experience while boosting local services.

The Registered Undergraduate Student of Nursing (RUSON) program has been implemented at other hospitals around Victoria but this is the first time it has been rolled out at GSHS.

A RUSON is a person employed by a health service who is currently enrolled at a university to undertake undergraduate nursing study, who is registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation

Agency as a student nurse, and who at commencement, has successfully completed no less than 12 months of the Bachelor of Nursing degree.

GSHS Leongatha Director of Nursing Kylie Ashton said the program had immediate and long-term benefits for health services and students.

"It will be implemented across our organisation to help cover some of our staffing shortfalls but in the long term we hope it will help us to grow our future workforce. We are expanding our number of graduate nurses for our program from next year," Ms Ashton said.

"We haven't run the program before but this time we advertised and received a lot of interest, which is very pleasing," Ms Ashton said.

"They work across the organisation in every sector and will rotate every six months to ensure they get a well-rounded experience with our health service. We hope we can retain them as qualified nurses at the end of their placements."

GSHS is hosting 10 RUSONs, including one student who is specialising in midwifery.

All RUSONs at GSHS are studying Federation University's Bachelor of Nursing

course at Churchill.

Ms Ashton said the students must work within a particular defined scope that expands with each year of study. "We introduce them to each area, including aged care, urgent care, maternity and acute wards, which helps them to find their own specialties within healthcare," she said.

"It's a local job that pays and they get to practice their craft and at the end, we will have ten potential applicants that we hope to keep as long-term employees."

The RUSONs underwent an induction program at GSHS earlier this month.

## Personal experience inspires new respect for nurses

RINOSH Thomas always wanted to be a nurse, but it took a personal patient experience for him to really appreciate the significance of his profession.

Mr Thomas, Gippsland Southern Health Service's nurse unit manager at Korumburra, has also appreciated the hospital's service from the other side of the bed.

As he prepares to celebrate International Nurses Day on May 12, Mr Thomas recognises the important contribution nurses make to patients.

As soon as he finished Year 12 in his home country India, Mr Thomas enrolled in nursing training. He loved the job from the start, but he didn't fully appreciate its significance until later.

"I liked the idea of interacting with multiple people and working in a team and I was interested in the medical side of it, but my whole attitude towards nursing changed when we had our first baby," he said.

Rebecca was born premature at 30 weeks and has special needs, but GSHS has helped the family all along the way, including her NDIS journey.

"Until then, I liked being a nurse and working with patients, but since we had Rebecca, we spent a lot of time in the hospital and that's when I looked at myself as a



Rinosh Thomas and his family.

patient or the parent of a patient and came to understand the support that was needed and how important a simple kind word or act of empathy can be," he said.

"A kind word could get me through the whole day. Having Rebecca in hospital made me realise how much difference we can make in someone's life by caring and how a simple word of kindness can go a long way."

After completing his nursing training in India and working in emergency, renal dialysis and trauma intensive care unit, Mr Thomas moved to Australia and in 2011 enrolled in a bridging program in Perth.

As part of the bridging

program, he was sent to Korumburra for a six-week placement. He intended to return to Perth but was offered a job and stayed, thinking it might be a good experience for a couple of years.

"I thought I'd stay in Korumburra for two years and then go back but I never did," Mr Thomas said.

"Right from the beginning, the support was great. We were received with open arms and the senior staff treated us like one of the family. The support in the hospital and in the town felt really welcoming."

"I came into the residential care system, which was completely new to me, but everyone jumped in and helped

me to learn and assimilate into the system."

Two years later he married Jeelu and she also joined Gippsland Southern Health Service as a nurse at Korumburra. She is now adding midwifery to her skillset at Leongatha, where the family lives.

They now have three children, with Mikayla and Raphael who was born at GSHS joining Rebecca and are firmly established in the community.

"We had some hard times, but we were always supported by the health service, the team and the town, that made me want to stay here," Mr Thomas said.

Mr Thomas previously worked in 800 to 1200-bed hospitals, and while he enjoyed the fast pace, he now prefers the more personable care of a regional health service.

"This is completely different," he said. "We get to care for a lot of elderly patients and it's nice to have the time to sit down with them and have a chat and offer support."

After falling in love with the region and his role in urgent care, Mr Thomas completed Rural and Isolated Practice Nursing (RIPN) training to upskill and expand his scope of practice.

The theme for International Nurses Day 2023 is Our Nurses. Our Future.



The ladies who were all once Girl Guide leaders reminisce about the old days at the Loch Girl Guides reunion. ob46\_1723

# Girl Guides reunite

THE LOCH Girl Guides and Brownies held their 70-year reunion at the Loch Memorial Hall on Sunday April 23.

Over 30 women attended the event, and each had been a member of the girl guides or brownies with Loch over the years.

The ladies got the chance to catch up and reminisce about their days of camping, orienteering, swimming, cooking, gaining badges, pledging promises and the good times full of fun and friendship.

Three of the original members who joined the group in 1953, when it began in Loch, attended the event, with one still able to fit into her original uniform complete with the tie and badges sewn on.

Many changes have occurred since their inception. Gold

scarves were once worn, which signified that the girls were from the Woorayl Region, and they could be used as a sling or tourniquet in first aid or as a tie. However, scarves are no longer worn, although girls still wear the sashes with their badges (now called challenges) sewn onto them.

Girl Guide groups are still meeting in the region, but now, the Woorayl Region which originally covered South Gippsland have merged with the Baw Baw and East Gippsland regions to cover towns from Cowes to Orbost and Wonthaggi to Warragul.

Girl Guides remains the largest organisation for females worldwide with 10 million girls across 152 countries involved in this great organisation which can enhance lives and offer life-long friendships.



Left to right, back: Suzanne Byrne nee Barry, Marilyn Hayes nee Clymo, Glen Waters nee Barry and Linda Harvey nee Knox, Left to right, front: Bev Bell nee Clymo, Julie Layton, Margaret Vick and Christine Clifton, all were Guides or Brownies at Loch in the sixties and seventies. ob48\_1723



Pins were presented to 28 Coal Creek/Korumburra Probus members for their ongoing contribution and involvement in Probus at the 20th year celebrations. ob09\_1723

# Coal Creek/Korumburra Probus turns 20

COAL CREEK & Korumburra Probus celebrated their 20th Birthday at Korumburra Golf Club on Tuesday, April 17.

The regular meeting was held, with awards and pins presented to members, followed by a sumptuous morning tea, which included colour appropriate cupcakes, an assortment of sandwiches and sweets and bubbly to cap off the celebrations.

A Life Membership of Probus was awarded to Cheryl Routley for active and continual dedication and contribution across the years.

Pins were presented to 28 Probus members for their ongoing contribution and involvement in Probus, marking 10,

15 and 20 years of participation respectively.

Coal Creek Probus group was formed in 2003, as Korumburra Probus grew rapidly and became too large to cater to everyone. The organisation now has over 80 members across the two branches and continues to grow each year.

Probus regularly hold a variety of activities that help retirees stay socially connected. There are many opportunities to meet new people for fun and friendship and activities include trips and outings, visiting new places and hearing from guest lecturers and speakers. Events are organised based on members interests, lifestyle and location.



Noel and Jean Dobson, Probus members for almost ten years, cheers in celebration for the 20th year of Coal Creek/Korumburra Probus. ob07\_1723



And in true Inverloch VIEW fashion it wouldn't be a meeting without the play.

## Celebrating the silver jubilee

THE Inverloch VIEW Club celebrated its 25th anniversary last Tuesday with a special luncheon at The Inlet Pub, Inverloch.

Members from Inverloch were joined by Wonthaggi, Phillip Island, Moe, Warragul and Bairnsdale VIEW Club members at the joint celebration which recognised the success and achievements of the Club.

Over 70 ladies filled the room with two founding members also in attendance.

The Inverloch VIEW Club was established in 1998 with twenty members and supported one child under The Smith Family umbrella. The Club now boasts 54 members and with much excitement announced sponsoring seven "Learning for Life" students.

Their first outing back in 1998 was to the San Remo Pelican feeding and onto Phillip Island for a day of shopping and socialising.

Since then, an uncountable number of guest speakers have entertained the Club alongside coffee mornings, outings, a special recipe book created along the way and local sponsorship of Inverloch Primary School's Most Improved Reader Awards - Boy and Girl.

VIEW Clubs of Australia is a leading national women's organisation and support network that empowers women to have their voices heard on issues of importance in Australian society. It is a progressive organisation with women at the helm who aim to create and lead a more inclusive society with a specific focus on education.

VIEW members support the education of disadvantaged Australian children by raising much needed funds for The Smith Family.

Over the past 25 years, the Club has donated approximately \$90,000 to The Smith Family for underprivileged children; helping young Australian's get the most out of their education.

"Today we are coming together to celebrate the achievements of the Inverloch VIEW Club over the past 25 years," President, Heather said.

"We believe that by helping disadvantaged children succeed at school, we can have a lasting impact on their lives and potential generations to come."

"Changing the life of one child may not change the world but it can mean the whole world of difference to that one child," Past President, Joy added.

The Club have also called The Inlet home since 1999 with special thanks also extended to John and his team.

For more information on Inverloch VIEW Club contact Heather on 0412 463 344.

## Support for outdoor dining in Bass Coast

EIGHTY-NINE per cent of the Bass Coast community support continued outdoor dining in the form of parklets, a new report from Bass Coast Shire Council reveals.

The report collates feedback from over 500 businesses and 100 community members on the program, which Council received from months of community consultation.

Fourteen per cent of respondents also shared positive responses on further developments they'd like to see post-pandemic.

Key issues Council heard from the consultation include enhanced vibrancy, plays to Bass Coast's strengths and COVID safety, in addition to parking challenges and business inequality.

Parklets are a means for business to safely extend their outdoor trading area beyond the footpath. It usually involves the temporary use of on street parking spaces for outdoor dining and trader use.

Council introduced parklets in 2020 as an initiative to create welcoming communal spaces for outdoor dining and trading.

The parklets supported businesses to extend their seating areas while density limits were in place and allowed the community to dine in a COVID-safe manner.

Some of the feedback Council received included:

"Parklets help to make San Remo a destination not just somewhere to pass through on the way to the island." – Business owner

"I think these parklets have been a true positive to come out of COVID and have made our region much more attractive for both tourists and locals to enjoy." – Community member

"Great asset to the community! We love sitting in these spaces and enjoying a few drinks and some food. It adds a great vibe to the town." – Community member

To read the full report and learn more go to engage.bass-coast.vic.gov.au/parklets

## Midweek tennis

MIDWEEK Ladies tennis will be back after the Anzac Day holiday for the final six rounds of the current season. After the finals there will be an extended break during the winter months till the start of the next season in October. Keep up to date with the latest news or get in touch on the Facebook site South Gippsland Midweek Ladies Tennis. Good hitting everyone.

Ladders as of April 4:

### Section 1

Inverloch Emeralds 45, WPort/Grantville 42, Inverloch Diamonds 39, Wonthaggi Chooks 32, Bena 22

### Section 2

Bena 53, Korumburra 50, Phillip Island Orange 46, Wonthaggi Owls 41, Foster 41, Phillip Island Red 34, Inverloch Blue 27, Nyora 24, Kongwak Kookies 8

# Yarram adds towering new mural to 'Heesco Town'

IT'S not a stretch to say that Yarram turned the corner as a destination town when world renowned street and silo artist, Heesco Khosnaran, completed his first 10 murals there between March and April 2020.

Ultimately, he painted 24 striking local history artworks in 24 months not only transforming the town but also imbuing a sense of pride in the community.

Along the way, Yarram has won the prestigious 'Australia's Best Street Art Trail Award' two years in-a-row, driving even more travellers to take the road less travelled, off the Princes Highway, through South Gippsland.

And on Wednesday, April 19, Heesco added to his legend by completing his stunning water tower mural, opened with all sorts of pomp and circumstance, at 10.30am, in front of a big holiday crowd by Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing, appropriately also the Minister for Water, Regional Development, and Equality.

For years, the concrete water tower has sat there, on the

north side of Yarram, the first thing that many people see as they enter the town.

The project was funded by a Go Fund Me crowd-fundraising appeal, which to date has gathered a worthy \$41,160 out of a target of \$60,000.

For the top part of the tower, Wayne Tindall (who designed most of the current Heesco Town murals), worked closely with local identity Eric Greenaway and others to identify key local tourism hotspots that could be featured.

"I thought the top of the tower should be very colourful so it can be seen from a distance as you approach Yarram from south or north," Eric explained.

"There are a growing number of street art and silo art followers in Australia and around the world, and Yarram features as a 'must see' destination for these folk. We don't have a silo, but we have a water tower, and this tower is the 'icing on the cake' for the Yarram Heesco Town Trail," he said.

The lower tower design is a colourful and meaningful

image filled with rich imagery and embedded stories and symbols. Gunaikurnai Elder Sandra Patten designed this part and sees it as a visual expression of sitting on country where she feels at home and connected.

"The five shields along the top represent the five tribes of the Gunaikurnai. They're all connected, you can't break up the mob. The designs are relevant today because the Gunaikurnai hold native title as custodians of our country. Our shield designs are coming out more and more in community artwork as people feel proud and safer to promote Gunaikurnai culture," Sandra explained.

A welcome to country and smoking ceremony formed a key part of the opening celebrations on the day.

Minister Shing is delighted with the success of the project.

"What a fabulous morning it was at Yarram for the ceremonial opening of the 25th, biggest and final mural in the award winning Heesco street art trail in Yarram, the Water Tower," said Ms Shing.



Street and silo artist, Heesco Khosnaran, with Eastern Victoria MP Harriet Shing, at the official launch of Yarram's new water tower mural last Wednesday. Photo courtesy Deb Lucas of The Bridge.



Ciana with Melena, who caught a big yacka that got away, and Grace, who had a successful morning hooking a whiting and a toady. ob49\_1723

## Kids fish in Corinella

A CHILDREN'S fishing workshop was held on the pier in Corinella on Sunday April 23. Two afternoon sessions were held, and it was a perfect day for a fish, with the sun shining, a light breeze and calm waters.

The budding anglers were happily casting off the pier into the clear sparkling sea and there were a few catches made on the day of yellowtail scad, toadies and leather jackets, and also a few that got away.

The workshop was run by Fish Care with the help and

support of Corinella Boating and Angling Club. There were seven volunteers on hand to help and educate the kids on fishing.

The young anglers got to learn about the different fish species, how to respect the catch and handle fish properly and how to measure and make sure the legal catch size is adhered to.

Funds raised from the workshops will go towards a new club house for Corinella and to gain some more members for the club.

Jordan caught himself a yacka at the fishing workshop. ob50\_1723

## TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woorlami (Same), Tooradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

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THURSDAY  
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FRIDAY  
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**Korumburra's Kerri Besley and Shelley Snooks are the Foursomes Champions in both the Scratch and Handicap events.**



**Leongatha's Debra Kilpatrick, Pat Pease, Joc Howson and Bronwyn Debenham.**



**Meeniyan Golf winners Gail Browne and Jenny Cope.**

## KORUMBURRA

### Ladies

WELL done to sisters Kerri Besley and Shelley Snooks who won the Foursomes Championship, winning both the Scratch Score, with 95 and Handicap event, 79 net.

Sherrin Solly and Johanna van den Heiligenberg were runners-up in the Scratch event with 97 and Heather Grist and Lynette McIvor were a close second in the Handicap section, 79.5.

Five women played in the nine-hole comp with Marg Harper winning, 16 pts.

Our Matchplay finals have been played and we congratulate all the finalists as all matches were very close with little separating each pair. The Matchplay champions are A Grade, Kerri Besley, B Grade, Sherrin Solly and C Grade, Kath Welsh.

We had a group of women play on Tuesday with Trudy Olden winning, 29 pts. Trudy Mantell won a BDTL, 24 pts and was NTP on the 1st.

On Saturday, sixteen women enjoyed a team event, Colonial Ambrose. The winning group, Lee Clements, Shelley Snooks, Kerri Besley and Merrissa Cosson, won with 91 pts. NTP's were Aliesha Wrigley, 1st (Kelly's Bakery award), Merrissa, 10th and Kerri, 13th.

Our Section 1 Pennant team had a win 3/2 against Phillip Island and Section 2 won 3/2 over Leongatha last week.

