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KORUMBURRA FIRE BRIGADE CELEBRATES 125 YEARS

Leongatha SES Unit Controller Matt Saario, Korumburra Fire Brigade captain Shane Maskell, and South Gippsland Shire Council's deputy mayor Cr Nathan Hersey and Cr Jenni Keeri celebrated the fire brigade's 125th anniversary on Sunday.

KEEP IT LOCAL

Patterson petitions for local committal hearing

ACCUSED Leongatha mass murderer, Erin Patterson, has petitioned the Latrobe Valley Magistrate's Court to keep her committal hearing in the local area where it would be heard by Magistrate Tim Walsh, even if it means delaying the proceedings until next year.

Ms Patterson made that clear, through her lawyer Colin Mandy SC, via video link from the Dame Phyllis Frost Correctional Centre, at a committal mention hearing at the Latrobe Valley Magistrate's Court on Monday this week.

Mr Walsh had offered to fast-track Ms Patterson's case to the Supreme Court

in Melbourne or to shift the committal process to a Melbourne court but Ms Patterson's instructions, according to Mr Mandy, are to keep it local.

"I'm on leave next week and we can't accommodate it here, we are serving six courts here," Mr Walsh said to Ms Patterson's lawyer.

"We could move it to Melbourne or fast-track it to the Supreme Court," he said.

"I had a look at the brief over the weekend and it is quite voluminous," he said, indicating the committal might take up to four weeks.

"We couldn't accommodate that here,"

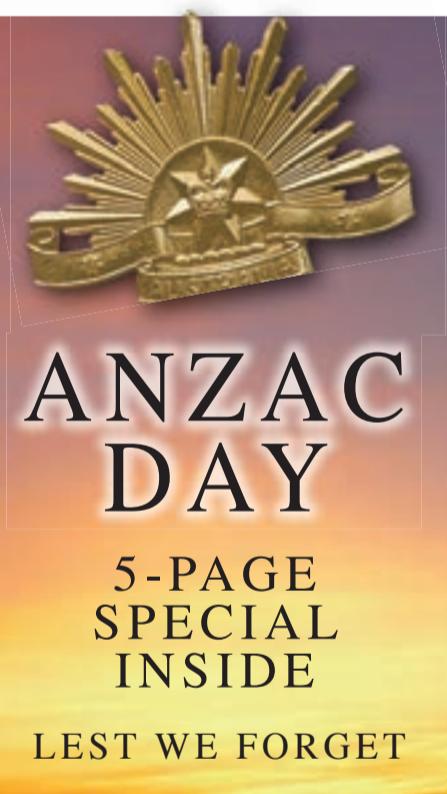
he said.

But Mr Mandy, a highly experienced criminal lawyer and presently the Vice President of the Victorian Bar, said there were "powerful reasons" for wanting to keep the case in Ms Patterson's local community, noting that many of the witnesses would be coming from the local area.

"It won't happen in her community anyway, it will happen in Morwell," Mr Walsh responded.

Mr Mandy returned that Morwell was still within the local community.

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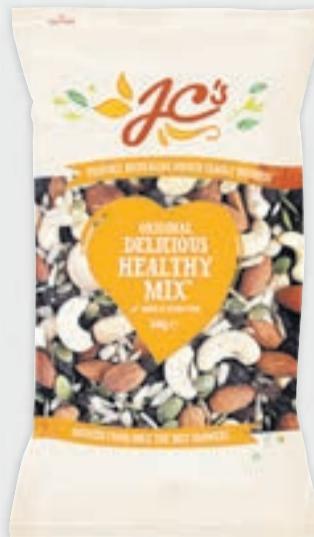
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Dumbalk North farmer Adrian Harris is dismayed at the fact the end of burn off restrictions hasn't been brought forward after recent rain.

Frustration over fire danger period

DUMBALK North farmer and long-term CFA member Adrian Harris is furious at the bureaucratic approach taken in relation to burn off restrictions, with a lack of flexibility to bring forward the end date following recent rain, with May 1 still the end of the Fire Danger Period in South Gippsland Shire.

"It's a complete disrespect for the farming community of the area," he said, stressing there have been six inches of rain in the South Gippsland region recently.

"It's green and wet everywhere," Adrian declared.

He runs a mixed farm, combining beef and sheep, and wants to burn fallen vegetation from February's destructive storm to enable him to sow paddocks.

Adrian noted that conditions are now ideal for burning off but it will soon be too wet and cold, and days too short to get fires going successfully.

"You need two or three reasonable days to get a burn," he said.

Adrian explained Autumn is the time for farmers to sow paddocks so they can get grass growth, not winter.

While frustrated with his own situation, he noted local dairy farmers he knows are more significantly impacted by the ongoing burn off restrictions, with an urgent need to clear fallen cypress trees left over from the February storm.

He explained that those dairy farmers can't put cattle in paddocks until the cypress trees in

them are burnt because pregnant cows eating from cypress trees are subject to aborting their calves.

While acknowledging the option exists to apply for a permit to burn off before restrictions end, Adrian said the conditions imposed are unreasonable.

He gave an example of someone he knows who applied for a permit to burn off in the middle of a completely green paddock.

"They were told they had to have a person on site the whole time and water tanks there in case the fire got away," Adrian said, arguing there was no prospect of it doing so in the circumstances.

Adrian, who belongs to the Milford CFA and was an office bearer there for 35 years, said he keeps getting phone calls from farmers wanting to know why burn off restrictions haven't been lifted, a question he clearly wants answered too.

"We don't get bad fires in the South Gippsland area," he said, adding that the farmers act responsibly and deserve to be treated with respect.

Adrian pointed out that the Fire Danger Period in Wellington Shire, originally also scheduled to end on May 1, is finishing early, with that to occur at 1am on April 22.

The CFA has confirmed that fire restrictions in South Gippsland and Bass Coast Shires will end on May 1.

"While there is still an element of risk, we will take an extra level of assurance to protect the community and I encourage residents to

apply for an online permit should they need it," CFA Deputy Chief Officer (South East) Trevor Owen said in a press release.

Although the release concedes that "recent rainfall has been fairly substantial in some areas", it argues there are still concerns around fuel loads.

"Some parts of the region have been quite dry and we're also seeing pockets of dry vegetation from damaged trees that have been impacted by recent storms that will require cleanup over several months," Trevor said.

The press release covers a much broader area than Bass Coast and South Gippsland Shires, with eight other Local Government Areas listed, along with French Island, so it is unclear which specific areas are being referred to.

However, it is apparent South Gippsland Shire is one area with a large quantity of fallen vegetation that could make a potential fuel load, with farmers wanting to alleviate that situation by burning much of that vegetation in a controlled fashion.

Adrian believes concern about people wanting to burn large quantities of vegetation in Mirboo North and the resultant smoke that would occur is a factor in the decision not to bring forward the end of the Fire Danger Period in South Gippsland.

He argues that authorities have already been conducting fuel reduction burns in places that have had substantially less rain than South Gippsland Shire.

Keep it local, says Erin Patterson

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"We are content to wait until you can accommodate it here," Mr Mandy said.

"I'm not content," said Mr Walsh.

"They are her instructions," Mr Mandy said.

"It may not be until next year," said Mr Walsh.

"If it takes until next year, she is content to wait," Mr Mandy said.

"That would be 14 months," said Mr Walsh, from the time Ms Patterson was charged and remanded in custody on November 2, 2023, until the case could be heard at Morwell in early 2025.

Asked for her opinion, the Crown Prosecutor said the committal should go ahead as soon as possible and whether it was fast-tracked to the Supreme Court or not, it could easily be accommodated in Melbourne.

"The proceedings should be held in the community where the offences are alleged to have occurred, closer to her home," returned Mr Mandy.

In the end though, Mr Walsh adjourned the Committal Mention Hearing until Tuesday, May 7 at the Latrobe Valley Magistrate's Court, saying he would give some thought to where the committal should be held, either locally at Morwell or in Melbourne.

A Committal Mention Hearing is a preliminary hearing to discuss arrangements before the full committal hearing, where it is decided whether there is enough evidence for the matter to go forward to trial.

Before a committal mention, the defence will receive a hand-up brief detailing the case against the accused, copies of witness statements and lists of exhibits etc before setting a date for the committal.

These arrangements will now be decided on May 7 at Morwell, prior to which Mr Walsh ordered that the formal list of witnesses must be submitted.

There was a brief delay to the start of proceedings at Morwell on Monday shortly after Magistrate Walsh arrived at the bench at 10am.

After greeting Ms Patterson and members of the legal team, he asked if Ms Patterson's representatives were also present.

"Ms Patterson can you hear me OK?" he asked.

Ms Patterson, seated in a sparsely furnished room at the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre, formerly the Deer Park Metropolitan Women's Correctional Centre in Deer Park, wearing a blue jumper, responded:

"Yes, I can thank you."

But that was the end of it. Magistrate Walsh informed Ms Patterson that he would be adjourning proceedings briefly while he sorted out issues with Ms Patterson's legal representation whom he said may have joined the video link for another court room.

After a brief delay, the committal mention went ahead. Ms Patterson, 49, is charged with three counts of murder and five counts of attempted murder.

Most of the charges relate to a lunch Ms Patterson hosted at her home in Leongatha on Saturday, July 29 last year where attendees were served a meal of beef Wellington laced with death cap mushrooms, it has been alleged by police.

Her in-laws Don and Gail Patterson, and Ian and Heather Wilkinson, fell gravely ill after eating the food, with police saying their symptoms were consistent with having ingested the deadly mushrooms.

Don and Gail Patterson, and Gail's sister Heather died in hospital in the days following the lunch, while Mr Wilkinson barely survived.

The other charges relate to alleged attempts by Ms Patterson to poison her estranged husband, Simon Patterson.

Ms Patterson has maintained her innocence throughout, saying she has been devastated by the loss of her family members as a result of eating a meal that she has acknowledged preparing for them.

There is intense interest in the case with a large number of reporters logging in by video link to hear the start to proceedings in a case that has fascinated the world.

Ms Patterson was remanded in custody to reappear by video link on May 7. There was no application for bail.

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6 Day Weather Forecast

SOUTH GIPPSLAND



TUE | Apr 23

Shower or two.

Wind AM: NW 25-40km/h
Wind PM: N 15-20km/h

11° **23°**



WED | Apr 24

Showers.

Wind AM: NW 15-20km/h
Wind PM: W-SW 20-30km/h

11° **17°**



THUR | Apr 25

Showers easing.

Wind AM: W 20-25km/h
Wind PM: SW 20-30km/h

10° **16°**



FRI | Apr 26

Shower or two.

Wind AM: SW 15-20km/h
Wind PM: SW 15-20km/h

10° **17°**



SAT | Apr 27

Shower or two.

Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: Light

10° **17°**



SUN | Apr 28

Partly cloudy.

Wind AM: Light
Wind PM: W 15-20km/h

9° **18°**

IN BRIEF

Nominate an outstanding health professional

THE 2024 Victorian Rural Health Awards (RWAV) have returned and are now open. There are 11 award categories designed to celebrate a diverse range of professionals and their contributions.

The categories for the Victorian Rural Health Awards are: Outstanding Contribution by a Rural GP or Rural Generalist, Rural Medical Specialist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, Rural Health Consumer Advocate, Rural Multi-Disciplinary Team, Mentor/Supervisor, Rural Primary Care Nurse or Midwife, Rural Allied Health, Rural Practice Management, Rural Outreach Provision and Rising Star Award.

Is there an outstanding rural health professional in your community who deserves recognition for their contribution to rural healthcare? Nominate them at the RWAV website. Nominations close: Sunday, April 28.

Free kerbside waste pickup for affected BC residents

COUNCIL in partnership with Emergency Recovery Victoria, has announced a free kerbside collection service for storm waste following the February storm event. This will be the last opportunity for residents to have their storm debris collected safely and efficiently at no cost. Emergency Recovery Victoria contractors will be collecting the storm debris directly from the kerbside, which means that residents won't have to transport the waste themselves. The collection period will run from April 22 to 29.

To participate in the free kerbside collection, residents in the most severely storm-impacted areas of Bass Coast should place their storm waste neatly on the kerbside. Residents are reminded to ensure that only storm-related waste is placed for collection and to follow any guidelines provided by Council for safe and efficient disposal.

Korumburra Railway Station opportunity for commercial tenants

WHILE the restored Korumburra Railway Station remains vacant after the completion of restoration works last year, the search for a tenant has received a major boost, with suitable parties encouraged to apply.

That follows agreement from the building's owner VicTrack to allow a commercial arrangement in addition to community use of the station. Refurbishment of the grand but deteriorating building was funded through the Victorian Government's Community Use of Vacant Rail Buildings Program.

"The original intention was to lease the building to council to sublease for community purposes, however a suitable tenant could not be secured," VicTrack stated. "To ensure the building is occupied and can benefit the local community and visitors, VicTrack are now looking to lease the station building commercially and council will support them in this where possible."

Anyone interested in leasing the space is encouraged to visit [victrack.com.au/services/lease-property](#) or contact VicTrack on 9619 8889 for further information.

O'Brien's top Tiger honour

IT IS widely acknowledged within the Mirboo North community that local State MP Danny O'Brien was one of the first outsiders on the scene after a severe storm ripped through the town on Tuesday, February 13 and was instrumental in the response and recovery.

Last Saturday, the Mirboo North Football Netball Club expressed its gratitude in a tangible way when it presented Mr O'Brien with its Number One Membership for the year following the game against the visiting Foster side.

"I thought they'd asked me along to say 'thank you' but I never expected that," he said on Saturday night. "Of course, I feel honoured to receive it, but

looking around, there's still a lot of work to do," he said.

Right across the town, hundreds of fallen trees remain to be cleared and damage to structures remains to be fixed... more than two months on from the devastating storm.

Speed reduction proves its worth

THE reduced speed limits along South Gippsland Highway at Loch has paid in spades with an accident at the intersection of the Highway and Victoria Road on Monday morning (April 22), potentially a different story if not for the reduced speed.

A female driver in her 80s was injured and taken to Dandenong Hospital after failing to give way and pulling out in front of a vehicle driving along the South Gippsland Highway at 9.30am.

A second female driver, from the vehicle travelling along South Gippsland Highway, in her 50s was uninjured and has been praised for abiding by the new lowered speed limit with police noting the outcome could have been very different if the road was still zoned 100 km/h limit.

"Lowering the speed limit is saving lives."

Both vehicles were towed from the scene.

Don't get caught

OPERATION Tribute is the statewide road policing operation that coincides with the high-risk Anzac Day period.

It will run from 00.01hrs on Wednesday April 24 until 11.59pm Sunday April 28.

Police will be highly visible and enforcing across the state in an effort to reduce road trauma. Major focus on speed, distraction, fatigue, seatbelt non-compliance and impaired driving. Police are urging motorists to take extra care around Anzac Day dawn services on Thursday, as there will be lots of pedestrians and little to no light.

Pedestrian fatalities are currently sitting at 12, more than double the same time last year.

Loch Police station remains unmanned

THE reception counter at Loch Police Station is currently closed due to the recent departure of its sole member.

Victoria police have confirmed that this position has not been removed and there are no plans to permanently close the station; however, the position is yet to be advertised.

A spokesperson for Victoria police shared "Anyone who needs to attend a police station in person can go to Korumburra Police Station, which is 10 minutes from Loch, or alternatively the 24-hour police station is available at Wonthaggi.

Howard Booth of the Loch Community Development Association (LCDA) said this issue was addressed in the last public meeting, "we were informed that we would hear some news in March; however, March has come and gone, we haven't heard anything, and the community would like the station manned."

As a matter of public safety, the Mr Booth recognises that the station has been a one-man station for many years, and closed due to another appointment; however, he speaks on behalf of the community when he said they would like someone there.

If you require immediate police assistance always phone Triple-0."

Allambee's military history

ALLAMBEE'S WWI soldiers will feature in an Anzac eve talk and video presentation at Leongatha RSL.

The event will be hosted by South Gippsland Walking and Adventure Club, with the video funded through the 'Saluting Their Service' program by the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Local Avenel will speak about the history of Allambee and the Allambee soldiers as well as the Wooreen Avenue of Honour.

Her talk gets underway at 7.30pm on April 24, with the video to follow.

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South Gippsland Shire Council calls for environmental response

UPDATED coastal hazard mapping across Victoria is needed by next year and hazard mapping data gathered should be implemented into all affected Victorian planning schemes according to South Gippsland Shire Council.

Councillors voted at their April meeting to submit a motion to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV), asking it to call on the Victorian Government to fund and complete updated coastal hazard mapping across the State by 2025 and apply the data gathered to relevant planning schemes.

The motion also requests that the State Government be urged to fund the rollout of consultation with affected communities to raise awareness of known coastal hazard risks and aid adaptation measures.

Each year councils can put forward Motions relating to matters of strategic and State-wide significance to the MAV State Council.

Should this Motion be carried at the State Council gathering on May 17, MAV will make representations on behalf of local government to the Victorian Government.

Cr Jenni Keerie spoke during Wednesday's council meeting on the importance of the Motion before councillors voted unanimously to support putting it forward to the MAV.

"This is crucial as we're starting to see the impact and the encroachment of climate change, land subject to inundation, those particular issues



South Gippsland Shire councillor Jenni Keerie explains the need for updated coastal mapping. A13_1724

that are affecting about 300 kilometres of coastline in South Gippsland," Cr Keerie said.

"We need to understand how that's going to impact on our communities but it's not just a local government matter, it's a State Government matter as well as potentially Federal."

Cr Keerie stressed that should the measures called for in council's Motion be put to the State Government and adopted, it will help council be better prepared for the future.

Cr Nathan Hersey, who represents Gippsland at the MAV, stressed that should the Motion be unsuccessful, council's position on the need for coastal hazard mapping and related measures will form the basis for future advocacy.

The coastal hazard mapping Motion is in addition to another previously endorsed at the March council meeting calling for support for rural councils impacted by renewable energy transition targets and future offshore wind energy generation.

Resilience hub to be established

WHILE a Mirboo North 'community and business resilience hub' will be established to minimise the impact of future disaster situations on the town, specifics for the State Government funded initiative are yet to be determined.

South Gippsland Shire Council CEO Kerryn Ellis explained that the intended hub will be based at the Mirboo North & District Community Foundation, which has played such an important part in the response to February's storm.

"Council is working closely with the Mirboo North Community Foundation to create an 'energy resilience hub' for the future so that if there is another emergency event that impacts power or telecommunications, there'll be a dedicated place in town that will have power available, and we'll have internet availability and space for people to refrigerate urgent medications," Ms Ellis said.

Minister for Regional Development Gayle Tierney last month announced a \$200,000 grant to help establish the resilience hub and to assist with the running of the Mirboo North Winterfest.

"A local working group will support council to drive the project and select the best central location to install off-grid solar panels, a satellite link, and emergency cold storage," the State Government said when announcing the funding allocation to South Gippsland Shire Council.

The grant came about through advocacy from both council and the Mirboo North & District Community Foundation following the extreme damage caused locally by the February 13 storm.

"It was such a huge shock to

the community when that storm event happened that we couldn't communicate to emergency services or even family to let people know how we were doing," executive officer of the Community Foundation Ruth Rogan said.

That drove the advocacy for assistance that will enable the Mirboo North community to be in a better position should it be faced with future emergencies.

While a 'community working group', which includes the Community Foundation, has been established to work with South Gippsland Shire Council on the specifics of the resilience hub, the first meeting is scheduled for the end of April.

The Community Foundation building served as a relief point following the storm.

"We opened it up with the shire, providing services from here," Ruth said.

The Community Foundation has been busy in other ways since the storm.

"We set up a recovery fund and we've had donations to the medium-term recovery, and we've been giving out small grants to various projects to support that recovery," Ruth said.

A separate 'recovery working group' has also been established to develop a local community recovery plan, identifying community needs and reporting them to the shire.

The Community Foundation has been running for 12 years and has a strong focus on strengthening the Mirboo North Community, with its efforts including funding the building of the local medical centre and distributing \$1.7 million for other worthy causes.

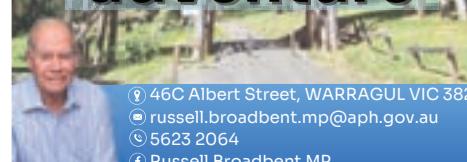

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Mayor's Message



Cr Clare
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DEAR Bass Coast,

During the council meeting last week, the budget for the financial year 2024/25 was endorsed by our Councillors and is now open for community consultation.

This draft budget is modest and responsible, reflecting the current economic climate. We are all too familiar with the increased cost of living and increasing expenses and inflation. Council is not immune to these rising costs, but despite these pressures, we have been able to maintain our current service levels. This has required careful cost containment and targeted efficiencies. This is something that all levels of government will be experiencing as they prepare their budgets.

This budget will ensure that our council's financial position remains sound and capable of supporting the needs of our community. Our tracks and trails are also being improved with the Wonthaggi Inverloch pathway in the budget to commence construction. This is an important active link between these two towns.

There is also provision in the budget for Leisure and Recreation including maintenance for our parks and leisure facilities and upgrades to our sporting fields. Community consultation plays a vital role in shaping our budget priorities. I encourage all residents to participate in this process, which is open until May 16, 2024.

You can view the document on Engage Bass Coast and provide feedback directly on this website. We have several pop-up sessions where you can learn more about the draft budget and engage directly with our officers in Grantville, Cowes, Wonthaggi and Inverloch. Details of these sessions are on Engage Bass Coast or please contact our friendly Customer Service team.

I encourage everyone if you are available to attend the Change for Sam candlelight vigil on Wednesday May 1. This has become an important annual event for Bass Coast to come together to remember and support those affected by family violence.

I will be attending the ANZAC day dawn service at Bass this year. If you are looking for your nearest ANZAC Day event, please visit bass-coast.vic.gov.au/anzacday.

Keeping council accountable for their predicted costs

THE 2024/2025 council draft budget was released for community consultation at the April 17 council meeting, a budget put together under the third year of rate capping at a current rate increase of 2.75%, yet still containing a capital works program of \$24.8 million which funds all community infrastructure.

Cr Michael Whelan addressed the council stating that it's sufficient to say that this budget has been put together under difficult circumstances. It must be understood that it cuts the council's ability to meet demand that is placed on council from ratepayers on a day-to-day basis.

"It's a modest budget against some of our previous ones, but I commend it and believe that it's a good effort given the circumstances of reduced income that we find ourselves in."

Cr David Rooks too spoke to the draft budget sharing "we're still producing an outstanding result, despite the inflation rate being higher than the rate cap."

"I'm really pleased that we can continue to invest in the tracks and trails, and we're continuing to expand the urban forest strategy with money going towards it again this year," said David.

Despite economic challenging conditions, the councilors approved the draft budget to go to community consultation with feedback encouraged until May 16.

Cr Ron Bauer said he encourages every ratepayer to engage with council officers at the pop-up sessions and go through line-by-line, espe-

2024/25 Budget Highlights



Bass Coast Shire Council Draft Budget 2024/25 highlights.

cially with fees and charges so they're comfortable with approving the annual budget.

Attendance in the public gallery at the April meeting was thin with John Trigt and Graham Jolly questioning accountability and transparency as well as significant cost blowouts in various projects.

"An interesting thing that was said in the meeting is that they've been working on the budget for six months, we're in April, so they started in November - when did they start asking the community what should go into the budget," said Graham.

"If you set out a capital works project, all we want is for it to be done in that time and financially controlled

properly. I'm paying rates for these projects. I want my lifestyle, livability, health, and well-being to be improved. And that's the only way to do it," he said.

During the April meeting, John Trigt put forward a public question, addressing the timing of council's pop-up budget engagement sessions, asking why these sessions are held during the day between the hours of 10am and 2pm, with no evening sessions allowing working ratepayers or residents to attend.

Council CEO Greg Box responded that council has previously held evening consultation sessions on the budget and experienced very low attendance rates.

Community members can provide feedback on the draft 2024/25 budget in person at one of the advertised pop-up sessions.

* Tuesday, April 30 11am - 2pm. Berninnett Library.

* Thursday, May 2 12pm - 2:30pm. Wonthaggi Library.

* Tuesday, May 7 10am - 12:30pm. Inverloch Community Hub.

Community members who are unable to attend an engagement session are welcome to make an appointment with Council officers to meet at a convenient time.

Alternatively, to provide feedback on the draft budget 2024/25 online visit Annual Budget 2024-25 | Engage Bass Coast

'Why should ratepayers pay project blow out costs?' they say

DURING public question time at the April Bass Coast Shire Council meeting, Graham Jolly put forward a question asking where the funding for capital advancements is coming from?

"With eight projects described as capital advancements with a total funding allocation of \$4,410,000, where is the supporting money coming from to cover

this? Is it from rates payment money?"

CEO Greg Box responded that "The capital advancement projects are listed in the adopted 2023/24 annual budget, and each capital advancement allocation is rates funded."

This raises the question from Graham... "Why should ratepayers pay rates towards cost blow outs when council

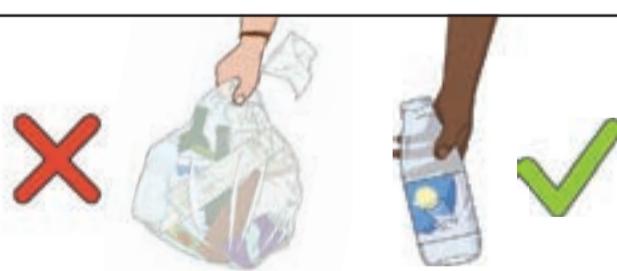
officers determine project budget figures.

"Inefficiency of council officers' poor project control for project cost blow outs should not be a burden to ratepayers," he said.

"The blown-out figures based on the carryovers is an alarming number, and these projects aren't discussed by councillors in the council meetings," said Graham.

Graham will continue to raise the question with council as to why numbers increase each quarter in the capital works project (CWP) report. "There are a number of projects that are deferred, removed or amalgamated."

Raising the issue with residents and ratepayers asking council to provide a full listing of projects that are carried over to the next year.



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Coal Creek celebrates 50 years of history

KORUMBURRA'S historical hotspot Coal Creek Community Park and Museum celebrated 50 years on Saturday.

Around 600 tickets were sold in the lead up to the big event, with many more sold at the door.

Visitors were encouraged to join in the festivities with performances taking place all day – including pop up performances of Alice in Wonderland kindly put on by Lyric Theatre, which delved into 50 years of lost time – and to take in the rich history.

A timeline of events was on display to demonstrate just how far Coal Creek has come of the years. The timeline featured the monumental task of securing all the buildings, the construction of the railway, and the grand opening on Saturday, March 2, 1974, through to the launch of contemporary events the community love including Halloween, the Literary Festival and Carols on the Creek.

Most of the buildings were open to the public, including the General Store, which was selling lollies for the first time in many years. Volunteering in some

of the buildings were descendants of the original families, including Doug Boston from Boston's Carriage Works, Rosemary and Zachary Wrench who came from the family of bootmakers, and Greg Twite, the grandson of Mr Macqueen the singing barber.

"We hope this marks the beginning of another 50 years of history. It's an incredible asset to the community," Coal Creek team leader Kim O'Connell said.

"History and heritage is important to the people of this community, and we are here to honour the people who have worked here, volunteered here, or donated collection items. It's been fantastic."

With this milestone now crossed, discussions are continuing to consider the future of Coal Creek.

These discussions centre around how the park can continue to viably operate, with ideas such as the restoration of the railway.

Mr O'Connell said South Gippsland Shire Council has worked methodically to help Coal Creek look to the future and find ways to revitalise the park.



Eastern Victoria MLC Melina Bath, South Gippsland Shire Councillor Cr Jenni Keerie, Cr Mohya Davies, deputy mayor Cr Nathan Hersey, Cr John Schelling, mayor Cr Clare Williams, and Cr Schelling's granddaughter Harley Browne helped Coal Creek celebrate 50 years on Saturday.

Korumburra Fire Brigade reach 125-year milestone

THE Korumburra Fire Brigade celebrated 125 years on Sunday. The milestone event was attended by the community, members of the Korumburra Fire Brigade and surrounding CFA and SES units, and honoured guests including CFA board member Tony Peake, deputy chief officer Trevor Owen, assistant chief fire officer Ben McKie, South Gippsland Shire Council deputy mayor Cr Nathan Hersey, Gippsland South MLA Danny O'Brien and Eastern Victoria MLC Melina Bath.

Longwarry and District Fire Brigade's catering crew provided lunches for around 100 people, before formalities, including a speech from former captain and life member Bill Rodda, who touched on Korumburra Fire Brigade's rich history and the significant fires fought through the years.

Cr Hersey congratulated the brigade on the important milestone. "Our community is run by volunteers in a lot of ways. We have the highest level of volunteering in Gippsland and much higher than average for the state, being just over 23 per cent of community volunteering," he said. "It's because of those people that the CFA and SES are as strong as they are. Thank you to the community and congratulations."

Current captain Shane Maskell touched on where the fire brigade is headed.

"We've spoken about buildings, vehicles and equipment. It's great to have all that stuff, but it's the people who make the CFA what is it. The CFA have a lot of great people and we are lucky at Korumburra to have the pick of that crop. We've got the best CFA family here in Korumburra, I believe," Capt. Maskell said.

"We're very, very proud, we consistently go above and beyond – whether that be attending very complex, difficult and confronting scenes, or servicing extinguishers, or going out on strike teams all over the state and country – it all happens here in Korumburra, 24/7, often at the expense of family and work commitments. There's no doubt we have our challenges – and we will continue to have challenges in the future – but with the ongoing support of our community, we will continue to protect and help this community through fire and other emergencies for the next 125 years."

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VICSES San Remo Unit Controller Mandy Chancellor and unit members welcomed VICSES CEO Greg Leach, assistant chief officer Cameron Rothnie, operations manager Matthew Taranto and operations officer Priscilla Grimme to discuss the future of the station. Z01_1724

CEO Leach supporting VICSES regional units

VICSES CEO Greg Leach made a visit to the regional VICSES sites last week, visiting members of the San Remo Unit with unit controller Mandy Chancellor discussing resource management, funding, and plans for future expansion to house their rise in members.

During the meeting, all participants including VICSES San Remo Unit members, assistant chief officer Cameron Rothnie, operations manager Matthew Taranto and operations officer Priscilla Grimme discussed the importance of hands-on experience and a supportive team environment in emergency response situations.

"We have 22 members at the VICSES San Remo Unit, and I am proud of their participation," said Mandy.

"Our training is good, but were limited by space, and resources."

They also shared challenges and highlighted the importance of community awareness and engagement, as well

as the need for an extension plan – with the VICSES San Remo Unit on a current seven-year lease with members outgrowing their existing site, currently housing three vehicles in a two-bay shed off Davis Point Road.

The conversation centered around the importance of securing a suitable site for their future, as well as fast-tracking non-operational members to better support management by developing a strategic plan to grow non-operational volunteer roles in areas like community engagement, fundraising and administration and creating awareness around what the VICSES covers.

Greg shared if you look at the history of Victoria – bushfires have always been a key hazard here and the CFA are provided with more funding than VICSES; however, if you look at the damage caused by natural disasters in Victoria, the damage cost is about \$2.7 billion a year and 76 per cent of that, so, the three major hazards are the responsibility of SES.

"Road accidents, floods, trees down. Nobody recognises that it's the SES who are doing all of that," said Mandy.

Greg also shared that if you look at what climate change is doing, for the whole of the world, but particularly here in southeast Australia, the SES trend line is going up "So the intensity, the frequency and the duration of these natural events are going up and up, so if we keep doing what we've always been doing then we're going to fail a community because that gap is going to grow, we need to be investing more into SES training and equipment," said Greg.

"The less money that the government puts into SES requires more fundraising from volunteers and volunteers have a finite amount of time to volunteer. So, if you're spending more time fundraising, that's less time you have to do other things like responding," said Greg.

The SES requires financial footing, investment into training, equipment, and services

to meet the needs of the community, and Mandy accentuated that the San Remo SES volunteers work well together, and their unit has high turnout numbers despite their various work schedules, so it is important to keep looking after these dedicated members.

"I will always prioritize member wellbeing and stress management, including encouraging participation in the mental health awareness course to look out for my members and prevent burn out," said Mandy.

Mandy thanked CEO Greg Leach for taking the time to meet with members at their station and ask them all face-to-face what they require and what will help their unit into the future.

The VICSES San Remo Unit is responsible for San Remo and surrounds with volunteers on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

To join VICSES, email sanremo@ses.vic.gov.au or visit 14 Davis Point Road, San Remo.

Opportunity to join Reconciliation Advisory Committee

PHILLIP Island Nature Parks invites members of the First Nations community to contribute their perspectives by joining its Reconciliation Advisory Committee. Comprised of Bunurong and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community representatives, alongside staff from the Nature Parks Community Impact team, this committee plays a pivotal role in advising the Nature Parks Board to support the implementation of key reconciliation initiatives.

As the Nature Parks embarks on the endorsement of its next Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), spanning from June of this year to June 2027, it presents an ideal moment for the Advisory Committee to welcome new members.

Kate Adams, Community Impact Manager at Phillip Island Nature Parks, emphasised the significance of involving Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in advisory roles.

"Privileged to care for important land in our community, the Nature Parks is dedicated to preserving natural places for both people and wildlife. It is essential our Advisory Committee is guided by the wisdom and profound connection with Country that First Nations people have, ensuring that our organisation operates with cultural inclusion at its core."

A Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) serves as a roadmap for achieving meaningful reconciliation outcomes. The Phillip Island Nature Parks Reconciliation Action Plan was developed through collaboration with the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, Traditional Owners, the broader First Nations community, the Nature Parks Board of Management, and staff.

"Our organisation has a vision for reconciliation, which recognises and empowers Bunurong to drive outcomes for conservation on Millowl." Ms Adams continued, "Our goal is for the community to collectively understand, respect and celebrate Bunurong culture and Country through a shared responsibility. We are committed to empowering our staff, volunteers, and partners to be truth-tellers and allies in fostering positive social change."

Interested community members are encouraged to contact the Community Impact Manager by email: community@penguins.org.au or phone 0429 989 773 (9am to 5pm)

Native timber support available now

Native timber harvesting has ended in Victoria but support is still available.

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For more information:

- Forestry Transition hotline – 1800 318 182
- Victorian Forestry Worker Support Program – 1800 122 001 vic.gov.au/forestry



SEEKING FIRST NATIONS Community Members

The Nature Parks is seeking First Nations community representatives to be members on the Reconciliation Advisory Committee, which is an advisory committee to the Nature Parks Board.

The Nature Parks is committed to working closely with Traditional Owners and the First Nations community to progress our shared journey of understanding in managing and interpreting the land, sea and waters that we are privileged to care for.

Our commitment to reconciliation and recognition is guided by a Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) which is endorsed by Reconciliation Australia.

For more information about joining the Reconciliation Advisory Committee please contact the Community Impact Manager:

email: community@penguins.org.au or call: 0429 989 773 (9:00 am to 5:00 pm).



penguins.org.au/reconciliation

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land and waters of Millowl, the Bunurong. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and future.



**South Gippsland
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South Gippsland Shire Council News

Feedback Encouraged on the Budget

The Proposed Budget 2024/25 – 2027/28 and Long Term Financial Plan are now available for community review.

The draft documents present a financially sustainable and responsible road map for South Gippsland. They consider the current economic landscape and areas of concern including the cost of living, escalating costs in the building industry and high interest rates.

The Proposed Budget carefully balances the needs of our local community with the delivery of services, investment in capital works and key initiatives such as:

- An additional \$300,000 for building maintenance. Council has responsibility for a very large portfolio of buildings for community use, which can be difficult to adequately maintain. This additional spend will help close the gap on the existing maintenance shortfall.

- \$160,000 for roadside drainage maintenance spraying to help maintain shoulders and drainage to protect pavement.
- \$50,000 to complete the development of a Strategic Plan for Coal Creek Community Park and Museum which aims to establish a clear vision and direction for its future.

The Proposed Budget also includes a \$36.327 million investment in our major capital works initiatives including but not limited to, the construction and renovation of various community facilities, as well as the development and improvement of recreational facilities, parks, playgrounds and other community spaces.

To find out more about what Council is proposing and to provide your feedback, please visit:

yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au

Proposed 2024/25 Budget Facebook Q&A



Do you have a question you would like to ask about the proposed 2024/25 Council Budget?

We will be hosting a Facebook Q&A on Wednesday 1 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

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Wednesday 15 May 2.00pm
(Council Chambers, Leongatha)

Dates are also listed on Council's website at:
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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CANDLELIGHT VIGIL

South Gippsland Shire Council would like to extend a warm invitation to everyone in our community to attend a Candlelight Vigil on Wednesday 1 May 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.

For more information about Vigils being held around our region, please visit the Gippsland Women's Health website:

<https://gwhealth.asn.au>

REQUEST FOR TENDER

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

RFT/414 – Provision of Tree and Vegetation Maintenance Services

Tender closes 2.00pm AEST on Tuesday 14 May 2024.

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

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Tough decision for councillors to sell former Korumburra Senior Citizens Centre

By Andrew Paloczi

THE FORMER Radovick Street home of Korumburra Senior Citizens Club will be sold after councillors voted five to three in favour of that outcome at their April meeting on Wednesday, with Cr Sarah Gilligan absent.

Prior to the vote, a trio of councillors expressed disgust about the behaviour of parties they accused of disrespecting the senior citizens and sidelining them from discussions with council in the lead up to the sale decision.

"When council asked for submissions on the sale, only one appeared and as time has gone on, we've become more than aware it's clearly an attempt to use the Senior Citizens Club name as a vehicle to further a sovereign citizen's agenda by some recently joined members," Cr Scott Rae said.

He stressed that on the day prior to the meeting, some members of the Senior Citizens Club executive confirmed they had not seen correspondence sent to council that was purportedly representative of the club's views on the proposed sale.

The submission and other correspondence received argued that council does not own the 14 Radovick Street property and has no right to sell it.

"We've had clear legal advice it is council's to sell," Cr Rae said.

Cr Jenni Keerie backed the view the property belongs to council, outlining her research into the matter, including a title search detailing the 1948 acquisition of the property, and studying relevant meeting minutes from over the years.



Cr Scott Rae expresses his disappointment at disrespect shown by certain parties towards members of the Korumburra Senior Citizens Club. A07_1724

"My role is to make decisions for the best interests of the shire, as difficult as this can be on occasions," Cr Keerie said before voting to support the sale of the former Senior Citizens Club building.

She spoke of a lunch she attended on Tuesday along with deputy mayor Nathan Hersey, the pair having been invited to eat with the seniors of Korumburra.

"What was clear when we arrived was that the senior citizens had absolutely no idea that we were attending and they had absolutely no idea that this matter was coming before council today," Cr Keerie said.

"So, the people speaking on their behalf did not show dignity and respect to the senior citizens by including them in the discussions about an issue that was going to impact on them."

Cr Keerie stressed the

senior citizens are capable, competent, knowledgeable residents of the community who deserved to be part of the decision-making process.

"I'm really disappointed for our senior citizens and I have greater respect for them than what's being shown to them by certain members of the community who purport to represent their interests," she said.

Cr Hersey believes council has acted in good faith and done its best to work with the senior citizens.

He unleashed on those showing a lack of respect to those members of the community.

"I'm disgusted to see how our seniors have been treated by a very small group of people in our community," Cr Hersey said.

"I'm disgusted to see firsthand yesterday how our senior citizens have no idea

about correspondence that's been sent in their name including that of the executive, about a submission that was sent in their name, about the fact that there have been people campaigning and championing a cause in their name and they had no idea."

He noted that despite his best efforts to engage directly with those at the Senior Citizens Club, he has "been blocked at many steps along the way from hearing from those whom a decision to sell the former senior citizens building would impact".

Having acknowledged the attachment many feel for the building, Cr Hersey proceeded to read out legal advice confirming it belongs to council which has the right to sell it.

Speaking before the vote, Cr Mohya Davies expressed the view it was appropriate to move forward with the sale of the building.

She then detailed the significant investment council has made in Korumburra over the last five years, totalling in excess of \$20 million, a figure that doesn't include the ongoing cost of maintaining Coal Creek.

As well as councillors Keerie and Davies, councillors Adrian Darakai, John Schelling and mayor Clare Williams voted to sell the Radovick Street building.

Cr Hersey voted against the sale on the basis "there are people who have not had their say", with Cr Mick Felton and Cr Rae also voting no.

The Sentinel-Times has attempted to speak to a member of the Korumburra Senior Citizens Club executive but encountered the same obstacles as Cr Hersey.

Mayor's Message



Cr Clare Williams

HELLO South Gippsland.

The April Council Meeting was held this week, with conversations about planning, community engagement and more. If you missed the meeting, I strongly encourage you to listen back by visiting: www.southgippsland.vic.gov.au/live

One of the main things from this meeting was the decision to commence community consultation on our Proposed 2024/25 Budget and Long Term Financial Plan. We believe as a Councillor group that this Proposed Budget captures the themes of feedback we've heard throughout our term and strikes a balance between that and the funds available. We also wanted to focus on investing in initiatives that will benefit our community into the future.

To provide your feedback on the Proposed 2024/25 Budget and Long Term Financial Plan, please visit: <https://yoursay.southgippsland.vic.gov.au>

Council also hosted a visit from St Laurence O'Toole Primary School in Leongatha on Thursday which provided the students with an introduction to the role of local government. I enjoyed partnering with Council staff to deliver an interactive session that left the participants with a greater understanding of what happens at Council. Thank you to everyone who organised and took part in the day, especially the grade fives and sixes. Every day we can teach younger generations something new is a good day!

Events

What a weekend it was! With the Coal Creek 50th birthday celebrations on Saturday and the official opening of Leongatha's Rail Trail Community Market on Sunday, I feel a renewed sense of joy being part of our South Gippsland community. Both events are the culmination of many months' worth of work and highlight the importance of community connection.

If you need any ideas on what to do in South Gippsland, check out the Visit South Gippsland website: www.visitsouthgippsland.com.au

We'd Love to Hear from You

Hearing from our community is really important for us as a Councillor group. It helps us better understand the opportunities and challenges facing our community and consider what we can do to help. All Councillors are more than happy to talk to any community member regardless of where in South Gippsland they live. Our contact details are publicly available on the South Gippsland Shire Council website. We look forward to hearing from you.

\$30K for road safety from TAC grants in South Gippsland

THE SOUTH Gippsland Shire and East Gippsland Shire will be two of 40 councils across Victoria to share in more than \$2 million from the Transport Accident Commission's Local Government Grant Program.

Projects funded through the grant program must use Safe System principles with

a focus on reducing crashes involving pedestrians and cyclists, those most vulnerable to trauma on our roads.

The Safe System is a holistic approach to road safety that recognises different elements of the road environment must work together to keep everyone safe – these elements include roads and roadsides,

vehicles, travel speeds, and road users.

South Gippsland Shire has been allocated \$30,000 to identify community supported road safety improvements – including possible pedestrian crossings and speed management devices. This is aimed at improving safety for all users within the school

and tourist precinct at Victoria Road, Loch.

"We're always trying to make our roads safer, and these grants will go a long way for cyclists and pedestrians in South and East Gippsland," said Member for Eastern Victoria Tom McIntosh.

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RESCA will also support a Research Scholarship Investigating Mental Health in Emergency Services Personnel with further research looking at in-depth ways to alleviate the mental health burden on our emergency service workers.

The RESCA-VIC awards consist of two levels:

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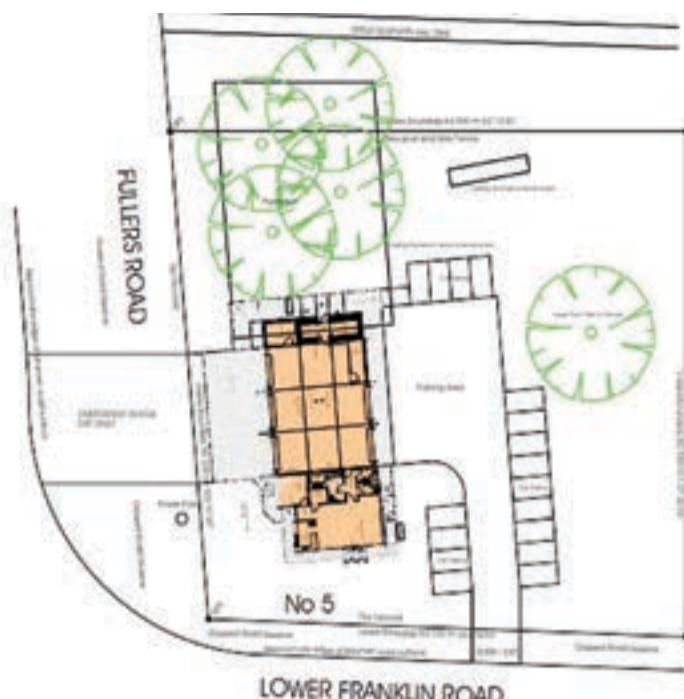
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RESCA Vic Officer of the Year serving in a paid capacity.

The two major winners will be invited to the National awards event at Government House, Canberra where two National winners will be announced. In 2023 the Victorian winner in the volunteer category, Graham Symons from Omeo CFA won the national award.

Nominations are now open via: resca.awardsplatform.com and close on Tuesday April 30 2024.

Community feedback on proposed site for new Foster Fire Station



The current plans for a new Foster Fire Station are shown in South Gippsland Shire Council's April meeting agenda, with people having an opportunity to comment on the proposed choice of location.



LAND on which to build a new Foster Fire Station is a step closer to being made available to the local brigade after South Gippsland Shire councillors voted on Wednesday to commence public feedback on the proposal to lease land to the CFA.

That feedback will be gathered through the community engagement process related to council's Proposed Budget 2024/25 to 2027-28, with that engagement period running until May 5.

The proposed lease would commence at the start of July, running for 21 years and applying to land only, with the 3656m² block located at 5 Lower Franklin Road, Foster, the CFA's preferred position for a new Foster Fire Station.

The community rental amount to be paid for the land would be a nominal \$104 plus GST per annum.

Council would have no responsibility for any assets constructed as part of the lease arrangement.

Foster's current fire station on Main Street was built in 1955 and no longer meets brigade and community expectations or supports the required functions of a modern-day fire station.

Its limitations impact hose maintenance, vehicle cleaning, onsite training activities, administrative functions

and social activities.

The current station also lacks an onsite water hydrant for filling trucks.

Plans drawn up by CFA's Land and Building Services show the proposed new fire station intended for 5 Lower Franklin Road is expected to include a motor room, workshop, multipurpose space, kitchen, and an outdoor training area.

The land concerned is situated alongside the Great Southern Rail Trail, being Crown Land for which council is the committee of management.

Locally-based Cr Mo hya Davies spoke during Wednesday's council meeting, noting the Foster CFA has long advocated for a new Fire Station and that council considered seven possible sites for it.

"Council has worked with the CFA to ensure that the process runs smoothly, and it is considered an ideal position because it gives access to roads and the CFA won't have to drive through town, which will make a huge difference," she said.

Councillor Nathan Hersey stressed the importance of council playing its part in ensuring its residents have whatever is required to be as safe as possible, noting that in this instance that can be accomplished at no extra cost to ratepayers.

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'Local Disability Expo' comes to Leongatha

VARIOUS disability support organisations were represented at Tuesday's 'Local Disability Expo' in Leongatha, offering potential clients a chance to learn about available services.

New Wave Gippsland hosted the event.

The organisation is a self advocacy group run by and for people with an intellectual disability, acquired brain injury or a combination of the two, and holds advocacy meetings in locations including Leongatha and Wonthaggi.

Mark Sandon, who works for the Melbourne-based Self Advocacy Resource Unit (SARU), which supports self advocacy groups such as New Wave, explained the important role such organisations play.

"Self advocacy is about giving people with a disability an understanding of their human rights and how to work together with other people with disability to support each other to identify when things aren't working out and to advocate for them," Mark said.

"That might be community cohesion, that might be experiencing discrimination while catching a bus or any number of things."

Mark explained that the Disability Expo was all about bringing community members together to connect.

"The NDIS has created an



Yooralla client Justin Smith, employment coach Bec Arnason, assistant service leader Annick Cerdor and client Anthony Cleemann. A02_1724

environment where people with disability don't necessarily connect on a regular basis; they tend to stick to a service provider, so any event that gets people together is a good thing," he said.

Kate Brierley, program coordination assistant at Interchange Gippsland, which helps people with disability get into the community as well as offering one-on-one home support, outlined the value of the Expo.

"It's important to show people what Interchange does and connect with other disability organisations and people with disabilities to help provide support and show them what we offer," she said.

Yooralla's Leongatha Community Hub staff were at the expo, discussing its programs for those aged 18 and over, which are developed in consultation with clients and focus on education, literacy,

independent living skills, social skills and employability.

A Customised Employment program entails working closely with business operators to create suitable roles for Yooralla clients who are paid award wages and become valued employees bringing new skills and diversity to the workplace.

Tim Mackie is a peer worker for New Wave.

He enjoys the sense of belonging the organisation has given him, while his role involves providing the perspective of someone with disability as he helps others boost their skills.

"I organise and run tech training meetings, teaching people how to use apps and social media and how to be aware of pitfalls such as scams," Tim said, explaining that his sessions are run in collaboration with other organisations.



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Community Bank Mirboo North & District provides relief

WHEN disaster struck so close to home, the Board of the Community Bank Mirboo North & District was keen to help make a difference to the lives of those locals who found themselves in need.

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GERF distributes funds quickly to eligible households for emergency resources, while insurance and government claims are being processed.

The funds are used for basics, from food, shelter and clothing, to keeping livestock safe or education resources for kids — the donations are a welcome relief for Gippslanders in crisis.

GERF raised a massive \$302,354 for the February 13 Storm Appeal with donations coming from community groups from all over Gippsland — the appeal is now officially closed.

Seventy-five payments were distributed directly to families who were most affected by the storm.

"It is with a grateful heart that I send you my sincere thanks for your generosity in the time of disaster. I was one of the fortunate recipients of your emergency relief. You'll never know how much it meant to me. Please convey this appreciation to all concerned."

GERF recipient from the February 13 Storm Appeal.

Community Banks return their profits to their communities, and so it is ultimately thanks to the customers of the local Bendigo Bank branch that such a generous donation is made possible.

GERF is a registered charity, run entirely by volunteers, helping fund emergency relief after natural disaster events throughout Gippsland.

If you would like to donate, go to gerf.org.au/donate.



The Cape community have planted mini forests of indigenous plant species, to ensure koalas thrive in the area.

Revitalising habitat for native koalas

THE CAPE community are proud to announce significant progress in Project Koala, a community led initiative to restore and enhance the local koala habitat in Cape Paterson.

This environmentally focused project was launched in February 2021 and seeks to protect the rare and genetically distinct Strzelecki Koala.

Cape Paterson is home to a small population of koalas. Recent DNA analysis of scats found in the area has confirmed that this population is a rare and genetically intact subspecies, making it the only remaining group of koalas in Victoria and South Australia with a pure gene pool.

Unlike other koala populations in the region, which have suffered from genetic bottlenecks due to translocation, the Strzelecki Koalas

offer a genetic diversity that may be necessary for the species' survival in Australia as koala populations in Queensland and New South Wales continue to be impacted.

Recognising the impact of urban development on native wildlife, The Cape community and The Cape development team, in collaboration with local ecologists and Parks Victoria, initiated Project KOALA to combat habitat loss.

The project employs the Miyawaki method of dense, layered planting to create vibrant mini forests of indigenous plant species, including the critical Coastal Manna Gum, koalas' preferred food source. These new areas will help link existing coastal bushland with newly revegetated corridors and wetlands, creating a

continuous habitat that supports a diverse range of native fauna.

Brendan Condon, Director of The Cape, says, "We were fortunate to collect seeds from a beautiful Manna Gum right here on the estate and with the assistance of the team at The Cape Community Farm use them to grow trees that will strengthen our local ecosystem."

Since its launch, phase one of the project has been deemed a success with the local koala population being spotted in the newly enriched areas.

Thus, instigating the launch of phase two in April 2024 where more than 60 community members, including many enthusiastic children, planted over 500 indigenous plants in five new mini-forest plots.

Brendan says, "It's important

to give back to our environment and protect our natural inhabitants. We were thrilled to see the overwhelming community involvement in Project KOALA, planting over 1000 indigenous trees, shrubs and ground covers. The enthusiasm and commitment of everyone involved, including children, embodies the spirit of conservation and community and something we are proud to be a part of."

The Cape community remains committed to environmental conservation, to expanding this vital habitat and ensuring the preservation, and flourishing of local wildlife.

For updates follow [livethecape](http://livethecape.com) on Facebook or The Cape's local resident naturalist, David Hartney at capechatter.com

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Postcards, journeyed to Mirboo North in March, visiting and filming at Lamezleighs Coffee House and Eatery, the Art Space and Jacican.

Postcards visits Mirboo North

Channel nines travel show, Postcards, journeyed to Mirboo North and embraced the warm community atmosphere, visiting Lamezleighs Coffee House and Eatery, the Art Space and Jacican in March.

The town, showing its resilience after the storm that devastated it on February 13, appeared on the show after Jacican owner and chef Jaci Hicken, emailed Nine presenter Livinia Nixon.

"For many of the years that my husband Ernst Lenselink and I have lived in Mirboo North, Ernst worked as an engineer at the television station, commuting a couple of days a week to the studios in the Docklands," Ms Hicken said.

"Even though I've been running Jacican for the past 12 years, this

was the first time we contacted one of his former work colleagues.

"It was part of telling people about what we do and how wonderful Mirboo North is, especially after the publicity about how bad the February storm was.

"We have restarted promoting the business to attract more visitors, rebuilding from where we left off after the past four years of quiet times."

Ms Nixon passed on the email to the producers at Postcards.

Postcards then organised who and when they visited Mirboo North, picking Lamezleighs and the Art Space out of the many things to do in the town.

The presenter who visited Mirboo North was Brodie Harper.

"For the Postcards filming, Brodie

and I made puff pastry, which then, through the magic of television, turned into a vanilla slice," Ms Hickin said.

"Then we enjoyed afternoon tea of all the goodies we make here."

"I can't tell you what else they did in town, as I was busy setting up, but I'm guessing some lovely food at the cafe and a spot of shopping at The Art Space."

The Postcards episode featuring Mirboo North, which aired on Channel 9 this past Sunday, April 21, showcased the town's resilience after the storm, its warm community atmosphere, and the delicious food and beautiful art it offers.

For those who missed it, you can find the episode at <https://9now.nine.com.au/postcards>



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Poowong celebrates 150 years



Margaret Monk, Denise Lacey and Maree Delia enjoyed celebrating Poowong's 150th anniversary over the weekend.



One of Poowong's oldest residents, Margaret Monk, aged 97, had the honour of cutting the town's 150th birthday cake with the assistance of special guests Russell Broadbent MHR and Danny O'Brien MLA.



Among those enjoying the 105th anniversary celebrations in the Poowong Hall last Saturday were Ashlea Hughes, Lynne Schwennesen, Misty Jenkins, Cale and Zane Schwennesen, Catie Johns-Schwennesen, Glenda Olden and Maurice Schwennesen.



Leongatha SES's Val Bremner, Tahlia Ebery and Chas Baillie helped to celebrate Poowong's 150th anniversary.



Taking a close look at the commemorative artworks for the Poowong 150th celebrations were South Gippsland Councillors Adrian Darakai, Jenni Keerie, Deputy Mayor Nathan Hersey and Mick Felton.



Andrew Gibson, Paul Hawker, Malcolm Blight, Geoff Douglas, Bryce Ettwell and Ky Blight gave tours of the Poowong CFA as part of the 150th celebrations.



Helping with the sales of the Poowong anniversary books were Sophie Zekic (Motton), Asha Dalton (Van't Hof) and Grace Zekic (Motton).

THERE were speeches, the cutting of a 150th birthday cake by one of the district's oldest residents, Margaret Monk 97, the launch of several history books and the unveiling of commemorative artworks.

But the centrepiece of Poowong's sesquicentennial celebrations last Saturday night was the conversation, laughter and memories shared by a wide cross-section of community members seated together at tables in a packed community hall.

Master of ceremonies for the night, Russell Motton, whose family settled in the district in 1875, a year after the first application for land in the Parish of Poowong in April 1874, called it right.

"The turnout here tonight is testament to the pride and spirit of our community," he said while welcoming special guests including the Federal Member for Monash Russell Broadbent and his wife Bronwyn, Gippsland South MLA Danny O'Brien and South Gippsland Councillors Nathan Hersey, Adrian Darakai, Mick Felton, and Jenni Keerie.

Throughout its history, he said, the Poowong community had demonstrated its credentials as a can-do, self-help and resilient people, not only able to provide for itself but also ride the shocks and challenges thrown up along the way.

When the terrible 'Red Tuesday' bushfires of February 1, 1898 killed 12 people and destroyed 2000 buildings in Gippsland, including the original Poowong Hall, they built it again twice more.

When the district's kids needed a swimming pool in the 1960s, they didn't wait for government grants or handouts but set to and raised the money and did the work themselves on a facility that is still enjoyed by all today.

The same thing with the magnificent recreation reserve, sports stadium and other facilities, which according to Mr Motton, "the people of the district have shown great enthusiasm to provide over the years".

And when, in July 1985, Unigate sold the Poowong Butter Factory to Drouin Butter, and it was closed down in just three days, after almost 100 years of operation, the town survived the shock, dusted itself off and pressed on to shape a glorious new future.

Mr Motton made particular reference to the Poowong Consolidated School which he said had the benefit of many excellent teachers over the years, instilling strong values and a sense of community pride in its students, still evident in the district today, as one of Poowong's secrets to success.

But he also mentioned other community groups and shared projects which had made the community strong.

And while acknowledging the obvious changes, including the fact that where there had once been 16 dairy farms on his road, there were now only two, from grey Fergies to air-conditioned GPS monsters, hand milking to robots and blackboards to computers; he foreshadowed that residential growth would see Poowong continue to grow and prosper.

"Poowong retains its agricultural heritage and remains a charming rural town," he said.

"Our wish for our community is to unite and thrive for another 150 years and beyond... and as a town of 700 people, we can continue to be able to tell others how proud we are to come from Poowong."

They were sentiments echoed by Russell Broadbent and Danny O'Brien who said how honoured they felt at being invited to joined Poowong's 150th anniversary celebrations.

Member of the 150th Anniversary Committee Stephen Halliday launched the updated history books and the commemorative artworks, paying special tribute to Heather Gregg who compiled both the 125th anniversary version of the town's history 'Since We Were A Century' and the next 25 years, 1999 to 2024, books were sold and the birthday cake was shared around to conclude the proceedings but few people left the hall as conversations continued well in to the night.

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COMMENT

Why they're proud to come from Poowong

NO ONE is entirely sure how the town of Poowong got its name.

And it's certainly been the brunt of jokes over the years, even to the point of hosting the world premiere of the Aussie film 'Kenny' about an ordinary Australian plumber who specialises in "corporate bathroom" rentals, otherwise known as portaloos!

In February last year, they changed the name of Poowong to 'Pooright' as a publicity stunt for Gut Health Month, organised by the Dietitian Connection.

It's only natural that those from outside the area would be fascinated when Poowong locals announce the name of their hometown but it's something they've learned to take in their stride.

Last weekend, however, the name 'Poowong' was synonymous with 'pride' as the town and district residents celebrated their 150th birthday, 150 years since application was made for the release of the first privately owned land there in April 1874.

Some of the families who took up land in those early releases still own those farms, five or more generations on.

And true to the can-do spirit of the Poowong community, they didn't wait for the shire or some government department to organise the celebrations. With a community-based committee preparing the way for more than a year, and a bevy of volunteers coming in behind them in recent weeks, a wonderful weekend of activities was held across three days.

It was an opportunity to review and celebrate the resilience and the achievements, largely as a result of the community's own actions, including, it must be said, overcoming the odds and the naysayers to have the town connected to reticulated sewerage less than a decade ago.

It's a development that's likely to clear the way to considerable residential growth over the next few decades.

The role of the town's terrific school and dedicated teachers in passing on that can-do attitude and community spirit over the years was acknowledged, as were the contributions of other groups and individuals.

We've got some great small-town communities across South Gippsland and we're likely to see them step forward in strong numbers this Thursday, despite the predicted cold temperatures and the possibility of rain, for Anzac Day.

Remembering our ANZACs

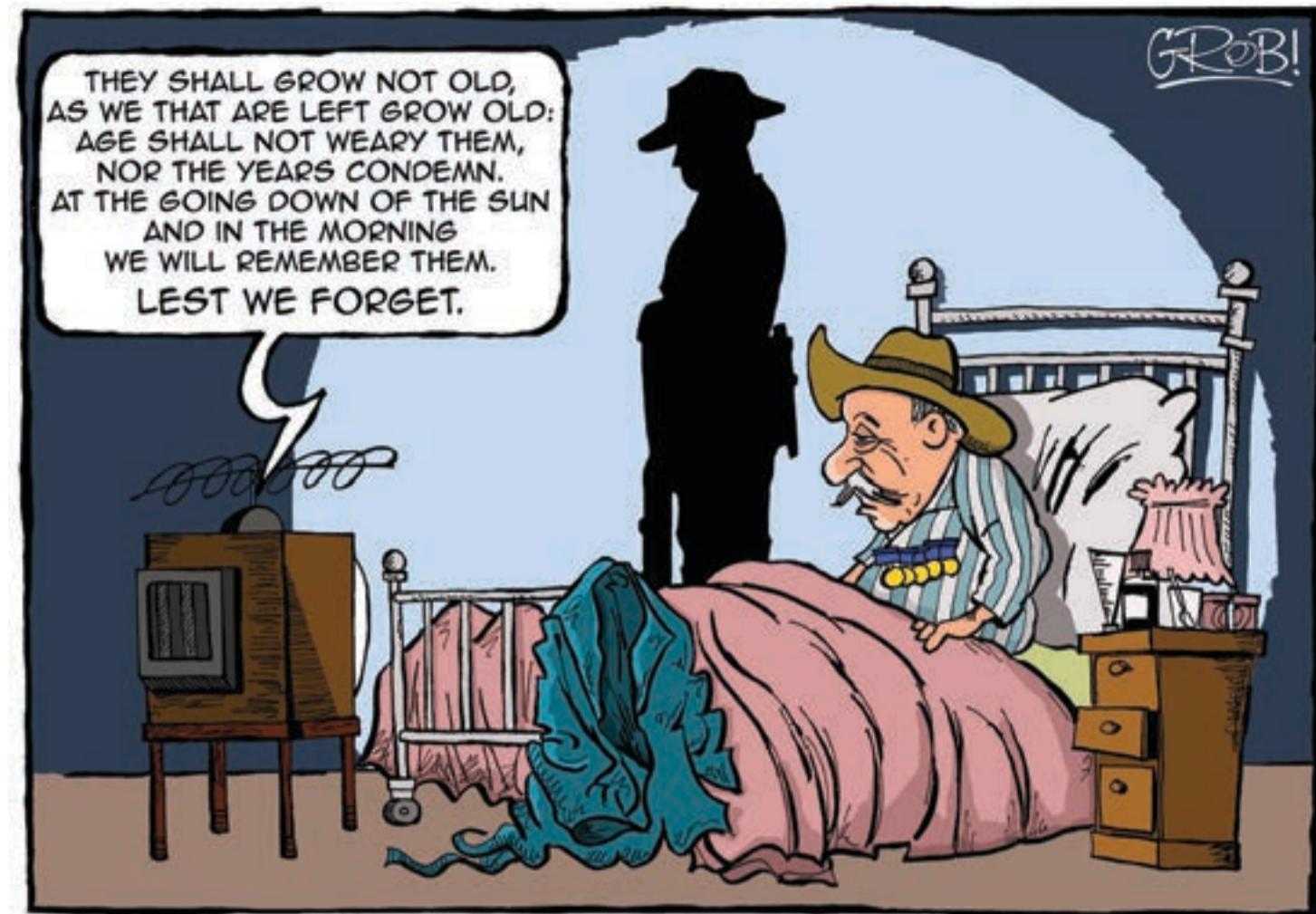
ON Thursday April 25 communities across Gippsland South, along with the rest of Australia, will gather to remember those who have served and those who continue to serve our country as well as celebrate the ANZAC spirit that lives on within our communities today because of the sacrifices made by those who came before us.

ANZAC Day as it is celebrated today goes beyond the anniversary of the landing on Gallipoli in 1915. It is a day we remember and acknowledge the efforts of those who served, and many who continue to serve, in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations.

We also remember and pay our respects to the families of these heroes.

I will be attending ANZAC Day services across the community, and I invite you join with me in commemorating those who paid the ultimate sacrifice so that we can enjoy the freedoms that we do today.

Danny O'Brien, Member for Gippsland South



Cartoon by Glenn 'Grobb' Robinson.

Council, please back community heroes

WE WERE greatly concerned to read your story 'Council orders rare native forest to be cleared' in your April 9 issue.

In the 1990s sand companies threatened to overwhelm the Grantville area with an uncapped number of sand mines. Phil Westwood and others, such as Pete Smith, led the push back by setting up the Grantville Action Group (GAG). Along with the Bass Valley and District Branch of the South Gippsland Conservation Society (SGCS) and many local people, Phil and his wife Anne couldn't have worked harder to protect our precious remnant native vegetation and the wildlife dependent on it.

As we now have a council aware of the value of the Western Port Woodlands, we cannot understand why community heroes such as the Westwoods are back fighting to have the values of our bushland recognised and protected.

As one of the two community representatives, along with Bill Sims, Phil Westwood helped draw up the 'Regional Sand Extraction Strategy, Lang Lang to Grantville' in 1996. They, sand companies and the Government, signed off on the document which was supposed to protect sensitive sites.

Why isn't the Council referring to this document for guidance?

We welcome Council coming in to protect the site now being decimated in the Stanley Road area and doing everything it can to support the Westwoods in their renewed fight for our bushland, a fight which we thought had been won in 1996-7.

Meryl & Hartley Tobin, Grantville

Council Policy Change

WE AGAIN are being asked for our thoughts re Bass Coast Council proposed changes to the Urban Roads and Drainage Scheme 2024. The draft policy is now available for viewing on Engage Bass Coast. <https://engage.basscoast.vic.gov.au/urdi>

This draft policy deals primarily with the hamlets mainly on Phillip Island which consist of unmade roads with a large number of holiday homes, but also cover other areas within the Bass Coast Shire.

Previous attempts by Bass Council to initiate special charge schemes for Sunset Strip, Wimbledon Heights, Cape Paterson and most recently Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach were rejected by ratepayers. At a cost to the Bass Coast ratepayers in the vicinity of one million dollars (\$1,000,000), primarily

due to council's failure to communicate appropriately.

The main reasons for the rejections were, cost and environmental impact to the area including the type of urban design not embracing the seaside area.

The current councillors should not be trusted to make any decision on this proposed draft policy on the Urban Road and Drainage Scheme as their time is coming to an end.

I would like to quote from engage Bass Coast, Sunderland Bay and Surf beach Special charge Scheme ("There was a majority of property owners within the estates submit an objection to the proposed upgrade project which means under the Local Government Act 1989 legislation, the project will not proceed. The proposed special charge scheme to fund the project was abandoned at the Council meeting held on 13 December 2023.

Council will commence planning for the next highest priority project area in accordance with the Urban Road and Drainage Improvement Policy. We acknowledge that some residents that supported the upgrade will be disappointed with the result. At this point in time, there is not enough support from the community to proceed further with the upgrade project. If there was a particular street or smaller area that at least 70 per cent of property owners actively supported an upgrade project in the future, it can be considered in accordance with the Council's Urban Road and Drainage Policy").

As this draft now points out based on councils figures, is a limited street and drainage location as number one priority, which is a similar but reduced area within Surf Beach and Sunderland Bay who is it that sets up these figures and why.

Councillors should question the council in open council why the 2019 policy cannot be adhered to and move to the next priority. Or is this the big stick approach by council to force ratepayers to conform to council dictatorial ways.

My comment on the draft submission, it is devised by council to divide and conquer. The proposal for Sunderland Bay and Surf Beach will have considerable increase in cost, as well as the inconvenience involved for the next 20 years till the minor roads in west Surf Beach are completed.

Why are we being asked to input into a draft document that is designed to cover the next 58 years. We have a ten year financial plan which I am sure doesn't cover these types of costs.

Councillor's either speak up against this unfair policy, change it or get out.

John Trigt, Surf Beach.

Vox Pop

What improvements would you like to see in your town?



John Trigt

"We need a focus on roads and drainage, and Cowes has no feel for it and it's dirty. Shops are closed and I'd like to see council address these issues."



Graham Jolly

"I'm not pushing for one single thing. Ultimately, anything in the council budget is going to improve our liveability; however, the expenditure is what I'm concerned about."



Mandy Heymal

"More grants for local projects and more financial support plugged back into the community to reduce the stress on food prices and housing affordability."



Thanh Lu

"We need more entertainment for kids, and an increase in business hours because the town is always too quiet on weeknights and weekends."

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.

Little Shop of Horrors - Newhaven College production

NEWHAVEN College's calendar highlight is the Senior School production. This year, students ranging from Years 7-12 will bring the beloved musical Little Shop of Horrors to life on the Wonthaggi Arts Centre stage.

All are welcome to come along to what is going to be a sell-out event on May 3, 4, and 5. The production creates a space for students of varying musical abilities to either tread the stage or play in the orchestra, experiencing the wonderment of being involved in such an event.

For many, it is their first time on (or under) the stage allowing for personal expression and growth.

Made famous by the 1986 film starring Rick Moranis, Ellen Greene and Steve Martin Little Shop of Horrors follows the story of a nerdy florist, Seymour, who finds his chance for success and romance with the help of a giant man-eating plant who demands to be fed.

Newhaven College's talented performers include Dean Lyle (who played Shrek in 2022 and is The Dropkicks' frontman) as Seymour, Jemima 'sings like an angel' Aitkens as Audrey I, Liam Fuery puts on a hilarious performance as the Dentist, powerhouse singer Angeline Anthony provides the voice of Audrey II, and Felix Fothergill shines as Mr Mushnick.

The street urchins are played by Indigo Aurora, Meyanna Christensen, Cecily de Gooyer, Isabel Goss, Eve Oakley and Aoife O'Connell who keep the audience engaged through song and dance throughout the entire show. The ensemble cast provides the backdrop of a skid row town with each student bringing their own individual flair. The backstage crew and orchestra include students of all ages, an essential part of the success of the show.

Director Karen Milkins-Hendry is thrilled with the progress 'After three days of energetic and focused rehearsals over the



The street urchins, Aoife O'Connell, Eve Oakley, Indigo Aurora, Isabel Goss, Meyanna Christensen and Cecily de Gooyer rehearse a scene with Mr Mushnick, played by Felix Fothergill.

holiday period, it's so exciting to see Little Shop of Horrors shaping up to continue in the tradition set by the College of providing a high quality, ensemble based show for our audiences. The show will create a special memory-making experience for our student performers and musicians. The energy and dedication displayed by our talented cast and crew build on the culture within the College of valuing the Performing Arts as an integral part of our program.

"We will transport our audiences to the streets of Skid Row. With just a few more weeks until opening night, anticipation is building, and I invite everyone to join us for some great music, good humour, fabulous singing and of course - a man-eating plant!"

The show will be a memorable experience for everyone involved, and the hope is the community will come out in full force to support the students' hard work and creativity.

Tickets are on sale now: trybooking.com/1194329.



The lead roles for the Newhaven College production of Little Shop of Horrors are Year 12 students Dean Lyle as Seymour and Jemima Aitkens as Audrey.



Chairo Christian School commences VCE

STUDENTS completing Year 10 at Chairo Christian School in Leongatha will now no longer need to travel to Chairo Drouin for their final years.

In a welcome development for South Gippsland families, Year 11 has commenced this year and Year 12 will follow in 2025.

The campus is now providing education from kindergarten right through to VCE and VCE-VM (Vocational Major).

Head of VCE, Nick McLean, explained that the VCE subjects offered are designed to support further study and career pathways of individual students.

"With a range of subjects on offer, from Maths Methods and Physics to Product Design and Outdoor and Environmental Studies, student interests and prerequisites are being met in a flexible program".

"We have been blessed with some wonderful, committed and experienced senior



Chairo Leongatha Year 10 student Philjay Bain with Head of VCE Nick McLean.

secondary teachers, some of whom have transferred from other Chairo campuses to be part of this exciting new program," explained Mr McLean.

All secondary students are provided with personal learning devices, and exciting extra-curricular activities will

include a snow camp to Mt Hotham for Year 11 students. VCE students are also able to access extra resources due to a close connection with Chairo campuses at Drouin and Pakenham.

Principal, Christine Hibma, explained, "Our VCE teachers

are committed to helping students achieve excellent results, whether they are studying traditional VCE subjects or completing VCE-VM. I am very pleased with how well VCE has started, and the future is exciting for our students."

The VCE-VM students are engaged in work experience centred around career interests and are also able to receive accredited hood handling and barista certificates. They will be commencing a school café and running fundraiser events for local communities.

Shelly Beamish is excited about heading up an English program that responds specifically to individual needs, identifying what each student needs to continue in their learning journey.

"Learning in a smaller environment, where you are known by your teachers and peers, allows students the freedom to fully step into their potential," she said.

Radio station sets sail to thank volunteers

ON FRIDAY April 19 about 30 volunteers from local community radio station, South Coast FM, enjoyed a Big Day Out.

Gathering at San Remo jetty they boarded the good ship "Arafura Pearl" and set sail for Cowes. They were accompanied by multiple seals as they sailed along.

In Cowes they enjoyed a magnificent pizza and pasta (and dessert - yum!) lunch at Pino's Trattoria before making the return journey.

Station Manager, Tony John, said "Since I began in this job at the start of the year, I've been looking for ways to recognise and acknowledge the contribution of our team of volunteers."

"With the support of our generous sponsors, Wildlife Coast Cruises and Pino's Trattoria this was an opportunity worth taking."

Previously known as 3mFM, South Coast FM moved its studios from Inverloch to Wonthaggi in September last year. It broadcasts 24/7 right across the Bass Coast and South Gippsland region, and beyond, with a mix of music, talk, news and weather.

"As we all know, volunteers are the lifeblood of all community organisations, even more so in the country, so it's important that we remember to say a big thank you," said Tony.

"Our volunteers constantly strive to present quality radio to as professional a standard as possible and I wanted to acknowledge their efforts."

"Of course, we're always looking for more volunteers, whether for on air announcing, or the vital technical and admin work behind the scenes, so we've got plenty of opportunities to get involved."

"We highly value diversity, so regardless of your age, gender, culture or experience, if you want to make a difference in your community shoot me an email at manager@southcoastfm.au."

Story dogs at Kongwak Primary

THIS year the Kongwak school community has welcomed the Story Dogs literacy initiative. The Story Dog mission is to make reading fun for children, so they become confident, life-long readers.

This program partners with the classroom teachers to help students with their reading. The students come out of their classroom and sit one-on-one with Robyn and read to Bindi, an Australian Shepherd.

Bindi loves to listen and does not mind if the students make a few mistakes, she just wants to have a fun time so that books and reading become a joyful experience.

Robyn and Bindi are local residents to Kongwak and the school community has embraced their visits each week. Bindi loves eating, sleeping and doing tricks. She has been practising at home with her reading rug and books so that she is ready to help students. She is super excited visiting the school each week.

"Reading books with Robyn and Bindi is special because it helps with my Literacy. Robyn is kind and Bindi is so cute when she listens to me read," said Hugo (Year One).

Kongwak Primary School is very excited to have new regular visitors to the school to help students with their reading. This is another fantastic community connection that the school has made, along with Landcare and local farming community members.

Kongwak Primary has open tours coming up. If you are interested in visiting, tours are being held on Wednesday April 24 and Thursday May 2 at 2.30pm. For any inquiries, please contact the school office on 5674 1253.

ANZAC DAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

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

Lest we forget

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ANZAC DAY

APRIL 25TH 2024

Dawn Service 6am - Cenotaph Cowes Foreshore

Gunfire Breakfast 7am - Phillip Island RSL (Donation To Welfare)

March & Service 11am - Muster at 10.40am St Phillip's Anglican Church Cowes, march down to Cenotaph Cowes Foreshore

Phillip Island RSL Open 12pm

CARVERY LUNCH

Service Member Free • Adult \$10 • Kids under 13 \$5
(Normal menu not available for lunch)

Entertainment - Music from 12pm until 3pm

ANZAC DAY FOOTBALL LIVE & LOUD FROM 3PM

Dinner Bookings from 5:30pm - Normal Menu available



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Anzac Day Services and events

BASS

Bass Valley Friends of the RSL invite all to attend the Anzac Day Dawn Service which will be held at the Bass cenotaph, Hade Avenue Bass, commencing at 6am, followed by a free gunfire breakfast at the Bass Community Hall, School Road, Bass on Thursday April 25 from 6am - 9am.