## LANG LANG

### TUESDAY Stableford Comp.

Division 1 winner was George Morozoff with 38 points, Runner up Alex Doria with 37 points

Division 2 winner was Ralph Stewart with 37 points by countback to Runner up Douglas Colins.

Ball rundown to 35 points.

Wednesday Ladies Doris Chambers Foursomes Stableford Comp

Winners were Lee Andrews and Kerrie Davey with a score of 37, by countback to runners up Carolyn Cripps and Di Fraser

Ball Rundown to 36 points

Thursday Stableford Comp

Division 1 – Winner was Colin Crowle with 43 points, runner up with 41 points was Rob Volk

Division 2 – Winner was Andrew Stirling with 41 points, runner up Peter Colgan with 37 points

Ball rundown to 36 points

Saturday Stableford Comp

Division 1: Winner David Barrie with 42 points, Runner Up Frankie Chiu with 41 points, Third placegetter Richard Briggs with 40 points

Division 2: Winner Terry Davis with 41 points, Runner up Brendan Boyd with 40 points by countback to third place Will Mirtschin

Division 3: Winner Paul Hardy with 48 points, Runner up Riley Davie with 44 points, third place

Craig Mirtschin with 40 points

Ball rundown to 36 points

A huge congratulations to Daniel Huysmans for scoring a hole in one on the fifth hole on Saturday. It's not often that a person is photographed whilst achieving this elusive golfing goal, but Daniel thankfully had several witnesses and photographic evidence of the shot to add to his bragging rights.

Lang Lang Golf Club is currently offering a very special deal on all new memberships. All new members joining now will receive 2 months for free, effectively giving 14 months of membership for the very competitive price of \$895. A 6 day membership is also available for \$775, and under 30's can access full membership for \$500. Give Tim a call at the club to take advantage of these offers.

Upcoming competitions include the George Naismith 4BBB on Saturday and the Monthly Medals on Wednesday, May 3, (ladies) and Saturday, May 6, as well as the usual weekly competitions.

## LEONGATHA

APOLOGIES for the late inclusion of the results from last week's final of the AE Edney Final Event from Saturday April 15.

We congratulate the winners Todd Lomax and Bill Bundy in this knockout competition.

Tuesday Stableford Event April 18

On Tuesday 69 golfers played in this Stableford Round.

A Grade Winner: Michael Thomas with a score of 37 points

A Grade R/Up: Steven Ispanovic with a score of 34 points on a countback

B Grade Winner: Paul Fawcett with a score of 43 points

B Grade R/Up: Peter Hartigan with a score of 34 points

C Grade Winner: Long Harry Hoekstra with 38 points

C Grade R/Up: Anthony Hunt with a score of 37 points on a countback

NTP: 14th Bradley Hines at 1.64m

NTP: 16th Bert Borg at 3.80m

Thursday Stableford Event April 20

On Thursday 89 members/guests hitting off on a shotgun start at 9am, played in a Stableford event.

A Grade Winner: Gordon Morrison with a score of 37 points

A Grade R/Up: Rod Mackenzie with a score of 36 points

B Grade Winner: Ross McRobert with a score of 35 points on a countback

B Grade R/Up: Ken Lay with a score of 35 points

C Grade Winner: Steven Smith with a score of 40 points

C Grade R/Up: Bert Borg with a score of 36 points

D Grade Winner: Bob Smith with a score of 37 points

D Grade R/Up: Max Hyde with a score of 36 points

NTP: 14th Michael Thomas at 1.79m

NTP: 16th John Moor at 4.10m Saturday Par Event April 22

On Saturday we had an excellent turnup of 92 golfers take to the course for this week's challenging Par event with some quality scoring.

A-Grade Winner: Rodney Hopcraft with a score of 3 up

A-Grade R/U: Tony Hicks with a score of 2 up on a countback

B-Grade Winner: Rod Mackenzie with a score of 5 up

B-Grade R/U: Barry Attwood with a score of 3 up

C-Grade Winner: Ben Chapman with a score of 3 up

C-Grade R/U: Ian Debanham with a score of square

D-Grade Winner: Conor Hosking with a score of 1 down on a countback

D-Grade R/U: Anne Gibson with a score of 1 down on a countback

NTP: 14th Chad Clasby at .94m

NTP: 16th Gordon Morrison at 1.54m

Congratulations to Club Captain Garry Rotteveel for his eagle on hole 3.

## LEONGATHA

### Ladies

A LARGE field competed in the stableford event last week sponsored generously by Evans Petroleum. Despite the varied weather conditions there were quite a number of respectable scores.

One of the highlights of the day was the winner of B Grade playing in her first ever 18 hole competition.

Debra Kilpatrick scored 34 stableford points winning by one shot from runner up Bronwyn Debenham. Life Member Pat Pease also had a day out, winning A Grade with 35 points: her first 18 holes for quite some time. Joc Howson was runner up with 32 points.

The following players won a ball down the line: Max Eabry 32, Glenyce McRobert 32, Maryanne Gartner 31, Shirley Welsford 31, Delia Perry 30, Michelle Sait-Bennett 30, Colleen Touzel 30, and Anne Gibson, Karen Murchie, Cheryl Borg, Deb Miller and Robin Smith all on 29.

Robin Smith and Fay Quilford were closest to the flag on the 14th and 16th respectively.

Six women competed in the 9 hole competition. Marie Sands won with 19 points and Libby Seebeck and Loris Clark each won a ball.

## MEENIYAN

### Ladies

ON Wednesday amongst a few showers, we played the club qualifying round for the Doris Chambers 18-hole foursomes Stableford event for 2023.

The trophy donor for the day was Mary Walker.

The winners were Gail Browne

(44) & Jenny Cope (37) with 30 points.

R/U were Sue Hoskin (27) & Jo Graeme (25) with 29pts

Next week is R & H Poletti Qualifying Round. Draw for partners. Sponsor is Faye LePage.

## MIRBOO NORTH

THURSDAY April 20, Stableford.

A Grade: S Duff (10) 36pts

B Grade: R Pentland (17) 34pts

DTL: D Daniel 33, G Dawson, M Richter 32.

NTP: 4th W Reynolds, 6th, R Pentland.

Birdies: 4th M Payne.

Saturday, April 23, Par.

A Grade: J Pisa (8) 3up

B Grade: D Evans (17) 2up

C Grade: R Clark (19) -1

DTL: P Draper, J Kidd +1, N Rutledge, J Smeriglio, S Mc Innes, G Renwick sq c/b.

NTP: 4th, S Mc Innes. 6th, N Baker. 13th, J Pisa. 16th, S Eison.

Birdies: 4th, R Robbins, R Matthews, J Pisa, 6th, N Baker, 13th, G Renwick, J Pisa. 16th S Eison, A Moscato.

## PHILLIP ISLAND

TUESDAY, April 18, Mens 18 hole Stroke Mid-week Monthly Medal

A Grade winner: Anthony Shannon (8) with nett 71 from Rob Sparkman (14) with nett 73

B Grade winner: Rod Ward (17) with nett 69 from Ray Jansson (17) nett 72

C Grade Jim Holroyd (24) with nett 73 c/b from Chris Vanderheyden (25)

NTP: 5TH Rob Sparkman 7th Rob Davison 10th Tony Gay 17th Danny Hibbert

BDL to nett 76 c/b

Midweek Medal of medallists was Heath Grace with nett 73

Mens 9-hole Stableford

Mal MacArthur (28) was the winner with 19 points c/b from Len Fenton and Reg Browne

BDL to 75 points c/b

Wednesday, April 19, Ladies Par A Grade Winner was Helen Coglan (16) with +3

B Grade Winner was Marilyn John (31) with +1

C Grade Winner was Marg Frith (35) with -3

NTP 5th Vicki Roff-Smith 7th Dawn Andrews 10th Vicki Roff-Smith 17th Jo Disher

Lesley Meadowcroft had an eagle on 9th hole

BDL to -4 c/b

9 Hole winner was Lyn Ward with 19 points

Thursday, April 20, Open Stableford

A grade: Rowan Wales (16) 39 points c/b from Alan Schache (4)

B Grade: Heath Grace (17) with 42 points from Jeff Sellenger (20) with 40 points c/b

C Grade Winner was Trevor MacFarlane (25) with 36 points from Steve Kelly (35) with 35

points

BDL to 34 points c/b

NTP: 5TH Tom Tyrell 7th Ron Wadey 10th Paul Ledwith 17th Cameron Pedersen

Open 9-hole Stableford

Winner was Peter Matthews (34) with 20 points c/b from David Henstridge (21)

BDL to 18 points c/b

Saturday, April 22, Stableford Mens Results:

A Grade winner was Jack Ross (10) with 41 points from Lawrence Ferrari (9) 37 points c/b

B Grade Winner was Rohan McDonnell (14) with 37 points c/b from Garry Birch (17)

C Grade Winner was Chris Disher (22) with 39 points from Harry Sterling (19) with 37 points c/b

BDL to 33 points c/b

NTP: 5th Phil Cooksey 7th Peter Gray 10th Mark Jamieson 17th Wayne Morris

Graeme Cuff had an eagle on the 18th Hole.

Ladies Stableford Results

Ladies' winner was Michelle Davey (45) with 35 points from Jeanette Diss (20) with 34 points

NTP 5th Karen Green 10th Lesley Meadowcroft 17th Ada Anglin BDL to 31 points c/b

9-hole Open Stableford winner was Clive Hill (29) with 19 points BDL to 16

## WONTHAGGI

MEN'S Results April 22, S.R 71 Competition type: Par Winners:

A Grade: Peter Dell +3

B Grade: Gary Bates +3

C Grade: Ron Pennefecher +5

BDL to 0 C/B

NTP: Eric VanAgtmaal 2 n d , Simon O'Halloran 4 t h , Dean Winning (propin) 8th, Peter Dell 13th, Rick Schan (money) 17th.

Men

## SPORT | BOWLS



Korumburra's Joanna Lomagno runner up of ID Open Singles competition held in Bendigo last week.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club Saturday winners Allan Ireland, Lyn Tagell and Peter Morgan.



Inverloch Social Bowls April 20 winners Allan Mc Lean, Graeme Turton and Terry Seaward (skip).



Indoor bowlers Jim Rhodi, Jan Milkins, Lia Smith and Jim Stewart.



Evana Baxendale of Hartley Wells, Jo Runciman from Leongatha Bowls Club, raffle winner Eddy Rich and Harris family members Indie, Pru, Charlotte and Albie with their new TV, alongside salesman Ryan Elliott.

## Leongatha Bowls Club raffle boost

LEONGATHA Bowls Club's biggest yearly fundraising initiative is expected to contribute to improved kitchen facilities for its members, with the Hartley Wells Betta Home Living sponsored raffle raising valuable income for the club.

Jo Runciman of the club's sponsorship committee said the kitchen project is next on the list, with the need for added touches like extra drawers.

"I would like to thank Darren from Hartley Wells for his ongoing support, and the proceeds go towards improvements in our club," she said.

Loch's Eddy Rich was delighted to win first prize, a \$1,000 voucher for the store, heading to the bedding section to check out the range of Aussie made mattresses

and saying it is time for an upgrade.

He said he was surprised to win.

"I thought it was a hoax call," he said of his initial reaction to hearing he'd won a prize.

Second prize went to the Harris family, with mum Tilliani's name on the winning ticket and her enthusiastic kids and partner collecting a new 32" television.

Evana Baxendale, who works in administration and sponsorship for Hartley Wells, said the business is always happy to help the local bowls club.

"They've been customers for many years," she said, pointing out both parties benefit from their strong relationship.

Jo thanked all those who bought raffle tickets.

"We appreciate your support," she said.

## INVERLOCH

CONGRATULATIONS to Anne Tschiderer and Lorraine Dowson for their win of the Moe Classic Pairs.

Friday night meals are back starting May 5, 2023.

Please note the price is \$20 a head. If you are coming, please get your names on the board.

Our Annual Bowl Over Cancer Day has been scheduled for May 25.

Our last monthly triples for this season were held last Wednesday. 18 teams competed over 4 games in cool weather. Runners Up on the day with 4 wins and 36 points was the team of B Massier (skip), P Taitton and N Clark. Winners on the day with 4 wins and 70 points was the team of Jeff Gilbert (skip), Garry Scott, and Paul Davis. The sponsors for the day were L J Hooker whose staff presented prize money.

Best first game by 14 shots went to G Hogan (skip), D Scott and R Wylie. Best second game by 13 shots went to R. Poole (skip), L Meredith and D McDonald. Best third game by 8 shots went to Ron Burge, Keith Cousens and Pam Sutcliffe. Best 4th game by 11 shots went to G Hogan (skip), D Scott and R Wylie.

Our thanks go to Paul Davis who has done organised this event for the season. Our next monthly triples at Inverloch will take place on September 20th.

Our Thursday Social Bowls attracted 19 players to compete in fantastic weather. Winners for the day with 2 wins and 36 points was the team of Terry Seaward (skip), Graeme Turton and Allan Mc Lean. Runners Up with 2 wins and 32 points was the team of Bill Selby (skip), Di Selby and Peter Gentsch.

Runners Up on 23 points were: John Nicholson (S), Gwyn Jeffrey (3), Michael Saunders (2), Shirley Corcoran (L)

Best One Game winners on 21 points: Tony Heppleston (S), Rob Jeffreys (3), Chris Brooks (2), Mike Waring (L)

This week we will once again meet at Koo Wee Rup by 10:00AM for a 10:30AM start.

We look forward to seeing everyone there.

## WONTHAGGI INDOOR

TUESDAY saw an amazing day of bowling with 3 teams all winning on a plus 12.

They were Lia Smith, Sue Rose, Sylvia Mattock, Teresa Ireland, Mary Spooner, Jeannie Slocombe, John Stewart, Chris Rose and Wolfe Gilch.

Runners up on plus 10 were Pat Novak, Helen Rook, Jan Milkins and Jenny Baker.

Friday we had our Singles championship an enjoyable and competitive day was had by all.

The winner of the ladies was Jan Milkins runner up Lia Smith. Mens winner was Jim.

## SPORT | SHOOTING



Steve Bettoni Memorial Shoot winners (middle), from left, Shane McRae, Robert Evans, Joel Hastie, Ves Dubocanin, Bruno Bettoni.

## April shoot goes off with a bang

WESTERNPORT Field and Game held their monthly shoot on April 16 with 51 teams attending the 30th Anniversary Steve Bettoni Memorial Shoot.

We would like to congratulate the following winners:

High Gun: Joel Hastie & Robert Evans Jnr (91)

1st: John Passarin & Joel Passarin (91)

2nd: Rohan Evans & Stuart Evans (91)

3rd: Daniel Fritsch & Sarah Fritsch (89)

4th: Jarvis & Kye Atkinson (88)

Slab raffle: Darren Robertson

Meat tray raffle: Rob Alcock

Our next shoot is the annual Keith Tooley Memorial Shoot side by side competition sponsored by Trodan Industries and Mark Brenton Memorial Shoot under and over competition consisting of 75 targets on Sunday May 21 with nominations commencing at 9:30am.

Self-nominations will be available through MCMS before the event. Clay target shooting is suitable for all genders, ages and fitness levels with juniors shooting for free.

## KORUMBURRA

WE have had another busy week around the club Jo Lomagno and Ben Peachey went to the disability championships at Bendigo with Ben coming runner up in the pairs competition.

While Jo got one up on Ben by defeating in the semi final, she was herself defeated in the grand final of the open singles.

Congratulations to both and for the way they represented the club.

Friday night was the club annual presentation night with awards going to all those who won club events for the season.

## WONTHAGGI

ANOTHER good week with the season starting to wind down for Wednesday and Saturday bowls.

Wednesday saw 20 bowlers grace the greens on a fine but cool day.

We had two teams that were two game winners. The runners up was the pairing of Lyn Tagell and Rod Beech with a score of two wins and 31 points. The winners were Joy

# Huge crowds expected for historic footy match

A CROWD of more than 3000 is expected to watch the Hawthorn Football Club's VFLW team take on the Casey Demons on Sunday, April 30 at Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve.

The match kicks off at 11:30am, followed by the Hawk's VFL team taking the field at 2:05 pm.

It will be the first game for competition points at this level ever played in Bass Coast.

Shire Mayor, Cr Michael Whelan, said when Bass Coast Shire Council secured a partnership with Hawthorn Football Club last year they have been working towards this moment, which not only celebrates footy at Bass Coast, but gender equality.

Cr Whelan added the game will kick-start a push for the State Government to help fund a masterplan to significantly upgrade the Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve.

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

The celebrations on Sunday will also include Auskick sessions, kick to kick on the field during the breaks, opportunities to listen to the coaches, and other family-friendly activities, plus food and drink options. Entry is free.

Grace Matser and Grace McRae are among the players who grew up in Bass Coast and learnt their footy skills here,



Grace Matser, Sunday Brisbane, Grace McRae and Macie Gilmour are ecstatic for the upcoming Hawthorn Football Club's VFLW team to play in Wonthaggi.

along with Sunday Brisbane, Macie Gilmour and Max Walton.

Hawks VFLW midfielder Grace McRae said the double-header was a significant day for the region. "Having grown up playing for Dalston in the Bass Coast region, I'm so proud to be returning to my hometown and highlighting the great pathways now in place for women and girls playing footy regionally," Grace said.

"This is my second season with the Hawks having graduated from the Gippsland Power in the Coates Talent League Girls competition.

"I've really enjoyed the

step-up to VFLW and have been lucky enough to be voted in by my peers as a leadership group member this season. It's been great to continue to develop my craft in the midfield as well as enhance my leadership skills in the brown and gold."

Hawk ruck Grace Matser said the day would be a chance for Wonthaggi to shine.

"I have great memories of my time at the mighty Bass Coast Breakers so I'm super excited to play at the wonderful Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve with my new Hawks teammates.

A lot of them haven't experienced much regional footy so

I can't wait for the Bass Coast community to put on a show and hopefully we can do the same on-field against Casey," Grace said.

"I've been really enjoying my first season at the Hawks. I thrive on each opportunity I get to go up against the best rucks in the competition and am always looking to develop and improve each game. I've got great support around me, and I know that if we get all the pieces together, we're one of the hardest teams to beat in the competition."

For more information and event details go to: [www.bass-coast.vic.gov.au/hawkswonthaggi](http://www.bass-coast.vic.gov.au/hawkswonthaggi)



## Wonthaggi Pony Club April rally

WONTHAGGI held its April rally on Sunday under beautiful Autumn sunshine.

The riders are broken into ability groups and instructors help develop their skills in Show Jumping, Cross Country, Dressage, Games and Horse Mastership.

The Horse Mastership is an integral part of Pony Club where members work towards Pony Club Certificates.

They learn important knowledge such as care of the horse and equipment, basic first aid, parts of the horse, breeds, correct riding positions and procedures.

We welcomed two new 'come and try' members.

This is a great way to experience the club and all that is has to offer before joining up.

## Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun

THIS weekend marked the four year anniversary of the Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun.

The stars aligned as it also fell on tutu day which is when a parkrun day falls on the 22nd day of the month.

This meant we ate cake (thanks to Mark's great baking), wore tutus (thanks to Warwick's great dress up box) and decorated the much-loved shelter.

The weather was perfect and the coffee was hot at Lamezleighs.

The results showed that 20 per cent of people received a PB time this week which equates 6 out of the 30 participants.

Wendy's fantastic photos may be proof that tutus make you run faster and we encourage you to follow the Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun Mirboo North Facebook page to see more evidence of the day.

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers this week; Chris Bickhoff, Lynne Bickhoff, Caitlin Castellan, Julia Groves, Julie Hall, Wendy Hunter, Warwick King, Darcy Linforth.

We hope to see you all over the next few weeks, and remember... parkrun is free, for everyone, every Saturday. Volunteer, walk, jog, run!



Koonwarra parkrun continues to grow in popularity.

## Just over 100 park runners despite cold weather

By Colleen Clark

WITH recent Autumn rain over the last couple of weeks we are no longer experiencing puffs of dust coating our shoes that we have been so accustomed to.

Saturday was event #224 acknowledged by RD Steve Fuery, that the event number fell on April 22, (22/4) and some wishful thinking on Steve's behalf that it would be 22 degrees at 4am this morning instead we had a full set of grey clouds, no sunshine but at least it wasn't cold for 101 participants at Koonwarra parkrun.

As RD, Steve mentioned there are a few gaps in the upcoming Volunteer roster. Thank you to those who have put their names down this weekend. Please don't hesitate to Volunteer in the 12 weekly roles available. Training is provided and you will feel that warm fuzzy feeling from volunteering, similar to running or walking the course. There are a number of roles that can be performed and you still get to run or walk eg: course check, first timers' briefing, run report, park walker and tail walker. If the major roles are not filled eg: run director, timekeeper, finish tokens and barcode scanner, parkrun will be cancelled.

Unfortunately, sometimes things do not go smoothly,

there was a technical glitch in the recording system this week and not everyone's times have been recorded.

If you have come up as an "unknown" and you know your placing please message Koonwarra Parkrun and we will have that fixed for you.

Congratulations to tourist, Aaron Fiddes on entering the 25 milestone club.

We had 11 First Timers including tourists: Aaron Fiddes, Max Murrihy, Matilda Mulley, Chia-Ching Chang, Melissa Diggerman, Michael Anderson, Abby Walker, Linus Chang, Siew Chang, Lola Bright and Erin Bright.

Congratulations to all and hope to see you again.

Congratulations to the 9 who recorded PBs: Di Mostert 24:37, Elizabeth Joseph 25:21, Jethro Walliker 26:56, Josiah Walliker 27:08, Samantha Tan 28:24, Esther Walliker 31:38, Rosie Mulley 32:21, Michonne Van Rees 36:30 and Asher Walliker 49:09.

Lastly Thank you to our wonderful volunteers this week: Tracey Anderson, Jason Browne, Colleen Clark, Maryan Foote, Kelly Fuery, Steve Fuery, Peter Hosking, Helen Lughetto, Joy Miles, Sarah Peachey, Christine Winning and Christopher Winning.

# SOCER SEASON BEGINS



## Gippsland FC report

### GIPPSLAND United FC v Bentleigh Greens, under 12s pre NPL Round 1.

The team faced strong opposition in their first match of the season, coming up against a very strong and polished Bentleigh outfit.

The first half was all out attack from the Bentleigh mids and forwards, which had the Gippsland defence of Oliver Lee, Liam Arbon, Beckham Bremner and Lewis Manzo working hard to repel many forward entries and keeper Quinn Asmussen making numerous strong saves to hold the opposition at bay.

Centre striker Dino Grbic lifted morale in the first half with a stunning goal which beat the keeper, helping to bring belief and a renewed focus to the boys.

After regrouping at half time with some instruction from coach Tony Manzo, the boys settled in the second half and were able to negate the midfield dominance of Bentleigh through the good work Sidney Box, Hudson Reiss, Lucas O'Dowd and Blake Breheny, holding possession for longer and starting to create runs and linking together to keep their shape and worry the Bentleigh defence, which eventually resulted in a second goal to Dino Grbic, who converted from a Hudson Reiss corner, giving him a brace and once again lifting the teams spirits.

Isaac Sharp and Harry Lee came into the game with their run and attack bringing support to the hard working midfield and defence.

Romeo Vitale stepped into the role of keeper in the second half and was kept busy making repeated saves and defending well against quality opponents.

Result Bentleigh 10 - Gippsland 2.

### Gippsland United FC v Dandenong City Under 13s pre NPL Round 1

The u13s travelled away to play against Dandenong City for round one of their season proper.

The first half was a lively affair with Dandenong City scoring early, which was then followed by another. But the boys fought back and soon scored through Clay Diston-McCann.

Halkett-Dobson was strong in defence and was linking up with Patrick Hermans but they were not able to break the City defence.

An unfortunate deflection in front of goal saw City go in at halftime 3-1 up.

Starting the second half the boys appeared to be a bit flat footed and second to the ball which saw City score another quick 3 goals.

Diston-McCann stepped up to score a second half hat trick (bringing his tally to 4 goals for the day), inspiring the team to push hard to find the winners, unfortunately time beating them with the final score Dandenong City 6 - GUFC 4.

The team has a bye in round 2 and will be back on the park in round 3 versus Glen Eira.

The JBNPL U14s, U15s and U18s commence their home and away season on Sunday, April 3rd.



The Knights men's team are looking forward to a strong season again.

## Leongatha Knights FC to continue winning ways

FOLLOWING a successful off season Go Fives competition, Leongatha Knights FC are fielding teams in all competitions of the Gippsland Soccer League and are eagerly anticipating the 2023 season.

With great numbers in the junior age groups, Leongatha will be entering two teams in the Under 14s age group to cater for this growth.

For local players interested in taking up soccer there is a team for every age from five through to adults.

Our clubrooms and training grounds are at Mary MacKillop College in Leongatha with teams training either once or twice a week, depending on the age group.

Last season saw great success for the Knights.

All eligible age groups made it to finals.

Our senior men, women and Under 17 girls all finished top of their competition and the women and Under 17 mixed

also brought home the Champions trophies.

Our men's team also made history by being the first team to finish top of the ladder in the Gippsland Soccer League whilst led by a female coach.

All teams have been hard at work in the preseas.

Our senior men made it to the semi finals of the Kendall Cup Tournament in Sale.

In the recent Korumburra Cup our men, women and Under 17s took home the trophy winning three out four of the competitions.

Leongatha Knights FC prides itself on being a family oriented and accessible club for all.

We are excited to be launching our first All Abilities program to run in conjunction with our home games this season.

Leongatha Knights FC are looking forward to the season and welcoming new and returning players to the pitch. Go Knights!



The Knights 'Mini Roos'.

## Season gets underway for Gippsland United FC

GIPPSLAND United FC is the premier football club in Gippsland offering the highest standard of football with a strong focus on talent development, general participation growth and increasing female participation.

The Club was formed in November 2022 with the amalgamation of Warragul United Soccer Club (WUSC), Gippsland Football Club (Gippsland FC) and Latrobe United Women's Football Club (LUWFC) to create a holistic approach to elite football and talent development for the entire Gippsland region.

With grounds located centrally in Warragul, Morwell and Trafalgar, Gippsland United FC are offering the following football programs in 2023:

- Senior Men: State League 1, Seniors and Reserves
- Senior Women: State League 3 and 4
- Junior Boys National Premier League (JBNPL): U12s

Pre-NPL, U13s Pre-NPL, U14s, U15s, U16s and U18s JBNPL

- Skills Acquisition Program (SAP): Boys and Girls U10s - U12s
- Junior Metro: U10s - U14s Boys and Girls
- MiniRoos Home League: U6s - U10s Boys and Girls
- Girls Development Program - 18 Weeks (open to girls born Jan 2010 to Dec 2014)

### Junior boys national premier league:

The Junior Boys National Premier League is Football Victoria's aspirational tier of football for boys aged 14-18 years.

This league is overseen by both FFA and Football Victoria (FV) and hosts around 45 clubs across the state, divided into divisions. The boys train 3 nights a week and play a 33 round season (11 qualifying/grading matches and 22 home and away matches).

We currently have player vacancies in the U15s, U16s and U18s.

Please contact Mark Cassar (Club Technical Director) on 0437 496 757 for further information or to book a trial.

### Girls development programs:

In an attempt to increase the participation rate of girls in football across Gippsland, Gippsland United FC will be running an 18 week, Girls Only, skills accelerator program for girls born between Jan 2010 and Dec 2014. This program will be run by qualified female coaches and is open to girls of all ability levels.

These programs will be run out of both Warragul and Morwell.

### Skills acquisition programs:

The Skills Acquisition Programs are designed to provide boys and girls aged 9-12 with

a solid foundation of game-related technical skills. These programs will be delivered by FFA Advanced Accredited Coaches and will include 1-2 training sessions per week.

These programs will be offered by Gippsland United FC in Bairnsdale, Warragul, Morwell and Wonthaggi/Inverloch.

### Coaching vacancies 2023:

JBNPL U16 Boys Coach: Morwell based. 22 Home and Away matches commencing April 30, 2023. This position is supported by the club Technical Director and will include a competitive remuneration package. Must have (or be willing to obtain) "C" Level Coaching License.

For further information on any of the above programs or to register your interest in joining a team, please contact Mark Cassar (Club Technical Director) on 0437 496 757 or email [contactus@gippsland-unitedfc.com](mailto:contactus@gippsland-unitedfc.com).



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# SOCER SEASON BEGINS



The Knights kick back in to the play from defence.  
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## Gippsland Soccer League round one results

Senior Mens: Lang Lang United 3 d Mirboo North United, Phillip Island 2 d Leongatha Knights 1, Korumburra City 3 d Inverloch Stars 1, Trafalgar Victory 12 d Wonthaggi United 1.

Senior Womens: Lang Lang United 3 d Mirboo North United 2, Leongatha Knights 20 d Phillip Island 0.

Mens Reserves: Phillip Island 7 d Leongatha Knights 1, Inverloch Stars 7 d Korumburra City 0, Trafalgar Victory 6 d Drouin Dragons 2

Under 17 Mixed: Drouin Dragons White 2 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 1, Phillip Island 3 d Leongatha Knights 1.

Under 14 Mixed: Leongatha Knights White 3 d Mirboo North United 2, Phillip Island 5 d Leongatha Knights Blue 2, Korumburra City 4 d Inverloch Stars 2, Drouin Dragons Maroon 5 d Drouin Dragons White 1.

Under 12a Mixed: Phillip Island 4 d Leongatha Knights 0, Inverloch Stars 3 d Korumburra City 0, Mirboo North United 7 d Lang Lang United 1.

Under 12b Mixed: Drouin Maroon/Yellow 3 d Drouin Dragons Yellow 1, Phillip Island Red 3 d Phillip Island Blue 2, Inverloch Stars 3 d Korumburra City 0.



Knights and the Breakers contest the ball in a tough match.  
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# Gippsland Soccer League

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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.