COWES

Anzac Day Dawn Service held at 6am on the Esplanade, Cenotaph, Cowes for approx. 40 Minutes. 10.40am March from Olive Justice Place, Chapel Street, left into Thompson Avenue heading North, then a right hand turn into The Esplanade and halt adjacent to the Cenotaph followed at 11am by the Commemorative Service, Cowes Cenotaph, The Esplanade, Cowes.

FOSTER

An 11am service will be held at the cenotaph, with a brief address from Foster RSL president Bruce Lester followed by wreath laying. A further service will commence in the nearby Foster War Memorial Arts Centre following the conclusion of proceedings at the cenotaph. The second service is more formal and features musical items and guest speaker Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) David Lassam. There will be a medallion presentation to a local.

INVERLOCH

Inverloch RSL Sub-branch invites you to commemorate Anzac Day. A Dawn Service 6am at the RSL Hall Bolding Place Inverloch. Join the team after the service for a Gunfire Breakfast supplied the Inverloch RSL Members. The Veteran's March will commence at 10.45am from the Cenotaph returning there for the Commemoration Service and Wreath Laying Ceremony. RSL Hall, Bolding Place, Inverloch.

KORUMBURRA

The Dawn service commences at 5.45am at the cenotaph in Coleman Park, with member for Eastern Victoria Melina Bath the guest speaker, and a catafalque party from HMAS Cerberus. The 2nd Korumburra Scouts will provide egg and bacon sandwiches following the service. Morning service starts at 10.15am, with South Gippsland Concert Band playing and a member of the Korumburra RSL speaking, followed by light refreshments at the RSL rooms.

LEONGATHA

Dawn Service - A 5.45am service at the Leongatha cenotaph will be followed by a gunfire breakfast at the RSL rooms. Morning service - A 10.45am service outside the Leongatha Memorial Hall will be immediately followed by one inside, with guest speaker Melina Bath and musical items from the South Gippsland Shire Brass Band and the South Gippsland Singers. People are then welcome to attend the RSL rooms for refreshments.

LOCH

There will be an 11am service at the Old Post Office/cenotaph.

MIRBOO NORTH

Mirboo North RSL Sub Branch will be holding a Dawn Service at 5.45am in Baromi Park. This will be a reflection type service followed by a light breakfast back at the RSL Hall. Another service is being held at 10.30am at the Secondary College in the auditorium, followed by refreshments at the RSL.

MEENIYAN

Assemble at 9.15am at the Meenyan cenotaph for a 9.30am march. An HMAS Cerberus marching contingent will take part, with the guest speaker being Flying Officer Tristan Garcia. Students from Meenyan Primary School will speak about locals who have served. Contact Tanya Wilson for enquiries on 0427 647 473.

MOUNT ECCLES

There will be a 2pm service at Mount Eccles Hall.

SAN REMO

San Remo's Anzac Day commemoration will begin at 10.45am at the Cenotaph on the foreshore opposite IGA. Two students representing Bass Coast College and Newhaven College will be the guest speakers. There will be a chance to lay flowers or a wreath and poppies will be available for those wishing to place one on the Cenotaph. After the commemoration, refreshments will be served at the Westernport Hotel. The event is organised by a small community group under the auspices of the Vietnam Veterans Museum Sub Branch.

BAY

A service will be held at 12pm at the cenotaph in Tarwin Lower. A march will take place along the main street. The school captains from Tarwin Lower Primary School have been invited to give a speech and the community is invited to lay a wreath. The Wonthaggi Citizen's Band will also play at the service.

TOORA

Dawn service - The service commences at 6am at the cenotaph. Morning service - The morning service at the cenotaph begins at 11am.

YARRAM

The Yarram RSL Sub Branch will host a parade starting at 10.50am, with muster at the corner of King Street and Commercial Road, with step off at 11am. The march will head to the cenotaph in Commercial Road, where a Commemorative Service will take place with wreath laying.

WONTHAGGI

Anzac Day Dawn Service will be held at 5.55am at the Wonthaggi Cenotaph. The march will leave from the RSL to the Cenotaph at McBride Street Wonthaggi, for the main Anzac Service at 10am. Veterans and Service Personnel are asked to gather in front of the RSL, 60 Graham Street at 9.45am.

ANZAC DAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

The Inverloch RSL Bonsai Project honours our heroes

INVERLOCH RSL, in collaboration with Tim Readon, The Bonsai Fella, and the Inverloch Cemetery Trust, has embarked on a poignant project to create a bonsai from a descendant Gallipoli Lone Pine.

This initiative aims to honour the memory of the fallen service men and women over the generations and symbolise resilience, growth, and remembrance. The bonsai will be presented in the Commemorative Garden at the Inverloch cemetery, serving as a living tribute to those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The Gallipoli Lone Pine holds significant historical and emotional value, representing the enduring spirit of the ANZACs and the bond between Australia and New Zealand.

By transforming a descendant of this iconic tree into a bonsai, the project not only preserves a piece of history but also celebrates the legacy of courage and sacrifice that defines the ANZAC spirit.

Tim Readon, a seasoned bonsai artist from Inverloch, brings his expertise and passion for bonsai cultivation to this meaningful endeavour. With his skilful hands and deep respect for the project's significance, Tim guides the Inverloch RSL Bonsai Club in the transformation of the Lone Pine into a living work of art that will stand as a poignant symbol of remembrance

and gratitude.

The collaboration between Inverloch RSL, Tim Readon, and the Inverloch Cemetery Trust underscores the community's commitment to honouring and preserving the heritage of our servicemen and women. The Commemorative Garden at the Inverloch cemetery will provide a serene and fitting setting for the bonsai, offering visitors a place for reflection, contemplation, and paying tribute to the fallen heroes.

The completion of the bonsai project is set to coincide with ANZAC Day 2025, a date of great significance in Australia's history and a time for the nation to come together in remembrance and respect. The unveiling of the Gallipoli Lone Pine bonsai will be a momentous occasion, symbolising the enduring legacy of the ANZACs and the timeless values of courage, sacrifice, and mateship.

As the bonsai takes root and grows in the Commemorative Garden, it will serve as a living reminder of the sacrifices made by our servicemen and women, ensuring that their memory remains alive and cherished for generations to come. The Inverloch RSL Bonsai Project stands as a testament to the enduring spirit of remembrance and the power of community collaboration in preserving our shared history and honouring our heroes.



A bonsai tree from a descendant Gallipoli Lone Pine has been planted at the Inverloch cemetery.



INVERLOCH RSL SUB BRANCH

invites you to commemorate

ANZAC DAY

on THURSDAY, 25 APRIL, 2024

a 6am Dawn Service

will be held at the

RSL HALL

Bolding Place, Inverloch

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

VETERAN'S MARCH at 10.45am

from the Cenotaph returning there for the Commemoration Service and

WREATH LAYING CEREMONY

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

Bar will be open.



ANZAC DAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024

5.45am Dawn Service

at Cenotaph

followed by a light breakfast at the RSL

10.45am Wreath Laying Service

at Cenotaph

followed by a Community Service with guest speaker

Melina Bath MP

in the Memorial Hall.

**BISTRO - Lunch 11.30am - 2.00pm,
Dinner 6.00 - 5.30pm**

BOOKINGS ADVISABLE

**Phone: Reception 5662 2747
Bistro 5662 4487**

*Information provided for the benefit of members, guests & authorised visitors.

Cnr. Smith Street & Michael Place, Leongatha



ANZAC DAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

A day of remembrance on Phillip Island

THE Phillip Island RSL encourage the community to attend their day of remembrance.

The RSL will hold their annual ANZAC Day schedule on April 25 beginning with a 6am Dawn Service at the Cenotaph on Cowes foreshore.

President, Peter Paul, said everyone is invited back to the RSL after both services. For the first time, there will be a Gunfire Breakfast at the RSL commencing 7am, (donation to veteran welfare would be appreciated).

For the traditional ANZAC Day March, marchers will meet at 10.30am at the corner of Thompson Avenue and Church Street. The march will commence at 10.40am, moving down Thompson Avenue to the Cenotaph for the 11am service.

General Manager Christopher Simpson said attending our service will be invited guests from Parliament, Bass Coast Shire Council and the community. "We welcome for the first time, Rev. Jennie Gordon, from St Johns Uniting Church, Cowes, and Newhaven College choirs to perform live."

Following the service, the 2024 ANZAC Community Award will be announced.

Once again, we are delighted to have a RAAF flyover at 11.08am. Numerous organisations will be laying wreaths at the cenotaph ceremony, and Cowes Yacht Club will also be recognising the maritime services with a wreath on the water.

This year, the only catering provided will be a \$10 Carvery Lunch, available from 12 noon at the Phillip Island RSL (free for MyRSL Service Members) and from 12 to 3pm, Matt Bradshaw will once again provide entertainment.

The RSL will be open for regular dinner service from 5.30pm.

Bahadur's Donkey

HOW did a small donkey end up at Gallipoli on ANZAC Cove?

Greek water carriers landed on the Gallipoli Peninsula on April 25, 1915 with donkeys but were evacuated the same day and the donkeys were left to roam.

The New Zealand force is reported to have landed donkeys for the purpose of testing the water, as it is thought they are able to detect poisoned water. Some suggest they were captured from Turkish forces. It is also known that the 16th Battalion, Machine Gun Section, purchased two donkeys in Lemnos and shipped them to ANZAC Cove.

The donkeys could not fit in the landing boats so they were dropped off into the water and swam ashore. They were reported to be infected with lice so were left to roam. Whatever the source, Bahadur and the donkey found each other to start a legend of courage and duty.

'Bahadur' is Indian for the bravest of the brave. Of course, we know this person as John Simpson Kirkpatrick. He hailed from the North of England of Scottish Parents. He was a stretcher bearer of the 2nd Field Ambulance. He was known on Gallipoli variously as, Murphy, Scotty, Simmie or "the man with the donk". He called his little donkey, Duffy, Murphy in the main, but also Abdul and Queen Elizabeth, after the battleship providing gunfire support off shore.

Between April 26 and the May 19, 1915, for 24 days, the pair undertook the dangerous task of evacuating the wounded up and down Shrapnel Gully, sometimes 17 times a day. At night they bedded down with the Indian Stretcher bearers and the Indian 6th Mountain Battery. These Indian soldiers gave him the name Bahadur.

May 19 was the fateful day, the day of a major Turkish assault. Shrapnel Gully was reported to be a mass of bursting shells. A 2nd Field Ambulance Stretcher bearer was to relate in later years calling on Simpson on his fourth trip to seek cover with him. Simpson waved the invitation away and plodded on. Simpson was fatally wounded, and died, but the donkey and his burden carried on down to the dressing station. It was Sapper F. D. Burrell, of the Light Horse who reported his death to Welsh doctor,



Image taken from the painting 'The Man with a Donkey,' at The Australian War Memorial.

Captain J. T. Evans, Commander of the Indian Field Ambulance. Evans covered his face in his hands, saying "that ever a man deserved heaven he does". The Indian bearers gathered round, Evans Sahib, enquiring what was the matter, to be told Sahib Murphy was dead. It is reported that they went down on their haunches and wailed and threw dust on their heads. They buried Simpson placing wreaths of wild flowers on his grave.

The Powlett Express and Victorian State Coal Fields Advertiser of the 12.5.1916, published part of a letter written by Evans about the day.

"What to do with Murphy, the donkey, puzzled me, as all of my men were high caste Hindus, and would be outcasted by even touching a donkey. However, a volunteer came forward – a 'Rajput' – and said that he would look after Murphy. I still have him, and should I ever return to India, he the donkey will accompany me".

The general consensus is that the small, long eared donkey, with ears that stood erect to warn of artillery fire became a pet of the 6th Mountain Battery and travelled with that unit at the evacuation of Gallipoli.

Acknowledgement. The Man with the Donkey: John Simpson Kirkpatrick. The Good Samaritan of Gallipoli. By Sir Irving Benson.



Inverloch and Mirboo North RSL donated equipment, labour and time to reinstate the Mirboo North RSL pole damaged in the February storm, in time for ANZAC Day, with Dan Smith and Ross Gabb Presidents of Mirboo North and Inverloch RSL's pictured here.

Local RSL's working together

THE RECENT devastating storms in Mirboo North left Mirboo North RSL without a flagpole due to the collapse of a major tree in the front yard.

Inverloch RSL decided that our fellow RSL needed assistance and with ANZAC Day quickly approaching the new pole had to go up this week.

One of Inverloch RSL's members kindly donated a flagpole she had on her property at Pound Creek.

Then came the organisation of removing the flagpole and getting it to Mirboo North, enter a host of volunteers who made this possible.

Mitre 10 kindly offered their crane truck and driver to steady the flagpole as RSL Inverloch President Ross Gabb cut the pole at the base.

The flagpole was then transported to

Mirboo North where Strzelecki Engineering welded a new base plate on the pole.

Local trades people from Mirboo North then assisted to place the pole in the position the old one was.

Finally, the flagpole was in place and the flag raised by Dan Smith and Ross Gabb Presidents of Mirboo North and Inverloch RSLs.

This task would not have happened if not for the generosity of local businesses and people who donated their time, all working together as one to complete the project.

Acknowledgement goes to Inverloch RSL for supply of labour, Linda Lynch Inverloch RSL Member for supply of the pole, Mitre 10 for supply of equipment, Mathew Smith and Paul Smith for supply of labour and equipment.

Forever Lost.
Forever Changed.
Lest We Forget.

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Korumburra RSL Sub Branch
**ANZAC DAY
SERVICES**

Thursday, April 25

**Coleman Park Cenotaph
Queen Street, Korumburra**

**DAWN SERVICE 5.45am
MID MORNING SERVICE 10.15am**

ALL WELCOME

ANZAC DAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Wonthaggi RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day commemoration

THE Wonthaggi community and surrounds are encouraged to join the Wonthaggi RSL Sub-Branch ANZAC Day service on Thursday, April 25 in commemoration of those who served.

The dawn service will commence at 6am at the Wonthaggi Cenotaph, followed by a gunfire breakfast at 6.30am at the Wonthaggi RSL with the committee catering for approximately 200 people.

Dan Lucas, president of the Wonthaggi RSL Sub-Branch confirmed that the annual event is open to the general public.

The community will meet at 9.30am at the Wonthaggi RSL to prepare for the 10am march with Veterans and service personal joined by Heenan Taekwondo, the Wonthaggi Surf Life Saving Club, the CWA ladies, girl guides, SES, CFA, March contingent from Cerberus, and naval personnel.

"A 110 Land Rover has also been donated to transport elderly veterans in the March," said Dan.

"We'll march down Graham Street, and up McBride Avenue to the Cenotaph for a 10.30am service, followed by the 11am fly-over from the Royal Australian Airforce."

The cook for the day, Mr Wayne Fuller has just received his medals and will be wearing them for the

first time this ANZAC Day.

Dan would also like to recognise Jay Williams and Jayden Cester from BIG SMOKIN who are taking orders for their smoked meats this ANZAC Day with 10 per cent of their proceeds being donated to the Wonthaggi RSL Sub-Branch.

"Pre-orders are available for the smoked meats, including Authentically-Texas style Brisket, St Louis ribs, pulled pork, a smoked sausage, and a sides menu which will expand each week.

"We'll begin preparing food on Wednesday, April 24 – with some menu items taking 18 hours to prepare. All meats will then be vacuum sealed at 4.30pm on ANZAC Day; hot and ready for delivery," said Jay.

From May 1, BIG SMOKIN will operate out of the Wonthaggi RSL Sub-Branch with takeaway available four days a week. Dan explained that having this business set up at the RSL is a bonus financially for the Wonthaggi Sub-Branch. "It means we can do more work and renovations to improve the RSL."

Jay has been smoking meats for around 18 years as a hobby, but as a new parent tasked with the role of stay-at-home dad, he closed his building business and launched BIG SMOKIN to achieve better work-life

balance. After sharing his food with a bunch of friends and family in the area, the response has given him confidence that locals will be thrilled to have good, old fashioned, quality tucka' back on the menu with BIG SMOKIN in town, catering to all dietary requirements!"

"I've had such a positive response with some people sharing that it's a flavour they've never tasted before," said Jay. "It's been surreal and unexpected with some saying they're lost for words with the taste. It would be great to provide a dining experience that is worth the money."

"Wonthaggi Meats are going to be supplying us with our meat moving forward, and we are proud to support the fresh changes Mick is bringing to the business."

ANZAC Day pre-orders are open until midnight on Tuesday, April 24 and will be delivered on Thursday, April 25, and on May 1, BIG SMOKIN will hold their official opening with all meats smoked and prepared in the commercial kitchen.

"It's important for an organisation like the RSL to have a profile in the community, and I am grateful for the opportunity to operate from their great facilities."

Place your ANZAC Day pre-orders at www.bigmokin.com.au.



BIG SMOKIN Texas style smoked meats are available for ANZAC Day with 10% of proceeds donated to the Wonthaggi RSL Sub-Branch.



Russell Broadbent MP
Federal Member for Monash

Anzac Day is a time to honour those who have served and continue to serve for our nation.

Lest we forget.

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**WONTHAGGI RSL
SUB BRANCH
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60 Graham Street, Wonthaggi

2024 ANZAC DAY SERVICES

Dawn Service: 5.55 am at Cenotaph

Gunfire breakfast will be offered after Dawn Service
RSL - Graham Street, Wonthaggi

March: 9.45am - 10am

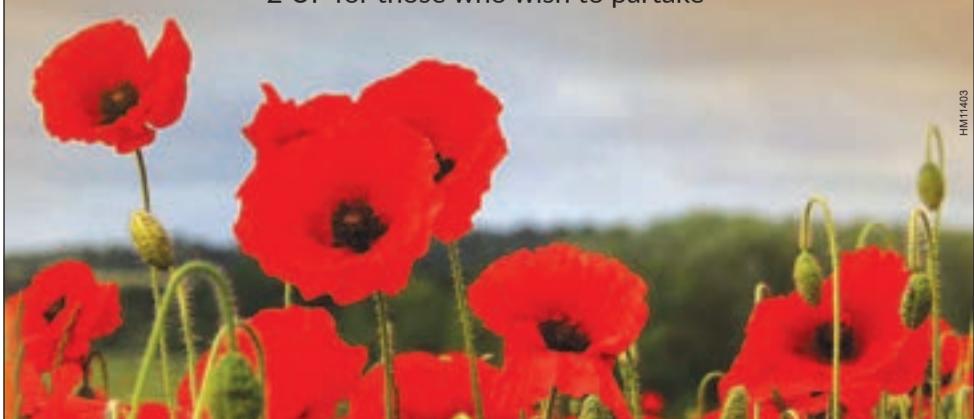
Parade Assembly: RSL - Graham Street at 9.30am
March to commence 9.45am from RSL Hall to Cenotaph
for 10.30am ANZAC Day service

March led by the Wonthaggi Band

Main Service commences at Cenotaph - 10.30am

Light refreshments offered at RSL Wonthaggi after service
2 UP for those who wish to partake

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ANZAC DAY

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Korumburra's brothers at arms remembered

FOR more than 100 years now, the Korumburra Cenotaph has stood as a reminder for our people to pause and remember the sacrifices of past generations of our local families.

For many of those families it was, and still is the only local memorial for lost sons, fathers, and brothers.

There are 232 names displayed on its granite faces.

Within those names displayed there are 17 sets of brothers commemorated. Losing one son to a war would be bad enough, how terrible then to lose multiple sons.

Of all the names commemorated, one set of brothers stand out. Not just because these boys were local sons who gave their lives in the service of their country, but because their service was so significant that they were both recognised for bravery, distinguished and meritorious service.

Such is the story of the Lousada brothers. Three of the Lousada brother enlisted for service in WW1, sadly, two would lose their lives.

Edward and Beatrice Lousada had nine children and originally were living in Melbourne before moving to Warragul, then Toora before moving to Kardella.

Three of their sons; Aubrey, Barrow and Cecil enlisted to serve in WW1. Two of their sons, Barrow and Cecil never came returned home.

Sgt Aubrey Lousada

Sgt Aubrey Lousada (49 Bty of the 1st Field Artillery Brigade) was the first to enlist. He enlisted at Moonee Ponds on August 18, 1914, and given that the recruiting depots had only opened on the August 10, this was indeed an early enlistment.

Aubrey enlisted into the artillery, and he served initially at Gallipoli, where he was wounded. He recovered from his wounds and went on to serve throughout the Western Front. By the end of the war Aubrey was a Sergeant. Following the war, Aubrey returned to Australia and by December of 1918 he had been discharged from the AIF. In 1967 he was living in Silkstone Road, Korumburra where he finally applied for his war service pension.

Gunner Cecil St Leger Lousada

Next in enlist was Cecil Lousada. He was the youngest of the Lousada brothers to enlist and enlisted on May 4, 1915. Cecil Lousada was born in Warragul and was working as a clerk when he enlisted. He appears to have grown up in the Korumburra area and lived there with his family. His enlistment papers indicate that he was in Rochester when



Edward Charles Lousada with wife Beatrice and nine children, this photo probably taken in 1907 at Toora where the family farmed after leaving Warragul and before moving to Clanville near Korumburra. The person third from the right in the back row is unknown. The daughters from the right are Tryphena (21), Ruth (9) and Catherine (18). The boys from the left are Aubrey (14), Ben (20), Ted (15), unknown, Barrow (17), and Cecil (10). Horace Frank (7) is at the front. One son, Harry Bernard, died aged 3 in 1898 and is buried at Warragul cemetery.

he enlisted on May 14, 1915.

He left Melbourne on July 16, 1915 on HMAT Demosthenes and landed in Egypt in late August where he completed his training. Initially Cecil was posted to the 21st Battalion and he was at ANZAC by September 1915, where he served with his battalion in the later stages of the Gallipoli campaign.

His father stated that he was in the second last party to leave ANZAC. Cecil disembarked at Alexandria from Mudros on January 10, 1916, and on the 6th of February he reported sick with parotitis. He was then sent to No.4 Hospital Train to Ismailia. He also had a case of mumps.

He remained in hospital until he was discharged to duty. Cecil re-joined his unit at Morscar on March 8, 1916. On March 20, 1916 he joined the British Expeditionary Forces and left Alexandria, arriving in Marseilles on March 27, 1916. Cecil served with his battalion at the front and survived some of the fiercest fighting of 1916. He was promoted to Lance Corporal on September 2, 1916, in Belgium.

On December 9, 1916 Cecil was transferred to the 5th Division Artillery Headquarters as a gunner. Then on January 5, 1917 to the 53rd Battery of 14th Field Artillery Brigade.

He returned to the 5th Division Artillery Headquarters on a temporary posting on April 2, 1917. Cecil was granted leave April 23, 1917 and returned to the unit on May 7, 1917. He served with the headquarters at the front and between September 23 and November 12, 1917. He had been responsible for the production of operational orders and clerical work for the entire 5th Australian Division Artillery Headquarters. This

was a job that would normally have required several men to achieve.

Cecil was promoted to Corporal on September 11, 1917. He then reverted to the rank of Gunner on April 1, 1918, as his posting to the 5th Division Artillery Headquarters ceased. Cecil returned to the 14th Field Artillery Brigade, where he was wounded on April 10, 1918, dying later that day.

By April 10, 1918, the 114th Howitzer Battery of the 14th Field Artillery Brigade had moved to the north of Corbie to support the 14th Brigade of the 5th Australian Division. It had set up sections of its 4.5-inch Howitzers and by April 10 was registering targets and preparing to fend off any possible German attack.

The 14th Brigade Australian Field Artillery's diary indicates that this unit sustained no casualties on April 10 but on April 11 four men were wounded when a shell prematurely burst in the breach. It is highly likely that this is how Cecil Lousada received his wound. Cecil was evacuated to 11th Australian Field Ambulance at Querrieu where he died. He is buried at the Querrieu British Cemetery, France.

Decorations: For his actions of October 25, 1916 where Cecil was awarded a Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM) "for conspicuous gallantry and devotion in volunteering to carry water across open ground, and through an extremely heavy barrage of artillery fire, to severely wounded men. He later displayed great bravery as a stretcher bearer, exhibiting a fine example of endurance and soldierly spirit".

In November 1918, he was posthumously awarded a Meritorious Service Medal (MSM).



Gunner Cecil St Leger Lousada (DCM MSM) was one of three Lousada brothers from Korumburra to serve in WW1, and sadly, one of two to be killed.

The recommendation for the award includes "This NCO - devotion to duty and meritorious service, without previous experience, is worthy of special recognition". This was in recognition for his service when working with the 5th Division Artillery Headquarters from September to November 1917.

Private Barrow Helbert Ellis Lousada (M.M.).

The last and the oldest of the Lousada brothers to enlist was Barrow Lousada. He enlisted on July 12, 1915 and at the time was farming in Kardella South. Barrow enlisted into the infantry and served with the 21 Bn, as part of the 2nd Div.

Service History: Barrow Lousada enlisted on July 12, 1915 and embarked from Melbourne aboard HMAT Moldavia on October 5, 1915. He was taken on strength at Tel-el-Kebir on January 7, 1916, where he joined the British Expeditionary Force at Alexandria on March 19, 1916 and sailed for France.

He disembarked at Marseilles on March 26, 1916. Barrow took part in a raid on enemy trenches on the night of 24/25 April 1916. For this attack he was awarded the Military Medal. He was later killed in action on August 26, 1916 at Mouquet Farm, France. He was gazetted the Military Medal (MM) posthumously on October 27, 1916 for bravery in a raid at Fromelles in 1916.

Decoration Citation: "On the night of 24/25 April, 1916 at Fleurbaix (Fromelles), this man and Pte E Sparks were on duty in an advanced listening post. On hearing shots and subsequent cries for help they proceeded to the spot in no man's land and found that a patrol of ours (1 Officer, 1 N.C.O and a private) had all been wounded, the N.C.O fatally. They carried the N.C.O in, having great difficulty in getting him through our wire owing to his heavy weight. On reaching our sally post a heavy fire was opened on them but



Private Barrow Helbert Ellis Lousada was awarded one of the highest bravery honours, a Military Medal, for rescuing injured soldiers in an advanced position on the Western Front in April, 1916 only to be killed himself some days later.

they managed to regain the trench without further difficulties."

Red Cross Investigation: Corporal McLure wrote on April 14, 1917: "He was in A Coy IV Pl. He was killed by a piece of shell practically instantaneously when we were attacking near Moquet Farm. We had to retire not being able to obtain our objective. I saw him killed myself, the attack took place about 5 o'clock in the morning."

Unit/Formation Activities: The 6th Brigade (including the 21 Bn) was the left brigade of the 2nd Australian Division, holding the line and strengthening its position after the earlier advances at Pozieres. On the August 26 at 0100 hours, D Company moved from Sausage Valley to the Quarry and A company moved from Tom's Cut to the same quarry.

At 0445 hours, A & B Companies plus two platoons of C & D Companies attacked the closest enemy positions. This attack was on the western side of Mouquet Farm and was only partially successful. Two enemy strong points proved to be very strong.

Barrow Lousada was most likely killed between the jumping off point and the objective. He has never been identified and has no known grave. He is commemorated at Villers-Bretonneux.

Remembrance

You will find Cecil and Barrow Lousada's names remembered at the Korumburra Cenotaph, St Pauls Anglican Church Records Korumburra, Toora Memorial and Toora Hall Honour Roll, Korumburra and District Honour Roll, Former Shire Office Honour Roll.

ANZAC Day 2024

Korumburra RSL will be conducting its annual Dawn Service in Coleman Park Korumburra commencing at 5.45am. This to be followed by a mid-morning service at 10.30am. All welcome. Lest We Forget!

Why shearwater chicks need our help more than ever

ONE of the bravest journeys in all of the natural world is about to begin.

Tens of thousands of short-tailed shearwater chicks from Phillip Island are taking off on their maiden long-distance flight, a 14,000 kilometres epic to Alaska, without anyone to show them the way.

But we can at least help to get them on their way by supporting Phillip Island Nature Parks 'Dark Sky So Shearwaters Fly' campaign which already has strong support from statutory authorities, local businesses and individuals.

This year the annual lights out campaign will run from April 19 to May 10, and will ask residents and businesses in the bird flight path to switch off their lights for up to 10 nights to minimise risks to the seabirds and to motorists.

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

Phillip Island Nature Parks Senior Scientist, Dr Duncan Sutherland, has been hitting the airwaves in the past week, to spread the word, and he's



As the autumn winds rise, so do thousands of short-tailed shearwater chicks, beginning their amazing 14,000km journey north. Here's how you can help make the annual migration a success.

looking for your help by turning out external lights at home and around businesses.

According to Dr Sutherland, it had been a tough year for shearwater breeding, so all help is needed to ensure the fledglings made a safe, successful trip north.

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

"Not only were there fewer eggs laid in December than the past few years, but the hatching success of those eggs was also lower.

"This means there are likely to be fewer chicks migrating this April."

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

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

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

To minimise casualties and fatalities of the chicks, Phillip Island Nature Parks has partnered with the Department of Transport and Planning, Bass Coast Shire Council, AusNet, WE-EF Lighting, Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation, the Victorian Ornithological Research Group

and the local community as part of the Shearwater Rescue Program.

Dr Sutherland said recently he wanted to have 35 businesses signed up to support the campaign, and pledge to turn their lights off, but already that number was officially up towards 50.

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

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

Explore education from Kinder to Year 12 at open day

Drouin Campus.

Tour the Warragul Campus facilities and connect with dedicated educators to gain insight into Kinder through to Year 12 at 150 Bowen Street. Tours start from 10am with the last tour departing at 1pm.

To register your attendance for Saturday May 4, please visit the St Paul's website: stpaulsags.vic.edu.au.

RIGHT: St Paul's Secondary School Captains, Max O'Connor and Ruby Langham, welcome families and the wider community to attend the school's Open Day.



Walking for Peace at San Remo

THE SAN Remo Labyrinth Walk, scheduled for Saturday, May 4 at 1pm, is part of the 16th annual World Labyrinth Day walk.

This global initiative, celebrated in every time zone, unites people in sacred activism, symbolising life's peace and harmony.

During the stillness of the walk, the focus will be on today's wars, with the deaths of innocent people impacting their essentials and way of life in Ukraine and the Gaza Strip and that often make communities feel powerless to make a difference.

As the walk occurs, the history of occupation and the struggles of Aboriginal and Torres

Strait Islander people for recognition, equity, and justice is also considered.

"Taking a break from your daily routine and walking in a labyrinth space can be a transformative experience. This deep introspection allows you to listen to your inner voice, which can guide us towards supporting reforms designed for the self-determination of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People, a transformational practice," said Lorraine Rodda, from the Australian Labyrinth Network.

A simple way to do this is to be visible in support. Walking the Labyrinth can be one way. The next walk after May 4 will be during Reconciliation Week on Saturday, June 1 at 1pm.



Walk the Labyrinth for peace at San Remo on Saturday May 4.

People with a disability face barriers in health system

PEOPLE with a disability in Gippsland find that getting support is hard and requires navigating a complex system.

A new Priority Issues Paper from Gippsland Primary Health Network on 'Disability' has found that people living with disability are the most frequent users of health services but 70 per cent experience significant barriers accessing required services.

Social isolation is especially problematic for people living with a disability who also experience housing and employment concerns while mental health is the most common co-occurring health issue.

The disability paper is one of three released by Gippsland PHN this week; the others are LGBTIQA+ Health and Wellbeing, and Chronic Illness.

Gippsland PHN Chief Executive Officer, Amanda Proposch, said the papers were compiled from local data and intelligence from Gippsland PHN teams and advisory group members for strategic health planning in priority and emerging areas.

"Our priority issues papers capture information from a range of sources including feedback from consumers," Ms Proposch said. "They are an integral part of health planning and help us make informed decision about what is needed by our community."

The LGBTIQA+ Health and Wellbeing issues paper found LGBTIQA+ people are 2.1 times as likely to have a disability or long-term health condition when compared to the general population and were 1.7 times more likely to be diagnosed with anxiety or depression.

The third paper revealed that in 2022-23, the top five chronic conditions in Gippsland leading to potentially avoidable hospital admissions were related to diabetes complications, iron deficiency anaemia, congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and angina. Several risk factors for chronic disease are common in Gippsland – alcohol consumption, smoking, obesity, physical inactivity and diet lacking vegetables.

Community members told Gippsland PHN of things that "would improve their health".

These included improved access to a regular GP in their local area; affordable care including allied health, pain management and specialists, all communicating well with their GP.

The issues papers can be read at gphn.org.au/resources/.

Funding for live music

FUNDING has been announced to ensure Victoria has a strong live music scene – supporting Victorian musicians, music venues and festivals, with new grants backing local jobs for musicians and helping venues and festivals get the crowds in.

The Live Music Festivals and 10,000 Gigs: The Victorian Gig Fund programs – which will give the industry a much-needed boost during this period of change.

The Government's Live Music Festivals Fund will provide grants of up to \$50,000 to established Victorian festival organisers to help them stage new or existing events – creating more local jobs for people on and off the stage and attracting thousands of fans to cities and towns so they can see their favourite local artists up close.

We're also creating 10,000 gigs across Victoria through the Labor Government's Victorian Gig Fund – with live music venues across Victoria eligible to apply for a grant of up to \$10,000 to go towards Victorian artists' fees for gigs at their venue.

This targeted support for our vital live music sector will create more paid opportunities for local artists – from those just starting out to established acts. It will also make it easier for venues across the state to host great local gigs while giving Victorian music lovers the chance to see their favourite acts close to where they live.

Our festivals and venues are the lifeblood of Victoria's live music sector, providing opportunities for artists to play shows, earn an income and grow their audiences whilst supporting local businesses, economies, and community connection.

Applications for the Live Music Festivals Fund and The Victorian Gig Fund open on Monday April 22 at 10am and close on Friday May 17 at 2pm. To find out more or apply visit musicvictoria.com.au.

CSIRO report sow seeds for Australia's farming future

AUSTRALIA must act now to accelerate agricultural innovation to achieve productive, resilient and sustainable farming systems by 2050, according to a new report released by Australia's national science agency, CSIRO.

While Australian farming – including forestry and fisheries – has seen several years of high yield as of early 2024, some key challenges threaten ongoing prosperity.

The challenges already impacting farming systems include climate change, emissions reduction needs, supply chain disruptions, workforce access, changing consumer preferences, maintaining market access, and long innovation timelines.

In response, through consultation and co-design with over 100 industry stakeholders, CSIRO has delivered the Ag2050 Scenarios Report. The report explores a range of significant trends, risks, opportunities and actions needed to support Australian farming systems into the future and presents four future pathways for the sector.

Dr Katherine Wynn, CSIRO Futures' Agriculture and Food Lead, said the report underscored the critical need for proactive measures, and should serve as a call to action for the agricultural sector.

"The decline in farm profitability over the last two decades is a stark warning sign, with projections indicating decline by up to 50 per cent in some areas by 2050," Dr Wynn said.

"However, our research offers an optimistic outlook, and indicates Australia can achieve productive, sustainable and resilient farming systems if we act now to facilitate long-term transformative change in agricultural innovation."

The four evidence-based future scenarios, paint a picture of what Australian farming systems could look like by 2050 and include:

Regional Ag capitals – a consolidated and technologically advanced sector, thriving and prioritising food and fibre security.

Landscape stewardship – a forward-thinking sector embracing new opportunities and novel technologies, allowing the environment to flourish.

Climate survival – a sector focused on climate adaptation and incremental changes allowing it to survive.

System decline – a sector failing to address growing challenges and at a tipping point.

"The four scenarios are designed to prompt collaborative conversations among industry, researchers, and other stakeholders to envision, deliberate, and plan strategic actions for the future of farming we aspire to achieve," Dr Wynn said.

Dr Rose Roche, CSIRO's Ag2050 Lead, highlighted the work CSIRO is doing to support the agricultural sector through its Ag2050 program.

"We're actively collaborating with industry and stakeholders to tailor these scenarios to local and regional contexts and work out what specific technologies and innovations are required," explained Dr Roche.

"Our goal is to make cutting-edge scientific solutions accessible to our stakeholders to help them achieve their desired future."

The Ag2050 Scenarios Report is the first phase of CSIRO's Ag2050 program, a disruptive multi-year initiative aimed at identifying interventions, innovations, and support necessary for a productive, resilient, and sustainable future for Australian agriculture.

Intriguing meet the artist afternoon at Meeniyian Art Gallery



Jenny Peterson holds a sign she used when creating her 'There and Back' series, part of her 'One Walk' exhibition at Meeniyian Art Gallery. A08_1724



Bill Binks with some of his nature-inspired paintings and one of his sculptural works that are on show in 'The Things That Matter' exhibition. A09_1724



Artist Sue Gilford talks about Meg Viney's 'Scrolling Through Time Exhibition' currently on at Meeniyian Art Gallery. A10_1724

VISITORS to the Meeniyian Art Gallery on Sunday enjoyed the chance to meet a couple of the artists currently exhibiting there.

Jenny Peterson of Boolarra and Phillip Island's Bill Binks chatted about their creative approaches and techniques.

Their exhibitions are running alongside that of Wooreen fibre artist Meg Viney who was bitterly disappointed not to be able to attend as she was unwell.

The trio of artists are all inspired by nature.

Bill's exhibition, 'The Things That Matter' reflects the constantly changing moods of the sea and sky in his acrylic paintings, with his sculptural works also on show.

He explained his choice of acrylic paint.

"It dries quickly, as opposed to oils," he said, adding that the latter may take a day and he is too impatient to wait, despite believing oils lend themselves to creating greater subtlety and nuance.

Bill spoke of the inspiration nature provides.

"I go down the beach first thing every morning and I go for a walk and have a dip," he said, adding that as well as seeing the water close up, he is constantly aware of the fabulous skies that are occurring.

Bill described what he loves about sculpture, including the tactile nature of clay.

A limestone sculpture, 'Sea Nymph 3' is among his works on show in Meeniyian, a medium he works less in now due to difficulty wearing a mask.