## 2023 GIPPSLAND SOCCER LEAGUE FIXTURE

### ROUND 1 - SUNDAY, APRIL 23

#### Senior Men - 3pm

Mirboo North United v Lang Lang United  
Phillip Island v Leongatha Knights  
Inverloch Stars v Korumburra City  
Wonthaggi United v Trafalgar Victory  
Drouin Dragons - BYE  
**Senior Women - 1pm**

Mirboo North United v Lang Lang United  
Phillip Island v Leongatha Knights  
Inverloch Stars - BYE  
Wonthaggi United - BYE  
Drouin Dragons - BYE

### ROUND 2 - Sunday, April 30

#### Senior Men - 3pm

Lang Lang United v Phillip Island  
Korumburra City v Mirboo North United  
Leongatha Knights v Inverloch Stars  
Drouin Dragons v Wonthaggi United  
Trafalgar Victory v BYE

#### Senior Women - 1pm

Lang Lang United v Phillip Island  
Leongatha Knights v Inverloch Stars  
Drouin Dragons v Wonthaggi United  
Mirboo North United - BYE

### ROUND 3 - SUNDAY, MAY 7

#### Senior Men - 3pm

Trafalgar Victory v Lang Lang United  
Mirboo North United v Drouin Dragons  
Korumburra City v Leongatha Knights  
Wonthaggi United v Inverloch Stars  
Phillip Island - BYE

#### Senior Women - 1pm

Wonthaggi United v Inverloch Stars  
Mirboo North United v Drouin Dragons  
Leongatha Knights - BYE  
Lang Lang United - BYE  
Phillip Island - BYE

### ROUND 4 - SUNDAY, MAY 14

#### Senior Men - 3pm

Drouin Dragons v Trafalgar Victory  
Lang Lang United v Korumburra City  
Leongatha Knights v Mirboo North United  
Wonthaggi United v Phillip Island  
Inverloch Stars - BYE

#### Senior Women - 1pm

Leongatha Knights v Mirboo North United  
Wonthaggi United v Phillip Island  
Lang Lang United - BYE  
Drouin Dragons - BYE  
Inverloch Stars - BYE

### ROUND 5 - SUNDAY, MAY 21

#### Senior Men - 3pm

Mirboo North United v Wonthaggi United  
Drouin Dragons v Leongatha Knights  
Phillip Island v Korumburra City  
Inverloch Stars v Trafalgar Victory  
Lang Lang United - BYE

#### Senior Women - 1pm

Mirboo North United v Wonthaggi United  
Drouin Dragons v Leongatha Knights  
Phillip Island - BYE  
Inverloch Stars - BYE  
Lang Lang United - BYE

### ROUND 6 - SUNDAY, MAY 28

#### Senior Men - 3pm

Wonthaggi United v Lang Lang United  
Inverloch Stars v Mirboo North United  
Trafalgar Victory v Phillip Island  
Korumburra City v Drouin Dragons  
Leongatha Knights - BYE

#### Senior Women - 1pm

Wonthaggi United v Lang Lang United  
Inverloch Stars v Mirboo North United  
Phillip Island - BYE  
Drouin Dragons - BYE  
Leongatha Knights - BYE

**Game Times:** Senior Men 3pm • Senior Women 1pm • Mens Reserves 1pm

Under 17 (Mixed) 9.50am • Under 14 (Mixed) 11.30am

Under 12A (Mixed) 10am • Under 12B (Mixed) 11.30am

### ROUND 7 - SUNDAY, JUNE 4

#### Senior Men - 3pm

Lang Lang United v Leongatha Knights  
Phillip Island v Mirboo North United  
Trafalgar Victory v Korumburra City  
Drouin Dragons v Inverloch Stars  
Wonthaggi United - BYE

#### Senior Women - 1pm

Lang Lang United v Leongatha Knights  
Phillip Island v Mirboo North United  
Drouin Dragons v Inverloch Stars  
Wonthaggi United - BYE

### ROUND 13 - SUNDAY, JULY 23

#### Senior Men - 3pm

Trafalgar Victory v Drouin Dragons  
Mirboo North United v Leongatha Knights  
Phillip Island v Wonthaggi United  
Korumburra City v Lang Lang United  
Inverloch Stars - BYE

#### Senior Women - 1pm

Mirboo North United v Leongatha Knights  
Phillip Island v Wonthaggi United  
Lang Lang United - BYE  
Drouin Dragons - BYE  
Inverloch Stars - BYE

### ROUND 14 - SUNDAY, JULY 30

#### Senior Men - 3pm

Wonthaggi United v Mirboo North United  
Leongatha Knights v Drouin Dragons  
Korumburra City v Phillip Island  
Trafalgar Victory v Inverloch Stars  
Lang Lang United - BYE

#### Senior Women - 1pm

Wonthaggi United v Mirboo North United  
Leongatha Knights v Drouin Dragons  
Phillip Island - BYE  
Inverloch Stars - BYE  
Lang Lang United - BYE

### ROUND 15 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

#### Senior Men - 3pm

Lang Lang United v Wonthaggi United  
Mirboo North United v Inverloch Stars  
Phillip Island v Trafalgar Victory  
Drouin Dragons v Korumburra City  
Leongatha Knights - BYE

#### Senior Women - 1pm

Lang Lang United v Wonthaggi United  
Mirboo North United v Inverloch Stars  
Phillip Island - BYE  
Drouin Dragons - BYE  
Leongatha Knights - BYE

### ROUND 16 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

#### Senior Men - 3pm

Leongatha Knights v Lang Lang United  
Mirboo North United v Phillip Island  
Inverloch Stars v Drouin Dragons  
Korumburra City v Trafalgar Victory  
Wonthaggi United - BYE

#### Senior Women - 1pm

Leongatha Knights v Lang Lang United  
Mirboo North United v Phillip Island  
Inverloch Stars v Drouin Dragons  
Wonthaggi United - BYE

### ROUND 17 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

#### Senior Men - 3pm

Lang Lang United v Drouin Dragons  
Phillip Island v Inverloch Stars  
Wonthaggi United v Korumburra City  
Trafalgar Victory v Leongatha Knights  
Mirboo North United - BYE

#### Senior Women - 1pm

Lang Lang United v Drouin Dragons  
Phillip Island v Inverloch Stars  
Wonthaggi United - BYE  
Leongatha Knights - BYE  
Mirboo North United - BYE

### ROUND 18 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

#### Senior Men - 3pm

Inverloch Stars v Lang Lang United  
Leongatha Knights v Wonthaggi United  
Drouin Dragons v Phillip Island  
Trafalgar Victory v Mirboo North United  
Korumburra City - BYE

#### Senior Women - 1pm

Inverloch Stars v Lang Lang United  
Leongatha Knights v Wonthaggi United  
Drouin Dragons v Phillip Island  
Mirboo North United - BYE

Morwell East 70 d Hill End 21  
 Tarwin 37 d MDU 29  
 Mirboo North 50 d Toora 39  
 Stony Cr'k 32 lt Fish Cr'k 53  
 Yinnar 54 d Newborough 38

Morwell East 71 d Hill End 28  
 Tarwin 26 lt MDU 52  
 Toora 46 d Mirboo North 42  
 Stony Cr'k 36 lt Fish Cr'k 46  
 Yinnar 47 d Newborough 26  
 Boolarra 113 d Thorpdale 3

Morwell East 21 lt Hill End 30  
 Tarwin 24 lt MDU 29  
 Toora 27 d Mirboo North 25  
 Stony Cr'k 21 lt Fish Cr'k 32  
 Yinnar 40 d Newborough 31  
 Boolarra 55 d Thorpdale 6

Morwell East 38 d Hill End 25  
 Tarwin 37 d MDU 33  
 Toora 13 lt Mirboo North 46  
 Stony Cr'k 16 lt Fish Cr'k 56  
 Yinnar 31 d Newborough 26  
 Boolarra 34 d Thorpdale 20

Tarwin 18 lt MDU 54  
 Toora 48 lt Mirboo North 5  
 Stony Cr'k 18 lt Fish Cr'k 39  
 Yinnar 36 d Newborough 14

Morwell East 11 lt Hill End 28  
 Tarwin 2 lt MDU 67  
 Toora 4 lt Mirboo North 33  
 Stony Cr'k 8 lt Fish Cr'k 28  
 Yinnar 58 d Newborough 12

Tarwin 8 lt MDU 11  
 Toora 5 lt Mirboo North 17  
 Yinnar 28 d Newborough 6

	%	pts
Morwell East	360.00	8
Fish Creek	165.63	4
Yinnar	142.11	4
Toora	128.21	4
Tarwin	127.59	4
Foster	25.68	4
Boolarra	0.00	4
MDU	78.38	0
Mirboo North	78.00	0
Newborough	70.37	0
Stony Creek	60.38	0
Hill End	30.00	0

	%	pts
Morwell East	237.74	8
Boolarra	3766.67	4
MDU	200.00	4
Yinnar	180.77	4
Fish Creek	127.78	4
Toora	109.52	4
Foster	63.64	4
Mirboo North	91.30	0
Stony Creek	78.26	0
Newborough	55.32	0
Tarwin	50.00	0
Hill End	25.35	0
Thorpdale	2.65	0

	%	pts
Boolarra	916.67	4
Morwell East	250.00	4
Fish Creek	152.38	4
Hill End	142.86	4
Yinnar	129.03	4
MDU	120.83	4
Toora	108.00	4
Foster	8.70	4
Mirboo North	92.59	0
Tarwin	82.76	0
Newborough	77.50	0
Stony Creek	65.63	0

	%	pts
Morwell East	260.61	8
Mirboo North	353.85	4
Fish Creek	350.00	4
Boolarra	170.00	4
Yinnar	119.23	4
Tarwin	112.12	4
Foster	16.67	4
MDU	89.19	0
Newborough	83.87	0
Hill End	65.79	0
Thorpdale	58.82	0
Stony Creek	28.57	0
Toora	28.26	0

Morwell East 0.00 8

Toora 960.00 4

MDU 300.00 4

Yinnar 257.14 4

Fish Creek 216.67 4

Boolarra 0.00 4

Stony Creek 46.15 0

Newborough 38.89 0

Tarwin 33.33 0

Mirboo North 10.42 0

MDU 3350.00 4

Mirboo North 825.00 4

Yinnar 483.33 4

Fish Creek 350.00 4

Hill End 254.55 4

Morwell East 123.53 4

Foster 19.35 4

Boolarra 0.00 4

Stony Creek 28.57 0

Newborough 20.69 0

Toora 12.12 0

Tarwin 2.99 0

13 & UNDER

Foster 0.00 8

Yinnar 466.67 4

Mirboo North 340.00 4

MDU 137.50 4

Boolarra 0.00 4

Fish Creek 0.00 4

Hill End 0.00 4

Tarwin 72.73 0

Toora 29.41 0

Newborough 21.43 0

## SPORT | NETBALL



Fish Creek's Lauren Gale (A Grade) shot very well on Saturday against Stony. Photo: Jason Harding



Dalyston's Alana McRae flies down the court in the A Grade match against Kilcunda-Bass.



Dalyston's Jade Ray-Angarane moves the ball out of defence in the B Grade match against Kilcunda-Bass.



Kilcunda Bass' Shenade Hardeman working hard through the mid court in the A Grade match against Dalyston.



Young shooter Amy Scott eyes off the ring before taking her shot at the Cowes Recreation Reserve. B06\_1723



Dalyston's Hannah McRae and Kilcunda-Bass' Kacey Maund battle for possession in the A Grade match.



Dalyston's Chloe Bramley works the ball down the court in the A Grade match.

## WEST GIPPSLAND

## RESULTS

## A GRADE

Garfield 49 d Bunyip 43

K-Bass 23 lt Dalyston 41

Kor-Bena 41 d Cora Lynn 33

P-Island 28 lt I-Kongwak 67

KWR 41 lt Nar Nar Goon 43

Warragul Ind 18 lt Toor-D 95

**B GRADE**

Garfield 45 d Bunyip 30

K-Bass 45 d Dalyston 35

Kor-Bena 34 lt Cora Lynn 58

P-Island 46 lt I-Kongwak 65

KWR 25 lt Nar Nar Goon 65

Warragul Ind 39 lt Toor-D 61

**C GRADE**

Garfield 5 lt Bunyip 17

K-Bass 18 lt Dalyston 47

Kor-Bena 27 lt Cora Lynn 29

P-Island 13 lt I-Kongwak 50

KWR 13 lt Nar Nar Goon 46

Warragul Ind 11 lt Toor-D 54

**D GRADE**

Garfield 39 d Bunyip 18

K-Bass 27 d Dalyston 25

Kor-Bena 13 lt Cora Lynn 19

P-Island 21 lt I-Kongwak 41

KWR 12 lt Nar Nar Goon 38

Warragul Ind 25 lt Toor-D 39

## LADDERS

## A GRADE

Tooradin-Dal 218.48

Inverloch-K 208.93

Dalyston 188.37

Kor-Bena 120.48

Garfield 112.16

Phillip Island 112.24

Nar Nar Goon 78.02

Bunyip 86.11

Cora Lynn 74.24

Koo Wee Rup 73.49

Kilcunda-Bass 70.00

Warragul Ind 27.68

**C GRADE**

Tooradin-Dal

**LEONGATHA**

Under 13: U13s played a great game. With two players out, Georgia Rump stepped in to make her debut and had an awesome half. The girls are learning how to play as a team and are showing great improvement. Score: Leongatha 38 def Warragul 11

Under 15: It was a really great game, and we demonstrated all the skills that we have been working hard on. The team adapted well to any position and were able to stay strong. Score: Leongatha 38 def Warragul 18

Under 17: We played a consistent four quarters against the Gulls. Our defence was strong throughout the whole game making it tough for them to score. An awesome game to both watch and play. Score: Leongatha 64 def Warragul 14

C Grade: The girls played a tough game from start to finish. Everyone kept positive and worked hard from start to finish. Great team win! Score: Leongatha 52 def Warragul 25

B Grade: Great team game everyone. Strong four quarters of netball. Our fitness and control of the ball showed as the game went on. Well done girls! Score: Leongatha 61 def Warragul 38

A Grade: Tough, physical game. Our fitness and second efforts was the difference. Staying strong and positive wins games! Go team! Score: Leongatha 38 def Warragul 27



Wonthaggi's Jess Blair gets across to try to spoil her Moe opponent in Saturday's A Grade match. Photo courtesy of Paul Landells.



Moe's Meg Morris (GK) intercepts the ball and takes the play back from Power. ob35\_1723



Wonthaggi Power defender Mia Plenkovich is on the move as she accepts this pass against Moe on Saturday. Photo courtesy of Paul Landells.



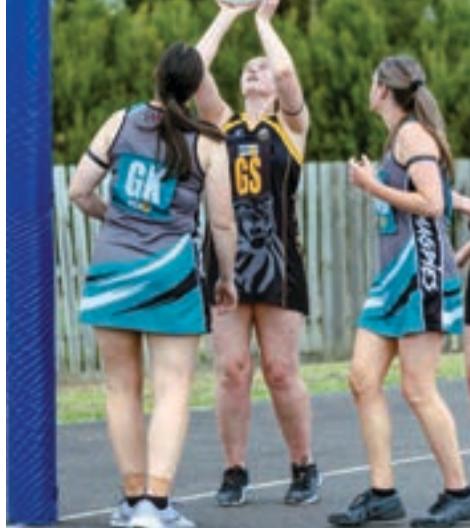
Sea Eagles goal attack Ella Sadler flicks off a pass in her side's big win over Phillip Island. B07\_1723



Inverloch Kongwak star Kelsey Buxton was awarded the ANZAC Medal for her efforts on Saturday. B05\_1723



The Tigers' Hayley Rogers (B Grade) takes a moment before attempting to score. Photo: Annie Holland



Jayne Blackford (C Grade) looks for an option. Photo: Annie Holland

Powers Melissa Beveridge (GD) goes up for the ball against Moe's Madison Rohde (GA) in the goals. ob33\_1723



Nyora's Tanasha Walters (A Grade) looks for an option. Photo: Annie Holland

**ELLINBANK****RESULTS****A GRADE**

Lang Lang 35 It N-Darnum 55  
Trafalgar 43 d Catani 25  
Ellinbank 65 d Nyora 25  
Longwarry 33 It Buln Buln 56  
Neerim Sth 103 d Poowong 14

**B GRADE**

Lang Lang 6 It N-Darnum 7  
Trafalgar 57 d Catani 33  
Ellinbank 116 d Nyora 8  
Longwarry 30 It Buln Buln 66  
Neerim Sth 70 d Poowong 19

**C GRADE**

Lang Lang 13 It N-Darnum 37  
Trafalgar 24 It Catani 35  
Ellinbank 89 d Nyora 4  
Longwarry 38 It Buln Buln 42  
Neerim Sth 54 d Poowong 14

**LADDERS**

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Neerim South	497.96	12	Longwarry	140.00	12
Ellinbank	160.61	12	Trafalgar	233.90	8
Trafalgar	175.64	8	Catani	110.11	8
Nilma Darnum	113.92	8	Poowong	1700.00	4
Lang Lang	147.06	4	Ellinbank	129.31	4
Catani	94.62	4	Nilma Darnum	105.26	4
Buln Buln	75.51	4	Buln Buln	105.15	4
Nyora	47.37	4	Lang Lang	67.74	4
Longwarry	68.10	0	Yarragon	26.55	0
Yarragon	44.76	0	Neerim South	10.08	0
Poowong	32.88	0	Nyora	0.00	0

**B GRADE**

BULN BULN	%	pts	BULN BULN	%	pts
Trafalgar	160.20	12	Poowong	417.65	8
Ellinbank	221.35	8	Yarragon	254.55	8
Neerim South	174.77	8	Nilma Darnum	119.72	8
Yarragon	96.20	4	Trafalgar	77.38	8
Catani	85.26	4	Nilma Darnum	132.61	4
Nilma Darnum	84.69	4	Longwarry	98.55	4
Poowong	79.80	4	Ellinbank	57.30	4
Lang Lang	76.09	0	Neerim South	54.81	4
Longwarry	72.25	0	Lang Lang	44.16	0
Nyora	22.73	0	Nyora	8.33	0