He loves the feel of the limestone once he gets a curve going in it and rubbing his hand over it as he is chiselling, sanding or doing what ever else is required.

Jenny's exhibition, 'One Walk', is a collection of prints based on a landscape observed during a morning walk last September, including Pike's Track and Circle Track in the vicinity of Boolarra's Old Mill, and featuring organic objects gathered during the walk.

Jenny spoke about her use of an etching machine, which she described as resembling both a laundry mangle and a pasta machine.

"It gives you a gentle and

consistent pressure," she said.

She described the process of creating one of her 'There and Back' works that incorporated the design of a double-headed arrow sign with natural objects.

"The black and white background is printed, so that's inking up the double-headed arrow sign and putting that through the press, then once that's dry I've gone back using the same piece of paper printing the plants over the top; then I've come back for a third time for the collage part, so it's three layers," she said.

While her black and white printing dries overnight, her soy-based coloured ink needs a week to do so due to its oily consistency.

The whole process demonstrates Jenny has greater reserves of patience than Bill, while Meg's creations require even more of that commodity.

Meg invited Jenny to exhibit alongside her in the current exhibition, with the pair agreeing their artworks complement each other.

"There's a nice connection between our work although she's using leaves and plant fibres in a different way," Jenny said.

Meg's exhibition, 'Scrolling Through Time', is inspired by traditional Japanese packaging and by the handwritten scrolls widely produced prior to the introduction of the printing press, using materials such as her hand-felted lace and handmade paper.

Her friend and fellow artist Sue Gilford introduced Meg's works to those present, saying Meg depicts a world a lot of people undervalue.

As a pyrographer, Sue said she is quite rough with wood, contrasting that with Meg's artistic approach.

"This requires delicacy, fineness and a meditative process," Sue said of Meg's creations.

She spoke of the captivating nature of the scrolls.

"The fact it's rolled up, it's making you think, and I want to enquire about it," Sue said.

Those keen to experience the current trio of exhibitions at Meeniyian Art Gallery have until April 29.

Exciting experiences for Joey Scouts in Leongatha



LEONGATHA Joey Scouts have been keeping busy and having fun this year. They have invested many new members and are excited about the term ahead.

Chase Couper was very happy to receive his badges and scarf as part of his investiture, then last weekend attended a two-night Pirate camp at Gilwell Park in Gembrook with many new Scouting friends.

At the camp, the Joys went rock-climb-

ing, abseiling, canoeing and went on the flying fox. Last week, the Joey Scouts had a Science night, which included paper chromatography, acid-base reactions (vinegar and bi-carb soda in a bottle), and playing with Oobleck – so much fun and mess! The program for this term includes swimming, bushwalking, craft, mini-Olympics and campfire cooking.

Any queries, please email g1.leongatha@scoutsvictoria.com.au.

Winter Warmth



Preparing for winter with Wonthaggi Garden Supplies

THE cooler days are setting in, and with the cost of living remaining high, the team at Wonthaggi Garden Supplies are providing a sustainable and more affordable option for seasoned firewood.

Owners Chris and Mel Carlisle are sourcing hardwood mill ends wood that is the perfect pair with red gum for a longer and hotter burn – to keep the heat in on those colder evenings.

"All our wood is well seasoned with the red gum sitting at a 10 – 15% moisture content – meaning it's dry and ready to burn," said Chris.

"We have a minimum delivery of half metre lots, but rest assured this is a proper measure and you'll be getting quality on each delivery – no matter your choice of wood."

Hardwood mill ends is a

sustainable choice because it is a by-product of the building industry and by providing this option at Wonthaggi Garden Supplies, the team are finding an alternative way to keep those wood heaters burning at an affordable price.

"Sustainable hardwood mill ends sourced from East Gippsland burns clean and hot, but the best part is how clean and tidy the product is! No bark, dust or dirt and the pieces are easy to handle."

However, red gum is still a preferred choice for many with the long and hot burn, and the stock is onsite ready for delivery.

Wonthaggi Garden Supplies is located at 11 Inverloch Road, Wonthaggi. Orders are available by phone on 5672 3757. Stock up for winter and to keep the home cosy in autumn.



Chris Carlisle of Wonthaggi Garden Supplies recommends stocking up on seasonal firewood before winter. Z03_1724

Frontline's delivering heating options this winter

COMING into cooler months, Frontline Air Solutions are focused on providing the best heating options and servicing existing systems for both domestic and commercial properties.

Owners and business partners Harrison Robertson and Jarrod Martin, together with their new apprentice Kohda Joske, specialise in all things heating, cooling and refrigeration for Bass Coast and beyond.

They offer installation and maintenance of heating and air conditioning systems, including split system air conditioners, ducted reverse cycle systems and multi split systems.

There are currently a couple of good incentives on offer from different manufacturers to upgrade split systems, for example Mitsubishi Electric are offering a gift card promotion for anyone putting a new system in or replacing one.

"Split systems are the most cost effective way of heating and cooling compared to gas or any other form of electric heating," explained Harrison.

"The split systems are a lot

more efficient, which is especially important these days as you can have quite a bit of savings on your electricity bill by using a reverse cycle."

As well as installation of split systems, FAS can also service systems, keeping them reliable and effective during the cooler months.

"We can definitely offer a basic service to go over the system and make sure it's up to scratch," said Harrison.

"Anything that is four to five years old, if it hasn't had a service since installation, then now's a good time to get us in to have a look at it."

If it's a newer appliance Harrison recommends cleaning the filters and checking that it's operating properly for the most efficient heating this winter.

The team also service commercial refrigeration systems all year round including pubs, restaurants, cafes, and the like.

The team are very responsive and can be contacted on 0466 186 000 or flasolutions@outlook.com or via their Facebook and Instagram pages [@frontlineairsolutions](https://www.facebook.com/frontlineairsolutions)



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Upgrade your appliances and save

VICTORIANS can save on their power bills and reduce greenhouse gas emissions with the Victorian Energy Upgrades (VEU) program.

The program has supported over two million households since 2009 to upgrade their appliances and equipment to help save money and live more sustainably.

With VEU approved products, which include lighting, space heating and cooling, water heating, and draft sealing, the average household can save between \$120 and \$1,100 a year on energy costs depending on the upgrade.

The VEU program also helps Victoria reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by providing incentives to upgrade inefficient appliances. Whether a product is eligible to be upgraded under the VEU program will depend on the amount of greenhouse gas savings that will be achieved by upgrading that appliance.

Every Victorian household can participate in the program and be eligible for incentives for energy-efficient products and services and participation is voluntary.

To participate in the program and get a discount on the installation of heating and cooling systems, households must have a VEU approved product that has been installed by a VEU accredited provider.

Hint: research products for their suitability and quality. There are a lot of products approved for installation as part of VEU. Not all products are of the same quality or suitable for every environment.

Hint: get quotes from several accredited providers. Accredited providers offer different types of products, services, expertise and costs. Make sure to get a quote from several accredited providers on the final installed price of the appliance, which includes the discount.

Private rental properties are eligible to receive upgrades under the VEU program. However, it is recommended that landlords and tenants work together when undertaking any upgrades to a property.

To participate in the program and check if the product and provider is VEU approved go the registry which can be found at: <https://www.energy.vic.gov.au/households/victorian-energy-upgrades-for-households>.

Winter Warmth

Bass Coast HVAC offers instant warmth

THE TEAM from Bass Coast HVAC are bringing instant warmth to people's homes this winter.

Nick Williams, a Wonthaggi local, is the owner and director of Bass Coast HVAC, who specialise in installing, maintaining, servicing, and replacing reverse cycle air conditioning units, including ducted systems, for homes and business.

Running on electricity, these heaters make a more affordable and safer option than portable heaters or gas and are far less hassle and cleaner than wood fires.

Reverse cycle air conditioners are also an efficient and easy option, offering instant warmth, and when you need it, instant cooling.

Once installed these units can be set to an ideal ambient temperature and can be run economically between 18 and 20 degrees Celsius keeping the home cosy during the cooler months.

Using the best quality in heating manufacturers, Bass Coast HVAC stock Mitsubishi Electric and also offers a good economical option for those on a smaller budget with the Hisense range.

For those cooking up a whole lot of comfort food on the stove this winter, the



Bass Coast HVAC specialise in installing, maintaining, servicing, and replacing reverse cycle air conditioning units, for homes and business.

HVAC team also specialise in ventilation, including installing rangehoods, as well as laundry, bathroom, and commercial fans.

Bass Coast HVAC is a small, local, family run business and offers free, no obligation quotes and services homes and businesses across the Bass

Coast, South Gippsland and beyond.

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Keep warm with redgum

BRENTON and Carly from Bass Coast Garden Centre have been selling Redgum firewood for 14 years.

Why redgum:

Redgum is a dense wood, so it burns at a higher and more consistent heat that lasts longer than other varieties.

While it may seem expensive at the outset, BCGC advise that it is durable with a clean hot burn that doesn't leave the fire box full of ash as opposed to other wood.

BCGC sells redgum that is clean, seasoned and sustainably sourced that creates a long burning fire that will keep you cozy in the cooler months.

"Go out and have a look at the wood that's for sale and see what you're actually buying to make sure it's seasoned, clean and free of dirt," Brenton and Carly advise.

Redgum can be purchased by the bag or the truck load and any amount in

between, and BCGC deliver to the entire Bass Coast area from Phillip Island to Lang Lang, across to Venus Bay and anywhere in between.

"At Bass Coast Garden Centre, we take into consideration the cost of living and are happy to help alleviate this by offering free delivery in Wonthaggi with the purchase of two metres of firewood."

Do you have a muddy driveway or walkway?

BCGC sell a range of toppings, screenings and crushed rock.

"If you're already over walking through mud and dodging puddles or having the little ones make mud pies in the backyard then come and see us for a chat to work out what products would best suit your needs," offered Brenton and Carly.

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Winter Warmth



Keep warm with lower energy bills this winter

WHILE it's great to have a warm house during these cooler months, running any heating system a lot can prove costly especially with escalating power bills.

Running costs can vary dramatically between heating and cooling appliances, so it pays to look for an energy-efficient model and note the star rating as heating appliances account for about 40 per cent of energy use in the average Australian home.

The good news is that just a few small changes can help lower electricity costs and carbon footprints, which helps the planet too.

Follow these expert tips from choice.com. to help keep energy bills in check this winter.

1. Get the right size for your home

Before buying a split system or heating unit, make sure to choose the most efficient option for the home, by choosing the right size appliance.

If it's too big more electricity could be used than needed because the unit may run frequent short cycles to achieve the target temperature. Too small and it will have to work too hard to heat the space.

2. Make sure the unit is installed in the best position

Make sure the unit is well positioned and regularly maintained for optimal efficiency.

Getting a professional to assess the space and make the best possible recommendation as to where the unit should be located, inside and outside is advised.

A typical unit mounted high on a wall, should be able to blow lengthways across a room without any obstruction to reach all corners of the room.

The outside unit should not be exposed to extreme temperatures as it will have to work harder and therefore cost more.

3. Check energy star ratings and understand power consumption

Look at the unit's energy star rating and calculate the manufacturers running costs based on average usage, to gain an idea of which models are the most cost-effective to run.

The Zoned Energy Rating Label (ZERL) gives a seasonal efficiency rating for three climate zones across Australia and New Zealand, which offers targeted energy-saving information to help buyers choose the best appliance according to their needs.

A unit's performance may not always match the advertising hype, so check air conditioner reviews before buying a system to see how models really rate, and what they cost to run and also if they are eligible also under the Victorian Energy Upgrades program, to gain rebates up to \$1000.

Chimney sweeping is in Hans blood

HANS Steevens of KeepMeTidee has followed in the footsteps of his father and grandfather before him, who began the trade of chimney sweeping many decades ago.

Hans' grandfather initially began by delivering soap with his horse and carriage and later switched to heating oil and then to chimney sweeping.

Of twelve children, six of his sons continued on in the trade, as did many of their sons, including Hans himself, and now Hans' son also helps the team out.

"I've been fortunate my entire life and it started right here, with good hard working grandparents," said Hans.

With the days gradually getting colder and wood heaters being fired up again for winter, now is the time that KeepMeTidee can be called on to clean and inspect the cowl, flue, baffle plate and firebox and rectify any issues before those frosty days really take hold.

A well maintained wood heater that has been regularly serviced is safer, more efficient and will keep the home warmer and bills lower while in use throughout winter.

"Whether you own or rent out a property, get the heater checked. Don't wait until something goes wrong," said Hans.



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OLIVER Henry Allison was born at Wonthaggi Hospital on March 28, weighing 3.82kg. He is the first child for Matt and Tracey Allison of Inverloch.

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• FAITH FACTOR

ANZAC Day and a local story of bravery

By Ps Janice Muir of Grace Chapel, Archies Creek

ANZAC day is fast approaching and a time to recall the amazing sacrifice of so many men at Gallipoli and since then for our nation and the world. This is a time to recall the bravery of men and women who served for our country in various ways. But for their sacrifice our life now may have looked very different. This reminds me of the story of a local hero.

In 1977 many of you will recall the kidnapping of nine children from Wooreen with a schoolteacher.

It was a one teacher school and I was at Leongatha High School at the time. Eastwood kidnapped the teacher and students, taking them to the Yarram area. However, on the way several miraculous events occurred. When he arrived at English's Corner the Dodge fully loaded with stolen milk and supplies, students laying in the back and Robert Hunter tied up facing the seat, Robin and David Smith came round the corner on their usual route back to Boolarra from logging. This was the beginning of God's intervention in the kidnapping. Everything changed.

The dodge was stopped, then another log truck came, and finally two angels (Rob's words) in a kombi ready to transport the group. This provision meant that Robert was no longer alone with Eastwood, now he had six other adults to support him, and those angels - kind, caring women who nurtured the children for the rest of the ordeal. Totally a miracle.

When they reached the campsite at the Mullungdung forest that's when the bravery began with a clever thought from Robin Smith to twist the chain. As Robin waited and watched, praying and thinking finally Eastwood fell asleep and he made a getaway. It took him 10 kilometres of jogging in heavy boots to reach a farmhouse and call the police. The bravery complete and Robert and the others will be forever grateful.

We are forever grateful for the sacrifice and bravery of our ANZACS. A precious gift to us Aussies to give us the freedom we have today. Let's make sure our country keeps the same values to keep our freedom.



BASS COAST ADULT LEARNING

LEARNERS in the Computer Basics from Term 1 had such a good time that they wanted to keep going. So, by popular demand, BCAL is bringing back the Computers for Office Skills course.

This is a course for people who already have the basics and want to delve deeper into day-to-day computer skills including document formatting, mail merge, video conferencing, spreadsheets and PowerPoint presentations.

There are three places left in the course which will run on Thursday afternoons, starting May 2. If you've ever wanted to expand your knowledge and abilities, now is the perfect time.

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

WONTHAGGI COMMUNITY GARDEN

The garden's pathways are looking lush. It's a weedy flush in response to recent consistent rain.

Wet weather has also encouraged more helpful perennial flowers to sprout - the calendula, nasturtiums and borage.

Despite the new growth popping up all over the place, gardeners know dry conditions will return in the seasons ahead. A program of free workshops could help local home vegie and fruit growers cope better with changing weather patterns, including dry spells and drought.

Wonthaggi Community Garden will host a session on gardening in a changing climate, next month. This free session is part of the Garden Gems project - a collaboration between BCAL and Bass Coast Shire, which will run across the region's community gardens this year. More info at www.thecap.com.au/garden-gems

Meanwhile the garden volunteers will be chipping away at the new weedy growth and improving their soil with compost and manure in readiness for cool season planting.

To find out more about the garden's activities email tgordon@westnet.com.au or drop in on Thursdays between 10 and noon. You can also contact BCAL on 5672 3115.

WONTHAGGI WOODCRAFTERS

The Friday pyrography group had a new member in last Friday. She said she had been wanting to join for a long time, having always resented having to do home economics at school while the boys got to do woodwork.

Thankfully, there are no such restrictions now.

She is starting off with pyrography, which uses a heated nib to burn drawings in to wood. The group was working on some keepsake boxes on Friday. Eventually, she wants to try every class.

For more information about joining the Woodcrafters, visit www.wonthaggiewoodcrafters.com.au or visit workshop.

YES YOUTH HUB

YOUTH Homelessness Matters Day fell on Wednesday, April 18 and the YES Youth Hub (YYH) put on a splendid Pumpkin Soup and Cream Buns for our young attendees.

Also, the Youth Advisory Council have requested that we promote our services, so here it goes. On Monday evenings our staff are funded by YMCA Open Doors to provide a community meal for young people.

We highly recommend popping down to the YYH between 4.30pm - 5.30pm on Monday and join us for a meal. The YYH also has a free Youth Pantry, laundry and accessible bathroom. The YYH is a community project managed by the YMCA Bass Coast on behalf of Bass Coast Shire Council, Victorian Government and young people. It provides a safe, welcoming and inclusive space for young people aged 12-25 years in Bass Coast. We are located at 76 Watt Street, Wonthaggi.

Funding News: The YYH was recently successful at receiving a HEY Grant! Healthy Equal Youth (HEY) is a partnership between Youth Affairs Council Victoria (YACVic) and the Victorian Government established to deliver place-based support, services and opportunities for LGBTQIA+ young people.

This will mean that the YYH will be delivering three additional events for our young LGBTQIA+ community and their allies in our region. A big part of this grant is that we must establish a Pride Tribe to design and deliver these events. So, if you are under 25 years old and interested in being part of our Pride Tribe please reach out to us via yesyouth.hub@ymca.org.au or just pop into the YYH when Drop-In is open and talk to our lovely staff.

New Project: The YYH is taking the lead in creating a magazine for young people, by young people. This will be done in partnership with the Bass Coast Youth Services Provider Network and state and local government. A small group is starting to form what will be affectionately known as "Zine Club". They are meeting each Tuesday @ YYH to help create and curate the zine but this isn't the only way to get involved, we recommend that any young person with some creative content submit it via our email (see above). We are so keen to see where this goes. Another great way to have your voice heard, art seen and articles read.

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

You can find us on Instagram or Facebook on the following handles @YESyouthHub @basscoast.freeza @basscoast-skateparks @basscoastymca #engage!

WONTHAGGI NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

OUR Free Supported Play Groups on Mondays and Fridays are made available through the Bass Coast Health for families with a Health Care Card or equivalent. Our Monday group is well attended and there are places available for the Friday group and Janine, the facilitator, is keen for some more little bubs to boost the vibrancy of this group. It's a great place for you and yours to take part in fun activities and to take part in the 'Small Talk' program which also includes information on children's development and learning stages. Call Janine on 0457 834 960 or come and visit, have a chat and see what's going on. She would welcome any queries you may have.

Both groups operate from 10 to 11.30am during school terms.

Having a busy life? Too much social media and the news being so fraught? Then perhaps the way to start your week is to come along for some quiet time. Some place to let go of 'the noise,' or maybe the time to just relax, feel yourself breathe and gently ease into the week. The session is on Mondays from 1 to 2pm. Bring a floor mat or sit in a chair so long as you are comfortable. All are welcome to come along.

Oh the cooler weather is coming in. Feeling the chill yet? You will do when winter comes. Plan and join the quilting group now! Bring along your supplies and learn from the best. This friendly group's skills, advice and guidance will make it a breeze and you'll enjoy the delight and pride at the brilliance of your design and skills by the end. Most of all, you'll have a quilt to keep you warm. This friendly group meets on Mondays 9.30am to 12.30pm.

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



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This is one of the stunning images among Professor Murgatroyd's Magic Lantern slides.

Magic Lantern set to shine in Leongatha

PROFESSOR Murgatroyd, otherwise known as John Hyett, is bringing the splendour of a magic lantern show to Leongatha on Saturday May 11, with people invited to journey back in time to the pre-movie era.

Leongatha Historical Society is hosting the event at the Leongatha Memorial Hall.

The society's secretary Lyn Skillern spoke of the history behind the upcoming show.

"In the days before movies, Magic Lanternists would move around the countryside putting on performances in local halls," Lyn said.

She explained that Magic Lanterns were a form of slide projector, with large coloured slides used to tell stories, depict news and show pictures of various places in the world.

John, the vice president of Leongatha Historical Society, has a large collection of slides and will select some of these to entertain the audience during his show from days gone by.

"All the best charlatans and snake oil salesmen called themselves Professor and who am I to argue with history," he said by way of explanation for his Professor Murgatroyd identity.

The show starts at 7.30pm in Leongatha Memorial Hall's meeting room 1, with the fundraising event costing \$10 for Leongatha Historical Society members and \$15 for non-members. Supper will be served after the show.



Cat in the Hat played by Vin Quach.

Photo: Trevor Foon.

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Meet the Cat in the Hat played by Wonthaggi Theatrical newcomer Vin Quach. Vin guides the audience along the journey of Horton the Elephant (played by Lucus White) as he tries to save the land of Whoville.

Let the magic of theatre transport you to a world where anything is possible, tickets on sale now at www.wtg.org.au



Members of the Woolamai Surf Life Saving Club hosted The Block's cast and crew, who filmed a challenge on the beach and in the clubhouse recently.

The Block at Woolamai SLSC

CAST and crews from The Block recently worked with the Woolamai Surf Life Saving Club in a challenge for the popular TV show, that will air later this year.

The Block filmed on the beach and in the Club for the challenge, but what it involved is a tightly held secret, you'll have to tune in later this year.

The Block did confirm that the challenge went really well and they all loved working with the Woolamai SLSC members who, they said, welcomed them with open arms.

"I'm a member of a surf club in Sydney so I know the great work that clubs like the Woolamai Surf Club do."

"It's always a privilege to help them out in any way I can as they are such an important part of the community."

"They were such a great bunch of young people at the Club at Woolamai and we all had a fantastic week," said The Block host Scott Cam.

"The Block always tries to do at least one community project and considering we are on Phillip Island, which is

renowned for its surf beaches, it makes sense to work with the Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club."

Jason Close, President of Woolamai Beach Surf Life Saving Club said he and some of the Club's lifesavers also got to join in some of the fun on the beach and in the Clubhouse.

"The Block and the club worked together and the results are amazing. We can't wait for everyone to see."

As a voluntary emergency service that has been serving the Phillip Island and San

Remo community for 65 years, much of the club's focus is on keeping beachgoers safe.

"After a tough season for our club and the local community, it was great to finish the summer lifesaving season on a high," said Jason.

"The benefits that the show has already brought to the local economy have been incredible and we are very grateful to have been a part of it."

To find out more about the Block's visit, tune in to the show when it airs later this year on Channel 9.

The Architect starts this Friday in Foster

WRITTEN by accomplished playwright, Aiden Fennessy, 'The Architect' opens this Friday night.

'The Architect' is Bernadette Grainger's second directing gig for FAMDA, having previously directed 'The Peppercorn Tree' which won Gippsland Theatre awards for Best Production, Best Director and Best Male Lead, her husband, Bruce who also earned a VDL nomination for his performance.

Bernadette has assembled a supremely talented cast to bring 'The Architect' to the Foster stage, with Melbourne based actor, Susie Sparkes, in the key role as Helen, a woman with inoperable cancer.

Susie is a talented and prolific actor performing on stage in community and independent

Melbourne productions as well as in films. During the COVID lockdown she kept her creative juices flowing working with her daughter Amy, co-writing, filming and producing a series of monologues and small cast short films which ultimately won international awards.

Susie reports that she has enjoyed the challenge of taking on this incredible role and appreciates the warm welcome and the camaraderie of her cast mates and FAMDA's theatre crew during her time in South Gippsland.

Nearly 20 years ago Bruce Grainger made his first appearance on the Foster stage in 'The Cemetery Club'. He has since earned multiple awards with both the Victorian Drama League and Gippsland Theatre

for FAMDA performances in 'Oedipus Rex', 'Blue Remembered Hills', 'Heroes', 'Foreigners from Home' and 'The Peppercorn Tree'.

In 'The Architect' Bruce plays John, Helen's partner who has a rather unusual hobby which prompts him to travel overseas, providing Helen has a suitable carer. That temporary hired carer is Lennie, a dubious drifter and jack-of-all-trades with an insatiable lust for life and a guilty secret.

Lennie's role is played by Dan Lawrie whose recent exploits with Leongatha Lyric include directing the Mel Brooks musicals, 'Young Frankenstein' and 'The Producers' as well as winning GAT awards as Don in 'Kinky Boots' and Roger De Bris' in 'The Producers'.

Sam Shineberg plays Helen's estranged son, Jeremy, having distinguished himself in major Lyric roles as Igor in 'Young Frankenstein', Charlie Price in 'Kinky Boots' and Leo Bloom in 'The Producers'.

'The Architect' deals with serious issues involving terminal illness and assisted dying.

While there is some content that could be confronting, this stunning drama is warm and very funny, providing lots of laughs, perhaps a tear or two and some food for thought.

FAMDA is presenting 'The Architect' by arrangement with Creative Representation at the Foster War Memorial Arts Centre between April 26 and May 5.

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Maxima Joblink's Kylie Duncan, Jessica Robert and Bianca Mitchell are ready to welcome those attending the 'Local Disability Expo' in Leongatha and explain available services. A03_1724



Jason Worsfold checks out the disability expo in Leongatha while his husband works at the New Wave stand. A04_1724



Carina Roberts and Geoff Ellis enjoy the disability expo in Leongatha, with Carina part of Geoff's photography group at Bass Coast Adult Learning. A05_1724



Kate Brierley and Abbey McColl of Interchange Gippsland are ready to chat about available services at the 'Local Disability Expo' in Leongatha. A06_1724



Former Victorian politician Alan Brown and local history enthusiast Bob Newton join the celebrations for Coal Creek's 50th birthday. A11_1724



Nicole Fowler of Friends of Coal Creek with Daria and Margaret Fleming and Jacqui Guest of local business Fleming Berries, which served tasty waffles at the celebration of Coal Creek's 50th birthday. A12_1724



Abigail, Hamish, Noah and Lachlan Wursthorn enjoyed the teacup ride at Coal Creek.



Lisa and Nova Harbutt in front of the Coal Creek General Store, which was selling lollies for the first time in many years as part of the 50 year anniversary celebrations.



Cooper and Sadie Foot explored the General Store at Coal Creek.

Snapped Out

Pictures of you and your friends at the local Disability Expo in Leongatha, Coal Creek's 50th birthday, Poowong's 150 year celebrations and Korumburra Fire Brigade's 125th Anniversary Celebrations.



Russell Broadbent chats with Clint Newcombe and Ted Attenborough at Poowong's 150th celebrations on the weekend.

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Poowong CFA's Andrew Gibson and Paul Hawker were ready to conduct tours of the station as part of the town's 150th celebrations



Poowong Consolidated Primary School captain Charlytte Howie with her great grandmother Beryl Garry (nee Jones), who was in Grade Prep at the school in 1934.



Wendy Cecil and Thelma Hutchison helped celebrate Poowong's 150th birthday celebrations in the town hall last Saturday night.



Stuart McCord and Ivan Staben went on a tour of Poowong Consolidated Primary School as part of Poowong's 150th birthday. Mr Staben showcased a photo of his Grade 5/6 class in 1949.



While the region has a low affordability index for houses and units, Wonthaggi remains well below regional Victoria's median sale price for a house, at \$553k, compared to \$605k. Photo credit: Francesca Tosolini.

Median sale prices across the region

WITH the Bass Coast and South Gippsland having an affordability index of 0.3 per cent according to PropTracks Affordability Hotspot Report, here's how the region's sale prices stack up compared to the rest of regional Victoria.

Data for the March quarter of 2024 from RIEV indicates that the median sale price of a house across regional Victoria was \$605,000 and a unit was \$418,000 with quarterly decreases of 1.5 per cent and 2.5 per cent respectively.

Houses and units across the regions have seen a clearance rate of 58.1 per cent and sit on the market for an average of 60 days.

A house in Leongatha would see a buyer be about \$37,000 better off compared to the regional average, with a median sale price for a house in the town at \$568,000, with a 1.4 per cent quarterly increase. The price gap may also be the reason why houses are not sitting on the market for as long as average at 55 days.

A home in Wonthaggi is cheaper again with a median sale price of \$553,000, saving a purchaser \$52,000 when

compared to the regional median price. Perhaps more than a few people are recognising the relative affordability of the town as indicated by the quarterly price change of 5.2 per cent.

The median sale price of a unit in Wonthaggi is also well below the average at \$399,000 and saw a quarterly price change of 1.4 per cent.

Days on the market for Wonthaggi homes was 61 days, much in line with the median of 60 days.

At the pricier end of the region, Cowes is on trend with a significantly higher median price for houses and units. For an abode on the Island a buyer would be set back on average \$770,000 for a house and \$495,000 for a unit. A jump of \$165,000 or \$77,000 on the median regional sale prices, and homes are only on the market for 2.5 more days compared to the average.

There is some good news for this end of town as there has been a quarterly price decrease for a house of 0.2 per cent and a whopping 17.8 per cent decrease on units. If this keeps trending down, affordability may increase.

Where to find an affordable house to buy

THE NEW PropTrack Affordability Hotspot Report launched yesterday has identified that Victoria only has eight per cent share of affordable properties across Australia.

The Bass Coast and South Gippsland remains some of the least affordable options in Victoria at approximately 0.3 per cent according to the affordability index – which is comparable to some Melbourne suburbs.

While the most affordable properties are in Queensland and Western Australia, there are some more affordable areas in Victoria for those who are determined to buy in a very tough property market.

The PropTrack Housing Affordability Index is calculated for each ABS Statistical Area level 3 region, to rank the housing affordability of all parts of Australia.

The Index measures what proportion of homes sold from July 2023 to March 2024 are affordable to households across the income distribution, within their greater capital city region, when spending 25 per cent of their pre-tax income on mortgage repayments.

While some areas in Melbourne are the

least affordable, surprisingly the inner city area is unusual in that it's the most affordable part of the city.

This is driven by a large number of units, which allows well-located living at affordable price points. A median income Melbourne household can afford 24 per cent of homes sold in the inner city.

For first-home buyers, particularly those looking to buy a house, the west of the city holds the best affordability. While in many of these regions few homes are affordable for those on median incomes or lower, a larger share of homes are affordable across the income distribution.

In regional Victoria, the North West region holds promising affordability at 0.87 per cent – with about 38 per cent of homes affordable to those on median incomes in the Grampians. These favourable affordability conditions outside of Melbourne will continue to attract people, particularly to larger regional centres.

Along with the Grampians, the Murray River area around Swan Hill has about 30 per cent of affordable houses and both Mildura and Loddon – Elmore stand at about 19 per cent affordability.



Around 50 phone calls a day to Lifeline relate to homelessness. A recent demonstration in Melbourne highlighted young people facing homelessness. Photo: AAP Image.

Cost-of-living pressures a source of distress

DATA released on Monday reveals around 500 calls to Lifeline each day are related to financial management, employment, or housing insecurity. Of this number, around 50 are focused on concerns related to homelessness.

Lifeline Australia CEO Colin Seery said it was important for anyone struggling to know that the organisation is available 24/7 to provide support.

"As well as telephone and digital support, Lifeline has 43 centres across Australia. Some of these offer face-to-face crisis support as well as counselling specifically focused on financial distress," he said.

"What is concerning is that we know the true number of people identifying

cost-of-living pressures as their primary reason for contacting Lifeline is actually significantly higher."

"This data does not take into account the 900 help seekers contacting us via our text and webchat services each day, or those reaching to our Support Toolkit or specialised helplines."

"Our centres are also reporting an increase in complex cases, with help seekers presenting in severe distress, having struggled to find relief and feeling like their options are increasingly limited."

Lifeline Australia's Chief Research Officer, Dr Anna Brooks, said that financial stressors are not isolated to those who have a mortgage, with cost-of-living increases flowing through to gener-

ate higher rental costs and other economic pressures.

"Financial stress and uncertainty can contribute to mental ill health. There is also a robust and growing body of evidence to suggest that people can experience increased risk of suicide when facing these challenges."

If you, or someone you know are feeling overwhelmed, we encourage you to connect with Lifeline in the way you feel most comfortable.

You can phone Lifeline to speak to a Crisis Supporter on 13 11 14, text 0477 131 114, chat to Lifeline online or access the Support Toolkit to self-manage what you're going through at lifeline.org.au (all services are available 24/7).

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The village of Koonwarra is a sought after location that is very tightly held and is situated in the heart of thriving community and artisan groups. Koonwarra is only six minutes from Leongatha, 15 minutes from beautiful beaches, six minutes from bustling Meeniyan and approximately an hour from stunning Wilson's Promontory.

Positioned a short walk from two local cafe's, the monthly farmer's market, park-run, Koonwarra Village School, the Great Southern Rail Trail, this charming residence is situated on approximately one acre, which is a very popular land size request for those looking to make a tree-change.

The residence offers comfortable living for those seeking a permanent residence, somewhere to host holiday accommodation or to start their own studio and join the growing list of creatives in our area.

Downstairs hosts the main living spaces including the lounge room with new wood fire, carpet and eye-catching display cabinetry. The lounge is well appointed to the home office/single bedroom for those working or studying from home.

The kitchen and dining area overlook the garden and a sizeable, covered outdoor area with awnings for all-year round use and another living space. The quality kitchen includes quartz bench tops, new dishwasher, 900Ml Belling cooker, good storage and a new reverse cycle air conditioner.

The laundry is new and includes a downstairs loo if you're partial to a rhyme.

The generous master bedroom is also on the first storey and features a WIR and an updated ensuite with dual basins and the home is serviced by an instant gas HWS.

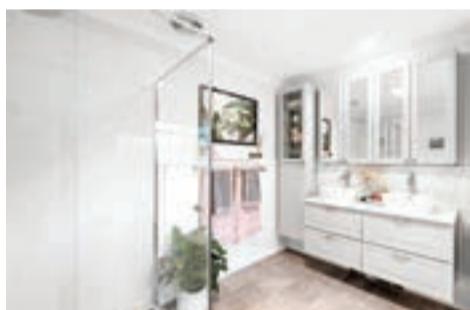
The second storey is character-filled with two more bedrooms, it's angular ceilings, natural light and excellent use of the spaces on offer including storage space in the WI attic.

There is an updated bathroom with toilet and shower upstairs and on-trend fittings such as a hard-wearing cement topped vanity.

The one acre parcel is relatively level and features lemons, apples, plums, figs, chook pen, dog run, tank water for the garden (town water services the house) and is neighboured by the Koonwarra Flora Reserve with an abundance of bird and wildlife.

There is ample space for open car parking plus a double carport and 9x7 metre shed with power, concrete floor and TV antenna plus 7x3m wood shed.

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46 PEART STREET LEONGATHA



- 3 bedrooms, 1 bathroom, 2 living areas
- Flat walk to main street, close to child care
- Low maintenance block

\$499,000- \$529,000

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4 GRIFFIN STREET MEENIYAN



- 3 bedrooms, ensuite
- 1668m² block, rural views
- Close to shops, rail trail & school

\$695,000

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34 ROUGHEAD STREET LEONGATHA

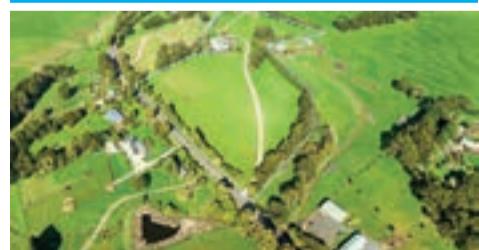


- Tenanted at \$400 pwk, vacant poss. available
- Walk to shops, park & sporting facilities
- Rear lane access to shed

\$499,000

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170 SHELLCOT ROAD KORUMBURRA



- Edge of town convenience, 14 acres
- Superb views, pool & great shedding
- Sealed road, income potential

\$1,390,000

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Experience elegant & elevated living

SET ON a spacious double block of 1,535m² in the esteemed estate of Valley View Parade, this gorgeous home features spacious living, modern amenities and ample outdoor space.

Comprising of four bedrooms, three bathrooms and three living areas, this property provides plenty of room for comfortable family living and entertaining guests.

As you arrive, you're greeted by the peaceful ambiance that fills the property, creating an instant sense of relaxation and tranquility.

The seamless fusion of indoor and outdoor living spaces allows residents to fully immerse themselves in the natural beauty that surrounds them.

The heart of the home lies

in its expansive open-plan living area, where natural light floods in, illuminating the space and creating a warm and inviting atmosphere. Here, families can gather to share meals, entertain guests, or simply unwind in the comfort of their own home.

The kitchen is equipped with modern appliances and stylish finishes, making it a pleasure to prepare meals and entertain guests. A walk-in pantry ensures ample storage space, while the integrated dishwasher adds convenience to everyday living.

The property boasts four well-appointed bedrooms, including a luxurious master suite complete with an ensuite and large dressing room. The additional two bedrooms are serviced by a spacious

modern bathroom. The fourth bedroom or guest room features its own sitting room and ensuite, offering privacy and versatility, providing the perfect space for visitors or a home office.

Outside, the sprawling and easy-care backyard beckons with its multiple entertaining areas and lush greenery, providing ample space for outdoor activities and relaxation. Whether its enjoying a barbecue with friends or simply basking in the tranquility of nature, this outdoor oasis offers endless possibilities for leisure and recreation.

A double garage with a workshop area caters for hobbies or DIY enthusiasts, while a convenient carport provides sheltered parking for a caravan or boats. With a generously sized

driveway and good turning space, maneuvering vehicles in and out of the property is effortless, enhancing overall functionality and accessibility.

Conveniently located within easy reach of Korumburra's proposed new supermarket, as well as 10 minutes to Leongatha, 20 minutes to Inverloch, and under an hour to Melbourne's southeastern suburbs, 17-19 Valley View Parade offers the perfect balance of tranquility and convenience.

This exceptional property presents a rare opportunity to embrace the peaceful beauty of country living without sacrificing the comforts of modern life. For further information or to inspect the property, please contact Katrina Griggs on 0428 571 083 or Don Olden on 0417 805 312.