**C GRADE**

NEERIM STH	%	pts	NEERIM STH	%	pts
Catani	122.45	12	Buln Buln	340.00	12
Ellinbank	224.00	8	Poowong	214.63	12
Nilma Darnum	120.99	8	Yarragon	566.67	8
Yarragon	104.88	4	Nilma Darnum	500.00	8
Poowong	100.00	4	Nilma Darnum	95.56	6
Longwarry	97.44	4	Neerim South	88.71	4
Trafalgar	96.59	4	Longwarry	52.73	4
Buln Buln	92.52	4	Ellinbank	41.30	2
Lang Lang	37.93	0	Lang Lang	43.33	0
Nyora	7.98	0	Nyora	11.59	0

**GIPPSLAND****RESULTS****A GRADE**

Wonthaggi 30 It Moe 65  
Warragul 27 It Leongath 38  
Bairnsdale 35 It Drouin 61  
Sale 48 d Maffra 35  
Traralgon 24 It Morwell 53

**B GRADE**

Wonthaggi 38 It Moe 50  
Warragul 38 It Leongath 61  
Sale 36 It Maffra 42  
Traralgon 47 d Morwell 32

**C GRADE**

Wonthaggi 20 It Moe 35  
Warragul 25 It Leongath 52  
Bairnsdale 27 It Drouin 32  
Sale 14 d Maffra 38  
Traralgon 27 It Morwell 28

**LADDERS**

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Morwell	140.71	12	Leongatha	180.77	12
Leongatha	140.21	12	Sale	150.00	12
Moe	132.84	8	Traralgon	117.65	8
Drouin	115.75	8	Drouin	115.38	6
Sale	114.81	8	Morwell	102.22	6
Bairnsdale	94.17	8	Wonthaggi	157.89	4
Traralgon	80.00	4	Maffra	86.46	4
Warragul	79.05	0	Bairnsdale	83.52	4
Maffra	72.52	0	Warragul	53.66	4
Wonthaggi	61.27	0	Moe	27.87	0

B GRADE	%	pts	B GRADE	%	pts
Traralgon	129.91	12	Traralgon	320.75	12
Leongatha	146.02	8	Sale	176.00	12
Moe	119.85	8	Moe	134.33	12
Morwell	101.45	8	Bairnsdale	172.00	8
Maffra	92.31	4	Leongatha	119.10	8
Drouin	88.89	4	Warragul	84.52	4
Warragul	79.14	4	Morwell	60.00	4
Wonthaggi	73.94	0	Maffra	58.82	0
Sale	71.91	0	Wonthaggi	53.33	0
Bairnsdale	0.00	0	Drouin	34.81	0

C GRADE	%	pts	C GRADE	%	pts
Leongatha	228.36	12	Moe	947.06	12
Maffra	187.88	12	Bairnsdale	191.84	12
Morwell	118.31	12	Sale	268.42	8
Moe	118.84	8	Traralgon	238.30	8
Drouin	109.89	8	Leongatha	163.64	8
Bairnsdale	90.48	4	Bairnsdale	128.57	8
Sale	61.70	4	Drouin	66.30	4
Warragul	66.67	0	Maffra	23.70	0
Traralgon	63.78	0	Warragul	14.97	0
Wonthaggi	58.26	0	Wonthaggi	10.53	0
Morwell			Morwell		

# FOOTY TIPPING

## competition

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**WARREN STEWART**

Port Adelaide  
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Sydney  
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Carlton  
Geelong  
Richmond  
Collingwood

**LAST WEEK'S TIPS** 5\*



Wonthaggi Toyota

346 Bass Highway,  
Wonthaggi  
5632 3503

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**MICHAEL WILKINSON MEGAN THOMAS**

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Sydney  
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Melbourne  
Carlton  
Essendon  
Richmond  
Adelaide

**LAST WEEK'S TIPS** 5\*



32 McBride Avenue,  
Wonthaggi  
5672 5558

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**GLENN RIGBY**

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Sydney  
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Melbourne  
Carlton  
Geelong  
Richmond  
Collingwood

**LAST WEEK'S TIPS** 5\*



24 Inverloch Road,  
Wonthaggi  
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**STEVE CURTIS**

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Sydney  
Western Bulldogs  
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West Coast  
Geelong  
Richmond  
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**LAST WEEK'S TIPS** 3\*



16 McBride Avenue,  
Wonthaggi  
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**ADAM WARE**

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Sydney  
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Melbourne  
Carlton  
Essendon  
Richmond  
Collingwood

**LAST WEEK'S TIPS** 6\*



129-131 Graham Street,  
Wonthaggi  
1800 358 131

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**DARRYL McGANNON**

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Sydney  
Western Bulldogs  
Melbourne  
Carlton  
Geelong  
Richmond  
Collingwood

**LAST WEEK'S TIPS** 5\*



1 Roughead Street,  
Leongatha  
5662 2327

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**CARL LINDSAY**

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Brisbane  
Sydney  
Western Bulldogs  
Melbourne  
Carlton  
Essendon  
Richmond  
Collingwood

**LAST WEEK'S TIPS** 6\*



145 Graham Street,  
Wonthaggi  
5672 1137

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**JOAN HOOBER**

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Sydney  
Western Bulldogs  
Melbourne  
Carlton  
Geelong  
Richmond  
Collingwood

**LAST WEEK'S TIPS** 5\*



6/6 Cyclone Street,  
Wonthaggi  
5672 2543

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**ROD O'NEILL**

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Adam Ware	35
Joan Hooyer	34
Warren Stewart	34
Alex Geyer	33
Ben Fisher	33
Glenn Rigby	33
Michael & Megan	33
Ant Cook	32
Kris Baker	32
Phil Hardy	32
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Sam Turner	32
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**33**

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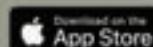
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## MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 1

## TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

## MDU FOOTBALL CLUB

	<b>65</b>		<b>56</b>
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TARWIN

MDU

Tarwin	2.3	2.7	5.10	9.11 (65)
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MDU	3.0	6.2	6.6	8.8 (56)
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**GOALS, Tarwin:** Kyle Cooper 2, Jamie Cann,

Tom Crocker, Dale Lawton, Harry McInnes,

Ricky O'Loughlin, Kaj Patterson,

Matthew Williams 1 each

**BEST:** Nathan McRae, Kyle Cooper, Matt Zagni,

Jordan Hill, Jason Kennedy, Tom Vanderkolk

**GOALS, MDU:** Darren Sheen 2, Ashleigh Allen,

Billy Evers, Benjamin Schroen, Wayne Stewart,

Brendan Tomada, Shaye Walsh 1 each

**BEST:** Michael Smith, Billy Evers, Connor Krohn,

Joel Sinclair, Sam Wilson, Shaye Walsh

## RESERVES

Tarwin	4.1	5.3	8.6	9.6 (60)
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MDU	2.2	4.3	5.3	6.3 (39)
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**GOALS, Tarwin:** John Kilsby, Jonathan

McMicking, Ryan Waddell 2, Stuart Kilsby,

Todd Lomax, Blake Walton 1 each

**BEST:** Jonathan McMicking, Timothy Gedye,

Tyson Hanegraaf, Nick Tucker, Reagan Jones,

John Kilsby

**GOALS, MDU:** Neil Mathieson 3, Martyn

Beacham, Ben Cantwell, Mitchell Hoober 1 each

**BEST:** Aaron Trease, Ben Cantwell,

Brenton Arnup, Mitchell Hoober, Jarrod Hoy,

Jacob Whiteside

## THIRDS

MDU	3.3	6.5	7.8	9.10 (64)
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Fish Crk/Tarwin	1.1	4.2	6.2	7.4 (46)
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**GOALS, MDU:** Angus McInnes 4, Jordan

Cleator 3, Finn Dunn, Burke VanderZalm 1 each

**BEST:** Finn Dunn, Angus McInnes,

Burke VanderZalm, Jarvis Lacy,

Lachlan Hibberson, Harry Scrimshaw

**GOALS, Fish Crk/Tarwin:** Zak Bright 2,

Brandon Bell, Jackson Morgan, Joseph Rysko,

Thomas Vuillermin, Harrison Watt 1

**BEST:** Alby Edgelow, Thomas Vuillermin, Ryan

Gwin, Lane Bowman, Zak Bright, Joseph Rysko

STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB				
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## FISH CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

	<b>80</b>		<b>49</b>
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FISH CREEK

STONY CREEK

Fish Creek	2.3	5.7	8.8	12.8 (80)
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Stony Creek	3.3	4.3	5.6	7.7 (49)
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**GOALS, Fish Creek:** Jai Stefani 4, Pat Pekin,

Jordan Shaw 2, Jake Anderson, Roland De Biase,

Lachlan Gale, Sam McGannon 1 each

**BEST:** Matthew McGannon, Jai Stefani,

Pat Pekin, Sam McGannon, Roland De Biase,

Cameron Walker

**GOALS, Stony Creek:** Jacob Byrnes,

Lachlan Thomas 2, Tully Bernaldo, Sam Bright,

Cody Loughridge 1 each

**BEST:** Cody Loughridge, Matt Brown,

Mitchell Rowe, Tylah O'Connor Linke,

Tully Bernaldo, Jai Bright

**RESERVES**

Fish Creek	1.4	6.7	10.12	14.13 (97)
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Stony Creek	2.0	2.1	2.2	3.2 (20)
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**GOALS, Fish Creek:** Colin McPhee, Jake Staley,

Tim Walters, Ryan Williams 2, Jonte Arestia,

Brandon Bell, Liam Howard 1 each

**BEST:** Ayden Wilson, Ryan Williams, Owen Straw,

Liam Howard, Brent Cooper, Brandon Bell

**GOALS, Stony Creek:** Colby Michael 2,

Nick Svenson 1

**BEST:** Colby Michael, Nick Svenson,

Adam Atkins, Oscar Bowler, Rohan Baudinette,

Jayden Battersby

**THIRDS**

MDU	3.3	6.5	7.8	9.10 (64)
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Fish Crk/Tarwin	1.1	4.2	6.2	7.4 (46)
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**GOALS, Fish Crk/Tarwin:** Zak Bright 2,

Brandon Bell, Jackson Morgan, Joseph Rysko,

Thomas Vuillermin, Harrison Watt 1

**BEST:** Alby Edgelow, Thomas Vuillermin, Ryan

Gwin, Lane Bowman, Zak Bright, Joseph Rysko

## IN OTHER GAMES...

## SENIORS

Boolarra	13.14.92	d	Thorpdale	13.9.87
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Morwell East	11.16.82	d	Hill End	8.3.51
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Newborough	13.13.91	d	Yinnar	11.5.71
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## RESERVES

Thorpdale	8.6.54	d	Boolarra	5.11.41
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Hill End	10.9.69	d	Morwell East	4.8.32
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Newborough	12.8.80	d	Yinnar	8.5.41
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## THIRDS

Yinnar	16.16.112	d	Newborough	13.9
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## Tarwin off to strong start

By Rob Popplestone

TARWIN had slightly tinkered with their preparation in the off season after identifying some improvements needed to be made if they were to go a step or two further in 2023.

The Sharks first test of the year, against an anticipated stronger MDU side, was probably the perfect first round test both for themselves and also for the Demons.

Tarwin, starting 2023 as they did 2022, with an impressive victory over their opponents.

The close loss obviously was not what the Demons wanted, but even in a loss, there were some significant signs of improvement.

"We fought hard but were unable to sustain the effort for a full four quarters. Tarwin were able to capitalise when they gained the momentum," said Nathan Allen MDU coach.

"And I guess that is what good sides do, jump on opportunities to turn a game, to expose even the smallest weakness, and in doing so turn the game."

Tarwin coach Troy Hemming added that every win counts.

"In a season, that is tipped to be even more competitive than the one past, every win, even this early in the year can be crucial, as there is nothing worse than looking back on a year and wondering, what if?"

"Just as there is that same feeling as looking back on a close match and thinking the same.

It appears every side is aware of the enormity of every contest every week."



Tom Crocker is a hard one to catch and dominates play for Tarwin. ob31\_1723

## Important lessons to be learnt for Stony Creek



Stony Creek makes a brilliant tackle as Fish Creek gets the ball away. Photo: Gerard Bruning

FISH Creek travelled to the Stony Creek Racecourse on Saturday, and they were met with perfect conditions as the Lions and Kangaroos battled it out for the Jack Charlton Trophy.

Stony Creek got off to a great start and led at the first break by 6 points, with the forward line operating well lead by Jacob Byrnes (2 goals).

Fish Creek kicked into gear in the second quarter were able to go into the main break holding a 10-point advantage.

From here, Fish Creek's midfielders were able to maintain control of the game, with Matt McGannon using the ball well all over the ground.

Despite a slight resurgence in the last quarter from the Lions, Fish Creek were able to run out 31-point winners to kick their season off.

For the Kangaroos, McGannon, Jai Stefani (4 goals) and Pat Pekin (2 goals) were their best players on the day, while for the Lions, Cody Loughridge, Matt Brown and Mitch Rowe tried their best despite the defeat.

Fish Creek will look to continue their good start to the season this week as they host Newborough in what will be a fantastic contest, while Stony Creek will chase their first win of the year as they travel to Mirboo North to face the Tigers in their first game at Mirboo North since 1968.

## MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts
Morwell East.....	2	0	136.63	8	Fish Creek.....	1	0	485.00	4	Yinnar.....	1	0	1244.44	4
Mirboo Nth.....	1	0	303.23	4	Toora.....	1	0	385.19	4	Mirboo North.....	1	0	173.68	4
Fish Creek.....	1	0	163.27	4	Hill End.....	1	0	215.63	4	MDU.....	1	0	139.13	4
Newborough.....	1	0	128.17	4	Tarwin.....	1	0	195.12	4	Fish Creek/Tarwin.....	0	1	71.88	0
Tarwin.....	1	0	116.07	4	Morwell East.....	1	1	151.25	4	Foster.....	0	1	57.58	0
Boolarra.....	1	0	105.75	4	Thorpdale.....	1	0	131.71	4	Newborough.....	0	1	8.04	0
Thorpdale.....	0	1	94.57	0	Boolarra.....	0	1	75.93	0	Stony Creek.....	0	0	0.00	0
Foster.....	0	1	89.29	0	MDU.....	0	1	65.00	0	Hill End.....	0	0	0.00	0
MDU.....	0	1	86.15	0	Yinnar.....	0	1	51.25	0	Toora.....	0	0	0.00	0
Yinnar.....	0	1	78.02	0	Mirboo Nth.....	0	1	25.96	0	Boolarra.....	0	0	0.00	0</



Mirboo North and Toora fought hard in the opening round of the Mid Gippsland league. Photo: Tarley Maurilli-Pullin



The Tiger's Hayden Brock contends for possession. Photo: Annie Holland

# Tigers already have finals ambition in sight

By Rover

MIRBOO North's inaugural 55 km trip to Toora resulted in it achieving a defining 63-point victory over the Magpies in front of a bumper crowd on Saturday.

A reason offered for the huge attendance was that after 131 years, the mighty Mirboo North Tigers and loyal army of supporters had finally come to Toora.

Mirboo North's fervor of creativity exposed flaws that constantly floored the Magpies' attempts to restrict the Tigers' ascendency.

Both teams entered Toora's pristine playing surface on a cloudy and calm day — where the seven wind farm propellers on the hilltops to the north barely spun — wearing black armbands, in memory of club stalwarts who died during the off season.

Here was a clash where either side would pay a heavy price for the cost of giving unnecessary free kicks away.

With Mirboo North well in control for most of the match, its ball handling was surer and disposals purer than those of Toora.

The only negative for the Tigers was a tally of 22 behinds going either side of the big white sticks from wayward shots at goal.

Mirboo North was off to a hot start with a four-goal opening term that was punctuated by a major from Toora's playing coach, Jack Weston.

Leading the Tigers from the front was new skipper, Hudson

Kerr, whose classy onball activity and superior running capacity initiated many deep and meaningful forward 50 entries for the visitors.

Kerr finished with two goals, along with talented youngsters, Jordan Cummaudo and Ethan Woodall.

In the ruck contests, Mirboo North giants, Joe Brooks and Patrick Lewis jumped so high their fingers almost touched the sky, as they systematically tapped and palmed the Sherrin into the waiting arms of grateful teammates.

Others in the yellow and black jerseys to frequently shine included newcomer, Darcy Brock, Jake Nash, Damien Turner and Cummaudo.

The Magpies defiantly fought back with improved method and execution after being 23 points behind at quarter time, to trail by 16 points at the main break.