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Leongatha

4.2 Acres

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- Stables, arena & 4 paddocks

Web ID: 300P110968

\$1.05 Million



Mirboo North

840m²

Ideal Family Living in Prime Position

- 3-bed, 2-bath home, 6.6kw solar system
- Country style kitchen with electric stove
- 10x8m (approx.) LU shed with workshop

Web ID: 300P138930

\$630,000



Leongatha

780m²

Charm & Character on Parr

- Character filled 3-bed, 1-bath home
- Galley kitchen featuring electric wall oven
- Living area flows into an outdoor patio

Web ID: 300P130059

\$529,000



Stony Creek

310 Acres

'Scottsdale' Stony Creek

- 4-bed home with additional games room
- Shedding with machinery & workshop
- Secure water supply via dams & troughs

Web ID: 300P137646

\$3.5 Million



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886 Fairbank Road, **Fairbank**

For Sale \$895,000

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Charming home with stunning rural views

NESTLED among the picturesque rolling hills of South Gippsland, this home awaits its new owners. Originally built around 1907, this beautifully maintained property exudes timeless charm while offering modern comforts.

Key Features:

- Interior Delights: Step inside to discover three generous bedrooms, each thoughtfully designed for comfort and style.
- Warmth and Ambiance: A light-filled front living room welcomes you with its cosy atmosphere, complete with a wood fire, perfect for those chilly winter evenings.
- Country-Style Kitchen: Prepare meals in the heart of the home, where a charming country-style kitchen awaits. Adorned with black and white checkered vinyl flooring, timber benchtops, and a gas upright stove, this kitchen is as functional as it is inviting. An open pantry adds convenience, ensuring everything

you need is within reach.

- Scenic Views: Indulge in the walk-in shower room with a unique feature – a cute little window offering an incredible distant rural view. Let the beauty of the countryside inspire your daily routine.

- Cosy Sunroom Retreat: At the rear of the home, a cosy sunroom/dining area beckons with its warmth and comfort. Featuring a reverse cycle air-conditioner, red carpet, and a raked timber-lined ceiling, this space is perfect for relaxation and enjoyment. Take in breathtaking rural views by day and marvel at the twinkling lights of Leongatha by night through the telescope. Perfect place for bird watching

Outdoor Living:

- Expansive Verandas: Step outside onto the north-facing veranda or rear veranda and immerse yourself in the serenity of the surrounding landscape. With ample space for outdoor seating, you'll have

plenty of opportunities to savor your morning cuppa while soaking in the country ambience.

- Converted Dairy Studio: Venture further into the property to discover a disused dairy renovated to serve as a guest quarters and entertainment area. Boasting two bedrooms, a bathroom, and a wood fire, this charming space offers comfort and privacy. Entertainment options abound with a pool table and dart board, ensuring hours of enjoyment for guests and residents alike.
- Storage and Workshop Space: Additional amenities include a single car garage/shed and a large workshop shed, providing ample storage and workspace for hobbies or projects.

Lifestyle and Location:

- Farming Pursuits: Set on approximately 10 acres of undulating land, this property offers endless opportunities to run a hobby farm. Fenced into

three main paddocks with a dam, troughs and cattle yards.

- Convenient Proximity: Located just a 15-minute drive from the town of Leongatha and Korumburra, you'll enjoy easy access to amenities while still relishing the peace and tranquility of country living.
- Peaceful Community: Share a driveway with neighbouring property, fostering a sense of community and security while preserving the privacy and seclusion of your own slice of paradise.
- Accessible Yet Secluded: Located 1.5 hours from Melbourne, this property offers the perfect blend of accessibility and seclusion, making it an ideal weekend getaway or permanent residence for those seeking a rural lifestyle.

Don't miss this rare opportunity to own a piece of South Gippsland's idyllic countryside.

Contact Matt Redmond from Harcourts Leongatha to arrange your private inspection.

Nutrien Harcourts Leongatha



WILD DOG VALLEY

'Country Living'

- Perfect for a tree change amongst rolling hills.
- Comfortable 4-bedroom, 2-bathroom home.
- Approx 5 acres. Double bay lock up shed.

\$690,000



LEONGATHA

Gorgeous Home on Floraston Drive

- Gorgeous family home full of charm & character.
- Spacious kitchen with walk in pantry.
- Master bedroom with walk in robe.

\$695,000 - \$710,000

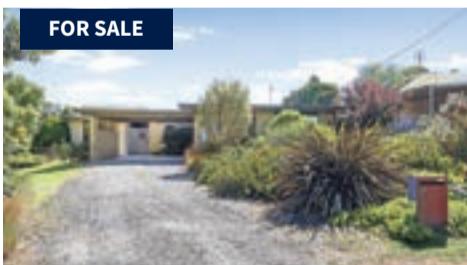


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'Grazing Land'

- Approximately 102 acres of grazing land.
- Opportunity to build a home (S.T.C.A.).
- Very undulating to steep. Watered by 7 dams.

Contact Agent



LEONGATHA

Architecturally Designed!

- Well appointed kitchen with quality appliances.
- Master bedroom with gorgeous ensuite & BIR.
- Manicured gardens, large block, great location.

\$925,000



STONY CREEK

'12.1 Acres (Approx.) with Planning Permit'

- Zoned farming, active planning permit (S.T.C.A.).
- Flat land bordering Stony Creek.
- Located minutes to Meenyan Village & Foster.

\$495,000 + GST



KORUMBURRA

Charming Family Home!

- Master bedroom with spacious ensuite.
- Stylish kitchen with modern appliances & WIP.
- Low maintenance gardens, 800m from CBD.

\$739,000



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'Tarwin Vale' – Berrys Creek

EXCEPTIONAL 120-acre (48ha) grazing/lifestyle combination in a tightly held location.

This established property offers an ideal opportunity to switch to a rural lifestyle without sacrificing convenience or comfort.

Seven minutes' drive to the idyllic village of Mirboo North, 14 minutes to South Gippsland's major township of Leongatha, 30 minutes to the beaches of Inverloch, 30 minutes to the Latrobe Valley and 90 minutes to the south eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

Set back off a quiet country lane, with an established garden featuring a variety of fruit trees. Tarwin Vale boasts a gentle topography, but enjoys a beautiful backdrop of hills, paddock views and river frontage.

The Tarwin River West Branch provides heavy carrying flats with an additional 15 acres of river lease grazing land.

The modern federation designed home features:

- Sweeping verandahs, circular drive to undercover carport with additional four bay full lock-up garage providing three car spaces and workshop.
- Open plan kitchen, dining and living with French doors opening out to the deck and verandah, with stunning views across the farm.
- Spacious walk-in pantry, Falcon Gas stove, Asko dishwasher, central island kitchen bench, hardwood floors and expansive 3.3m high ceilings.
- There are three bedrooms, two with built-in robes and the master complete with walk-in robe and ensuite.
- The family bathroom is central with a third toilet situated in the spacious laundry/mudroom.
- Altherma hydronic heating throughout, plus, a reverse cycle air conditioner.

Idyllic country views from every window.

- A 5-kw solar panel system.
- Assorted sundry shedding including six custom luxury dog kennels with feed sheds and hen house. There is oodles of storage.

The Old Dairy

With a separate entry to the residence, a group of sheds surround a picturesque lawn framed by grand oak trees.

This area has hosted events for several years and could be used to host functions for additional income.

There is a function barn, potential food preparation room, toilet and shower, a bar shed opening onto the lawn and some additional sheds that could be converted.

There is also a dairy studio which could provide accommodation for extended family farm stays and events.

The Farm

- 120 acres/48ha (approx.) plus river lease subdivided into 11 paddocks.
- This property has consistently turned off breeder cattle and fat lambs, and cutting hay and silage.
- Excellent water security with stock and domestic licence from the river in addition to two spring fed dams supported by a reliable 40-inch average annual rainfall.
- Heavy duty stock yards, all under cover, with assorted shedding for farm supplies including a small hay shed.
- There is plenty of undercover space with 20 sheds around the property.

Properties of this nature, with all the lifestyle attributes plus opportunities for additional income streams are extremely rare.

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- Beautiful spacious open plan home
- 4 beds, 2 bath, 2 cars.
- Outdoor entertaining, solar power
- Barn shedding, chook run & views

\$1,175,000

DUMBALK

- Cute cottage in quiet Dumbalk
- Open plan kitchen, dining, living
- 2 BRs with B.I.R's & 1 bathroom
- Spacious front & rear verandas
- Charming permaculture garden

\$485,000

WOOREEN



- 'Tarwin View' – 167 acres grazing
- Ideal breeder & fattening cattle
- Fantastic views / house sites STCA
- Good sheds & stock yards
- Secure water & 12 paddocks
- 12km to Leongatha / \$8000 p/ac

\$1,336,000





4 2 4 895m²

16 Gibson Street, **Leongatha**
For Sale \$925,000
Agent Alex Scott & Staff
 Leongatha Office 5662 0922

A property that ticks all the boxes

WELCOME to this private oasis located at 16 Gibson Street, Leongatha. Situated just a short drive to town on an approx. 895 sqm block, this stunning property offers a complete family home showcasing a solar heated inground swimming pool, vast outdoor undercover entertaining area, landscaping and a massive 8m x 9m shed! With nothing more to do, move in and reap the benefits of modern living in a sizeable four bedroom home.

Upon entry into the home, the hallway leads your eye straight down towards the open plan kitchen living area and further out to the manicured yard and outdoor family area. The entry into the double car garage is located off the hallway as is the master bedroom.

The master bedroom currently faces a rural outlook and features a split system, walk-in robe, sizable ensuite and is separate from the remainder of the bedrooms. The open plan living area is filled with natural light with the kitchen being well appointed with textured cabinetry, stone benchtop, dishwasher, gas cooktop and electric oven.

Adjacent to the kitchen is the second living area that is currently used as a dining room however it would

also be perfect as a study or kids' playroom. The remaining three bedrooms include built in robes, are serviced by a family bathroom and are all located at the rear of the home along with the laundry. There are quality window furnishings, textured carpets and ducted heating and cooling throughout the home.

Standout features you will love are the huge timber deck spanning from the family area to the rear of the home, a great place for entertaining and dining outdoors all year round. The private yard screened with mature Pittosporum trees; creating a tranquil oasis, a heated and salt chlorinated swimming pool providing a refreshing escape along with the paved area to sit back and relax by the water as well as the massive shed which features street frontage for ease of parking the trailer and/or caravan.

This spacious residence is perfect for families looking for a quintessential family home. Don't miss out on the opportunity to own this private haven in Leongatha. Arrange a viewing today and get the full experience for yourself. Please contact the sales team to secure a time; Andrew Newton 0402 940 320, Emily Hillberg 0422 622 299, Dan Huther 0418 334 801 or Tony Giles 0407 528 192.

Hamptons inspired

WELCOME to the epitome of country elegance with this Hamptons-inspired haven that has undergone a meticulous and unparalleled renovation, showcasing the highest standards of quality and style.

Step into a world of open plan living, where laminate floors grace every inch, creating a seamless and timeless aesthetic. The heart of the home features a wood heater and a split system, ensuring comfort year-round. The kitchen, a true masterpiece, boasts an induction cooktop, electric oven, and dishwasher, all seamlessly integrated into a transitional design that harmonizes classic charm with modern convenience.

The master bedroom is a retreat in itself, adorned with plantation shutters and boasting an enviable walk-in robe. Two additional bedrooms feature built-in robes, providing ample storage and comfort. The completely new bathroom is a sanctuary of luxury, offering a 1200mm shower and a stunning clawfoot bath. The addition of a second toilet enhances practicality.

Adding to the allure of this property is a utility room with a shower, toilet, and laundry provisions, catering to every need. A delightful surprise awaits at the rear – a new retreat, complete with its own kitchenette and full bathroom adorned with quality fixtures and fittings. French doors open to a gazebo, creating a private oasis.

The living zone seamlessly extends outdoors through stacker doors to a tastefully renovated outdoor area. This space, elevated to the highest standard, features a pergola that opens to embrace the summer sun and closes for cosy winter evenings. The fully fenced and secure property boasts over 100 trees, creating a tranquil and private atmosphere.

Convenience meets country living – the property is just five minutes from Wonthaggi for shopping and a mere 10 minutes from stunning beaches. Embrace the lifestyle of your dreams, where every detail has been carefully curated to provide a harmonious blend of comfort, style, and country charm.



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3 Tulloch Street, **Dalyston**
For Sale \$599,000
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LEONGATHA



16 Gibson Street

- Stunning 4 bedroom home on large block
- Large 9m x 8m shed plus double garage
- Inground pool plus huge entertaining area

\$925,000

Contact: Leongatha Office

KORUMBURRA



14 Isabella Boulevard

- Near new brick home
- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom
- Open plan kitchen, meals & living

\$599,000

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2/4 Portview Avenue

- Low Maintenance lifestyle unit
- Prime location, walk to shops
- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, double garage

\$445,000

Contact: Grantville Office

WEST CREEK



320 West Creek Road

- Approx. 1/2 acre, great rural views
- 2 bedroom home plus store rooms
- Close to Wonthaggi township

\$749,000

Contact: Wonthaggi Office

LEONGATHA



5 Turner Street

- Unique 5 bedroom double storey home
- Loads of character and private yard
- Carport plus workshop

\$630,000

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KORUMBURRA



9 Lauren Way

- Coming Soon
- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom
- Adjacent park

\$595,000

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GRANTVILLE



35 Portview Avenue

- Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom home
- Fully fenced, double remote garage
- Short walk to shops

\$595,000

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KILCUNDA



2 Hillcrest Avenue

- Stunning 4 bedroom home
- Large open plan living
- Amazing coastal views

\$1,350,000

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LEONGATHA



47 Chamberlain Drive

- Beautiful 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom
- Large flat block with rear yard access
- Lock up shed plus double garage

\$785,000

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JUMBUNNA



9 Goochs Road

- Coming Soon
- Rural 3 bedroom brick
- Approx. 2 acres

\$675,000

Contact: Korumburra Office

CORINELLA



34 Smythe Street

- Renovated coastal haven
- Spacious 958m² (approx.) block
- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom

\$780,000

Contact: Grantville Office

WONTHAGGI



162 White Road

- 758m² block, rear lane access
- 3 bedroom renovated cottage
- Easy walk to town centre

\$549,000

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LEONGATHA



17 Brown Street

- 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom
- Corner location with rear yard access
- Flat block, in a quiet part of town

\$495,000

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NYORA



33 Forster Drive

- Flat 2 acres
- 4 bedroom, 2 bathroom
- Bungalow and garage

\$845,000

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CORONET BAY



6 Semaphore Street

- Well maintained home
- 3 bedroom, 1 bathroom, alfresco deck
- Carport, large garden shed

\$480,000

Contact: Grantville Office

WONTHAGGI



31 Lyndhurst Street

- Neat 3 bedroom brick home
- Quiet street
- 800m² allotment, rear lane available

\$550,000

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Members of Arawata Landcare Group working to protect, restore and preserve South Gippsland's Unique Natural Heritage and contribute to a new Biodiversity Protection Plan.

South Gippsland Landcare develop a Biodiversity Protection Plan

PROTECTING biodiversity has never been more crucial, and South Gippsland Landcare Network (SGLN) is developing a Biodiversity Protection Plan (BPP) to improve South Gippsland's natural environment.

South Gippsland is home to unique threatened species like the Strzelecki Gum and it provides habitat for a myriad of wildlife including the Giant Gippsland Earthworm, found nowhere else on earth.

However, the local flora and fauna face challenges, with only a third of the region's former native vegetation intact, and 10 per cent of all species under threat.

SGLN has brought together a group of regional stakeholders including South Gippsland

Shire Council, West Gippsland Catchment Management Authority, Department of Environment Energy and Climate Action along with many other important organisations that manage land or work with landholders to protect natural values.

These organisations have contributed to the BPP development and will be forming a committee to implement the plan.

"We've taken a collaborative approach to developing the BPP because we want everyone in the community to be able to play a part in protecting our natural assets, and to ensure we are all working towards the same goals," said Jillian Staton, Chair of the South Gippsland Landcare Network.

"We've engaged with a broad cross-section of the community, from large organisations to small community groups and individuals to discover what can and needs to be done to protect South Gippsland's natural environment. This final consultation phase is to make sure we have developed a robust and easy-to-use framework for identifying, carrying out and measuring actions to achieve that goal" added Jillian.

The draft BPP is nearing completion, and a community consultation period will commence in June.

For further information about the Biodiversity Protection Plan and opportunities to get involved, visit sgln.net.au or contact cassie@sgln.net.au.



The recently released 2023 Threatened Species Report, indicates collaborative efforts have led to outstanding results for threatened flora and fauna on Millowl (Phillip Island).

Collaboration key for the survival of Phillip Island's threatened species

PHILLIP Island Nature Parks conservation efforts are paying dividends, with a new report showing the protection and survival of threatened species going from strength to strength.

The 2023 Threatened Species Report, celebrates the collaborative efforts between the Nature Parks, the community and expert researchers in successfully achieving outstanding results for threatened flora and fauna on Millowl (Phillip Island) and for Victoria.

Phillip Island Nature Parks General Manager, Conservation, Jessica McKelson said the report showcased the dedicated results of the past year, and how working in collaboration with stakeholders and partners can make a real difference.

"In the past year, Phillip Island Nature Parks has continued to build on its successes and strengthen the threatened species programs within our island haven," Ms McKelson said.

"Combining our expertise with that of our partners is allowing us to monitor and better understand the behaviour of threatened species so we can take decisive steps towards their recovery."

Highlights include the signing a Memorandum Of Understanding with Odonata for the recovery of bush

stone-curlew in south-eastern Victoria; and the ongoing growth in numbers of Eastern barred bandicoots since their initial release on Phillip Island seven years ago.

The annual Sharing our Shores campaign, which has now been running for two years, has been elevated to new heights – creating a strengthened platform to raise awareness about better protecting nesting shorebirds, seals and other wildlife.

The Nature Parks also welcomed the Bass Coast Shire Council cat curfew laws, which came into effect in July, with hopes the changes would further curb the number of wandering domestic cats and, hence, feral cats on the island.

Ms McKelson said expert researchers, the community and the dedicated band of Nature Parks volunteers had been instrumental in taking stewardship of threatened species programs.

"Passionate volunteers and students play a pivotal role, investing many hours in our programs," she said.

"Our achievements would not be possible without the collaborative partnerships, expert minds and huge commitment provided by volunteers that integrate positively with our conservation goals and deliver benefits to both the environment and nature-lovers from all over the globe."

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Lardner Park Calf Market Report

Monday, April 15, 2024

Jersey & Jersey x	\$15 to \$55
Friesian Bulls	\$24 to \$90
Friesian Heifers	\$48 to \$90
Beef Bulls	\$36 to \$255
Beef Heifers	\$18 to \$75
Number of Calves: 272	
Number purchased to rear: 81	

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OVER one million Australians have shown an interest in learning more about a job in dairy farming, thanks to an innovative industry initiative and marketing campaign to attract Australians to work on farm.

The COVID-19 pandemic has seen a shift in priorities for Australians with many wanting to work in jobs that offer more than just a career, they are seeking meaningful work that aligns with their lifestyle.

Dairy Australia's research showed that while most Australians previously hadn't considered working on a dairy farm, the lifestyle and benefits of working on farms is appealing.

In fact, almost 8 out of 10 regional Australian adults agree that after seeing Dairy Australia's 'A job in dairy matters' marketing campaign, they feel more positive towards jobs on a dairy farm.

One in two dairy farmers are seeking people to work on farm, and to help tackle this opportunity, Dairy Australia launched a marketing campaign to drive awareness of the employment opportunities on a farm including the Dairy Jobs Matter website and Dairy Farms Job Board, which connects job seekers with job vacancies.

The Australian dairy industry is demonstrating that working on a dairy farm encompasses much more than milking. A job in dairy farming involves carrying out a wide variety of tasks every day, it can also provide job security, an opportunity to work with animals in the great outdoors, and career progression.

Gippsland local Amy Cosby is a prime example of this, managing a herd of over 200 cows, with six years of agriculture experience, having started out supporting her husband in his role.

Working with new technology, building a business that contributes to global food security,



Gippsland local Amy Cosby is managing a herd of over 200 cows with over six years of agriculture experience, whilst raising a young family.

and raising their young sons on farm is what attracted Amy to the dairy industry.

"I am so fortunate to be in this business with my husband. We have always dreamt of being dairy farmers because of the lifestyle it provides for our boys, not only getting them away from screens, but it also teaches them what hard work looks like; it's a lifestyle choice," Amy said.

When asked what she would say to someone who is considering a job in dairy farming, Amy said, "if you come with the right attitude, good work ethic, and passion, you will be given so many opportunities to learn and develop your skills. It's such a rewarding career, and best of all, you get to work with beautiful animals every day."

Dairy Australia's National People Lead, Mick Fuller said Australians are attracted to the prospects that come from working on a dairy farm, with the opportunity for career progression, to work outdoors, to work with and care for animals, and having a job with purpose being major draw cards for rewarding work in the industry.

"Dairy farming can provide workers with opportunities for on-the-job training, learning a diverse blend of practical and technical skills, which is attractive for Australians looking for this."

"We're committed to showcasing the unique and rewarding opportunities that can come from working on a dairy farm. There's plenty of

career opportunities that span various skill sets and educational backgrounds, making dairy farming a diverse path for those pursuing a fulfilling career. A dairy farm hand can move into roles such as herd management, animal care, milking operations, quality control and assurance, feed management, farm management, and more."

The dairy industry produced approximately 8.1 billion litres of milk in 2022-23 alone, employing more than 33,500 people across 4,163 farms.

For those interested in finding out more about a job in the dairy industry, visit dairy.com.au/jobsboard To learn more about the opportunities on a dairy farm, visit dairyjobsmatter.com.au

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Farmer-friendly mental health support...what do farmers want?

FOR MOST, farming in Australia is a great way of life, but at times it can also be physically and psychologically tough. So, when things get overly stressful, who do farmers turn to for support?

Finding out what farmers want in terms of mental health support is the focus of a new University of South Australia study, with researchers looking to establish who farmers turn to once they've exhausted their personal coping systems through family and friends.

The rate of suicide among farmers is twice that of other employed people. However, farmers are half as likely to have visited a GP or mental health professional in the last 12 months, compared to non-farm rural workers.

UniSA researcher Dr Donna

Hughes-Barton says it's vital to hear from farmers to understand how best to support their mental health.

"Farmers face multiple barriers to accessing mainstream physical and mental health care," Dr Hughes-Barton says.

"There are fewer face-to-face services in rural areas, which means it can be difficult for farmers to access mental health support. We also know from our previous research that distrust can be a problem when farmers feel that health professionals do not always understand life on the land."

"Farmers are very adept problem-solvers, and while this is a great quality to have in a practical sense, they tend to 'tough it out' when it comes to their mental health, rather than reaching out for support from others."

Led by Associate Professor Kate Gunn and the ifarmwell team at UniSA, the study is supported by National

Farmers Federation, the National Centre for Farmer Health, and Lifeline Australia.

"Our team is committed to promoting good health and wellbeing for farmers and their communities, and we are passionate about developing and delivering services based on what farmers tell us they want and need."

"Farmers' voices are at the centre of our work, and that's why we're inviting farmers to have their say in how supports and services for them are developed and delivered in the future."

The anonymous survey takes 20 minutes to do, and all farmers, farm workers and members of farming families are invited to have their say. To complete the survey now, please visit: <https://bit.ly/3PLC5nI>



Updated essential herbicide manuals released

THE GRAINS Research and Development Corporation (GRDC) has released updated editions of two essential herbicide manuals for Australian grain growers: 'Soil behaviour of pre-emergent herbicide in Australian farming systems' and 'Understanding post-emergent herbicide weed control in Australian farming systems'.

These manuals, first published in 2019 and 2020, have undergone a revision that incorporates the latest in herbicide research and practice, including the transition to an international numbering system for herbicide mode of action.

This change aligns Australian agricultural practices with global standards, ensuring that Australian farmers and agronomists have access to the most current and relevant information.

Herbicide workshops hosted by ICAN Rural have been designed to complement GRDC's essential herbicide resources for growers.

According to GRDC Manager Chemical Regulation Gordon Cumming, key updates include the incorporation of new herbicides and modes of action in the pre-emergent herbicide manual.

"Notable additions are new

modes of action such as Group 13 bixlozone (Overwatch®), Group 23 carbamate (Ultro®), Group 30 cinmethylin (Luximax®), Group 32 aclonifen (in Mateno® Complete), and Group O napropamide (Devrinol®)," Mr Cumming said.

"These additions highlight the growing range of pre-emergent herbicide options available to Australian growers in managing weed challenges.

"The post-emergent herbicide manual has seen fewer changes, with minor improvements in understanding certain herbicide modes of action, however, new research improving our understanding of the Group 10

herbicide glufosinate has been included, which is an increasingly important non-selective knockdown herbicide."

ICAN senior consultant Mark Congreve says both manuals aim to simplify the complex interactions of pesticide chemistry with environmental conditions.

According to Mark Congreve, senior consultant with Independent Consultants Australia Network (ICAN), both manuals aim to simplify the complex interactions of pesticide chemistry with environmental conditions.

"They are valuable resources for agronomists, researchers

and growers, providing insights into the behaviour of herbicides under various conditions, the interaction of different products, application techniques, crop safety, and environmental dissipation," Mr Congreve said.

Complementing these manuals and in collaboration with ICAN, GRDC offers specialised workshops to further assist agronomists in putting this information into context. The 1.5-day workshops focus on the principles of herbicide biochemistry and their practical applications.

Details of the workshops can be found on the ICAN Rural website.

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A/c J & K Hilliar "Riverview", Mirboo (SEJ)

Annual Draft

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A/c R Hull (ALEX SCOTT)

10 Angus steers, 12 mths

10 Angus heifers, 12 mths, weaned

A/c Strzelecki Engineering (NUTRIEN)

20 Angus mixed sex, 12 mths

A/c S Moore, Carrajung (PHC)

20 Angus x steers, 12 mths

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K & S Hutchinson, Koonwarra (NUTRIEN)

12 Angus steers, 12 mths

Health Hub Auxiliary in the race for new members



Phillip Island Health Hub Auxiliary President Lyn Wadeson and artist David Taylor who painted the design on the race guide and posters.

THE Phillip Island Health Hub Auxiliary welcomes new members to raise funds for Bass Coast Health (BCH) to provide an even greater range of public healthcare services to the Island community.

Auxiliary President Lyn Wadeson said the Auxiliary is growing and looking for new members seeking an enjoyable and fulfilling experience.

"As a group we work hard but also have fun. We all take time off, go away and have family commitments. There is no pressure on our members as we all do what we can when we can," she said.

The Auxiliary recently held its successful major fundraiser for the year: the St

Patrick's Day Picnic Race Day at Woolamai.

The race day raised funds for the new Phillip Island Community Hospital now under construction at Cowes. Auxiliary members also promoted the amazing services the hospital will offer residents and visitors by chatting with hundreds of racegoers at Woolamai and District Racing Club.

"The race day is our major fundraiser at present, but we have ideas for at least two more large events in the future. Stay tuned to find out more!" Lyn said.

"We are all looking forward to the new hospital on the Island and continuing to work

for equipment for Bass Coast Health.

"The day was successful. Not only was it a great fundraiser, but people also had fun and families thanked us for offering so many fun activities for their children, including face painting, fashions on the field and football handball.

"We wish to thank the Woolamai and District Racing Club and our wonderful sponsors for their support: Harold Jackson of The Big Wave Complex, Silverleaves Electrical, Performance Property Phillip Island, Phillip Island RSL and David Taylor."

BCH CEO Jan Child said

the Auxiliary was an amazing group of people, passionate about helping the Island community.

"We are so grateful to the Auxiliary members for all that they do in raising funds for medical equipment and other healthcare needs for their local community," she said.

"It's through their efforts that we are able to provide the services that we do to residents and visitors to Phillip Island."

Anyone interested in joining the Phillip Island Health Hub Auxiliary to raise funds for Bass Coast Health can email the Auxiliary on healthhubaux3@gmail.com or phone Lyn on 0400 126 435.

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-- Lions Club of Wonthaggi.



EGAN, William George:

09.10.1949.

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Husband of 52 years to Marian.

Devoted father of Sarah, Helen, and Amy.

Adored pop of Joshua, Chloe, Anabelle, Lucinda, and Harrison.

Father-in-law of Clint and brother to Susan and Claire (dec.).

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EGAN, William (Bill):

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LANGENBERG (Hilliar), Helen Margaret:

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Adored nanna of Kelly and Matthew, Matthew and Bojana, Joshua and Claire, Hayden, Lauren, Hugh and Jamie-Lee, Matthys, Edward, Henry, Ella, Jackson, Cooper, and Darcy.

Great Nanna to McKenzie and Harper, Reeve and Ava, Lexie, Oliver, Lydia, and Koby.

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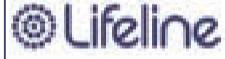
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Rose Lodge offers a range of rewarding and meaningful career opportunities in the aged care industry and as a not-for-profit organisation, employees are able to access the benefits of salary packaging including remote housing.

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- Proof of qualifications (if applicable)
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Navigating the Aged Care system

FOLLOWING on from the success of previous information sessions, South Gippsland Hospital will again be running the popular Navigating the Aged Care System with an afternoon tea on Wednesday May 1 at 2.30pm.

This informative session will provide a simplified run through of local services available for those aged 65 and over or aged 50 and over for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people. The session will include information on the South Gippsland Hospital Positive Ageing Service and Home Care Packages program and the importance of being registered with My Aged Care. The presenters, Harriet Devlin, Melissa Hennwood and Justine Kleeman, all from South Gippsland Hospital, will share their knowledge on accessing services, health and

wellbeing, community transport options, other local services, independent living and active lifestyles.

If you are interested in attending or would like further information, please phone 5683 9777 or email reception@sghs.com.au

The session will be held at South Gippsland Hospital, Banksia Centre 2.30-4pm Wednesday May 1 2024. Afternoon tea will be provided.

For those unable to attend this date there will be further presentations held in Sandy Point on Thursday June 20 at 10.30am and Welshpool on Tuesday 3 September at 10.30am.

Presenters Justine and Melissa prepare for the upcoming Aged Care Systems information session on 1 May 2024.

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The applicant for the permit is: **National Vietnam Veterans Museum Ltd. c/- Tract**

The application reference number is: **PA2402805**

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application by searching for the application number online at <https://www.planning.vic.gov.au/permits-and-applications/ministerial-permits/browse-ministerial-permits>.

You may look at the application and any documents that support the application at the office of the responsible authority – Minister for Planning (care of the Department of Transport and Planning) at 8 Nicholson Street, East Melbourne VIC 3002. This can be done during office hours and is free of charge. Please contact Development.Approvals@delwp.vic.gov.au to look at the application at the office of the responsible authority.

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McDonald wins Nyora dirt modified fast 50

By Dean Thompson

NYORA Raceway put on another terrific show for fans on April Saturday 20 with Dirt Modifieds and Ladies Standard Saloons the feature classes supported by many locals in Junior Standard Saloons, Sports Sedans, and Standard Saloons. Drivers from interstate had entered the Dirt Modified event with fifty gruelling laps ahead of them for their feature event.

Starting the qualifying action for the Dirt Modifieds Daryl Hickson from the Mornington Peninsula got the best of Victorian champion David Clark who had come down to compete from Queensland. A margin of .262 separated the two at the line. Shane Ardley then won heat two leading all the way to win a close one in front of his brother Michael by just .422 of a second. Michael Ardley then picked up his first win of the night when he finished .187 of a second in front of Clark in heat three. Zac McDonald then made it four different winners from four races when he pocketed a win in heat four. The first driver to secure a second win was Hickson in heat five when he once again beat Clark by the smallest of margins, this time .274 of a second. Marcus Reddecliffe closed out the qualifiers that included a rollover by Shane Ardley with his own victory in heat six.

Time trials to determine the feature race starting spots went the way of McDonald who put down a 14.410 second time just a little faster than Clark with 14.432. Hickson secured third spot with Michael Ardley, Warrick Taylor and Reddecliffe rounding out the top six. Eleven drivers began the fifty-lap feature event with McDonald leading lap one across the line. At the ten-lap mark McDonald led Clark, Hickson, Marcus Reddecliffe and Michael Ardley. No change in the top five spots at the twenty-lap mark however Matt Reddecliffe had secured sixth spot with thirty laps to go.

Marcus Reddecliffe became the first of the top six to drop out of the race on lap twenty-seven whilst Taylor had passed Matt Reddecliffe and moved into fifth. With ten laps to go McDonald had not yet been passed, whilst certainly being challenged by Clark in second. Hickson remained in third spot with Michael Ardley and Taylor the top five. As the fifty-lap mark was reached McDonald passed the chequered flag half a second ahead of Clark, Hickson, Michael Ardley, and Taylor.

Ladies Standard Saloon competitors would compete in their Gippsland series in round five. Maddison Miles of Catani had a terrific win in the first heat race finishing a third of a lap in front of the field. Caroline Allen from Warragul then

won heat two just ahead of Elise Halliday by .587 of a second. Rachel Chippindall whose had a limited amount of racing picked up a victory in the third heat race much to the delight of her fans. Leading every lap of a fifteen-lap final, Halliday would manage to hold off every attempt by Allen to snatch the lead of the race. Halliday winning by .195 of a second from Allen with Bronwyn Miles third ahead of Chippindall and Maddi Bransgove.

Sports Sedans also hit the track with Inverloch racer Braidan Webster coming up with the win. Webster won the first heat race by just .213 of a second before Chris Aarts whom he beat, won the second heat race. Andrew Galley returning to racing after some time away from the track won the third heat race before the fifteen-lap feature field was set with Aarts from the front row. Aarts led the final early before Webster hit the front on lap nine. Webster would control the race from there moving to a two and half second lead and subsequently winning from Aarts, Galley, Jeff Blencowe, and Ray Gould from Warragul.

The Junior Standard Saloon competitors raced for the Nyora track championship with eight keen starters in the field. Cooper Joynson began with a win in heat race number one with Ella Sheedy hassling him to the line finishing just .274 of a second behind. Tom Braz from the Latrobe Valley then won heat race number two passing Bailey Hill early on his way to the win. Braz then doubled up winning heat three to set the final line-up. Braz then led all fifteen laps in the final to leave victorious in front of Hill, Chase Ingram, Liam Ingram, and Sheedy.

Standard Saloon action was spiced up with the visit of Victoria number two racer Wayne Sheerman. Kacey Ingram whose been on a tear as far as winning is concerned in Gippsland would be the first heat race winner of the night. Sheerman then won heat two before a great battle between he and Poowong's Owen Cecil in heat three finished with Cecil in front by just .264 of a second. Andrew Miles from Pakenham would win the fourth heat race in another close finish with Sheerman again second, this time by just .440 of a second. Leading all the way through fifteen laps Sheerman would get the win in front of Ingram, Cecil, Andrew Miles, and Brodie Robertson in the feature event.

Nyora Raceway returns to action once again on May 18 with a huge Demolition Deby and Wingless Sprints featuring

High participation rates for basketball

WONTHAGGI Amateur Basketball Association was proud to receive Medium Association - Award for Outstanding Achievement recently.

The award was presented to the local association at Bendigo's Red Energy Arena at the U12 Country Championships recently.

The award represents the growth of the association over the last six years.

"We won the same award in 2006 and 2018 in the small association category," association president Michael Bell said.

"Our membership has doubled since then, even with two years of COVID."

Bell said the construction of the new competition-standard stadium has made a huge difference for the association.

It has provided a home for the domestic competitions, and has allowed

the association to host tournaments, run skills days with Basketball Victoria, expand its capacity to include U8s and All Abilities, and launch Country Basketball League (CBL) men's and women's teams.

These CBL teams were established three years ago, and the women's side has appeared in two of the three grand finals, winning in its first year.

"We've seen record numbers in our summer domestic competition, and we've been able to field two rep sides in all age groups. We had 140 rep registrations last season," Bell said.

"There were many associations nominated, which made us realise just how big of an achievement this award is for us with so many great options."

"It couldn't have been achieved without the

committee and the volunteers, and everyone who is willing to get involved and enjoy basketball."

Bell said basketball is at an all-time high, and participation rates are expected to continue to grow in Wonthaggi.

"We are happy that we are able to provide kids with the right coaching and facilities they need," he said.

"We have a good coaching panel in the rep program, and a lot of parents are willing to put their hand up to coach at a domestic level. We thank anyone willing to get on board in any capacity."

Wonthaggi Amateur Basketball Association is now heading into its quiet period with the winter domestic competition set to start in a couple of weeks.

The committee will continue to prepare for the next CBL and rep season in the meantime.

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Premier and Cabinet



Call for applications for the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council

The Minister for Treaty and First Peoples the Hon. Natalie Hutchins MP (Minister) is calling for applications from Victorian Traditional Owners to become members of the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council.

What is the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Council?

The Council protects Aboriginal Cultural Heritage for the enjoyment and benefit of all Victorians.

The Council's principal functions are:

- advising the Minister for Treaty and First Peoples on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in Victoria
- making decisions about applications from Traditional Owners to become Registered Aboriginal Parties
- overseeing the reporting and return of Ancestral Remains and Secret or Sacred Objects
- promoting awareness and understanding of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage.

The Council was created under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*. The Act protects Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in Victoria, just as other forms of heritage are protected under Victorian law.

The Council is comprised entirely of Traditional Owners, in line with the principle of self-determination.

Expressions of Interest are sought to fill vacancies on the Council

The Minister is seeking Expressions of Interest from Aboriginal people who:

- are Victorian Traditional Owners
- live in Victoria
- have relevant experience and knowledge of Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in Victoria.

Consideration will also be given to experience in governance and previous work under the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 2006*.

The Minister welcomes applicants from a diverse range of backgrounds and experiences, including people of different genders, people of all ages, people with disability, and LGBTIQ people.

Council members are expected to have adequate time to commit to Council. They are paid a sitting fee and are reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with Victorian Government guidelines.

Please email your written Expression of Interest addressing the above criteria to:
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Alternatively, please post your written Expression of Interest addressing the above criteria to:
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Expressions of Interest must be received by 5pm on Monday 6 May 2024.

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Tightlines



Jordan Crugnale MP with local fishing and boating enthusiasts at Inverloch Boat Ramp.

\$2 million boat ramp upgrade approved

CONSTRUCTION on a new jetty at Inverloch boat ramp will begin mid-year, with a \$2 million upgrade to make boating easier through building a new jetty at the popular launching spot.

Member for Bass Jordan Crugnale said the work would be undertaken by Bridgewater Marine following a tender being awarded at the last Bass Coast Shire council meeting on Wednesday, April 17.

The project is being fully funded by the Victorian Government through reinvestment of recreational boaters' licence and registration fees. Bass Coast Shire Council will oversee construction.

A Victorian Fisheries Authority (VFA) spokesperson said "this announcement is another step forward for this important project."

"Work is expected to start in September and this new ramp will make it easier for families to get out on the water at this popular holiday destination."

At present the two-lane ramp features a single jetty and launching and retrieving boats can be made difficult by wind and wave action as well as the strong tides of Anderson Inlet.

The VFA, through its Better Boating Victoria division, has overseen the design process which has included consultation with boaters.

The second jetty will be 42 metres long, located on the western side of the ramp and feature wave screens to provide protection from wind and wave action. It will also feature landings at two different heights to provide access at a range of tides.

Maintenance on the overflow parking area will also be undertaken, providing space for up to 21 cars with trailers, in

addition to the 24 formal parking spaces at the ramp.

Construction is expected to begin in September with the ramp needing to be closed while work is underway. Completion is expected in January 2025.

To minimise disruption to boaters, the project will be timed to begin outside of the peak boating season and following the completion of upgrades at the nearby Mahers Landing ramp to retain boating access to Anderson Inlet.

The \$6m Mahers Landing upgrade will feature a new jetty and two-lane ramp that is raised above the surrounding beach and extends into deeper water for access at a greater range of tides.

The carpark and toilet facilities are also being overhauled, with construction expected to be complete in June.

A Boating Vic ramp camera will be added to the facility so boaters wanting to get out onto the water can view conditions before they leave home.

"When both the Inverloch and Mahers Landing upgrades are complete later this year it will represent a significant improvement in capacity at both ramps, which means more people out on the water enjoying our stunning Anderson inlet and surrounds," said Jordan.

"This is such great news for our Inverloch and visitor community – new jetties, more car parking, wave screens to boost safety, dedicated boat preparation area, improved separation of water-based activities – all to make enjoying the outdoors even better. It will importantly make launching and retrieval easier, particularly at high tides, increase overall capacity and improve the functionality too."

Wonthaggi Anglers monthly competition winners



RIGHT: Wonthaggi Anglers winners for the month were Brian Allan, Allan Bentick and Deb Senior.

TIDE GUIDE

TIDAL PREDICTIONS FROM PORT PHILLIP HEADS

Approx. Tide Variations: Seal Rocks, Venus Bay, Waratah Bay and Cape Woolamai (Same), Tooradin +2hrs 45, Cowes Pier +50, Stony Point +40

TUESDAY	April 23
▼ 5.30am	0.65m
▲ 12.11pm	1.38m
▼ 5.55pm	0.81m
▲ 11.58pm	1.35m

WEDNESDAY	April 24
▼ 6.11am	0.55m
▲ 12.57pm	1.50m
▼ 6.42pm	0.79m

THURSDAY	April 25
▲ 12.36am	1.39m
▼ 6.45am	0.47m
▲ 1.35pm	1.60m
▼ 7.19pm	0.77m

FRIDAY	April 26
▲ 1.13am	1.43m
▼ 7.19am	0.40m
▲ 2.11pm	1.68m
▼ 7.53pm	0.76m

SATURDAY	April 27
▲ 1.48am	1.43m
▼ 7.53am	0.36m
▲ 2.45pm	1.72m
▼ 8.27pm	0.75m

SUNDAY	April 28
▲ 2.25am	1.48m
▼ 8.27am	0.34m
▲ 3.21pm	1.74m
▼ 9.01pm	0.74m

MONDAY	April 29
▲ 3.00am	1.48m
▼ 9.01am	0.33m
▲ 3.59pm	1.72m
▼ 9.36pm	0.75m



SPORT | SURFING



For some groms, it was their competition debut. Photo: Deb Leonard

Island groms get the feel of competition surfing

SHREDDING with smiles and good vibes. 21 groms aged from seven to 13 years from Phillip Island Boardriders Club (PIBC) put on a show in near perfect conditions at Shelley Beach last Saturday.

It was the second Super-groms judged competition for the season, aimed at giving young surfers the thrill of competing in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Supergroms Coordinator, Deb Leonard said she, and all parents, were incredibly impressed with the enthusiasm and positive attitude shown by all surfers. "There were definitely some new friendships and surf buddies made," said Deb.

Many competitors also tried their hand at judging some of the heats. "It was so heartwarming listening to some of the older kids cheering on the younger ones while judging and being so encouraging when

one of them surfed a wave well," said Deb. "Judging not only gives them a better idea of what judges look for and score highly on, but it's also a requirement when they enter the club's bigger contests."

For some groms, it was their competition debut, and for others, it was their first-time surfing at Shelley Beach.

Steve Lock's eight-year-old son, Judd was one of the groms catching his first competition wave. "Seeing the smile on the kids' faces was awesome but more importantly seeing the kids out in the water so supportive of each other, cheering on their mates (and competitors) was a really great sign of sportsmanship," said Steve.

Many participants had recently participated in the club's Youth Development Program, and the improvement in their surfing was undeniable.

Phillip Island Boardriders Club would like to thank all parents and competitors who helped and made this event such a success. PIBC hope to run more events like this in the 2024/2025 season.

Results:

U14 Girls: 1st Scarlett Rennie, 2nd Phoenix Stedman, 3rd Savannah Bennett

U14 Boys: 1st Ryan Hain, 2nd Angus Farman, 3rd Lennox Archibald

U12 Girls: 1st Madeline Ritzdorf, 2nd Emma Simpson

U12 Boys: 1st Max Anagnostou, 2nd Lennox Archibald, 3rd Bode Bassed

U10 Girls: 1st Ashley Anagnostou, 2nd Violet Dunham

U10 Boys: 1st Rusty Mairier, 2nd Hugo Joyner, 3rd Judd Lock

Legend Award: Max Dunham

Butler Award: Karl Dunham

PIBC impressive at junior titles



Lillian Bassed. First place in under 16 girls. Photo: Noah Clifford / Surfing Victoria

picked off some corner pockets.

PIBC was represented across nearly all six divisions, with some impressive final podium finishes across four divisions.

Finals results:

U14 girls - 2nd Scarlett Rennie, U14 boys - 2nd Angus Kennedy, U16 girls

- 1st Lillian Bassed, U18 boys - 3rd Sam Patterson

The final stop of the Woolworths Victorian Junior Surfing Titles series will head to Phillip Island on May 4th and 5th with it being the competitors' last opportunity to earn points to make the state team.



B1 award winners **Shane Dole** and **Scott Head**. Photos by: Linda Jefferis.



C Grade award winners **Hudson Jefferis**, **Evan Belvedere** and **Noah Belvedere**.



Ruth Howells presenting the **Allen Summerfield Memorial Best Club Person** trophy to **Glen Barrett**.



Former president **Ian "Doc" Dixon** congratulating son **Paul** on his life membership.

Cobras award top cricketers

THE Korumburra Cricket Club held its annual presentation day for both senior and junior teams with more than 100 players, members and family coming together to celebrate the 2023/24 season.

President Tim Morrison reflected on the season, acknowledging the significant events of the season including the club's 50th anniversary celebrations where the club's Team of the Half Century and the inaugural Cobra Legends were announced.

Eighty-five players took the field for the club throughout the season in the senior ranks, which included 20 new players to the club as well as nine juniors having the opportunity to play their first senior game.

Former Sri Lankan Test captain Thilakaratna Dilshan, who was unable to attend having recently taken on a coaching role with the Sri Lankan national team, won all major A1 awards for the season, taking out the A Grade batting, bowling and Cricketer of

the Year.

TM Dilshan in only six games for the season made 254 runs at an average of 36.29, took 20 wickets at an average of 9.65 and scored 699 points in the Cricketer of the Year.

Zach Barrett received the A1 fielding award.

Scott Head took out the B1 bowling award with Shane Dole capping off a great year, taking out the batting award with 579 runs at an average of 52.64 and the Cricketer of the Year with 934 points.

Aaron Damon received the B1 fielding award.

Darren Scott took a clean sweep of the B2 awards, taking the batting award with 260 runs at 23.64, the bowling with 14 wickets at 22.78 and 550 Cricketer of the Year points.

Caleb Turton received the B2 fielding award.

Noah Belvedere was awarded the C Grade batting encouragement award, Hudson Jefferis the C Grade bowling encouragement award and

Evan Belvedere the C Grade fielding encouragement award.

All three made terrific contributions throughout the season and was exciting to watch their development and growth as players in the senior ranks.

Bryce Riddell was awarded the U17 bowling with Aaron Damon taking the U17 batting and Cricketer of the Year Award.

Zane Brady won the U15 bowling trophy for the season with Levi Gooch taking the batting and Cricketer of the Year. Hudson Jefferis received the U15 coaches award.

Shane Dole was awarded the 2023/24 Wes Olden Medal taking the award with 23 votes.

Darren Scott was second with 20 votes, Tom Crocker third with 12 and Noah Belvedere, Hemal Ratnayake and Thilakaratna Dilshan equal fourth with 11 votes.

In a great sign for the club's future, 13 junior players featured in the Wes Olden voting.

Cub stalwart Paul Dixon was awarded a life membership at the presentation day.

Paul, who has played 214 games for the club and on field leader of the B Grade side, is a great servant to the club off the field on both the club and social committee.

Glen Barrett was awarded the Allen Summerfield Memorial Best Club Person Award for the season.

The club renamed the Best Club Person Trophy this season in Allen's memory.

Zach Barrett was awarded the David Routley Trophy for the Most Promising U21 Player for the Season.

Other Awards: Glen Barrett was presented with a 300 Club Game certificate, Shane Dole was presented with a 200 Club Game certificate, Matt Loader was presented with a 150 Club Game certificate, Shane Dole was presented with two score cards for two centuries made - 135 V Town & 121 V Inverloch - as well as for a hat trick against Phillip Island, and Scott Head was presented with a score card for a 6/72 taken against Town.



B2 award winner **Darren Scott** with club president **Tim Morrison**.



U15 award winners **Levi Gooch** and **Hudson Jefferis**.



U17 award winners **Bryce Riddell** and **Aaron Damon**.

Powerhouses go into battle

THE rest of the world delivered Kong v Godzilla and Wonthaggi has duly reciprocated with David (Brown) v Sven (Green).

Two number ones at the height of their powers produced an epic for the ages.

It's hard to believe David's looping and hooping versus Sven's guile and crafty play didn't make the nightly news.

David leisurely cruised to a first set win 11 to five.

The next four exhilarating sets all went to deuce with Sven prevailing 15 to 13 in a pulsating decider, then had an urge to climb tall buildings.

There was more excitement across the hall as Pink and Black won their matches in the 11th and final game.

If there is any more excitement, the new defibrillator may need to be unpacked.

Pink defeated Yellow 6 to 5; Black defeated White 6 to 5; Pink defeated Yellow 7 to 4; Blue bye.

Ladder: Yellow 12, Pink 12, Black 8, Green 4, Blue 4, Brown 4, White 0

Leading players: Brad 10, Dirk 10, David 9, Braden 9, Andrew D 7 and Sven 7.

Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun

THIS week's parkrun event number 188, was simply lovely. 15 participants came this week and we welcomed one first-timer and the Run Director, Julia noted that after the first time, people often return even if the course can be a little uneven and muddy underfoot. The weather was kind with rays of sunshine and a faint hint of mist. Wendy captured nature's regrowth and people's connection with her new camera. You can find the photos on the Grand Ridge Rail Trail parkrun facebook page.

Welcoming smiles, introductions and sharing of achievements and highlights were all witnessed as people walked, ran and chatted at the finish line. Coffee was enjoyed at Jimmy Jambs which led one to wonder what the collective noun for a group of tractors is... a herd? A rumble?

We would like to thank the group of supportive volunteers Carmel and Steve Quirk, Glenn Wearne, Greg Lawrence, Robert Nelson, Melissa O'Sullivan and Wendy Hunter. Our roster is looking full for the next few weeks too, thanks to many local running clubs and athletics groups so come and see what Saturday mornings is all about.

South Gippsland Bridge

16/4 at RSL Wonthaggi 7 tables playing nationwide contest Round 8

Winning master points were North/South pairs

1st Alan Johnston & John Sutton 60.71

2nd Clive Hope & Lois Dwyer 58.21

3rd Phillip & Nev Chapman 55.00

East/West Pairs

1st Julie Perriam & Anne Gibson 56.67

1st Matti Shub & John Quayle 56.67

3rd Su Edwards & Ruth Harvey 54.48

19/4 at Inverloch Angling Club 7 tables North/South Winners

1st John Quayle & Matti Shub 57.74

2nd John Currier & John Sutton 56.25

3rd Hannah Martin & Ruth Stevenson 54.17

East/West Pairs

1st Su Edwards & Ruth Harvey 56.55

2nd Anne Speakman & Kathy Dowd 50.00, 3rd Maureen Stiles & Penny Loughran 49.70 3rd Mary Brewis &

Carol Sowden 49.70



Scott Lethbridge, stole the show with a jaw-dropping 180!

President Lethbridge throws a killer 180!

MONDAY night at the darts centre was lit, folks! Four epic matchups had us on the edge of our seats, and the vibes were electric. Here's the scoop:

The Joes Hornets just scraped past Dart Vaders with a 4-3 victory, while the River-Boys cruised to a 5-2 win over the Breakers. That's All showed Storm who's boss with a solid 5-2 triumph, and The Vikings absolutely dominated The Mustangs, sealing the deal with a whopping 7-0 win.

But let's talk about the highlight of the night: our very own prez, Scott Lethbridge, stole the show with a jaw-dropping 180! The crowd went wild, and Scotty basked in the glory of his epic performance! Well done Prez!

And get this: Di, who couldn't make it, somehow scored the meat tray raffle win, thanks to her buddy Bones. Talk about luck of the draw! Big shoutout to the legends at San Remo Butchers for keeping us fuelled with the best meat tray in the district. And massive shout-out to everyone who pitched in to set up and pack away. Teamwork makes the dream work, right?

With the season kicking off with a bang, we're pumped for the doubles comp next week. Don't stress about finding a partner – just rock up at 7:00 pm, and we'll sort you out. Can't wait to see what other surprises the darts gods have in store for us. Until next time, keep calm and throw on!

Wonthaggi Croquet Club

THE WONTTHAGGI Croquet Club hosted a handicap doubles tournament on the weekend of the April 13/14.

Players from seven Gippsland clubs, West Rosebud, Ringwood and Portland took part in a round robin (each pair playing each other) over the two days. Five games were completed on the Saturday with three rounding off the competition on the Sunday.

A successful tournament, which once again was sponsored by the Wonthaggi Workmens Club together with the Paint Place, managed by Sue Cartwright and Brian Wheeler. Several of our members acted as time keepers and our own Tom Lacey refereed and kept the games flowing throughout. Sue Baker and many helpers assisted with the refreshments and general kitchen duties and Margaret Brooks once again organised a fantastic raffle.

Mary Tabrah from Sale teamed up with Stephen Beitz from Leongatha to take the top honours winning 7 of their 8

games. Runners-up were Jean Phillips and Elaine Geisbers from Sale with 6 out of 8 games. Congratulations to them and all the competitors.

In house the club has been running a doubles twilight competition with six pairs taking part. After the round robin the standings are as follows:

1. Dumb and Dumber,
2. Rasputin, 3. Offsider,
4. Cool Cats, 5. Terminators, 6 Wild Cards.

Semi Finals will be held on Tuesday the April 23 with team 1 playing 4 and team 2 playing 3.

The Final will be held on Tuesday April 30. Watch this space.

Last Thursday April 18, despite the inclement weather, the club hosted several ladies from Inverloch CWA and Probus club. A fun few hours with some very good play and lots of laughs. Thanks go to our members for assisting and to our visitors for providing the morning tea. We hope to see some of you back again. A busy week for the club.

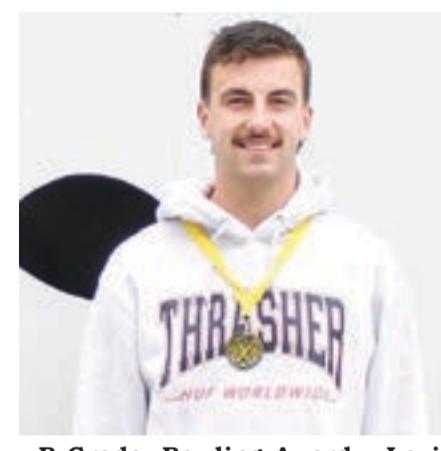
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Club Awards: Young family – Player of the year Ron Abeysinghe, Matt Trotman Most Determined – Gen Anderson and Geoff Cashin Best Club Person – Luke Ashton.



Women's Team: Coaches Award – Sari Hickey, Batting Award and COTY – Nat Challis and Bowling Award – Milla Fixter.



B Grade: Bowling Award – Levi Hickey.

Leongatha Scorpions Presentation Night

LEONGATHA Town Scorpions celebrated the end of their season on Sunday, April 21. The day was full of emotions as players and members were rewarded for their efforts on and off the field.

Thanks to everyone who helped make not just our presentation day but also our entire season a successful one.

Well done to all award winners:

Under 15's: Batting Award – Max Carter 187 runs at 62.33, Bowling Award – Kohen Gilliatte 6 wickets at 8.33, COTY – Max Carter 242 points and Coaches Award – Mitch Hogarth.

Under 17's: Batting Award – Ethan Smith 172 runs at 15.64, Bowling Award – Ethan Smith 17 wickets at 14.00, COTY – Ethan Smith 362

points and Coaches Award – Fletcher McLennan.

Women's: Batting Award – Nat Challis 147 runs at avg 21, Bowling Award – Milla Fixter 9 wickets at avg 7, COTY – Nat Challis, Coaches Award – Sari Hickey and Most Improved – Sarah Knox.

C grade: Batting Award – Tim Cashin 250 runs at 41.67, Bowling Award – Max Carter 12 wickets at 13.75 and COTY – Tim Cashin.

B grade: Batting Award – Colin Bruce 262 runs at 29.11, Bowling Award – Levi Hickey 15 wickets at 14.40 and COTY – Colin Bruce.

A grade: Batting Award – Ron Abeysinghe 419 runs at 34.92, Bowling Award – Geemal Rajapaksha 19 wickets



A Grade: Batting Award – Ron Abeysinghe, COTY – Amila Ratnaike, Bowling Award – Geemal Rajapaksha.



Under 15's: coach Nat Challis, senior's coach Jesse Giardina and Batting Award, COTY and Senior Coach's Award winner – Max Carter.



New Life Members: Peter Hulshof, Mark Hanks and Barney Pouw.



C Grade: Batting Award and COTY – Tim Cashin and Bowling Award – Max Carter.

Good times on the Gold Coast for South Gippsland Bass swimmers

THE WARM sunshine of Queensland welcomed the 12 South Gippsland Bass swimmers and coaches to the National Swimming Championships (Age, MC and Open), held at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre for the past two weeks.

The meet, televised on 9now, was very competitive with a number of international swimmers hoping for Olympic qualification competing in some of the older age groups and the Open Age section.

The SGB swimmers enjoyed watching each other compete and were poolside to cheer each other on. The swimmers were really pleased with their efforts, with several achieving the goals they had set themselves at the start of the Summer Long Course season.

Some events had A and B finals for the top 20, while others were just timed finals, meaning swimmers who ranked in the top 20 had the honour of a high place, but didn't get to swim finals. SGB had several swimmers in the finals and in the top 20. Claudia Croatto, Rahni Matheson, Miah Roberts and Gemma Cook had top 20 finishes.

Coach Dylan was pleased with the result. "They have worked hard for several

months to qualify and keep the momentum going to race here and get results they wanted. Their results speak for themselves, that all their hard effort has paid off with them still getting Personal Best times. You can see by the smiles before and after races how proud they were to be here and I've had message from parents of our other swimmers back home who have been watching and are motivated to try and come when they are old enough. Lorri, Caiden and I have loved watching them enjoy the rewards for effort."

With the event broadcast live, family and friends of the swimmers were able to watch them compete, which really helped motivate many of the swimmers. The juniors of the club got very excited to see the older swimmers and coaches on the TV. Also competing at the meet were former SGB swimmers who now train in Queensland, Bowen Gough, Josh Seignior and Olivia Holmes, with both Bowen and Olivia finishing top 10. The swimmers were able to enjoy some of the attractions of the Gold Coast while there and are now looking forward to a few weeks of sleep ins before training resumes mid-May for the Short Course season.



Coaches Caiden and Dylan with finalist Claudia and Rahni before their 100m breaststroke finals.



Boys medley relay team.

Wonthaggi Pony Club thrives

THE WONTAGGI Pony Club recently showcased its vibrancy and success during a smaller-than-usual rally, where 11 riders enjoyed a day filled with equestrian excitement.

Despite some members being away for competitions or holidays, the club's spirit remained high, with two exceptional instructors providing expert tuition in both dressage and show jumping disciplines.

Highlighting the club's competitive prowess, four riders proudly presented their team trophies from a recent Show Jumping competition at the Moomba Show Jumping Championship.

These riders not only showcased their individual skills but also contributed crucial points to secure the team's victory, demonstrating the club's strong collaborative spirit and competitive edge.

"We are thrilled with our recent success at the Moomba Show Jumping Championship. It's a testament to the hard work and dedication of our riders and instructors," remarked Erin Passarin, the club's DC.

The Wonthaggi Pony Club prides itself on providing a supportive and inclusive environment for riders of all levels. Whether beginners or seasoned competitors, members benefit from top-notch instruction and camaraderie that fosters both personal growth and team success.

"We welcome new members and inquiries to join our friendly club," Erin added. "Whether you're just starting out or looking to take your riding to the next level, there's a place for you at Wonthaggi Pony Club."

With a commitment to excellence and a passion for equestrian sport, the Wonthaggi Pony Club continues to thrive as a hub for riders in the community. As they celebrate recent victories and look ahead to future competitions, the club remains dedicated to fostering a love for horses and horsemanship among its members.



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Foster Golf Club's grade winners were Rae Knee and Di Walker.



Korumburra's winners on Saturday were Colette Pearl, Karen Sorrell, Gail Beer and Merrissa Cosson.



Korumburra's April Monthly Medallist and A Grade winner Kerri Besley with C Grade winner Pam Eyers. Absent: Julie Brannaghan (B Grade winner).



The winners of the Anne and Bruce Gibson American Foursomes were Delia Perry and Jo Miles. They are pictured with sponsor Anne Gibson (centre).



Pam Hanley, Jan Beaumont and Wendy Cross were Wonthaggi Golf Club's daily winners on Wednesday.

FOSTER

Ladies

IT was a very damp finish to the ladies' Stableford round, with some giving up on the last two holes, and others struggling to putt on flooded greens.

A Grade's winner was Di Walker with 34 points and Rae Knee B Grade 31 points.

NTP was Beth Curram on sixth and Jan Best on 17th.

BDTL went to Beth Curram (32) and Barb Warren (31).

The nine-hole competition went to Alayne McKenzie 19 points.

Ros Grieggs, a new Wednesday player, took home the raffle.

Thank you to Susan Anderson for sponsoring the day and providing the raffle.

Next week, May 1, is the Monthly Medal.

KORUMBURRA

Weekly Men's Winners

Tuesday April 16

Stableford: 24 Players

A Grade: Steve Duffield (12) 39 Points

B Grade: Bill Anderson (25) 32 Points

NTP's: 1st Steve Rose, 7th Pete Wallace, 10th Joseph Salvatore and 13th Bill Anderson.

Thursday April 18

Stableford: 9 Players

Winner: Steve Rose (8) 35 Points

NTP's: 1st Steve McNamarra and 13th Paul Turton.

Saturday April 20

Colonial Ambrose: 52 Players

Sponsor: Steve Rose.

Winner: Steve Rose, Ross Crawford, Richard Johnson and Blake Cosson 98 C/B.

Runners Up: Roy Fleming, Mat Wrigley, David Sorrell and Billie Wrigley 98.

NTP's: 1st Kodie Spokes, 7th Tim O'Neill, 10th Neil Spargo and 13th Chris Corr.

Ladies

LAST Wednesday was typical pleasant autumn weather, but then some rain put a dampener on the day.

The club thanks the sponsors, and it appreciates their support on Monthly Medal days.

Kerri Besley (16) won A Grade, the April Monthly Medal and round four of the Silver Spoon, with a net score of 73.

As the medal winner, Kerri was awarded the Tiny Teapot Café voucher.

Runner-up in A Grade was Sherrin Solly (23), 74 net.

B Grade was won by Julie Brannaghan (26), 75 net and Trudy Olden (28) was runner-up, 80 net.

Pam Eyers (38) won C Grade, 79 net and runner-up was Kim Enbom (40), 81 net.

BDTL went to Merrissa Cosson (10), 74 net and who was also the Scratch Score winner with 84, Judy Webb (22), 77 net and Julie Hillberg (21), 78 net.

The nine-hole comp was won by Barb Walker (30) with 14 points.

NTPs went to first Merrissa (Kelly's Bakery), 10th Aliesha Wrigley (One Stop Discount Store), and 13th Julie Brannaghan (Burra Garden Supplies).

A number of women from the club enjoyed the Blue Day at Meeniyian on Friday.

It was great to have some of the newer members play away at another of the neighbouring clubs.

The club was pleased to have 19 play on Saturday in the three or four person Colonial Ambrose comp.

Thank you to Trudi Mantell, who sponsored this event and provided lovely trophies.

The winners were Merrissa Cosson, Colette Pearl, Gail Beer and Karen Sorrell, with 88.

NTPs went to Aliesha Wrigley first, Joahnna van den Heiligenberg seventh and Merrissa on the 10th.

LEONGATHA

TUESDAY, April 16: Stableford.

Fifty-three members braved Tuesday's wet conditions to play in a Stableford round.

Some made it round without getting drenched.

A Grade winner: Norman Hughes (14) with 37 points.

A Grade runner up: Ken Smirk (14) with 36 points on a count-back.

B Grade winner: Michael Wrigley (24) with 38 points.

B Grade runner up: John Cadd (32) with 35 points on a count-back.

NTP 14th: David Richards at 335cm.

NTP 16th: Winton Knop at 228cm.

NTP 2nd Shot 5th: Craig Hutchinson at 480cm.

Thursday, April 18: J P Malone Diggers Day – Bring a Mate Ambrose Event.

Eighty members and guests played in the J P Malone Diggers Day four person Ambrose event held annually near ANZAC Day.

Winners: Dave Brownnett, John Ryan, Josh DeGroot, and Andrew Smith with 56.625 net.

Runners up: Conor Hosking, Rod Mackenzie, Bert Borg, and Frank Gill with 57.25 net.

NTP 14th: Peter Brownlie at 318cm. 16th: Craig Hutchinson at 337cm.

NTP second shot fifth: Rod Mackenzie at 174cm.

Saturday, April 20: John Westaway Ambrose Pairs Scratch and Net.

Ninety-six members and guests played in the John Westaway Ambrose Pairs board event.

Scratch event:

Winners: Michael O'Rafferty (17) and Alan Starkey (11) with 70 on a count back.

Runners up: Josh De Groot (12) and John Ryan (10) with 70.

Nett event:

Winners: Walter Taberner (15) and Nick Birrell (18) with net 61.75.

Runners up: Stuart Harry (16) and Martin Fuller (20) with net 62.

NTP 14th: Mark O'Rafferty at 120cm. 16th: Dan Jolley at 292cm.

NTP second shot fifth: Chris Indian at 156cm.

Ladies

FORTY women competed in the Bruce and Anne Gibson American Foursomes Stableford event.

Anne has sponsored this event for the last 12 years.

Anne thanked the players who supported her event and commented on how wonderful it was to see so many in the clubhouse after completion of the game.

Jo Miles (33) and Delia Perry (37) won the event with 36 points – a first Board event for Delia and a second consecutive win for Jo.

The runners up were Ev Indian and Nicole Whiteside with 32 points.

Balls down the line went to Viv French and Janet Monk 31, and Dot Stubbs and Di Williams also on 31.

Nearest the pin on the 16th

was won by Mel Willder. Wendy Brown was the closest on the 14th, and second shot on the fifth went to Karen Bear.

MEENIYAN

Ladies

ON FRIDAY April 19 the Meeniyian ladies held their 17th Annual Beyond Blue Golf Day which has been sponsored by Veronica Park from the beginning, thank you Veronica.

The district ladies support this event every year with this year we had an amazing response with 29 teams 87 players play Bensomes with a twist, with each player having to use a blue ball for at least 4 holes where their score was doubled. The winners were Jo Graeme, Louise Vuillermin and Alayne McKenzie with 137 points, the runners up were Andrea Thorson, Annette Ballard and Lynn Jennison with 131 points. There were lots of raffles and two items auctioned off by Neil Park, a reversible hat made by Heather McCaughan and a great hamper donated by IGA Meeniyian these items along with all the raffle and auction money, over \$1000 will be forwarded to Beyond Blue. We would like to thank everyone who took part in the day. We also have held our first round of our ladies championships with Dot Christie leading A grade by three shots, B grade leader is Faye LePage by four shots and C grade Lynn Jennison is leading by ten shots.

WONTHAGGI

RESULTS: April 18, SR. 71. Competition: Stableford 18-hole.

Winner: Martin Cox 37.

Runner up: Ian Murrells 37.

Ball sweep: Ian McNish 36.

Glenn Hewlett 32, Stephen Kane 32 and Colin Banks 31.

Results: April 18, SR. 36.

Competition: Stableford nine-hole 10 to 18.

Winner: Blake Cornelius 20.

Runner up: Graham Ryan 18.

Ball sweep: Ian Murrells 18.

John Davies 16.

Results: April 20, S.R 71.

Competition: Stroke.

Winners:

A Grade: Ross Lovett 70.

B Grade: Geoff Huther 70.

C Grade: Graham Ryan 71.

BDTL to 73.

Ball sweep: Secondo Tiziani 70.

Brad Andrew 71, Julian Wintle 71, Simon O'Halloran 72, Michael Scott 72, Ian McDonald 72, Bill Blanch 73, Graham Campbell 73, Joshua Kilgour 73 and Andy Hovath 73.

NTP: Michael Scott second, Kevin Jamison fourth, Secondo Tiziani (propin) eighth, Geoff Huther 13th and Andrew Hooton-Shandley (money) 17th.

Ladies

WEDNESDAY saw 26 players who played Par in overcast but dry conditions.

The daily winners were A Grade Jan Beaumont (20)-5 on C/B, B Grade and round of the day Pam Hanley (31)-1, and C Grade Wendy Cross (33)-4.

NTP on second and eighth was Simone Lindsay, and 17th Layla Robertson.

BDL went to Geraldine Prentice-2, Robyn Wilkinson-3, Simone Lindsay-4, Irene Walsh-5 and Catherine Bolding-5.

The singles knockout finalists have been decided with Betty Bowmar defeating Donna Brosnan, while Anne Tschiderer defeated Marg Johnson.

Good luck to Betty and Anne in the final.

Max, a novice at 90 for Corinella

MAX moved to Corinella two years ago, after the loss of his much-loved wife, to be closer to family.

Max started attending the Corinella Bowling Club Friday Barefoot Bowls and Meal Night – a great chance to meet up with locals and it wasn't long before he started to have a roll.

Many of Corinella members belong to the Southwest Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group (SWGMBG), and they invited Max to come along and have a go.

To play, he had to become a full member of a club, being the Corinella Bowling Club and joined on January 27, 2023.

The SWGMBG play at various clubs each week. Through this group, Max has now met and made many new friends from all over South Gippsland.

Needless to say, Max was then lining up to play Pennant in the 2023-2024 season. Max played in Cornella's Saturday Division 5 team, and they made it



Max Williams and Corinella Bowling Club President Steve Bray

through to the finals. Unfortunately, though Division 5 didn't quite make the Grand Final.

Max has entered the Bowls Victoria Novice State Carnival singles and pairs, which is run between the May 10-13 2024 – an event restricted to new bowlers.

Max may be the oldest

member to have ever played as a novice. Members at Corinella are so proud of Max and believe that you are never too old to have a go.

"I love it" said Max "and I am still here".

Max is one of life's true gentlemen and is also a wiz at trivia.

INVERLOCH

THERE is no social bowls at the club on ANZAC Day.

Bowling Under Lights

Forty-eight bowlers participated in our second round of three bowl pairs under lights on Tuesday Night. The conditions were great for bowling and the players enjoyed a sausage sizzle after the bowls. Our winners on the night were Carol Waters and Chis O'Donnell (Green 1) and Pam Sutcliffe and Greg Nugent (Green 2). Entries for next week close at 5pm on Monday on a first-in basis.

Friday Night Meals resume on May 10. Write your name and numbers on the whiteboard outside the clubroom. A roster for the meals is on the noticeboard in the clubroom. If you are able to assist, please write your name on your date of choice.

Our last Monthly Triples for the season took place last Wednesday. The winners on the day with three wins and 61 points was the team of Martin Hannaford, John Duscher and Dour Archer (skip). Runners Up with 3 wins, 57 points and 31 shots up, was the team of Ewen Wilson, Pat Ryan and Daryl White (skip). The Hard Luck

story for the day was the team of Harry Dunn, David Turnbull, John Turner and Carol Hughes (skip). They finished with 3 wins, 57 points and 28 shots up. Best 1st and 4th games went to the team of Ken Cecil, Keith March and Andy Robertson.

Best 2nd game went to Bruce Corrigan, Keith Cousens and Ron Burge. Best 3rd game went to Harry Dunn, David Turnbull, John Turner and Carol Hughes (skip). Many thanks to Paul Davis who has done an outstanding job this season. A special thanks to all the club members who have assisted making this a successful season.

Social Bowls on Thursday saw 16 bowlers attend and they had the pleasure of playing three bowl pairs over two games of eight ends with a break for lunch. Runners Up on two wins and 31 points were John Hallas and Carol Waters (skip). Win-

ners with two wins and 33 points were George Scott and Bruce Corrigan (skip). Bowlers are re-

minded that entries close at 9.30 on play day with a start at 11. A big thank you to Slice of Paradise Bakery for their bread donation on our Autumn and Winter Social Bowls.

Once again, be on site by 10am and remember that if capacity is reached, anyone arriving after that will have to miss out.

The group you all have a lovely break and return safe and refreshed and ready for more action on the green.

WINTHAGGI

Another good week at the club. The good news started on Tuesday when Lorraine Stanes and Wayne Mattock won the Mixed pairs championship, in a tight match against Jan Jeeves and Frank Seaton, with lots of ups and downs as with every match.

A mix of good bowling and a little luck along the way. Well done to both teams on a fine display of bowls. Wednesday saw a smaller number of bowlers due to another local club playing triples. There was only one team that were two game winners. That team was Rob Dennis, Heather Blanch, Rob Westbrook and Ken Gage with a score of 2 wins and 33 points.

Thursday was not a good day with the weather making a statement about winter being just around the corner.

It has been a lot of fun watching new friendships blossom over the past few weeks.

A big congratulations to Mark who had a birthday, as well as Michael who has a birthday in the next two days.

Thank you to Bob with Elaine and Peter in the kitchen.

Also thanks to Neil and Michael behind the bar.

There were a few two game winners, but this week's cream rose to the top to take the prize.

With a score of 36, the winners were Peter Borradaile (S), Wayne Stevens (3), Dehlia Cave (2) and Peter Thorley (L).

Runners up on a score of 35 were Phil Wright (S), Chris Brooks (3), Karen Hickson (2) and Alan Weeden (L).

Best one game with a score of 23 were Steve Edge (S), Neil Andreatta (3), Bill Williams (2) and Angie Gratton (L).

The group would also like to congratulate Tony on his record breaking effort – it will be hard to beat Tony.

As Anzac Day happens to fall on Thursday next week, the group will be having a week off.

Have a good week and good bowling.



Inverloch BC Social Bowls winners, George Scott and Bruce Corrigan (skip).



April Triples winners were Doug Archer (skip), John Duscher and Martin Hannaford.



Wednesday winners Rob Dennis, Heather Blanch, Rob Westbrook and Ken Gage.



Wonthaggi Bowls Club Mixed Pairs Champions Lorraine Stanes and Wayne Mattock.



Peter Thorley (L), Dehlia Cave (2), Wayne Stevens (3) and Peter Borradaile (S) were South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group's winners.



Angie Gratton (L), Steve Edge (S), Bill Williams (2) and Neil Andreatta (3) were the best one game winners for the South West Gippsland Midweek Bowls Group.