It was then that coach Peter Mongta emphasised the need for Mirboo North to concentrate more on its structures and, thereafter, the Tigers' processes pretty much took care of themselves.

As a result, the locals were rocked by the Tigers' pressure around the packs, wracked with self doubt in the air and forced to use a 'panic-stations' game plan that wrecked any hopes of a continued hometown recovery on the scoreboard.

The Magpies, however, were

not without worthy contributors: Weston was brilliant everywhere, whilst Ben East, Jake Dows, Chris Gardiner and Peter Grant also added plenty of value.

Star recruits, Majok and Chotnyang Puok battled hard, and Callan Walker was another handy procurer for Toora.

After increasing its advantage to 33 points by the last change, the floodgates opened and Mirboo North ran away with the game in the final quarter, adding 5.6 to a solitary goal from Toora.

This Saturday, Mirboo North hosts Stony Creek at Tigerland in the Lions' first visit since 1968, when both clubs participated in the former South Gippsland Football League.

To think..... the teenagers playing in and watching that match are now old codgers approaching their mid-70s.

Four-time senior premiership hero, Damien Turner, is scheduled to play his 300th club game for Mirboo North and Hudson Kerr will be making his 100th senior appearance for the Tigers.

## Reserves

Mirboo North was unable to restrain or contain, much less maintain any pressure on experienced man mountain, Lukas Jenkins, who kicked 11 of reigning premier Toora's 16 goals in its 77-point drubbing of Mirboo North.

Intriguingly, Jenkins wasn't listed among Toora's best players for his fine effort.

Although only 10 of last year's premiership players participated in the match, Toora had no trouble outclassing Mirboo North from go to whoa.

The mighty Tigers' newly-appointed playing coach, Dom Pinneri, tried every trick in his little red book to restrict Jenkins' goal scoring, but it was all to no avail.

After the match, Dom's mama, Karen, reportedly told him, "Sometimes, there'll be days like this in the football coaching business."

Luke Gervasi, Cameron Young, Harry Dobson and Jack Couper were Mirboo North's best performers for the afternoon.

Toora 16 – 8 – 104 d Mirboo North 4 – 3 – 27

## Thirds

Mirboo North played solid football in its 28-point win against a determined Foster team keen to match it with the 2022 premiership holders.

Oliver Budd, Sam Bradley and Jack Jagusch were all in great form for Mirboo North.

Beau Melbourne and Jesse Chila kept the scoreboard ticking over for Mirboo North with five and three goals respectively.

Leevi Lidstone booted three majors for Foster with Jedd Davy and Jack Rathjen recording one each.

Mirboo North hosts Yinnar at Tigerland this Saturday.

Mirboo North 9 – 12 – 66 d Foster 5 – 8 – 38

## TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

## MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

**94**

**31**

MIRBOO NORTH

TOORA

Mirboo North 4.5 5.10 7.16 12.22 (94)

Toora 1.0 3.6 3.7 4.7 (31)

**GOALS, Mirboo Nth:** Jordan Cummaudo, Hudson Kerr, Ethan Woodall 2, Darcy Brock, Hayden Brock, Joe Brooks, Jesse Chila, Damien Turner, Max Woodall 1 each

**BEST:** Hudson Kerr, Joe Brooks, Darcy Brock, Jake Nash, Damien Turner, Jordan Cummaudo

**GOALS, Toora:** Jack Weston 3, Majok Puok 1

**BEST:** Jack Weston, Ben East, Jake Dows, Christopher Gardiner, Peter Grant, Callan Walker

## RESERVES

Toora 4.4 9.6 11.8 16.8 (104)

Mirboo North 1.1 2.1 3.2 4.3 (27)

**GOALS, Toora:** Lukas Jenkins 11, James Maurilli-Pullin 2, Luke Anedda, Linden Dyson, Jake Mabilia 1

**BEST:** Linden Dyson, Jake Mabilia, Aron Rhodes, Oscar Cashmore, Leigh de Boer, Leo Cashmore

**GOALS, Mirboo Nth:** Nicholas Cummaudo, Harry Dobson, Dominic Pinneri, Alick Young 1 each

**BEST:** Luke Gervasi, Cameron Young, Harry Dobson, Jack Couper, Nicholas Cummaudo, Trevor Hart

## THIRDS

Mirboo North 3.1 6.2 8.7 9.12 (66)

Foster 1.3 4.7 5.7 5.8 (38)

**GOALS, Mirboo Nth:** Beau Melbourne 5, Jesse Chila 3, Jesse Rawlings 1

**BEST:** Oliver Budd, Sam Bradley, Jack Jagusch, Beau Melbourne, Jesse Rawlings, Jesse Chila

**GOALS, Foster:** Leevi Lidstone 3, Jedd Davy, Jack Rathjen 1

**BEST:** Caeleb Garlick, Jack Rathjen, Steven Armstrong, Leevi Lidstone, Zayne Lewis, Reghan Lewis

## THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

## MID GIPPSLAND

ROUND 2

Foster v Tarwin

Hill End v Toora

MDU v Boolarra

Mirboo North v Stony Creek

Thorpdale v Yinnar

Fish Creek v Newborough

Morwell East - BYE

## GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 3

## LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

 **139**  **42**

LEONGATHA WARRAGUL

Leongatha 5.1 10.4 13.10 21.13 (139)

Warragul 4.5 4.5 6.6 6.6 (42)

**GOALS, Leongatha:** Jack Ginnane 11, Tallin Brill, Jack Hume, Aaron Turton 2, Jesse Burns, Jenson Garnham, Aaron Hillberg, Cameron Stone 1 each**BEST:** Jack Ginnane, Mitchell Bentvelzen, Aaron Heppell, Luke Bowman, Aaron Turton, Guy Dickson**GOALS, Warragul:** James Davidson, Liam Serong 2, Jed Lamb, Sam Whibley 1 each**BEST:** Sam Whibley, James Davidson, Liam Serong, Nicholas Mulqueen, Brad Hefford**RESERVES**

Leongatha 3.2 8.5 13.8 18.14 (122)

Warragul 1.2 2.2 2.2 2.3 (15)

**GOALS, Leongatha:** Flynn Materia 4, Matthew Borschman, Darcy Hume, Reegan Kemp 2, Noah Fixter, Grant Fleming, Ty Hall, Hayden Lindsay, Kyle Materia, Joel Renden, Lachie Wright 1 each**BEST:** Darcy Hume, Noah Fixter, Matthew Borschman, Ty Hall, Oakley Kerr, Kyle Brown**GOALS, Warragul:** Connor Williamson 2**BEST:** Jacob Orlicki, Brayden Notman, Lucas Monacella, Chris Raso, Michael Lynn**THIRDS**

Leongatha 3.1 5.3 11.3 12.5 (77)

Warragul 3.1 4.2 6.2 9.3 (57)

**BEST, Leongatha:** Harry Scott, Lachlan Gill, Trent McRae, Nathan Skewes, Cooper Quaife, Harrison Reville Gent**BEST, Warragul:** Alby Phillips, Liam Finnegan, Charlie Dore, Harry Brown, Jaxon DeLaHaye, Sam Heenan**FOURTHS**

Leongatha 4.0 5.2 10.4 12.10 (82)

Warragul 0.0 1.3 2.5 3.6 (24)

**BEST, Leongatha:** Mitchell Croatto, Alby Logan, Angus Livingstone, Clayton Quaife, Aiden Williams, Hayden Bowler**BEST, Warragul:** Darcy Paul, Riley Senini, Finn Sheehan, Harrison Martin, Flynn Smith, Joseph Simpson

## WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB

 **82**  **54**

MOE WONTAGGI

Moe 0.3 3.7 7.7 12.10 (82)

Wonthaggi 4.2 6.3 7.6 8.6 (54)

**GOALS, Moe:** Nick Prowse 5, Harrison Pepper, Jacob Wood 2, Lucas Forato, Ben Morrow, Harrison Sim 1 each**BEST:** Ben Daniher, Jacob Wood, Nick Prowse, Riley Baldi, Grady Cocksedge, Harrison Pepper**GOALS, Wonthaggi:** Harry Dawson, Jack Hutchinson 2, Joshua Bates, Tom Davey, Cooper McInnes, Jordan Staley 1 each**BEST:** Isaac Chugg, Shannon Bray, Aiden Lindsay, Brodie Mabilia, Kyle Reid, Joshua Schulz**RESERVES**

Wonthaggi 0.2 5.6 5.9 7.11 (53)

Moe 3.1 3.1 5.2 5.3 (33)

**GOALS, Wonthaggi:** Noah Anderson, Lachie Jones 2, Adam Busana, Nathan Jones, Travis Krause 1 each**BEST:** Thomas Murray, Noah Anderson, Lachie Jones, Luke Gheller, Jaxon Williams, Silas O'Halloran**GOALS, Moe:** William Claridge 2, Liam Durkin, Jaryn Makepeace, Justin Morrow 1 each**BEST:** Aaron Wilson, Jaryn Makepeace, William Luke, Liam Durkin, Kane Weir**FOURTHS**

Moe 3.3 4.4 7.8 10.10 (70)

Wonthaggi 0.1 4.4 4.5 5.7 (37)

**BEST, Moe:** James Declan Pace, Jordan Shields, Michael Hasthorpe, Bobby Higgins, Thomas Matthews, Zach Daley**BEST, Wonthaggi:** Ayden Fawaz, Jayden Burns, Seth McBean, Jorin Joske, Thomas MacMillan, Connor MacMillan

## IN OTHER GAMES...

**SENIORS**

Bairnsdale 16.12.108 d Drouin 14.17.101

Sale 12.11.83 d Maffra 10.9.69

Traralgon 14.8.102 d Morwell 5.4.34

**RESERVES**

Bairnsdale 16.16.112 d Drouin 4.4.28

Maffra 9.9.63 d Sale 6.7.43

Traralgon 5.8.38 d Morwell 4.3.27

**THIRDS**

Bairnsdale 15.14.104 d Drouin 9.5.59

Maffra 12.6.78 d Sale 7.10.52

Traralgon 13.16.94 d Morwell 5.6.36

**FOURTHS**

Bairnsdale 18.9.117 d Drouin 7.3.45

Maffra 11.18.84 d Sale 4.1.25

Traralgon 20.13.133 d Morwell 3.1.19

# Parrots fly high after quarter time

LEONGATHA had to adapt to the absence of steady ruck presence Ben Willis but was bolstered by the return of forward Jack Ginnane who showed his determination to be part of a Parrots' flag in 2023 with an 11-goal haul.

While Leongatha was in control for much of the day, Ginnane was influential from early, with that proving crucial given Warragul's competitiveness in the first term.

Ginnane waited just six minutes for his first major, with teammates then gathering around him to celebrate the moment.

With Warragul leading by 10 points deep in time on, Ginnane capitalised on a deserved free kick after being interfered with while attempting to mark a well-directed Aaron Heppell pass.

That enabled Leongatha players to head to the huddle with confidence and a deficit of less than a straight kick.

Bustling spearhead Ginnane then got on the end of an impressive chain of passes from the Parrots, marking and goaling in the first minute of the second quarter to put Leongatha ahead and Warragul never had much of a look in after that.

Leongatha had to adapt not only to the absence of Willis, who attended a wedding, but were also without talented young ruckman and forward Wil Dawson.

That resulted in young Parrot Levi Hickey shouldering ruck duties in a David versus Goliath matchup in which he was pitted against the far more substantial physical presence of Warragul's Sam Whibley.

After the Parrots opened proceedings with the game's first couple of goals, Warragul began to look the more focused of the sides, getting to the ball first and finding loose men around the ground.



**Jack Ginnane was a key player as always for the Parrots, scoring an incredible 11 goals against Warragul. Photo: Mark Drury**

However, Aaron Hillberg appeared to halt Warragul's building momentum, marking and sending a lovely kick between the big sticks.

But Warragul forward Jed Lamb was looking confident, offering a strong presence on the lead and marking, and his fellow forwards began to make an impact on the scoreboard before Ginnane hit back for the Parrots with a goal after the siren.

Leongatha was a little fortunate Warragul didn't take full advantage of the first quarter goal scoring opportunities it created.

However, stern words from coach Trent McMicking at the quarter time huddle were heeded by the Parrots and they ensured Warragul wasn't allowed any freedom for the remainder of proceedings.

"I thought we were sloppy, our skill level wasn't up to standard, they were winning the ball better than us and our work rate wasn't there when the ball was brought to ground," McMicking said, reflecting on the first term after the match.

When the game resumed, the Parrots assumed control

in the midfield, providing first class delivery to Ginnane, with Tom Marriott starting to have an impact and being used in bursts off the bench.

Such was Leongatha's second quarter dominance, it notched up 6.3(39) to no score, taking a half time stranglehold on the match with a 35-point lead.

The Parrots booted 11 goals to two in a second half blitz.

While Warragul's third term was a big improvement on its second, Leongatha's lead grew to 46 points at the last change and would have been greater had the Parrots' goal kicking efforts been more on target.

The Parrots mustered a further eight majors in the last term, not allowing their avian hosts to score.

While Ginnane was the star of the day, Mitchell Bentvelzen's efforts in defence were important in helping prevent Warragul from gaining momentum, containing the dangerous Lamb and getting the better of him on a number of occasions.

Ginnane's 11 goals equalled the Leongatha club record for an individual goal scorer against Warragul, with his effort matching those of Adrian Campbell (1999) and Nick Nagel (2011).

"Credit to him; he's barely missed a training session," McMicking said, highlighting Ginnane's team-first approach during his enforced absence.

"His marking was as good as I've seen on the lead and it was his day and we were all rapt for him," McMicking said.

Leongatha's dominant display after quarter time sets up an enthralling grand final rematch in round 4, with Sale heading to the Parrots' nest after a confidence-boosting first win of the season over Maffra.

## Wonthaggi outpowered by Moe

**From page 64**

Shannon Bray was prominent for Wonthaggi, working hard in defence and helping ensure Moe earned its goals.

Onballer Ben Daniher provided plenty of Moe's momentum, being named his team's best player and continuing his fine start to the season.

Wonthaggi entered the game with confidence after opening its campaign with a win over 2022 runner-up Sale, then almost toppling last year's unbeaten premier Leongatha, but Power couldn't

find anything approaching its best form against the Lions.

Moe deserves credit for maintaining a high level of pressure on Wonthaggi.

Power will need to be back at its best in round 4 with host Maffra throwing everything at Wonthaggi as the Eagles strive for their first win of the season.

Despite an impressive showing in the first couple of games, Power sits sixth on the ladder with just one win and is sure to be hellbent on applying pressure to the teams above.



**Best player for the Power on a down day for them was Isaac Chugg, clocking up the kms and the possessions on his wing. Photos by Paul Landells.**

## GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 3

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Bairnsdale 16.12.108 d Drouin 14.17.101	3	0	242.48	12	Wonthaggi 3 0 191.86 12	2	1	194.59	8	Traralgon 3 0 301.06 12	2	1	231.93	8	Traralgon 3 0 376.32 12	3	0	278.13	12
Sale 12.11.83 d Maffra 10.9.69	3	0	171.35	12	Leongatha 2 1 143.18 8	2	1	157.93	8	Maffra 2 1 120.13 6	1	2	86.71	8	Maffra 2 1 205.59 8	2	1	143.26	8
Traralgon 14.8.102 d Morwell 5.4.34	2	0	104.24	10	Traralgon 2 1 142.20 8	2	1	142.07	8	Leongatha 1 1 69.62 4	1	1	45.07	4	Leongatha 2 1 120.71 8	2	1	85.92	8
<b>RESERVES</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>pts</b>	<b>RESERVES</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>pts</b>	<b>THIRDS</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>pts</b>	<b>FOURTHS</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>pts</b>
Bairnsdale 16.16.112 d Drouin 4.4.28	3	0	242.48	12	Wonthaggi 1 2 39.37 4	1	2	33.72	4	Traralgon 1 2 79.37 2	0	1	79.37	2	Traralgon 1 2 41.80 4	0	3	55.17	0
Maffra 9.9.63 d Sale 6.7.43	3	0	171.35	12	Leongatha 0 2 75.31 2	0	3	59.32	0	Maffra 0 3 44.73 0	0	3	52.34	0	Maffra 0 3 22.01 0	0	3	52.34	0
Traralgon 5.8.38 d Morwell 4.3.27	2	1	143.18	8	Drouin 0 3 93.57 0	0	0	20.08	0	Leongatha 0 0 0.00 0	0	0	0.00</td						

# Saints suffer another setback

NYORA faced off against the Ellinbank Eagles in what was a close match for the first two quarters.

The Saints fought valiantly and were ahead by the end of the second quarter, but the Eagles soared high to dominate the remainder of the match.

Overall, it was a day with ups and downs for both teams.

But Ellinbank was certainly a well-oiled machine that played a consistent brand of footy.

Nyora coach Dylan Heylen noted the seniors first half was one of the best halves of footy they have played as a team in years.

"We played a confident exciting brand with loads of pressure around every contest. The improvement made in this first half compared to the first few weeks was huge!"

"Our second halves have been tough, however we as a team believe it's purely a mental hurdle to overcome."

"The ability is there to play well against the top teams. We now need to learn to win as a young group."

"Getting ourselves into positions to win is one battle, going on and winning is even harder."

He noted that experience has a lot to do with it and they don't have a lot with their current group.

However, they're confident that their side is coachable and will overcome this and in turn be competitive in the second half in the coming weeks.

Best players on the day included Jordan Anderson, Jack Rosenow and Nick Anderson.

They now look to face off against Longwarry this weekend at home.



Rhys Grange-Lylak looks for the mark.



Brothers Dylan and Jesse Heylen wrestle for possession.

## Poowong no match for Neerim South

By Geoff Wyatt

POOWONG made the long trip to Neerim South on Saturday, the ground and weather were good for football with all four sides participating, not the greatest day on the scoreboard but very competitive.

We are in the rebuilding stages in the juniors and seniors are easy to come up against one of the expected top sides in Ellinbank.

The game started with Poowong kicking to the Noojee end and unfortunately, we had chances and missed our opportunities by kicking points from set shots while Neerim made the most of their chances in an even quarter.

The second quarter Neerim came out hard and were kicking goals.

Poowong were going forward consistently but were unable to finish off and when Neerim cleared most times they went from defence to score.

Neerim were cleaner with their ball movement hitting team mates consistently still Poowong players worked hard but a knock to Zac Gray temporarily forced some changes in the midfield.

Poowong were having good passages of play and finally Jack Hazendonk broke the ice followed by Steve McInnes

goaling from a fifty-metre penalty, a scuffle on the wing went without penalty despite the waving of the yellow cards as half time loomed.

Poowong came out determined to lift and managed to outscore Neerim four goals to two.

Poowong went forward early but the ball was being continually cleared.

First year junior player up in the seniors, Mitch DeKleuver was taking some very good strong marks on the flank helping to move the ball forward.

Neerim had a rushed point before Jack Hazendonk goaled from a mark.

Rhys Schultz took a good

mark to kick his first senior goal, we had a couple of more chances, then a good passage between Mitch De Kleuver and Lochie Waters resulted in Jack Hazendonk goaling.

Neerim managed two goals before Poowong kicked a point and from the kick out Will Robertson kicked Poowong's fourth for the quarter.

A 50-metre penalty to Mitch DeKleuver resulted in a kick out of bounds, Neerim went forward late but Poowong cleared on the siren.

A great quarter for Poowong kicking four goals to Neerim's two showing we are very competitive.

### ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	% WON	FOURTHS	W	L	%	% WON	ROUND 3						
Buln Buln	3	0	205.11	12	Neerim South	3	0	609.26	8	Ellinbank	2	0	328.13	100		Lang Lang	2	0	633.33	100		Ellinbank	0.3	2.8	8.10	16.11 (107)
Trafalgar	3	0	133.93	12	Ellinbank	3	0	360.87	8	Yarragon	2	0	300.00	100		Neerim South	3	0	577.36	100		Neerim South	0.3	3.4	3.5	3.8 (26)
Neerim South	2	1	236.81	8	Lang Lang	2	0	940.00	4	Neerim South	2	1	323.85	66.6		Buln Buln	2	1	117.80	66.6		Trafalgar	3	0	547.83	100
Ellinbank	2	1	157.31	8	Longwarry	2	1	109.36	4	Longwarry	2	1	103.85	50.0		Catani	2	1	266.22	66.6		Trafalgar	2	1	86.50	66.6
Longwarry	2	1	90.60	8	Catani	2	1	97.93	4	Catani	0	2	37.96	0.0		Trafalgar	0	2	24.57	0.0		Lang Lang	0	2	30.95	0.0
Lang Lang	1	1	114.29	4	Trafalgar	1	2	126.13	4	Yarragon	0	2	24.57	0.0		Buln Buln	0	2	9.45	0.0		Yarragon	0	2	25.21	0.0
Yarragon	1	1	100.88	4	Nyora	1	2	40.87	4	Poowong	0	2	9.45	0.0		Poowong	0	2	14.11	0.0		Poowong	0	2	14.11	0.0
Poowong	1	1	51.52	4	Nilma Darnum	1	2	33.91	4	Nilma Darnum	1	2	33.91	4		Buln Buln	0	2	0.00	0		Catani	0	0	0.00	0
Nilma Darnum	0	3	65.78	0	Buln Buln	0	3	67.41	0	Buln Buln	0	3	67.41	0		Nyora	0	0	0.00	0		Nilma Darnum	0	3	8.18	0.0
Catani	0	3	55.39	0	Yarragon	0	2	22.94	0	Yarragon	0	2	22.94	0		Poowong	0	2	0.00	0		Catani	0	0	0.00	0
Nyora	0	3	38.61	0	Poowong	0	2	5.29	0	Poowong	0	2	5.29	0		Nilma Darnum	0	0	0.00	0		Nyora	0	0	0.00	0

### ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

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#### POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB

**151** **49**

NEERIM SOUTH POOWONG  
Neerim South 4.2 12.2 14.3 24.7 (151)  
Poowong 0.5 2.5 6.6 7.7 (49)

**GOALS** Neerim South, Lachlan Cambridge 10, Luke Kinder, Thomas Crole 4, Tyssen Morrow 2, Chris Urie, Ashley Lockett, Nathan Bayne, Eddie McGillivray 1 each.

**BEST:** Lachlan Cambridge, Tyssen Morrow, Tom Muir, Jack Blakey, Marko Kulas, Luke Kinder

**GOALS, Poowong:** Jack Hazendonk 3, Steven McInns, William Robertson, Rhys Schulz, Lachlan Water 1 each

**BEST:** Jack Hazendonk, Thomas Robertson, Alex Henshall, Charlie Koscal, Mitch De Kleuver, Mitch Molloy

**RESERVES** Neerim South 4.4 10.7 16.9 23.13 (151)  
Poowong 0.0 0.0 0.0 0.2 (2)

**GOALS, Neerim South:** Michell Sayburn 6, Fletcher Robertson-Edgar 5, Samuel Fusinato 3, Lachlan Smith, Blake Appleby, William Johnson 2, Rhys George, Christian Robertson-Edgar, Aaron Mitchell 1 each

**BEST:** Aaron Mitchell, Rhys George, Michell Sayburn, Samuel Fusinato, Fletcher Robertson-Edgar, Samuel Edwards

**BEST, Poowong:** Harrison Sheedy, Daniel McDonald, Micah Williams, Tyran Lord, Rhys Butler

**THIRDS** Neerim South 7.2 12.3 19.8 23.13 (151)  
Poowong 0.0 0.3 0.3 0.3 (3)

**GOALS, Neerim Sth:** Jay Ladson 5, Issac Guy 3, Lincoln Morehu, Seth Chandler, Tristan Silver, Jackson Williams 2, Kyson Cornwall, Max Williams, Lachlan Silver, Nate Chandler, Tyler Burns, Xavier Muir, Jackson Snelling 1 each

**BEST:** Jay Ladson, Lincoln Morehu, Jackson

Williams, Xavier Muir, Nate Chandler, Isaac Guy.

**BEST, Poowong:** Rory Nettle, Lachlan Wilson, Benjamin Fowler, David O'Neill, Matthew Heywood, Bryce Townsend

**FOURTHS** Neerim Sth 4.3 6.13 8.20 13.24 (102)  
Poowong 2.0 2.0 2.0 2.0 (12)

**GOALS, Neerim South:** Kai Mounsey 7, William

Kew 3, Ash Mounsey, Lachlan Reaper, James Welford 1 each.

**BEST:** Max Williams, William Kew, James Welford, Kyson Cornwall, Blake Macdonald

**GOALS, Poowong:** Rory Nettle 2.

**BEST:** Rory Nettle, Bryce Broadmore, Gavin Monson, William Dixon, Jett Blackwood

**ELLINBANK** **107** **26**

**ELLINBANK** **NYORA**  
Ellinbank 0.3 2.8 8.10 16.11 (107)  
Nyora 0.3 3.4 3.5 3.8 (26)

**GOALS, Ellinbank:** Jaxon Notman 4, Thomas Johnson 3, Shaun Phelan, Anthony Battista 2, Keegan Bott, Michael Urie, Andrew Quirk, Billy Auldist, Liam Lisle 1 each

**BEST:** Thomas Johnson, Rylan Smith, Bryce Joyce, Michael Urie, Jaxon Notman, Liam Lisle

**GOALS, Nyora:** Conor Thompson, Travis Stewart, Nick Anderson 1 each

**BEST:** Jordan Anderson, Dylan Heylen, Angus McGillivray, Kallon Rigby, Jack Rosenow, Nick Anderson

**RESERVES** Neerim South 6.2 13.8 17.9 19.12 (126)  
Nyora 0.1 0.1 0.2 0.3 (3)

**GOALS, Ellinbank:** No players listed

**BEST:** Ryan Parsons, Sam Barwick, David Miller, Alex Olsen, Jake Dean, Nicholas Pratt

**BEST, Nyora:** Jarred Pearsall, Gavin Doig, Shaun Lamb, Ben Pugh, Matt Layton

#### IN OTHER GAMES...

#### SENIORS

Lang Lang 11.18.84 d N-Darnum 6.7.43  
Trafalgar 11.7.73 d Catani 6.8.44  
Buln Buln 18.16.124 d Lonwarry 7.6.48

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## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

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PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB

88 52

INVERLOCH-K PHILLIP ISLAND

Inverloch-K 4.2 4.2 8.5 13.10 (88)

Phillip Island 0.1 0.1 1.5 7.10 (52)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Toby Mahoney 5,

William Turner 3, Tate Short 2, Nicholas Baltas,

Liam O'Neill, Lewis Rankin 1 each

BEST: Tom Hams, Toby Mahoney, Tate Short,

Andrew Soumilas, Taite Cumming,

Nicholas Baltas

GOALS, Phillip Island: Cameron Brown 3,

Max Blake, Cameron Pedersen, Max Walton,

Travis Woodfield 1 each

BEST: Mark Griffin, Jack Taylor, Bryce Hindhaugh,

Daniel Bourke, Cameron Pedersen,

Brendan Kimber

RESERVES

Inverloch-K 3.4 4.5 9.8 10.14 (74)

Phillip Island 1.1 3.3 3.5 5.7 (37)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: James Scott, Jamieson

Soumilas, Dylan Taylor, Andre Toussaint 2,

Sasha Allen, Campbell Scott 1 each

BEST: Tyler Leonard, Lucas Harmer, Dylan Taylor,

Lachlan Crook, Jamieson Soumilas, Xavier Hughes

GOALS, Phillip Island: Matthew Jones,

Dylan Susic 2, Will Taylor-Eagles 1

BEST: Tully Dickie, Matthew Jones, Damien

Holmes, Thomas Niven, Tama Nihver-Tenali,

Darcy Saw

THIRDS

Inverloch-K 2.3 6.5 6.6 9.7 (61)

Phillip Island 1.2 4.3 5.9 5.13 (43)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Jarvis Harvey 4,

Callan O'Flynn 2, Harry Butcher, Rem Dal Pozzo,

Luke Williams 1 each

BEST: Zak Box, Cade Brown, Rem Dal Pozzo,

Jarvis Harvey, Jordan Bertacco, Lucas Allen

GOALS, Phillip Island: Jack Johnston 2,

Jack Huther, Timothy Niven, Brady Ross 1 each

BEST: Brady Ross, Darcy Thompson,

Beau Davies, Brayden Kleverkamp,

Finn Cashman, Jack Johnston

FOURTHS

Phillip Island 12.10 (82)

Inverloch-K 1.2 (8)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Charlie O'Garey 4,

Yianni Caffieri 2, Harrison Carlon, Jasper

Cashman, Jeremy Kelly, George McCausland,

Isaac Savona, Noah Williams 1 each

BEST: Charlie O'Garey, Yianni Caffieri,

Max Taylor, William Peppard,

George McCausland, Noah Williams

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Archie Terlich 1

BEST: Archie Terlich, Andot Mankhong,

Froley Anderson, Lucas Allen, Jasper Cousins,

James O'Neill

## THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

ELLINBANK ROUND 4

Catani v Lang Lang  
Buln Buln Trafalgar  
Nyora v Longwarry  
Poowong v Ellinbank  
Nilma Darnum v Yarragon  
Neerim South - BYE

GIPPSLAND ROUND 4

Drouin v Traralgon  
Morwell v Warragul  
Maffra v Wonthaggi  
Moe v Bairnsdale  
Leongatha v Sale

WEST GIPPSLAND ROUND 3

Bunyip v Warragul Industrials  
Cora Lynn v Koo Wee Rup  
Dalyston v Korumburra-Bena  
Inverloch-Kongwak v Kilcunda-Bass  
Nar Nar Goon v Garfield  
Tooradin-Dalmore v Phillip Island

## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

Garfield 16.11.107 d Bunyip 7.8.50

Dalyston 14.8.92 d Kilcunda-Bass 10.13.73

Cora Lynn 17.16.118 d Korumburra-Bena 5.3.33

Inverloch-Kongwak 13.10.88 d Phillip Island 7.10.52

Nar Nar Goon 17.21.123 d Koo Wee Rup 5.5.35

Tooradin-Dalmore 11.15.81 d Warragul Industrials 10.9.69

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## Island dogged down as Inverloch swoop in



Phillip Island's Tarquin McMillan desperately tries to deter Inverloch. Photo: Carol Ratcliff



IK recruit Kairon Dorling attempts to escape the grasp of Kai Mackenzie at the Cowes Recreation Reserve. B04\_1723

ARRIVING at the ground it was mentioned - 'Perfect conditions - no excuses today'. Old sayings hold up.

After a solemn and moving ANZAC Day service it was soon clear that of the two evenly matched teams jostling for position in the top half of the ladder, one came to battle better prepared.

For simplicity let's call the teams PI and IK.

The opening quarter saw IK out of the gate early with a quick goal. After that came nearly 10 minutes of arm wrestle between the respective half forward lines with plenty of arm wrestling and stare downs but no scoring.

The trend was broken by a nice fast break by IK which gave them their second major, followed by another fast break for their third, 15 minutes in.

At 17 minutes IK's Mahoney was on the end of another good passage and goaled to give the visitors their fourth for a 21-point advantage.

Kai McKenzie was finding it and had a chance to goal late, but missed and the island went to the first break in arrears 26-1.

IK continued on where they left off and, in the second quarter started with a couple of opportunities but thankfully for the dogs were off target.

PI lifted the work rate and applied plenty of pressure and effort but just could not score.

Bill Taylor missed a set shot and immediately marked strongly for another shot but again, a minor. Captain Jack then sent a sizzler to Cam Pedersen who converted for PI's first goal, 10 minutes into the second term.

Unfortunately, a costly turnover undid the effort and resulted in an IK immediate reply.

Second half starts promising as Pedersen finds Pappas who converts from a sharp angle.

But while the Island were upping their work rate, IK withstood the challenge and were able to match the scoring.

Max Blake and Coby Olarenshaw were lifting up forward, and Kimber to the midfield added a bit of punch but IK's commitment was making scoring difficult.

A mid-term surge with goals late showed endeavour without ever really challenging, but IK struck back late in the final term to run out convincing and deserving 36 point winners.

With a side that wins a lot, it's easy to throw a bucket of talcum powder in the air and let a little land on everyone.

Losses are more difficult than that but let's not shirk it and here goes.