RESULTS

A GRADE

MDU 55 d Tarwin 31
Newborough 35 It Yinnar 56
Thorpdale 44 It Boolarra 57
Stony Creek 23 It Morwell E 43
Mirboo North 51 d Foster 38

B GRADE

MDU 67 d Tarwin 24
Newborough 34 It Yinnar 42
Thorpdale 24 It Boolarra 68
Stony Creek 30 It Morwell E 55
Toora 36 d Hill End 32
Mirboo North 29 It Foster 39

C GRADE

MDU 45 d Tarwin 40
Newborough 28 It Yinnar 46
Thorpdale 5 It Boolarra 54
Stony Creek 20 It Morwell E 31
Toora 29 d Hill End 25
Mirboo North 50 d Foster 13

D GRADE

MDU 25 It Tarwin 27
Newborough 29 It Yinnar 35
Thorpdale 11 It Boolarra 42
Stony Creek 34 d Morwell E 27
Toora 21 drew Hill End 21
Mirboo North 48 d Foster 29

17 & UNDER

Newborough 17 It Yinnar 54
Stony Creek 24 d Morwell E 16
Toora 38 d Hill End 13
Mirboo North 0 It Boolarra 0

15 & UNDER

MDU 62 d Tarwin 7
Newborough 11 It Yinnar 40
Stony Creek 40 d Morwell E 11
Toora 30 d Hill End 20
Mirboo North 48 d Foster 11

13 & UNDER

MDU 23 d Tarwin 20
Newborough 12 It Yinnar 25
Toora 7 It Hill End 35
Mirboo North 37 d Foster 1

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts
Yinnar	225.00	8
MDU	207.14	8
Morwell East	187.23	8
Mirboo North	122.35	8
Boolarra	107.22	4
Fish Creek	94.74	4
Newborough	79.35	4
Tarwin	56.36	4
Stony Creek	53.49	4
Toora	30.00	4
Foster	64.58	0
Thorpdale	58.47	0

B GRADE

B GRADE	%	pts
MDU	295.56	8
Boolarra	225.81	8
Fish Creek	153.13	8
Yinnar	132.39	8
Foster	142.86	4
Morwell East	107.78	4
Toora	86.90	4
Stony Creek	81.11	4
Tarwin	35.82	4
Hill End	84.81	0
Newborough	72.53	0
Mirboo North	52.78	0
Thorpdale	33.58	0

C GRADE

C GRADE	%	pts
Boolarra	251.35	8
MDU	249.02	8
Morwell East	209.09	8
Yinnar	157.89	8
Mirboo North	157.69	4
Hill End	108.93	4
Newborough	102.86	4
Tarwin	88.89	4
Toora	84.06	4
Fish Creek	54.55	4
Stony Creek	70.15	0
Foster	33.33	0
Thorpdale	11.76	0

D GRADE

D GRADE	%	pts
Yinnar	150.00	8
Stony Creek	141.30	8
Mirboo North	136.21	8
Fish Creek	132.14	8
Tarwin	108.00	8
MDU	211.43	4
Boolarra	169.05	4
Morwell East	134.48	4
Hill End	76.92	2
Toora	68.85	2
Newborough	79.17	0
Foster	53.54	0
Thorpdale	20.88	0

17 & UNDER

MDU	%	pts
Fish Creek	225.00	8
Toora	168.18	8
Boolarra	343.75	4
Yinnar	177.08	4
Stony Creek	110.87	4
Hill End	66.15	4
Newborough	31.11	0
Mirboo North	29.09	0
Morwell East	28.26	0

15 & UNDER

MDU	%	pts
Toora	158.14	8
Boolarra	138.46	8
Mirboo North	151.02	4
Stony Creek	131.11	4
Yinnar	128.57	4
Hill End	110.20	4
Fish Creek	69.57	4
Foster	64.29	0
Newborough	60.71	4
Tarwin	11.29	4
Morwell East	45.83	0

13 & UNDER

Hill End	%	pts
Yinnar	355.56	8
Fish Creek	327.78	8
MDU	118.18	8
Boolarra	106.67	8
Mirboo North	305.88	4
Tarwin	86.96	4
Stony Creek	37.93	4
Foster	2.70	4
Newborough	60.53	0
Toora	18.84	0

11 & UNDER

D GRADE	%	pts
Dalyston	17 It Garfield 39	1
Warragul	1. 27 It Kor-Bena 41	1
Inverloch-K	43 d K-Bass 27	1
Phillip I.	26 It Cora Lynn 39	1
Tooradin-Dal.	35 d K-Bass 27	1
Bunyip	25 It NNG 33	1
Dalyston	17 It Garfield 39	1
Warragul	1. 27 It Kor-Bena 41	1
Inverloch-K	43 d K-Bass 27	1
Phillip I.	26 It Cora Lynn 39	1
Tooradin-Dal.	35 d K-Bass 27	1
Bunyip	25 It NNG 33	1

SPORT | NETBALL



Inverloch-Kongwak's B Grade centre Hayley Pupetti takes the high ball mid-court in a fine performance by her team against Koo Wee Rup at Inverloch on Saturday.



Inverloch-Kongwak's Lanni Pryor assesses her options forward as Koo Wee Rup's WD Chantelle Stokkel closes in during a high-quality A Grade match.



Town goal attack Maddie Brew looks for her next pass.



IK keeper Millie Sadler puts up a high block cutting out her KWR opponent Jayda McConkey's options early in the A Grade contest on Saturday.

Inverloch-Kongwak's Mackenzie Slidders accepts a pass on the run during the match against Mt Eccles on Saturday.



Claire Lovassy, Bridie Alderson, Cindy McNight and Annie Zammit are focused on the play. Photo: Gerard Bruning.



Sienna Blair, Melissa Blackshaw and Danni Dunn fight hard for the ball. Photo: Gerard Bruning.

WEST GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE

A GRADE	%	pts
Dalyston	22 It Garfield 34	1
Warragul	1. 49 It Kor-Bena 65	1
Inverloch-K	52 d KWR 32	1
Phillip I.	36 It Cora Lynn 55	1
Tooradin-Dal.	43 It K-Bass 44	1
Bunyip	28 It NNG 41	1

B GRADE

B GRADE	%	pts
Dalyston	9 d Garfield 8	1
Warragul	1. 67 d Kor-Bena 18	1
Inverloch-K	7 d KWR 26	



Town wing attack Carlie Dwyer works the ball down the court.



Wonthaggi Brooke Anderson surges towards the ball in this action shot from the B Grade match against Morwell on Saturday. Photo: Paul Landells.



Hailey Schreurs looks for a Nyora teammate against Poowong in B Grade. Photo: Jeff Tull.



Foster's Gypsy Gunn looks for goal, under pressure from Foster's goal keeper.



Jessica Holland makes the catch for B Grade. Photo: Rachael Woodall.

and implemented plays and skills we'd been working on at training. We have so much versatility in this side and a lot of go! Great enthusiasm and determination on the court! Thanks to Clementine for filling in this week.

Under 15: Great effort today we didn't drop our heads and had good communication all throughout the court. We'll keep working hard at training and hopefully come out with the win next week.

Under 17: A very strong win against a tough opponent, but we stayed consistent and kept our heads up the entire game.

C Grade: We came bounding out of the gates like a bull in a China shop, but inconsistency was our undoing. Plenty of great patches of play and looking forward to our next race off with a full and primed team.

B Grade: A very consistent four quarters from all players today. Great defence, great shooting and brilliant pressure. The hard work at training is paying off, let's keep it up.

A Grade: Fast clean netball right from the very start. Amazing defensive pressure all down the court for a great win.

MIRBOO NORTH

Under 13: The girls came out firing from the start

in the second half, mids fed and lead the whole game. Such a versatile team.

A Grade: Another great game today girls, you all played very well in all positions. Nice to see we can make changes and the girls slot right into the position with ease.

TOORA

A Grade: No Game

B Grade: Beautiful day for our first home game, Hillend came out strong and were very competitive all game.

The girls came out with some great belief from the last game, our more seniors players came off last week feeling they had more to give and they did such a fantastic job til the end. Our juniors are such future champions they really lift and stay strong for the game given us some great opportunities.

We played some great netball, definitely started to fill and bond as a team. Great job everyone!

C Grade: This week we came up against Hill End at Toora. The sun came out again so we really worked our rolling subs to the maximum. We were ahead by a few for most of the game and even were ahead by 5 at one stage. Hill End worked hard and caught back up in a physical game. A few lapses of concentration and missed opportunities to put the score on the board enabled

them to catch up and be level. To everyone's credit we regrouped and slowed our game to enable us to come away with a win. So proud of you all and the fight you guys showed was very pleasing. Thanks again to Maddie and Maya for being available for us. See you all at training.

D Grade: We came up against some very strong competition. Our girls adapted to some different position changes and managed to play out 4 very strong and competitive quarters which came down to the wire and resulted in a draw. We are really starting to gel as a team. Great work girls.

Under 17: A very physical game brought the best out in every player. Right from the very start the girls played hard. Backing each other up and fantastic encouragement all over the court. A great team win.

Under 15: The team started to find their voices on the court and move the ball smoothly down the court. Lots of interceptions in the mid court was lovely to see.

Had a bit of a play with position in the last quarter and came away with the win.

Under 13: Great effort today girls, your listening skills have improved so much. We love the way you all just keep pushing no matter the score.

ELLINBANK

RESULTS

A GRADE

Neerim Sth 37 d Trafalgar 29
Nilma-Darnum 70 d Catani 25
Ellinbank 70 d Yarragon 40
Lang Lang 57 d Longwarry 35

B GRADE

Neerim Sth 57 d Trafalgar 38
Nilma-Darnum 49 d Catani 32
Ellinbank 66 d Yarragon 34
Poowong 57 d Nyora 42
Lang Lang 55 d Longwarry 21

C GRADE

Neerim Sth 49 d Trafalgar 28
Nilma-Darnum 27 It Catani 35
Ellinbank 49 d Yarragon 24
Poowong 55 d Nyora 16
Lang Lang 38 d Longwarry 20

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Neerim South	164.56	12	Poowong	230.16	10
Nilma-Darnum	236.51	8	Yarragon	170.37	10
Ellinbank	176.71	8	Catani	187.80	8
Lang Lang	133.80	8	Trafalgar	140.00	8
Trafalgar	114.00	4	Longwarry	104.94	8
Yarragon	70.99	4	Nilma-Darnum	147.95	4
Poowong	67.37	0	Lang Lang	128.79	4
Buln Buln	54.55	0	Buln Buln	123.21	4
Longwarry	53.68	0	Ellinbank	82.35	4
Catani	35.71	0	Neerim South	33.33	0
Nyora	0.00	0	Nyora	5.59	0

B GRADE

Neerim South 152.7812
Nilma-Darnum 150.49 12
Ellinbank 186.57 8
Lang Lang 180.00 8
Poowong 100.79 8
Trafalgar 100.00 8
Catani 116.22 4
Buln Buln 67.31 0
Nyora 65.52 0
Yarragon 62.28 0
Longwarry 47.46 0

C GRADE

Lang Lang 284.78 12
Neerim South 187.32 12
Nilma-Darnum 216.39 8
Ellinbank 193.18 8
Catani 156.82 8
Poowong 119.75 4
Yarragon 75.00 4
Trafalgar 71.68 4
Longwarry 55.45 0
Buln Buln 46.75 0
Nyora 14.69 0

13 & UNDER

Nilma-Darnum 447.62 12
Lang Lang 365.52 12
Yarragon 151.22 12
Buln Buln 2566.67 8
Poowong 288.00 8
Longwarry 130.77 4
Trafalgar 84.00 4
Ellinbank 31.58 0
Neerim South 28.99 0
Catani 25.93 0
Nyora 3.13 0

GIPPSLAND

RESULTS

A GRADE

Maffra 25 It Leongatha 62
Wonthaggi 34 d Morwell 43
Moe 73 d Sale 21
Warragul 50 d Drouin 47

B GRADE

Maffra 28 It Leongatha 58
Wonthaggi 42 drew Morwell 42
Moe 54 d Sale 37
Drouin 61 d Warragul 45

C GRADE

Maffra 42 d Leongatha 28
Wonthaggi 27 It Morwell 39
Moe 38 d Sale 14
Warragul 31 It Drouin 56

LADDERS

A GRADE	%	pts	17 & UNDER	%	pts
Moe	191.67	12	Traralgon	234.48	12
Warragul	150.00	12	Sale	203.85	8
Drouin	152.83	8	Leongatha	144.30	8
Traralgon	98.39	8	Bairnsdale	127.47	8
Leongatha	108.18	4	Drouin	124.27	8
Bairnsdale	91.87	4	Wonthaggi	101.19	8
Wonthaggi	89.68	4	Maffra	75.86	4
Morwell	87.40	4	Moe	52.29	4
Sale	50.58	2	Morwell	62.26	0
Maffra	46.88	2	Warragul	28.99	0

B GRADE

Drouin 179.41 12
Leongatha 169.89 12
Moe 117.46 8
Traralgon 111.21 8
Morwell 100.00 6
Sale 93.69 6
Warragul 85.71 4
Wonthaggi 81.43 2
Maffra 52.38 2
Bairnsdale 65.00 0

C GRADE

Drouin 208.20 12
Morwell 169.01 12
Traralgon 117.07 12
Maffra 101.09 8
Moe 100.00 4
Wonthaggi 98.90 4
Leongatha 87.25 4
Sale 75.79 4
Warragul 63.25 0
Bairnsdale 59.02 0

13 & UNDER

Traralgon 154.29 12
Moe 178.33 8
Leongatha 174.29 8
Maffra 158.18 8
Bairnsdale 151.72 8
Wonthaggi 70.73 8
Sale 137.74 4
Drouin 74.42 4
Morwell 26.32 0
Warragul 21.24 0

FOOTY TIPPING

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Round 1 Gippsland Soccer League results

GSL Round 1 Results – Sunday
21 April

Senior Mens: Korumburra City 3 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 1, Phillip Island Breakers 5 d Inverloch Stars 1, Lang Lang United 2 drew Wonthaggi United 2

Senior Womens: Phillip Island Breakers 1 d Inverloch Stars 0, Wonthaggi United 8 d Lang Lang United 1, Leongatha Knights 7 d Mirboo North United 0

Mens Reserves: Drouin Dragons Maroon 3 d Korumburra City 1, Phillip Island Breakers 1 drew Inverloch Stars 1, Trafalgar Victory 6 d Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 1

Under 17 Mixed: Drouin Dragons Maroon 2 d Phillip Island Stingrays 1, Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow 7 d Drouin Dragons White 1

Under 14 Mixed: Korumburra City 5 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 3, Phillip Island Penguins 2 d Inverloch Stars 1, Leongatha Knights 6 d 0 Mirboo North United

Under 13 Girls: Korumburra City 6 d Drouin Dragons Maroon 0

Under 12A Mixed: Phillip Island Stingrays 6 d Trafalgar Victory 0, Phillip Island Penguins 7 d Inverloch Stars 1

Under 12B Mixed: Korumburra City 7 d Drouin Dragons Yellow 4, Mirboo North United 7 d Leongatha Knights 3, Lang Lang United 3 d Wonthaggi United 2

GSL Round 2 Fixture – Sunday
28 April

Senior Mens - 3pm

Wonthaggi United V Korumburra City, Phillip Island Breakers V Drouin Dragons Maroon, Inverloch Stars V Lang Lang United

Senior Womens - 1pm

Phillip Island Breakers V Drouin Dragons Maroon, Inverloch Stars V Lang Lang United, Trafalgar Victory V Mirboo North United

Mens Reserves - 1pm

Phillip Island Breakers V Drouin Dragons Maroon, Leongatha Knights V Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow

Under 17 Mixed - 9:30am

Phillip Island Penguins V Drouin Dragons Maroon, Wonthaggi United V Phillip Island Stingrays, Leongatha Knights V Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow

Under 14 Mixed - 11:20am

Phillip Island Penguins V Drouin Dragons Maroon, Wonthaggi United V Korumburra City, Leongatha Knights V Phillip Island Stingrays

Under 13 Girls - 8:30am

Phillip Island Breakers V Drouin Dragons Maroon, Wonthaggi United V Korumburra City

Under 12A Mixed - 10am

Phillip Island Penguins V Drouin Dragons Maroon, Leongatha Knights V Phillip Island Stingrays

Under 12B Mixed - 11:30am

Phillip Island Sharks V Drouin Dragons Yellow, Wonthaggi United V Korumburra City, Leongatha Knights V Drouin Dragons Maroon Yellow

MiniRoos – Saturday 27 April
South West/Bass Coast Hub are playing at Inverloch from 9am

North East/South Gippsland Hub are playing at Leongatha from 9:30am



LKFC's Heath Clifford pressures his opponent for the ball.



Longtime LKFC's player Rachel Brown returns to the Women's side this season.

Knights meet Mirboo's challenge



New recruit, Nathan proved himself a solid defender in his first game for the Knights.

Under 12B

WITH a number of players away at school camp and ill, LKFC and coach Gerry were very grateful to the players who answered the call up early Sunday morning. The weather was perfect for the first round of the 2024 season. As a number of new players took to the pitch. Cooper in goals did a wonderful job in his first game. Chayce was a standout in his first game for the Knights as he tore up the pitch and scored. This wonderfully competitive game ended 3-2 Mirboo North's way.

Under 14s

WITH new coach Aidan Hall at the helm and fresh off their Korumburra Cup preseason win Leongatha's U14s were keen to start their season. With wonderful passing play the game was dominated by Leongatha's possession. Mirboo North goal keeper Raden was incredible in

goals as he prevented the Knights from scoring for the majority of the early part of the game. Eventually, Leongatha found the back of the net thanks to captain Noah Bowman and subsequently a number of goals were scored from different players, indicating the depth of the team.

Senior Womens

AFTER their win the previous week at the Korumburra Pre-season cup, the Lady Knights were keen to kick off their season. With a squad brimming with junior players making the transition to senior play it was exciting to watch a number of players make their debut. Congratulations to Pallas and Olivia for scoring their first goals. There was wonderful link up play between the midfield and defence as Mirboo North struggled to form an attack fielding only ten players. Leongatha went on to win the match 7-0.

Wonthaggi Soccer Club has strong start to the season

A STRONG start for the Wonthaggi United Soccer Club as the GSL 2024 season kicked off on Sunday.

Three teams headed to Lang Lang for Round 1.

The newly formed Wonthaggi United U12B team started strong with a goal from Daniel giving them an early lead. Superb defensive work by Hannah, Aayush & Jeddah kept the Lang Lang attack at bay taking a 1-0 lead at half time.

Some restructuring at half time gave Wonthaggi some movement in the forward line giving Chance, Vivienne & Will shots on goal and it was Gibson who found

the back of the net for Wonthaggi's second. Lang Lang was able to bring the score back to 2-1 with a nice goal. Relieved of defensive duties, Aayush enjoyed a run up the wing to bring the final score to 3-1. A nice win for the youngest Wonthaggi Wolves.

The Wonthaggi Women took to the field on Sunday, the pressure was applied early and a brilliant corner kick from Zoe gave them the early lead. A late substitution saw Alycia take the field and quickly scored 2 more for Wonthaggi. Lang Lang didn't give up and a late goal saw the scores 3-1 at the half

time break. A change in the lineup for Wonthaggi did the trick with 2 goals from Faith, a second from Zoe and 1 each for Heidi & Gaby giving Wonthaggi a healthy start to the season and a 8-1 win.

Wonthaggi showed great control in the first half holding their own well. Keeping the pressure on with April scoring Wonthaggi's first for the season. Wonthaggi kept attacking and only minutes later April managed to score a second goal giving Wonthaggi a 2 - 0 lead. A great start heading into the half time break.

Lang Lang came out with all

guns blazing in the second half pushing hard, but Wonthaggi held off the relentless attacks. With only 20 minutes left in the second half Lang Lang finally scored. Wonthaggi made it very hard for them to get their first goal. The intensity increased and with only 10 minutes to go Lang Lang managed to score a second goal. In the dying minutes Wonthaggi Keeper Adam performed numerous spectacular saves as Lang Lang desperate for the win continued the attack. The game finished with the scores level, a fantastic result for Wonthaggi's team having their first run on the pitch.

Parrots soar over Eagles

LEONGATHA'S spread of talent was on show in its 102-point win over Maffra, with the Parrots' having a host of strong performers in Saturday's away clash.

Tom Marriott again led with aplomb, highlighted by his ability to sidestep tackles from the Maffra defence and kick a major that got his side underway on the scoreboard a few minutes into the game.

That was just one of his moments of class.

Jake van der Pligt, Sam Forrester and Nick Argento were major contributors, with Argento unfortunate not to fit onto the Parrots' best players list.

Cade Maskell thwarted many of Maffra's promising forward forays, with he and Jack Hume among those to turn defence into attack, and Hume making his presence felt around the ground.

Maskell also got on the scoresheet, capitalising on double 50 metre penalties to nail a set shot goal.

While Maffra managed just one major for the day, the Eagles threatened to score a few more but lacked finishing polish and were punished by Leongatha's organised backline, with the ball often transferred promptly to the other end for a Parrots' goal.

Tallin Brill was one to capi-

talise up forward for the winning side, finishing with seven goals, four of them coming during a prolific third term, while Jack Ginnane managed three majors.

Ned Hanily, sporting a helmet, made an impressive return to senior footy, willing to earn possessions, finding teammates with his passes and capping off his effort with a couple of goals.

Maffra named young Tom Scott its best for his determined effort in the ruck against Ben Willis, while Jett Killoran, Zach Felsbourg and Danny Butcher were other bright lights for the beaten team.

An unfortunate aspect of the match was the injury to Leongatha's Trent McRae during the second quarter.

After tackling an opponent to the ground in legitimate fashion, McRae was concussed by a retaliatory action that was captured on the video feed and seems sure to attract the attention of Gippsland League officialdom.

Leongatha's ball movement was more purposeful for longer periods against Maffra than in the Parrots' two previous games this season, but a sterner test is likely this Saturday against Moe, albeit on Leongatha's turf.

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND
3

LEONGATHA FOOTBALL CLUB

 10  112

MAFFRA

LEONGATHA

Maffra	0.1	0.3	0.3	1.4 (10)
Leongatha	4.2	6.8	14.12	16.16 (112)

GOALS, Maffra: Archer Watt 1

BEST: Thomas Scott, Jett Killoran, Henry Anderson, Danny Butcher, Zach Felsbourg, Ashton Wright

GOALS, Leongatha: Tallin Brill 7, Jack Ginnane 3, Ned Hanily 2, Aaron Hillberg, Thomas Marriott, Cade Maskell, Mason McGannon 1 each

BEST: Thomas Marriott, Jake van der Pligt, Tallin Brill, Jack Hume, Sam Forrester, Cade Maskell

RESERVES

Maffra	2.1	4.1	5.3	7.3 (45)
Leongatha	1.1	2.5	6.8	9.10 (64)

GOALS, Maffra: Benjamin Harrington, Jesse Oldham 2, Winston Gieschen, Thomas Love, Ryan Phelan 1 each

BEST: Andrew McKenzie, Jordan Stubbe, Brent McKenzie, Chris Smart, Benjamin Harrington, Ryan Phelan

GOALS, Leongatha: Nick Nagel 5, Beau Grabham Andrews, Darcy Hume, Flynn Materia, Jarrod Stewart 1 each

BEST: Jarrod Stewart, Joel Renden, Jett Clark, Darcy Hume, Jacob Lamers, Nick Nagel

THIRDS

Maffra	3.1	9.2	11.2	12.3 (75)
Leongatha	1.3	3.5	4.6	6.8 (44)

BEST, Maffra: Jack McQuillen, Samuel Richards, Brodie Tohara, Elliot Stables, Jayke Andrews, Thomas Phillips

BEST, Leongatha: Finn Donohue, Kade Berryman, Klayton McGrath, Ben Fort, Jett Brown, Mitchell Croatto

FOURTHS

Maffra	4.5	11.9	14.13	17.13 (115)
Leongatha	1.0	1.1	1.1	2.2 (14)

BEST, Maffra: Lachlan Harrington, Darcy Scott, Archer Stobie, Jaylen Henry, Jonah Linford, Beau Cottrell

BEST, Leongatha: Alby Logan, Jed Matheson, Charlie Bickerton, Shem Hogarth, Thomas Geary, Willis Patterson

WONTHAGGI FOOTBALL CLUB

 50  62

WONTHAGGI

MORWELL

Wonthaggi	3.4	3.7	6.7	7.8 (50)
Morwell	3.0	5.4	6.4	9.8 (62)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Cooper McInnes 4, Ethan Dickison, Mitch Hayes, Jakeb Thomas 1 each

BEST: Fergus O'Connor, Joshua Schulz, Ethan Dickison, Joshua Bates, Jakeb Thomas, Hunter Tiziani

GOALS, Morwell: Tyler Hillier 3, Jackson Burr 2, Cohen Campbell, Riley Loprese, Brandon McDonald, Tom Smith 1 each

BEST: Brandon Mcauliffe, Aidan Quigley, Archie Grant, Sam Walsh, Jackson Burr, Brandon Bailey

RESERVES

Wonthaggi	1.1	2.1	4.1	4.1 (25)
Morwell	4.3	9.5	14.8	17.12 (114)

GOALS, Wonthaggi: Jorin Joske, Wayne Luke, Noah Martin, Darren Patmore 1 each

BEST: Riley Lindsay, Ollie Dawson, Charlie Dawson, Oliver Feather, Wayne Luke, Noah Martin

GOALS, Morwell: Ethan Smith 5, Gaylen Mentha 3, Ben Williams 2, Callum Bailey, Jacob Carnes, Leigh Effenberg, Samuel Gissara, Lachlan Patterson, Eric Porigneaux, Joshua Seymour 1 each

BEST: Lachlan Patterson, Ethan Smith, Leigh Effenberg, Zac Cheffers, Joshua Seymour, Judah Leak

FOURTHS

Wonthaggi	3.1	6.4	7.7	13.7 (85)
Morwell	0.1	0.2	1.6	1.6 (12)

BEST, Wonthaggi: Jayden Burns, Seth McBean, Robert Hullik, James Starkey, Jaxon Brouwers

BEST, Morwell: Hayden Gaunt, Vincent Williams, Harrison Kus, Jerremi Beath, Oakley McKay, Jonathan Cullen

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Moe	14.10.94	d	Sale	8.12.60
Drouin	7.9.51	d	Warragul	5.9.39

RESERVES

Moe	9.10.64	d	Sale	5.7.37
Warragul	7.4.46	d	Drouin	5.8.38

THIRDS

Moe	8.6.54	d	Sale	5.8.38
Warragul	7.10.52	d	Drouin	6.7.43

FOURTHS

Moe	12.12.84	d	Sale	1.2.8
Warragul	8.8.56	d	Drouin	7.7.49

GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 3

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	pts	FOURTHS	W	L	%	pts
Leongatha	3	0	218.35	12	Leongatha	3	0	411.54	12	Traralgon	3	0	216.67	12	Maffra	3	0	641.86	12
Drouin	2	1	140.79	8	Bairnsdale	3	0	167.48	12	Warragul	3	0	209.62	12	Traralgon	3	0	580.77	12
Moe	2	1	120.99	8	Maffra	2	1	165.35	8	Moe	2	1	137.59	8	Warragul	3	0	377.03	12
Traralgon	2	1	118.42	8	Moe	2	1	73.48	8	Drouin	2	1	137.50	8	Moe	2	1	238.58	8
Sale	2	1	109.80	8	Traralgon	1	2	130.00	4	Maffra	2	1	106.00	8	Bairnsdale	2	1	79.81	8
Bairnsdale	2	1	103.70	8	Morwell	1	2	119.88	4	Bairnsdale	1	2	94.57	4	Warragul	1	2	45.27	4
Morwell	1	2	87.56	4	Sale	1	2	80.31	4	Leongatha	1	2	58.54	4	Sale	1	2	42.29	4
Warragul	1	2	85.58	4	Warragul	1	2	56.13	4	Morwell	1	2	21.32	4	Drouin	0	3	62.37	0
Wonthaggi	0	3	78.06	0	Wonthaggi	1	2	29.11	4	Sale	0	3	53.19	0	Leongatha	0	3	20.64	0
Maffra	0	3	40.65	0	Drouin	0	3	51.44	0	Wonthaggi	0	0	0.00	0	Morwell	0	3	15.36	0

Morwell appeared to have a slight edge over Wonthaggi at the stoppages and finished better in the last quarter to take their first win of the season.

Back in for his first game of the season, Power coach Jarryd Blair flies with the big men trying to affect the spoil without much luck.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND 2

MDU FOOTBALL CLUB

TARWIN FOOTBALL CLUB

 **62**  **52**

MDU TARWIN

MDU 3.2 3.8 4.12 7.20 (62)
Tarwin 3.1 5.4 7.4 7.10 (52)
GOALS, MDU: Darren Sheen, Shaye Walsh 2,

Jake Bromley, Samuel Wilson,

Lachie Wright 1 each

BEST: Timothy Harris, Samuel Wilson, Jess Hickey, Jye Celebrine, Steve Forrester, Nathan Allen**GOALS, Tarwin:** Ricky O'Loughlin 3, Jason Kennedy, Jack Vanderkolk, Ryan Waddell, Matthew Williams 1 each**BEST:** Matt Zagni, Kane McCarthy, Ben Chalmers, Jason Kennedy, Travis Krause, Harrison Cumming

RESERVES

MDU 2.3 6.6 8.10 12.12 (84)
Tarwin 0.0 1.1 1.1 2.1 (13)
GOALS, MDU: Luke Harris 3, Jack Dunn, Tyson Harris, Sean Pearce 2, Jack Ballagh, Ryan Giliam, Aaron Trease 1 each**BEST:** Angus Kemper, Blake Moscript, Rylie Checkley, Sean Pearce, Ryan Giliam, Luke Harris**GOALS, Tarwin:** Adam Bell, William Nye 1 each**BEST:** Nick Browne, Joshua Carmody, Cooper Scott, Brodie Senior-Gibson, Josh Chalmers, Jackson Bloom

THIRDS

MDU 1.2 3.5 3.7 5.10 (40)
Fish Crk/Tarwin 1.1 2.1 5.1 6.4 (40)
GOALS, MDU: Cameron Bruce, Hunter Fennell, Lachlan Hibberson, Edward Kratz, Billy Trotman 1 each**BEST:** Braden Sellings, Finn Dunn, Hunter Fennell, Lachlan Hibberson, Angus McInnes, Jarvis Lacy**GOALS, Fish Crk/Tarwin:** Thomas Vuillermin 2, Tommy Bartels, Oscar Bright, Alby Edgelow, Jackson Morgan 1 each**BEST:** Tommy Bartels, Alby Edgelow, Thomas Vuillermin, Archie Moore, Lucas Buckland, Aiden Bradley

TOORA FOOTBALL CLUB

 **106**  **42**

TOORA HILL END

Toora 5.0 7.6 10.12 15.16 (106)
Hill End 3.3 6.4 6.5 6.6 (42)
GOALS, Toora: Peter Grant, James Maurilli-

Pullin 3, Jonathan Pintus, Joseph Platt,

Jake Smart, Jack Weston 2, Ben East 1

BEST: Leigh Craig, Reghan Lewis, Jack Weston,

Jake Smart, Joseph Platt, William Goosey

GOALS, Hill End: Jeremy Hunter, Jamie Somers 2, Trent Kearney, Lachlan Wilson 1 each**BEST:** Liam Cumiskey, Aaron Fawcett, Joshua Fairfull, Nic James, Brendan Clark, Joey Conley

RESERVES

Toora 5.5 9.8 12.12 16.15 (111)
Hill End 0.0 0.0 1.1 1.1 (7)
GOALS, Toora: Jarryd Guganovic 5, Mark Glowrey,

Aron Rhodes 3, Cory Jenkins 2, Luke Anedda,

Tex Dyson, Tyson Kirwan 1 each

BEST: William Cashin, Ayden Walker,

Jarryd Guganovic, Luke Anedda, Tyson Kirwan,

Marc Stone

GOALS, Hill End: Ariki Matwijkwi 1**BEST:** Evan Walker, Ariki Matwijkwi,

Bradley Gorman, Jake Schiavello, James Balfour,

Reuben Majak

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

MID GIPPSLAND

ROUND 3

 Yinnar v Fish Creek
 Boolarra v Tarwin
 Hill End v Newborough
 Foster v Thorpdale
 Morwell East v Toora
 Stony Creek v Mirboo North
 MDU - BYE

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Demons bounce back to winners list

By Rob Popplestone

THE DEMONS could have looked at last week's one point loss to Thorpdale in one of two ways, it was a devastating defeat in which they did nothing significant wrong, they just happened to be behind when the final siren sounded or it was an opportunity to bounce back in a big way.

Their performance against the Sharks on Tarwin's home ground was always going to be a good indicator of just how they had responded in the seven days since.

The Demons doing what good sides do, this time winning a tight tussle.

MDUs kicking for goals the most pressing issue in an otherwise impressive performance.

Nathan Allen MDU coach said, "Tarwin came out with the energy and intensity you would expect for their first game of the season. They played a tough brand of footy and made things hard for us. Our pressure and ability to turn the ball over in our front half gave us enough opportunities to eventually make it count on the scoreboard. There may be a bit of goal kicking practice over the next couple of weeks! We have the by next week so we get a chance to recover well and hit the next stretch of games with some fresh legs.

The clash was the first of the year for Tarwin, the opening round bye followed by facing a team like MDU on the rebound was always going to be a big challenge.

Jason Kennedy, Tarwin coach "It was a solid first hit-out away at MDU and we put in a solid effort but in the end was tough to hold on after being down to one on the bench in the second quarter against a team who were keen to get their first win."

The first look at Tarwin was an impressive one and there is no doubt many victories lie ahead for the Sharks.

Comfortable win for Toora Magpies

By Rob Popplestone

WITH most pundits predicting that these two teams might not be expected to play a part in finals, every opportunity that presented as a possible victory was no doubt going to be jumped on.

Toora on their home deck toughed out the first sixty minutes before breaking away for a comfortable 15.16.106 to Hill End 6.6.36 win.

The Magpies victory is an ideal platform from which to build some confidence in the weeks ahead.

Jack Weston, Toora coach said, "Another promising performance. It was an arm wrestle early, but our discipline to set the ground four quarters opened the game up for us in the second half. We'll continue to build connection, but I'm pleased with the synergy the group is building."

That synergy is key for Toora in taking the steps needed to have more success, already well placed off field, it appears on field progression has started.

Prior to the season starting, Hill End coach Ambu Uliando predicted that his team would be more than capable of staying with teams early but running games out might be an issue, that indeed was an area to be improved on from their weekend challenge.

Ambu Uliando, Rover's coach noted it was a "disappointing second half for us to let Toora kick away with it. Our movement and positioning was good but simple skill errors and execution let us down in the end. And it's going to be a real tough day again for us next Saturday, no doubt about it. We suffered a few injuries in round 2 against Toora so this will really test our depth."

In fact for the first two rounds of the season, the Hillsmen have been well and truly in the match, only to fall away in the second half.

If they can actually put together four quarters, they can and will really trouble teams.



Darren Sheen works the ball around MDU's forward line.



MDU's Tim Harris takes an impressive mark.



MDU's Jake Bromley boots the ball under pressure from Tarwin's Hugh Suckling.

Tiger's twilight debut delights bumper crowd

THE visiting Foster Tigers outshone the less experienced Mirboo North Tigers by 41 points under lights in Saturday night's history-making encounter at Mirboo North's Tigerland headquarters. Fine and mild 11c autumn weather — with not even a hint of a breeze — and a bumper crowd, greeted both teams for Mirboo North's first-ever official MGFL home game after dark.

Prior to the match, Mirboo North president, Andy McCarthy, presented local Victorian parliamentarian, Danny O'Brien MLA, with the mighty Mirboo North Tigers' 2024 No 1 membership ticket. This decision was made by MNFNC's committee as a thank you to Mr O'Brien for his outstanding support for the Mirboo North and district community, in the wake of February 13's devastating storm event.

Mirboo North selected Archie Woodall, Jack Burgess-Pincini and Lachlan Dobson for their first senior appearances for the club. Blake Peters, William Jacka and Aaron Sciculina, who debuted the previous week, were also playing for Mirboo North.

Skipper, Hudson Kerr, Jeremy Salinger, Joe Brooks and newcomer Woodall, all battled hard for the Mirboo North Tigers for the duration of the match. After eight minutes of first term toing and froing between the arcs, Foster skipper, Todd Bastion, booted the opening goal from the goal square — courtesy of a 50-metre penalty.

Lions step up to the challenge against ladder-leading Hawks

By Rob Popplestone

AS GOOD as Stony Creek was in their opening encounter. There was little doubt they were going to need to be even better as they welcomed a Morwell East team that had flexed their considerable muscle by way of a ridiculously easy win against Foster in round one.

The only niggling doubt for the Hawks was how they were going to respond playing away from home twice in a fortnight.

Paul Henry, Morwell East coach said, "It was crucial to start well. We had a dominant first quarter, having 11 scoring shots to 4. The lead was set early and we increased that at every change. Stony kept coming, but so did we."

There was whispers from past players to expect rapid improvement at the Hawks' nest in 2024, and the early signs are that this indeed the case.

Chris Verboon, Stony Creek coach "Morwell east started the game well putting us on the

back foot from the start with five goals in the first quarter. They moved the ball well on the open side of the ground and set up well defensively."

The Hawks might have been on fire early, but to the Lions' credit, the home side didn't shy from the challenge, although coach Verboon did see some improvements that could be made.

"We went away from how we want to play, which happens when you are put under pressure. Bit of a reality check for us early will be a good thing. We will go over the game and learn from it."

Stony Creek missed finals participation in 2023, and there is no surprise with all the work done by the Lions in the off season that being a player at the business end is certainly achievable in 24 with a little luck and some continued hard work.



Ethan Woodall boots the ball towards the goal for Mirboo North.



Foster's Michael Howell works to move the play out of the danger of Mirboo North's forward line.



Zac Brown tries to stop Brad Rendon marking the ball.
Photo: Gerard Bruning.