It's early in the season and lessons are learned.

These two teams are very evenly matched, but one came better prepared.

Results suggest their pre-planning worked and while IK shared the ball around to anyone in a better position, PI bombed it long and performed countless 'U' turns into trouble rather than share the ball.

Luckily, finals and flags are not won in Round Two, but warning signs are worth noting...

# Magpies swoop to local derby victory

WHAT a contrast in feelings ten minutes of football can deliver. It's either agony or ecstasy depending on timing and perception. The twist in fortunes delivered Dalyston their first victory of the 2023 season after a see-sawing round two contest with long-time rivals Kilmunda-Bass.

Kilmunda-Bass absolutely blasted out of the blocks kicking to the town end in fine but overcast conditions.

Straight from the first bounce, they were on, moving the ball with purpose to their leading forwards.

Weightman lace out to Daraio, goal. McRae to Stewart to Zijai, another. Then in a blink of the eye Dean McRae marked strongly and the Panthers had their third.

It was scarcely reminiscent for the Magpies supporters, who had witnessed this scenario in round one and they couldn't be blamed for feeling nervous.

However, ten minutes in, the Magpies found their mojo. Lejone's quick hands allowed Murfett to bomb a beauty. Then Blake Carew capitalised on a long Armstrong entry to slot his first. And when Bowes capped off a chain of handballs with a clever snap, equilibrium had been established.

On the rebound, K-B transitioned the ball and 15-year-old Trent Cartmel spotted up Daraio whose late goal remained



The Panthers' Jake Weightman handpasses under the pressure of a Jake Barry tackle.

the difference at the first break.

The second term was a real arm wrestle early, the Panthers control was interrupted as Dalyston's tackle count rose and Carew benefitting from a Bowes smother kicked his second.

Big Will Clarke athletically bagged the next goal from the clubrooms flank giving the Pies the lead.

The home team had numerous chances to score but squandered the majority. Zijai after a succession of behinds kicked a steadier.

Each side added another, Dalyston's Carew with his third then Mentiplay with a great individual effort to establish a five-point lead at the long break. The Panthers would rue their inaccuracy in this term with only two shots on target out of ten.

On the restart Daraio, in front position, was infringed and his third goal allowed the Panthers breathing space.

Dalyston's pressure acts continued to rise and Orchard-Moore was the beneficiary, having corralled his K-B

opponent to retreat through the sticks.

The whistleblowers had an effect with goals resulting from frees at either end. Daraio for his fourth and Fraser West for Dalyston.

The pace of the game had lifted and both sides were moving the ball on at all costs. Gawley saluted from the pocket for the Panthers but late goals to Murfett and Armstrong dragged Dalyston back and they led by a point at the final change.

With all to play for, the last term was an intense battle. Hard and tough with no beg your pardons offered.

Dalyston's Mason Storr, with strong hands, marked and goaled but K-B weren't going to be shaken that easily.

Making full advantage of a deep entry, Jayden Gee swivelled onto his left and dribbled through an answering goal to tie the game up.

Ten minutes left, floodlights taking full effect, the Magpies time to shine had arrived.

Hallahan breaking from the centre went long and direct and Carew outpointed his opponent to kick his fourth.

Dalyston to a man, stayed in the moment, and Mason Storr iced the game with two final goals.

This Saturday, the Magpies host Korumburra-Bena while the Panthers head down the road to Inverloch.

## WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND  
2

### KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

### DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

**DALYSTON** 92 **KILCUNDA-BASS** 73

**DALYSTON** **KILCUNDA-BASS**

Dalyston 3.1 6.4 10.6 14.8 (92)  
Kilmunda-Bass 4.1 6.9 9.11 10.13 (73)

**GOALS, Dalyston:** No players named  
**BEST:** William Clarke, Mitch Hallahan, Brayden Duve, Louis Armstrong, Blake Carew, Curtis Murfett

**GOALS, K-Bass:** No players named  
**BEST:** Anthony Daraio, Dean McRae, Bradley Aldwell, Lachlan Burns, Lochlan Scott, Dale Gawley

**RESERVES**

Kilmunda-Bass 1.5 1.12 3.13 7.13 (55)  
Dalyston 2.0 3.0 4.2 5.2 (32)

**GOALS, K-Bass:** No players named  
**BEST:** Zach Gorsuch, Mitchell Wood, Sam Watson, Travis Stuckey, William Speed, Daniel Starling

**GOALS, Dalyston:** No players named  
**BEST:** Chase Krause, Adam Banks, Benjamin Robinson, Zachary Storry, Troy Alford

**THIRDS**

Kilmunda-Bass 6.2 10.8 14.15 18.20 (128)  
Dalyston 1.0 1.0 1.0 3.2 (20)

**GOALS, K-Bass:** Ben Wemyss 5, Blake Green, Isaac Sinniah 3, Owen Thomas 2, Riley Eden, Ashden Grenness, James Lewis, Joshua McPherson, Jye Sutherland 1 each

**BEST:** Jed Rosenow, Blake Green, Ben Wemyss, William Campbell, James Lewis, Toby Challinor

**GOALS, Dalyston:** Matrix Chisholm, Ryda Kay-Darts, Noah Shepherd 1 each

**BEST:** Cooper Shepherd, Noah Shepherd, Harry West, Sebastian Ori, Chase Krause, Matrix Chisholm

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**CORA LYNN** **KORUMBURRA-BENA**

Cora Lynn 3.4 7.9 10.11 17.16 (118)  
Kor-Bena 2.0 4.0 4.1 5.3 (33)

**GOALS, Cora Lynn:** Nathan Gardiner 6, Ryan Gillis 3, Heath Briggs, Nathan Gillis, Luke Hartley, Max McDermott, Jai Rout, Luke Ryan, Matthew Ryan, Nathan Villella 1 each

**BEST:** Nathan Villella, Luke Hartley, Lachlyn Peluso, Heath Briggs, Matthew Briggs, Ryan Gillis

**GOALS, Kor-Bena:** Paul Fermanis 3, Rhys Dixon 2

**BEST:** Jordan Grabham, Tyler Newton, Matt Kennewell, Blake Webb, Jay Walker, James Dunn

**RESERVES**

Cora Lynn 6.4 14.6 19.12 26.14 (170)  
Kor-Bena 0.0 1.0 1.0 1.1 (7)

**GOALS, Cora Lynn:** Josh Wilson 7, Ryan Spierings 5, Thomas Arnett, Jake Bocci, Jackson McNeill, Dylan Ross, Liam Taylor 2, Lynden Banting, Tony Drew, Lual Lual, Matthew Scarlett 1 each

**BEST:** Kyah Cronin, Peter Ferguson, Jake Bocci, Ryan Spierings, Josh Wilson, Zac Bonnet

**GOALS, Kor-Bena:** Steven Hancock 1

**BEST:** Jesse Harris, Matthew Hancock, Nash Beavis, Wade MacDonald, Austin Gurnett, Steven Hancock

**THIRDS**

Cora Lynn 4.4 10.5 15.8 15.8 (98)  
Kor-Bena 0.1 0.2 0.2 1.6 (12)

**GOALS, Cora Lynn:** Ryan Davelaar 4, Bailey Brougham, Connor Gilbertson, Rio Lazaros, Kade Perkins 2, Flynn Abdallah, Logan Fox, Ashton Hermanus 1 each

**BEST:** Logan Fox, Bailey Brougham, Lachlan Coverdale, Ryan Davelaar, Connor Gilbertson, Flynn Abdallah

**GOALS, Kor-Bena:** Jake Fowles 1

**BEST:** Braith Minchin, Codie Anderson, Mitchell Hobbs, Tarkyn Walker, Josh Checkley, William Croatto

### IN OTHER GAMES...

#### SENIORS

Garfield 16.11.107 d Bunyip 7.8.50  
Nar Nar Goon 17.21.123 d Koo Wee Rup 5.5.35

Tooradin-Dal 11.15.81 d Warragul Ind 10.9.69

**RESERVES**

Garfield 19.14.128 d Bunyip 1.6.12

Nar Nar Goon 10.12.72 d Koo Wee Rup 4.8.32

Warragul v Tooradin-Dal - No results at time of printing

**THIRDS**

Nar Nar Goon 10.16.76 d Koo Wee Rup 6.2.38

Warragul Ind 7.7.49 d Tooradin-Dal 6.5.41

**FOURTHS**

Garfield 7.10.52 d Bunyip 3.9.27

Nar Nar Goon 5.15.45 d Koo Wee Rup 3.1.19

Warragul Ind 20.14.134 d Tooradin-Dal 1.2.8

# Cobras down Giants

FOLLOWING their scintillating win on the road to start the year, Korumburra-Bena welcomed Cora Lynn down to the Korumburra Showgrounds to battle it out for the four points.

The Giants home opener was also their beloved coach Paul Fermanis' 250th senior game as well as young Lachie Smith's debut, giving the young side all the gusto they needed to pull off the upset on their magnificently prepared home turf.

Unfortunately, though, they lost key midfielder Tyson Findlay and experienced defender Nick Besley to injury, seeing a huge majority of their experience leave the side.

Smith lined up in defence in his first game, alongside young Blake Webb who had the big job on Cobras' star forward Nathan Gardiner.

Despite Fermanis' side lacking experience and strength, they battled on superbly and showed that trademark Korumburra-Bena grit, trailing at the first break by 10-points.

However, their efforts only went so far and the visitors quality, polish and fitness eventually saw them pull away, kicking four goals to two in the second term and then blowing the game open in the second half.

The young Giants never gave in though, as Cora Lynn with their superior fitness and experience used their dangerous key forward duo in Gardiner and the returning cult figure Ryan Gillis.

Even though his side continued to give up scores and trail at both the main break (27 points) and the final break (46 points), Fermanis encouraged the Giants to concentrate on the game and not on chasing tails.

Fermanis booted three majors in his milestone game, leading from the front, he and his troops will now head to Dalyston to face the Magpies in what shapes to be a ripper of a contest between two young local sides.

As for Cora Lynn, they'll host Koo Wee Rup at the Cobradome.



Ryan Gillis crashes the pack for Cora Lynn in their win over the Giants.

### WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

### ROUND 2

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts
Tooradin-Dal	3	0	139.25	12
Inverloch-K	2	0	159.43	8
Cora Lynn	2	1	135.90	8
Nar Nar Goon	1	1	152.59	4
Garfield	1	1	122.07	4
Koo Wee Rup	1	1	100.00	4
Phillip Island	1	1	91.94	4
Dalyston	1	1	61.88	4
Kor-Bena	1	1	56.21	4
Kilcunda-Bass	0	2	77.53	0
Warragul Ind	0	2	73.43	0
Bunyip	0	2	59.76	0

RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Tooradin-Dal	2	0	658.54	8
Cora Lynn	2	1	360.23	8
Inverloch-K	2	0	194.55	8
Nar Nar Goon	1	1	138.46	4
Garfield	1	1	115.13	4
Phillip Island	1	1	99.14	4
Koo Wee Rup	1	1	86.00	4
Bunyip	1	1	45.63	4
Kilcunda-Bass	1	1	24.35	4
Dalyston	0	2	55.05	0
Warragul Ind	0	1	53.85	0
Kor-Bena	0	2	16.88	0

THIRDS	W	L	%	pts av
Garfield	1	0	251.61	4.00
Inverloch-K	2	0	160.38	4.00
Tooradin-Dal	2	1	162.73	2.67
Kilcunda-Bass	1	1	158.76	2.00
Koo Wee Rup	1	1</td		

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Wonthaggi Power football and netballers line up to pay their respects for our fallen ANZACs.

## Wonthaggi outpowered by Moe

THE STAGE was set for an enthralling final term, with home side Wonthaggi just a point adrift of Moe at the final change, but the Lions couldn't be tamed for the remainder of the game, roaring to a 28-point win.

While Power had enjoyed a 14-point halftime lead, that buffer failed to reveal the whole story.

Wonthaggi's advantage to that point was built through a combination of determined defence and Power's greater accuracy in attack.

Moe was well and truly holding its own around the ground but took until five minutes into the second quarter to register a goal, with Wonthaggi already having booted four majors by then.

The Lions came out looking the more menacing team after the main break, with Harrison Sim snapping a goal in the early minutes and Moe goaling again from a set shot six minutes in.

Minutes later, a loose Wonthaggi pass in defence was punished, with the Lions

hitting the front.

However, Power was quick to reply and edge back in front.

While Wonthaggi lifted and matched Moe well for the remainder of the term, the home team could manage only behinds in that period, while the Lions kicked one more major to earn their meagre three quarter time advantage.

The disappointing tone of the last term, from the home side's perspective, was set early, with Harrison Pepper marking and goaling for Moe.

His teammate Nick Prowse soon added to his major tally, finishing as the game's most productive goal scorer with five to his name, including three in a 10-minute burst during the third term.

Ultimately, Power managed just a couple of second half goals to Moe's nine.

Harry Dawson and Jack Hutchinson were the Power players who kicked multiple goals for the match, booting a couple apiece, with Hutchinson's long-

range snap the only score for Wonthaggi in the last quarter.

While recent recruit Cooper McInnes finished with just one goal for the beaten Power, it was an important one at the time, capitalising on his own free-kick-winning tackle to get Wonthaggi going 10 minutes into the match.

By early in time on, Dawson booted Power's fourth major and things were starting to look positive for the home side.

While Wonthaggi led by 23 points as the teams headed to their quarter time huddles, Moe didn't allow that deficit to affect its confidence, continuing to play well around the ground and ultimately wearing Power down.

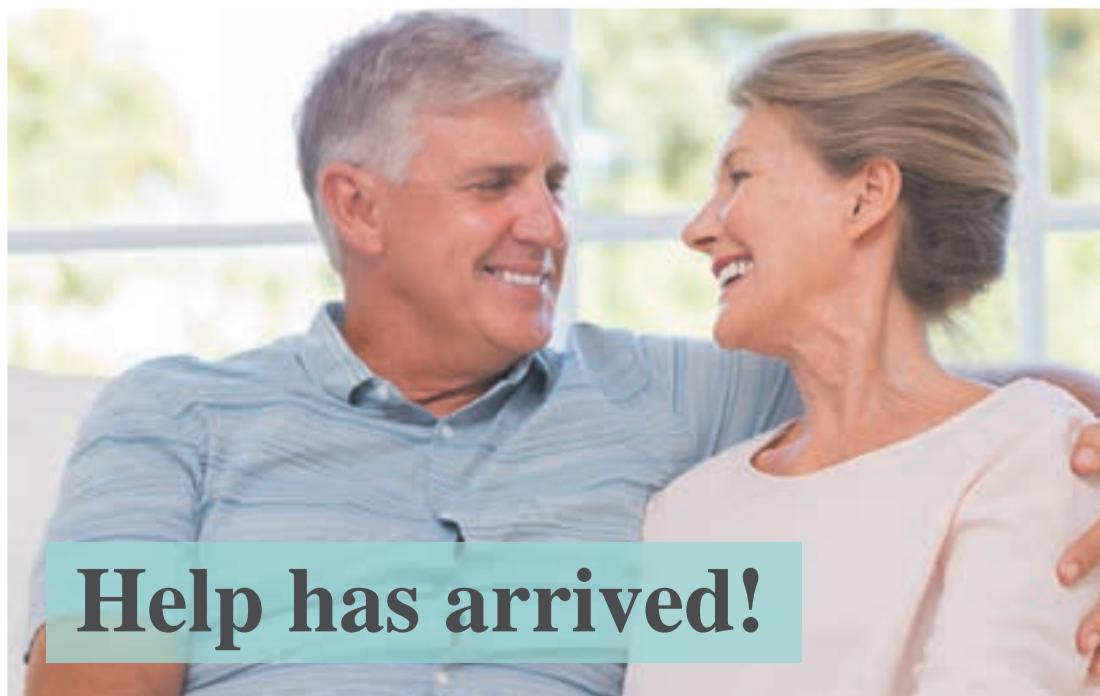
AFL recruit Isaac Chugg had moments of class and was named Power's best but was by no means a dominant force.

He often roamed free, coming in for closer attention when he got near the Sherrin.

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Toma Huther from Wonthaggi Power shoots up out of the pack to take possession of the ball. ob21\_1723



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