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE LADDERS

SENIORS					RESERVES					THIRDS					ROUND 2				
W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts		W	L	%	pts	
Morwell East.....	2	0	214.58	8	MDU.....	2	0	250.91	8	Fish Creek/Tarwin.....	1	0	232.20	6					
Thorpdale.....	2	0	106.47	8	Fish Creek.....	1	0	238.10	8	MDU.....	0	0	100.00	6					
Fish Creek.....	1	0	103.23	8	Stony Creek.....	2	0	190.24	8	Yinnar.....	1	1	194.67	4					
Yinnar.....	1	1	133.33	4	Thorpdale.....	1	1	227.14	4	Newborough.....	1	1	56.55	4					
Boolarra.....	1	1	129.66	4	Yinnar.....	1	1	178.21	4	Mirboo North.....	0	1	12.24	4					
Stony Creek.....	1	1	112.58	4	Morwell East.....	1	1	165.88	4	Stony Creek.....	0	0	0.00	0					
Toora.....	1	1	107.79	4	Newborough.....	1	1	101.72	4	Hill End.....	0	0	0.00	0					
MDU.....	1	1	106.62	4	Toora.....	1	1	86.92	4	Toora.....	0	0	0.00	0					
Newborough.....	1	1	102.14	4	Mirboo North.....	1	1	70.11	4	Boolarra.....	0	0	0.00	0					
Tarwin.....	0	1	83.87	4	Boolarra.....	1	1	64.06	4	Thorpdale.....	0	0	0.00	0					
Foster.....	1	1	80.99	4	Tarwin.....	0	1	15.48	4	Morwell East.....	0	0	0.00	0					
Mirboo North.....	0	2	49.10	0	Foster.....	0	2	29.80	0	Foster.....	0	0	0.00	0					
Hill End.....	0	2	44.89	0	Hill End.....	0	2	23.79	0										

MID GIPPSLAND LEAGUE RESULTS

RND
2

MIRBOO NORTH FOOTBALL CLUB

	29		70
MIRBOO NORTH			FOSTER

Mirboo North	1.0	3.0	3.3	4.5 (29)
Foster	3.3	5.6	7.5	10.10 (70)

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Riley Oddy 2, Lachlan Dobson, Hudson Kerr 1 each

BEST: Hudson Kerr, Jeremy Salinger, Joe Brooks, Archie Woodall, Damien Turner, Harrison Mahoney

GOALS, Foster: Michael Green, Riley McDonald, Josh Toner 2, Cody Banbury, Todd Bastion, Jake Chaseling, Jack Rathjen 1 each

BEST: Oliver Callcott, Dylan Williams, Michael Howell, Josh Toner, Riley McDonald, Brock Cripps

RESERVES

Mirboo North	3.5	4.9	5.13	6.14 (50)
Foster	0.0	0.1	1.3	3.3 (21)

GOALS, Mirboo Nth: Michael McLean 2, William Lewis, Jesse Rawlings, Harrison Reville Gent, Daniel Taylor 1 each

BEST: Matthew Ellman, Alex Windsor, Michael McLean, Leigh Jowett, Tom McGrath, William Lewis

GOALS, Foster: Toby Delaney, Mitchell Gregson, Jason Midwinter 1 each

BEST: Angus Lomax, Maverick Kent, Toby Delaney, Mikey House, Jai Prain, Jason Midwinter

STONY CREEK FOOTBALL CLUB

	51		92
STONY CREEK			MORWELL EAST

Stony Creek	0.4	3.8	4.8	7.9 (51)
Morwell East	5.6	7.8	11.11	13.14 (92)

GOALS, Stony Creek: Darcy Atkins, Ben Heath, Colby Michael, Matthew Portelli, Cameron Stone, Julian Stone, Chris Verboon 1 each

BEST: Cameron Stone, Darcy Atkins, John Phillips, Julian Stone, Tom Stone, Dylan Zuidema

GOALS, Morwell East: Jay Francis, Chris Wangman 3, Jacob Blair, Brendan Evans, Kye Farley, Brandon Francis, Bradley Kimberley, Jarrod Lont, Eric Semmler 1 each

BEST: Robert Michaelides, Brandon Francis, Jacob Blair, Dylan Field, Tony Nicholson, Lucas Towns

RESERVES

Stony Creek	1.2	3.4	7.6	9.7 (61)
Morwell East	0.2	2.5	2.6	5.10 (40)

GOALS, Stony Creek: Matthew Coutts 5, Ryan McKnight 2, Brett McKnight, Brad Renden 1 each

BEST: Jarrad Byrnes, Brett McKnight, Nick Svenson, Ethan Lavis, Matthew Coutts, Glenn Gray

GOALS, Morwell East: Liam Little 2, Kaleb Chapman, Zachary Mangion, Izayah Terrick 1 each

BEST: Nathan-Lee Nikodemski, Jordan Wilson, Callum Lane, Ryan Carlson, Aaron Dodd, Zachary Mangion

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Newborough	12.9.81	d	Yinnar	11.10.7
Thorpdale	9.10.64	d	Boolarra	8.8.56

RESERVES

Newborough	11.10.76	d	Yinnar	2.4.16
Thorpdale	18.9.117	d	Boolarra	2.4.16

THIRDS

Newborough	9.9.63	d	Yinnar	7.6.48
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ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS				RND 3
POOWONG FOOTBALL CLUB				
NYORA FOOTBALL CLUB				
POOWONG	91	NYORA	28	
Poowong	3.3	4.4	8.11	13.13 (91)
Nyora	0.0	1.3	3.3	4.4 (28)
GOALS, Poowong:	Jake Cochrane 4, Alex Henshall 3, Jack Hazendonk, Micah Williams 2, Gavin Monson, Mitch Molloy 1 each			
BEST:	Mitch Molloy, Alex Henshall, Connor Cunningham, Andrew Logan, Zac Gray, David O'Neill			
GOALS, Nyora:	Jono Hewitt, Charlie Moller, Santo Joma, Private player 1 each			
BEST:	William McGindle, Jesse Heylen, Lachie Fievez, Santo Joma, Blake Boyd			
RESERVES				
Poowong	1.2	3.3	3.3	3.4 (22)
Nyora	2.3	5.6	11.9	16.12 (108)
GOALS, Poowong:	Jake Lewis 2, Jake Peacock 1			
BEST:	Michael Robertson, Timothy Gallert, Jake Peacock, Caspian Jackman-Riches, Mathew Burr, Aaron Cole			
GOALS, Nyora:	Joshua Browne, Dylan Heylen 4, Lachlan Roberts 3, Christian White 2, Shaun Lamb 1			
BEST:	Joshua Browne, Lachlan Roberts, Tyson Shiell, Shaun Lamb, Anthony Scott, Christian White			
THIRDS				
Poowong	3.2	4.5	6.8	10.10 (70)
Ellinbank	3.3	5.4	7.6	8.7 (55)
GOALS, Poowong:	Rory Nettle 4, Thomas Burgess 3, Benjamin Fowler, Calvin Langford, Jett Blackwood 1 each			
BEST:	Jett Blackwood, Anthony Orsini, Jack Allchin, Rory Nettle, Benjamin Fowler, Thomas Burgess			
GOALS, Ellinbank:	Will O'Brien 4, Joel Armstrong, Logan Joyce, Vincent Onslow, Blake Handley 1 each			
BEST:	Ayden Clarke, Joel Armstrong, Will O'Brien, Luke Carbon, Tyler Christian, Daniel Callawear			
FOURTHS				
Poowong	1.1	3.4	5.5	7.7 (49)
Nilma Darnum	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.5 (11)
GOALS, Poowong:	Lachie Moriarty 3, Cruze Deal, Troy Nieuwerth 2 each			
BEST:	Bryce Broadmore, Ryder Dowlan, George Edwards, Christian Dorian, Cruze Deal, Kade Zealley			
GOALS, Nilma Darnum:	Cody Ward 1			
BEST:	Levi Fisher, Patrick Brown, Riley Stock, Joshua Taranto, Michael Egan, Leo Robley			
IN OTHER GAMES...				
SENIORS				
Nilma Dar	20.6.126	d Catani	9.12.66	
Ellinbank	13.15.93	d Yarragon	7.4.46	
Neerim Sth	8.10.58	d Trafalgar	6.11.47	
Lang Lang	11.11.77	d Longwarry	8.4.52	
RESERVES				
Nilma Dar	9.13.67	d Catani	4.4.28	
Ellinbank	18.12.120	d Yarragon	0.1.1	
Neerim Sth	15.18.108	d Trafalgar	2.3.15	
Lang Lang	12.12.84	d Longwarry	2.6.18	
THIRDS				
Catani	15.11.101	d Nilma Dar	9.9.63	
Neerim Sth	7.18.60	d Trafalgar	5.5.35	
Longwarry	13.8.86	d Lang Lang	6.5.41	
FOURTHS				
Neerim Sth	12.11.83	d Trafalgar	4.9.33	
Ellinbank	17.15.117	d Yarragon	2.0.12	
Lang Lang	11.9.75	d Longwarry	4.5.29	

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

ELLINBANK	ROUND 4
Trafalgar v Ellinbank	
Nyora v Neerim South	
Longwarry v Poowong	
Catani v Lang Lang	
Yarragon v Buln Buln	
Nilma Darnum - BYE	

GIPPSLAND	ROUND 4
Sale v Wonthaggi	
Bairnsdale v Maffra	
Morwell v Drouin	
Leongatha v Moe	
Traralgon v Warragul (N)	



Celebrations go to plan for Poowong

POOWONG Football & Netball Club on Saturday played their neighbours Nyora for the Demon Cup before a big crowd of local supporters, past residents and Nyora supporters as part of the Poowong Communities 150th Year Celebrations.

Poowong Football Club was formed in 1888 and is 136 years old, it has been an important part of the Poowong community giving residents of Poowong a sporting outlet and a community base for families to enjoy each other's companionship. A lot of good sportspeople have come from the Poowong district, remembering back to the 1950's when local Football League teams played Richmond Football Club in a social game at the end of the season.

Poowong ground was in good condition for the four games, virtually no breeze and the sun shining. The netball area is excellent also, Poowong were forced to make three changes Joel Norton, Josh Chiavaroli and Ben Fowler, in for their first Poowong Senior games were Brady Rayner 'birthday boy', David O'Neill up from the 3rds and Gavan Monson was available again. Unfortunately, the injuries are mounting but we have been lucky we have a good group of juniors to step up.

Poowong kicked to the Dr. ouin Rd end and were first on the board when their captain Jack Hazendonk goaled early running into goal and he kicked their second when Zac Gray passed to Andrew Logan on to Jack. Poowong were moving the ball well but were not making the most of their opportunities by crowding their forward line. Jake Cochrane opened the gap to twenty points with a goal then added a late point to go in a quarter time 3.3.21 to Nyora 0.0.0.

Poowong's backline were playing well supported by Jack Hazendonk, David O'Neill and Mitch De Kleuver.

The Poowong boys were asked to keep the pressure up and play down the middle they started with a pass from Zac Gray to the captain but the kick was out of bounds, they added a point before Nyora took the ball forward for their first goal from the square.

Play was between the back-lines helped by Poowong's forwards allowing Nyora backs to take saving marks unopposed. Micah Williams snapped a late goal for Poowong to give them a nineteen point lead at the



Nyora's Santo Joma stretches for the footy during the Saints' clash with Poowong. Photos: Jeff Tull



Julian Rovetto flies for the mark for Nyora.

ELLINBANK & DISTRICT LEAGUE LADDERS

ROUND 2

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts	THIRDS	W	L	%	% WON	FOURTHS	W	L	%	% WON
Lang Lang	3	0	285.58	12	Lang Lang	3	0	729.41	12	Catani	2	0	157.61	100	Neerim South	3	0	369.01	100
Nilma Darnum	2	1	172.38	8	Neerim South	3	0	355.71	12	Ellinbank	2	1	281.72	66.6	Poowong	3	0	304.08	100
Buln Buln	2	0	147.97	8	Nilma Darnum	3	0	268.60	12	Longwarry	2	1	201.68	66.6	Nilma Darnum	2	1	122.73	66.6
Longwarry	2	1	134.67	8	Ellinbank	2	0	331.58	8	Neerim Sth	2	1	164.77	66.6	Ellinbank	1	1	286.67	50
Neerim South	2	1	127.33	8	Longwarry	1	2	94.77	4	Lang Lang	2	1	77.30	66.6	Lang Lang	1	1	162.12	50
Poowong	1	2	116.55	4	Trafalgar	1	2	85.92	4	Poowong	1	1	110.34	50	Buln Buln	1	1	92.00	50
Ellinbank	1	1	116.54	4	Nyora	1	2	52.53	4	Trafalgar	1	2	83.21	33.3	Trafalgar	1	2	47.88	33.3
Trafalgar	1	2	85.80	4	Yarragon	1	2	48.07	4	Nilma Darnum	0	3	31.36	0.0	Nilma Darnum	0	3	49.56	0.0
Yarragon	1	2	58.72	4	Buln Buln	0	2	75.21	0	Buln Buln	0	2	18.62	0.0	Yarragon	0	3	15.19	0.0
Catani	0	2	52.34	0	Catani	0	2	25.15	0	Poowong	0	3	18.86	0	Catani	0	0	0.00	0.0
Nyora	0	3	14.29	0											Nyora	0	0	0.00	0.0

Bulldogs and Cobra's battle for a last minute draw

ROUND 2 had come after an unusual display for Bulldogs in round 1. The annual contest versus Cora Lynn was upon us and it had all the makings of a tight fought contest, and it did not disappoint.

On an indifferent day where Cora Lynn was unable to field under 16 or under 18 sides set the tone for an important Reserves and Seniors matches. With both teams being perennial finalists this set to be a rippling game.

Phillip Island moved the magnets and both Billy and Jack Taylor were swung forward from the backline and big man Daniel Bourke was sent down back to help curtail Cora Lynn talls. The first quarter began, and it was evident it was going to be a hard-fought game, the intensity around the stoppages and aerial contests were ferocious. Stand up Billy Taylor who had the ball of a string slotting three first quarter goals. Through the middle of the ground Aaron Harris was throwing his frame around and aided by Jaymie Youle and Hayden Bruce the Island was thrusting the ball inside 50. Mark Griffin had the mountain of the task on the dangerous Gardner and kept him statless in the first quarter with help from his wingmen Daniel



Aaron Harris takes off with the ball while Travis Woodfield shepherds. Photo: Carol Ratcliffe.

Pearce and Coby Olarenshaw. First quarter comes to a close Island 24 to Cora Lynn 20.

In the second quarter the Island put the foot down and started to use the entire ground to pull Cora Lynn's defence apart and were able to add 3 goals 4 points to Cora Lynn 1 goal 2 points. This brought the game at half time poised at Island 46 to Cora Lynn 28. Would the Islands inaccuracy come back to bite them?

Cora Lynn came out firing in the third term, as they had shown in Round 1 only going down by 10 points versus last years premiers Inverloch. Cora Lynn started to win the ball at

stoppages and run in waves out the front of contest. Jack Taylor (5 goals) on the day was deployed back to stem the flow. In an arm wrestle Island were able to counter punch and land 3 goals for the quarter to go in leading 66 to 60.

Final quarter started and it was anyone's game, Charlie Bruce was standing tall and offering grunt and skill around the ball. Travis Woodfield had his defender covered and was presenting at the ball all day (3 goals). Young players Yianni Caffieri and Brady Ross (first game) were standing tall and looking composed with ball in hand. Captain Jack took

a contested mark to put Island up by 7 points late in the game. Cora Lynn pushed the ball forward and from a tight angle were able to kick a goal. That made it a one-point game, step in big William Thomas for Cora Lynn who grabbed the ball out of the ruck and kicked a point, scores level. Island quickly brought the ball in and took the ball to the high side of the ground, and once again Billy Taylor found space and kicked the ball inside 50 to Max Walton. But the siren sounds and it's a bittersweet result with a complicated decision late in the quarter causing a drawn game.

Panthers win in heartstopper against the Seagulls

THE round two thriller between Kilcunda-Bass and Tooradin-Dalmore resulted in a nailbiting four-point win to the Panthers.

The Panthers travelled to Tooradin, ready for a challenge in ideal conditions.

Tooradin-Dalmore has always been the benchmark for the West Gippsland Football Netball Competition, and the proof of that was in the tight contest that unfolded.

Kilcunda-Bass got the jump on the home side in the first quarter, leading by three goals before the first siren.

The Panthers kicked well and showed their accuracy throughout the game, taking the chances presented and proving to be dangerous up forward.

Tight defensive pressure led by Joseph West, Jayden Graham and Daniel Mock also gave Tooradin-Dalmore a run for its money.

The defensive end had a job to do and continued to hold their forwards for four quarters. The game became an arm wrestle from the second quarter onwards.

Kilcunda-Bass kicked well and continued to find better positions for goal scoring opportunities in the forward line, but Tooradin-Dalmore held its ground.

Kilcunda-Bass' midfield worked tirelessly all day, and its fitness was evident as the game progressed.

Jayden Goumas, Dale Gawley and Nathan Foote powered

through to the end. By the halftime siren, the margin had tightened to 11 points.

Tooradin-Dalmore regrouped after halftime and came out swinging. Kilcunda-Bass maintained the lead through the third quarter, but the fourth quarter was a showdown.

It was clear from the coaches' box that the game wasn't going to open up, so the Panthers went into the final quarter ready to delve into the experiences from training and apply the training strategies focused on getting through tight games.

The hearts of the Panthers' faithful sunk when Tooradin-Dalmore took the lead with five minutes to go.

However, Travis Tuck kicked truly to save the game

for the Panthers.

Tuck had been playing in the middle however the decision to keep him forward for longer proved to be a good one.

He kicked three goals in the second half.

The win was monumental for the club, as the Seniors shared glory with the A Grade side.

Next week, the Panthers will play Phillip Island in the Anzac Day round.

Dubbed "the Battle of the Bridge", Kilcunda-Bass will be branded as San Remo for the day, and will wear newly designed jumpers incorporating the panther, pelican, and the bridge. This is in recognition of the wonderful San Remo based sponsors who support the club year in, year out.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 2

PHILLIP ISLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

 79  79

PHILLIP ISLAND

CORA LYNN

Phillip Island	4.0	7.4	10.6	12.7 (79)
Cora Lynn	3.2	4.4	9.6	12.7 (79)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Jack Taylor 5, Billy Taylor 4, Travis Woodfield 2, Aaron Harris 1

BEST: Billy Taylor, Jack Taylor, Charlie Bruce, Travis Woodfield, Mark Griffin, Jesse Patullo

GOALS, Cora Lynn: Lachlan Coverdale 4, Nathan Gardiner, William Stephenson 2, Luke Hartley, Cory Machaya, James Munro, Luke Ryan 1 each

BEST: William Thomas, Lachlan Coverdale, Luke Hartley, James Munro, Heath Briggs, Chase Blackwood

RESERVES

Phillip Island	0.2	2.4	3.5	5.9 (39)
Cora Lynn	5.1	5.1	7.4	7.4 (46)

GOALS, Phillip Island: Lucas Chihotski 2, Nick Anderson, Kirby Fuller, Marvin Sellars 1 each

BEST: Thomas Macrokanis, Thomas Niven, Nick Anderson, Lucas Chihotski, Blake Olarenshaw, Tyce Kleverkamp

GOALS, Cora Lynn: Luke Foreman 3, Lachlan Cove, Owen Hartley, Dylan Ross, Thomas Stiglich 1 each

BEST: Jake Ross, Dylan Ross, Christopher Inverno, Jake Boccari, Lachlan Cove, Luke Foreman

KILCUNDA-BASS FOOTBALL CLUB

 74  78

TOORADIN-DAL

KILCUNDA-BASS

Tooradin-Dal	1.3	5.8	9.11	10.14 (74)
Kilcunda-Bass	4.1	8.1	12.4	12.6 (78)

GOALS, Tooradin-D: Brad Butler, Stewart Scanlon, Piva Wright 2, Matthew Buntine, Brad Lenders, Connor O'Riordan, Adam Oxley 1 each

BEST: Brad Lenders, Brad Butler, Lewis Hill, Charlie Shinners, Matthew Buntine, Brett Coffey

GOALS, K-Bass: Dean McRae 3, Jayden Goumas, Travis Tuck 2, Bradley Aldwell, Anthony Daraio, Ashden Grenness, Lochlan Scott, Owen Thomas 1 each

BEST: Travis Tuck, Nathan Foote, Joseph West, Dean McRae, Jayden Graham, Cam McKenzie

RESERVES

Tooradin-Dal	3.3	5.5	8.7	12.9 (81)
Kilcunda-Bass	0.1	1.4	2.7	4.7 (31)

GOALS, Tooradin-D: Brody Campbell 4, Julian Suarez 3, Kye de Little, Troy Dolan, Kane Forgiarini, Anthony Mirauta, Darcy Wright 1 each

BEST: Will Lumby, Blair Robinson, Mitch Forgiarini, Jack Grist, Troy Dolan, Brody Campbell

GOALS, K-Bass: Steven Scott 2, John Mentiplay, Sam Watson 1 each

BEST: Dale Crawford, Finn Homer, Sam Watson, John Mentiplay, angus mcgillivray, Jack Rosenow

FOURTHS

Tooradin-Dal	4.0	7.0	8.4	11.5 (71)
Kilcunda-Bass	0.2	0.4	2.4	3.5 (23)

GOALS, Tooradin-D: Hudson Rogers, Jayden Worrall 4, Jack Gillespie 2, Mason Sorenson 1

BEST: Luke Lombard, Hudson Rogers, Jack Gillespie, Jayden Worrall, Noah Baker, Max Penny

GOALS, K-Bass: Henry Dean 1

BEST: Blake Eden, Hayden Power, Riley Eden, Perry McKay

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WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION

Warragul Industrials 23.9.147 d Korumburra-Bena 7.5.47

Inverloch-Kongwak 19.17.131 d Koo Wee Rup 4.3.27

Garfield 7.11.53 d Dalyston 7.5.47

Nar Nar Goon 40.22.262 d Bunyip 0.3.3

Phillip Island 12.7.79 drew Cora Lynn 12.7.79

Kilcunda-Bass 12.6.78 d Tooradin-Dalmore 10.14.74

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WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 2

DALYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

DALYSTON 47 **GARFIELD** 53DALYSTON 2.1 5.2 6.2 7.5 (47)
Garfield 4.2 4.4 5.10 7.11 (53)**GOALS, DALYSTON:** Blake Carew, Hayden Wallis 2, Dino Karamoshos, Brad Monson, Curtis Murfett 1 each**BEST:** Michael Harris, Blake Carew, Jack Legione, Joe Alexander, Hayden Wallis, Brad Monson**GOALS, GARFIELD:** Rhys Murphy, Lachie Spinks, Ben Tenace-Greenall 2, Jack Tenace-Greenall 1**BEST:** William Cole, Jack Tenace-Greenall, Jahmain Harrison, Oskar Miles, Ben Tenace-Greenall, Will Pickering

RESERVES

DALYSTON 1.3 3.5 4.6 5.10 (40)
Garfield 1.3 1.7 5.9 6.10 (46)**GOALS, DALYSTON:** Dean Wylie 2, Tyson Andriguetto, Matrix Chisholm, Greg Magro 1 each**BEST:** John Jones, Shaun Silver, John Armstrong, Dean Wylie, Koby Brann, Brad hender**GOALS, GARFIELD:** Toby Talbot 3, Liam Bow, Jack Salan, Luke Wilson 1 each**BEST:** Aaron Marsh, Liam Bow, Jonty Bow, Sam Cheeseman, Lachy Fernandez, Toby Talbot

THIRDS

DALYSTON 2.1 3.1 5.3 5.3 (33)
Garfield 0.2 4.6 5.11 5.14 (44)**GOALS, DALYSTON:** Jesse Dugard, Chase Krause 2, Jake Hughes 1**BEST:** Bailey Anderson, Jesse Dugard, Flynn Peters, Chase Krause**GOALS, GARFIELD:** Cody Miller 2, Archer Burgmann, Toby Ronaldson 1 each**BEST:** Tyler Lovell, Theo Zaccari, Archer Burgmann, Aaron Braaksma, Ding Dieng

FOURTHS

DALYSTON 0.1 0.1 2.2 2.3 (15)
Garfield 2.3 5.5 6.6 10.8 (68)**GOALS, DALYSTON:** Angus Benetti, Zack Hughes 1 each**BEST:** Malachi Ori, Jack Howell, Finn McNally, Tom Humphris, Riley Pearson-Rutland, Shelton Winmar**GOALS, GARFIELD:** Chara Wangkaew 3, Ethan Coote 2, Bailey Barnett, Joseph Hardiman, Kai Kelsey, Joel Turner, Joseph Zaccari 1 each**BEST:** Ethan Densley, Chase Doherty, Sammy Wouters, Bailey Barnett, Samuel Grundy, Chara Wangkaew

IN OTHER GAMES...

SENIORS

Nar Nar Goon 40.22.262 d Bunyip 0.3.3

RESERVES

Nar Nar Goon 27.16.178 d Bunyip 0.1.1

THIRDS

Nar Nar Goon 19.15.129 d Bunyip 0.0.0

FOURTHS

Nar Nar Goon 11.4.70 d Bunyip 1.4.10

THIS WEEKEND'S DRAW

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

WEST GIPPSLAND ROUND 3

Thursday, April 25

Tooradin-Dalmore v Warragul Industrials

Saturday, April 27

Nar Nar Goon v Koo Wee Rup
Dalyston v Korumburra-Bena
Kilcunda-Bass v Phillip Island
Garfield v Inverloch-Kongwak
Cora Lynn v Bunyip

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Dalyston's Jaxon Foon rises high to take one of a number of spectacular marks in the last quarter of a tight match against Garfield on Saturday.

Highlight reel finish when Dalyston hosts Stars

DALYSTON and Garfield substituted normal Saturday football for a highlight reel in the last quarter of their match at Dalyston on the weekend, featuring spectacular marks at both ends of the ground, courageous acts by players and at least one stunning strike by Dalyston's Curtis Murfett to level the scores half-way through.

The result could have gone either way but, in the end, it was the one that got away for Dalyston with Garfield going on to record two wins from two games, by six points, leaving Dalyston winless after two rounds.

Dalyston donned their heritage strip for the match and had the first goal of the day through Brad Monson, but the teams traded goals through to the 20 minute mark when Hayden Wallis evened it up at two-a-piece.

Thereafter Garfield had the best of it, adding two more goals through Jack Tenace-Greenall and Rhys Murphy who received a peach of a

pass from Ben Tenace-Greenall, who had kicked one of the earlier goals.

Dalyston assumed control in the second quarter, after some hard running by Murfett, Jack Legione and co, hitting the front with three goals to nil, via Wallis and Blake Carew with two, the second set up via some great evasive skills by Dino Karamoshos.

The third quarter it was one goal each but Garfield assumed the momentum by peppering the scoring zone for points later in the quarter; Rhys Murphy scored an early one for the Stars, and Max Connell for the Magpies.

Garfield had set up an effective forward press which Dalyston found difficult to penetrate and while Garfield held only a slender lead at the last change, they looked the team most likely.

The last quarter was a ripper with specky marks at both ends, highlighted by a gravity defying leap by Jaxon Foon, within range on the flank.

However, where team mates Will Clarke and Mitch Hallahan had also kicked points in the opening minutes, Foon's shot went completely astray and the chance to resume control was lost.

With the scores level, Garfield transferred the ball expertly around the boundary to Lachie Spinks on the lead for the tie-breaking goal. Dalyston responded with great forward pressure to keep the Sherrin in their scoring zone where Murfett hit the ball at pace and check-sided an absolute ripper from the boundary.

A hanger by Ben Tenace-Greenall and another by a team mate closer to goal produced more oohs and aahs but a point by the Stars, followed by a goal to Tenace-Greenall gave them breathing space.

Dalyston was still on the attack as the siren sounded, after a snap shot by Clarke hit the post, and the Garfield players went up as one to celebrate a hard-fought victory.

West Gippsland to investigate racial abuse

AN UNDERAGE game at Dalyston on Saturday, between Dalyston and the visiting Garfield club, descended into a physical altercation at one stage after allegations of racial abuse levelled at one Dalyston youngster by a Garfield player.

The incident was immediately referred to West Gippsland FNC operations manager Brett Tessari who was at the Dalyston ground and he confirmed to the Sentinel-Times afterwards that the alleged incident would be investigated.

"I can't comment at this stage, except to say that the alleged incident will be investigated," Mr Tessari said.

Details have been provided about which of the games, Thirds or Fourths, was involved and what was allegedly said by the Garfield player but these issues will be the subject of the investigation.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION RESULTS

RND 2

INVERLOCH-KONGWAK FOOTBALL CLUB


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INVERLOCH-K

KOO WEE RUP

Inverloch-K	3.3	6.5	9.9	19.17 (131)
Koo Wee Rup	0.0	2.1	4.2	4.3 (27)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Dylan Clark, Toby Mahoney, Paul Pattison 3, Nicholas Baltas, Taite Cumming 2, Tully Dickie, Tom Hams, Will Hams, Lachlan Scott, Jamieson Soumilas, Oscar Toussaint 1 each

BEST: Ethan Park, Will Hams, Paul Pattison, Marcus Toussaint, Xavier Hughes, Tom Hams

GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Tyler Evans, Steven Mihevc, John Ramos, Archie Whitta 1 each

BEST: Jordan Sprie, Timothy Miller, Zak Banks, Caleb Milojevic, Matthew Voss, Mitchell Cammarano

RESERVES

Inverloch-K	1.2	3.4	5.8	8.11 (59)
Koo Wee Rup	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2 (8)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Adam Cross, Blake Green, Tyler Leonard, Callan O'Flynn, Malachy O'Flynn, Liam O'Neill, Dylan Taylor, Barry Withers 1 each

BEST: Josh Williams, Jack Butcher, Reagan Kemp, Barry Withers, Dale Lawton, Brayden Hone

GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Luke Edwards 1

BEST: Brodie Yapp, Ryan Wilby, Lucas Pascoe, Luke Brumby, Matthew Di Biase, Jesse Cammarano

THIRDS

Inverloch-K	2.0	3.4	4.7	7.7 (49)
Koo Wee Rup	1.0	2.0	2.0	4.3 (27)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Augustus Finsterer 4, Rem Dal Pozzo, James O'Neill, Luke Williams 1 each

BEST: Jordan Bertacco, Patrick Dwyer, Callum McLeod, Tate Rigby, Rem Dal Pozzo, Jasper Cousins

GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Luke Briganti, Mack Brown, Hunter Cairns, Robbie McMahan 1 each

BEST: Cullen Anderson, Jack Hughan, Robbie McMahan, Bodie De La Rue, Luke Briganti, Thomas Rudeforth

FOURTHS

Inverloch-K	1.1	4.2	7.3	10.7 (67)
Koo Wee Rup	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1 (7)

GOALS, Inverloch-K: Augustus Finsterer 6, Ty Debono 2, Luke Aungier, Tom Reich 1 each

BEST: Froley Anderson, Augustus Finsterer, James O'Neill, Frederick Soumilas, Riley Harris, Ty Debono

GOALS, Koo Wee Rup: Matthew Simpson 1

BEST: Kynen Dore-Wilson, Campbell Wood, Lukas Palmer, Liam Pirotta, Matthew Simpson, Lincoln Tannahill

KORUMBURRA FOOTBALL CLUB


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WARRAGUL IND

KORUMBURRA-BENA

Warragul Ind	6.4	11.4	16.9	23.9 (147)
Kor-Bena	3.0	5.2	5.4	7.5 (47)

GOALS, Warragul Ind: Lachlan Bambridge 5, Luke Walker 4, Michael Debenham, Matthew Herbert 3, Ben Nichol, Nic Visser 2, Regan Awty, Kyle Beveridge, Shane Brewster, Thomas Cornwall 1 each

BEST: Matthew Herbert, Luke Walker, Regan Awty, Lachlan Bambridge, Michael Debenham, Kyle Beveridge

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Joel Cuman, Paul Fermanis 2, Evan Allaway, Nicholas Besley, Boyd Robertson 1 each

BEST: Josh Hopkins, Joel Cuman, Kye Benson, Paul Fermanis, Tyson Findlay, Tom Crocker

RESERVES

Warragul Ind	9.6	(60)
Kor-Bena	6.12	(48)

GOALS, Warragul Ind: Private player 3, Jack Commadeur, Shane Ingham, Travis Maher, Tom Turner, Todd Watson, Corey Wright 1 each

BEST: Shane Ingham, Tom Turner, Ryley Hughes, Jack Commadeur, Jack Turner, Mitchell Jamieson

GOALS, Kor-Bena: William Croatto 3, Zachary Barrett, Nash Beavis, Jasper Macri 1

BEST: Jasper Macri, William Croatto, Isaak Fox, Blake Webb, Jed Harris, Nash Beavis

THIRDS

Warragul Ind	5.5	9.12	12.17	16.21 (117)
Kor-Bena	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 (0)

GOALS, Warragul Ind: Declan Burton, Harrison Radcliffe, Cameron Thompson, Brody Turner 3, Zachary Thompson 2, Campbell Gibbons, Joshua Lee 1 each

BEST: Brody Turner, Zac Tepper, Thomas Vickery, Campbell Gibbons, Tom Logan, Jarrod West

BEST, Kor-Bena: Chase De Grandi, Max Fowles, Noah Belvedere, Bailey Fowles, Tyler Roberts, Jake Fowles

FOURTHS

Warragul Ind	0.2	1.8	3.11	4.13 (37)
Kor-Bena	1.1	1.1	1.2	2.3 (15)

GOALS, Warragul Ind: James Patterson 2, Rylan Butler, Cohen Dent 1 each

BEST: James Patterson, Rylan Butler, George Morgan, Zachary Thompson, Ronnie Buck, Zack Reid

GOALS, Kor-Bena: Lucas Jones, Phoenix Lorkin 1 each

BEST: Ben Camp, Jesse Gollop, Evan Belvedere, Chase De Grandi, Indie Cameron, Dallas Walker


Recruited by Inverloch-Kongwak this season, Paul Pattison was one of the Sea Eagles best on Saturday against Kooweeerup, providing a good contest and drive out of the centre all day.



In the heat of the first quarter against Kooweeerup on Saturday, Inverloch-Kongwak's Ethan Park tries to smother this clearance attempt by his Demon opponent.

IK's winning margin no guide to tight contest

TO LOOK at it, with a 104-point margin at the end of the day, you'd have every right to say Inverloch-Kongwak had an easy win over Kooweeerup on Saturday at Inverloch.

However, they still had to do all the hard things, particularly as the game was willing in the first quarter, to stop a spirited opposition from getting into the game.

By the end of that first term, IK had a hard-earned three goals to nil on the board, with Nick Baltas opening their account after a nice mark and Lachie Scott linking up with Will Hams for the next but it was Oscar Toussaint who delivered the coup de grace with a perfect tackle at half forward and then a long bomb for a goal to give his team just reward for effort.

Both teams went to the first huddle full of hope and Kooweeerup continued to challenge their hosts in an even second quarter, putting on two goals to three to be trailing by four at half time.

Caleb Milojevic and Matthew Voss were providing plenty of drive and their ruckmen were putting in at the stoppages, applying plenty of pressure to IK's half back line.

It was the same again in the third quarter, fairly even in general play but with Inverloch again adding three goals to two.

There was no sign at all of what was to unfold in the last, a precession of 10 goal eight points to the Inverloch scoring zone against a solitary point by the Demons.



I-K's Jimmy Soumilas finds a way out of a congested centre scramble to get the ball going Inverloch-Kongwak's way.

Giants lose momentum in second half fade-out

IT was a tough day for Korumburra-Bena with a comprehensive win going in the favour of Warragul Industrials.

The Giants made the journey to Warragul and were geared up to play in good conditions.

A classy Giants outfit stepped onto the ground in the first quarter, showing superb skill.

The first 10 to 12 minutes showed solid play from the Giants, playing as they had trained.

The Giants piled three goals onto the scoreboard and looked to be competing with the Dusties.

However, the Dusties ramped it up and still put a decent margin between themselves and the Giants.

The floodgates opened in the second quarter and the experience of the Dusties won out.

The Giants were left behind as the margin widened to 71-points by the end of the third quarter, with Korumburra-Bena struggling to

capitalise on its opportunities.

Glimpses of Korumburra-Bena's game continued to be seen throughout the match.

New coach Josh Hopkins led the charge through the middle and was best on ground, supported by utilities Joel Cuman and Tom Crocker.

The Giants battled through to the end, adding a few more goals to finish off the game.

Paul Fermanis provided an excellent target in the forward line.

Fermanis and Cuman put two goals on the board each.

The atmosphere was positive in the rooms at the end of the game, and Korumburra-Bena will be heading into training this week to work on a few lessons from the round two match.

This Saturday, Korumburra-Bena will face Dalyston in the Anzac Day match.

With a friendly rivalry between the opposing clubs, the Giants are anticipating a good tussle.

WEST GIPPSLAND COMPETITION LADDERS

ROUND 2

SENIORS	W	L	%	pts	RESERVES	W	L	%	pts
Inverloch-K	3	0	231.65	12	Inverloch-K	3	0	367.16	12
Nar Nar Goon	2	0	681.13	8	Garfield	2	0	276.09	8
Garfield	2	0	163.64	8	Phillip Island	2	1	142.42	8
Kilcunda-Bass	2	0	149.55	8	Cora Lynn	2	1	107.35	8
Phillip Island	1	1	106.03	6	Nar Nar Goon	1	1	414.81	4
Cora Lynn	1	1	100.00	6	Kilcunda-Bass	1	1	262.20	4
Warragul Ind	1	2	88.62	4	Koo Wee Rup	1	1	156.72	4
Koo Wee Rup	1	1	57.64	4	Tooradin-Dal	1	1	148.68	4
Tooradin-Dal	0	2	91.33	0	Warragul Ind	1	2	39.10	4
Dalyston	0	2	83.22	0	Dalyston	0	2	33.57	0
Kor-Bena	0	2	35.74	0	Dalyston	0	2	20.08	0
Bunyip	0</								

Tigers take Power out with last quarter surge

APART from a minute and a half burst at the start of the last quarter when Morwell turned a three-point deficit into a nine-point lead with two lightning goals, there was nothing between Wonthaggi Power and Morwell at Wonthaggi on Saturday.

But in the end, that was enough, and Morwell came away with a hard-fought 12-point win in what looks set to be an even competition for the teams between second and ninth on the ladder, where the Power now sits, winless after three games, two of which they might have won against Warra-gul and now Morwell.

There was nothing to choose between the sides in the first quarter, with the onballers of both sides evenly matched, and Toma Huther and Charlie Burr having a good contest in the ruck.

Morwell ran the ball well, creating chances up forward but Wonthaggi's defenders including Fergus O'Connor, Josh Schulz, Shannon Bray, Jakeb Thomas and co were holding up well and returning serve.

Both teams finished with three apiece and it was game on at the first break.

It was tight and tough between the arcs in the second quarter with Morwell able to eke out two goals to the Power's nil.

Power pressed up early in the second quarter with Noah Anderson missing a gettable chance and Blake Cornelis kicking long for a point but it was Morwell's Riley Lopreste who got the first after a 50 metre penalty.

The Power was let off soon

after when Tyler Hillier missed on the run but they should have made them pay up the other end when Hunter Tiziani missed a sitter.

Josh Bates, Adam Pugh and the coach, Jarryd Blair back in for his first game combined well without luck up forward and Jaxon Williams was defending well but the Power simply couldn't break through trailing by 9 points at the long break.

Wonthaggi had their best quarter in the third, kicking three goals to one and looked to have set themselves up for a good finish but it was Morwell which shifted into gear with those early goals after the restart, ultimately kicking three goals to one in the final quarter to emerge worthy winners.

Cooper McInnes played something of a lone hand up forward, constantly on the lead and on the move, despite some close checking by his opponent, to finish with four for the day but the Power lacked other avenues to goal.

They were competitive through the midfield with Isaac Chugg and Jakeb Thomas offering drive and direction, the defenders as usual were well organised and sure of their roles, but there was no obvious plan of attack within the forward 50, outside of McInnes, and little contribution to the scoring from the onballers.

The good news is the evenness of the competition, and with a few tweaks, and some games under their belts, the Power is thereabouts, with every chance to make an impact in 2024.

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Whether it was in the ruck or around the ground, Jakeb Thomas was in everything on Saturday, taking this hotly contested mark on the Morwell forward line.

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